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Veterans Service Commission Headquarters to open
Cuyahoga County will celebrate the grand opening of the new Cuyahoga County Veterans Service Commission Headquarters, 3950 Chester Avenue, a new 30,000-square-foot, modernized facility representing a major step forward in service to veterans and their families. The new amenities greatly expand the Commission's capacity to deliver essential support and provide a more accessible, professional, and veteran-centered environment.

Toni Morrison Virtual Book Club
Toni Morrison Virtual Book Club will be held on May 31 for 7:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. This free virtual statewide book club is designed to bring all Ohioans together to discuss the 11 novels of the Lorain native and Nobel Prize-winning author. You can join to discuss just one novel or aim to read them all!

Author Alley to be held at Loganberry
Author Alley will be held at Loganberry Books, 13015 Larchmere Blvd. on August 1-2, 2026. Dozens of local authors will set up shop in the iconic mural-adorned alleyway next to Loganberry, where they'll have the opportunity to connect with new readers and mingle with fellow writers.

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CMSD CEO receives recognition from the City of Cleveland

By FELICIA C. HANEY

There's been quite a bit of bad news circulating in the city about the closing and consolidation of dozens of Cleveland schools. A looming budget deficit, low enrollment and expiring relief funds have all played a part. Rather than kick a man while he's down, The City of Cleveland, Council President Blaine Griffin and Councilman Kevin Conwell along with Assembly for the Arts, The Cleveland Arts Education Consortium and VP of County Council Yvonne Conwell honored Dr. Morgan with the Drum Major for Arts in Education Award.

While many school districts across the nation have silenced their creative programs in

the face of adversity, Dr. Warren G. Morgan chose a different cadence. He recognized that the arts are not an "elective" to be trimmed, but a vital lifeline for our youth tapping into their creativity and cutting out idle time that could otherwise be spent following the wrong direction.

By refusing to eliminate arts education, he has ensured that the "Sight and Sound of Cleveland" continues to ring out through our hallways, football games, theaters and auditoriums birthing future artists and architects, musicians and movie makers, show runners and writers.

Traditionally, the Drum Major, just like a CEO, is more than just a performer who checks boxes to deliver results. Drum Ma-

jors and CEOs are both the highest ranking leaders of an ensemble of individuals. They set the tempo. They are visionary leaders who do not just follow a path — they blaze one.

This award recognizes Dr. Morgan's unwavering commitment. Like a Drum Major on the 50-yard line, he has commanded the field with excellence, keeping our students in step with their brightest futures and proving that in Cleveland Public Schools, there will never be a final act and the music will never stop.

Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. delivered a powerful sermon titled "The Drum Major Instinct" at Ebenezer Baptist Church in 1968.

In this speech, he redefined what it means to lead. He argued that the desire to be "out front"—the Drum Major Instinct—is a natural

human drive that can be dangerous if fueled by ego, but transformative if harnessed for good. Dr. Morgan's wherewithal to step out front and protect the arts is a bold decision that will transform the lives of students for decades to come.

In MLK's terms, Dr. Morgan isn't being honored for his title as "CEO," but for using his "Drum Major Instinct" to serve the students of Cleveland as a visionary vanguard leading the march toward a future where the arts remain a right, not a privilege.

"Dr. Morgan is the prime example of leadership, legacy and life outside of the classroom," Councilman Conwell said.

Devastating East Palestine derailment may finally bring sweeping rail safety

Long-derailed rail safety legislation prompted by the 2023 East Palestine train disaster may finally be on track to becoming law, after the House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee voted Thursday to attach it to a sweeping five-year surface transportation reauthorization bill.

The committee voted 54-11 to adopt an amendment from Texas Republican Rep. Troy Nehls containing most of the provisions of the Railway Safety Act, which would require a minimum two-person crew on freight trains, heighten inspection standards, increase regulations for the wayside detectors meant to identify safety problems and create new requirements for trains carrying hazardous materials.

The broader BUILD America 250 Act, which would authorize roughly \$580 billion for



Photo of portions of a Norfolk Southern freight train afire after derailed in 2023 in East Palestine, Ohio. Rail safety legislation prompted by the disaster may finally be on track to becoming law.

highway and rail programs through fiscal 2031, cleared the committee 62-2 after a markup that stretched more than 14 hours.

The vote capped a years-long effort to pass rail safety leg-

islation in the wake of the Feb. 3, 2023, Norfolk Southern derailment in East Palestine. The derailment spilled toxic chemicals, including vinyl chloride, into the air, ground and nearby waterways. Federal and state officials, fearing the vinyl chloride tanks would explode, set them afire. Other chemicals seeped into local streams, killing fish and traveling down into the Ohio River.

Federal investigators later said there was no need for the so-called "controlled burn" that created a massive plume of thick black smoke.

President Donald Trump urged the committee to put the rail safety provisions in the broader bill in a Truth Social post earlier this week: "I have long said that the horrific tragedy that beset East Palestine in 2023, along with Sleepy Joe Biden's utterly incompetent response, must NEVER happen again."

U.S. Sen. Jon Husted, a Columbus Republican who is the Senate's lead sponsor of the Railway Safety Act, said he was grateful for the White House's support.

"I don't want what happened in East Palestine to happen to any other community," Husted posted on X. "I'm grateful for the support of the President and Vice President, and I look forward to getting this signed into law."

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Gasoline prices fall for spring break

Spring Break season is here as the national average for a gallon of regular gasoline jumped nearly 24 cents since last week to \$3.71. The last time the national average was in the \$3.70 range was October of 2023. Gasoline demand increases this time of year as the weather warms up and more drivers hit the road. Gas prices are also rising due to the conflict in Iran.

The national average has gone up 73 cents since the conflict began on February 28th.

Crude oil prices play a major role in what drivers pay at the pump, and prices have surpassed the \$100/barrel mark multiple times in recent days. To help offset rising prices, the

U.S. announced it will release 172 million barrels of oil from its strategic reserves over four months. The move is part of a broader effort by the International Energy Agency to release a total of 400 million barrels of oil, the largest emergency release in its history.

According to new data from the Energy Information Administration (EIA), gasoline demand increased last week from 8.29 million barrels per day to 9.24 million. Total domestic gasoline supply decreased from 253.1 million barrels to 249.5 million. Gasoline production increased last week, averaging 9.9 million barrels per day.

Northeast Ohio Average for Self-Service Gasoline		
	Regular	
This Week	(05-22-26)	\$2.81
Last Week	(05-15-26)	\$3.21
Last Year	(05-23-26)	\$3.52
National	(05-22-26)	\$2.81

VANTAGE POINT

Netflix's documentary "The Crash" looks at local case

Netflix's "The Crash" just dropped a shocking true-crime documentary that transforms a fatal 100 mph car crash into a murder investigation. On May 15, 2026, the streaming platform released this riveting documentary about Mackenzie Shirilla's controversial case. Here's everything you need to know about this case that divided a community.

A Teen Survivor Becomes the Prime Suspect Around 5:30 a.m. on July 31, 2022, Mackenzie Shirilla, then just 17 years old, drove her Toyota Camry toward what seemed like an ordinary morning. The car was traveling at approximately 100 miles per hour when it suddenly crashed into a brick building in Strongsville, Ohio.

Her boyfriend Dominic Russo and their friend Da-

vidon Flanagan were riding inside, both seated behind her.

First responders arrived to a horrifying scene. Both Russo and Flanagan were pronounced dead at the scene. Remarkably, Shirilla survived, sustaining serious injuries that required hospitalization. What initially looked like a devastating accident would soon transform into something far more sinister.

Investigators uncovered troubling details as they examined the wreckage and evidence. Assistant prosecutor Tim Troup discovered that just two weeks before the crash, Shirilla allegedly threatened to crash the car with Dominic inside. This revelation became what prosecutors called prior calculation.

The technical evidence was even more damning. Event data recorder analysis

showed that the accelerator was pressed to 100% for the full five seconds before impact, and no one attempted to brake. Security footage revealed deliberate steering movements that suggested control and intention. On November 4, 2022, more than three months after the crash, Shirilla was arrested on two counts of aggravated murder.

The Relationship That Ended in Tragedy

The documentary reveals how Shirilla and Russo had a volatile, turbulent relationship. Messages shown in the film reveal her threatening him: "I would watch your back from now on, and your house and your car and your life." Russo had dated Shirilla for roughly four years, and they had recently moved in together after her high school graduation. Shirilla's defense team

argued that a medical condition called POTS (Postural Orthostatic Tachycardia Syndrome) caused her to lose consciousness behind the wheel. In the documentary, she claims to have no memory of the crash. However, toxicology reports showed THC in her system but no alcohol or other drugs that would suggest impairment.

Prosecutors countered that the controlled steering movements and sustained acceleration would have been impossible during a medical episode.

The documentary doesn't present a clear verdict; instead, it places viewers in the position of deciding for themselves. Director Gareth Johnson intentionally gave audiences all the evidence they need to reach their own conclusions.

YOUR HEALTH

Home gym: No excuses not to workout

(NAPSI)—After nearly a year at home and with access to more exercise resources and choices, including online workouts and classes, it's easier than ever before to exercise from the comfort of your home.

If you're ready to commit to an at-home fitness routine, exercise physiologist and Bowflex fitness advisor Tom Holland offers advice for creating a home gym to fit your space and budget.

According to Holland, working out at home has never been easier—or as personalized—thanks to connected fitness equipment that gives you everything you need to get individual training, coaching and personal entertainment.

For example, with the JRNY digital fitness platform (<https://www.bowflex.com/jrny.html>) and iOS app, enjoy personalized adaptive workouts, on-demand classes and stream your favorite shows. Connect with like-minded people and take a run along Venice Beach or through Zion National Park through Explore the World on the new Bowflex T22 treadmill (<https://www.bowflex.com/treadmills/t22/100910.html>).

