

America First: The Legacy of an Immigration Raid

Running Time: 42 minutes

TRANSCRIPT

Morgan: Ok, let's read it. The boy was so far away he couldn't hear his mother when she called to him. Oh...now after you read it, do you see the homophone?

Jeidy, which one do you think makes the most sense? Which letter? A, B, C or D?

Jeidy: A...

Morgan: A! Do you agree with her? Give me a thumbs-up if you agree with her and a thumbs-down if you don't.

ARCHIVAL

La redada migratoria más grande en la historia del país.

The biggest immigration raid in the country's history.

Identity theft and fake social security numbers.

LUDVIN SARAZUA

May 12th, 2008, I was in sixth grade. There was this helicopter coming and going. Coming and going, coming and going.

BUSH:

Illegal immigration puts pressure on public schools and hospitals; it strains state and local budgets and brings crime to our communities. It is against the law to hire someone who is in this country illegally.

ARCHIVAL

My heart is really breaking.

MARK GREY

This was an absolutely massive action.

GYORA

Escapando de la casa con los hijos. Lo mismo que los judíos sintieron cuando estaban en la Alemania Nazi.

Escaping their homes with their kids. The same as the Jewish people must have felt under Nazi Germany.

AARON GOLDSMITH

What do the raids accomplish? Nothing.

MARK GREY

Who's gonna cut up your pigs? Who's gonna milk your cows? Who's gonna work in your packing plants?

MARK GREY

We actually have a much more diverse population than we ever had before.

ERIK

Estas redadas hacen estragos. Y ahora peor que nunca.

These raids don't work, they just cause havoc. Today worse than ever.

TITLE: America First. The legacy of an immigration raid

TEXT CARD 1

On May 12 2008, the administration of George W. Bush executed the biggest immigration raid in US history at a single work site.

It was a milestone in the government's fight against undocumented immigrants that brought unexpected consequences.

LUDVIN SARAZUA

When we first arrived, my mom worked at the plant. I think she was in charge of cleaning the chicken.

When I found out I was undocumented I was very self-conscious because I felt like that made me less of a person.

BRIDGETTE

It was a little scary at first to think that, you know, you're kind of dating an illegal. But I don't look at it that way. I don't see Ludvin the DACA recipient. I see Ludvin, my boyfriend.

BRIDGETTE LUBKA:

When Trump won, my brother was pretty excited. Ludvin was pretty disappointed.

Ludvin: I could probably work at the mall.

Drew: You could be really stereotypical and work construction at the corner.

Ludvin: Construction, there you go! I'll stand in front of Home Depot.

DREW

People still bring up the raid. But it never really affected me.

LUDVIN

It's crazy the amount of fear that that day just instilled in us.

Drew: Nobody else laughed, except from me.

DREW

It kind of made Postville famous in a not-so-great way. As a kid you grow up and you don't realize that anything is any different than anywhere else.

MARK GREY

Postville is actually a pretty small town even by Iowa's standards. It was actually a trading post area and the initial settlement of immigrants there were predominantly Germans.

MAYOR LEIGH REKOW

We've always been an agricultural town. We've had a meat packing plant that has gone through several owners and the big change was when Jewish people from New York bought it and turned it into a kosher meat packing plant.

Shalom Rubashkin: And the idea here was to come out to the source and produce the kosher meat here and ship it out.

MAYOR LEIGH REKOW

A lot of people were afraid that the Jewish people would take over the town.

MARK GREY:

You didn't have a lot of people around to even apply for those jobs. About 1993 we started to see tremendous growth in the Latino population in the state.

MAYOR:

We were aware that some of them were illegal, but nobody wanted to do anything about it. It was bound to happen.

JORGE CASTILLO

La verdad yo fui a Postville porque me comentaron que había mucho trabajo en la empresa AgriProcessors.

I went to Postville because they told me that there was a lot of work in the company AgriProcessors.

TEXT CARD

In 2003 the Bush administration launched Operation Endgame with the goal of deporting all 11 million undocumented immigrants over a period of ten years.

