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Hurricane season 2025: What to know, how to prepareWhat does each hurricane category mean? A guide to the 2025 hurricane season in Florida.A disorganized weather area in the Atlantic has a low chance of development.Forecasters are tracking two other tropical waves in the Caribbean.Florida is experiencing a heat advisory with high heat index values.An area of disorganized weather in the Atlantic was moving northward July 20, but the chances it will develop are low, as the National Hurricane Center tracks the Atlantic basinConditions aren't expected to be favorable for the stormy area to develop into something more organized, forecasters said in their Tropical Weather Outlook.There were two other tropical waves in the Caribbean being tracked by forecasters on July 20.➤Florida flips from watching tropics to trying to stay cool. Heat advisory issued➤ Weather alerts via text: Sign up to get updates about current storms and weather events by locationThe weather forecast for Florida on Sunday is shaping up much the same as it did Saturday. If you're outdoors you need to protect yourself from the blazing heat. A difference is that the dangerous heat index forecast now extends farther west in the Florida Panhandle, all the way through Pensacola and beyond.A heat advisory has been issued from the Florida Panhandle down through Central Florida. Central Florida is under an major heat risk. Heat indices are expected to climb to 110 degrees in many areas this weekend.The next named storm of the 2025 Atlantic hurricane season will be Dexter.Historically, the fourth named storm of the Atlantic hurricane season arrives Aug. 15. The last two named storms of the season — Barry and Chantal — developed earlier than normal.Here's the latest advisory from the National Hurricane Center as of 8 a.m. July 20: A tropical wave is located about 1000 miles east-southeast of the Lesser AntillesEnvironmental conditions appear only marginally conducive for development during the next day or so as the system moves northwestward around 10 mph. By the middle of the week, environmental conditions are forecast to become unfavorable for further development.Formation chance through 48 hours: Low, 10 percentFormation chance through 7 days: Low, 10 percentThe hatched areas on the National Hurricane Center's tropical outlook map indicate "areas where a tropical cyclone — which could be a tropical depression, tropical storm or hurricane — could develop," said National Hurricane Center Deputy Director Jamie Rhome.The colors make it visibly clear how likely a system could develop, with yellow being low, orange medium, and red high.The National Hurricane Center generally doesn't issue tropical advisories until there is a named storm, but there is an exception."If a system is near land and there is potential for development, the National Hurricane Center won't wait before it issues advisories, even if the system hasn't become an actual storm. This gives residents time to prepare," Rhome said.Pensacola, western Panhandle: Sunny, with a high near 91. Heat index values as high as 105. Southwest wind 5 to 10 mph.Tallahassee, central Panhandle: Sunny and hot, with a high near 98. Heat index values as high as 107. Calm wind becoming west around 5 mph in the afternoon.Jacksonville, North/Northeast Florida: A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms after 3pm. Sunny and hot, with a high near 97. Heat index values as high as 109. West wind 6 to 8 mph.Daytona Beach to Stuart, East/Central Florida: A 10 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms after 5 p.m. Sunny, with a high near 94. Heat index values as high as 107. Calm wind becoming east around 5 mph in the afternoon.West Palm Beach to Naples, South/Southwest Florida: Sunny, with a high near 86. East wind 6 to 10 mph.Fort Myers to Sarasota, West/Southwest Florida: A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms after 2 p.m. Sunny, with a high near 93. Heat index values as high as 109. East wind 5 to 10 mph becoming west in the afternoon.➤ How to set up emergency cellphone notifications for flash flood warnings and safety tips➤ Excessive rainfall forecastThe National Hurricane Center is tracking a tropical disturbance and a tropical wave.Tropical wave: A new far eastern Atlantic tropical wave was introduced 23W from 06 to 17N.Tropical disturbance: A central Atlantic tropical wave is along 40W, from 05N to 17N, moving westward at 12 to 16 mph.AccuWeather said there's also a potential for tropical development off the central coast of the U.S. July 22-25.An average Atlantic hurricane season has 14 named storms, seven hurricanes, and three major hurricanes.Here's when this year's named storms have developed, compared to historical averages:Tropical Storm Andrea: formed June 24. Average start date: June 20Tropical Storm Barry: formed June 29. Average start date: July 17Tropical Storm Chantal: formed July 5. Average start date: Aug. 3.Next up, Dexter: Average state date: Aug. 15, with the average first hurricane forming Aug. 11. What are the names for the 2025 Atlantic hurricane season.See names for 2025 Atlantic hurricane season, from Andrea to Wendy. Is your name on the list?Here are the names for the 2025 Atlantic hurricane season, along with how to pronounce them:Andrea (June 24)Barry (June 29)Chantal (July 5)Dexter: DEHK-sterErin: AIR-rinFernand: fair-NAHNGabrielle: ga-bree-ELLHumberto: oom-BAIR-tohImelda: ee-MEHL-dahJerry: JEHR-eeKaren: KAIR-renLorenzo: loh-REN-zohMelissa: meh-LIH-suhNestor: NES-torOlga: OAL-guhPablo: PAHB-loRebekah: reh-BEH-kuhSebastien: se-BAS-tee-enTanya: TAHN-yuhVan: vanWendy: WEN-deeThe Atlantic hurricane season runs from June 1 through Nov. 30.Ninety-seven percent of tropical cyclone activity occurs during this time period, NOAA said.The Atlantic basin includes the northern Atlantic Ocean, Caribbean Sea and Gulf of America, as the Gulf of Mexico is now known in the U.S. per an order from President Trump. NOAA and the National Hurricane Center are now using Gulf of America on its maps and in its advisories.Systems currently being monitored by the National Hurricane Center include:Tropical cyclone is the generic term used by the National Weather Service, NOAA and the National Hurricane Center for any tropical system, even if it's in the tropical Atlantic basin. To be more precise, a tropical cyclone is a "rotating, organized system of clouds and thunderstorms that originates over tropical or subtropical waters and has closed, low-level circulation," NOAA sadi. Once maximum sustained winds reach 74 mph, what it is called is determined by where it originated:Hurricane: for storms in the North Atlantic, central North Pacific, and eastern North Pacific.Typhoon: for storms in the Northwest Pacific.Cyclone: for storms in the South Pacific and Indian Ocean.We will update our tropical weather coverage daily.Download your local site's app to ensure you're always connected to the news. And look for our special subscription offers here. Jacksonville Jaguars DE Josh Hines-Allen breaks down why he showed upJaguars defensive end Josh Hines-Allen spoke at OTA No. 7, sharing insight into his decision to participate in the voluntary portion of the offseason.Jaguars' Josh Hines-Allen's son, Wesley, was diagnosed with Acute Promyelocytic Leukemia (APL) but is on the road to recovery.The Hines-Allens launched a charity campaign, "Four One For Hope," to support cancer-focused nonprofits.APL is a rare, but often curable, form of blood cancer.When Jacksonville Jaguars defensive end Josh Hines-Allen missed the final game of the 2024 season on Jan. 5, 2025, due to what was described as a personal reason, few questioned it, coming at the end of a 4-13 season that was long since written off.As it turned out, the reason was as personal as it gets.Hines-Allen revealed on July 25 that his oldest son, 7-year-old Wesley, was diagnosed with Acute Promyelocytic Leukemia in January. But Hines-Allen said in a release that he and his wife, Kaitlyn, "recently received the good news that Wesley is on his way to a full recovery" under care at the Nemours Children's Health Jacksonville.In the release, Hines-Allen and his wife praised Nemours for the care their son received."We are grateful to the dedicated team of doctors, nurses and caretakers who contributed to our son's well-being and counseled us through this time," their statement said. "Our goal is to ensure that families going through something similar feel the same level of love and support as we did."That's why Hines-Allen and his wife also announced that they have launched a season-long campaign through their nonprofit foundation Four One For All called "Four One For Hope," to give back to four cancer-focused non-profits during each month of the NFL regular season: Nemours Children's Health (September), the American Cancer Society (October), the Ronald McDonald House of Jacksonville (November) and the National Pediatric Cancer Foundation (December).Fans who would like to support Four One, For Hope, can donate online at givebutter.com/fouroneforhope.According to the Cleveland Clinic, Acute promyelocytic leukemia (APL) is a rare blood cancer. It’s a form of acute myeloid leukemia that happens when abnormal white blood cells multiply uncontrollably in the bone marrow. The onset of APL can be sudden, but treatment has proven effective in the form of a combination of chemotherapy and non-chemotherapy drugs. APL is rare, affecting 30,000 people in the U.S. each year. It is rarer still in children: most people are in their 30s when they receive an APL diagnosis. The disease was once considered incurable. But beginning in the 1980s, the combination of chemotherapy and non-chemotherapy drugs made it curable. The remission and cure rate is now more than 95 percent.Wesley Hines-Allen's diagnosis was kept private for seven months but Kaitlyn Hines-Allen said in the news release that some friends in the community were aware and their support sustained the family."We are very grateful and blessed to be in Jacksonville and to have received this unwavering support from the community," she said.Wesley Hines-Allen is continuing to receive care from Nemours and the Four One, For Hope campaign will begin with a launch event in August at Nemours Health — which will coincide with Wesley's bell-ringing ceremony, which signifies the completion of his treatment. Only 25% of Americans feel like Trump’s policies have helped themAccording to an AP-NORC poll, only a quarter of Americans think US President Donald Trump’s policies have helped them, while 49% believe they’ve done more harm than good.Support for President Donald Trump's immigration policies fell in a new poll, with stark differences among Republicans and Democrats on deportations and the use of detention facilities.The poll, released July 20 by CBS/YouGov, found that immigration is the top issue that swayed respondents' opinion on the president. Sixty-one percent said immigration and deportation policies "mattered a lot," followed by inflation and the economy.Overall, the poll puts Trump's approval rating at 42%, with disapproval at 58%. The survey previously found Trump's approval rating was 45% in June and 47% in mid-April.In contrast, the second-term president's aggregate ratings from The New York Times and Real Clear Politics show a 44% and 45.5% approval, respectively, and a 53% and 52% disapproval.In the latest CBS poll, 56% disapproved of the president's immigration stances, while 44% approved. That's a 10-point drop from polling at the beginning of Trump's second term in February, the outlet reported.The poll specifically asked respondents about the administration's mass deportation efforts. Support for the removals has also dropped ten points since February, with a majority now opposed. Less than half − 49% − of respondents said they approved of the deportations in July, compared to 59% in February."Approval of the deportation program has slipped over these months to become slightly net-negative now, with support becoming more exclusively drawn from Republicans and MAGA identifiers," CBS said after the results were released July 20.Support for Trump's immigration policies is split among party lines. Nearly all Republicans surveyed − 91% − say they approve of the president's deportation program. Among Democrats, 14% say they approve, while a majority – 86% – disapproved. Among independents, 59% were against the deportations and 41% were for them.The administration's use of detention facilities saw similar results in the July poll, with 58% opposed and 42% in favor of their use. Support was also one sided, with 85% of Republicans approving of the detention facilities, compared to 15% of Democrats.The poll was conducted between July 16-18 among 2,343 U.S. adult respondents. It has a margin of error of ±2.5 points.Kathryn Palmer is a national trending news reporter for USA TODAY. You can reach her at kapalmer@usatoday.com and on X @KathrynPlmr. NCDOT completes I-40 causeway for Helene repairs, install soil monitorsVideo shows the breadth of work the North Carolina Department of Transportation has undergone to repair Interstate 40 in the Pigeon River Gorge.The Hendersonville DEI Committee hasn't met since late last year, a city spokesperson said.A state law is more specific and has harsher penalties than Trump executive orders against DEI.It's unclear whether a new law will succeed in overriding the governor's veto.This story has been updated to correct an inaccuracy.The city of Hendersonville continues to audit itself for activities that could be labeled diversity, equity and inclusion efforts and sidetrack its diversity committee as the future of a state law that could add penalties for such activities remains up in the air, Hendersonville City Attorney Angie Beeker said in a presentation to City Council July 23.The city’s Diversity and Inclusion Advisory Committee is “on hold” and hasn’t had one of its bimonthly meetings since November, Hendersonville spokesperson Allison Justus told the Times-News July 25.Beeker said the city asked all its departments in February to go through their plans, statements, webpages and other material to flag anything that might run afoul of executive orders on DEI signed by Pres. Donald Trump that could withhold federal funding from governments with DEI initiatives.That auditing process is ongoing as a potential state law threatens to add a more specific definition of DEI and harsher, more enforceable penalties, Beeker told the Times-News July 25.The bill is also targeted more narrowly at local governments rather than states, she said.House Bill 171 passed both chambers of the North Carolina General Assembly in late June, but Gov. Josh Stein vetoed it earlier this month.“House Bill 171 is riddled with vague definitions yet imposes extreme penalties for unknowable violations,” he said in the July 3 veto.It must now clear a 60% supermajority to override the governor’s veto. Republicans in the General Assembly have a majority of 60% in the Senate and 59% in the House, meaning it’s possible that they don’t have the votes to force the legislation through.“I’m prepared to lead the Senate in overriding Gov. Stein’s vetoes and stand up for the North Carolinians he claims to represent,” North Carolina Senate President Pro Tempore Phil Berger said in a July 3 Facebook post.Hendersonville is moving ahead and preparing for any outcome.That’s partly because the law’s passage would add much higher stakes for cities like Hendersonville.“With the executive orders, federal funding is at stake, but with the legislation, if that becomes law, then that's a mandate,” meaning the city is required to comply with it, Beeker said.Violations could lead to civil penalties of $10,000 each, according to the text of the bill.Another important difference is that the executive orders don’t include a definition for DEI, while the state bill does, Beeker said.That would be any effort to influence hiring based on any protected characteristic such as race, national origin or sexual orientation or to give differential treatment based on them."We have been waiting to see what, if anything, was going to happen with the state legislation, because then we would know exactly what we needed to be in compliance with," Beeker said.Council member Melinda Lowrance, who is head of the Henderson County NAACP, is a liaison to the committee.“The last thing we want is for the city to lose it in funding. But we’re also a little devastated by the fact that we have had to suspend this committee. Because it was making progress, it was making inroads,” she told the Times-News July 25.The committee had made changes including statements recognizing holidays celebrated by the Black, Jewish and LGBTQ communities, she said. “That way people could support them. It allowed us an opportunity to learn about each other and to have sit down and have an honest conversation.”