Bonus: it's space-efficient as it folds up for easy storage. Holland adds that this kind of technology offers experiences you won't find at the gym.

After you've identified your fitness goals and budget, the next step is to figure out which fitness solutions and equipment will keep you motivated and healthy.

New equipment choices mean new options to help you enjoy your workout. Holland recommends incorporating a mix of both

strength and cardio into your exercise regimen.

A great combo, for example, is the compact Bowflex M9 Max Trainer (<https://www.bowflex.com/maxtrainer/m9/100944.html>) machine and Bowflex SelectTech 840 kettlebell (<https://www.bowflex.com/selecttech/840-kettlebell/100790.html>) or Bowflex SelectTech 2080 barbell (<https://www.bowflex.com/selecttech/2080-barbell/100874.html>)

Once you know what types of workouts you'll be doing, Holland says the way to choose the right space is to start by asking yourself how much room you really need.

Enough space for a treadmill or swinging a kettlebell will look a lot different from space for primarily doing yoga. Imagine yourself in the space and whether you'll enjoy working out in it.

If you are tight on indoor space, a Tuff Shed building (<https://www.tuffshed.com/>) offers another option to create a custom backyard home gym.

Now for the easy part—using your home gym. Holland recommends a mid-week virtual circuit challenge with friends or simply hitting the treadmill and weights for a mind-clearing solo workout. Without the limitations, time-outlay and costs around the traditional gym membership, the reimagined home gym is here to stay.

Peloton equipment and classes are another option for exercising at home.

Feel the energy of a live ride with real-time instructor shout-outs.

The on-demand library has classes that range from 5 to 90 minutes, find a ride for every mood.

The equipment comes with motivational instructors who show up and ride to encourage your best with live encouragement from top instructors.

Being bored is not an option with diverse class types including exercising with different themes, difficulty levels and music genres.

The most important thing—just keep moving.

Weekly Wealth For Your Health

Rebuilding small businesses: Volunteers wanted

By JASON ALDERMAN

If you or someone you know is a successful corporate executive with deep business knowledge; a social media maven who guided a corporate brand to big time success; a public speaker and trainer who can inspire small business owners to climb to new heights of success; or a savvy entrepreneur who has launched successful startups, there's exciting news for you.

Consider volunteering with SCORE, the nation's largest network of volunteer, expert business mentors and help small businesses recover from the economic devastation wrought by the COVID-19 pandemic.

"Your skills are valuable, needed and appreciated by small business clients and entrepreneurs," said SCORE CEO Bridget Weston. "Volunteer to join our community of more than 10,000 volunteers in 1,500 communities. You'll

find a wealth of support and build back small business where you live."

Only about a third of small business owners reported turning a profit in 2020. Black and Hispanic-owned small businesses were particularly hard hit. Only 8.8% of Black business owners and 6.7% of Hispanic business owners reported profitability and growth last year, according to research conducted by SCORE.

SCORE welcomes all volunteers and offers a variety of ways to get involved based on the time you have to give and your interests and expertise. You don't have to be retired to volunteer with SCORE (which was formerly known as the Service Corps of Retired Executives), notes Weston. Today, half of SCORE's volunteers are actively employed or running their own businesses.

Subject matter expert—Volunteer 2-10 hours per month and consult with

mentors and business owners to answer questions in your area of expertise. Share your know-how and professional knowledge in e-commerce, accounting, human resources, social media or anything else and be an invaluable resource for small business owners.

Local workshop presenter—Share your mastery of a business topic or strategy and deliver local business training for small business owners. The time required can be as little as 2-10 hours for each presentation.

Business mentor—SCORE mentors provide hands-on assistance to local small business owners or aspiring entrepreneurs, helping develop business plans and a road map for growth. Mentors have excellent interpersonal and communication skills, as well as broad expertise as a business owner or upper-level manager. This role requires training and then 15-20 hours per month of volunteer time.

The benefits of volunteering with SCORE include networking with local and national business experts and building new community relationships through the local SCORE chapter, notes Weston. Volunteers also expand their own skill sets through training and receive local and national recognition. Helping others is extremely re-

warding, and many SCORE volunteers value supporting the small business community where they live and knowing they are making a genuine difference.

Volunteering through SCORE creates a positive, tangible affect. In 2020, SCORE volunteers donated nearly four million hours of service and helped start 45,027 new businesses. They also supported the creation of 119,562 jobs and mentored 143,651 small business clients, many of whom reported higher revenues and business growth.

"My hard work is worth it when I read the e-mails saying how grateful people are for SCORE's help," said Toma Talpa, a volunteer with SCORE Chicago. "I chose SCORE because of its mission and because of the people who volunteer. They are all passionate about helping entrepreneurs and business owners achieve their goals. It always amazes me that all of the resources and national workshops that SCORE provides are free to anyone."

To get involved, apply at score.org/volunteer. The SCORE chapter will reach out to learn more about you and to share information about onboarding and training.

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Islam In The Community

Eid al-Adha 2026 is expected to begin on Wednesday, May 27

Eid al-Adha, also known as the Festival of Sacrifice, falls on the 10th day of Dhul Hijjah in the Islamic lunar calendar. In 2026, the first day of Dhul Hijjah is expected on May 18, with the Day of Arafah on May 26, and Eid al-Adha starting on May 27, lasting until May 30 in most countries, depending on local moon sightings and regional practices

In the UAE, public holidays for Eid al-Adha are expected from May 26 to May 29, giving residents a six-day break when combined with the weekend. Eid al-Adha commemorates Prophet

Ibrahim's willingness to sacrifice his son Ismail in obedience to Allah. Before the sacrifice, Allah provided a ram as a substitute, which is why the ritual of Qurbani (animal sacrifice) is central to the festival. The meat from the sacrifice is traditionally divided into three parts: one for the family, one for relatives and friends, and one for the needy

Observances and Traditions
Eid Prayer: Muslims gather in congregation for special prayers, often held in large mosques or open spaces.

Eligible Muslims perform the sacrifice after the Eid prayer on the 10th of Dhul Hijjah, continuing until sunset on the 12th or 13th, depending on local scholarly opinion

Charity and Community: Sharing meat with the poor, giving Sadaqah, and visiting family and friends are key practices

Spiritual Reflection: The first ten days of Dhul Hijjah, especially the Day of Arafah, are considered highly virtuous for fasting, prayer, and acts of charity

Regional Variations
Saudi Arabia: Eid cel-



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Public Holidays: In GCC countries like the UAE and Saudi Arabia, the Day of Arafah (May 26) and Eid days are official holidays, often combined with weekends for extended breaks

Planning Tips
Qurbani Arrangements: It is recommended to book sacrifices in advance, either locally or through trusted charities, to ensure timely distribution

Travel: Eid coincides with Hajj season, so flights to Saudi Arabia and popular destinations may be congested. Planning early is advised

Community Participation: Following local mosque announcements for moon sighting ensures accurate observance of Eid dates.

Eid al-Adha 2026 is a time of faith, sacrifice, charity, and community, offering Muslims worldwide an opportunity to reflect on devotion, generosity, and spiritual growth while celebrating with family and friends.

Eid al-Adha is the second of the two main festivals in Islam, alongside Eid al-Fitr. It falls on the 10th of Dhul-Hijja, the twelfth and final month of the Islamic calendar. Celebrations and observances are generally carried forward to the three following days, known as the Tashreeq days.

Eid al-Adha, depending on country and language is also called the Greater or Large Eid. As with Eid al-Fitr, the Eid prayer is performed on the morning of Eid al-Adha, after which the udhiyah or the ritual sacrifice of a livestock animal, is performed. In Islamic tradition, it honours the willingness of Abraham to sacrifice his son as an act of obedience to God's command. Depending on the narrative, either Ishmael or Isaac are referred to with the honorific title "Sacrifice of God". Pilgrims performing the Hajj typically perform the tawaf and saee of Hajj on Eid al-Adha, along with the ritual stoning of the Devil on the Eid day and the following days.

Origin
According to Islamic tradition, one of the main trials of Abraham's life was to receive and obey the command of God to sacrifice his eldest son, Ishmael. (Abraham and Ishmael are known as Ibrahim and Isma'il in Arabic). Muslims overwhelmingly reject the Biblical claim that Isaac, Abraham's second son, was supposed to have been the designated victim. According to the Qur'an, Abraham kept having dreams in which he killed his son. He interpreted this as a command from God. The prophet told his son, "O my dear son! I have seen in a dream that I must sacrifice you.

So tell me what you think." He replied, "O my dear father! Do as you are commanded. Allah willing, you will find me steadfast." Surah As-Saaffat 37:102 Abraham prepared to submit to the will of God and to slaughter his son as an act of faith and obedience to God. During the preparation, Satan tried to dissuade Abraham and his family from carrying out God's commandment, so Abraham drove Satan away by throwing pebbles at him. In commemoration of their rejection of the devil, pilgrims to Mecca throw stones at pillars that mark the place where Satan tried to tempt Abraham.

Acknowledging that Abraham was willing to sacrifice what was dear to him, God honoured both Abraham and his son. The Angel Gabriel (Jibreel) proclaimed, "O Ibrahim, you have fulfilled the revelations," and a ram from heaven was offered by Angel Gabriel to prophet Abraham to slaughter instead of his son. When Muslims celebrate Eid al-Adha they commemorate both Abraham's willingness to afflict his family and his son Ishmael's willingness to die for God.

This story is known as the Akedah in Judaism (Binding of Isaac) and originates in the Torah, in the first book of Moses (Genesis, Ch. 22). The Akedah is referred to in the Quran in its 37th surah, As-Saaffat.

three equal parts – for family, for relatives and friends, and for poor people. The goal is to make sure every Muslim gets to eat meat.

However, there is a dissent among Muslim scholars regarding the obligatory nature of this sacrifice. While some scholars, such as Al-Kasani, categorise the sacrifice as obligatory (wāgīb), others regard it only as an "established custom" (sunna mu'akkada). [30] Alternatives such as charitable donations or fasting have been suggested to be permissible by several fuqaha.