The Postville raid was meant to be replicated all over the country.

JORGE

Yo llevaba 20 minutos dentro en la empresa cuando llegó migración.

I had been inside for 20 minutes, when ICE came.

ERIK

Dos helicópteros Black Hawk, 1,100 operarios federales, cientos de ellos con chalecos blindados y ametralladoras. Una operación paramilitar.

Two Black Hawk helicopters, 1,100 federal agents, hundreds of them wearing bulletproof vests and holding machine guns. It was a paramilitary operation.

JORGE

Muchos que se escondieron, los golpearon. Las mujeres lloraban, y muchos de los hombres también.

Entró con una 9mm en la mano y dijo que al que se moviera le iba a disparar. Nos tuvieron como seis horas sentados. Casi cada metro un oficial de migración.

Many of those hiding, were beaten. Women were crying, and a lot of the men too. An agent entered the room with a 9mm in his hand and said that if we moved, he'd shoot. They held us for six hours, sitting down. Every other meter there was an ICE officer.

ARCHIVAL FOOTAGE

Marcy Forman

Exdirectora de ICE

ICE agents executed criminal and civil search warrants at the company, resulting in the arrest of 389 undocumented alien workers.

Bush:

We need to hold employers to account for the workers they hire.

Claude Arnold:

Assistant Director of Operations of ICE

We're still figuring out which people that we have in custody may be charged. We don't know if we have fugitives.

TEXT CARD:

The raid at Agriprocessors cost approximately \$5 million.

It was a display of force never seen before.

ERIK CAMAYD-FREIXAS

TRADUCTOR

Me llamaron desde Iowa para un trabajo.

They called me from Iowa for a job.

JORGE

Nos llevaron a Waterloo. El lugar estaba listo, cerca como un corral de vacas. Cerca había un salón.

They took us to Waterloo. The place was ready, it was like a cow pen. Next to it, there was a hall.

ERIK

Muy simpático, estilo años 50, donde hacen square dancing. En esta ocasión lo habían convertido en un tribunal federal. En el medio de la pista de baile el escudo del departamento de justicia. Había unas 400 personas ahí.

Quite nice, like from the 50s, where people do square dancing. For this occasion, they had turned it into a federal courtroom. In the middle of the room they hung the seal of the Department of Justice. Almost 400 people were held there.

JORGE

Íbamos al baño encadenados de los pies, encadenados de las manos.

We had to go to the bathroom with our hands and feet shackled.

ERIK

Se veía que era gente muy humilde. De Guatemala en su mayoría.

You could tell they were poor. Most of them from Guatemala.

JORGE

Los mismos abogados nos decían que firmáramos nuestra deportación.
The lawyers were actually telling us to sign our own deportations.

ERIK

Había un abogado por cada 20 acusados. Eran abogados criminalistas que no sabían nada de derecho migratorio. Todo estaba preparado de manera que fuese como un tren de justicia.
There was a lawyer for every 20 detained immigrants. They were criminal lawyers who didn't know about migrants' rights. It was all arranged like a legal locomotive.

TEXT CARD:

After being charged with aggravated identity fraud, the detained migrants were processed as criminals, something that had never been done.

ERIK

Se declararon culpables bajo coacción. Tenían que aceptar seis meses de prisión y luego deportación automática sin recurso ninguno.
Under coercion, they declared themselves guilty. They had to accept six months in prison and automatic deportation, with no legal recourse.

JORGE

Me llevaron a una prisión federal cerca de Chicago. De Chicago fuimos a Luisiana.
They took me to a federal prison near Chicago. From there, we went to Louisiana.

TEXT CARD:

Of the 389 immigrants who were detained, 56 were women with kids who were freed with ankle monitors. They were also ordered to not work for an indefinite period of time.

SISTER MARY McCAULEY

St. Bridget's at that time acted as a sanctuary. The food, the utilities, the rent. Basically we were taking care of the most immediate needs of the Hispanic community.

