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Stadium of Fire a Provo tradition



Lexie Flickinger

Stadium of Fire performers represent America in their red, white and blue costumes. This year's show featured OneRepublic, GENTRI and a 25-minute fireworks show.

By MORGAN MARCH

Spectators enjoyed performances by local and national groups, patriotic tributes and OneRepublic headlining performance at the 38th annual Stadium of Fire event on July 4.

"This is the place where we celebrate America's birthday in grand style," said Dave McCann, a KSL News anchor.

The stadium was packed with approximately 40,000 people — almost all dressed in red, white and blue.

"I love the Stadium of Fire. We come every year. It brings family, fireworks and festivities into our Fourth," Erin Curtis said. Curtis and her family come from Tooele to the Stadium of Fire every year.

At the beginning of the night, all

military and armed forces members in attendance were invited to stand and be recognized for their service to America. The crowd applauded and cheered loudly.

GENTRI and the 23rd Army Band took the stage to perform the national anthem, while many in the stadium stood with hands over their hearts.

The National Anthem was followed by a performance of "Don't Rain on My Parade" by Lexi Walker and the Stadium of Fire Dancers. A short rendition of the popular song "The Greatest Show" from the Greatest Showman was performed next.

Following the "I Love a Parade" performance, GENTRI, Lexi Walker, the Stadium of Fire Chorus and the 23rd Army Band came together to perform "One," a patriotic song.

Up next, the Gigg Stadium of Fire

talent competition got started with the Honey Hounds and Dylan Dunlap going head-to-head in a live battle-of-the-bands showdown. The winner, Dylan Dunlap, was decided by the crowd in real time.

The Gigg talent competition was followed by three extreme stunt teams: Xpogo supercharged pogo stick acrobats, 50/50 BMX riders and World Cup Skateboarding.

After the extreme stunt performances, all of the lights went off in the stadium, except for a few on stage, as McCann welcomed OneRepublic to the Stadium of Fire. The stadium roared with energy as OneRepublic took the stage.

"It is a beautiful Utah night. Utah has to be hands-down one of my favorite places to visit," OneRepublic lead vocalist, Ryan Tedder, said.

Fans sang along to some of

OneRepublic's most popular songs, including "Secrets," "Good Life," "Stop and Stare" and "Apologize."

"I want to give a huge shout out to military personnel here and all over the world. Thank you for all of your service and all your help. To risk your life means more than I could ever imagine," Tedder said.

Tedder later dedicated their performance of "Come Home" to everyone who has served this country and to their families who want them to come home safely.

The Rockwell Airtime skydive team descended into the stadium shortly after OneRepublic's concert ended for the "Skydivers in the Dark" event.

To finish the Stadium of Fire celebration, fireworks filled the sky with bright lights and brilliant colors for more than 25 minutes.

Warped Tour says goodbye to Salt Lake

By STEPHANIE MACIAS

The Vans Warped Tour opened its first-ever cross-country tour in Salt Lake City in 1995 and became the largest and longest-running music festival in North America. On June 30, 2018, the festival made its last Utah stop.

The festival's creator Kevin Lyman announced his decision to end the popular show via Twitter last November.

"Today, with many mixed feelings, I am here to announce that next year will be the final, full cross-country run of the Vans Warped Tour," Lyman said. "I truly am happy to get the chance to travel around the country one more time to thank you for your support."

Warped Tour provided a platform for multiple up-and-coming music artists to launch their careers, including Blink-182, Katy Perry, Green Day and the Black Eyed Peas.

The festival gained a reputation for being a destination summer event among music enthusiasts.

Many big-name artists are scheduled to perform in the Warped Tour's last shows, including Simple Plan, Falling in Reverse, We the Kings and State Champs.

"A lot of groups came out and finished with a bang. I respect that," Austin Loveland, a festival attendee from Nevada, said.

Press Manager Sam Metz said the tour is ending because Lyman has decided to focus his energy elsewhere.

"Kevin just wants to move on with his life. He has done the same things for 23 years. He wants to work on the nonprofit he started to help people fight opioid addiction," Metz said.

The end of the tour also means the end of an era for many of its employees.

"I'm definitely bummed. I mean, I've been working with the Vans Warped Tour since 2010. It's definitely been a big part of my life. It will be weird without it," Metz said.

Fans of the tour shared these sentiments and said they would miss the annual roadshow.

"It is honestly really heartbreaking that this is the last year, but they finished it right," Warped Tour fan Kate Johnson said.

The 2018 Vans Warped Tour will make its final stop on August 5 in West Palm Beach, Florida.

Salt Lake joins nationwide immigration rallies

By HANNAH LAFOND

An estimated 2,500 people rallied at Utah's Capitol building in Salt Lake City on June 30 to protest President Donald Trump's "zero tolerance" immigration policy.

The rally, spurred by recent outrage at the separation of illegal immigrant families at the border, was one of hundreds across the nation. The rallies are in protest of children being separated from their families at the border.

Protestors marched from City Creek Park to the Capitol building. Chants, songs, speeches and signs demanded all separated families be reunited and the unfair treatment of immigrants end.

The protest gathered people of many ages and backgrounds. Many families brought young children whom they carried on their shoulders through the march and let play in the grass at the Capitol throughout the rally. Some of the children carried signs of their own.

Emily Dunbar, who was at the rally with her husband and two young sons, said she was disgusted by how immigrants were being treated and that it was important to her that her sons see her fight for her values.

"I want them to be active in our country and in expressing our values, and I want them to know that we fought against injustice and inhumanity," Dunbar said.



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Activists hold signs in front of the capitol building to protest the Trump administration's immigration policies and the separation of families at the border, June 30, in Salt Lake City.

Bailey Peterson, a 15-year-old who attended the rally with her mother put the feelings of many simply when she said, "Children are supposed to be with their families. It's a big part of growing up, ... and they shouldn't have to be separated. It's just so annoying."

According to Anco Nahuel, one of the volunteers who helped organize the march and rally, the demands of the protestors were to abolish ICE, end family separation and reunite separated families, grant asylum, close internment camps and shut down

for-profit prisons and detention centers. Nahuel said although many at the rally had different ideas of how immigration policy should be reformed, they agreed on the demands.

"We hope to direct this outrage to an end to this violent treatment to our undocumented friends, families and workers," Nahuel said.

Trump signed an executive order on June 20 to end the separation of families at the border. The executive order maintains the "zero tolerance" policy and will still place illegal immigrants

in detention centers, but it allows children to be detained with their parents.

Part of the justification for the separation of families at the border stemmed from a 1997 federal consent decree called the Flores Settlement. According to the settlement, children crossing the border cannot be detained for more than 20 days.

However, this settlement does not afford the same right to parents who might be traveling with the children. Because of this, many parents were detained to wait for prosecution while

their children were separated from them.

Jacob Hibbard, a recent BYU graduate and former president of the BYU College Republicans Club also felt the separation of families was wrong. His solution to the problem would be detaining the families together or returning the families to their home country; either way, the family unit should be maintained.

Hibbard said there is a need for improvement in immigration policy, though his views on how those improvements should be made differed from those protesting on Saturday. Hibbard said we need to allocate more funding to ICE and border security but also to make reforms within the country.

"Congress has the power to determine the rules of who can be citizens and who can stay here and who can't. When a state or a city defies that, they're actually violating the Constitution and taking a power that has been given to the federal government and taking it for themselves," Hibbard said.

Though Hibbard said border security should be increased, he made it clear he was not anti-immigration as a whole. He said he hoped for an immigration system that would make it easier for those without criminal backgrounds to legally enter the US.

"It's important we do maintain our sovereignty that we do have control of our borders. If you don't have control of your borders, you're not really a country," Hibbard said.

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Germany, China lobby against US trade tariffs

German Chancellor Angela Merkel and Chinese Prime Minister Li Keqiang stressed their commitment to a multilateral trade system on July 9 in the wake of Washington's decision to impose widespread tariffs, saying it was to everyone's benefit.

"Free trade plays a strong leading role for both sides and for the world economy," Li said. "We have a lot of direct investment in the United States of America (and) China," Merkel said.



Pompeo pushes peace talks on Afghanistan trip

U.S. Secretary of State Mike Pompeo used an unannounced trip to Afghanistan on July 9 to step up the Trump administration's calls for peace talks between the Afghan government and the Taliban.

Pompeo made the appeal in meetings with Afghan President Ashraf Ghani and Chief Executive Abdullah Abdullah.

"The United States will support, facilitate and participate in these discussions," Pompeo later told journalists.



Crews battle destructive wildfires raging in US West

Firefighters continued to build containment around several destructive wildfires burning in California.

The blaze on the California-Oregon state line known as the Klamathon Fire grew to 55 square miles and leapt into Oregon. It was 25 percent contained.

