



# CONTRASTS

ANNEX 4



## José Alberto Mujica

### Ex-President of Uruguay

The man who changed the way of working the politics  
He is still uses his 1987 Volkswagen Beetle to transport himself, what demonstrates his humble lifestyle.  
90% of his salary was spent on poverty reduction projects in his country.



## Ella Fitzgerald

"The Queen of Jazz"

Fitzgerald began skipping school and letting her grades suffer. During this period she worked at times as a cooperater of a Mafia-affiliated numbers runner. When the authorities caught up with her, she was first placed in an Orphan Asylum in the Bronx. However, when the orphanage proved too crowded, she was moved to a state reformatory near New York City. Eventually she escaped and for a time she was homeless.



Photo by Bill Parry

## Volunteer lawyers ready to help if needed after Trump travel ban

Volunteer attorneys are back at JFK International Airport to help any traveler detained by the Trump administration's restored travel ban 27 June 2017.

[http://www.timesledger.com/stories/2017/26/supremecort\\_2017\\_06\\_30\\_q.html](http://www.timesledger.com/stories/2017/26/supremecort_2017_06_30_q.html)



## Kesz Valdez

First southeast Asian to receive the International Children's Peace Prize (2012) and currently the youngest among the finalists nominated for the recognition

Kesz together with his guardian Harnin Manalaysay founded the Championing Community Children, an organization which aims at giving hope and showing the street children they can transform their own lives and inspire others to do so as well. Kesz helped more than 10,000 children in his community.

[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Kesz\\_Valdez](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Kesz_Valdez)



## Earvin "Magic" Johnson Jr.

American retired professional basketball player Johnson's career achievements include three NBA MVP Awards, nine NBA Finals appearances, twelve All-Star games, and ten All-NBA First and Second Team nominations. Johnson also was honored as one of the 50 Greatest Players in NBA History in 1996 and named by *Ebony* magazine as one of America's most influential black businessmen in 2009. Currently "Magic" is president of basketball operations of the Los Angeles Lakers of the National Basketball Association (NBA).

[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Magic\\_Johnson](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Magic_Johnson)



## Yusra Mardini

Syrian refugee competing in Río Olympic Games  
2016

Mardini was representing a team of 10 refugee Olympic athletes when she was 18 years old. Besides, she was a talented swimmer in war-torn Damascus and professionally backed by the Syrian Olympic Committee.

Yusra and her sister are responsible for helping to save the lives of 20 people, including their own, after jumping off their sinking dinghy into the Aegean Sea and pushing their boat to land.

<http://www.independent.co.uk/news/people/yusra-mardini-rio-2016-olympics-womens-swimming-the-syrian-refugee-competing-in-the-olympics-who-a7173546.html>



## Stephen Hawking

Theoretical physicist, astrophysicist, cosmologist and British scientific author

Hawking is also Director of Research at the Centre for Theoretical Cosmology within the University of Cambridge. Honorary Fellow of the Royal Society of Arts, a lifetime member of the Pontifical Academy of Sciences, and a recipient of the Presidential Medal of Freedom, the highest civilian award in the US.

Hawking has a rare early-onset, slow-progressing form of amyotrophic lateral sclerosis (ALS) that has gradually paralyzed him over the decades. He now communicates using a single cheek muscle attached to a speech-generating device but his disability has not been an impediment to continue with his passion and to receive so many recognitions, including five more honorary degrees, and the Gold Medal of the Royal Astronomical Society.

[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Stephen\\_Hawking](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Stephen_Hawking)



## Motorcyclists for children (Motocyklisci dla dzieci)

Organization of motorcyclists of all ages  
Motorcyclists for children is a Polish organization integrated of motorcyclists who love motors with high cylinder capacity. Many of them are men over the age of 50, who together with the others members carry out charitable actions in orphanages and public social service centers, as well as other type of events for the entertainment of children in their country.

<http://www.motocykliscidladzieci.pl/>



## Skip Marley

Jamaican singer-songwriter

a. Growing up, he taught himself to play the piano, drums, guitar, and bass. In 2015, he released his first single, "Cry to Me". He is featured on, and co-wrote, Katy Perry's 2017 single "Chained to the Rhythm". The two performed the song at the 59th Grammy Awards on 12 February, 2017

[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Skip\\_Marley](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Skip_Marley)



## Brigitte Luis Guillermo Baptiste

Biologist, expert on environmental issues and biodiversity

Brigitte LG is currently director of the Alexander von Humboldt Biological Resources Research Institute in Colombia. She has a broad professional background in recognized scientific organizations for the study and protection of Biological Diversity in Latin America and the Caribbean.

Brigitte was among the first transgender people to change gender in the identity document in Colombia.

<http://losinformantes.noticiascaracol.com/%C2%BF Luis-guillermo-no-brigitte-baptiste-directora-del-1654-historia>



## César Millán

The famous Mexican-American dog behaviorist He is widely known for his television series *Dog Whisperer with Cesar Millan*. founded the Dog Psychology Center in South Los Angeles and also opened an East Coast clinic at the Country Inn Pet Resort in Florida.

Looking for a better life, Millan crossed the border into the United States without a visa when he was 21 years old and spoke no English. He became a permanent resident of the United States in 2000 and a United States citizen in 2009.