MARK GREY

Moms, Dads, kids. Almost every square inch of the church was covered by a human being. I'd been in refugee camps around the world and seen humans suffering, but the trauma that I saw in that room was absolutely tremendous.

LUDVIN

My parents were scared. They had no idea what to do because, you know, what can you do? That was the last time I saw a lot of my friends, because if their parents did not get arrested then they just got up and left and moved somewhere else.

TEXT CARD:

Postville lost almost half its population.
Public opinion rejected the raid. There were no more like it in the immediate following years.

SECTION 5: GUATEMALA & JEIDY/LILIAN

TEXT CARD:

Of the 287 people deported, most of them were from small towns in Guatemala.

JORGE

La división de esta familia fue la redada, las decisiones que tomó el gobierno. A través de la deportación de Postville, mi primo organizó un grupo para guías turistas al volcán. Es una responsabilidad muy grande.

My family was split because of the raid and the decisions the American government made. After being deported from Postville, my cousin organized a group of deportees to become tour guides for the volcano. Being a guide is a great responsibility.

TEXT CARD:

After six months in prison without contact with his family, Jorge was deported in 2008.

JORGE

Yo me siento muy contento con este trabajo y agradecido con Dios que nos ha dado este tesoro muy grande que está aquí. Es muy turístico. Con un día de trabajo logro ganar lo que gano en una semana trabajando en el campo.

I feel very happy with this job and grateful to God that he gave us this enormous treasure here. The volcano is very popular with tourists. For a day's work going up the volcano, I make what I would make in a week working in the fields.

Yo ya le debo 2,000 dólares al coyote que nos llevó.

I still owe \$2,000 to the coyote that took us.

Cuando yo fui arrestado tenía la bebé que nació en Estados Unidos. Jeidy es la única que es ciudadana americana. Esa era mi preocupación decir qué iba a pasar con ella, el alimento de las otras niñas y mi esposa que estaba allá.

When I was arrested, I had a baby who had been born in the US. Jeidy is the only one who is an American citizen. She was my main concern. What would happen to her, feeding my other daughters and my wife, who had also been left behind.

MARIBEL HERNANDEZ

Yo sentía volverme loca ese día. ¿Dónde está Jorge? ¿dónde lo fueron a dejar? Como yo no supe ni oí nada de él yo me desesperé, fue como yo me vine para Guatemala y me traje a las niñas. Traje a Jeidy de 7 meses.

I felt like I was going crazy that day. Where is Jorge? Where did they leave him?

As I heard nothing from him, I grew desperate and came back to Guatemala with the girls. I brought Jeidy back aged 7 months.

¿A cómo lo menos?

A cinco está bien pues.

How much does it cost?

Take it for 5.

TEXT CARD

Seven years after returning to Guatemala, the family sent Jeidy back to the US to complete her studies. She is 10 years old and studies fourth grade in Postville.

JORGE

La verdad es que nunca se pensó que se iba a ir de temprana edad para Estados Unidos. Fue muy duro. No lo puedo olvidar porque cuando se despidió de todos, muy contenta, pero para mí fue duro porque dije cuándo la voy a ver, hasta hoy día que no la hemos visto.

We never thought that she would leave so young for the United States. It was really hard. I will never forget when she said goodbye. She was happy. But it was really hard for me because I didn't know when I would see her again. We still haven't seen her yet.

LITTLE GIRL

¿Esta quién es mami?

Who's that mom?

TEXT CARDS

Jeidy and her family haven't seen each other since 2014. She lives with a friend of her parents. Her family hasn't been able to see her because they can't afford it and Jorge is forbidden from entering the US as a result of his deportation.

JEIDY CASTILLO

Me siento rara por no tener a mi familia cerca de mí, pero mi maestra dice que soy muy valiente. I feel strange for not having my family nearby, but my teacher says that I am very brave.