Muslims are expected to dress in their finest clothing to perform Eid prayer in a large congregation in an open waqf ("stopping") field called Eidgah or mosque. Cuisine traditionally associated with Eid al-Adha includes ma'amoul and samosas.

Eid Ul Adha is commonly known as Korbanir Eid (Bengali: among Bengalis, which means the festival of Qurbani (sacrifice)). Bangladesh sacrifices most animals per year during Eid Al Adha, estimates indicate about 13 million animals are sacrificed each year. Starting from the first day of Dhul-Hijjah, temporary cattle markets, known as haat begin to appear across Bangladesh. The animals are traditionally decorated with garlands.

Many working people in Dhaka, go back to their hometowns to celebrate. Traditional Bengali meat dishes like Kala bhuna, Chui Jhal, Khair Rezala and Qorma are eaten with pulao or rotis, traditionally made of rice flours, or pithas like chitoni and soi pitha. In Sylhet, Nunor Bora and Handesh are traditionally served as snacks during tea times or addas.

Around the world, different traditions are followed on Eid al-Adha. In Pakistan, applying henna is a famous tradition amongst women. Children in Pakistan re-

ceive Eidi, which is money and gifts given from elders.

In the Middle East, traditional sweets are made. In African nations, gifts are given among friends and family is invited to feasts. While the cultures are different, the key values of celebration remain the same. Those values are giving, feasts, family, and grant celebrations.

Conversion of Hijri years 1343 to 1500 to the Gregorian calendar, with first days of al-Muharram (brown), Ramadan (grey) and Shawwal (black) bolded, and Eid al-Adha dotted – in the SVG file, hover over a spot to show its dates and a line to show the month

While Eid al-Adha is always on the same day of the Islamic calendar, the date on the Gregorian calendar varies from year to year as the Islamic calendar is a lunar calendar and the Gregorian calendar is a solar calendar. The lunar calendar is approximately eleven days shorter than the solar calendar.

Each year, Eid al-Adha (like other Islamic holidays) falls on one of about two to four Gregorian dates in parts of the world, because the boundary of crescent visibility is different from the International Date Line. The following list shows the official dates of Eid al-Adha for Saudi Arabia as announced by the Supreme Judicial Council. Future dates are estimated according to the Umm al-Qura calendar of Saudi Arabia. The Umm al-Qura calendar is just a guide for planning purposes and not the absolute determinant or fixer of dates.

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A Look At My World

Soap isn't always soap

By Dr. JAMES L. SNYDER

After several months of mayhem in our house, things began to quiet down. It was beginning to get back to our normal way of life.

Of course, because of the mayhem, many things that needed to be done did not get done. That made The Gracious Mistress of the Parsonage jump in line to try to catch up with everything around the house. If there's one thing undone, she cannot sit down.

I was able to get into my office and begin working on projects. I sure missed all that time working on my favorite projects. But I was committed to getting up to date with everything in my office. Of course, my up-to-date definition does not compare with The Gracious Mistress of the Parsonage's.

I noticed there were a lot of dishes to be cleaned, so I went up to The Gracious Mistress of the Parsonage and said, "Would you like me to do the dishes today?"

After a long period of laughing, she looked at me and said, "Do you remember the last time you did dishes for me?"

My memory isn't always up to date, and I had to think a little bit about what she was talking about. Then it occurred to me.

About 20 years ago,

I did the dishes for her. I think she was away shopping or something, so I decided to step in and help her with some of these kitchen chores.

I packed all of the dishes into the dishwasher. It took me quite a while because I couldn't figure out where they all went. Eventually, I got them all in.

Now I had to find soap to clean these dishes. I looked everywhere, and I couldn't find any soap in the kitchen. I finally went back to the laundry area and found a big box of soap there. I took that soap, went to the kitchen, opened the dishwasher, and just poured it all on those dishes. My goal was to make them cleaner than they've ever been.

I made sure every dish and utensil had a little soap on it. I was going to make The Gracious Mistress of the Parsonage proud of her husband's work in the kitchen.

I put everything in the dishwasher, along with the soap, then closed the door and turned it on. I smiled as I heard it working there before me. I then went back to my office to do a bit of work while the dishwasher ran.

While I was in the office, I began to hear a lot of noise from the kitchen that I couldn't explain. It could be the dishwasher, since I've never heard it make that kind of noise before.

What was happening in the kitchen?

I got up from my desk and went into the kitchen, and just as I entered the kitchen, I stopped in great shock. Soap from the dishwasher was pouring onto the kitchen floor.

That kitchen floor was being cleaned by the dishwasher, which I've never seen before.

That soap kept coming out of the dishwasher. I didn't know what to do. I've never been in a situation like this before. I've never washed dishes before.

I ran over to the dishwasher and turned it off. In a minute or two, the flow of soap ceased coming out of the dishwasher. I looked all over the kitchen floor, and it was soaked with soap.

I did not know what to do, and as I stood there, I heard the front door open, and in walked The Gracious Mistress of the Parsonage. She came into the kitchen, stopped, and yelled as I'd never heard her yell before.

"What have you done?" She said to me rather strongly.

I looked at her with some puppy-dog eyes and confessed, "I thought I could help you by doing the dishes today."

She looked at me, looked at the kitchen floor, then looked back at me.

I'm not sure how to resolve this situation. Still, The Gracious Mistress of the Parsonage looked at me firmly and said, "Why don't you just go to your office and do your work, and I'll stay here in the kitchen and do my work?"

Not knowing what to do, but knowing I was in a great deal of trouble, I did what she said and went back to my office. It took her most of the morning to clean up that mess I created.

That was 20 years ago, and I've never had that incident happen again. So, when I ask The Gracious Mistress of the Parsonage if I could help her in the kitchen, I began to realize that the best help I could do for her was to get out of the way and go to my office.

I later found out that the soap I used was not for dishes but was for something completely different. How did I know there was a different soap for each project?

While in my office, I was reminded of a verse of scripture.

"Wait on the Lord: be of good courage, and he shall strengthen thine heart: wait, I say, on the Lord" (Psalm 27:14).

In my Christian life, the best thing I can do is get out of God's way and let Him do His work His way. If I don't, I mess up everything in my life.

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Monsters Lead North Finals

By ANDREW CARTER

The Monsters lead the AHL North Division Finals, 2-1, after blanking the Marlies in Toronto, 4-0. G Zach Sawchenko had 16 Saves in posting the Shutout. The Monsters hope to close out the Marlies in Toronto in Game 4 of the best-of-five series.

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EAST SIDE DAILY NEWS

SPORTS

P&C Classic 3 will be held on May 9 at Woods King Armory, 4303 Green Road, Beachwood 44121. For information contact Charles Conwell at 216-352-7625

Tennis in the LAND canceled

The popular Tennis in the Land tournament, which brought world-class WTA 250 tennis to Cleveland each August, will pause in 2026. Organizers explained that the temporary downtown setup, which involved converting parking lots into a full tennis complex, is no longer economically sustainable without a permanent facility and supporting infrastructure. The decision is not due to lack of fan support or sponsorship, as the event had strong attendance and significant media reach over its five-year run.

Guardians Solidly in 1st Place

By KARL BRYANT

The Guardians have been proving their detractors wrong as they are riding a six-game winning streak at Press Time, having won 9 of 10, and solidly are resting in 1st Place in the AL Central. They went 6-3 on their recent Homestand and just swept the Tigers in a four-game series in the Motor City.

In that last Homestand, in the second game of a series against their Designated InterLeague Rival, the Reds, now skippered by former CLE Manager Terry Francona, the Guardians were tied, 4-4, and took the lead in the 7th Inning on an Angel Martinez 2-Run HR. They won the contest, 7-4, as reliever Eric Sobrowski (2-1) got the "W" and Cade Smith



Messick

got his 14th Save.

Exuberant fan Les stated, "I really like this kid, Martinez. He's been swinging a hot bat and we need some production from our OF spots." Tom remarked, "It's great that our relievers keep doing so well. It's a credit to the organization and our coaching staff. The Reds can't say the same. Tito (Terry Francona) would change pitchers every batter if they'd let him, but his Bullpen can't keep



Gaddis

up with ours." Reds relievers gave up the lead. Mary noted, "Our pitching keeps getting us through these tough games. You can't put all the burden on them, though. Thankfully, we



Schneemann

have people like Martinez and (Chase) DeLauter who can help out with a timely hit."

At Press Time, the Guardians just completed the four-game sweep



Bibee

in Detroit by talking the set's finale, 3-1. Joey Cantillo (4-1) got the win and Hunter Gaddis notched his first Save. Newcomer, C Patrick Bailey hit his first HR as a Guardian.



DeLauter

The club has traveled to Philadelphia for an Away series and will return to The Land to face Washington in a Home series beginning on Memorial Day.

After pummeling Pistons, Cavs knocked by Knicks

By KARL BRYANT

What a difference two days makes. Everyone was singing the Cavs praises as they pummeled the Pistons, 125-94, in a decisive Game 7 of their Eastern Conference Semifinal match-up. Two days later, the Cavs were riding a 22-point 4th Quarter lead in the opening game of the Conference Finals, when they simply ran out of gas. They got tied by the end of regulation, and then were knocked by the Knicks, who overwhelmed them in a disastrous overtime loss, 115-104.

Back in that Conference Semifinals Game 7, which seems like eons ago, the Cavs answered a 21-point beatdown that occurred two days before in The Land in Game 6, by returning the favor and then some, by beating the Pistons in the Motor City, by 31 points, 125-94. James Harden had led the Cavs in Game 6 with 23 points. Cade Cunningham led Detroit with 21. Cavs Coach Kenny Atkinson quickly held a post-game Press Conference, optly noting, "They (Detroit) were the more aggressive team,"

and scurried out to review the debacle on tape.