“It’s just disappointing that it has come to this,” she said later.George Fabe Russell is the Henderson County Reporter for the Hendersonville Times-News. Tips, questions, comments? Email him at GFRussell@gannett.com. Hulk Hogan dies at 71, his legacy runs deep in the world of wrestlingUSA TODAY Sports' Jordan Mendoza reflects on the career and legacy of Hulk Hogan who died at the age of 71.Professional wrestler and WWE icon Hulk Hogan is dead at 71, according to reports.The news was first reported by TMZ on Thursday morning. WWE confirmed the news on Thursday afternoon."WWE is saddened to learn WWE Hall of Famer Hulk Hogan has passed away," the company said in a statement. "One of pop culture’s most recognizable figures, Hogan helped WWE achieve global recognition in the 1980s. WWE extends its condolences to Hogan’s family, friends, and fans."Details around his death are still unknown. Here's what to know about Hogan.USA TODAY reported that Clearwater Fire Department and Clearwater Police Department personnel responded to a medical call at 9:51 a.m. Thursday morning in the 1000 block of Eldorado Avenue on Clearwater Beach.The nature of the call was for a cardiac arrest. Hogan was treated by Clearwater Fire & Rescue crews before being taken by Sunstar to Morton Plant Hospital, where he was pronounced deceased.Born Terry Gene Bollea on Aug. 11, 1953, in Augusta, Georgia, Hulk Hogan is one of the greatest — certainly one of the most attention-getting — professional wrestlers of all time. "The key figure in WWE’s rise from regional attraction to worldwide entertainment leader in the 1980s, The Hulkster’s superhuman size and undeniable charisma set the standard for what a Superstar should be," WWE writes in Hogan's biography. "A larger-than-life icon, he packed 93,173 WWE fans into the Pontiac Silverdome, won six WWE Championships, starred in movies, television shows and his own animated series and became an idol to a vast legion of fans he dubbed his Hulkamaniacs."According to Pro Wrestling Wiki, Hogan is a 12-time World Champion, including six WWF/WWE Championships, six WCW World Heavyweight Championships, and a former WWE World Tag Team Champion with fellow wrestler Edge.He is survived by his third wife, Sky Daily; his two children, Brooke and Nick; and his grandchildren, twins Oliver and Molly, who were born in January of this year.After a 35-year career, Hogan officially retired from wrestling in 2012.Hogan has lived all over Florida.He has lived in Tampa and Miami, got married, then divorced, and then married again. At the time of his death, he resided in Clearwater, where he opened a Hulkamania shop. A second shop is located in Orlando.He also once mentioned on social media that he quit wrestling for a year, back in the late 1970s, to run a bar in Cocoa Beach.He helped manage what was then known as The Anchor Club, located at the end of State Road 520. In his memoir "Hollywood Hulk Hogan," he reminisced about taking the job out of desperationThe hit reality show "Hogan Knows Best" premiered on VH1 in 2005, which centered around Hogan, his then-wife Linda, and their children Brooke and Nick. It lasted for four seasons, ending in 2007.Watch: Hulk Hogan rips off his shirt during RNC speechHulk Hogan, famed wrestler and multi-WWE champion, delivered remarks at the 2024 Republican National Convention in Milwaukee.Hogan spoke at the Republican National Convention in Milwaukee back in July 2024. He gave a rousing speech ahead of Donald Trump during the final day of the convention. According to the Asbury Park Press, this was not the first time Trump and the controversial pro wrestling star have teamed up.Hogan competed at WrestleMania IV and V, both of which were held at Trump's Taj Mahal. Those events were held in 1988 and 1989. They're also both part of the WWE Hall of Fame.Guitar hero and rock ‘n’ roll legend Rick Derringer died in Ormond Beach at age 77 on May 26, 2025.In 1985, he produced the World Wrestling Federation’s “The Wrestling Album,” which included the Hulk Hogan theme song “Real American.” It has also been employed by politicians ranging from President Barack Obama to presidential candidate Hillary Clinton, as well as President TrumpThis article was updated to include a gallery and additional information about Hogan.Contributing: Michelle Spitzer, Florida Today Air India plane crash report: Former pilot on fuel cutoff switchesMarco Chan, a former pilot, gives his analysis after a preliminary Air India crash report cited pilot confusion as a factor.A small jet crashed July 21 near Granite Falls Municipal Airport in western Minnesota, killing one of two people on board, according to multiple reports.The Yellow Medicine County Sheriff’s Office told KMSP-TV that it received a report of a jet having engine problems near the airport shortly before 5:30 p.m., and then minutes later received a 911 call saying the aircraft had crashed near Highway 23.At the site of the crash, emergency responders found one person standing along the highway and gave them medical attention. The other occupant of the aircraft was pronounced dead.Related: Here’s how many people have died in crashes related to EAA AirVenture Oshkosh since 1982The aircraft involved in the crash was an Aero Vodochody L-39, according to a statement from the Federal Aviation Administration, which also indicated there were two people on board. The National Transportation Safety Board will be in charge of the investigation.The jet departed from Alpine, Wyoming, shortly before 11:30 a.m. Mountain time July 21, briefly landed in Gillette, Wyoming, then arrived in Watertown, South Dakota, shortly after 3:30 p.m. Central time, according to FlightAware, a flight-tracking website. It took off again shortly after 5 p.m., and crashed on its way to Fond du Lac, Wisconsin, not far from the site of EAA AirVenture, a popular airshow that began July 21 in Oshkosh, Wisconsin. Bobby Sherman, '60s teen idol, dies at 81Bobby Sherman, the beloved 1960s teen idol, pop star, and dedicated public servant, has passed away at the age of 81.Bobby Sherman, a 1960s teen idol and pop star turned public servant, has died. He was 81.Sherman's wife, Brigitte Poublon Sherman, and actor/musician John Stamos, who was an ambassador for the Sherman's charity, announced his death in an Instagram announcement June 24."From one ex teen idol, to another − rest in peace Bobby Sherman," Stamos wrote."It is with the heaviest heart that I share the passing of my beloved husband, Bobby Sherman," Poublon wrote. "Bobby left this world holding my hand − just as he held up our life with love, courage, and unwavering grace through all 29 beautiful years of marriage."In late March, Poublon shared that her husband had been diagnosed with Stage 4 kidney cancer and later told Fox News that his body was "shutting down" because the cancer had "spread everywhere."Throughout the 1960s, Sherman, with his dimpled chin and forelock of chestnut-colored hair, became an object of teen fandom, blanketing walls and lunch boxes alike with hit songs like "Little Woman" and a starring role on popular TV series "Here Come the Brides."In her statement, Poublon said: "I was his Cinderella, and he was my prince charming. Even in his final days, he stayed strong for me. That's who Bobby was − brave, gentle, and full of light."Poublon added that she had recently read aloud to Sherman "fan letters from all over the world − words of love and gratitude that lifted his spirits and reminded him of how deeply he was cherished. He soaked up every word with that familiar sparkle in his eye.""And yes, he still found time to crack well-timed jokes − Bobby had a wonderful, wicked sense of humor. It never left him. He could light up a room with a look, a quip, or one of his classic, one-liners."Poublon noted that though he was "known around the world for his music and acting," to his loved ones he "was something much more. He was a man of service. He traded sold-out concerts and magazine covers for the back of an ambulance, becoming an EMT and a trainer with the LAPD. He saved lives. He showed us what real heroism looks like − quiet, selfless, and deeply human."Sherman is survived by his two sons, Tyler and Christopher, and six grandchildren.Born in 1943 in Santa Monica, California, Sherman's career kicked off with his dueling talents. In 1964, "Rebel Without a Cause" actor Sal Mineo invited him to sing at a Hollywood party attended by high-powered industry types. The appearance led to Sherman signing with an agent and landing a TV role on ABC's "Shindig!" as a house singer and member of the cast. Though Sherman had been recording music since the early '60s, it was 1969's "Little Woman," a gold-certified No. 3 hit in the United States, and the string of hits that followed – "La La La (If I Had You)," "Easy Come, Easy Go," "Hey, Mister Sun" and "Julie, Do Ya Love Me" among them – that earned Sherman his pop credentials.From 1962 to 1976, Sherman released more than 100 songs, with seven landing in the Top 40.While engaging in pop music stardom – the screaming from smitten fans at his concerts was reportedly loud enough to affect his hearing – Sherman also was a familiar presence on TV.His role as Jeremy Bolt on the Western comedy series "Here Comes the Brides" from 1968 to 1970 earned him copious fan mail, and subsequent appearances on episodes of "Honey West" and "The Monkees" continued to boost his profile.By the mid-'70s, after guest-starring on the TV series "Emergency!," Sherman decided to detour from celebrity life and began a new career in emergency services. He volunteered at the Los Angeles Police Department from the 1990s through 2017 and was a technical reserve police officer with the unit. In 1999 he was named the LAPD's reserve officer of the year. Sherman was also a reserve deputy sheriff for the San Bernardino County Sheriff's Department."It was a labor of love," Sherman told the podcast "A Breath of Fresh Air" in 2024. "I really enjoyed every minute of it."In 2011, Sherman and Poublon created the Brigitte and Bobby Sherman Children's Foundation, a Ghana-based youth center dedicated to blending music and education and providing children in Ghana with educational tools. Stamos was a major supporter of their foundation and charitable endeavors.In his "Fresh Air" interview with podcast host Sandy Kaye, Sherman grew contemplative and left fans with a message. "Just enjoy life, be respectful of others and trust in the Lord," he said. "(They) always used to say that the minute you're born you begin to die, but you know what? It's true. So it's one of those things just to live it the fullest and the most righteous way you can."Contributing: KiMi Robinson Frieren: Beyond Journey's End season 2 is officially releasing next year. But what else has been revealed about one of the best anime around?To help take you beyond the journey's end on the next steps of Frieren's path to saying goodbye to Himmel, we've got the first look at Frieren season 2. Below, we have a deep dive into which manga chapters are next and a recap of the season 1 story. Beyond that, there's further speculation on when exactly the new episodes of Frieren: Beyond Journey's End will be released in 2026.For more, check out our picks for the new anime you should be watching in 2025. Then, there's all the latest on Haikyuu VS The Little Giant, Demon Slayer Infinity Castle, and Vinland Saga season 3. You may like (Image credit: ©Kanehito Yamada, Tsukasa Abe/Shogakukan/ “Frieren”Project)Frieren: Beyond Journey's season 2 is releasing in January 2026, which means it's one of the first big confirmed winter 2026 releases alongside the final part of Fire Force season 3.Seeing as how Frieren episodes typically launch on Fridays and the fact that winter anime releases usually kick off in the first week of January, we'd feel pretty confident in penciling in a January 2 or January 9 release next year.Frieren: Beyond Journey's End season 2 story: which manga chapters is it adapting? (Image credit: ©Kanehito Yamada, Tsukasa Abe/Shogakukan/ “Frieren”Project)The first season of Frieren: Beyond Journey's End revolved around the saga of the titular mage as she reckoned with her fellow band of heroes' fleeting mortality and what it meant for her own place in the world as an elf who can far outlast the lifespan of those she meets. After defeating the Demon King, she returns decades later to find her allies elderly or on the verge of death.To that end, she embarked on an epic journey to say a proper farewell to Himmel, one of the heroes who she fought alongside to defeat the Demon King, in the northern land of Aureole.Bringing all the latest movie news, features, and reviews to your inboxAlong the way, she encounters several people who have been touched by the heroism of her friends, as well as defeating the remnants of the Demon King's forces. A meditation on legacy, life, and dealing with a world and people that will leave her behind, it truly stands as one of the past decade's towering anime works.But that was the first season. What's next? The first season of Frieren ended with Frieren and Fern aiming to complete their mage exams. Fern becomes a First Class mage (seemingly at the whims of instructor Serie), which means Frieren and her party will then be able to cross further into the northern territories. Frieren, however, discovers she's been banned from the Magic Associaton for the next 1000 years.Now, Frieren will continue her journey to Aureole so she can say goodbye to Himmel. We anticipate that Frieren season 2 will pick up from chapter 61 of Kanehito Yamada and Tsukasa Abe's manga to cover the Continued Northern Travels arc which takes Frieren, Fern, and Stark into uncharted territory.Personally, we can't see it going too far beyond the Goddess' Monument arc, especially because it's rapidly catching up to the source material. That means Frieren: Beyond Journey's End season 2 could cover chapters 61-119, almost mirroring the first season's 60-chapter adaptation.Frieren: Beyond Journey's End season 2 trailer and first look 『葬送のフリーレン』TVアニメ2期発表映像 - YouTube Watch On The first look at Frieren: Beyond Journey's End season 2 comes from the below key art. It's a tranquil, relaxing scene – one that involves Frieren, Fern, and Stark taking a stop on their journey and dipping their feet into a crystal clear body of water.The season 2 announcement teaser, with narration by Frieren, shows the mage's suitcase, Fern's staff, and Stark's axe. You can see it above, though we would expect a further full trailer to arrive in the fall. (Image credit: Toho)Frieren: Beyond Journey's End season 2 cast: confirmed returning characters (Image credit: ©Kanehito Yamada, Tsukasa Abe/Shogakukan/ “Frieren”Project)There hasn't been official confirmation of the full Frieren season 2 cast, though Frieren (Atsumi Tanezaki) will return, despite Tanezaki's well-publicized health issues that has forced her to take a hiatus. and Fern (Kana Ichinose) and Stark are also back (Chiaki Kobayashi). Himmel (Nobuhiko Okamoto), Heiter (Hiroki Tochi), and Eisen (Yoji Ueda) should again provide some blasts from the past.The manga's creators, Kanehito Yamada and Tsukasa Abe, have also revealed they are returning for the next season. They said in a statement (H/T CBR), "We owe it all to everyone who has supported us. We are eternally grateful to everyone involved who has made this wonderful anime."Where to watch Frieren: Beyond Journey's End (Image credit: ©Kanehito Yamada, Tsukasa Abe/Shogakukan/ “Frieren”Project)The first season of Frieren is currently streaming on Crunchyroll and Netflix.We predict the second season will be streaming day-and-date on Crunchyroll, with a Netflix release in 2027 – if it matches the first season's timeframe, anyway.Need more? Dive into our rankings of the best anime movies. Then get the full picture on some of anime's biggest series with our guides on how to watch Demon Slayer in order and how to watch Attack on Titan in order. Mother-son incest victim describes shame, and redemption through his son.Dec. 1, 2009— -- The molestation began as gentle fondling when Gregg Milligan was 4 years old, but it soon escalated to aggressive touching and eventually beatings that would render him unconscious.For seven years, until Michigan child welfare workers intervened when he was 11, Milligan was too ashamed to reveal that his tormentor was his own mother."She was very brutal," said Milligan. "Through her difficulty reaching climax, she would become frustrated and violent, hitting and punching and slapping not only my genitals, but my face and body.""It was terribly confusing, and it wasn't just the violation," said Milligan, now 46, and director of infrastructure for a major health care provider in Michigan.As bad as the incest was, things got worse. Milligan's father had left when he was 2, but by