[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Cesar\\_Millan](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Cesar_Millan)



## Pablo Pineda

Spanish actor

Pablo received the Silver Shell award at the 2009 San Sebastian International Film Festival for his performance in the film *Yo Tambien*. He holds a diploma in Teaching and a BA in Educational psychology. He was the first student with Down syndrome in Europe to obtain a university degree. Pablo also has worked at the municipality of Malaga, Spain, and currently works with the Adecco Foundation in Spain, giving presentations at conferences on the labor integration of people with disabilities.

[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Pablo\\_Pineda](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Pablo_Pineda)



## Jessamyn Stanley

Yoga teacher, body positive defender, writer and self-described "fat femme"

Jessamyn studied with Kimberley Puryear of Asheville Yoga Center's 230-hour Teacher Training Program and her eponymous yoga lifestyle blog and Instagram attract thousands of followers daily. Her classes provide a body positive approach to yoga which celebrates students' bodies and encourages them to ask "How do I feel?" rather than "How do I look?" when practicing yoga.

Jessamyn says Yoga helped her fight the deep fear of her body.

<http://jessamynstanley.com/>



## Dr. Ruth Heidrich

### 82 years old "Ironlady" Triathlete

Ruth is the winner of more than 900 trophies, 6 Ironman Triathlons, 8 Gold Medals in the U.S. Senior Olympics, and 67 marathons including Boston .

Ruth Heidrich demonstrates the miraculous healing properties of the body with the right diet, exercise program, and supportive environment. She is survivor of Breast Cancer and Osteoporosis and is author of *A Race for Life, Senior Fitness and Lifelong Running: How to Overcome the 11 Myths of Running & Live a Healthier Life.*

<http://ruthheidrich.com/>



## Laurene Powell Jobs

American businesswoman and one of the richest women in the World

Laurene is executive and the founder of Emerson Collective, which advocates for policies concerning education and immigration reform, social justice and environmental conservation, Her philanthropic work began in In 1997, when with Carlos Watson co-founded College Track, a nonprofit organization in East Palo Alto to improve high school graduation, college enrollment, and college graduation rates for "underserved" students.

[https://es.wikipedia.org/wiki/Laurene\\_Powell\\_Jobs](https://es.wikipedia.org/wiki/Laurene_Powell_Jobs)



## Pc Chris Stevens

The Policeman hero from Northamptonshire, UK Mr . Stevens has been hailed a hero in 2015, when came to the aid of an elderly man struggling with his shopping after he got on the wrong bus . Exactly at that moment a passer-by took the picture of PC Chris Stevens carrying the heavy bags for the unknown gentleman in Kingsthorpe. After the picture was posted on Facebook , it was widely shared nearly 46,000 times and liked by 471,000 people.

[http://www.huffingtonpost.co.uk/2015/06/12/good-samaritan-policeman-helps-man-home\\_n\\_7572200.html](http://www.huffingtonpost.co.uk/2015/06/12/good-samaritan-policeman-helps-man-home_n_7572200.html)



## Yaniv Brandvain

Named 2017-19 McKnight Land-Grant Professor Brandvain is an assistant professor with a joint appointment in the departments of Plant and Microbial Biology and Ecology, Evolution and Behavior at the University of Minnesota – Twin Cities. After a few early years in Jerusalem, he moved to the suburbs of Detroit, where grow up. Years later Brandvain was undergraduate at the College of the Atlantic where got excited about evolution and did research at the Jackson Lab. Then he moved to Indiana University, to pursue a Ph.D. in evolutionary genetics.

<https://cbs.umn.edu/blogs/cbs-connect/brandvain-named-mcknight-land-grant-professor>



## Wilfred Emmanuel Jones

Known as The Black Farmer and founder of the company with same name

Wilfred was born in Jamaica and brought up in Birmingham, UK. Now he has a farm in Devon, where he launched The Black Farmer brand.

Jones is a passionate about producing everyday gluten free and quality products that are full of flavour.

Wilfred says he will not be confined by race, convention or tradition. He is British, loves Morris dancers, but loves Flamenco dancing too. He loves British eccentricity and at the same time, celebrates great British traditions.

<http://www.theblackfarmer.com/about>



# Simone Simons

## Dutch singer-songwriter

She is the lead vocalist of Dutch symphonic metal band Epica, where she joined at the age of seventeen, releasing seven studio albums and touring the world.

On the occasion of the release of the third studio album by the Dutch band, *The Divine Conspiracy*, Simone revealed in an interview on the Live4metal website that it was an album based on real stories. Simone said that "it has something to do with religion. It is about God and the proofs that He has for humanity."

[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Simone\\_Simons](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Simone_Simons)



## Mohamed Zeyara

Medical student, a Humanitarian Activist, a public speaker and a youtuber

Zeyara, aged 20, young muslim, grew up in Gaza, Palestine. He moved to Canada at the age of 12 and frequently travels back and forth between Mississauga, Ont. and Gaza.

Making YouTube videos helps him reach a larger audience. Once Mohamed asked people on the internet which country needed most help. And they responded Mali. So in 2015 he went to Mali in Africa, where his team raised half a million dollars, to build schools and mosques.

<https://myvoicecanada.com/mohamed-zeyara-making-his-mark/>