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The Firearms Policy Coalition (FPC) Statement on Passage of the Virginia Gun Ban



The Virginia General Assembly passed SB749, which would ban so-called "assault firearms" and "large capacity" magazines, despite both being protected by the Second Amendment. The bill is a major part of Governor Abigail Spanberger's agenda, and she previously pledged to sign such a bill if it reaches her desk. The bill was passed by the Virginia Senate in a 21-19 vote (after having been previously passed by the House of Delegates), and now goes to the governor for her expected signature. The bill was passed by the Virginia General Assembly in Richmond, VA. Once the bill is transmitted to the governor, she will have seven days to sign or veto it, or it becomes law without her signature. If signed, the bill will take effect on July 1st, 2026. The bill would unconstitutionally ban semi-automatic "assault firearms" that have features such as threaded barrels, adjustable stocks, and pistol grips, along with banning standardized magazines that can hold more than 15 rounds of ammunition. "Instead of upholding the rights of Virginians, tyrants in Richmond have voted to gut the Constitution and turn peaceable gun owners into felons. FPC has been preparing a federal lawsuit to challenge this immoral ban on

constitutionally protected firearms and magazines. We will not hesitate to sue to defend Virginians against their authoritarian government if Governor Abigail Spanberger signs this anti-gun bill into law," said FPC President Brandon Combs. Firearms Policy Coalition (FPC) is a nonprofit membership organization that exists to create a world of maximal individual liberty and eliminate unconstitutional gun control laws. FPC works—and wins—for the People through high-impact strategic litigation, groundbreaking research, legislative and regulatory advocacy, grassroots activism, education, and public engagement. FPC's legal division, FPC Law, is the nation's leading initiative dedicated to restoring the right to keep and bear arms across the United States.

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To learn more about how FPC is working—and winning—for the People, sign up for FPC news alerts at firearmspolicy.org and follow FPC on X, Instagram, and Facebook.

Fan registration now open for NFL Draft presented by Bud Light in Pittsburgh, April 23-25

- *Expansive Draft Campus Will Connect North Shore and Downtown for Ultimate Fan Experience*
- *Download NFL OnePass App to Register*



NEW YORK — March 4, 2026 — Fans can now register for free entry to the 2026 NFL Draft presented by Bud Light by downloading the NFL OnePass app or visiting NFL.com/DraftAccess. Taking place April 23–25, the Draft will transform Pittsburgh's North Shore and Point State Park into a three-day celebration of football, community and culture in the heart of Downtown Pittsburgh. "The NFL Draft is a massive annual celebration of football and community, and Pittsburgh provides a spectacular stage to welcome residents and fans from all over the world," said Peter O'Reilly, executive vice president of club business, international and league events. "By connecting iconic locations in

the heart of the city, we're creating an accessible, free experience that reflects Pittsburgh's creativity, imagination and grit, and invites all fans to be there live as the next generation of the NFL takes the stage." In partnership with VisitPITTSBURGH and the Pittsburgh Steelers, the league will deliver an expansive Draft campus designed to showcase Pittsburgh's landmarks, waterways and unmistakable skyline while creating an immersive fan experience for all ages. Draft Theater and Main Stage on North Shore The Draft Theater and Main Stage will be located just outside Acrisure Stadium on Pittsburgh's North Shore, where the Draft will bring all 32 club selections to life across three days. Fans in attendance will be positioned in the

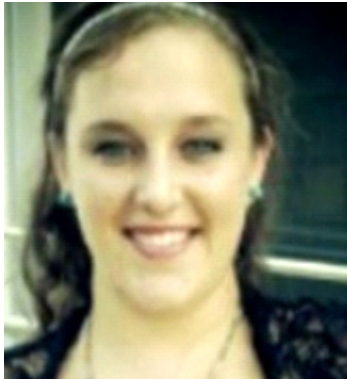
heart of one of the country's most recognizable sports districts and steps away from the action as prospects hear their names called and dreams become reality. Throughout the broadcast, Pittsburgh's skyline, rivers and iconic bridges will provide a backdrop that reflects the beauty of the city and give fans in attendance a front row seat to the football celebrations. Two iconic Pittsburgh mainstays will connect the Draft campus. The Roberto Clemente Bridge will close to vehicle traffic and serve as a pedestrian-only fan corridor linking the North Shore and Downtown, while the Gateway Clipper Fleet riverboats will provide transportation between Draft locations, offering fans a uniquely Pittsburgh way to experience the event while highlighting the city's waterways. NFL Draft Experience at the North Shore and Point State Park The NFL Draft Experience, the

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Meet some of BIHMST Sports Correspondents



William M. Larsha, Jr.