The fire, one of many in the drought-ridden U.S. West, killed one person in their home and destroyed 72 structures, including houses.



Utah's study of pot's effects on pain delayed

A \$500,000 state-funded study, designed to gauge marijuana's impact on pain, has been delayed so many times due to federal regulations that it might not be ready before Utah voters decide in November whether to pass a medical marijuana initiative.

Ivy Estabrooke, executive director of Utah Science Technology and Research, told the Deseret News it took nearly a year and a half for researchers to jump through the legal hoops necessary to begin the study this summer.



'Ant-Man and the Wasp' buzzes to \$76 million debut

Despite its heroes' diminutive size, "Ant-Man and the Wasp" opened with typical Marvel might at the box office, with an estimated \$76 million in ticket sales.

The "Ant-Man" sequel surpassed the \$57 million debut of the 2015 original in North America. The 20th film in the Marvel Cinematic Universe — and the 20th to debut no. 1 at the box office — "Ant-Man and the Wasp" comes on the heels of two other Marvel successes this year: "Black Panther" and "Avengers: Infinity War."

Deadline to reunite immigrant families rapidly approaching

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The Trump administration began a "zero tolerance" policy this spring to criminally prosecute anyone caught crossing the border illegally. Because children can't be in jail with their parents, more than 2,300 families caught by Border Patrol were separated.

The move prompted mass outrage in the United States and internationally. After first blaming the practice on the Democrats, President Trump on June 20 signed an executive order that stopped the separation of families. A June 26 court order by a federal judge set a hard deadline to reunite the families, and that deadline — July 26 — is fast approaching.

Here's where things stand: It's still not clear how many children have been separated from families under the zero-tolerance policy, or how many remain separated. Trump administration officials have said 2,342 children were separated from 2,206 parents between May 5 through June 9. President Trump's order stopped separations on June 20. About 520 children were reunited with their families within days because the improper-entry prosecutions were finished before the minors were turned over to the custody of Health and Human Services,



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Activists march past the White House to protest the Trump administration's approach to illegal border crossings and separation of children from immigrant parents in Washington.

which is responsible for caring for unaccompanied children. HHS Secretary Alex Azar told a congressional committee on June 26 there were 2,047 such children in his agency's care.

On July 5, he said there are somewhere "under 3,000" children who were believed to have been separated, but that includes kids who may have lost parents along the journey, not just parents who were detained at the border. He said none had been transferred to Immigration and Customs Enforcement custody yet.

A federal judge in San Diego who had been hearing the case of a woman separated from her child ruled on June 26 the families must be reunited within 30 days of his order, and by July 10 if the children are younger than 5.

But it's still not clear yet how that will work. Homeland Security has set up a staging area at the Port Isabel detention center in Texas where the parents can be detained until their children arrive. But it's not clear where they will go afterward — the three operational

family detention centers are near capacity.

It's also possible not all parents will be reunited with their children; HHS has a strict set of guidelines the agency must follow to determine a suitable sponsor, including a home visit and a criminal background check.

Health and Human Services deployed more than 200 workers to review the cases of separated children. Azar said parents and children are being swabbed for DNA to match paternity and checks are being done as rapidly as possible to make the court deadline. He suggested the children would be transferred to ICE custody at Port Isabel shortly before the deadline. But he signaled they'd ask a judge for more time.

Azar said about 100 of the separated children are younger than 5 and subject to the rapidly

approaching July 10 deadline. Officials there say they know the locations of all the children — some were sent hundreds of miles away to shelters around the country operated by non-profits that care for them until a parent or other sponsor is identified.

It's also unclear if the families, once reunited, will be detained together or released on bond to wait out their cases. Trump administration officials have signaled they want to detain families indefinitely if they cross the border illegally, regardless of whether they are claiming asylum, in part because they say the cases move much quicker. But a court agreement on how children are treated in immigration custody generally prevents the government from holding children in detention longer than 20 days.

Justice Department officials have asked that the agreement, known as the Flores agreement, be modified to allow for longer detentions. Homeland Security requested up to 12,000 more beds for a family detention center at a military base, though it asked for 2,000 to be made available quickly and the rest as needed.

The facilities would have to comply with the standards set by the agreement that governs how children are treated in custody, which includes access to medical care, entertainment, counseling and air conditioning. However, many who have been detained say the accommodations still feel like prison. Congress would have to approve funding to operate the facility.

Asylum

Attorney General Jeff Sessions, who oversees immigration courts, has narrowed the

parameters for those seeking asylum, arguing that domestic violence or gang violence is not grounds to grant it — a blow to people arriving from Central American countries like El Salvador that have been ravaged by violent street gangs.

Despite the limits, Homeland Security officials say if someone comes to a port of entry legally and claims asylum, then they won't face criminal prosecution for improper entry. They generally aren't detained while their cases are heard. Administration officials say only about 20 percent of asylum claims are granted, though people often spend years exhausting appeals before they are deported.

Some asylum seekers have been turned away at border crossings. Administration officials said it was a temporary measure only to free up space in processing centers. They say that the migrants were told to come back and that it was not an effort to push them into illegally crossing between borders, where they would be more likely to be detained and face criminal prosecution.

Meanwhile, the zero-tolerance policy remains in effect for those who illegally cross the border alone: About half of the illegal crossings are single adults.

The charge of improper entry is a misdemeanor and the practice is usually for those caught to plead guilty and be sentenced to time served, or a brief jail sentence.

Right now, adults who arrive with children are no longer being referred for prosecution because there is not enough space to detain families together. It's unclear if or whether families will again face criminal prosecution should space become available.

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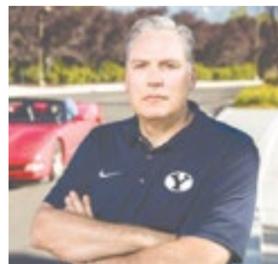
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MARRIOTT SCHOOL OF Business

The BYU Marriott EMBA program was ranked No. 25 in the world and No. 16 in the country. The Economist also ranked BYU Marriott EMBA No. 1 in percentage of students who have been promoted or grown their company since graduation, as well as other sub-rankings.

COLLEGE OF Family Home and Social Sciences

Psychology professor **J. Dee Higley** and several of his students conducted a study on the effectiveness of attending the FHSS Writing Lab in writing



BYU E3 team

an exceptional paper. According to the results of the randomized study, students who attended the writing lab for help rather than the MOA for inspiration received a higher average score.

IRA A. FULTON COLLEGE OF Engineering and Technology

Left turns on busy roads are dangerous and can be hazardous. BYU traffic engineers **Grant Schultz** and **Mitsuru Sato**, along with a BYU statistics professor and grad student, conducted research to prove the elimination of left-turns can significantly reduce severity of motor accidents.

Their research was published in the Transportation Research Record of the National Academy of Sciences.

COLLEGE OF Fine Arts and Communications

At the Electronic Entertainment Expo 2018 (E3) in Los Angeles, the most innovative of the entertainment industry meet together to showcase their latest creations. On June 14, 15 BYU students won E3's College Game Competition for their video game entry, "Beat Boxers." The game draws inspiration from Mortal Kombat and Guitar Hero, resulting in classical-rock mashup.

Model trains unite railroad enthusiasts

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Train bells sound from a Highland home as Jim Smeltzer cruises on railroad tracks through his driveway atop a green locomotive. Though having many bells and whistles of its own, the train is far from full size — roughly 13 percent as big as the real deal.

Since 2004, the Smeltzers' land surrounding their home has been a model railyard. However, for 84-year-old Jim, his love of trains spans much further back than that.

"I've always had a love of trains," Smeltzer said, who was born and raised in Fresno, California. "Back when I was a little kid, every day my grandfather would take me for a walk. It was two blocks to the train tracks, and a train came back every morning and went out every evening. He'd take me down there and we'd watch the train go by."

Today, Smeltzer is a trustee of Utah Live Steamers Railroad Club, a group of model-railroad enthusiasts based in Utah County. The group typically builds trains and track the same size as Jim's, a scale of 1.6 inches to 1 foot or a ratio of 1:8 the size of a full-size train.

Mike Hansen, who helped co-found the club in 2007, explained that the train-loving group was initially created with the intent of building a train park within Utah Valley.

Hansen's passion for locomotives also began young. "It started at the age of 5 with my parents and my brother, Jeff, riding the Heber Creeper," he explained. At the age of 8, he began cultivating a dream to open a train park himself. Hansen continued to fuel his love of trains through later becoming a locomotive engineer, fireman, conductor and brakeman for today's Heber Valley Railroad.