LILIAN

Yo traje a Jeidy porque yo conozco a los papás y les dije que si me la daban para que le hiciera compañía a mi niña. Para Jeidy fue un cambio bien rápido porque ella no sabía nada leer, ni poner su nombre y ya aquí sabe hablar inglés.

I brought Jeidy to the US because I know her parents and asked them if I could take her so that she could live with my daughter. It was a fast transition for Jeidy because she didn't know how to read or write her name. Now she can speak English.

JEIDY

Yo extraño mucho a mis papás, porque ya no me dan como abrazos o así. I really miss my parents, because I don't get like hugs and that sort of thing.

PASTOR

¿Alguién más está cumpliendo años en esta tarde? ¿O ya cumplió la semana pasada?

Anyone else has a birthday? Or had one last week?

JEIDY

Todos aquí tienen papás y yo soy como la única que no tiene papás. Everyone here has their parents. I'm the only one that doesn't.

LILIAN

Ya tengo diez años de estar aquí en Postville. I've been in Postville for ten years.

TEXT CARD

Lilian fue una de las mujeres liberadas con grillete. Luego pudo regularizar su estatus migratorio.
Lilian was one of the women freed with an ankle monitor. Later she was able to legalize her status.

TEXT CARD

Prior to the raid AgriProcessors was the largest kosher meat processor in the US.
After the raid he filed for bankruptcy. It was sold and renamed Agri Star.

LILIAN

Llegue de Guatemala, empecé a trabajar a la semana que llegué en AgriStar. Desde ese día, pues sigo trabajando ahí.

I came from Guatemala and started working at AgriStar the same week. I've been working here since then.

LILIAN

Nunca me trataron mal, ni los encargados, nadie.

Por ellos comemos y ellos por nosotros sacan el producto.

They never treated me badly, nor the managers, nobody.

We eat them thanks to them and because of us they can produce.

GYORA

No es un lugar muy limpio para trabajar un frigorífico, hay sangre, hay grasa. El trabajo no es el más lindo que hay. Pero es un trabajo que la gente tiene para ganar el pan.

Hay muchos muchos trabajos aquí, en los Estados Unidos, que no creo que lo van a poder hacer sin traer inmigrantes de otros lugares.

It's not a very clean place, there is a freezer, there's blood, there's grease.

It's not the prettiest job. But it's a job and people have to pay for their daily bread.

There are many jobs here in the US that I don't think they could do without bringing immigrants from other places.

TEXT CARD

After the raid it was very difficult to find workers.

TEXT CARD 14

Recruiters brought people from shelters in Texas, Native Americans from Nebraska, African Americans from the south side of Chicago, Paluans from the South Pacific, ex-convicts and people from rehab centers.

CHAIM ABRAHAMS

Part of our workforce that work in this facility is a large percentage of immigrants.

TEXT CARD

Shalom Rubashkin, president of the company, was convicted of 86 charges of financial fraud unrelated to hiring immigrants. He was accused of violating immigration laws, but those charges were dropped.

TEXT CARD

He was sentenced to 27 years in prison on financial charges.

MARK GREY

It took quite a while to get the plant back opened. That transition there was extremely painful. The Jewish community suffered very badly because their plant got shut down. So they weren't working.

GYORA

Mi trabajo lo perdí inmediatamente. No tenía dinero, estaba seco, seco. De 1,000 trabajadores en la planta, quedaron 100. La comunidad judía se fue como de 120 familias a 40-30.

I lost my job immediately. I had no money, I was penniless, not a dime. Of 1,000 workers in the plant, there were 100. The Jewish community went from 120 families, to 40-30.

TEXTCARD

In October 2008, months before the real estate crash, up to 60% of properties in Postville were facing foreclosure.

GYORA

Eso afectó a todo el condado. La gente que vendía autos, vendía ropa, vendía zapatos. Gente que conozco del trabajo, de ser vecinos, la tragó la tierra. Desaparecieron del mapa.

No fue fácil para nadie.

That affected not only the town, the entire county. People who sold cars, sold clothes, sold shoes. People I know from work, as neighbors, the earth swallowed them up. They disappeared from the map. It wasn't easy for anyone.