the time he was 8, his mother, an alcoholic and a prostitute, invited strange men home who would sexually abuse him."Back then I would never tell anyone, not even a sibling," said Milligan, the most "compliant and sensitive" of three children living at home. "I was just too afraid. It was so horrendous for me to believe she actually would do this to me."One of the unspeakable secrets in the world of child sexual abuse is that mothers can be molesters. Often, they prey on daughters, but more frequently their sons -- who report increased feelings of isolation and sexual confusion along with thoughts of suicide.Both of Milligan's parents are now dead, but his past still haunts him."Around 10 years old, I started to get this unbelievable feeling of dread that if I don't get out I am going to die from the decadence, the debauchery, the forced molestations and the beatings that became more severe," he said. "For three months I suffered from hysterical paralysis."An estimated one in four girls and one in seven boys will be sexually assaulted or abused before the age of 18, according to the Alabama-based National Children's Advocacy Center . In 27 percent of these cases, the abuse is perpetrated by the child's parents.Previous studies of day care workers published in 2000 in the Journal of Sex Research, found that women -- without male accomplices -- accounted for only about 6 percent of the abuse of females and 14 percent of males.But more recent national surveys indicate about 12 percent of all child abuse cases are committed by women -- "a 100 percent increase compared with previous data," according to Chris Newlin, NCAC's executive director."We view females as care givers and protectors of children," he told ABCNews.com. "Now we are beginning to understand females are sexually abusing children, and it is occurring much more."Professionals are stymied by public perception that incest is "an ugly subject," and that women can't commit such crimes."If it's a 35-year-old female and a 14-year-old boy, we'd say the boy is getting lucky," said Newlin. "And if it was a 35 year-old male and a 14-year-old girl, we'd call that a pervert." Florida teens Austin Stephanos and Perry Cohen missing for 10 yearsThe 14-year-old boys went on a fishing trip into the Atlantic on July 24, 2015. Only their boat was found. Here's a timeline surrounding all the events.JUPITER — For many, it is hard to believe that 10 years have passed since 14-year-old boys Austin Stephanos and Perry Cohen left the Jupiter Inlet on a small boat, heading into the Atlantic Ocean on July 24, 2015.They ran into a powerful storm that afternoon and were never seen again. The memory of their disappearance still feels fresh in Jupiter and Tequesta, where so many people came together to pray for their return and personally scour the sea for any sign of them.A vigorous Coast Guard search didn’t yield answers. Eight months later, a commercial vessel found the boys’ boat about 100 miles off the coast of Bermuda. Austin and Perry were nowhere to be found. A generation later, their spirit lives on through their family, friends and people who prayed for their safety, helped search for them and think about them to this day.The Palm Beach Post asked readers to share their recollections of the boys and the time following their disappearance on its Facebook page. The response was nearly unprecedented: More than 3,500 replied, with many sharing wistful memories and even photos. Here is some of what those readers said.Melissa Dawson works in crime intelligence and is a communications field training officer for the Isle of Palms Police Department, a coastal city outside Charleston, South Carolina.While she did not personally know Austin and Perry, she said she and others in Isle of Palms joined the search for them. Some media reports at the time said that the boat could have drifted toward the Georgia coast.Dawson vividly remembers what it was like looking for anything connected to them at beaches near her. "We spoke of them often here and were always looking out for anything related to the search on our beaches," Dawson wrote. "I prayed for a different outcome, but I like to think of them inhabiting some small island that they have turned into something out of the Swiss Family Robinson movie."Emily Whitney said she was Austin’s kindergarten teacher. She remembers his smile, which was ear to ear and would light up the classroom. Others who knew him also recall his grin and spirited sense of humor.“He was a great friend to his classmates, thoughtful big brother and an awesome kid,” Whitney wrote. “My heart breaks for his wonderful parents and extended family.”Ciara Faircloth sent in a few photos of Austin a couple years before his disappearance. In them, he looks like a boy ready for the beach, in a gold chain, a sleeveless T-shirt and a sly smile.“He was one of my best friends,” she wrote.Sheila Kissinger said that her daughter and a couple of friends staged a prayer vigil in Indialantic, a Florida town north of Melbourne Beach, for Austin and Perry after their disappearance.Now, her daughter is grown and attending Florida State University. The two boys were on the verge of starting high school before they went missing — Jupiter High School boasts a mural of Perry — and likely would have graduated from college by now, too.“She graduated high school last month,” Kissinger wrote. “Sure wish Austin and Perry could have had the opportunity to graduate high school and go to college as well.”Toni Vanderwall said that her mother, who was a bridge tender at the Jupiter Inlet bridge a decade ago, saw Austin and Perry sail out the day of their disappearance.A video taken from a surveillance camera at the railroad bridge just west of the Jupiter Inlet released after the disappearance showed the boys trekking through the Loxahatchee River on their way to the inlet and the Atlantic Ocean beyond it.Vanderwall said her mother died in February. “I can’t believe it’s been 10 years already,” Vanderwall wrote. Kimberly Harwood said that when her 15-year-old daughter asked to go boating with friends and no adult on board, she told her no because of the Austin and Perry tragedy.Their disappearance prompted plenty of parents to keep a closer eye on their kids whenever they are near the water and to teach them more about boating safety.“Hard to believe it’s been ten years,” Harwood wrote. “I told her it happened not even that long ago. It sure doesn’t feel like it’s been ten years. I remember it like it was yesterday. Prayers for their families.”The storm on July 24, 2015, is one that Dante DePanicis will never forget. He was on a boat on the water that day, but stopped at a restaurant for lunch.“As we were looking out from the restaurant, we could tell that this particular thunderstorm/front was more intense than average,” DePanicis wrote. “The sky was so dark, turbulent and I remember feeling almost like it was angry! The waves were crashing on the marina's seawalls and slamming our moored boat against the dock.”Two days later, he launched his boat in Fort Pierce to search for the boys.“Something tells me that if I went out first thing Saturday morning the odds of finding those boys would've been greater,” DePanicis wrote.Maya Washburn covers northern Palm Beach County for The Palm Beach Post, part of the USA TODAY Florida-Network. Reach her at mwashburn@pbpost.com. Support local journalism: Subscribe today. Florida basketball coach Todd Golden's championship portrait unveiledFlorida basketball coach Todd Golden reacts to a national championship portrait painted by artist and former Florida football standout James Bates that will hang at Spurrier Gridiron Grill's Championship Room.Florida Gators point guard Boogie Fland underwent sports hernia surgery on July 3 and missed the latter half of summer workouts.Fland's recovery is expected to take four to six weeks, and he should be ready for fall workouts in September.Fland, a transfer from Arkansas, is projected to be a key player for the Gators in the upcoming season.Coach Todd Golden expressed satisfaction with the team's performance during summer workouts and the chemistry among players.Florida basketball coach Todd Golden said incoming transfer point guard Boogie Fland underwent sports hernia surgery on July 3 and sat out the second half of summer workouts.Golden said it will be a four-to-six-week recovery time for Fland, who should be ready when the Florida Gators start fall workouts in September."He could have played through it, but it made more sense to get it taken care of," Golden said at his national championship portrait unveiling at Spurrier's Gridiron Grille.The 6-foot-3, 180-pound Fland, a former five-star recruit who transferred in from Arkansas, is expected to be a key piece to UF's revamped backcourt in 2025-26. He was able to gain chemistry with fellow incoming transfer point guard Xaivian Lee for the first three weeks of summer workouts before opting to undergo surgery."When he was healthy, he came in and actually looked great," Golden said. "And they're all great kids. They're awesome players, but there's no selfishness. I think they're gonna be really, really good together."Overall, Golden was pleased with how UF performed with summer workouts, which wrapped up this week."We competed really well," Golden said. "We didn't witness any hangover. Our returners did a great job leading and making sure the new guys understood the responsibility that comes with being a part of the program, all of our newcomers I thought did a really good job of kind of meeting the match that way. It was a good summer knock on wood it went well, and I think we'll be in good shape."Kevin Brockway is The Gainesville Sun’s Florida beat writer. Contact him at kbrockway@gannett.com. Follow him on X @KevinBrockwayG1. Read his coverage of the Gators’ national championship basketball season in “CHOMP-IONS!” — a hardcover coffee-table collector’s book from The Sun. Details at Florida.ChampsBook.com Grove City woman advocates for harsher distracted driving penaltiesSandra Hooker is advocating for harsher distracted driving penalties throughout Ohio after her son, James Earl Alston, was severely injured in 2023.Using a handheld cellphone while driving is illegal in Ohio, with exceptions for emergencies and single-touch operations.Over 55,000 distracted driving crashes have occurred in Ohio since 2020, resulting in numerous fatalities and serious injuries.Ohio is a hands-free driving state, meaning drivers could face steep penalties for holding or physically supporting a cellphone. Even wearing headphones or earbuds is illegal while driving in the state.In most cases, phone use such as texting, recording, or playing games while driving can get you pulled over. There have been more than 55,000 distracted driving crashes since 2020, according to the Ohio State Highway Patrol. The agency counted 1,647 fatal and serious injury crashes during that same timeframe.However, there are a few specific cases when a cellphone could be permitted while driving. Here they are.The Ohio Driver Manual outlines the few exceptions (seven, to be exact) when it comes to using a cellphone behind the wheel. However, just three apply to everyday drivers:Reporting an emergency to law enforcement, a hospital, health care provider, fire department or similar emergency entity.Holding a phone to the ear only during phone conversations, if the call is started or stopped with a single touch or swipe.Holding or using cell phones or other electronic devices while stopped at a traffic light or parked on a road or highway during an emergency or road closure.First responders (law enforcement, fire, EMS) using electronic devices as part of their official duties.Utility workers operating utility vehicles in certain emergency or outage situations.Licensed operators using an amateur radio.Commercial truck drivers using a mobile data terminalOhio Revised Code Section 4511.204 notes that it's illegal for motorists to use, h

awkward to hold my own kid.“At school, Natalie said word had gotten around what had happened to her, and she said she was bullied and called horrible names. This feeling of not belonging drove her to make another bad choice: she ran away a second time with the help of that older friend she had met in Seattle. Natalie was still just 15 years old.“I ran down the street to the bus stop… and she was parked there waiting for me,” Natalie said.Then she met 32-year-old Baruti Hopson. She said he was kind to her at first and gave her a place to stay, but then she said things took a horrible turn.“I had started talking to him, confided in him a little bit about family life and just how stressed out I was,” she said. “He had asked me if I had ever worked before, and I told him, ‘briefly’ … I didn’t really know what I was doing.“And then he told me that I wouldn’t be on the streets,” Natalie continued. “And I was like, ‘Well what does that mean?’ And he’s like, ‘Well I’m not going to have you walking the streets’ … And then that’s when Backpage came into play.”Natalie said Hopson told her Backpage.com was “safer” and that it was easier “not to get caught.”Backpage’s site is surprising simple, similar to Craigslist, but with a racy adult services section with categories like “Escorts” and “Body Rubs.” These are technically legal categories, but many in law enforcement say these ads are thinly veiled code for prostitution. While it is free for someone to post adult services ads, Backpage makes money by offering paid add-ons, including the ability to re-post the ad every hour and to post it in multiple neighboring cities.“He put me in all these clothes, took some pretty provocative pictures of me and then got to Backpage, and then you can click on to post an ad,” she said. “He just showed me how to do it, so I could do it myself.”Natalie said the website asked if she were 18 years or older, but “a simple yes click was about as far as that went.”With Backpage ads posted with titles such as “Well worth it, 150 an hour” and “It won’t take long at all,” Natalie said she was working every single day and started earning as much as $4,000 a weekend, handing over all the cash to Hopson.“He started getting physically abusive and really, I couldn’t even go in the bathroom without the door being unlocked,” Natalie said. “He would sleep in the living room next to the front door, so I couldn’t leave.”Natalie's mother Nacole said she was shocked to learn there was a website where this could to happen to underage girls, like her daughter.“I live in an American town, how can my kid be sold on the internet?” she said.“When you hear that your 15-year-old child is posting an ad for sex or for rape in her case, and that she’s getting 25 to 30 calls an hour, and you’re thinking, ‘Well how many of these is she having to answer? I mean, there’s 24 hours in a day… how many times a day is my child being raped?” Nacole added.But the sad truth is Nacole is among many American mothers who have had to ask themselves the same question.A mother who’s asked us to call her "Debbie" said her teenage daughter, who we’re calling "Crystal," left home one night after an argument. It only took 48 hours of her being gone for Debbie to find her images on Backpage.“I remember that she had on the see-through lacy teddy,” Debbie said. “And she’s 14.”Crystal says that when she left home, she arranged to stay with a friend’s boyfriend’s mom. Instead of giving her a safe place to stay, she says this woman forced her into prostitution. Crystal says they were re-posting her Backpage ad every five minutes and forcing her to have sex with the men who would come to the house.Crystal, who is now 19, told “Nightline,” “It’s hard being that young and being trapped in a room and not knowing if you’ll go home to your mom, or if you’ll come out of there alive.””Megan," another mother who asked us to use an assumed name, said her 15-year-old daughter was also sold for sex on Backpage. Her daughter, who we’re referring to as "Kim," says she went to a party hosted by a friend’s older boyfriend on her fifteenth birthday. It was fun at first, but then Kim said she was told she couldn’t leave and was forced to take racy photos to post on Backpage.“I got a call from a friend of mine that said that I needed to check Backpage because she thinks that she had saw my daughter on Backpage,” Megan said. “So I checked, and sure enough, her ad was there.”Megan said she called the police and told them she saw Kim on a Backpage ad, and that they needed to do something.