Upon co-founding Utah Live Steamers and beginning the search for a place to open a train park, Hansen encountered mixed interest from



Associated Press

Cody Carter, of Spanish Fork, mans a miniature locomotive during public train rides held by Utah Live Steamers at Shay Park in Saratoga Springs, Utah on June 16. Shay Park's name has to do with the history of railroads in the area.

cities. Around that time, Saratoga Springs was in the midst of the eight-year process of creating Shay Park, a railroad-themed community park. Hansen heard of the park and eagerly pitched his idea to the city.

"We basically came in at the last inning," Hansen said.

Shay Park's name has to do with the history of railroads in the area. "A lot of these communities were built because of the railroad," Hansen said. "At one point, you could get on a train here and go anywhere in the country."

The Salt Lake and Western Railway, one of the several railroads originally in the area settled by Mormon pioneers, once went directly through where Shay Park now stands. The sloping grade for the former railroad in the middle of the park is now a walking path with a bridge above the model-railroad tracks. Steam-powered Shay locomotives were often found running along the Salt Lake and Western Railway, hence the park's name.

Now visitors can ride on a

train where a railway once stood — albeit a much smaller train and a much shorter ride.

Hansen explained that his dream could not have come true without the efforts of sponsors, especially the Bank of American Fork, contributors, donors, club members and support of the city of Saratoga Springs, especially its mayor, city council and employees. However, Hansen stated that the model railway is still in need of additional sponsors.

One person who helped Hansen realize his dream was Jim Smeltzer, who goes by his first name, Paul, to those in the group. Although he explained with a laugh, "I go by Paul, Jim, PJ, hey you. Whatever."

Some of the group's railroad switches and stands, railcars and safety cars have been crafted by Smeltzer, who has a metalworking shop of his own at his home.

Despite having an affinity for trains at a young age, he trained his hands in metalworking on things with more firepower rather than horsepower.

In 1946, 13-year-old Smeltzer passed for 16 when he was hired to sweep the floors and put finish on gun stocks at a local gunsmith in his hometown of Fresno, California. His knowledge progressed as he worked, and he eventually learned how to create a firearm from scratch.

"The day I turned 16, I joined the California National Guard — I told them I was 18," Smeltzer said. "They didn't check anything. It was no problem until Korea broke out."

Then, officials checked his age and kicked him out of the Guard. However, he rejoined at 17 with his father's permission and put his metalworking skills to use as an armorer for the 49th Division of the California National Guard.

"The day I graduated from high school, I quit and went to work for a foundry," Smeltzer said. "I learned a good bit about foundry practices. I made parts for Korea."

At the age of 23, Smeltzer got married and opened a metalworking shop of his own.

In February 1960, Smeltzer joined the Fresno Police Department. In April of that year, his father took him to see an old friend of Jim's who had just opened a gun shop.

"As we walked in the front door, Elmer looked up, opened a drawer, pulled something out, threw it and I caught it. It was a set of keys, he says, 'Come back to work for me.'"

So, Smeltzer began making guns again in the day and working for the police department at night. Working two jobs, Smeltzer recalled, "In my free time, I could work on things at home." In addition to guns, Smeltzer had the know-how to make a plethora of equipment from metal.

After 14 years, Smeltzer quit the police force and moved his family and metalworking shop to Highland.

Once in Utah Valley,

Settlement reached in Utah State frat-party rape lawsuit

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A former Utah State University student has reached a \$250,000 settlement with the school resolving a lawsuit she filed following her rape at a fraternity house in 2015, the university announced July 5.

As part of the settlement, the Logan-based university agreed to increase its oversight of fraternities and sororities, make updates to its harassment policies and require sexual harassment training for all students, among other changes.

"We hope this model, of turning struggle into opportunity and crisis into change, will serve

as a model for other students and schools striving to make their own campuses more welcoming communities for all," the former student, Victoria Hewlett, and school President Noelle Cockett said a joint opinion column published in the Salt Lake Tribune on July 5.

Hewlett filed suit against the university in 2016, claiming school officials knew about reports of sexual assault and heavy drinking at fraternity parties but failed to take serious action before she was raped by a fraternity brother. Her lawsuit said five other women previously reported being sexually assaulted by the man. The school has denied the claim.

Utah State has faced a string

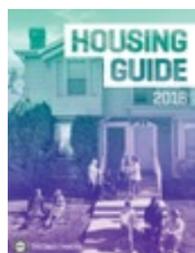
of sexual assault cases in recent years and came under a U.S. Department of Justice investigation last year.

"We recognize that we had work to do, so we're taking these important steps because we care about student safety and believe always that we can do a better job to protect the safety of students and empower students," university spokesman Tim Vitale said.

One condition of the settlement allows Hewlett to join committees and groups focused on halting sexual harassment. Vitale said the school was thankful for her continued involvement.

The former student's lawyer did not respond to a voicemail seeking additional comment.

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"Thy Troubles to Bless"

After two years as a BYU student, Jeff McClellan finally chose a major: journalism. Then he took (and loved) Biology 100 and considered changing his major—again. One warm spring day on the Maeser Building lawn, while reading a book about the ocean for his biology class, he was delighted to learn that the book's author was a journalist.

Jeff realized that as a journalist, he didn't have to choose one thing to study; he could study new things all the time. As an editor for BYU since 1995, he has written or edited about topics from history and religion to health and biology. He loves this vibrant community of learning by study and faith.

With a team of editors and designers, Jeff is the director of BYU Publications and Graphics. They create more than 400 publications each year, including *BYU Magazine* and the *BYU Speeches* website.

Jeff has degrees from BYU and Northwestern University. He enjoys running, playing the bagpipes, and serving in the Church. He and his wife, Christine, have two daughters.

In his devotional, Jeff will offer hopeful perspectives on faith and adversity—lessons learned in times of trial that have fortified his and his family's ability to trust in God through difficulties.

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Activist groups reshape Pamplona bull racing festival

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The topics of sexual abuse and animal cruelty are dominating this year's San Fermin festival in Pamplona, which kicked off July 6 for nine days and eight nights of round-the-clock partying, traditional celebrations and dangerous bull runs.

It's not a full-blown identity crisis yet, but the festival in northern Spain popularized by American novelist Ernest Hemingway and seen by critics as a macho proving ground with a violent streak is slowly adapting to the social awareness brought by a new generation.

Sexual assaults reported during the festival went from two in 2008 — the year a local woman was murdered after she refused to have sex with her killer — to 20 in 2016, when five men cornered an 18-year old, filmed themselves sexually attacking her and left after stealing her phone. The figures, from a study by the Public University of Navarra, rose to 22 last year amid growing public outrage.

"I don't want my city to be known as a place for rampant sexual abuse or the torture of animals," Jana Uriz said.

Uriz is a local animal-rights activist among those demanding a "sexual-abuse free" festival.

Authorities have been able to identify suspects in nearly 95 percent of the cases in Pamplona, where the 2016 "Wolf-pack case" — named after the WhatsApp group the perpetrators used to share their abuse videos — marked a tipping point that galvanized Spain's own #MeToo movement.

Outrage fueled protests in the streets after a provincial court cleared the five men of rape charges and sentenced them to nine years behind bars on a



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Demonstrators protest against bullfighting in front of the City Hall a day before of the famous San Fermin festival, in Pamplona, northern Spain, Thursday, July 5. The festival began on July 6 with the "txupinazo" opening ceremony, with people participating in bull runs, music and dance, through the old city.

lesser charge of sexual abuse. The government launched a revision of the punishments for sexual crimes, but when the men were released on bail last month pending a decision on their appeal, angry crowds again hit the streets.

Authorities in Pamplona responded by improving their handling of victims, stepping up police surveillance and training and launching 24-hour hotlines and a new mobile app that allows the instant reporting of abuse, including victims' real-time locations.

But for some activists, the measures are not enough.

Naia Mira, 22, was among hundreds of women, most in their twenties, marching in Pamplona on Wednesday night,

holding banners denouncing what they call a patriarchy that permeates all levels of life in Spain.

"Fear needs to change sides," Mira said, adding that distrust in the judicial system is pushing some feminists to push for more self-defense.

The city's left-wing mayor, Joseba Asiron, said "Pamplona is leading the push against sexual aggression," as officials reassure visitors that the festival is safe for both women and men to enjoy.

But Asiron, a 56-year-old historian whose term ends next spring, has also raised eyebrows ahead of this year's festival by questioning the future of bullfights, a tradition at the core of the festival.

"I don't envision a San Fermin festival without the bull runs, but I do see them happening one day without the corridas (bullfights)," he said.

Those remarks prompted angry bull breeders to answer that, without the bull fights, Asiron could forget about the bull runs. The Toro de Lidia foundation, which groups bull-related businesses and aficionados, claimed the industry injects 74 million euros (\$86.5 million) into the city's coffers each year.