In Game 7, Coach Atkinson made sure it was the Cavs who were showing "more physicality and aggressiveness." CLE led by nine at the end of 1, and padded that lead in every subsequent period of the 31-point blowout. The destruction was complete. At the end of the night, all the loud cheering in Detroit was coming from the many Cavs fans in attendance. Besides those that made the trip on their own, Owner Dan Gilbert, a Detroit area native, hired 25 busses to transport CLE fans to the Motor City for the game.

Four Cavs broke 20 points in the game: Mitchell led with 26; Sam Merrill and Jarrett Allen both hit 23; and Evan Mobley cored 21 to go with a dozen rebounds. Daniss Jenkins led Detroit with just 17 points.

After the close-out win over the Pistons, the Cavs boarded a flight to the Big Apple, where they would play in less than 48 hours. In that Conference Finals Game 1 in NY, the Cavs ran out to a lead over the well-rested, and perhaps,

momentarily rusty Knicks, who'd last played nine days before, because they quickly had swept the 76ers. But, the Cavs then completely ran out of gas. They actually led by 22 POINTS - 93-71 - with 7:49 to play and let it all fritter away! The Knicks got their sea legs, started hitting treys, successfully drove to the paint, and simply poured it on the rest of the way.

Specifically targeting Harden (who had 15 points) on Defense, the Knicks put on an epic comeback tied the game, 101-101, at the end of regulation. The Cavs didn't call timeouts to try to stem the tide or to make defensive adjustments until it was too late. Former Browns Coach Eric Mangini famously was known to go into the lockerroom at Halftime with wasted timeouts in his pocket. Fans at CLE Watch Parties were howling for Coach Atkinson to use a timeout, but to no avail. Jalen Brunson and Co. brought NY all the way back.

Once OT began, the Cavs goose was cooked. Any energy they had left from over the last hectic 48 hours had been completely

spent. Over the final 13 minutes of the game - from the mark of their 22-point lead up until the end of OT - the Cavs scored exactly 11 points. The Knicks scored 44 points. For the game, Mitchell led CLE with 29 points, Mobley pulled down 14 rebounds to go with 15 points. Brunson, NYC's Man of the Hour, scored 38 points. Karl-Anthony Towns had a Baker's Dozen (13) both in points and rebounds.

At Press Time, the Cavs had a less heartbreaking showing in Game 2 in NY, as they fell behind by four at the Half, by 15 at the end of 3, and briefly put on their own rally in the final stanza, before ultimately losing, 109-93.

The Cavs Mitchell and the Knicks Josh Hart tied for game-high honors with 26 points apiece. CLE's Jarrett Allen had 10 rebounds to go with 13 points. NY's Karl-Anthony Towns pulled down 13 boards to go with 18 points. The Knicks Brunson dished out 14 assists to go with 18 points.

The Cavs return to The Land, where they hope to even things up in Games 3 and 4 of the Eastern Conference Finals, over the Memorial Day Weekend.

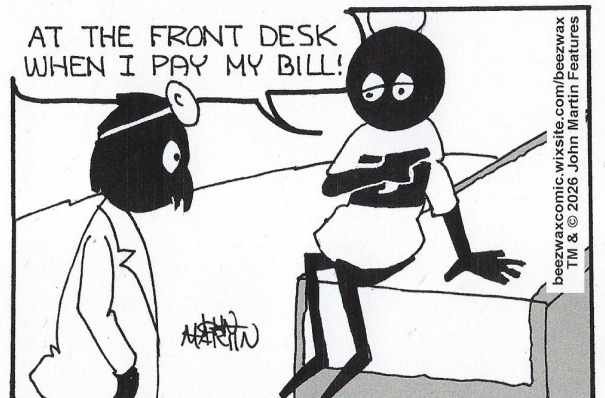
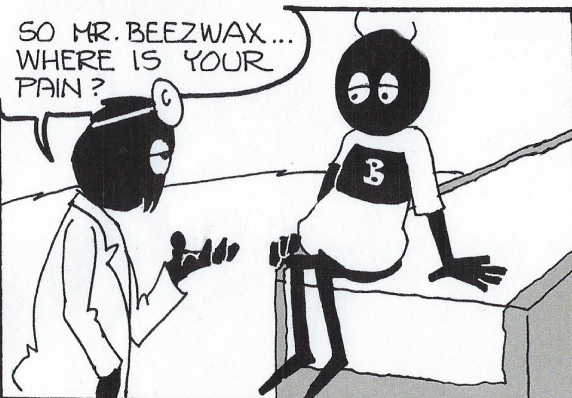


Evan Mobley (4), who scored 18 points, scores over Detroit's Jalen Duren (0) during CLE's 21-point, Game 6 Home loss, 115-94. The Cavs then annihilated the Pistons in Detroit by 31 points, 125-94, to advance to the Eastern Conference Semifinals..(ESDN Photo by Bill Moore, Minority Publishers Assoc.)

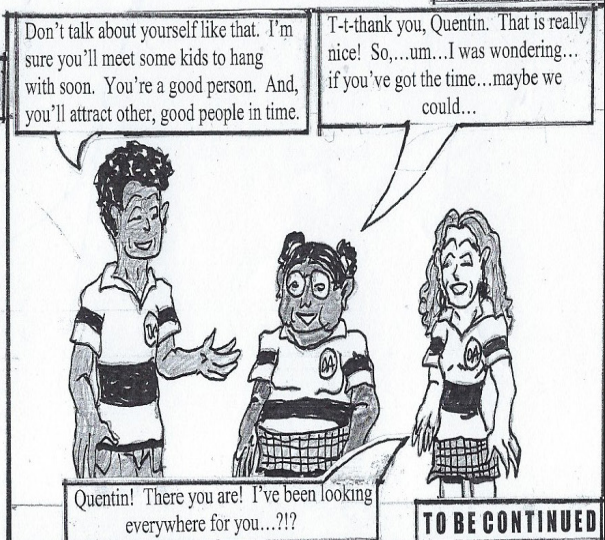
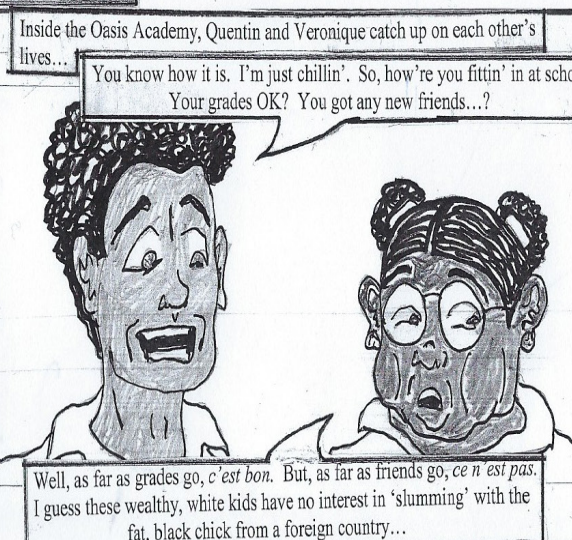


Donovan Mitchell (45), who scored 18 points, drives past the Piston defenders to put up a floater during the Cavs 115-94 loss to Detroit in Game 6 in The Land. The Cavs returned the favor by shellacking the Pistons in Detroit, 125-94, in the decisive Game 7 of the Eastern Conference Semifinals. (ESDN photo by Bill Moore.)

BEEZWAX By John Martin



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Ali Siddiq's 'The Custom Fit Tour' comes to Connor Palace

Ali Siddiq's 'The Custom Fit Tour' comes to Connor Palace on June 5 at 7:00 p.m.

From Houston, TX, Ali developed his unmistakable voice in one of the most unlikely places — behind the walls of incarceration, where storytelling was survival, currency, and community. Comedy Central would later send him back inside a Texas jail to film *It's Bigger Than These Bars* (4M+ views). Today,



Siddiq that same voice has made him

one of the most watched, respected, and consistently viral comedians in the world.

Now, fresh off his 2026 NAACP Image Award nomination for his standup special *Ali Siddiq: My Two Sons*, the only independently produced YouTube special to ever receive a major award nomination, Siddiq will perform brand new material in theaters across the country.

Crowned by *Vulture* as "stand-up comedy's most prolific storyteller," Ali

Siddiq has built a dedicated massive fanbase clamoring to attend his live shows and watch his masterful independently produced and released specials. He premiered his four-part stand-up series *The Domino Effect 1-4* in 2022-2024 which has amassed over 47 million views. The storytelling saga cemented Ali's reputation as a master craftsman of narrative comedy. Each chapter became a cultural event, landing Ali among the top-viewed come-

dians on YouTube year after year. Also during that time, Ali released the special *Don't Judge A Book By Its Cover* (2023) which has amassed 6 million views. In 2025 alone he released 3 more hour standup specials, *My Two Sons* (12M+ views), *Rugged* (7M+ views) and *Mondays* (3M+ views). Deadline included Ali in their list of "Comics Who Won 2025" and *My Two Sons* earned Siddiq a 2026 NAACP Nomination and win.

Karamu House marks leadership milestone

When Tony F. Sias and Aseelah Shareef joined Karamu House more than ten years ago as executive leaders, they took on the responsibility of guiding one of the nation's most historic cultural institutions. Today, the Karamu House Board of Directors is celebrating the results of that leadership: a fully renovated theatre, national recognition, and a vibrant artistic home that is stronger than it has been in decades.

As part of the organization's next chapter, Sias will step into the role of Artistic

Director, returning to the creative work that has long been at the heart of his career. Aseelah Shareef will serve as Interim President and CEO while the Board conducts a national search for the organization's next chief executive. In addition to her leadership experience, Shareef brings a deep background as a performer, educator, and cultural arts leader, ensuring steady guidance for Karamu House during this transition.