“I told them they had to go get her,” she said.Both of these girls were eventually rescued by police. The adults who posted them to Backpage were convicted in court. Kim and Crystal are also suing Backpage, and they are also represented by Natalie’s lawyers, Erik Bauer and Jason Amala. Backpage denies these allegations and is fighting them in court.But so far, every lawsuit filed by a trafficked underage girl against Backpage has been dismissed because of a law called the Communications Decency Act of 1996. The law protects Backpage, among others, from being held legally responsible for what users post on its website. Also called the CDA, the law shields websites or online publishers for information posted by third parties.“If someone publishes a faulty motorcycle [ad on Backpage.com], the buyer of that motorcycle shouldn’t be able to sue Backpage merely for posting the ad, that doesn’t make sense,” said ABC News’ senior legal correspondent Sunny Hostin. “Interestingly, under the law, there is no difference between Backpage posting the advertisement for the faulty motorcycle and posting the advertisement for the underage girl being trafficked for sex.”Backpage, which is based in Dallas, has repeatedly claimed that they are part of the solution, not the problem. The company told ABC News in a statement that it employs moderators who diligently screen ads to stop underage trafficking on its site. They added that they have voluntarily undertaken a multi-tiered "policing system to prohibit and report attempts at human exploitation and the advertisement of prostitution" that screens for words and phrases that might "suggest illegal activity" and that the company actively cooperates with law enforcement."While the experiences of children (and adults) who have been exploited are tragic and heartbreaking," Backpage told "Nightline" in a statement today. "The solution does not lie in making online service providers responsible for millions of posts by third-party users (in Backpage.com’s case, approximately 50 million posts per year presently) – the practical effect of which is inevitably highly restrictive censorship or the total banning of certain categories of online content so that online service providers are not in constant anxiety about potential liability for the one ad that slipped through their moderation systems."But many in law enforcement have openly challenged these claims, including Cook County Sheriff Thomas Dart, who in 2015 successfully petitioned every major credit card company to cut ties with Backpage. The only available payment methods on the site now are Bitcoin or mail-in check.Natalie’s father Tom says his daughter’s disappearance pushed him to the breaking point. He would spend days in the car, driving around Seattle, searching desperately for his missing girl. Until one night, he said things went too far.“I was driving down where these people hang out, and it was pretty obvious to me that this was a pimp and a girl,” he said. “I saw this, and I just got infuriated seeing this guy and this gal and I just turned my truck at him and floored it.But Tom didn't go through with it. “I had intended on hitting him,” he continued. “And I just figured, I’m going to get my daughter on the news, you know, um, and the way I’m going to do that is I’m going to kill this pimp, you know? I bought a fifth of good whiskey and I said, ‘I’m done.’ That was when I started drinking… I almost killed myself doing that.”Then, on the 108th night Natalie was missing, her Backpage ad was targeted in a sting set up by the Seattle Vice Squad. One of their officers had posed as a client, and when she walked into his hotel room, he stopped her.“He says, ‘I know who you are, Natalie,’ and I mean I can only imagine how big my eyes were when he said that,” Natalie said. “Instantly I saw hundreds of lights that seemed outside, just storms of cops outside.”One of those officers was Bill Guyer, a longtime Vice detective who spends much of his time on Backpage trying to rescue trafficked girls like Natalie. He and Natalie instantly formed a special bond the night she was rescued.“I remember meeting Det. Guyer, and he actually drove me to the jail, and he kind of relaxed me… almost reminded me of my dad,” Natalie said.Det. Guyer met Natalie’s parents and started a relationship with them too. He then helped Natalie build up the courage to testify in the trial of Baruti Hopson, who was sentenced to 26 and a half years in prison for promoting the commercial sex abuse of a minor.“I tell her and every other girl that even though they don’t want to go to court, I don’t want to go to court, but I’d like to get them to the point where they’re like, ‘I can’t wait to get on the stand and point them out to you, that’s the piece of crap that did this to me,’” Guyer said.Guyer and the rest of the Seattle Vice Squad agreed to let “Nightline” embed with them as they set up a sting through Backpage, the kind of operation that’s become commonplace in police departments across the country. "Nightline" first met with Det. Lincoln, who’s asked that we change his name because of his frequent undercover assignments. Lincoln showed “Nightline” the ins and outs of posting on Backpage. Lincoln says there are many commonly-used terms that may flag to him and the other detectives that a girl on Backpage is underage, like “new in town” and “eager to please.” It’s a code he says he’s learned through experience tracking down underage girls listed on the site. But “Nightline” wanted to see what would happen if a Backpage ad didn’t just use these coded terms and instead blatantly suggest an underage girl was part of the deal. Would the ad be flagged and taken down by Backpage’s moderators?So Det. Lincoln posted an ad for an 18-year-old escort, adding in a line that said she had “a younger friend” who was available as well. Minutes after he posted the ad, calls and texts started streaming in. The ad was up and running.The ad remained up for about 36 hours, leading to dozens of phone calls, texts and even an arrest captured on “Nightline’s” cameras. The ad was only taken down after "Nightline" sent an anonymous email to Backpage’s dedicated email address for suspected child trafficking. It took eight hours to receive a response, which said to contact the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children, or NCMEC. The ad was taken down shortly after Backpage’s email response was sent.Backpage later told “Nightline” in a statement that even though they thought that the ad did not clearly advertise that a girl under 18 was involved, their moderators did take it down and they say they banned the account. They also reported the ad to NCMEC.Yiota Souras, general counsel for NCMEC, said 73 percent of the reports they receive from the general public about suspected underage trafficking involve a Backpage post.Souras told “Nightline” she is skeptical of Backpage’s claims that they are closely monitoring their site, and of their attorney Liz McDougall’s claim that Backpage is “online to fight human trafficking online.” “I don't think you can be in the business of providing basically an online bazaar for escort ads that includes the purchase and sale of children for sex, and say that you are online to help fight the problem,” Souras said.In March, the Senate voted to hold Backpage CEO Carl Ferrer in contempt of Congress after he failed to appear at a hearing about online sex trafficking conducted by the Senate Subcommittee for Permanent Investigations.“It was a unanimous vote”, said Sen. Rob Portman. “First time in 21 years this has happened. It’s a big deal.”When asked why to specifically include Backpage in a hearing on online trafficking, Sen. McCaskill replied, “Backpage is the major player in this space. Therefore they have to be investigated. That’s as complicated as the subject is.”A circuit court is expected to rule on the contempt charge sometime in the coming months.Backpage also refused to respond to the Senate Subcommittee’s subpoenas for internal company documents relating to how it moderates its adult services ads, and exactly how much money they’re making off of them. The Senate is now seeking to enforce the subpoena. The nearly 200-page Senate report is available for download here.Despite this refusal, the Senate’s own investigators say they were able to obtain company emails from Backpage to its moderators. One email in the Senate report addresses underage ads specifically, and contains a line instructing moderators not to delete an ad unless they are “really very sure” the girl is underage. Other emails in the Senate report suggest Backpage was telling its moderators to simply edit out words and pictures from posts if they did not comply with Backpage’s terms of service. They are told to then post the edited ad anyway, even though the investigators say this editing would not change the nature of the underlying transition.“We're talking about big money,” said Sen. Rob Portman, R-Ohio. “And we have evidence that leads us to believe that they have edited ads in order to keep their profitability.”Backpage declined to comment on the Senate’s findings, but their lawyers are currently fighting the contempt charge in a D.C. court. The court will decide if Ferrer will be compelled to testify and if Backpage has to hand over their internal documents. In court filings, Backpage claims the Senate’s request is a violation of the First Amendment, because it “seeks every bit of information relating to every editorial decision made in the past six years.”Backpage’s corporate group is projected to have a revenue of $173 million dollars this year alone, although they will not say what percentage of that comes from the adult ad section, according to documents from the Senate Subcommittee on Permanent Investigations.“I'm betting that when we get all the financials they're not making much money selling motorcycles. But they're making a whole lot of money selling children,” said Sen. McCaskill. “I'm betting that's why they're working so hard at keeping this information out of the public eye.”Backpage, which was owned by Village Voice media until 2012, was sold to an “unnamed Dutch holding company” in December 2014, according to news articles at the time. “Nightline” discovered that CEO Carl Ferrer had opened a business in the Netherlands, which seems to be running two escort ad-based websites called NakedCity.com and EvilEmpire.com, as well as a very similar version of Backpage called “Cracker.” It is available almost everywhere except the United States.Ferrer declined “Nightline’s” repeated requests for interview, and when we tracked Ferrer to a classified ad industry conference in downtown Amsterdam, he again refused to speak with us.“He is in Amsterdam… because he wants to avoid the bright light of attention that we are placing on his company,” McCaskill said. “I don't think Amsterdam is far enough for him to go to avoid that bright light.”Back in the U.S., others, like Natalie and her family, are waiting for their day in court. Natalie is hoping her Washington state lawsuit, which focuses on the claim that Backpage knowingly developed itself into an online marketplace for illegal prostitution, will be the first of its kind to be successful against the company.“To whoever owns Backpage, Carl Ferrer, whoever-- he’s got to go home at night and know that he’s selling kids today,” her father Tom said. “He’s just as accountable as the pimp that sold her, in my mind.”Natalie’s attorney Erik Bauer said, “Reports of child sex trafficking have increased over the last five years due to the internet. According to the AIM Group, Backpage controls 80 percent of that market... this is a big business.” AIM Group is an interactive media and classified advertising consulting organization.Backpage responded to the allegations laid out in the Washington state lawsuit, according to court documents, stating that, "Backpage does not allow advertisements on its website to contain naked images, images featuring transparent clothing, sexually explicit language, suggestions of an exchange of sex acts for money, or advertisements for illegal services. In addition to these rules, specifically for advertisements posted in the “escort” section of its website, Backpage does not allow any solicitation directly or in 'coded' fashion for any illegal service exchanging sexual favors for money or other valuable consideration, any material on the Site that exploits minors in any way, or any material ... that in any way constitutes or assists in human trafficking."For Natalie, her horrific experience also has robbed her of a piece of her high school years.“I’ve never been to a football game. A high school football game,” she said. “I’ve never had a prom. I’ve never been to homecoming, and I see all my pictures. All my friends’ pictures on Facebook, and they have all that. They have memories… It makes me a little bitter.”But in all the sadness, one ray of light for Natalie has been the special relationship she and her parents have now with Det. Guyer.“To this day, six years later, he calls me on my birthday. Every year,” she said. “I actually said he’s the godfather of my little girl.””He’s my hero,” Tom added. “He saved my little girl and brought her home.”ABC News' Lauren Effron contributed to this reportIf you suspect underage sex trafficking, please call 1-800-THE-LOST or visit missingkids.com. Explore the complex and artistic culture of the Veden people from Brandon Sanderson's Stormlight Archive. A kingdom of political intrigue and fierce independence, Veden society produces names with a distinct, yet familiar, Alethi-like quality. Find the perfect name for your artist, soldier, or scheming noble, such as "Kahar Sashav" or "Sarivia Detath." The United Kingdom, Germany and France are calling for an "immediate ceasefire" in Gaza and "unconditional release of all hostages," after the three countries held an emergency call to discuss the ongoing war and humanitarian crisis."The humanitarian catastrophe that we are witnessing in Gaza must end now. The most basic needs of the civilian population, including access to water and food, must be met without any further delay. Withholding essential humanitarian assistance to the civilian population is unacceptable," the countries said in a joint statement.The countries called for a withdrawal of Israeli forces from Gaza and the removal of Hamas leadership as "key steps" toward a two-state solution."We firmly oppose all efforts to impose Israeli sovereignty over the Occupied Palestinian Territories. Threats of annexation, settlements and acts of settler violence against Palestinians undermine the prospects for a negotiated two-state solution. We are committed to working together with our international partners including at the United Nations to develop a specific and credible plan for the next phase in Gaza that will put in place transitional governance and security arrangements, and ensure the delivery of humanitarian aid at scale," the countries said.A displaced Palestinian child sits next to a pot of lentil soup that he received at a food distribution point in Gaza City in the northern Gaza Strip on July 25, 2025.Omar Al-qattaa/AFP via Getty ImagesGetting aid into GazaAmid calls for greater assistance, Israel has said it will coordinate airdrops of aid into Gaza from foreign countries in the coming days, an Israeli security official confirmed to ABC News Friday, ahead of the scheduled emergency call over the dire conditions in the enclave.So far, Jordan and the United Arab Emirates will be participating in the aid drops.Aid drops have taken place a number of times in the Gaza Strip since the war began, and on multiple occasions have led to deaths and injuries, according to the Hamas-run Gaza Ministry of Health.UNRWA Commissioner-General Philippe Lazzarini warned airdrops are the "most expensive and inefficient way to deliver aid," calling them a "distraction to the inaction."The International Committee of the Red Cross called for "urgent collective action by states to end abhorrent suffering in Gaza," saying people are being "relentlessly killed in hostilities and while attempting to get food," in a statement Friday."There is no excuse for what is happening in Gaza. The scale of human suffering and the stripping of human dignity have long exceeded every acceptable standard – both legal and moral. Every minute without a ceasefire risks civilian lives. The level of suffering inflicted on civilians because of warfare conducted indiscriminately and the extreme deprivation of the essentials for survival is abhorrent," the ICRC said in a statement Friday."This tragedy must end now – immediately and decisively. Every political hesitation, every attempt at justification of the horrors being committed under international watch will forever be judged as a collective failure to preserve humanity in war. States must uphold their obligation under the Geneva Conventions to respect and ensure respect for international humanitarian law (IHL), including by ensuring that the arms they transfer do not contribute to violations of IHL," the ICRC said. .Smoke and fire rise to the sky following an Israeli airstrike in the northern Gaza Strip, as seen from southern Israel, Thursday, July 24, 2025.France says it will recognize 'State of Palestine'French President Emmanuel Macron said on Thursday, "It is essential to build the State of Palestine, ensure its viability, and enable it, by accepting its demilitarization and fully recognizing Israel, to contribute to the security of all in the Middle East.""There must be an immediate ceasefire, the release of all hostages, and massive humanitarian aid to the people of Gaza. It is also necessary to ensure the demilitarization of Hamas, secure and rebuild Gaza," Macron continued.Macron said he would make the official announcement at the U.N. in September. Starmer signaled the same British support."We are clear that statehood is the inalienable right of the Palestinian people. A ceasefire will put us on a path to the recognition of a Palestinian state and a two-state solution which guarantees peace and security for Palestinians and Israelis," Starmer said.Israel condemned France's decision, with Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu saying, "Such a move rewards terror and risks creating another Iranian proxy, just as Gaza became. A Palestinian state in these conditions would be a launch pad to annihilate Israel -- not to live in peace beside it. Let's be clear: the Palestinians do not seek a state alongside Israel; they seek a state instead of Israel."A woman and a child react after identifying the body of a family member at the Nasser hospital, among Palestinians killed in Israeli strikes on the al-Mawasi refugee camp and the eastern neighborhoods of Khan Yunis in the southern Gaza Strip, on July 24, 2025.The U.S. State Department rejected the idea that Israel -- and by extension the U.S. -- is weaponizing aid to Palestinians in Gaza amid rising criticism from the United Nations and humanitarian groups."This humanitarian conflict lies at the feet of Hamas, who could end this conflict today by releasing the hostages and laying down their arms," State Department deputy spokesperson Tommy Pigott said Thursday.Israeli government spokesman David Mencer said "there is no famine" in Gaza, in an online briefing Wednesday.Mencer blamed Hamas and called the food crisis in Gaza "a man-made shortage engineered by Hamas."Pigott touted the U.S.