Six bulls complete the 930-yard (850-meter) course to Pamplona's bullring, where they are usually killed in televised bullfights during eight consecutive afternoons. Owners of private balconies overlooking

the action charge spectators 140 euros (\$164) per person to view the bulls and the runners careening down the town's ancient streets.

"Once you open that door, there is no way back to save the running of the bulls without having them sacrificed in the bullring," said Juan Cuesta, a 55-year-old Pamplona resident who looked on Thursday as over 100 animal rights activists protested the festival.

"I respect their opinion, but this is a wider debate that doesn't need to come from politicians, but rather from society," Cuesta added. "Right now, I don't see the majority of people in Pamplona ready to give up on the DNA of San Fermin."

The annual pro-animal rights

protest on the eve of the festival used to go largely snubbed in Pamplona, but activists said more locals, especially younger people, have joined their campaigns in recent years as partial bans on bullfighting spread over dozens of Spanish towns.

Since the Spanish constitution protects corridas as part of the nation's cultural heritage, new regulations usually aim at turning them into blood-free shows, banning any torment to the bull. They also forbid the consumption of alcohol and access for minors, while imposing anti-doping checks for animals and matadors.

"The idea is to make the corridas as boring as possible, by making them increasingly unappealing for bullfight promoters, so one day they can just fade away," Teodora Zgimblea, an activist with the Britain-based PETA animal rights group, said.

With the debate still in its infancy, it's unclear whether the festival could survive without its most iconic symbol. But San Fermin has in the past survived calls for boycotts. Animal rights groups themselves don't even dare suggest boycotting Pamplona because, according to Uriz, "we need to gain support step by step."

The festival is also taking a strong position against sexual abuse. When national feminist groups urged participants in Pamplona's Friday opening party to wear black in protest, local women's-rights activists rebuked them, saying they had fought off sexual aggression for decades and would decide such matters on their own.

"Tomorrow, I will put on my white clothes and my red scarf around the neck," Uriz said. "We have to go out and protest to change attitudes, but that doesn't mean that I want to end my city's festival altogether."

Pageants offers ladder out of poverty in Venezuela

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At a small home with a leaking tin roof near Venezuela's capital, Johandrys Colls proudly shows off two metal crowns with plastic gemstones and nine satin sashes won in local beauty pageants.

The 16-year-old daughter of a butcher and a teacher is pinning her hopes for a future free of poverty on a single goal: rising through the world of pageants and becoming an international beauty queen.

"These sashes represent a huge accomplishment for me," the skinny teen with dark brown eyes said as she pushes her long black hair from one side to another. "I accomplished what I set out to achieve."

While growing concern about sexism and the rise of the #MeToo movement recently led the Miss America contest to drop swimsuit competitions and emphasize personal accomplishment, in Latin America young women continue to flock to competitions where good looks are unabashedly championed above all else.

In Venezuela, competing comes at a high price: Elaborate sequined gowns and pricey cosmetic surgeries are out of reach for most in a country where inflation is running in the five digits and state workers earn about \$3 a month. Earlier this year the Miss Venezuela pageant was rocked by accusations that some contenders finance their journey to the crown by finding wealthy men to pay for gowns and surgeries in exchange for sex.

But even alarming charges like those have done little to deter young women like Colls, whose parents have enrolled her in one of Venezuela's top modeling schools despite their modest income in hopes of transforming their daughter into a beauty queen.

"I hope the values and education I am instilling in my daughter serve her well," Lisbeth Linarez, the teen's mother, said. "So that in the future if anything bad might come her way, she knows how to ward it off."



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Johandrys Colls places a crown on her niece Victoria, at her home, at a slum in the outskirts of Caracas, Venezuela. Colls' parents have enrolled her in one of Venezuela's top modeling schools despite their modest income in hopes of transforming their daughter into a sought-after beauty queen.

After oil, beauty queens may be Venezuela's biggest export. Women from the South American nation have captured seven Miss Universe titles and crown holders have gone on to notable careers as actresses, journalists and even presidential candidates.

When the annual Miss Venezuela pageant is aired on television, millions tune in, paralyzed in suspense as contestants parade on stage in neon-colored swimsuits while their measurements are read aloud and they answer questions like how they would draw people back to the Roman Catholic church.

As the nation plummets into economic ruin, even more young women are holding fast to dreams of becoming beauty queens.

At a recent casting for the Nuestra Belleza Venezuela contest, a pack of teens and 20-something women donned towering heels and coated their lips in glossy pink hues before strutting in front of judges. Among them was Oxlaniela Oropeza, a law student, who said the recent Miss Venezuela scandal hadn't quashed her ambitions.

"My values are intact and no one can take that away from me," she said. "From the time I was 6 years old, my goal has been to become Miss Venezuela."

In Venezuela, one man has ruled as king in transforming fledgling ingenues into flawless beauty queens — Osmel Sousa.

The so-called "Czar of Beauty" led the Miss Venezuela

pageant for nearly four decades before leaving the organization in February as accusations spread on social media that organizers had arranged for some contestants to work as escorts for high-ranking government officials in exchange for glimmering jewels, elegant gowns and cosmetic surgeries.

The Miss Venezuela contest suspended operations amid the outcry.

Sousa has denied any claims suggesting he played a role in helping contestants find so-called "sponsors" and several candidates have spoken out in his defense. Still, multiple women have come forward to say that finding a well-off man to back their pageant aspirations has long been a common practice.

Patricia Velasquez, a

contestant in the 1989 Miss Venezuela pageant, wrote in her memoir about feeling obliged to enter a relationship with an older man who found her an apartment in Caracas and paid for breast implants.

"I quickly learned that getting into the Miss Venezuela contest meant I would have to start prostituting myself in order to find a sponsor," she wrote. "Not everyone needed to go to such lengths, but that was my reality."

Sousa said that if any wrongdoing was committed, those responsible should be held accountable. He recently launched a new pageant called "The Contest" that will still feature a swimsuit segment, which he defended as an important demonstration of style, physique and health.

"Watching the swimsuit competition is practically the most important part," Sousa said.

Some like Esther Pineda, an expert in women's studies, believe the continued popularity of beauty pageants in Venezuela is also an indication of how deeply sexist the country remains.

Even as more women occupy seats in Congress and become business leaders throughout Latin America, a culture where looks are prized above intellect remains prevalent. The #MeToo movement that has toppled the careers of Hollywood luminaries and political heavyweights has registered little more than a ripple in Venezuela.

Few believe that Venezuelan pageants are likely to emulate the recent decision by the Miss America pageant to nix the swimsuit segment.

"Physical beauty is seen as a value," Pineda said. "And it's given more importance than any other attribute."

Colls still remembers watching the Miss Venezuela pageant with her family at 6-years-old and then stealing her mom's high heels to imitate the beauty queens on screen.

"It's inspiring," she said, her lips curling into a smile at the memory. "It's something beautiful to see them compete and share their talent with the world."

Fireworks launch bull fest

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A traditional firework known as the "Chupinazo" kicked off Pamplona's famed San Fermin running of the bulls festival.

The festival opened July 6 when a man and a woman from a local music band whose members have Down Syndrome launched a rocket from Pamplona's town hall balcony, prompting cries of joy from thousands packed in the square below.

The pair chosen for the launch this year were Leire Zabalza, 28, and Ibai Ganuza, 27, musicians of the band "Motxila 21" — or "Backpack 21," in English — named after the number of the chromosome that causes its members' genetic disorder.

Amid shouts in Basque and Spanish of "Long life to San Fermin," the saint honoured by the festival, people in the crowd wore the festival's typical red scarf and sprayed each other with wine, staining the traditional white attire.

The San Fermin festival was immortalized by American Literature Prize winner Ernest Hemingway in his 1926 novel "The Sun Also Rises," and draws around one million visitors annually.

For eight consecutive mornings starting July 7, daredevils will race with bulls along an 850-meter (930-yard) street course to the city's bullring, where the animals are killed during the traditional corridas.