"Tony has been a transformational leader, restoring Karamu House to national position of strength, said Board of Directors Co-Chair Mi-



Karamu House, the nation's oldest Black producing theatre, was founded more than a century ago on the principles of improving conditions for the community. Established within the settlement house model, the Playhouse Settlement (precursor of Karamu House) invited all to commune in and through the arts.

chael Jeans. "We've completed all phases of

our renovation," Jeans said. "We've upgraded our facilities, added amenities and improved our accessibility for all. We're primed to embrace the future — at a time when audiences across the nation are consuming theater with a dynamism and enthusiasm we have not seen in years. We've made it a mission at Karamu House to preserve the past and empower the future."

The Board's search committee has begun work, including retaining an outside consultant to help lead the national search to identify a strategic leader with business acumen and cultural vision to carry Karamu House into its next era.

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Just Jazz

BY NANCY ANN LEE

Coleman Hawkins

Mention tenor saxophone stylists today and Coleman Hawkins is the first name that comes up. He was a pioneer whose full-bodied warm tones and buoyant rhythmic jazz have inspired countless jazz musicians since the 1930's.

Hawkins was born in St. Joseph, Mo. in 1904. His music studies began on piano, cello and, by age nine, tenor.

He gained fame as a soloist for his first recordings with Fletcher Henderson's band in 1923. He left the band in 1934 to perform and record in Europe with Benny Carter, Django Reinhardt and others. In 1939, he returned to the U.S., formed a nine piece band (until 1941) which recorded his biggest, "Body & Soul," and, then a nationally recognized artist, he assembled the band for the first bop record session (on Apollo) in 1944.

Hawkins continued to tour internationally and to record with major jazz luminaries until the late 1960s. By then, his health was declining due to heavy drinking. He died on May 19, 1969 of bronchial pneumonia in New York City's Wickersham Hospital.

Hawkins was the most influential person in the evolution of the tenor saxophone, enjoying great artistic and commercial success and the first tenorman to creatively reconstruct ballads. He was considered a legend in his own time and is still admired today for his extraordinary artistry.

Countless recordings he made are still available.

new content to address systemic racism and contribute to the conversation about diversity, equity, inclusion and belonging.

For more information about Karamu House, visit KaramuHouse.org.

Chris' Cinema Trivia & Movie Match Up

By CHRIS APPLING



TRIVIA - (Biographies)

1. In the HBO cable film *The Josephine Baker Story* (1991), actress Lynn Whitfield portrayed the great, American expatriate dancer who fled to Paris, France and became an international sensation and the richest black woman in the '20's and '30's; but who is the veteran, black actor that portrayed a U.S. serviceman that inspires her to return to performing after she experiences great pain and loss?

2. In what musical mini-series do actor Lawrence Hilton Jacobs and actress Angela Bassett portray a '60's, lower-class, black couple from Gary, Indiana who take their five sons (Jackie, Tito, Jermaine, Marlon and Michael) to audition for Motown Record's President Berry Gordy to become the most famous, musical family in history?

3. Who is the light-skinned, green-eyed actress/singer in *The Courage To Love* (2000) that portrayed the story of Henriette Delille: a quadroon in pre-Civil War New Orleans who

rejects the female, Creole tradition of being kept by a wealthy, white man to instead become a Catholic nun and teach slave children to read and write?

4. In *Lincoln* (2012), actress Teresa Randle portrays the young-adult Natalie while Diahann Carroll portrays Cole's mother, but who is the African-American actor who portrayed the singer's legendary father, Nat King Cole?

5. In what film does African-American director Julie Dash have actress Angela Bassett portray the special bus rider who made history by sparking the '60's Civil Rights Movement when she was arrested for refusing to give up her Jim Crow seat for a white passenger?

ANSWERS: 1. Louis Gossett, Jr. 2. 'The Jacksons: An American Dream' (1977) 3. Vanessa L. Williams 4. James McDaniel 5. 'The Rosa Parks Story' (2002)



MOVIE MATCH-UP - (*The Jacksons: An American Dream*)

ACTORS/ACTRESSES:
1. Angela Bassett
2. Lawrence Hilton Jacobs
3. Holly Robinson-Peete
4. Billy Dee Williams
5. Vanessa L. Williams

ROLES:
a) dad, Joe Jackson
b) assistant Suzanne DePasse
c) producer Berry Gordy
d) mom, Katherine Jackson

Da'Round Da Way Rewind Review

Wesley Snipes's Top 11 Films

In the 1970's, the 'blaxploitation' era in American film was a term coined to describe the new influx of inexpensively-made, action movies that featured a black leading character in the main role. Some of the actors/actresses who rose to fame and prominence during this epoch in motion-picture history were Jim Brown, Richard Roundtree, Pam Grier, Ron O'Neal, Jim Kelley, Tamara Dobson and Fred Williamson. But, in the 1980's, the blaxploitation era had run out of steam as the only actor in the action genre was Carl Weathers.

Then, in 1987, the 'King of Pop' Michael Jackson released the video 'Bad' where in the 'story', he portrays an African-American, inner-city college student who returns to visit his ghetto neighborhood after being in boarding school. He runs into a trio of street thugs (led by a then unknown actor named Wesley Snipes), who harass and haze him. In response, Michael tells the gang leader "You ain't bad! You ain't nothin'! You ain't NOTHIN'!" Afterwards, a team of break dancers start to move and groove to the title song.

But, while the character Wesley Snipes played in the video might not have amounted to 'nothin'' like Michael said, in reality, his acting career turned out much different. Wesley Snipes became the most prominent, black action hero in films since the days of the blaxploitation era.

During the decade of the 1990's, Snipes ruled the silver screen and used his athleticism and real-life martial arts knowledge to star in 11 movies that can be said to be his best:

#11 *Demolition Man* (1993)---Action. Starring opposite white action star Sylvester Stallone, Snipes plays a psychotic terrorist who is re-animated after being cryogenically frozen for years and can only be stopped by Stallone's similarly un-frozen police officer.

The film is a waste of both Snipes' and Stallone's talent because it makes the most juvenile of comic book movies look good.

#10 *Blade Trinity* (2004)---Action/Horror. The third film in the Marvel Comics trilogy, the half-vampire/half-human superhero Blade goes against the patriarch of all vampires, Dracula, himself. While the action is decent, the movie is ruined by the constant, incessant joking of one of Blade's new partners after his long-time partner, Abraham Whistler, is killed.

#9 *Mo' Better Blues* (1990)---Drama. Directed by African-American filmmaker Spike Lee, Snipes portrays a secondary character who is a saxophone player in actor Denzel Washington's jazz band. Snipes and Washington come to blows after dating the same woman, but after Washington is assaulted by loan shark enforcers, Snipes and the band rush to aid their leader and 'brotha.'

#8 *Passenger 57* (1992)---Action. Maybe his first, action hero role, Snipes plays an airline security specialist who must find a way to stop a psychotic, white, British terrorist who hijacks a plane and takes its passengers hostage. In the film, Snipes utters his iconic quote to the madman, "You ever play roulette? Always bet on black!"

#7 *Blade II* (2002)---Action/Horror. The sequel to the original, Snipes returns as the hybrid vampire-killer who must join forces with his undead enemies to stop a genetically-engineered, 'super-vampire'. Like the first film, there is no shortage of gore and violence, and that is cool.

#6 *Murder at 1600* (1997)---Thriller/Suspense. In this movie, Snipes is a Washington, D.C. cop who is assigned to investigate the murder of a woman inside the White House. He solves the case by uncovering a plot to remove the President from office. A solid performance from Snipes.

#5 *Drop Zone* (1994)---Action. After his brother is killed by terrorists hijacking a computer-criminal by plane, Snipes' character joins a team of professional skydivers to bring the terrorists to justice. A pulse-pounding, adrenaline rush that never slows down.

#4 *Blade* (1998)---Action/Horror. The first in the trilogy series, Snipes portrays the comic book-based, half-breed vampire slayer who has all their strengths and none of their weaknesses. He fights against the resurrection of a vampire 'blood God' called 'LaMagra'. As the original motion-picture, it set a standard for the series with excessive blood, gore and violence that is directed with action-oriented excellence.

#3 *White Men Can't Jump* (1992)---Comedy. Probably the best comedy of his acting career, Snipes plays a Los Angeles, African-American, basketball hustler who teams up with a white hustler so they can con other players into games against them. A hilarious 'hoop' movie with a stadium load of trash-talking on the courts.

#2 *Jungle Fever* (1991)---Drama. His second film directed by Spike Lee, Snipes stars as an African-American architect whose interracial affair with his white, Italian-American temp secretary causes explosive consequences with their family and friends. A powerful and emotional story that displays racism and the obstacles that mixed-race couples sometimes encounter.

#1 *New Jack City* (1991)---Action/Drama. Directed by African-American filmmaker Mario Van Peebles, Snipes, (in his most iconic role), is Nino Brown: a charismatic but utterly ruthless, crack kingpin who takes over an entire building project to sell and operate his drug business. Like Denzel Washington in *Training Day*, Snipes' Nino Brown is a fascinating monster who you just love to hate.

MENU TIPS

Mimosa cake for mom is anytime treat

Tuscan Women Cook, the unique and popular culinary vacation located in the heart of Tuscany, is bringing a bit of Italy to home kitchens during this time of quarantine. Even though Mother's Day has passed, Tuscan Women Cook is showcasing a light and delicious cake that is a tradition in Italy and will allow you to celebrate Mom all summer long.

In Italy, Festa della Mamma, or Mother's Day, celebrates women's achievement in all aspects of Italian society. On this day, women are recognized by the gifting of mimosa blossoms, a symbol of love and appreciation.

The Mimosa Cake is decorated to look like the bright yellow blossoms of the mimosa flower and is an extremely popular dessert.

The mimosa tree which blooms in March with its bright yellow flowers and refreshing scent, became the symbol of Festa della Mamma and its perfumed branches are given by family and friends to the women in their lives as a gesture of appreciation and love.