-backed Gaza Humanitarian Foundation -- though its distribution sites are in limited areas in Gaza and aid groups say the supplies provided through the GHF is not nearly enough to address the crushing need.The U.N. and other aid organizations have refused to collaborate with the group, citing concerns about its transparency and political impartiality."This is over 1000 plus since the 27th of May when the Gaza Humanitarian Foundation started distributing food and people have been shot both while trying to collect food in these distribution centers where Gaza Humanitarian Foundation distributes, but also when there have been UN convoys and other aid convoys getting into Gaza and people have tried to jump on those trucks and have been shot and killed," Ajith Sunghay, from the Office of United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights, said."Ultimately, what we have seen us do is deliver close to 90 million meals into Gaza during the war zone, [and] the ability to deliver that aid in a way where it is not being looted by Hamas," he said."We want to see an end to the devastation that has taken place in Gaza. That's why we have seen this commitment to get aid to the people who need it in a way where it is not weaponized by Hamas. That commitment remains. It is a commitment from President [Donald] Trump and Secretary [of State Marco] Rubio. That is why we have supported the Gaza Humanitarian Foundation," Pigott said.Pigott said the administration was continuing to call on "other entities to step up in working through this mechanism in order to deliver aid to the people of Gaza without it being looted by Hamas."More than 1,000 people have also been killed by Israeli gunfire near aid distribution sites in Gaza, according to the United Nations. Most of those are operated by GHF, which opened its aid distribution sites on May 27.The Israel Defense Forces said in a statement earlier this month, its troops fired near crowds "in order to remove an immediate threat posed to them," though it wasn't specific.Israeli officials have long accused Hamas of seizing humanitarian goods and selling them to fund militant activity. Hamas denies those claims. EAA AirVenture 2025 opens with aircraft of every descriptionEAA AirVenture Oshkosh's 72nd edition expects 700,000 visitors and 10,000 aircraft.Attractions include daily airshows featuring Goodyear blimps, aerobatics and vintage aircraft.Attendees can explore various aircraft areas, KidVenture activities and the EAA Aviation Museum.Workshops, forums, a fly-in theater and a veterans' salute are also offered.Tickets, schedules and further information are available at AirVenture.org and the EAA Events App.OSHKOSH – Look! Up in the sky!Not Superman, but a blockbuster hit of a different kind.The world’s biggest fly-in convention is back in town again, with the aviation world taking over Oshkosh’s skies for yet another week as the start of the 72nd edition of EAA AirVenture July 21-27.Around 700,000 visitors are expected to touch down in the city over the next seven days after last year’s event attracted record-setting numbers in attendance (686,000), exhibitors (861) and international countries represented (98).And planes. Lots of them!Another 10,000 aircraft — from the smallest of one-seater homebuilt planes to two flying examples of the B-29 Superfortress — will be on display across Wittman Regional Airport.Two Goodyear blimps are set to make their return to Oshkosh for the first time in four years, serving as the highlight of daily airshows and a pair of night shows July 23 and 26.Those shows also include the best in aerobatics and aerial maneuvers from top air show performers like Randy Ball (MiG-17), Vicky Benzing (P-51), Bob Carlton (Jetfox twin-engine sailplane), The Chuters (skydiving), Class of ’45 (Corsair/P-51) and Greg Colyer (T-33).In the spirit of Charles Miner, here’s a rundown of what else you can expect at this year’s convention.Tickets can be purchased for the entire week or daily, while there are optional add-ons such as parking, camping and flight experiences.Daily tickets are $49 for adult EAA members and $68 for adult non-members. Veterans and active military members pay $49 while kids 18 years and younger are free.There are special prices for July 27, with adult members, veterans and active members paying $24. Adult non-members pay $29.A special two-day offer of $110 is also afforded to adult non-members who plan to attend successive days.Advanced tickets and camping reservations are available for purchase at AirVenture.org.Patrons can access the daily schedule at or will have the chance to see the fly-in convention from the skies above on board one of the many aircraft rides at EAA AirVenture.You can fly on the world’s first mass-produced airliner, the Ford TriMotor 4-AT-B; a World War II bomber, the B-25 Berlin Express; or on the M*A*S*H helicopter, the Bell 47.Two Goodyear blimps are set to highlight both the daily and nightly shows for this year’s convention, but they won’t be the only highwire acts in town.AirVenture will feature a number of eyepopping feats of aerial maneuvers, aerobatics and unique airplanes on each day of the event.Daily air shows start at 2:15 p.m. July 21-26 and at 1 p.m. July 27.Both Goodyear airships are scheduled to appear during separate night shows slated for July 23 and 26. They begin at 8 p.m.As expected, several different spots are dedicated to specific types of aircraft being displayed at AirVenture.Boeing Plaza is the marquee display area, this year showcasing the Wisconsin Air National Guard, two flying examples of the B-29 Superfortress and a tribute to public benefit flying, among other major displays.Tour the grounds to see historic World War II planes in the Warbirds section, visit the areas dedicated to the thousands of homebuilt aircraft flown into Oshkosh or get a look at some of the aerobatic performers before they take to the skies for the daily air shows.You can also get a shuttle from Wittman Regional Airport to the Seaplane Base in a cove along Lake Winnebago.Patrons will also have access to the EAA Aviation Museum at no additional charge.Open daily from 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. at the Pioneer Airport, KidVenture provides children with several opportunities to explore aviation through hands-on activities like building projects, flying radio-control and control-line airplanes, riding flight simulators, and learning aviation and space history.July 27 has special opening hours of 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Buses run between KidVenture, the museum and the bus park daily.Aviation enthusiasts will be treated to various featured exhibits and presentations daily starting at 8 a.m.Weekly AirVenture wristbands allow for unlimited museum admission while patrons with a daily wristband can only access the museum for that day of entry.EAA members are free but will not be allowed admission to the convention grounds without a wristband.Avid moviegoers can enjoy classic Hollywood films, including fan favorites "Top Gun," "Fly Away Home" and "Thunderbolt," on a five-story projection screen every night at 8:30 p.m.Each movie is free of cost and includes free popcorn.The EAA Museum - Skyscape Theater will also host some film screenings.Here's the full movie lineup:Saturday, July 198:30-10:30 p.m.: “Top Gun” (1986), Fly-In TheaterSunday, July 208:30-10:30 p.m.: “16 Right” (2005) and “Living in the Age of Airplanes” (2015), Fly-In TheaterMonday, July 218:30-10:30 p.m.: “Icon in the Sky” (2025) and “Thunderbolt” (1947), Fly-In TheaterTuesday, July 228:30-10:30 p.m.: “The Bridges at Toko-Ri” (1954), Fly-In TheaterWednesday, July 232:30-3:45 p.m.: “Honor in the Air,” EAA Museum - Skyscape Theater8:30-10:30 p.m.: “Those Magnificent Men in Their Flying Machines” (1965), Fly-In TheaterThursday, July 241-2:15 p.m.: “Saman Balus: The Flying Canoe,” EAA Museum - Skyscape Theater8:30-10:30 p.m.: “Devotion” (2022), Fly-In TheaterFriday, July 258:30-9:45 a.m.: “Heroes of Old Hickory,” EAA Museum - Skyscape Theater2:30-3:45 p.m.: “Heroes of Old Hickory,” EAA Museum - Skyscape Theater8:15-10:30 p.m.: “Goodbye, Farewell, and Amen: M*A*S*H” (1983), Fly-In TheaterSaturday, July 2610-11:15 a.m.: Documentary: “Crosswinds,” EAA Museum - Skyscape Theater11:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m.: “Bridge of Spies,” EAA Museum - Skyscape Theater8:30-10:30 p.m.: “Fly Away Home” (1996), Fly-In TheaterA day-long Salute to Veterans July 25 starts with a complimentary breakfast and includes a parade and the Old Glory Honor Flight to Washington, D.C.That annual parade of veterans begins at 12:30 p.m. at the “Warbirds in Review” ramp, where former servicemembers will assemble for a special patriotic tribute.The Old Glory Honor Flight, which takes Vietnam veterans to tour war memorials and monuments in Washington, D.C., returns to AirVenture around 6 p.m.At no additional cost, patrons can get a chance to hear from industry leaders, pilots, designers and astronauts about everything from flying and restoring airplanes to actually building your own homebuilt aircraft.Workshop topics include composite and fabric construction, gas, and TIG welding and sheet metal.These workshops run daily across the convention grounds and no reservations are required.Some workshop, forum and other event highlights include the following:Monday, July 21Bugatti Model 100p — 8:30-9:45 a.m., EAA Museum - Skyscape Theater“Savage Skies, Emerald Hell: The U.S., Australia, Japan, and the Ferocious Air Battle for New Guinea in World War II” — 10-11 a.m., EAA Wearhouse“The Cloudbuster Nine: The Untold Story of Ted Williams and the Baseball Team That Helped Win World War II” — Noon-1 p.m., EAA Wearhouse“Spy Pilot: Francis Gary Powers, the U-2 Incident, and a Controversial Cold War Legacy” — 1-2 p.m., EAA Museum - Skyscape TheaterBalloon Glow — 8:30-9:30 p.m., Fun Fly ZoneTuesday, July 22Capt. Robert L. Martin, Red Tail (Tuskegee Airmen) — 10-11:15 a.m., EAA Museum - Vette Theater“Finding Paul Poberezny” — 10-11:15 a.m., EAA Museum - Hilton Theater“Savage Skies, Emerald Hell: The U.S., Australia, Japan, and the Ferocious Air Battle for New Guinea in World War II” — 10-11 a.m., EAA Wearhouse“Bazooka Charlie: The Unbelievable Story of Maj. Charles Carpenter and Rosie the Rocketer” — 11 a.m.-noon, EAA Wearhouse“A Preventable Tragedy: Lessons from the Wings Over Dallas Airshow Disaster” — 11:30 a.m.-12:45 p.m., Forum Stage 7 Sponsored By Foreflight“Letters From a Soviet Prison: The Personal Journal and Private Correspondence of CIA U-2 Pilot Francis Gary Powers” — 11:30 a.m.-12:45 p.m., EAA Museum - Skyscape Theater“The Cloudbuster Nine: The Untold Story of Ted Williams and the Baseball Team That Helped Win World War II” — 3-4 p.m., EAA Wearhouse“The Fly Girls Revolt: The Story of the Women Who Kicked Open the Door to Fly in Combat” — 5-6 p.m., EAA WearhouseTwilight Flight Fest — 8-10 p.m., Fun Fly ZoneBalloon Glow — 8:30-9:30 p.m., Fun Fly ZoneWednesday, July 23Bugatti’s 100P Air Racer — 10-11:15 a.m., EAA Museum - Skyscape TheaterSoviet Night Witches — 10-11:15 a.m., EAA Museum - Vette TheaterTurret Tales from a WWII Ball Turret Gunner, Staff Sgt. Doug Ward — 10-11 a.m., EAA Wearhouse“Charting the Next Era of Aviation” — 1-2:15 p.m., Forum Stage 11“Spy Pilot: Francis Gary Powers, the U-2 Incident, and a Controversial Cold War Legacy” — 1-2:15 p.m., EAA Museum - Vette Theater“The Tuskegee Airmen: How? Why?” — 1-2:15 p.m., EAA Museum - Skyscape Theater“The B-25 in the Backyard, My Father's Historic Airplane Sanctuary” — 2-3 p.m., EAA Wearhouse“The Fly Girls Revolt: The Story of the Women Who Kicked Open the Door to Fly in Combat” — 4-5 p.m., EAA Wearhouse“The Women with Silver Wings: The Inspiring True Story of the Women Airforce Service Pilots of World War II” — 4-5 p.m., EAA WearhouseTSA canine demonstration — 2:30-3:15 p.m., International Federal PavilionEAA concert band performance — 4-5:45 p.m., Theater in the WoodsThursday, July 24“Bazooka Charlie: The Unbelievable Story of Maj. Charles Carpenter and Rosie the Rocketer” — 9-10 a.m., EAA Wearhouse“The Fly Girls Revolt: The Story of the Women Who Kicked Open the Door to Fly in Combat” — 9-10 a.m., EAA WomenVenture Center“Life Takes Wings: Lessons Learned by the World’s First Female 747 Pilot” — 11 a.m.-noon, EAA WomenVenture Center“Inside the Black Box: Unlocking Accident Secrets” — 12:30-1:15 p.m., International Federal Pavilion“The Aviator and the Showman: Amelia Earhart, George Putnam, and the Marriage That Made an American Icon” — 2:30-3:45 p.m., EAA Museum - Skyscape Theater“Queen of the Skies: The Inspiring Story of Bessie Coleman” — 3-4 p.m., EAA WomenVenture Center“South of Heaven: My Year in Afghanistan” — 4-5 p.m., EAA Wearhouse“The Women With Silver Wings: The Inspiring True Story of the Women Airforce Service Pilots of World War II” — 4-5 p.m., EAA WomenVenture Center“M*A*S*H: Healing the Wounds with Laughter” — 7-9 p.m., Theater in the WoodsTwilight Flight Fest — 8-10 p.m., Fun Fly ZoneBalloon Glow — 8:30-9:30 p.m., Fun Fly ZoneFriday, July 25“I Crashed a Plane and Survived” — 10-11:15 a.m., Forum Stage 2“Letters From a Soviet Prison: The Personal Journal and Private Correspondence of CIA U-2 Pilot Francis Gary Powers” — 10-11:15 a.m., EAA Museum - Hilton Theater“Queen of the Skies: The Inspiring Story of Bessie Coleman” — 11 a.m.-noon, EAA Wearhouse“Chasing D.B. Cooper” — 11:30 a.m.-12:45 p.m., Forum Stage 10“South of Heaven: My Year in Afghanistan” — Noon-1 p.m., EAA Wearhouse“A Bird? A Plane? Waddya Call It?” — 1-2:15 p.m., EAA Museum - Vette Theater. This presentation is an illustrated review of the several USA and USAF aircraft and missile designation systems that have been used by the U.S. military from 1908 to the present.“Spy Pilot: Francis Gary Powers, the U-2 Incident, and a Controversial Cold War Legacy” — 1-2:15 p.m., Forum Stage 5U.S. Airline Pilot Job Market 2025 — 2:30-3:45 p.m., Forum Stage 11“The Fight to Save the City of Angels” — 7-9 p.m., Theater in the WoodsVeterans Tribute for all Services and Parade — 1-2:15 p.m., Warbirds in ReviewHonor Flight Welcome Home Ceremony — 6-7 p.m., Boeing PlazaTwilight Flight Fest — 8-10 p.m., Fun Fly ZoneBalloon Glow — 8:30-9:30 p.m., Fun Fly ZoneSaturday, July 26“Spy Pilot: Francis Gary Powers, the U-2 Incident, and a Controversial Cold War Legacy” — 10-11:15 a.m., EAA Museum - Vette Theater“The Real Cause of Most Pilot Accidents” — 11:30 a.m.