**INSIDE IRAN**

The country’s hostile history with America brings anger, wonderment and weariness

Kim Hjelmgaard  USA TODAY

TEHRAN, Iran

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In state with tough gun laws, shooter somehow escaped scrutiny

Marcos della Cava USA TODAY

When David Katz gunned down two fellow video game enthusiasts Sunday in Jacksonville, Florida, the question followed: Was this the random act of an enraged gamer bent on revenge or an unstable person who should not have had access to a gun?

In hindsight, the latter seems logical, particularly in light of court documents from his parents’ bitter divorce that suggest Katz’s psychological troubles started more than a decade ago.

But in legal terms, Katz, 24, who killed himself at the scene after injuring several others, lawfully obtained his two handguns in Maryland, a state that is among a dozen with comparably high hurdles to firearms ownership. According to a ranking of states based on the toughness of their gun laws, Maryland ranks an A-minus, according to

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Fan recalls how he first came under book series’ spell 20 years ago

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35 years later: Today, the holographic, African-American to boosted into space sits in a spaceship hung from a flagpole.

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Men taken down by #MeToo are making comeback

A year after the movement’s rise, some accounted for sexual misconduct in their way back into the spotlight. See POLL, Page 6A

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Foreigners are rarely allowed to roam the historic buildings, a stark physical reminder for Iran that the United States is its worst enemy and doesn’t take enough responsibility for meddling in Iran’s domestic affairs. “America doesn’t do that,” she said.

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