Tuscan Women Cook invites you to celebrate the women in your life with this recipe.

Mimosa Cake
Serves 8-10

This recipe requires two cakes, one for the cake and one for the "mimosa" topping. Bake the mimosa topping cake (Cake #1) first.

Ingredients for one cake:

5 eggs
1-3/4 cups flour
1 tablespoon baking powder

1 cup sugar
Mix the eggs with the sugar until incorporated, and then slowly add the flour and the baking powder. Put in a greased 8-inch round pan and bake approximately 30 minutes

at 350 degrees or until a toothpick comes out clean.

Cake #1. Cut into small 1/2-inch cubes that you will use for the topping, resembling a mimosa flower.

After you spread the ingredients on Cake #2, the "petals" will stick.

Cake #2. Invert cake onto a plate. Slice into 2 discs.
Vanilla custard filling:
1-1/4 cup milk
1-1/4 cup heavy cream
1/2 cup flour
1 cup sugar
1/2 tablespoons vanilla
8 egg yolks

In a saucepan, warm milk and heavy cream with the vanilla. Do not boil, just warm.

In another saucepan, on low heat, mix the egg yolks with the flour and the sugar until combined.

On low heat, slowly incorporate the warm milk mixture into the egg mixture. Mix 5-6 minutes, until thickened. Transfer custard to a glass baking dish, cover custard with plastic wrap, and chill in the refrigerator for 30 minutes. Keep covered so as to avoid building a crust on the custard.

Whipped cream filling:
1 cup heavy cream
2-1/2 tablespoon powdered sugar

Mix the heavy cream and the powdered sugar until soft peaks form. Use immediately.

Now build the cake. Take your two cake discs. On disc #1, spread whipped cream to cover. Then cover the whipped cream with custard. On disc #2, use remaining whipped cream and custard to cover the outside of the cake.

Then press the "flowers" from cake #1 all around the cake to create a beautiful mimosa! Arianna from Tuscan Women Cook shows you how to make this delicious Mimosa Cake: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=sP1rXlfpJoQ&t=10s>

Community Enhancement, Bolster Businesses Careers for Low Income Students funds available

Ohio Department of Development announced the release of \$717,640.15 through three state-funded programs that will strengthen communities and support business growth.

One community apiece will benefit from the Abandoned Gas Station Cleanup Grant, the Regional 166 Direct Loan program, and the Roadwork Development (629) Grant programs.

ABANDONED GAS STATION CLEANUP GRANT

The Abandoned Gas Station Cleanup Grant provides funding to assess and clean up former gas and service stations with documented petroleum releases. Local government enti-

ties and land banks who own an eligible property or who have an agreement with the landowner may apply.

The Jackson Township Trustees will receive \$211,640.15 for a project at the former Maynard and Son in Ashland (Ashland County). The funding will be used for ground water sampling and a slug test from three selected monitoring wells, derivation of site-specific target levels, and completion of the Tier 2 Report and VAP Documentation Letter. The final phase would be to complete monitoring well abandonment. The planned reuse will serve to activate the property and provide an amenity serving the communi-

ty and those traveling through.

For more information about how to apply and find out if a project is eligible, go to the Abandoned Gas Station Cleanup Grant page.

REGIONAL 166 DIRECT LOAN

The Regional 166 Direct Loan Program promotes economic development, job creation, and retention by providing low-interest loans to businesses with limited access to adequate capital from private funding sources.

Pyramid Holdings III, LLC will receive \$156,000 to assist in purchasing an industrial warehouse located at 83 South Thomas Road in Tallmadge (Summit

County). Pyramid Holdings III, LLC is a real estate holding company formed to hold the property real estate and lease to Pyramid Rebuild and Machine, LLC, a machine tool repair, rebuild and modernization servicer supporting industrial manufacturers. The project, which has a total cost of \$390,000, will create six new full-time equivalent jobs and retain 17 existing jobs.

For more information about how to apply and find out if a project is eligible, go to the Regional 166 Direct Loan Program page.

ROADWORK DEVELOPMENT GRANT

The Roadwork Development Grant

(629) Program provides funding to local jurisdictions with an economic development project to assist with eligible public roadwork improvements. It also helps employers in creating or preserving employment opportunities.

The CASTLO Community Improvement Corporation will receive \$350,000 in the city of Struthers (Mahoning County) to support the Industrial Park Road project.

The roadwork will consist of the reconstruction and widening of approximately 4,000 linear feet of roadway within the CASTLO Industrial Park, beginning at Bob Cene Way and continuing to the south-

east and north. The roadwork will accommodate the development of the Lindy Paving facility and an associated 500 percent increase in heavy truck traffic. The project, which has a total cost of \$537,440, will create 60 jobs.

For more information about how to apply and to find out if a project is eligible, visit the Roadwork Development Grant (629) program website.

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Voting rights activists march on the famous Edmund Pettus Bridge

Over 60 years ago, on the March 1965 day dubbed "Bloody Sunday," the Edmund Pettus Bridge in Selma, Alabama, was filled with a crescendo of shouts, of bludgeoning batons.

Steady footsteps changed from an organized march into chaos as civil rights protesters fled the attacks of police.

But on May 16, 2026, the packed bridge was briefly enveloped in a heavy silence amid a different kind of protest. Pastors with graying beards held their heads high. An older couple dressed in their church best - a blue velvet dress and a sharp black suit - held hands, and the woman dabbed at her eyes with a crumpled, mascara-soaked tissue.

The event was part of a protest planned by voting rights advocates, faith leaders and activists from across the nation - the "All Roads Lead to the South" National Day of Action. They hope the protests, including another notable event in Montgomery, Alabama, will be a galvanizing moment as Republican-led southern states rush to draw congressional district boundaries ahead of the midterm elections.

"This is a sad testimony to the state of the United States of America," said Rosemary McCoy, a protester who came from Jacksonville, Florida, over six hours away from Selma by car. "If I came here for a different cause, just touring the city, it would probably feel different. ... But right now, it's sad. This is a sad moment."

Alabama, Louisiana, Georgia and Tennessee have either redrawn congressional district boundaries or are considering new ones after the U.S. Supreme Court's April 29 decision, which weakens a key section of the Voting Rights Act. Early voting is already underway in some of the states, including Alabama.

"They've woken up a sleeping giant," state Sen. Merika Coleman, a Democrat, told USA TODAY. "People who might have thought politics didn't impact them now are saying, 'Hey, wait, wait, wait, they're trying to take away my voice.'"

Voting rights protests planned in AL. What is 'All Roads Lead to the South'?

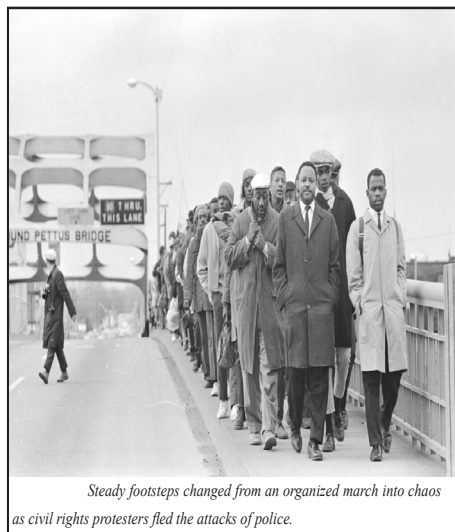
Supporters of the court's decision say it backs a "colorblind" approach to the Constitution that often views consideration of race as discriminatory. They also point out that Democrats used the same section of the act to carve out Democratic seats in Republican areas.

"I will continue to say: Alabama knows our state, our people and our districts best. The United States Supreme Court's decision is plain common sense and enables our values to be best represented in Congress," Republican Gov. Kay Ivey said in a May 12 statement.

In mid-May, Alabama's majority Republican legislature moved to revert to its 2023 maps. Those maps were previously struck down by a lower court, which ruled they likely violated the act by diluting the voting strength of Black Alabamians.



People bow in prayer at Tabernacle Baptist Church during the National Day of Action for Voting Rights - All Roads Lead to the South event held in Selma, Alabama on Saturday May 16, 2026.



Steady footsteps changed from an organized march into chaos as civil rights protesters fled the attacks of police.

The lower court still must rule whether the 2023 maps can take effect. Plaintiffs believe the original ruling will stand because of the intentional discrimination finding. If that happens, the results of the primary in the congressional districts will stand, but a ruling is unlikely until after the primary election.

The legislature decided to still hold the state's May 19 primary. It will void the results in four congressional districts, the 1st, 2nd, 6th and 7th districts. Then, the state will hold a special primary election on Aug. 11.

Coleman said she no longer has to wonder what she would have done during the Civil Rights Movement.

"We are in our own movement right now," she said. "And no one can afford to sit on the sidelines. We need the whole coalition."

Protesters also planned an event at the Alabama State Capitol in Montgomery. National protest groups, including those organizing the No Kings rallies, are participating. They organized more than 30 similar events across the country.

"We have faced these challenges before, and we know our power. Alabama has always been sacred ground in the fight for freedom, and this moment demands that we rise together once again," Cliff Albright and LaTosha Brown, co-founders of Black Voters Matter Fund, said in a statement.

Section Two of the Voting Rights Act was written to prevent diminishing the voting power of racial minorities by packing them into one district or spreading them out across many districts. Black representation in the U.S. House rose rapidly after the act became law in 1965.

The court's ruling also applies to state legislatures, county commissions, city councils and local school boards.

Critics say the decision will dilute the voting and governing power of Black and other minority citizens up and down the ballot, especially in the South. On May 13, leaders of the Congressional Black Caucus told NBC News they fear they could lose as much as a third of their members as southern states redraw boundaries.

The priority now needs to be educating Alabama voters about the double primary and making sure they turn out for both and vote for other seats up and down ballot, including statewide offices, judicial seats, the legislature and county positions, said Annesha Hardy, executive director of Alabama Values and Alabama Values Progress.