-12:45 p.m., Forum Stage 9“Flying Cars Take Off - Your Future World of Advanced Air Mobility” — 1-2:15 p.m., Forum Stage 3“The Fly Girls Revolt: The Story of the Women Who Kicked Open the Door to Fly in Combat” — 1-2 p.m., EAA WearhouseSunday, July 27Memorial Wall Dedication — 10-11 a.m., Fergus Chapel and Compass HillNo fewer than 13 shops and gift stores are on site offering a variety of EAA memorabilia, merchandise and any other aviation items for sale, including hardware, tools and aircraft parts.The food options aren’t limited, either, with grocery stores, national chains and local food trucks readily available and open all over Wittman field.This charity fun run/walk is open to people of all ages, starting at 6:30 a.m. July 26 at the Youth Education Center.A new route this year takes participants through a tour of AirVenture grounds.Registration includes a T-shirt, post-race food and refreshments, and admission to AirVenture on race day.Online registration closes July 25 and reopens at the Runway 5K check-in July 26 before the race.Search for EAA Events in the App Store or Google Play, or visit the EAA website to download the EAA Events App and set up a personalized itinerary that will help navigate the more than 1,500 workshops, forums, events and exhibitors.After downloading the app, select EAA AirVenture Oshkosh 2025 so you can setup event notifications, search the daily schedule, spot food venues and even view maps of the entire EAA AirVenture grounds.For a full list of AirVenture's features and attractions for the week, visit Justin Marville at jmarville@gannett.com and follow him on X (formerly Twitter) at @justinmarville. The companies standing up to Trump on DEICompanies like Costco and Levi's are rejecting the White House's position on diversity, equity and inclusion.For months now, President Donald Trump’s threat to strip federal contracts from corporations that stand by their diversity, equity and inclusion initiatives has driven a sharp U-turn in corporate America, with the private sector rushing to distance itself from policies that it once trumpeted. However, a new study tracking DEI changes within the nation’s largest corporations reveals that the pace has slowed as the Trump administration has shifted its focus to other policy priorities, such as immigration and tariffs.The backlash against DEI gained steam during the 2024 presidential election but hit a fever pitch when Trump took office. His early executive orders aimed at eliminating “illegal DEI” in the federal government and the private sector were the single-largest driving force behind the reforms that swept corporate America, Gravity Research found.“President Trump’s return to office created a seismic shift in the risk calculus for companies with DEI commitments,” said Joanna Piacenza, vice president of thought leadership with Gravity Research, which advises companies on social, political and reputational risks. “Unlike earlier backlash driven by online activists, which focused on reputational and social media pressure, Trump's administration brought policy levers and legal authority.”Most of the policy shifts – 80% – tracked in Gravity Research’s study of Fortune 1000 companies and sports leagues between June 2024 and May 2025 occurred after Trump’s inauguration. But the rate slowed significantly following the post-inauguration push, Piacenza said.For example, 11 companies publicly announced in February that they would make major changes to diverse hiring targets and workforce and executive representation goals, but only two made those changes in May.“The slowdown appears to reflect a ‘wait-and-see’ posture from companies,” Piacenza said. "With those initial policy adjustments now set in motion, companies appear to be reassessing further changes."Corporations that rushed to make changes following the inauguration were those with the most to lose: federal contractors and companies in highly regulated industries. Nearly three-quarters of the corporations that made post-inauguration DEI changes were federal contractors, the study showed. Of the DEI changes corporations made, the most significant was around hiring and representation goals, according to Gravity Research. Corporations also rebranded DEI efforts with more anodyne names such as “inclusion and belonging” and changed the chief diversity officer title to “vice president of talent strategy” or “head of people engagement” after Trump’s inauguration. Mentions of “DEI” and related terms also vanished from corporate reports, regulatory filings and websites. Few companies dismantled employee resource groups but emphasized they are open to all employees and are aligned with business priorities such as professional development and networking. “With federal agencies signaling that ERGs could be investigated as discriminatory, this issue may resurface as a reputational risk in the months ahead,” the Gravity Research study said.The Gravity Research study found that corporations are reframing but not retreating from DEI, with 80% affirming ongoing commitments to “inclusion,” “belonging,” or “accessibility.”Business leaders are gaining confidence from pro-DEI shareholder votes and from the challenges faced by companies that have retreated on DEI, including declining sales, shrinking market caps and struggles attracting and retaining talent, said Carissa Romero, co-founder and managing director of the culture and inclusion platform Paradigm.Guidance issued by the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission in March also reassured corporations that the Trump administration would not view their strategies as “illegal DEI.”Corporations are also facing growing pressure from pro-DEI activists who have mounted a string of boycotts protesting DEI rollbacks. It’s unclear how much of an impact these boycotts are having on the bottom line, but Target cited its decision to end some diversity policies as a contributor to a sharp first-quarter pullback in consumer spending.“Most companies know creating diverse workforces, fair

Strong, Lewis.■ Starters: Taylor Rapp, Cole Bishop.■ Reserves: Damar Hamlin, Jordan Hancock, Darrick Forrest, Wande Owens.■ Sal's take: Bishop's rookie growth was stunted by an injury but he was starting to come on at the end of the year and now he has to establish himself as a reliable starter and playmaker. Rapp is a solid veteran who will pair nicely with Bishop. Hancock is a rookie with diverse skills in that he can play either safety spot plus nickel corner. I think Forrest and Hamlin will both make the team, but if there's a crunch, I'd go with Forrest who has a better athlete than Hamlin.■ Sal's picks for the 53: Rapp, Bishop, Hamlin, Hancock, Forrest.■ Starters: Tyler Bass (K), Brad Robbins (P), Reid Ferguson (LS).■ Sal's take: The punter competition is done before camp begins as the Bills cut Jake Camarda, leaving Robbins as the lone man on the roster. The return game will be fascinating to watch and right now, I have Shenault making the team as the sixth WR because he might win the kickoff return job. Codrington did a nice job as the punt returner last season, but I don't have a spot in the secondary for him so the Bills have to figure out who can handle punts because Shenault has not done that in the past.■ Sal's picks for the 53: Bass, Camarda, Ferguson.Sal Maiorana has covered the Buffalo Bills for four decades including 35 years as the full-time beat writer for the D&C, he has written numerous books about the history of the team, and he is also co-host of the BLEAV in Bills podcast/YouTube show. He can be reached at maiorana@gannett.com, and you can follow him on X @salmaiorana and on Bluesky @salmaiorana.bsky.social. Sept. 21, 2006 — -- Studies of resumes have found that people with black-sounding names are less likely to get callbacks."20/20" put 22 pairs of names to the test, posting identical resumes except for the names at the top. Watch "20/20" Friday Night at 10 The resumes with the white-sounding names were actually downloaded 17 percent more often by job recruiters than the resumes with black-sounding names.What are some of those names? Here's a list from the book "Freakonomics," by Steven D. Levitt and Stephen J. Dubner, showing the top 20 whitest- and blackest-sounding girl and boy names.Molly Amy Claire Emily Katie Madeline Katelyn Emma Abigail Carly Jenna Heather Katherine Caitlin Kaitlin Holly Allison Kaitlyn Hannah Kathryn 'Dancing With Sharks' opens with Tom Bergeron's famed 'DWTS' cryTom Bergeron sounds like his beloved "Dancing With the Stars" self, opening "Dancing With Sharks" on the Discovery Channel's Shark Week.We're going to need a bigger remote.Shark Week, the Discovery Channel tentpole event, returns this week as fans of the Superorder Selachimorpha can once again relish in a slate of shark-related programming.Discovery, part of the embattled Warner Bros. Discovery behemoth that is due to split by mid-2026, has centered the 37th edition of Shark Week's promotional efforts around "Dancing With Sharks" an inter-species dance competition hosted by returning "Dancing With the Stars" frontman Tom Bergeron.The event begins at 8 p.m. ET on July 20, with programming in the 8 p.m, 9 p.m. and 10 p.m timeslots through July 25 and a truncated schedule on July 26.Here's how to watch Shark Week 2025.Shark Week airs on the Discovery Channel and can be streamed on Discovery+ and HBO Max. Streaming services Hulu and YouTube TV carry the Discovery Channel.All times mentioned below are in the eastern time zone.Sunday, July 20 8 p.m.: Dancing With Sharks9 p.m.: Air Jaws: The Hunt for Colossus and10 p.m.: Great White AssassinsMonday, July 21: 8 p.m.: Great White Sex Battle9 p.m.: Jaws vs Mega Croc10 p.m.: In the Eye of the Storm: Shark StormTuesday, July 22: 8 p.m.: Great White North Invasion9 p.m.: How To Survive A Shark Attack10 p.m.: Black Mako of the AbyssWednesday, July 23: 8 p.m.: Expedition Unknown: Shark Files9 p.m.: Expedition X: Malpelo Monster Shark10 p.m.: Alien Sharks: Death Down UnderThursday, July 24: 8 p.m.: Surviving Jaws9 p.m.: Caught! Sharks Strike Back10 p.m.: FrankensharkFriday, July 25: 8 p.m.: Great White Reign of Terror9 p.m.: Florida's Death Beach10 p.m.: Bull Shark ShowdownSaturday, July 26: 8 p.m.: Attack Of The Devil Shark9 p.m.: Battle for Shark Mountain A growing force of Republicans are calling for transparency in the Jeffrey Epstein saga, with many calling for files from the billionaire sex offender's investigation to be released -- a fervent demand of the MAGA movement that propelled Donald Trump into a second term in the White House that is now frustrating lawmakers from both parties.But after a handful of Republicans temporarily stalled the $9 billion rescissions package last week over the Epstein issue, Speaker Mike Johnson does not appear likely to entertain further consideration of the matter before setting the House free on a five-week recess that stretches past Labor Day.Last week Johnson was able to appease Republicans by moving a non-binding resolution that provides for the public release of certain documents, records, and communications related to Epstein through the House Rules Committee. But now that Trump's "one big, beautiful bill" is done, and the rescissions package has cleared the House, Johnson may be less inclined to entertain demands from the fringes of his conference -- leaving it off the floor schedule this week.Rep. Thomas Massie speaks to reporters at the Capitol in Washington, D.C., June 27, 2025.Johnson said Monday the House will not hold a vote on the resolution before the August recess."My belief is we need the administration have the space to do what it is doing, and if further congressional action is necessary or appropriate, then we'll look at that. But I don't think we're at that point right now because we agree with the president," Johnson said.Johnson argued again "there is no daylight" between House Republicans and the White House on "maximum transparency" regarding the Epstein files."He [Trump] has said that he wants all the credible files related to Epstein to be released. He's asked the attorney general to request the grand jury files of the court. All of that is in process right now," he said.House Speaker Mike Johnson speaks to reporters at the U.S. Capitol in Washington, D.C., July 17, 2025.The push and the pressureReps. Thomas Massie, R-Ky., and Ro Khanna, D-Calif., have banded together on bipartisan legislation, H.R., 4405, to require Attorney General Pam Bondi to release "all documents and records in possession of the Department of Justice" relating to Epstein -- with Massie threatening to force consideration of the measure with a discharge petition if Republican leaders don't schedule a floor vote on the resolution.But the bill only has eight other co-sponsors, a meager amount that falls far short of the support necessary to convince Republican leaders to schedule a vote on it.Massie has threatened to launch a discharge petition if Republican leaders don't acquiesce, which could eventually compel Republican leaders to consider the Epstein matter contrary to their preference.Jeffrey Epstein and Donald Trump as they pose together at the Mar-a-Lago estate, Palm Beach, Florida, 1997.Davidoff Studios Photography/Getty ImagesWhat is a discharge petition?Florida GOP Rep. Anna Paulina Luna launched a bipartisan discharge petition earlier this spring to allow proxy voting for new lawmaker parents up to 12 weeks after giving birth. She made waves on Capitol Hill and headlines across the nation when she and a small group of Republicans signed onto a petition alongside Democrats.In theory, only six Republicans would need to pluck up the courage to band together and sign a discharge petition with all 212 Democrats. But that presumes that every House Democrat supports a measure -- which is unlikely given the miniscule number of cosponsors. In reality, there is a long climb ahead to force the issue inside the Capitol. The next must-pass legislation won't be considered until Congress attempts to avert a government shutdown in late September.Johnson on Monday voiced strong opposition to the Massie-Khanna discharge petition."Discharge petitions are never a good idea in the House. It is a tool of the minority party not majority. The majority party has stated its position, and it is mine, it's the president's that we want maximum disclosure. So, the rest of it is a political game that Democrats are playing, and I hope Republicans don't join it," he added.The discharge petition procedure rarely succeedsBefore the Luna-Pettersen petition, the last time it had worked was in 2015, when a bipartisan coalition banded together to force a vote to extend funding for the Export/Import Bank. There are seven additional discharge petitions that are actively gathering signatures right now -- on issues from support for Ukraine to tariffs.An absolute majority of the House -- 218 -- is required for members outside of leadership to force consideration of a measure. Even if a member resigns or dies, their signature would remain valid.Lawmakers must file a discharge petition with the Clerk of the House during legislative business. After 218 members sign, a 219th or more would not have the opportunity to pile on signatures after the petition is frozen.Rep. Ro Khanna speaks during an NAACP meeting, July 20, 2025, in Columbia, S.C.Looking aheadA discharge may only be pursued for legislation that has been referred to committee for at least 30 legislative days. Khanna's resolution was introduced July 15 and referred to the Judiciary Committee. According to House rules, the earliest he and Massie could initiate a discharge petition would be Oct. 21.Even if there are eventually 218 signatures on Oct. 21, the bill would not immediately come to the floor. House rules state that the matter must be noticed on the legislative calendar for seven days -- surely punting any prospective vote on an Epstein resolution deep into the fall.ABC News' Lauren Peller contributed to this report New TSA rules aim to speed up security. Here's what we know nowDecades old TSA policies are being rolled back by Homeland Security. Here's what we know now about the safety of new TSA rules.The TSA launched the "Families on the Fly" campaign to expedite the security process for families.The program offers dedicated family lanes, discounted TSA PreCheck fees for families, and dedicated TSA PreCheck lanes for military families.This initiative follows other relaxed security measures, including the elimination of shoe removal for most passengers.Flying has become a bit less of a hassle under newly relaxed security rules, and it may get even easier for traveling families.Kristi Noem, secretary of the Department of Homeland Security, which oversees the Transportation Security Administration, announced the TSA's new "Families on the Fly" campaign to help families get through the boarding process more smoothly."DHS and TSA are committed to making the airport security experience as smooth and stress-free as possible for traveling families," said Adam Stahl, a TSA administrator, in a