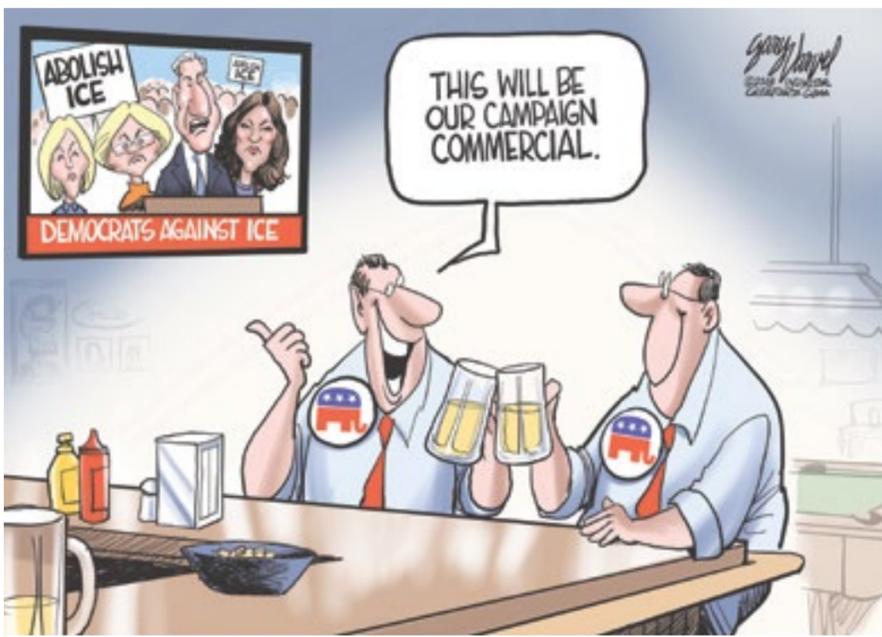
Four Americans and three Spaniards survived last year after they were gored by the bulls, while dozens other suffered injuries and bruises, mostly due to falls during the race.

Some rights activists say the events involving bulls are cruel and cause unnecessary harm to the animals for the sake of human entertainment.

But aficionados and bullfight promoters say the bull is a key part of the San Fermin tradition that needs to be preserved.

Bullfights are protected under Spain's constitution as part of the country's cultural heritage.

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we're new in this ward and I think we took someone's unassigned seats bc we were just sittin here chillin and this lady walked in, looked right at us and said "looks like someone forgot to save our seats" and that's the biggest subtweet i've ever been given irl

Trending topics

@PalmerReport

When I saw "Stephen Miller" trending, I was hoping it was because he resigned. But in a way, this story of Stephen Miller getting owned by a bartender and throwing away his own sushi is even better.

@eugenegu

For Stephen Miller, there is nothing more American than rage throwing \$80 worth of sushi on the ground to protest an American bartender's freedom of speech.

@ezraklein

If I worked in a White House where, on Friday, a corruption-plagued EPA chief resigned and a Fox News-exec ousted for covering

up sexual assault was named deputy chief of staff, I'd be pretty thrilled if the media spent Monday mocking Stephen Miller for throwing away sushi.

@jenstatsky

stephen miller is so basic that you know that was \$80 worth of california rolls

@Steven_Swinford

BREAKING Boris Johnson has told Theresa May in his resignation letter that her Chequer's compromise represents the 'white flag of surrender'. Says he resigned as a matter of principle. "The dream of Brexit is dying, suffocated by needless self-doubt"

@PeoplesMomentum

Theresa May: Who can I think of that is more embarrassing and incompetent than Boris Johnson to be foreign secretary? Jeremy Hunt: Hi

@OliverNorgrove

Boris Johnson's contention that Brexit is dying thanks to "needless self-doubt" is hilarity of the highest order. Instead, Brexit has been hampered mainly by the absence of a credible plan. This was ruthlessly exposed today.

@PaulbernalUK

Glad to see that Boris Johnson's resignation letter reflects his general performance: full of self-serving drivel and bearing no relationship at all to reality.

@DeepestDub

You just know that Boris Johnson would unplug your life support machine if he needed to charge his phone #principles #ToryMeltdown

@Rob_Madge_02



Farewell, Tab Hunter. One of the first to live his truth as a gay man in Hollywood, at a time when homophobia ruled supreme. "I don't care whether people like me or dislike me. I'm not on earth to win a popularity contest. I'm here to be the best human being I possibly can be."

Tweets are unedited

[FACEBOOK FEEDBACK]

Reader response: Towing the line in Provo

A Provo towing company suing a BYU student for \$500,000 dropped its case on June 26. University Parking Enforcement accused student Carl Prince of defamation for falsely saying on a GoFundMe page that "hundreds" of Provo residents had negatively reviewed UPE online. However, the first link on Prince's GoFundMe leads to a Google search for UPE, which includes 248 reviews at the time of writing. See unvr.se/provotowing.

Whitney Hickman: My apartment complex had a rule that visitors had to leave at 9 PM. I saw UPE hooking cars up to tow before 9 more than once.

Dana Bogart Holt: UPE lost my car for two years in their lot. It was towed, and when we went to pick it up, they claimed someone else had claimed it and picked it up, but that they had no paperwork on it. The supposed person had paid cash (hundreds of dollars) to come get it, but UPE doesn't require them to show proof of ownership or a driver's license or anything, so there was no record of who supposedly tried to claim it. We were told that the person who claimed it had a key to start it, and that was the only proof they required, but we still had the only key to the car. We registered it as stolen with the police.

Two years later we got a call from the police that they had found our car still in the UPE impound lot. The windows were open, so the car was nasty on the inside - It was full of bugs and dirt and plants were growing in it. It needed a ton of maintenance from sitting in open air for two years. New tires, lines flushed, new battery, new fluids, etc. It would have needed detailing, and the seats, dash, and armrests had cracked and split from sitting in the elements.

They told us we had to pick the car up that day or else it would be reimpounded and charged additional fees.

The car was so trashed that we ended up just leaving it as abandoned because having it towed and fixing it



Sara Hill

University Parking Enforcement is a local towing company in Provo that recently settled a lawsuit with BYU student Carl Prince.

up would have been more than the car was worth.

Garrett Gibbons: In 2008, my small family was moving from one apartment to another on a Saturday. My cousin came to help and he brought a van to help load boxes. The new apartment had exactly one parking spot, so we parked the van next door at the stake center (literally 40 feet from our apartment door) while we unloaded. This was cleared by the stake president, who was helping with the move. The church parking lot was also largely empty.

The van was towed mid-move, while we were taking a load of boxes in. We came back and thought we were going crazy, because it had suddenly disappeared. It was maybe 5pm on a Saturday. We eventually thought to call UPE, and learned that they had towed it for supposedly-unauthorized parking on a church lot. The stake president (literally, the most-authorized person who could possibly be involved in the matter) spent some time trying to reason with them, but we ended up just having to pay a few hundred dollars to get the van back and continue unloading our stuff.

Jill Andrus Gibbons: Maybe some pushback like this will make UPE rethink their predatory practices. It's shameful the way they take advantage

of students.

Weekly question

The FBI recently said foreign "cyber actors have compromised hundreds of thousands of home and office routers and other networked devices worldwide" and recommended anyone with a router reboot the device to disrupt malware attacks. If you have a router, did you reboot it, or do you plan to?

Brett Bird: I installed pfSense (open-source routing software) on an old computer and have used it successfully as my gateway/router for a few years.

Wasn't affected by the 'VPNFilter' malware.

I would highly recommend that consumers skim the compromised hardware lists and take relevant action.

Chrissana Weech Johnson: Yes I did bc cyber crime is real, I've had my info stolen from the military and federal databases, and this is an extremely simple action to take to potentially thwart a real and imminent threat.

Andrew D Naylor: By restarting my router will I kill the criminals? I don't see how that'd work.

[OPINION OUTPOST]

The Opinion Outpost features opinions and commentary on the latest hot topics from national news sources.

Wildlife conservation

Killing animals for pleasure is repellent, all the more so when the species is under threat. ... But if the ultimate goal of the authorities is the conservation of wildlife, as it should be, then the case for outlawing trophy hunting is unproven. ... While an end to trophy hunting is desirable, people must be given other incentives to protect wildlife for a ban to make sense.

—Editorial Board
The Guardian

Social media misery

Social media companies must take responsibility for promoting positive engagement with their platforms. For example, companies can do more to identify and block cyberbullies. They can also find ways to identify edited and photoshopped

content — flagging it for followers that they are consuming unrealistic images. We also maintain social media companies can use their capabilities for good. Instead of using textual analysis to produce more targeted commercial advertising, platforms might consider developing methods for identifying people struggling with mental health or other serious ailments and point them to helpful resources.

—Editorial Board
Deseret News

Tariffs

In fact, it's just the sort of rule-swallowing exception that China has made its stock in trade — see, for example, the Great Firewall that blocks foreign websites and information-technology products. It's also the rationale the Trump administration used to impose tariffs on global steel and aluminum imports, even those from Canada. By misusing the "national security" exception, Trump is only encouraging other countries to do the same as a way to shield their own goods and

services. This is Throwback Thursday leadership, borrowing techniques from the days when trade rules were loose at best and compliance was voluntary.

—Editorial Board
Los Angeles Times

Supreme Court vacancy

Elections have consequences, and the party that controls the White House and the Senate has, through the democratic process, won the right to fill the (Supreme Court) vacancy. But that doesn't mean anybody needs to be a jerk about it. A little Utah calm and comity would be very useful in this process. ... Surely, Utah's legal experts could lead a process in which all efforts are made to find and approve a new justice who pleases the Republicans who hold the majority, but who can make a credible case to the Democrats, as well as to the nation, that he or she is a reasonable, thoughtful and well-read jurist.

