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NSSF files an FEC complaint against Giffords PAC accused of “playing fast and loose”

WASHINGTON, D.C. — NSSF, The Firearm Industry Trade Association, filed a complaint with the Federal Election Commission (FEC) against Giffords PAC, the political fundraising arm of the gun control group Giffords: Courage to Fight Gun Violence. In the complaint, NSSF alleges Giffords PAC and its allies are skirting the FEC's joint fundraising rules when they solicit funds for both Giffords PAC and their preferred candidates for elected office. Giffords PAC has been using these joint fundraising solicitations to enrich their own antigun agenda, while failing to comply with the FEC's joint fundraising filing and disclaimer requirements. NSSF is urging the FEC to take action against Giffords PAC, and the candidates with whom they are jointly fundraising, for these violations. "Giffords PAC has been playing fast and loose with how they are soliciting funds to support themselves and their preferred gun control candidates for elected office," said Lawrence G. Keane, NSSF's Senior Vice President and General Counsel. "The FEC's joint fundraising rules are clear but Giffords ignores them because they believe they are above accountability."

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Miller named Executive Director of the FedEx St. Jude Championship; Tomek set to lead Presidents Cup in Australia

MEMPHIS, Tenn., April 14, 2026— The PGA TOUR announced that Robert Miller has been named Executive Director of the FedEx St. Jude Championship, succeeding Joe Tomek, who has been selected to lead the Presidents Cup in Melbourne, Australia, in 2028.

Miller steps into the role after serving as Sales Director for the tournament since April 2024, where he quickly established himself as a trusted leader within the organization and across the

Memphis community. Since assuming the role of Executive Director, Miller has introduced immediate enhancements for fans, including the launch of the Grounds+ ticket program, which provides all inclusive access to food and non alcoholic beverages for ticket holders and up to two children. A graduate of The University of Southern Mississippi, Miller brings more than 20 years of experience across professional sports, including leadership roles in the NBA, NHL, WNBA and USHL.

“Robert is an exceptional leader who understands what makes this event special and the role it plays in the Memphis community,” said Jordan Uppleger, Vice President, PGA TOUR Events. “He has earned the trust of our team, partners and civic leaders, and we’re confident he will continue to build on the event’s success while staying true to its mission and impact.” Prior to joining the PGA TOUR, Miller served as President of Business Operations for the Please see sports page 4

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Independence Day on the River nominated for Best 4th of July Celebration; Vote today!

MEMPHIS, TN - The Downtown Memphis Commission’s 2025 Independence Day on the River has been nominated for Best 4th of July Celebration, as part of USA TODAY 10BEST’s Readers’ Choice Awards. Over the next four weeks, USA TODAY 10BEST readers will be voting on their favorites, once per day, until ballots close on Monday, May 11th at 11:59am EDT. The top 10 winners, as ranked by USA TODAY 10BEST readers, will be announced on Wednesday, May 20th at noon EDT. To Vote, visit www.downtownmemphis.com and learn more. Last year’s July 4th Celebration, produced on the river by the Downtown Memphis Commission, attracted over 6,000 visitors. This event is supported by: Memphis Tourism, Renasant Convention Center, Henry Turley Company, Memphis River Parks, and the City of Memphis

About Downtown Memphis



City of Memphis shows off festivities during last year’s Fourth of July celebration witnessed by over 6,000. (Photo /Courtesy of Miguel Rueda)

Commission The Downtown Memphis Commission (DMC) drives Downtown's role as the economic, cultural, and governmental core

of our city and county. The DMC is funded by an assessment on commercial property in the Central Business Improvement District (CBID), which is reinvested

into funding incentives and activations designed to support the growth of both Downtown’s population and appraised commercial property values.

Bill Pickett Invitational Rodeo continues ‘Riding Across America for Community Health’

MEMPHIS, TN — April 8, 2026 The Bill Pickett Invitational Rodeo (BPIR), in association with the Black Beauty and Wellness Foundation (BBWF), proudly continues its “Riding Across America for Community Health” initiative with a milestone tour stop as part of Guardant Health’s Shield Across America nationwide mobile screening tour bringing Shield, the first and only blood test approved by the FDA as a primary screening option for colorectal cancer (CRC) for average-risk individuals aged 45 and older, directly to communities and patients across the country. Guardant Health’s Shield Across America mobile bus will travel alongside select BPIR tour stops, Please see sports-ent. 5

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