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Cougars triumph on the track

Multiple BYU runners on the podium at NCAA's SPORTS, B1

A note to our readers

In observance of Juneteenth, there will be no paper Friday



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3RD CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT - REPUBLICAN PRIMARY

BATTLING THE BELTWAY



JACOB NIELSON, DAILY HERALD

Phil Lyman speaks with the Daily Herald on Thursday in Provo.

Phil Lyman running for Congress to 'push back' against perceived government overreach

BY JACOB NIELSON
Daily Herald

Phil Lyman is running for Utah's new look 3rd Congressional District. In the lead-up to the June 23 Republican primary and his race against District 2 incumbent Celeste Maloy, Lyman met with the Daily Herald to discuss his campaign. The Daily Herald also interviewed Maloy. Lyman has spent several years in Utah politics, previously serving as a San Juan County commissioner and a member of the state House. In 2024, he ran for governor, where he won the state convention but lost in the Republican Primary and unsuccessfully contested the results. The Blanding resident said he chose to run for Congress to continue a quest to "find why the gov-

ernment makes such bad policy that hurts people they're supposed to serve." He described himself as a candidate outside the current political establishment. "My politics are not abstract, they're very pragmatic, they're very much in favor of liberty and autonomy, and I believe in personhood, parenthood, statehood, and that those things need to be respected," Lyman said. "And we have a government that is always trying to encroach on those things. We've got to have someone who pushes back, not someone who jumps on board with it."

District 3

The reshaped District 3 encompasses more than 50% of Utah and

covers some of its most valued geography, including all five national parks. It also covers much of Utah County from Orem and Provo down to Payson. "I ran for governor a couple of years ago, and I got that question quite a bit, and I always say, 'I'm from Utah, and everything that people love about Utah are the same things I love about Utah, whether they live in Park City or Cedar City,'" Lyman said. "The people really love the mountains and the outdoors and the streams and the fishing and the hunting"

Lyman, who said his mother was born and raised in Utah County and that he has several relatives there, said the concerns he hears from Utah County and rural Utah residents are similar. "Most places I go, they're concerned about water, they're concerned about development that's going out of control, high-density housing, inflation," he said. When it comes to local issues — such as water, land and development — Lyman said his role in Congress would be to support state jurisdiction and encourage state legislatures to take their jurisdictional place. "If the state legislature is willing to yield ground, there's always

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CONFLICT IN THE MIDDLE EAST

Trump says deal reached with Iran

President orders blockade to leave Strait of Hormuz

BY JULIA FRANKEL, ABBY SEWELL, MUNIR AHMED AND WILL WEISSERT
Associated Press

ISLAMABAD — Pakistan says the United States and Iran have reached an agreement to end the war and open the Strait of Hormuz, offering relief to the global economy more than three months since the war began.

Full details of the deal were not immediately available. The signing will be Friday in Switzerland. It is not clear how quickly the strait might reopen to all traffic. The U.S. previously said it would ease its blockade of Iranian ports as the strait reopens, and would agree to relax sanctions to allow Iran to sell more of its oil and strengthen its battered economy.

U.S. President Donald Trump confirmed a deal had been reached with Iran and said he had authorized an end to the U.S. naval blockade of Iranian ports in the Strait of Hormuz.

"Congratulations to all!" he wrote on social media, without providing details. He added, "Ships of the World, start your engines. Let the oil flow!"

Iranian state media reported Pakistan's statement after a day in which Israel, sidelined from the negotiations, attacked Beirut's southern suburbs and posed a threat to the discussions nearing an end.

"Both sides have declared the immediate and permanent termination of military operations on all fronts, including in Lebanon," Pakistan said, adding that mediators this

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Trump marks turning 80 with cage-fighting event while issues loom over presidency

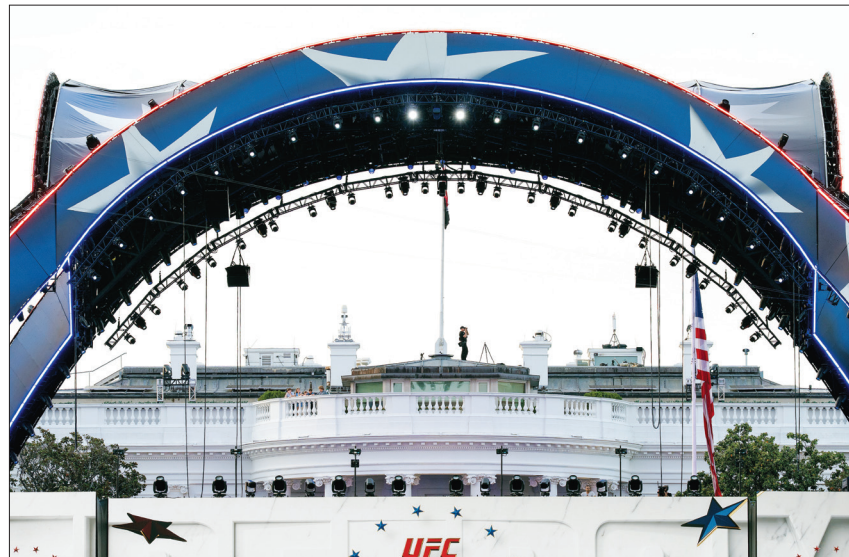
BY WILL WEISSERT
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — President Donald Trump marks turning 80 on Sunday with a birthday celebration that once would have seemed unfathomable: a cage-fighting show on the storied South Lawn of the White House. This week, the hard realities of the office have threatened to overshadow the ostentatious UFC mixed martial arts extravaganza, where combatants sealed inside a wire-mesh octagon try to punch, kick, chop and pummel each other into submission.

Trump has found himself boxed into an unpopular and costly war he helped start in Iran. An agreement to end the conflict could be close, but the crucial details are still to be negotiated. Meanwhile, about a mile from Trump's birthday bash, crews pried the president's name off the Kennedy Center after a judge ruled naming it after Trump had gone too far. Regardless, the president will walk out of the White House and be surrounded by Cabinet leaders, top administration officials, Republican lawmakers and 4,000-plus

spectators screaming themselves hoarse in a temporary arena under "The Claw," a spaceship-like metal arch fitted with lighting, sound equipment and large screens. Thousands more will be watching on big screens from the nearby Ellipse. "This event is a one of one event, incredible event. I love it," said UFC chief Dana White, a close friend of the president, during a Friday night hype session at the Lincoln Memorial where pairs of fighters shoved

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ALLISON ROBBERT, ASSOCIATED PRESS

Security at the White House looks through a pair of binoculars during the UFC Fan Fest on the White House Ellipse ahead of Sunday's fight on the South Lawn on Saturday in Washington.

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