—Editorial Board
The Salt Lake Tribune

NATO

The 2 percent number is just a guideline, not a legally enforceable target whereby nonpaying nations would be abandoned to the Russian army in the event of war. Furthermore, Trump's grousing that NATO nations owe back-payments for years when they didn't spend 2 percent is unmoored from reality. The real question that American should be asking, as the Europeans prepare for their hectoring, isn't why our NATO allies spend less than 2 percent on defense. We should ask why we spend 3.5 percent and what we could get if we spent some of those dollars elsewhere.

—Editorial Board
Boston Globe

Religious oppression

As religious persecution continues across the globe, a rights-based approach rather than needs-based assistance may do more to alleviate oppression and promote tolerance in the worst of circumstances. ... (The call to protect and advocate for conflict-affected populations) applies to the United Nations, which must do more to support its mandate. ... By creating societies comfortable with and tolerant of differences in religious and cultural identity, nations can mitigate the religious oppression and suffering felt by so many women and children across the globe.

—Editorial Board
Deseret News

Breastfeeding

The push by United States delegates to the World Health Organization to water down or scrap a simple resolution meant to encourage breast-feeding in underdeveloped countries was many things — bullying, anti-science, pro-industry, anti-public health and shortsighted, to name a few. But it was not surprising. The baby formula industry is worth \$70 billion and, as breast-feeding has become more popular in more developed countries, it has pinned its hopes for growth on developing ones. ... Should American officials prevail in the current case, the outcome will be easy enough to guess.

—Editorial Board
The New York Times

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Cristiano Ronaldo's lasting legacy

By CALEB TURNER

It was the day after Real Madrid won its third-straight Champions League, and thousands of fans lined the sidewalks of the team's home city, awaiting the players' victory parade.

There were two common accessories among the fans; a Real Madrid flag and a jersey with the name "Ronaldo" on the back.

Screams and cheers erupted as the team bus appeared in the distance, making its way towards the Plaza de Cibeles in downtown Madrid.

As the bus got closer, the cheers narrowed to one name, "Cristiano!" At the front of the bus, closest to the trophy, was Cristiano Ronaldo, who, less than 24 hours earlier, became the first player in history to win five Champions League titles.

Ronaldo is likely the most popular athlete in the world, and for many years was the highest paid as well. Following his impressive performance in the Champions League tournament, carrying his team to yet another final, he would appear to the casual fan or observer as the best athlete in the world.

Yet, a debate still remains over where exactly Ronaldo stands among the greatest in history, and at the moment.

One debate, in particular, stands out from the rest, and that is between Ronaldo and Lionel Messi, who plays for rival club Barcelona. It is a debate heard on trains in Spain and in a Sunday School class in Provo, and seems to always create impassioned responses.

Fans and experts weighed in on the subject to understand why exactly this debate exists, and how to accurately describe the lasting legacy of Cristiano Ronaldo.

Diego Torres, who was born in Argentina but lives in Spain, is a sports writer who has been covering Real Madrid, Ronaldo's current club, for over 20 years. In his mind, there is no debate.

"When you gather a group of soccer players, not just between Madrid and Barcelona, but from Manchester United or Liverpool, and you sit them down at a table and ask who the best player is, there is no debate," Torres said. "Messi is the best."

Though Messi has just four Champions League titles to Ronaldo's five, Torres explained that Messi is the more complete player, being able to influence the game by passing and scoring from multiple positions.

Calvin Westfall, a junior at BYU who served his mission in Barcelona



Uruguay's Martin Caceres, right, challenges Portugal's Cristiano Ronaldo during the round of 16 match between Uruguay and Portugal at the 2018 soccer World Cup at the Fisht Stadium in Sochi, Russia, June 30. Scan the photo with the *Universe Plus* app to listen to a Portuguese translation of this story.

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and did a study abroad in Madrid, agreed that while Messi is a more complete player, the debate is not so clear-cut.

"People are always going to compare them, (but) it is difficult to compare them because they are very different players," Westfall said. "They're both great, the best of our generation, and it's hard to pick one because they play differently."

Both players have spent time at both striker and midfielder, but Messi tends to be a more ball-dominant, attacking midfielder, while Ronaldo plays more off the ball as a pure striker.

This difference is somewhat recent, however, according to Torres, who explained Ronaldo was forced to change the way he played as he got older and his body slowed down.

"Before, Cristiano would get the ball and run straight at the goal," Torres said. "When he realized he didn't have the strength to do that anymore, he would pass the ball to a teammate and he would run behind the defense and get the cross."

Torres says that altering his style of play has allowed Ronaldo to "raise

his level of efficiency and elongate his career."

Westfall and Spanish journalism student Alex Mosteiro agreed with the description of Ronaldo's transformation, adding that his exceptional athletic ability allows him to rise above defenders and finish off crosses.

"With Ronaldo there were a couple of times when he went up for a challenge in the air and I was like 'how did he jump that high?'" Westfall said of his experience seeing Ronaldo live. "It was ridiculous how high he got. The control with the chest, and then when he brought it down, I was like 'I've never seen that before.'"

Although the goals that Ronaldo scores are important and impressive, Torres argued that Messi is able to influence the game in a lot more ways than just scoring, by passing and dribbling.

"There is another way to decide games other than just goals, and that is the last pass, the assist," Torres explained. "Messi is the best assister in the world, Cristiano no. Messi has decided many games with his assists and his dribbling."

The ability to decide games is what Mosteiro said sets Ronaldo apart from Messi, but the stats say otherwise, according to Torres.

"Look at the games that Messi has played against Cristiano," Torres said. "Look at how many Messi has decided and how many Ronaldo has decided, the debate is over!"

In the games the two stars have played against each other, Messi leads in both wins (16-10) and goals scored (22-19).

The one accomplishment that has alluded both Ronaldo and Messi, however, is a World Cup championship. This is the only major trophy that Ronaldo has not won, and if he is able to do so, could vault him past Messi in both current and historical rankings.

"Messi has more pressure, because Ronaldo doesn't expect to win the World Cup," Mosteiro explained. "(Portugal) winning the EuroCup in 2016 is an exception."

Mosteiro added that until Messi wins a World Cup he will never be as great as the Argentine legend Diego Maradona, compromising his place among the best of all time.

Torres believes that Ronaldo, on the other hand, has a better team around him in Portugal, and has a real desire and chance to win the World Cup this year.

If his hat trick in Portugal's World Cup opener against Spain is any indication, Ronaldo is more than ready for the challenge that awaits him on the world stage.

The desire to win another trophy stems from Ronaldo's need to prove himself and receive public praise, according to Torres, who has observed the behavior of Madrid's star player for nearly 10 years.

"He's a social soccer player," Torres said. "There is a big difference between Ronaldo and the other Madrid myths, Cristiano is more childish. He much more vane and frivolous."

This need for fame and fortune may lead Ronaldo to leave Madrid this summer, and seek a contract and transfer fee worth more than his primary competitors, Messi and Neymar.

Ronaldo hinted at a departure from Madrid following the Champions League final, saying, "It was very nice to be at Real Madrid in the coming days I will give a response to the fans, who have always been at my side."

No matter where he goes, Ronaldo's legend and fame will follow him and continue to grow as he reaches more fans, both in the stadium and on social media.

Torres explained, however, that local fans having become increasingly critical of Ronaldo, despite his growing worldwide popularity.

"Madrid has played very bad at home this season, in both La Liga and the Champions League, and the (local fans) have criticized Ronaldo a lot," Torres said. "But now they are irrelevant, because the public has become a global, virtual audience. These virtual audiences worship Ronaldo, but the people who see him in real life don't see him as an idol. The further you are from reality, the more you worship him."

Those who only see his best plays and stylish photos on Instagram put him on a pedestal as an icon, viewing his larger-than-life personality as a sign of greatness.

"This didn't happen before; your admiration matched how close you were to the idol," Torres said. "But now the further you are the more you like him, and the closer the worse."

Ronaldo leads all athletes in the world with 203 millions followers across Twitter and Instagram, and even if he isn't the most talented soccer player, and doesn't win the World Cup, his status as a soccer legend can only grow from here.

Teen Hannah Roberts rises to top in BMX, Olympics in sight

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Hannah Roberts first climbed on a BMX bike as a child to try and follow in her cousin's tracks.

She has made a name for herself with her own high-flying tricks.

The next potential star for USA Cycling in the Summer Games is getting ready for her senior year of high school. The 16-year-old Roberts — already one of the best BMX freestyle riders in the world — is helping blaze a trail for women in the Olympics.