Ashley Braun Gendek

BIHMST Travelers, join correspondents William M. Larsha, Jr. and Ashley Braun Gendek in their sports coverage of The University of Memphis Tigers, Memphis Grizzlies, TN Titans, Southern Heritage Classic, and more!

Tigers climb leaderboard to finish fifth in California Invitational at Sterling Hills Golf Club; Emily Wilson paces individually

CAMARILLO, Calif. , March 10, 2026– Memphis women's golf closed play at the Southern California Invitational on Tuesday with a fifth-place finish after posting a three-round total of 44-over par at Sterling Hills Golf Club. The Tigers showed improvement

throughout the tournament, carding rounds of +36, +5 and +3 to climb the leaderboard over the final two days and finish in a three-way tie with Murray State and North Dakota State in the 15-team field. Their final round 3-over total was the second-best round of the day.

Emily Wilson paced Memphis individually, finishing 9-over par to place 19th overall. Wilson highlighted her week with a 1-over 72 in the second round and finished the event tied for fourth in the field with 37 pars. Claire Swathwood followed closely behind, finishing 21st at 10-over. Swathwood delivered one of the most productive weeks in the field, tying for fourth with 11 birdies and finishing even on par 3s, which tied for the second-best mark in the tournament. Tilly Garfoot recorded Memphis' lowest round of the event, firing a 1-under 70 in the final round to close the tournament. Garfoot finished 23rd at 12-over and also produced one of the tournament's most notable highlights with an eagle on the par-5 18th hole in round two, tying for the most in the field. Rounding out the Memphis lineup were Malia Cottriel and Claire Todd, who each finished 18-over for the tournament. Cottriel posted a strong 1-over 72 in

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Memphis Athletics has free 2nd Annual Power of Girls in Sports Clinic presented by FedEx

Registration required for this event on April 18.

MEMPHIS, TN - Join Memphis Athletics for the 2nd Annual Power of Girls in Sports Clinic presented by FedEx which will held on April 18 at the Laurie-Walton Family Basketball Center.

This is a free event, but registration is required.

Eligible participants are from third through sixth grade girls.

Participants will rotate through sports stations led by Memphis female student-athletes, their coaches, and staff, with opportu-

nities to attend skills and autograph sessions.

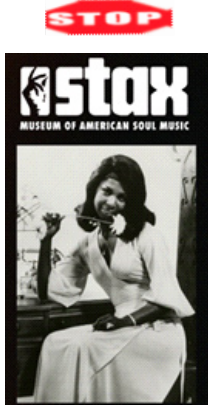
This is not a drop-off event. A parent or guardian must remain on site during the clinic.

- **Lunch will be provided.**

- **If your student-athlete has any food allergies, please bring their lunch.**

Spots are limited. Register today. All attendees must complete the waiver to participate.

For more information, visit www.gotigersgo.com



- **Bettye's Bin will Honor Late Stax Songwriter Bettye Crutcher...** *see sports-Ent. 5* ***
- **Memphis Safe Task Force Report...** *see sports-Military 2* ***
- **Women for Gun Rights (WGR) State Directors Meet** *see sports-Military 3* ***
- **U.S. Postal Service Set to Release Happy Birthday Forever Stamp...** *see sports-Ent. 5* ***
- **SAF Director of Legal Research Says, "Right to Carry Should Not Stop at State Lines"...** *see sports-Military 2* ***
- **Soulsville Partners with Greater Memphis Chamber of Commerce...** *see sports page 3*



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APRIL 18 | Laurie-Walton Family Basketball Center

Register your student-athlete for a free sports clinic where they will build confidence, develop life skills, and rotate through sports stations led by Memphis female student-athletes and their coaches.

Scan for more info and to register



Check-in | 9:45 AM
Clinic | 10:15 AM-1:30 PM
Eligible participants | Third through sixth grade girls

Space is limited. Register today!