BRIDGETTE

Chop chops, let's go....I'm getting hangry.

LUDVIN

Don't stop believing!

LUDVIN:

Hey yo, someone gotta shovel this.

BRIDGETTE

Yeah, you.

LUDVIN:

When my mom stopped working at the plant, she met a couple of Jewish ladies and they became friends. And they just offered hey, like if you clean my house, I'll pay you this. That Jewish lady told her friend and then she told her friend and so on. So then my mom had like her own little business cleaning houses.

LUDVIN

Leave my lunch alone!

BRIDGETTE

Heavyweights. 95.

LUDVIN

I spent all these years just wanting to be legal.

LUDVIN

Let's go, two more.

LUDVIN

And then DACA was introduced and I was able to get my papers.

LUDVIN

There you go, there you go! Up, up!

LUDVIN

My goal still is to one day become a citizen. I am currently going to school. I wanna be a teacher someday. I work at a restaurant, and at the local YMCA. I do a lot.

BRIDGETTE

Do we need that, Mexican, whatever, cheese?

LUDVIN

First of all, what do you mean by Mexican cheese?

BRIDGETTE

*So there's this specific thing that has like...
Anything else I can do for you?*

BRIDGETTE

No, thanks.

LUDVIN

Bridgette and I went to school together.

BRIDGETTE

Do you want thighs or tenders?

LUDVIN

Tenders.

LUDVIN

She's definitely the person that helps me be the better version of myself.

LUDVIN

Ma'am, I think you dropped your money.

LUDVIN

There were a lot of rumors after the raid that immigration was going door to door. And try to get as many people as possible. It was definitely a ghost town. After that. Somalis started coming.

LUDVIN

They're just like us, they're here for work, and you know, they are nice people.

TEXT CARD

A few years after the raid, Somali refugees arrived to Postville to fill the void left by the deported workers.

KANI

My family is actually very big. But only my dad and my brother right now live in Iowa. I was born in Somalia.

Kani: Do you know how much?

¿Sabes cuánto?

MOHAMED

Our people have been killed. The Government provided me with a refugee visa to come here. I work with chicken. If I am sent to work with cow section, I work there too.

KANI

My dad reminds me every day be thankful that you have a meal in your desk. I admire my dad so much because he works very hard, almost 60 hours a week. He sends a lot of money back home in order for people to survive.

MARIBEL

¿Qué va a llevar?

What are you taking?

Sí está cara la flor ahorita.

Yes, flowers are expensive now.

A cuatro lléveselo. A cinco, ¿a cuatro? le doy.

Take them for 4. For 5. I'll give it to you for 4.

MARIBEL

Desearía ser una paloma e irme volando e ir a ver. Yo deseara irme de mojada, pero no puedo. I wish I were a dove to fly away and see her. I'd like to go wetback, but I can't.

MARIBEL

Allá tiene lo más necesario, que yo nunca le pude dar acá.

Over there she has what she needs, which I wasn't able to give her.

DENTIST

Jeidy, have you been to a dentist before?

JEIDY

No.

DENTIST

We are trying to find a dentist for you, cause there are some teeth that have cavities. We're going to send a letter home with you.

JEIDY

Mi mamá va a vender frutas. Y mi hermana trabaja y unas veces ayuda a mi mamá.
My mom sells fruits at the market. And my sister sometimes helps my mom.

Dialogo mercado.

Market conversation

JEIDY

A mí me gustaría que ellas estuvieran en la escuela para que aprendieran más.
I'd like for my sisters to come to my school and learn a lot.

MARIBEL

Yo les he dicho que el futuro un día, que yo ya no esté, Jeidy se los va a dar, que Jeidy va a ser como un varón para ellas. Quieran mucho a su hermana, valoricen a su hermana. Porque un día su hermana va a tener lo poco que es necesario y se los va a dar de todo corazón.