"Girls don't have as much support as the guys have had. Nobody has really taken this side of the sport as seriously, (saying) 'Oh, they're just girls,'" Roberts said.

Organizers around the world are paying attention now, especially after the Olympics added freestyle as a medal sport for the Tokyo Games in 2020. A staple of the Summer X Games, BMX freestyle joins the Olympic roster as part of an effort to give the Games a more youthful and urban appeal.

It should also give the United States a chance to grab more medals. Like BMX racing, which has been in the Olympics since 2008, freestyle traces its roots to Southern California in the 1970s.

"The near future is really bright for our team in terms of the number of athletes in the top 10 or 12 in the world and there are a lot of American flags there. We feel like we invented the sport right here in the United States," Scott Schnitzspahn, USA Cycling's vice president of elite athletics, said.

"Right now as we go into Tokyo,

we're really excited about our chances as a team. These athletes are going to be front and center at the Olympics at one of the few new disciplines," he said.

A rich BMX history hasn't always translated into success at the Olympics. The United States broke through for gold in BMX racing when Connor Fields won the men's race two summers ago at the Rio Games. Alise Willoughby took silver in the women's race to make for a banner BMX showing for the Americans after being shut out in London in 2012.

Fields and Willoughby are expected to be top contenders again in Tokyo, while American riders also dominate the UCI world rankings on the freestyle side, a good sign for 2020.

Roberts was the 2017 UCI BMX Freestyle Park world champion. Perhaps just as impressively, she is a National Honor Society student back home in Buchanan, Michigan.

"During the school year it's a little rough traveling, but I take all my books. It makes my bag really heavy," Roberts said. Teachers email her notes, and she tries to get all her homework done while on the road during practice days.

Roberts started riding about eight years ago, while her cousin, Brett Banasiewicz, was one of the top riders in the United States. In 2011, Banasiewicz opened the Kitchen BMX and Skatepark in his hometown of South Bend, which is about a half-hour drive from Roberts' home.

Banasiewicz was hurt in a crash in 2012, suffering a traumatic brain injury. He is riding again, but still in the process of recovering to get back into competition.



Hannah Roberts speaks at the UCI Freestyle BMX World Cup in Hiroshima, Japan in April. The 16-year-old Roberts, already one of the best BMX freestyle riders in the world, is helping blaze a trail for women in the Olympics.

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In the meantime, Banasiewicz is also mentoring younger riders and coaching at the Kitchen. Running the park is a family affair, with Roberts and her mother, Betty, often helping

at the facility.

It gives Roberts ample time to train — she has keys to the place, after all. During the school year, she rides on Wednesdays, Thursdays and

Fridays after class, and then all day on Saturdays and Sundays.

"Really, it's 40 hours a week is what I put in at the skate park," Roberts, who turned pro in 2012, said.

She takes pride in helping younger riders, both boys and girls. But it's on the women's side specifically, in which Roberts could be an inspiration. Men outnumber women in participation, but riders and organizers see promising signs for growth since the sport was added to the Olympics.

UCI, cycling's international governing body, began working with Hurricane Action Sports, which runs the FISE World Series, to organize UCI BMX Freestyle Park World Cup in 2016. The series' most recent stop in Montpellier, France had 30 women riders, up from nine in 2017 and five in the first year.

Women have "always been there but now that they're part of the Olympics we see sponsorships coming in for (women) as well as them receiving support from national federations to go to events," UCI spokesman Louis Chenaille said. "Of course this leads to a higher level of racing at the same time as some girls can now focus on just riding."

Roberts was one of three U.S. riders in the top 10 in the UCI rankings in May, with five overall in the top 20. Such quality depth bolsters USA Cycling medal's chances, along with hopes that it can generate interest in the action sport among a new generation of girls.

"There's an opportunity to grow pretty significantly with Hannah's ability," USA Cycling president Derek Bouchard-Hall said. "so we're optimistic."

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I COULD TELL BY YOUR FACE THAT YOU DIDN'T WANT TO BE INVITED.
BUT I DID WANT TO BE INVITED. TELL THAT TO YOUR LYING FACE.
WHY DO YOU HATE THE PLAN SO MUCH? I DON'T HATE THE PLAN. I LIKE THE PLAN.
NO, I CAN TELL BY THE WAY YOU CHOSE YOUR WORDS THAT YOU HATE IT.
NOW I CAN TELL BY YOUR FACE THAT YOU HATE ME. YOU'RE LIKE A BLIND SQUIRREL WHO BRINGS HIS OWN NUTS TO THE PARK.

Pickles®

SYLVIA AND I WERE TALKING AT LUNCH YESTERDAY.
SHE TOLD ME THAT WHEN SHE WAS LITTLE SHE AND A FRIEND USED TO CROSS A VERY BUSHY ROAD TO BUY CANDY AT A STORE.
REALLY? I'LL BET SHE'D HAVE BEEN IN BIG TROUBLE IF YOU'D FOUND OUT ABOUT IT BACK THEN.
WHAT "BACK THEN"? I DON'T CARE IF SHE'S ALL GROWN UP. SHE'S GROUNDED FOR LIFE!
I THINK MY BIGGEST FAULT IS THAT I'M TOO MUCH OF A PEOPLE PLEASER.
REALLY? SINCE WHEN?
I GUESS I JUST CARE TOO MUCH ABOUT WHAT PEOPLE THINK.
TRUST ME. YOU DON'T WANT TO KNOW WHAT I'M THINKING.

Garfield®

WHAT'S WRONG WITH THE WORLD, YOU ASK?
I'LL TELL YOU WHAT'S WRONG WITH THE WORLD
IT DOESN'T DO ENOUGH FOR ME
GARFIELD, DID YOU EAT THE PEANUTS?
MAYBE
YOU COULD HAVE AT LEAST TAKEN THEM OUT OF THEIR SHELLS
WHO HAS TIME FOR DETAILS?

Zits®

I'M REALLY GLAD THAT WE'RE EATING LUNCH TOGETHER, JEREMY.
ME TOO.
MOTHER-SON BONDING IS SO IMPORTANT.
I TOTALLY AGREE.
YOU'RE STILL PAYING ME, THOUGH... RIGHT?
A DEAL'S A DEAL.
WELL, THANKS AGAIN FOR HAVING LUNCH WITH ME, JEREMY.
NO PROBLEM.
OH, LOOK! HERE COME SOME OF YOUR FRIENDS!
HI, MRS. DUNCAN! HI, MRS. DUNCAN'S TRASH CAN.

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TAKE YOUR KIDS TO WORK DAY AT HOMELAND SECURITY...
IT MEANS LET ME DO THE TALKING AND STAY OFF OF YELP
BONEHEAD SECTION
ALL OTHERS
WAIT FOR APPROVAL RATING BEFORE SEATING

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SOMETIMES I GET SOME OF MY BEST IDEAS WHILE LYING IN THE SUN...
SOMEHOW, I'VE NEVER GOTTEN A GOOD IDEA WHILE LYING IN THE RAIN...
SOMETIMES YOU DO DUMB THINGS, AND YOU NEVER FORGET THEM...
OTHER TIMES YOU DO SMART THINGS
I'LL NEVER FORGET ONE OF THE SMARTEST THINGS I EVER DID...
I NEVER BOUGHT A NEHRU JACKET

Sudoku
Use the numbers 1-9 once in each row, column and marked grid of 9. Puzzles increase in difficulty from left to right. Solutions are at universe.byu.edu/sudoku.

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The New York Times Crossword
Edited by Will Shortz No. 0604

ACROSS

- Meet the Press host Chuck
- Trippy drug
- Iraqi city whose name, appropriately, is an anagram of ARABS
- Dumpster emanation
- Berry for a purple smoothie
- Silly prank
- Watch, as the bar
- "Nonsense!"
- Best
- Home to the N.B.A.'s Heat
- Flier from flower to flower
- Shady places
- Covering of a corn ear
- Boneless cut named for a New York restaurant
- Saucer in the sky, for short
- Alto, Calif.
- Carrying a gun
- Very off-color
- Some showy blossoms, informally
- City north of Carson City
- Samples
- "Later!"
- 180° from SSW
- Jet that evades radar detection
- The biblical wise men, by tradition
- Slobbers
- Corner PC key
- Steer clear of
- Sup

DOWN

- Wee one
- Verse dedicated to someone
- Snarky comment after "This is your big chance"
- Archenemy of the Fantastic Four
- Place for experimenting
- Run a con on
- Limp watch painter
- Server at a coffeehouse
- "What else?"
- Random guess
- Get up
- Painful thro
- Boise's state
- Birds on some Australian cois
- Hilton hotel chain ... or what 18-, 29- and 49-Across each have
- Actress Perlman of "Cheers"
- National Geographic has a new one every month
- Spot for a flowerpot
- "Nuts!"
- Sweetness, sourness or bitterness
- Kim, to Khloé Kardashian, for short
- "Don't go!"
- Active types
- Bug spray component
- "What's the ___?" ("Who cares?")
- Expressed
- Brand that "nobody doesn't like"
- Folklore baddie
- Performing now
- Honeybunch
- Squirrels away
- Polish, as prose
- Baseball's "Slammin' Sammy"
- Use four-letter words
- State flower of Tennessee
- Place to order a ham on rye
- "However ..."
- Golfer Ernie
- Time in history
- "___ takers?"