"The message on the ground is to go vote in droves. Even if they divide you, crack you, pack you, we need to still turn out," said Hardy, who's group is focused on voter mobilization and education.

Rather than holding a mass rally, the Saturday before primary day could be better spent phone banking, canvassing and educating voters about what's happened, Hardy added.

Organizing across the South this summer and beyond will look a lot like it did in the 1960s, she said, with a focus on voter education, door-knocking, town halls and "making sure that the noise doesn't stop when the protests and rallies and all this stuff dies down."

The rust on the bridge's white ironwork, the art deco flourishes on downtown's buildings, the flow of the Alabama River below the bridge -



People take part in a prayer march over the Edmund Pettus Bridge during the National Day of Action for Voting Rights - All Roads Lead to the South event held in Selma, Alabama on Saturday, May 16, 2026.



Supporters line the street as pastors do a prayer walk to the Edmund Pettus Bridge during the National Day of Action for Voting Rights - All Roads Lead to the South event held in Selma, Alabama on Saturday, May 16, 2026.



Over 60 years ago, on the March 1965 day dubbed "Bloody Sunday," the Edmund Pettus Bridge in Selma, Alabama, was filled with a crescendo of shouts, of bludgeoning batons.

they haven't changed since the 1960s. The marchers say the fight for civil rights hasn't changed, either.

"It's sad, because I'm here to fight the same fight [as the Civil Rights Movement]," said McCoy. "And they want people to believe that we are so divided. But the truth of the matter is, we're not. And we're going to stand together and we're going to defeat this regime."

Edmund Pettus Bridge, bridge crossing the Alabama River in Selma, Alabama, that was the site of what became known as "Bloody Sunday," a landmark event in the history of the American civil rights movement. On that day, March 7, 1965, white law-enforcement officers violently dispersed protesters, the vast majority of whom were African American, as they crossed the bridge during the first attempt to initiate the Selma March.

Beginning in 1963, the Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee (SNCC) focused efforts to register Black voters in Dallas county, Alabama, on the county seat, Selma. Those efforts intensified with the passage of the Civil Rights Act

in 1964 and were greeted by increasingly violent resistance from local law enforcement, which had jailed at least 2,000 voting-rights demonstrators by February 1965. Responding to a request for help from the Dallas County Voters League, the Southern Christian Leadership Conference and Martin Luther King, Jr., became involved in the local voting-rights campaign.

Following the fatal shooting of a young African American demonstrator by a state trooper on February 18, 1965, near Selma, civil rights leaders called for a march from Selma to the state capital, Montgomery, to raise awareness of the injustice of the young man's death and to call attention to ongoing violence by law-enforcement officers and violations of the civil rights of Black Americans. The march was scheduled to begin in Selma on Sunday March 7. King, who had initially sought to reschedule the start of the action, was preaching in Atlanta that day and planned to join the march later. One day earlier, Alabama's segregationist governor, George C. Wallace, had forbidden the march and commanded state troopers to "take whatever means necessary" to prevent it.

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Gun rights groups see 'golden age' under Trump administration

The president, his allies and Justice Department leaders say they're the most pro-gun presidency in modern American history. Many in the gun industry tend to agree with them.

John Commerford, executive director of the National Rifle Association's Institute for Legislative Action, said that the organization views it as the "golden age of the Second Amendment" under Trump.

Commerford spoke to NPR after several recent actions on gun rules taken by the Justice Department.

Just four days after the gunman attack at the White House Correspondents Dinner, acting Attorney General Todd Blanche announced a series of changes to repeal or alter existing firearms regulations. He was joined by Robert Cekada, newly confirmed as head of the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives.

An attendee at a gun rights rally open-carries his gun in a holster that reads "We the People," from the Preamble to the U.S. Constitution, in this 2019 photo at the Capitol in Olympia, Wash.

The Trump DOJ is giving guns back to felons, including one alleged fake elector "The Second Amendment will never be treated as a second-class right in the Trump administration," Blanche said during the roll out. "The Second Amendment is not negotiable."

The two were flanked by a host of representatives from the gun industry, including from the NRA and Gun Owners of America.

Cekada and Blanche said the new regulations would ease burdens for the firearms industry and lawful gun owners.

The 34 proposed changes — published recently in the Federal Register — seem largely focused on reducing paperwork or formalizing the end to rules that have already been effectively blocked by courts.

Yet they mark the clearest sign yet that the administration is using powers within the DOJ to align itself, and federal regulations, with the wishes of the gun rights movement.

The DOJ's civil rights division is investigating gun rights violations

"ATF's mission is to protect public safety and enforce the law — and these reforms reflect our commitment to doing that through regulations that are clear, legally sound, and narrowly tailored to that purpose," Cekada said.

The federal government generally only sets the floor for firearm use and transactions, regulating issues such as background checks, barring most felons from having guns, and establishing rules for dealer licenses. That means most rules that affect individuals' ability to carry guns in public, for example, are set by individual states.

But the Trump administration recently has also started to pursue lawsuits against states that set heavier restrictions on firearms.

Virginia Gov. Abigail Spanberger recently signed a bill banning the sale of assault weapons, alongside a package of other gun safety laws — to which Assistant Attorney General Harmett Dhillon said, "see you in court."

And earlier this month, DOJ, via Dhillon's Second Amendment Enforcement Task Force, sued Colorado, alleging that the state unconstitutionally bans larger-capacity magazines for rifles. The day before, the DOJ sued Denver over its assault weapons ban.

Gun control advocates worry about those lawsuits and the recent changes to federal regulations.

Of particular concern are the rules that unravel



A detailed view of a hat that reads, God Guns and Trump is seen at a campaign event for U.S. Rep. Julia Letlow, a Republican from Louisiana, at Bourne's Restaurant on May 6, 2026 in Franklinton, La. Gun rights groups see 'golden age' under the Trump administration's second term.



Robert Cekada, the newly-confirmed director of the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives, at his Senate Judiciary Committee confirmation hearing on Feb. 4, 2026 in Washington, DC.

Biden-era regulations like the restriction on pistol-stabilizing braces. This accessory attaches to the end of a pistol, making shooting more accurate and allowing users to fire the gun like a rifle. In 2021, a gunman used the accessory to kill 10 people at a King Soopers grocery store in Boulder, Colo. The rule went into effect in 2023, requiring owners of these braces to destroy them or register their braced guns with the ATF. This, too, was previously blocked by the courts.

"There's no public safety argument that can possibly be made for why you would want to eliminate the regulation of stabilizing braces. Because literally, if you buy that product and put it on a pistol, it becomes a short-barreled rifle. And the purpose of that is mass killing," said Kris Brown, president of Brady, a non-profit gun control advocacy group.

About 7 million kids live in a home with a loaded and unlocked gun, a study finds "You cannot be tough on crime and support the deregulation of stabilizing braces. Full stop. And that's really an analogy for the rest of [the regulations] we see here."

In a preemptive response to criticism, Cekada said during the press conference: "I've been a law enforcement officer for over 34 years. I would never let the public be at risk based on the regulations that we are proposing today."

The administration's actions add to a slate of gun-friendly policies out of Congress and the courts.

"We're winning on all fronts," said Aidan Johnston, director of federal affairs for the Gun Owners of America.

The Trump DOJ is giving guns back to felons, including one alleged fake elector

He ticked off examples such as the Supreme Court's 2022 decision in the New York State Rifle & Pistol Association v. Bruen. It overturned New York State's strict limits on who could carry a gun outside their home, setting off a wave of challenges to similar state restrictions.

Then Congress passed the One Big Beautiful Bill Act last year on a Republican-only vote, which eliminated an old \$200 National Firearms Act tax for silencers, short-barreled rifles and other weapons. The tax was meant to serve as a financial deterrent on these highly lethal weapons when it was established in 1934. (The cost of the levy had not changed since it was established.)

"Then, you have the administration purporting to be the most pro-Second Amendment in U.S. history. So I think we've got all three branches of government right now where we're progressing," Johnston

Supreme Court wrestles with gun rights, marijuana, and the right to own a gun

He points to the fact that since the pandemic, the number of gun owners has risen and there's a growing number of women and people of color buying firearms.

"I really think that the Democratic Party has kind of fallen behind on where their base is, too, on these issues," he said.

There's data that backs up both Spitzer and Johnston's views. A survey from Gallup after the 2024 election showed that a majority (56%) of Americans supported stricter laws covering the sale of firearms and a slim majority (52%) supported a ban on assault weapons. But support for a ban on handguns dropped to a near-record low.

Emma Brown, the executive director of Giffords, a legal and advocacy group working to prevent gun violence, shared Rep. Thompson's sentiments but acknowledged, "There's not enough urgency from our leaders. There's not enough action from our federal elected officials in particular" to get those laws passed at a federal level.

Giffords is led by former Rep. Gabrielle Giffords,

said. The administration's deregulatory push comes as deaths from firearms continue to be a major cause of death in the U.S., and the leading cause of death for those who are 1 to 19. Around 44,000 people — adults and children — died of gun-related injuries in the U.S. in 2024, according to the Pew Research Center, which analyzed the latest available figures from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). While the overall number of gun deaths, — most of which were suicides — fell for the third consecutive year, it was still among the highest annual total on record, according to Pew.

Nearly every week has its own example of a mass shooting in the U.S. Recently, a man with a history of violence fired 50 to 60 rounds from an assault-style rifle into cars and on pedestrians, in Cambridge, Mass., an area with some of the most restrictive gun laws in the nation. Two people were critically injured, according to WBUR.

And last month, a father in Shreveport, La., allegedly killed eight children, including seven of his own, and shot and injured two women.

But those incidents did not ignite the usual calls for changes to American gun laws that usually follow such violent attacks.

Congress last passed major gun legislation in 2022 with the Bipartisan Safer Communities Act, considered to be the most sweeping legislation on firearms in decades. The ATF is now working to unravel some of those changes.