I have told them that, when I'm not here, Jeidy will give them what they need. Jeidy will be like a brother for them. I tell them, 'love your sister, value her; because one day she will give you what you need and she will do so with love.'

MARK GREY

After the Postville raid we did see only one other major workplace raid that was immediately afterwards and ever since then there have been relatively few of them. Now we're starting to see again some of the larger workplace actions. Many of them are starting to look just like the ones we experienced in Postville.

TRUMP:

From this day forward, it's going to be only America First. A new vision will govern our land. America First.

ERIK

Es un regreso a las políticas de la administración Bush.
It's a return to the policies of the Bush administration.

It has happened again.

ICE agents carrying out one of the largest workplace immigration busts.

Under the Trump administration. Raided stores all over the country.

Arrested in Northeast Ohio. Charged with identity theft and tax evasion. Are dangerous criminal illegals.

January 10, 2018. 7/11 stores nationwide. 21 detained.

April 5, 2018. Southeastern Provision meat-processing plant. Morrison, Tennessee. 97 detained.

Oh my god, they took everyone.

June 5, 2018. Corso's Flower and Garden Center. Sandusky y Castalia, Ohio. 114 detained.

June 19, 2018. Fresh Mark meat supplier. Canton, Massillon and Salem, Ohio. 146 detained.

DONALD TRUMP

We have to listen to the concerns that working people have over immigration and its impact on their jobs, wages, schools, tax bills and general living conditions.

TEXT CARD

ICE has already doubled the amount of ongoing worksite cases this fiscal year compared to the last.

MARK GREY

The base of the current White House has made it very clear they want stronger enforcement. The lessons of Postville are unfortunately lost again.

Ludvin: Who's paying?

Bridgette: Do you want to do paper, rock, scissors?

Brigette: Let's try again.

Ludvin: You're broke!

Bridgette: I know.

Ludvin: Hey! Was that Drew?

B: Did you get tacos?

L: Why didn't you get tacos from over there?

Drew: Because I'm white!

L: Bro, get tacos over there.

Drew: I'm white, I like American tacos.

L: But they're better.

D: That's a matter of opinion. My opinion differs.

Es cuestión de opinión. Pienso lo contrario.

B: Have a good day, see ya!

DREW LUBKA

Overall, I think that my family is conservative. Politics isn't the place for you to have emotions.

LUDVIN SARAZUA

The majority of Trump supporters are against immigrants. When it comes to Drew, I really don't think he's against immigrants.

DREW LUBKA

Ludvin is a great guy. But at the same time, you are here illegally. And I know that that was no choice of his own. But it's still wrong.

LUDVIN SARAZUA

I really don't understand how you can live in this town and be against immigrants.

TEXT CARD:

Donald Trump won with over 58% of the votes in the Allamakee and Clayton counties where Postville is.

DREW

We need to make sure people are here only if they're supposed to be here.

When the Somalis were coming in, everybody was weird about that.

I'm not saying that all these people are bad. There's a lot of good ones.

But as a whole, I feel their community is negatively affecting our town. They just kind of keep to themselves. And they're not integrating well.

I don't think there's a perfect way to filter out who's supposed to be here and who's not. I'm a high school student from a small town and not a politician, that's not my call to make.

GYORA

Yo fui testigo de la redada que hubo aquí y no quiero ver que hagan eso a otras personas. Eso no tiene que pasar otra vez.

As I witnessed the raid here, I do not want to see them do that to other people. That does not have to happen again.

JEIDY

Si volviera a Guatemala quisiera trabajar con mi papá en el volcán. Me gustaría mandarles dinero y que se compren como cosas bonitas.

If I went back to Guatemala, I would like to work with my father on the volcano. I would like to send them money and buy them nice things.

JORGE

A veces yo me hago esa ilusión, si estuviera allá cómo estuvieran mis hijas estudiando. Al lado de mi hija que está en EEUU. No hubiera habido necesidad de pasar pobreza aquí en Guatemala.

Sometimes I dream, if I were there how my daughters would be studying. Right there with my daughter who is in the US. There would have been no need to live here in poverty in Guatemala.