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE

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- Crowd around
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- Person handing out chocolate cigars, maybe
- Klutzy
- Color akin to rouge
- Bad looking
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- Cut (off)
- Bendable body part
- Truth tellers' opposite
- Common gender identity, familiarly
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- Stupid
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- Rock singer?
- "Dudel!"
- Eloquent
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- Match the bet of
- Lincoln in-laws
- Edible part of a carrot or radish
- Expert in calculus. Abbr.
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- Nearest target for a bowler
- Cowardly
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- Sage
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- Third (character who delivers the line in 60-Across)
- Nonkosher lunch orders, briefly

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- Lip
- Yacht spot
- First game of a series
- Heat shields?
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- Wriggly swimmer
- Sedates
- Autumn colours
- Drunk
- Forgoes a co-pilot
- Like some peanuts and winter roads
- Deceptive movement
- Electronically advanced, informally
- Tours turnaround
- "Gloria in Excelsis ..."
- World capital where Harry Houdini and Erno Rubik were born
- Colorful ocean phenomena caused by dinoflagellates
- Takes too much of, for short
- Actress Garr of "Young Frankenstein"
- Impertinent sort
- Teller of the future
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US Army quietly discharging immigrant recruits

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Some immigrant U.S. Army reservists and recruits who enlisted in the military with a promised path to citizenship are being abruptly discharged, the Associated Press has learned.

The AP was unable to quantify how many men and women who enlisted through the special recruitment program have been booted from the Army, but immigration attorneys say they know of more than 40 who have been discharged or whose status has become questionable, jeopardizing their futures.

"It was my dream to serve in the military," said reservist Lucas Calixto, a Brazilian immigrant who filed a lawsuit against the Army last week. "Since this country has been so good to me, I thought it was the least I could do to give back to my adopted country and serve in the United States military."

Some of the service members say they were not told why they were being discharged. Others who pressed for answers said the Army informed them they'd been labeled as security risks because they have relatives abroad or because the Defense Department had not completed background checks on them.

Spokespeople for the Pentagon and the Army said that, due to the pending litigation, they were unable to explain the discharges or respond to questions about whether there have been policy changes in any of the military branches.

Eligible recruits are required to have legal status in the U.S., such as a student visa, before enlisting. More than 5,000 immigrants were recruited into the program in 2016, and an estimated 10,000 are currently serving. Most go the Army, but some also go to the other military branches.

To become citizens, the service members need an honorable service designation, which

can come after even just a few days at boot camp. But the recently discharged service members have had their basic training delayed, so they can't be naturalized.

Margaret Stock, an Alaska-based immigration attorney and a retired Army Reserve lieutenant colonel who helped create the immigrant recruitment program, said she's been inundated over the past several days by recruits who have been abruptly discharged.

All had signed enlistment contracts and taken an Army oath, Stock said. Many were reservists who had been attending unit drills, receiving pay and undergoing training, while others had been in a "delayed entry" program, she said.

"Immigrants have been serving in the Army since 1775," Stock said. "We wouldn't have won the revolution without immigrants. And we're not going to win the global war on terrorism today without immigrants."

Stock said the service members she's heard from had been told the Defense Department had not managed to put them through extensive background checks, which include CIA, FBI and National Intelligence Agency screenings and counterintelligence interviews. Therefore, by default, they do not meet the background check requirement.

"It's a vicious cycle," she said. The AP interviewed Calixto and recruits from Pakistan and Iran, all of whom said they were devastated by their unexpected discharges.

"Now the great feeling I had when I enlisted is going down the drain," he said. "I don't understand why this is happening."

In hopes of undoing the discharge, Calixto filed a lawsuit in Washington, D.C., last week alleging the Defense Department hadn't given him a chance to defend himself or appeal. He said he was given no specific



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A Pakistani recruit who was recently discharged from the U.S. Army, holds an American flag as he poses for a picture. The man asked his name and location to be undisclosed for safety reasons.

grounds other than "personnel security."

Calixto — who lives in Massachusetts and came to the U.S. when he was 12 — said in an email interview arranged through his attorney that he joined the Army out of patriotism.

Calixto said he learned he was being kicked out soon after he was promoted to private second class.

In a statement, the Defense Department said: "All service members (i.e. contracted recruits, active duty, Guard and Reserve) and those with an honorable discharge are protected from deportation."

However, immigration attorneys told the AP that many immigrants let go in recent weeks were an "uncharacterized discharge," neither dishonorable nor honorable.

The service members affected by the recent discharges all enlisted in recent years under a special program

aimed at bringing medical specialists and fluent speakers of 44 sought-after languages into the military. The idea, according to the Defense Department, was to "recognize their contribution and sacrifice."

President George W. Bush ordered "expedited naturalization" for immigrant soldiers in 2002 in an effort to swell military ranks. Seven years later the Military Accessions Vital to the National Interest program, known as MAVNI, became an official recruiting program.

It came under fire from conservatives when President Barack Obama added DACA recipients — young immigrants who were brought to the U.S. illegally — to the list of eligible enlistees. In response, the military layered on additional security clearances for recruits to pass before heading to boot camp.

The Trump Administration added even more hurdles, creating a backlog within the

Defense Department. Last fall, hundreds of recruits still in the enlistment process had their contracts canceled. A few months later, the military suspended MAVNI.

Republican Congressman Andy Harris of Maryland, who has supported legislation to limit the program, told the AP that MAVNI was established by executive order and never properly authorized by Congress.

"Our military must prioritize enlisting American citizens, and restore the MAVNI program to its specialized, limited scope," he said.

Non-U.S. citizens have served in the military since the Revolutionary War, when Continental soldiers included Irish, French and Germans. The U.S. recruited Filipino nationals to serve in the Navy in the 1940s and worked to enlist Eastern Europeans in the military over the next decade, according to the Defense Department.

Since Sept. 11, 2001, nearly

110,000 members of the Armed Forces have gained citizenship by serving in the U.S. military, according to the Defense Department.

Many service members recruited through the program have proven to be exemplary. In 2012, then-Sgt. Saral K. Shrestha, originally from Nepal, was named U.S. Army Soldier of the Year.

In general, the immigrant recruits have been more cost-effective, outperforming their fellow soldiers in the areas of attrition, performance, education and promotions, according to a recently released review by the RAND Corporation, a non-profit research institution.

The AP spoke with a 26-year-old woman from Dominica who said she proudly enlisted in the immigrant recruitment program in 2016 while earning her nursing degree. She said she drilled each month with her reserve unit, which gave her an award, and had been awaiting a date to start basic training.

But in March, she said she looked up her profile on an Army portal and saw that the section about her security eligibility was marked "loss of jurisdiction," with no further explanation. The next month, her attorney said she found the reservist's name listed as "unsuitable" on a spreadsheet created by the Defense Department.

The reservist, who spoke on condition of anonymity because of concerns about her legal standing, said she received additional paperwork last month that indicated her case is awaiting a final decision.

"I have always been a good soldier and have always done what they ask me to do," she said. "I got into debt when I joined the Army because I can't work legally but, financially, I can't survive anymore. I don't want to give up because I genuinely like being in the Army. But I don't know who to turn to."

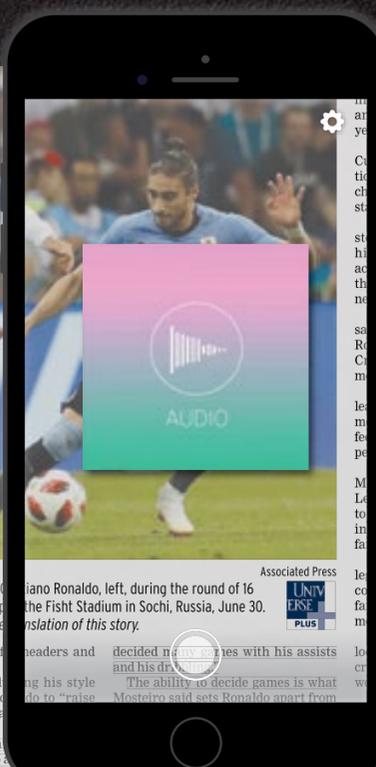


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