Rep. Mike Thompson, D-Calif., chair of the House Gun Violence Prevention Task Force, said in a statement that Democrats would continue pushing for "universal background checks, safe storage, and red flag laws," which he said "have overwhelming support from Americans on both sides of the aisle and will remain a top priority once we take back the majority."

But with Congress as contentious and narrowly split as it is, "There is no expectation that we will see any new gun laws anytime soon," said Robert Spitzer, a distinguished service professor emeritus of political science at SUNY Cortland and an expert on gun policy.

"We are very much at a crossroads with respect to gun policy in America," Spitzer said, adding that that comes despite public support for most proposed gun restrictions.

From the other side, Johnston, with Gun Owners of America, said he's seen a shift among Americans' views on gun control that make it less of a "winning issue" in elections.

who herself suffered a severe brain injury from a shooting.

However, Brown said the organization has seen "tremendous progress" at the state level over the last decade on getting gun control laws passed in blue states.

"It's not a mystery why there is such a gap between public opinion and public policy on this issue. It's the influence of the gun industry," Brown said.

Trump's history with the gun industry goes back to his first run for the White House. The NRA was the first significant interest group to endorse him in 2016 and endorsed him again in 2024, Spitzer said.

The Trump administration attempted to ban bump stocks during his first term after a gunman killed 60 people and injured 400 at a Las Vegas concert, setting off public outcry over use of an attachment that allowed him to shoot a semiautomatic rifle almost as fast as a machine gun.

But since Trump's return to the White House, the tone has shifted, with Trump in an executive order calling for a review of all Biden-era firearms regulations and policies and elimination of "all infringements on Americans' Second Amendment rights."

Republicans call off vote on Iran war resolution

Republicans struggled Thursday to find the votes to dismiss legislation that would compel President Donald Trump to withdraw from the war with Iran, delaying planned votes on the matter into June.

The House had scheduled a vote on a war powers resolution, brought by Democrats, that would rein in Trump's military campaign. But as it became clear that Republicans would not have the numbers to defeat the bill, GOP leaders declined to hold a vote on it. It was the latest sign of the slipping support in Congress for a war that Trump launched more than two months ago without congressional approval.

Trump says Gulf allies urged him not to launch renewed attacks on Iran

"We had the votes without question and they knew it, and as a result they're playing a political game," said Democratic Rep. Gregory Meeks, who sponsored the bill.

Republicans in the Senate are also working to ensure they have the votes to dismiss another war powers resolution that advanced to a final vote earlier this week, when four GOP senators supported the resolution and three others were absent from the vote.

The actions by congressional leaders showed Republicans are struggling to maintain political backing for Trump's handling of the war. Rank-and-file Republicans are increasingly willing to defy the president over the conflict.

House Republican Leader Steve Scalise told reporters that the vote was delayed to give lawmakers who were absent a chance to vote. House Speaker Mike Johnson did not answer questions from reporters as he exited the House chamber.

On Capitol Hill, patience with the war has worn thin as the stalemate in the Strait of Hormuz disrupts global shipping and elevates gas prices in the U.S. Another House war powers resolution nearly passed last week, falling on a tie vote as three Republicans voted in favor.

Trump and Vance share conflicting signals on the state of the war with Iran

Meeks, the top Democrat on the House Foreign Affairs Committee, said he had the votes "locked in" this time around.

"People are beginning to finally listen to the

American people who don't support the war in Iran, and I think there's a growing number of Republicans who see how devastating the war has been for our country," said Democratic Rep. Adam Smith of Washington state.

The lone Democrat who voted against the war powers resolution last week, Rep. Jared Golden of Maine, has said he will vote in favor of the legislation next time.

In a joint statement, House Democratic leader Hakeem Jeffries and other caucus leaders said Republicans were "cowardly" to pull the vote.

"Even as we prepare to recognize our nation's fallen heroes on Memorial Day, House Republicans refuse to show up and be accountable to the brave service members that have been recklessly put in harm's way," they added.

Republicans have been broadly supportive of Trump's efforts to destroy Iran's nuclear capabilities, but some are now saying the president's legal timeline to wage a war without congressional approval has expired. Under

Drive slower, go electric, don't drive at all?

The national average for a gallon of gasoline is \$4.55, according to AAA; that's a four-year high, unwelcome news for drivers as the U.S. heads into one of the busiest travel weekends of the year.

AAA estimates a record 45 million Americans will travel this weekend, despite high prices for gasoline, diesel and jet fuel.

Gasoline prices have been elevated since the start of the war in Iran, and there's no sign of relief on the horizon. High prices are angering voters and straining household budgets.

In California, which has the highest gasoline prices in the nation, Gov. Gavin Newsom is openly feuding with the oil giant Chevron, discouraging Californians from filling up at its stations.

Chevron and the state have been in a tense relationship for years; Chevron moved its headquarters out of California in 2024 after complaining about state and local regulations, and is currently buying oil shipped through an offshore pipeline that California has attempted to keep shut down. In the latest salvos, Chevron has posted placards at

Speaking on the podcast "Gun Talk" while at the NRA convention earlier this year, Blanche described the administration as uniquely committed to the firearms industry and Second Amendment advocacy.

Blanche also noted his personal ties to the firearms industry, including that his wife's family owns Check-Mate Industries, a longtime manufacturer of firearm magazines.

He said the administration's goal is not simply to reverse Biden-era policies temporarily, — but to build legal and regulatory changes that are more difficult for future administrations to unwind.

"We're not gonna take two steps forward," Blanche said on the podcast. "We're gonna go forward a mile."

The administration hired longtime Second Amendment scholar Robert Leider as ATF general counsel and tasked him with reviewing federal gun regulations. Blanche called Leider "a genius" on gun issues and said the administration instructed him to "rework every single regulation consistent with this president's directive."

The Justice Department's latest batch of regulatory changes looks like it's also

headed to a judicial showdown, sparking calls for lawsuits from both those who embrace gun ownership and those calling for gun control.

Johnston, with Gun Owners of America, praised some items in the regulatory package but argued several proposed changes do not go far enough.

"This is not some sort of radical revision to federal firearms laws that's going to make gun owners' lives easier all the time and every day," said Johnston. "I don't see anything close to that in these 34 rules as far as big, huge Second Amendment wins."

He said the organization plans to sue over other changes, including a change to how long firearm records must be kept.

The Biden administration sought to keep these records, including the personally identifying information of gun owners and their guns, indefinitely. The Trump ATF is proposing keeping the records for 30 years or so.

The Gun Owners of America says the whole registry, as they see it, as illegal and posing privacy concerns.

On the other side, gun control organizations including Giffords and Brady told

NPR they are also prepared to challenge portions of the final ATF rules in court that they view as dangerous to public safety.

"Our mission is to free America from gun violence. These regulations go absolutely in the wrong direction," said Brown, president of Brady.

Spitzer said it's hard to know right now how these challenges will be decided.

He said, "You've got very conservative justices at the Supreme Court that have viewed gun laws with great suspicion. But also a court that has ruled that administrative rule-making has gone too far."

He pointed to the Supreme Court's 2024 decision striking down the Trump administration's bump stock ban — not on Second Amendment grounds, but because the court found the ATF exceeded its authority when it banned the devices.

For their part, administration officials said they're prepared for the legal fight.

"We're gonna get sued the day after we release these regs," Blanche said on the "Gun Talk" podcast. "We don't care. That's what we expect." In today's gun rights cases, historians are in hot demand.

Sen. Thom Tillis, a

Republican who has so far voted against the war powers resolutions, expressed frustration with the Trump administration's stance, especially from Defense Secretary Pete Hegseth.

"The current status quo, Pete Hegseth demonstrates how incompetent he is," Tillis told reporters, adding that he would be willing to vote for an authorization for use of military force.

Earlier this week, Democratic senators rallied outside the Capitol Wednesday alongside VoteVets, a left-leaning veterans' advocacy group. They placed signs on the Capitol lawn noting that the nationwide average price of gasoline had risen to \$4.53.

Sen. Tammy Duckworth, an Illinois Democrat who served in the Iraq War with the Air National Guard, argued that the Iran war has amounted to a strategic blunder for Trump.

"Trump started a war, and he's made things worse than before," Duckworth said, pointing to Iran's new leadership and the country's willingness to put a chokehold on com-

mercial shipping through the Strait of Hormuz.

Republican leaders praised Trump for taking what they said was bold action to directly confront Iran, a nation that has been a U.S. adversary for decades.

"I'm an American. I don't believe in getting hit and walking away and pretending as though it didn't happen," said Rep. Brian Mast, the Republican chair of the House Foreign Affairs Committee.

For Congress, the growing momentum to pass a war powers resolution could eventually lead to a legal showdown over who has the final authority over military conflicts.

The legislation before the House is a concurrent resolution that lawmakers said would take effect without Trump's signature if it passed both chambers of Congress.

But Trump has also argued that the 1973 law — passed by Congress during the Vietnam War era in an attempt to take back its power over foreign conflicts — is unconstitutional.

deadline But the data on sales isn't so clear-cut. New-EV sales are still depressed following the abrupt end of a \$7,500 federal consumer tax credit last fall. It's also tax refund season, which can push up car sales of all types, compared with the previous month. CarGurus reports that used-EV sales did seem to accelerate in the month of March, and Cox Automotive reports strong prices for used EVs at wholesale auction, noting that rising gas prices "may have positively influenced demand." On the other hand, data from the sites iSeeCars.com showed no appreciable shift in used-EV sales.

It's not surprising to see a rise in shoppers' interest before a rise in actual sales, especially for a purchase as significant as a vehicle. "What consumers are viewing on the site tends to be an earlier indicator than sales," says Kevin Roberts, the director of economic and market intelligence with CarGurus.

But analysts note that high gasoline prices do motivate shoppers to select for more fuel-efficient or entirely electric vehicles — if prices stay elevated for a long time.