recently released statement. "The Families on the Fly campaign, being rolled out at select airports, aims to mitigate the unique challenges families face when traveling and minimize stress while maintaining the highest level of security."Orlando International Airport (MCO) is participating, as is Charlotte-Douglas International (CLT) in North Carolina. TSA plans to roll the campaign out to its 435 airports across the U.S. including Jacksonville International (JAX) and Tampa International Airport (TPA), with more coming soon, the release said.The program is similar to the "Serve with Honor, Travel with Ease" campaign the TSA launched July 2 to expedite military travelers at airports near larger military installations.The moves come as Noem is trimming back other security restraints. On July 9, Noem announced that most passengers would no longer have to remove their shoes at TSA checkpoints. Days later, she hinted at changing the mandated 3.4 ounces of liquid or less currently allowed through airport security.You might not have to ditch your drink at TSA for much longerTSA has eased its shoe rule and DHS is now reviewing liquids. A faster screening process may follow, but no official changes have been made.According to the release, "Families on the Fly" benefits for families include: Dedicated family lanes at select airports nationwide Discounted TSA PreCheck fees for families coming soonDedicated TSA PreCheck lanes for service members and their families The "Serve with Honor, Travel with Ease" campaign helps military members at select airports near larger military installations by offering dedicated screening lanes or front-of-line privileges, designed to minimize wait times and improve convenience for service members.Other military TSA assistance includes:Military personnel and civilian Department of Defense (DOD) staff can also get free TSA PreChecks if they use their DOD ID number as their Known Traveler Number when booking travelChildren 12 and under may accompany service members and DOD staff in TSA PreCheck lanes without restrictionMinors 13-17 must be on the same airline reservation with a TSA PreCheck-eligible parent or guardian to receive expedited screeningVeterans and wounded warriors can use the TSA Cares program for personalized assistance through the screening processYou can get more information at tsa.gov/militaryFor most people, no. Some travelers may still be asked to remove their shoes if they receive additional screening."We've gone back and looked at our security processes, looked at the efficacy of everything we do," Noem said. She said that the shoe removal policy was no longer an especially effective tool for screening passengers and the agency was confident in its more advanced screening technology.Shoe-removing became a TSA policy in 2006 after a passenger attempted to conceal a bomb in his shoe in December 2001. Memphis acknowledged July 21 that a proposal from the university to join the Big 12 "did not ultimately move in our favor."'The University of Memphis is aware of the recent conversations regarding our potential inclusion in the Big 12," the university said in a statement. "While those discussions did not ultimately move in our favor, our university and Memphis athletics are stronger than ever, and we look forward to continuing to strengthen our position nationally."The statement comes after Yahoo! Sports' Ross Dellenger reported that the Tigers had offered up to $200 million to the Big 12 in a bid to join the conference. Big 12 presidents rejected the offer, which would have included millions of dollars in sponsorship money and an agreement from Memphis to forgo media rights money for five years.Memphis has been trying to join a power conference for years, and Scott has made it a priority during his tenure at Memphis. He said at his introductory news conference in June 2024 that he was focused on trying to get Memphis to either the Big 12 or ACC, and he's reaffirmed that multiple times since.Last fall, the Tigers turned down an offer from the Pac-12 that Scott termed a "bad deal." Though the Pac-12 will have nine members (including non-football Gonzaga) before the 2026 football season, it's not considered a power conference after losing nearly its entire membership last year. Scott gets a $250,000 bonus if Memphis joins the Big Ten, SEC, Big 12 or ACC.Reach sports writer Jonah Dylan at jonah.dylan@commercialappeal.com or on X @thejonahdylan. Memphis native GloRilla brings early Christmas gift to alma materMemphis native GloRilla brings early Christmas gift to her alma mater, Melrose High School. She donated $25,000 to the school's fine arts program.Memphis rapper GloRilla's Glo Bash concert is scheduled for July 25 at FedExForum.Glo Bash is expected to feature several other artists including some of GloRilla's CMG labelmates.Despite GloRilla's recent arrest in Georgia, the Memphis hip-hop star is still set to headline a show at FedExForum on July 25.The rap star's Glo Bash is expected to be the concert event of the summer in Memphis and will take place just ahead of the rapper's 26th birthday on July 28.GloRilla will be topping a lineup that's expected to feature several other artists, including some of her CMG labelmates, as well previously announced and surprise guests — hence the "GloRilla & Friends" billing for the show.The Glo Bash concert will take place at Downtown's FedExForum, located at 191 Beale St.There are still some tickets available for the first Glo Bash, with prices starting at $77 and going up to $400-plus.A quick scan of the available options shows that the cheapest seats — those that range from $77 to $96 — will put you in the upper level 200 section of FedExForum. Tickets in the $200 to $300 price range will put you in the lower bowl sections of the 100 level of the arena.Meanwhile, a relative handful of floor seats remain priced between $290 to $347, depending on your proximity to the stage. The best seats, tagged as Platinum level tickets, can be found in the front section, about 10 rows back of the stage. Those will cost $454.The posted start time for the GloRilla concert at FedExForum is 8 p.m. July 25.FedExForum has a clear bag policy that limits the size and type of bags that may be brought into any event. Only bags meeting the following standards will be allowed inside FedExForum:Clear bags made of plastic, vinyl or PVC no larger than 6x8x2 inches.Bags may not have an all-over print or decoration that prohibits full view of its contents.The bag may contain a strap, but metal or chain straps are prohibited.One quart or smaller clear plastic storage/freezer bag (Ziploc or similar).Wallets (sized to be carried in the front or back pocket) no larger than 5x3.5 inches.Clear bags and wallets compliant with the above will also be screened through X-Ray machines.Limit one clear bag per person.Exceptions to this policy will be made for all medically necessary items after proper inspection.While it's expected there will be special guests at the Glo Bash concert, recent headlining shows from the Memphis rapper have offered a setlist that presents roughly 20 songs, including the following GloRilla hits, favorites, collaborations and covers."Tomorrow""Hollon""Blessed""Let Her Cook""Wanna Be""Never Need""Bop""Procedure""Bad Bih 4 Ya""I Luv Her""ILBB2""Let Me Get Em""All Dere""Lick Or Sum""Sticky""Broke N**** Please""How I Look""TGIF""F.N.F. (Let's Go)""Whatchu Know About Me""Yeah Glo!"Yes, FedExForum is a cashless venue.FedExForum Gossett Motors Parking Garage offers 1,500 parking spaces in the five-level attached parking garage. There are two entrances to the garage, both on Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Avenue between B.B. King Boulevard and Fourth Street. Parking is available on a first-come, first-served basis. Parking rates are set based on the type of event being held at FedExForum.There is also parking available around the arena in numerous lots.Guest, limo, taxi and express shuttle bus dropoff is located at the east end of the arena on Fourth Street between Beale and Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Avenue. Vehicles dropping off or picking up guests are not allowed to sit or park. Unattended vehicles will be ticketed and/or towed at owner's expense. A line of people gathered near Elon Musk's futuristic Tesla Diner in Hollywood on Monday after he suggested it was about to open to the public. The diner, at 7001 Santa Monica Blvd., held a soft opening over the weekend for first responders and members of the Southern California Tesla Club. A long line of people gathered near Elon Musk's futuristic Tesla Diner in Hollywood on Monday after he suggested it was about to open to the public. The diner, which Musk has been planning since 2018, is set to have lots of superchargers for electric vehicles and two drive-in movie screens. The saucer-shaped structure blends a retro American diner aesthetic with high-tech elements and Tesla-branded food containers.Despite claims circulating on Musk's social media site X that the diner would open on Monday, eager customers were not being let in as of Monday afternoon. Other social media posts said the restaurant would open at 4:20 p.m. Monday. The diner, at 7001 Santa Monica Blvd., held a soft opening over the weekend for first responders and members of the Southern California Tesla Club. Videos and photos posted by people who attended showed servers on roller skates and the humanoid robot dubbed Optimus scooping popcorn. "If our retro-futuristic diner turns out well, which I think it will, Tesla will establish these in major cities around the world," Musk wrote on X early Monday. A security guard stationed outside the diner Monday said he had received no instructions to open the doors to the public. The restaurant is surrounded by a closed fence. However, many of the people waiting in line were convinced that Monday was opening day. Miguel and Dawn Colayco took a train and multiple buses to reach the diner from their home in Arcadia on Monday morning. The couple said that they saw multiple sources online confirming the diner's opening date. "We're huge Elon fans," Dawn said while waiting in line. "We agree with a lot of things he does and says." Miguel said they would wait in line for an hour before giving up. Jun 10, 2025; Cincinnati, OH, USA; Cincinnati Bengals offensive tackle Amarius Mims (71) walks to the next drill during practice at Paycor Stadium. Mandatory Credit: Kareem Elgazzar-Imagn Images / Kareem Elgazzar-Imagn ImagesHome/AllBengals Insiders+ Athlete marks 'Jaws' 50th anniversary with 60-mile swimSwimmer Lewis Pugh circumnavigated Martha's Vineyard to mark the 50th anniversary of the movie "Jaws" and draw attention to the plight of sharks.It's that time of year again – the Discovery Channel's annual Shark Week.The network released its slate of programming for Shark Week 2025, which begins today, July 20.It comes after the famous shark movie "Jaws" – set on a fictional island based on Martha's Vineyard – turned 50 years old in June.Shark Week, which launched in 1988, brings over 20 hours of shark-themed television to viewers every year.Check out when this year's Shark Week begins and what shows will air.This year, Shark Week will start on Sunday, July 20 at 8 p.m.People can watch Shark Week on the Discovery Channel, but it will also be available to stream on Discovery+ and HBO Max. Hulu also offers live streaming on the Discovery Channel.Discovery recently released its programming schedule for Shark Week.Shows will air at 8, 9, and 10 p.m. each day except for July 26, which will only air Shark Week programming at 8 and 9 p.m.Shark Week 2025 Schedule:Sunday, July 20: "Dancing With Sharks," "Air Jaws: The Hunt for Colossus," and "Great White Assassins"Monday, July 21: "Great White Sex Battle," "Jaws vs Mega Croc," and "In the Eye of the Storm: Shark Storm"Tuesday, July 22: "Great White North Invasion," "How To Survive A Shark Attack," and "Black Mako of the Abyss"Wednesday, July 23: "Expedition Unknown: Shark Files," "Expedition X: Malpelo Monster Shark," and "Alien Sharks: Death Down Under"Thursday, July 24: "Surviving Jaws," "Caught! Sharks Strike Back," and "Frankenshark"Friday, July 25: "Great White Reign of Terror," "Florida's Death Beach," and "Bull Shark Showdown"Saturday, July 26: "Attack Of The Devil Shark" and "Battle for Shark Mountain"The Discovery Channel website revealed that the host of "Dancing With Sharks," which is part of this year's Shark Week, will be TV personality Tom Bergeron.Bergeron is a former host of "Dancing with the Stars" and "America's Funniest Home Videos." He also happens to be from Haverhill, Mass.achusetts.The show will begin on July 20, with the onset of Shark Week.According to the website, the show will feature "an unprecedented underwater dance competition between expert divers and their shark partners. Blending skill, grace and the daring pursuit of the ultimate underwater thrill, five divers—all trained by a world-class underwater choreographer—will compete to show off their skills during epic underwater dances."Each diver will attempt to outperform their competitors, with moves including the Hammerhead Hoedown and Tiger Trot, and redefine dancing with danger." Good Trouble Protest march to Mar-a-Lago'Good Trouble': Hundreds turn out to honor John Lewis, oppose President TrumpEditor's note: This column was updated to correct an error.I've got an idea how to soothe the Palm Beach County residents who object to changing the name of a chunk of Southern Boulevard to "President Donald J. Trump Boulevard." This sentiment was cogently explained by reader Peggy Butler, of West Palm Beach, in a letter published in The Palm Beach Post last weekend. "He's torn this country apart and does not deserve any kind of honor, especially this," she wrote. I agree with Butler that the rush to name roads after Trump seems too premature. Wouldn't it be best to allow Trump's promised "golden age" of America to play out to determine whether it ends up best describing a precious metal or a biological waste product? The unanimous vote by the Palm Beach County Board of County Commissioners to rename the road follows an act of premature adulation passed by the state legislature and signed by Gov. Ron DeSantis to direct the Florida Department of Transportation to erect a sign on the road to honor Trump.But state law also calls for local municipalities that would be impacted by the name change to offer their approval. This means that West Palm Beach and the Town of Palm Beach still need to weigh in on the road name change for the portion that goes through their jurisdictions.So, it's not quite a done deal. Even so, Trump jumped at the chance to declare victory."It has been brought to my attention that the Great State of Florida, which I won BIG three times, and where I am a proud Resident, has renamed an important four-mile stretch of Southern Boulevard, in Palm Beach County, to 'PRESIDENT DONALD J. TRUMP BOULEVARD,'" Trump wrote on Truth Social within hours after the vote.I'll bet that this is the first time this stretch of roadway that includes the Gas Food Mart, the La Familia Coin Laundry, and the Take 5 Drive Thru Oil Change garage has been called "important" by a U.S. President.Not to nitpick, but while it's true that Trump carried Florida in the past three presidential elections, he lost in Palm Beach County every time. Hillary Clinton beat Trump here in 2016 with 56.5% of the vote. Joe Biden beat Trump in Palm Beach County in 2020 with 55.9% of the vote, and Kamala Harris beat Trump last year in Palm Beach County with a 49.7% to 49% margin.In other words: We're not all that into Trump when compared to other places in Florida. So, it's understandable why local residents like Butler are peeved that we get stuck with honoring the "felonious" Trump. Even so, it's unlikely that renaming this portion of Southern Boulevard after Trump is going to be reconsidered. Google Maps is already listing previous Southern Boulevard addresses in this stretch between Mar-a-Lago and Kirk Road to the new Trump name. So, the solution may be to embrace the name change and pair it with another one that would serve as a fix. I'm proposing "Jeffrey Epstein Way" on what is now an "important section" of Ocean Boulevard that leads to Mar-a-Lago.As revelations continue to spill out about Trump's friendship with Epstein, an insatiable sexual abuser of scores of underage teenage girls, it's becoming quite clear that Trump doesn't want the kind of disclosures he promised the MAGA base during his campaign.Now, he says the Epstein matter is "boring" and a "hoax", and that we should move on. This just makes him sound like somebody with a lot to hide.So, here's my idea. Let's get behind another road-name change that might also be somewhat premature. Jeffrey Epstein's Palm Beach home was on El Brillo Way, a small street that feeds into