KANI

Dad I'm leaving. Going somewhere.

KANI

The older generation might not hang out with each other. Our generation will be way different than our parents'.

BRENDAN

Where are you going, ladies?

I was scared to death when I got here, I didn't know how to interact with the different cultures. Everybody that spoke a different language, I just kind of looked at. And I now I call it "cultural whiplash" because I see people that come to Postville to watch our activities from outside communities. And when the Somali girls come walking in with their hijabs, their heads turn so fast, and they stare, I'm afraid they're hurting neck. That doesn't faze our kids.

We are much more diverse than we ever have been. We have well over 50% minority students. Somewhere around 14 countries represented.

TEXT CARD

While the older generation is predominantly white, the children of Postville are more diverse every day.

BRENDAN

"This is different." Well, yeah, it's different, but it's the same.

Ludvin's sister: You're actually famous!

LUDVIN

I think over the last 10 years we have learned acceptance. The raid did happen and it's something that people are going to know us by. But the raid doesn't define who Postville is.

Hoy celebramos la diversidad, no solo de la comunidad del distrito de Postville, sino también esos de América. Este país está basado...

Today we celebrate the diversity, not only of the Postville district community, but also those of America. This country is base ...

BRENDAN

There is a fear in the community. We see kids not come to school at times because we find out that, oh, there was maybe ICE in town last night, and they're scared to come out of the house.

Ludvin: La quinceañera elige un acompañante para el día de su celebración.

The 'quinceanera' (15th birthday girl) chooses a companion for the day of her celebration.

MARK GREY

For years I would go back to that town and say this town has not recovered. I think about the Postville raid almost every day of my life. One of the takeaways I still have is that you can plan and you can hope to achieve things through actions like this. But the immigration business and the presence of immigrant refugee newcomers is so dynamic that all the long-term planning in the world can mean absolutely nothing.

You now actually have a more diverse workforce now in the state than you used to. Did it work? No. Cause people kept coming.

Abdikani: The next dance is called Jango and is a Somali traditional dance the girls will perform.

El siguiente baile se llama Jango y es un baile tradicional somalí.

LUDVIN

I just want you to do everything my mom had done. And then tell me if we shouldn't be here or tell her that she shouldn't be here.

And that's something people don't understand. It's very difficult to come here legally.

MARK GREY

If people had honest moments they realized that these folks weren't here, the rural economy would fall apart.

NATPOPS

This completes our program for this year. Thank you very much for coming, and enjoy your weekend! Eso es todo por este año. ¡Muchas gracias por venir y disfruten su fin de semana!

Hold on, hold on. Let me fix myself.

Nice bowtie!

Ludvin: Thanks, it's actually the one that Bridgette gave me to wear at the Halloween party at Big City.

LUDVIN

I think the raid definitely helped just kind of bring us together. Postville is a prime example of what immigrants are.

NATPOPS

My camera died half way through.

Are you serious?

AARON GOLDSMITH

It has one thing that it's shown over and over, resiliency. It's the little town that could. And I think that's remarkable.

TEXT CARD

On December 20, 2017, Donald Trump commuted Shalom Rubashkin's prison sentence after eight years served.

TEXT CARD

Bridgette and Ludvin moved to Cedar Falls, a city an hour and a half from Postville. She got a job as a nurse and Ludvin is continuing his college degree.

TEXT CARD

Jeidy changed legal guardian and now lives with her teacher, Morgan Taake. As soon as she gets her US passport, she will travel to Guatemala to visit her family.

TEXT CARD

Jorge and Maribel are still working on the volcano and in the fields. Jeidy's sisters still do not go to school.

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Gyora set up a kosher cheese business years after the raid. Together with his wife and 15 children, they are still active members of the Chabad-Luvavitch Orthodox Jewish community.

TEXT CARD

Kani is the first of his family to go to college. He studied aviation in honor of his mother, who died in a traffic accident shortly after arriving in Postville.