Ocean Boulevard, about 1.2 miles north of Mar-a-Lago.Naming that stretch of Ocean Boulevard after Epstein will geographically be a reminder that Epstein leads to Trump's door.To spell it out: President Donald J. Trump Boulevard ends to the east at Mar-a-Lago, which would be the southern endpoint to Jeffrey Epstein Way. They'd be connected. I think this may be the only way that everybody in Palm Beach County could agree with having a road named after Trump.Frank Cerabino is a news columnist with The Palm Beach Post, which is part of the USA Today Florida Network. He can be reached at FCerabino@pbpost.com.Join the Conversation: The Palm Beach Post is committed to publishing a diversity of opinions. Email us at letters@pbpost.com. Letters are subject to editing, must not exceed 200 words and must include your name, address and a daytime phone number to confirm the letter is for publication. We only publish names and cities with the letters. Watch 2025 Ohio State Fair: Things you need to knowThe 2025 Ohio State Fair will have many new features like chainsaw carving and free concerts.A variety of paid and free concerts will be offered during the 2025 Ohio State Fair, which runs July 23-Aug. 3.Headliners include KIDZ BOP, Foreigner, T-Pain, AJR and Trace Adkins, among others.Paid concert tickets include admission to the fair.Columbus, are you ready to rock?Or would you rather "Shake it Off" Swiftie style? Perhaps time-travel back to 1983 and do "The Bird"?Whatever your footwork of choice (or maybe you're just a head-bobber), the chance to groove and bust a move to the sounds of world-known and homegrown artists will be yours at the Ohio State Fair.With 10 paid concerts and a brimming schedule of free performances offering a medley of musical styles, the fair runs from July 23-Aug. 3 at the Ohio Expo Center, 717 E. 17th Ave.Here's the lowdown on who's coming to the fair, plus some entertaining and informative tidbits of information!The Ohio State Fair will kick off its paid concert series with a family-friendly act that's perfect for your little pop star's first live show.Sanitized for your protection, KIDZ BOP will perform G-rated covers of pop hits at 6:30 p.m. July 23. (Who wants to bet they'll sing Chappell Roan's ubiquitous "Pink Pony Club"?)See KIDZ BOP at the fairWhether you're "Hot Blooded" or "Cold as Ice," you'll want to be front and center at 7 p.m. July 24, when jukebox heroes Foreigner comes to the fair for the second time since 2022.The band's lead singer, Kelly Hansen, announced in May his plans to leave Foreigner after their summer tour, when he'll pass the mic to guitarist Luis Maldonado.See Foreigner at the fairFlap your arms and squawk as Morris Day and The Time heat up the stage with hits like "The Bird" and "Jungle Love" at 7 p.m. July 26, with special guest Con Funk Shun.If Day looks familiar, you're probably Gen X or a Prince fan — or both. With The Time, the 1980s funkmaster had a starring role as a musical rival of The Kid (Prince) in "Purple Rain."See Morris Day and The Time at the fairAt 7 p.m. July 30, tune in — or rather, Auto-Tune in — to T-Pain, whose electronic-style vocals influenced artists such as Lil Wayne and Kanye West. The rapper's special guest will be DJ Montay.T-Pain showed off his considerable singing skills in 2023 with "On Top of the Covers." The non-Auto-Tuned album features renditions of songs by artists including Chris Stapleton, Sam Cooke, Journey, Frank Sinatra and Black Sabbath.See T-Pain at the fairAugust will start with a "Bang!" — which just happens to be the name of the biggest hit by AJR, who will perform at 7:30 p.m. Aug. 1 with special guest Valley.An acronym for the first initials of founding brothers Adam, Jack and Ryan Met (née Metzger), AJR's breakthrough came after Ryan tweeted a link to a video of their first single, "I'm Ready," to some 80 celebrities, including "Chandelier" singer Sia.After Sia told her manager about the song, he contacted Steve Greenberg, founder and CEO of S-Curve Records, who became the band's manager for a time.See AJR at the fairCountry superstar Trace Adkins' "What Color's Your Wild" tour will stop at the fair for a concert at 7 p.m. Aug. 2. Special guest Alex Miller will open.To celebrate the 20th anniversary of his line dance-inspiring megahit, "Honky Tonk Badonkadonk," Adkins teamed up with Dutch-born electronic dance musician Moonlght and country-meets-EDM artist Country Night on a remix of the song, released in May.See Trace Adkins at the fairThe paid concert series also will feature an award-winning contemporary Christian artist, a stand-up comic and some stars on the rise, including:See Warren Zeiders at the fairTauren Wells, host of the Gospel Music Association's Dove Awards for the last three years and former tourmate of Lionel Richie and Mariah Carey, with special guest Josiah Queen; 7 p.m. July 28See Tauren Wells at the fairComedian-actor Leanne Morgan, whose self-titled sitcom is set to premiere on Netflix on July 31; 7:30 p.m. July 29See Leanne Morgan at the fairSee Quinn XCII and Chelsea CutlerThere's no price tag on these performances and you won't need a ticket to enter and enjoy:All-Ohio State Fair Band & Youth Choir, 1 p.m. July 27"Let's Sing Taylor," an unofficial live tribute to the music of Taylor Swift, 7 p.m. July 2716 Candles, '80s pop show by Chicago-based band, 1 p.m. July 29 (Senior Day)The paid concerts and the three free shows will be held in the air-conditioned comfort of the WCOL Celeste Center at the fairgrounds.Concert tickets bought in advance include admission to the fair. Children 2 and younger will be admitted to paid concerts for free when sitting on an adult's lap.If you're craving even more ear candy, a full slate of other free entertainment will satisfy your musical sweet tooth. Three stages will showcase more than 20 acts, most of them Columbus-based, as well as musicians from other regions of Ohio and a fair favorite that returns each year from Atlanta.From cover artists and tribute bands to neo-soul and roadhouse rock 'n' roll, daily performances will take place on the Ohio Lottery Gazebo Stage and in the Natural Resources Park Amphitheater and Taste of Ohio Pavilion & Beer Garden.For more details about entertainment at the Ohio State Fair, visit ohiostatefair.com.Entertainment and Things to Do reporter Belinda M. Paschal can be reached at bpaschal@dispatch.com. What to do if Social Security benefits were overpaidBeneficiaries that have been overpaid will have 90 days to submit a waiver or repayment plan or get a cut in benefits.For some Social Security recipients, benefit checks might arrive in a lesser amount in the coming months. Meanwhile, some others may have recently gotten a bump in their benefits.The Social Security Administration said in April it would begin sending notices to recipients who got overpayments in the past. After sending out overpayment notices, the SSA would allow 90 days for recipients to seek a waiver or lower repayment rate. Then, the agency would begin withholding 50% of recipients' benefits until the overpayment is repaid (after approximately July 24, at the earliest).Some beneficiaries are set to receive payments on July 23, while the next payment date after that falls on Aug. 1, according to the SSA payment calendar.Other recipients, however, might have seen their benefits increase. That's because the Social Security Fairness Act has kicked in for public sector workers whose benefits had been reduced in the past. As of July 7, the SSA said it has processed more than 3.1 million payments to those entitled to the retroactive payment adjustments.Some Social Security beneficiaries who have been overpaid could have their monthly benefits cut in half beginning in late July. Overpayments can happen when the SSA incorrectly calculates a person's benefits, for example, or a beneficiary fails to update a change in income.Improper payments accounted for less than 1% of the almost $8.6 trillion in benefits paid during fiscal years 2015-2022, according to an August 2024 report from the Social Security Administration's Office of the Inspector General. Of the nearly $72 billion in improper payments – most of which were overpayments – issued during that time, Social Security had collected all but $23 billion as of September 2023, according to the SSA.Also, the SSA began sending retroactive Social Security Fairness Act payments in February to public sector workers who could not get Social Security or had reduced benefits because their past work wasn't subject to Social Security taxes, according to the SSA. Those affected recipients included police officers, firefighters, postal workers and public school teachers.The SSA has paid about $17 billion to those beneficiaries. Earlier this year, the agency said the average amount of the retroactive payment was $6,710.Because the SSA pays benefits the month after they are due, some recipients may see the change in their benefit amount in the August 2025 payment, the agency said. Since the act became law on Jan. 5, 2025, the agency has received more than 278,000 new claims from people with pensions from work not covered by Social Security and has processed 92% of these, the SSA said.For some of those who filed a new claim after Jan. 5, 2025, the SSA "may still be working to process your application," the agency said July 10.If you think you are eligible for Social Security Fairness Act benefit adjustments, you can file a claim at www.ssa.gov/apply. If you have gotten a notice from the SSA that you received an overpayment, you can repay the overpayment amount by credit card, online bill pay or check. For more information on repayment of overpaid benefits, visit the SSA website.You can also request a waiver to not repay the overpayment if you believe it was not your fault or if you cannot afford to repay it (or think it is unfair for some other reason), using a form on the SSA website.Mike Snider is a reporter on USA TODAY's Trending team. You can follow him on Threads, Bluesky, X and email him at mikegsnider & @mikegsnider.bsky.social & @mikesnider & msnider@usatoday.comWhat's everyone talking about? Sign up for our trending newsletter to get the latest news of the day Sea turtle rescued after it got stuck in rocks at Palm Beach, FloridaSea turtle monitors rescue 300-pound loggerhead caught in rocks near Palm Beach Country Club in Florida on June 24, 2024. Video by Dragana ConnaughtonThe island's beaches have been blanketed from end to end with the pungent, brown-and-tan seaweed in recent weeks.Seaweed accumulation is a regular issue for the town during sargassum season, which typically runs from March to October.Thirteen million metric tons of sargassum between Africa and the Caribbean was reported in March, fueling predictions for a record season.The amount of sargassum washing ashore in Palm Beach has surged in July, marking a noticeable uptick from earlier this summer.The smelly, brown-and-tan seaweed has blanketed beaches on the island from end to end in recent weeks, far outpacing what was seen last year, said Diane Buhler, founder of the nonprofit Friends of Palm Beach."There is a spike," she told the Daily News July 25. "It's a lot more this year than last year. Who knows what next year is going to be like? I've always found that sargassum is beneficial for the beach because of erosion protection. But there's so much more. It's even pretty dense down on Billionaires' Row, which it usually isn't. And Root Trail's got it, and the Inlet's got it. It's pretty abundant right now."Buhler noted that sargassum began showing up on town beaches in the spring, but ocean currents and winds washed it back into the water for a few months.The past two weeks have seen an increase in the amount of seaweed that is piling up on beaches island-wide, she said.Buhler added she doesn't know how long it could potentially stick around.Seaweed accumulation is a regular issue for the town during sargassum season, which typically runs from March to October."There is a season for it," Buhler said. "But it's all morphing. Climate change is making things change, so it's really hard to say. If we're going to have flat seas, it's going to stick around. Once we start kicking up some tropical storms, it'll go away."Researchers from the University of South Florida reported a record 13 million metric tons of sargassum between Africa and the Caribbean in March, fueling predictions that this year's levels could reach record highs. More growth was expected heading into the peak months of June and July."We predicted back in December and January this would be a major year, but no one was certain whether it would be a record year," USF oceanography professor Chuanmin Hu told the Palm Beach Post in April. "But now we already have a record March, and we have some confidence that this will be another record year."Though manageable amounts of seaweed came ashore during the past two years, a heavy surge in 2022 prompted town officials to act quickly with removal and management measures.Those efforts involved approving a contract for special projects and mechanical beach cleanups, and extra raking services for the beach areas north of Angler Avenue.That area sits in the shadow of the inlet jetty, and the seaweed there is more prevalent, town officials have said."This may be a new normal," council member Bobbie Lindsay said in September 2022. "I have not seen this much sargassum in the 20-plus years I've lived up here. I can tell you that I've never seen it like I saw it this year."Jodie Wagner is a journalist at the Palm Beach Daily News, part of the USA TODAY Florida Network. You can reach her at jwagner@pbdailynews.com. Help support our journalism. Subscribe today. Tiffany Trump was part of 'Rich Kids of Instagram' and 'The Snap Pack'Before Donald Trump was elected president, Tiffany Trump was known for her connections with a group of young socialites called the "Rich Kids of Instagram," also nicknamed "The Snap Pack." The first daughter is now a mom and married to billionaire Michael BoulosTiffany Trump, Sofia Richie, Gaia Matisse and Kyra Kennedy were part of the "rich kids of Instagram."Tiffany Trump and billionaire Michael Boulos met in 2018 at Lindsay Lohan's Beach Club in Mykonos.Tiffany Trump and Michael Boulos welcomed a baby boy, Alexander Trump Boulos, on May 15, 2025.The "rich kids of Instagram" group was also known as the "Snap Pack" club, like the Rat Pack and the Brat Pack.Before first daughter Tiffany Trump got married and became a first-time mom, she belonged to a group of Instagram-famous friends.The 1950s and '60s had the Rat Pack.The 1980s had the Brat Pack.In the mid- to late 2010s, there was the "Rich Kids of Instagram" or the "Snap Pack."Tiffany Trump, Sofia Richie, Gaia Matisse and Kyra Kennedy were members of this elite "club," which was profiled by the New York Times and inspired a reality TV series, "The Rich Kids of Instagram."Coverage of the "Rich Kids of Instagram" or "Snap Pack" (for Snapchat) hit a high in 2016 and 2017. The group included what many perceived as privileged young socialites or children of billionaires. The "Rich Kids of Instagram" series documented life for 16 incredibly "rich kids with money to burn, who party in the world's best nightclubs, shop in the most exclusive boutiques, and share it all on social media," according to its IMDB page.During her father's first campaign for the White House and after his presidential win, Tiffany Trump was reportedly not allowed to hang out with the Snap Pack. However, in 2018, the then-24-year-old former model and first daughter made headlines for ringing in the new year at a party hosted by Playboy in Los Angeles and reuniting with the Snap Pack in Las Vegas.At the time, Donald Trump was the 45th president of the United States. She had already spent two years promoting her father and family in the political limelight.Nowadays, Tiffany Trump is still giving her social media followers a peek at #marriedlife and #momlife with her billionaire husband Michael Boulos and their newborn son, Alexander Trump Boulos.Here's what we know about Tiffany Trump, her connections to the Rich Kids of Instagram or Snap Pack, and life as a first daughter − again.Tiffany Trump is the only daughter of Donald Trump and former model Marla Maples, who were married from 1993 to 1999.Like her father, Tiffany Trump attended the University of Pennsylvania and graduated in 2016 with a bachelor's degree in sociology. After graduation, she continued her studies at Georgetown Law School in Washington, D.C. In 2018, Tiffany Trump met Michael Boulos, when he was studying project management at City University of London and Tiffany Trump was a law student at Georgetown. Both were vacationing in Santorini and met in Mykonos at Lindsay Lohan's Beach Club, according to People magazine.In 2022, the couple were married at Mar-a-Lago, Donald Trump's private club and home in