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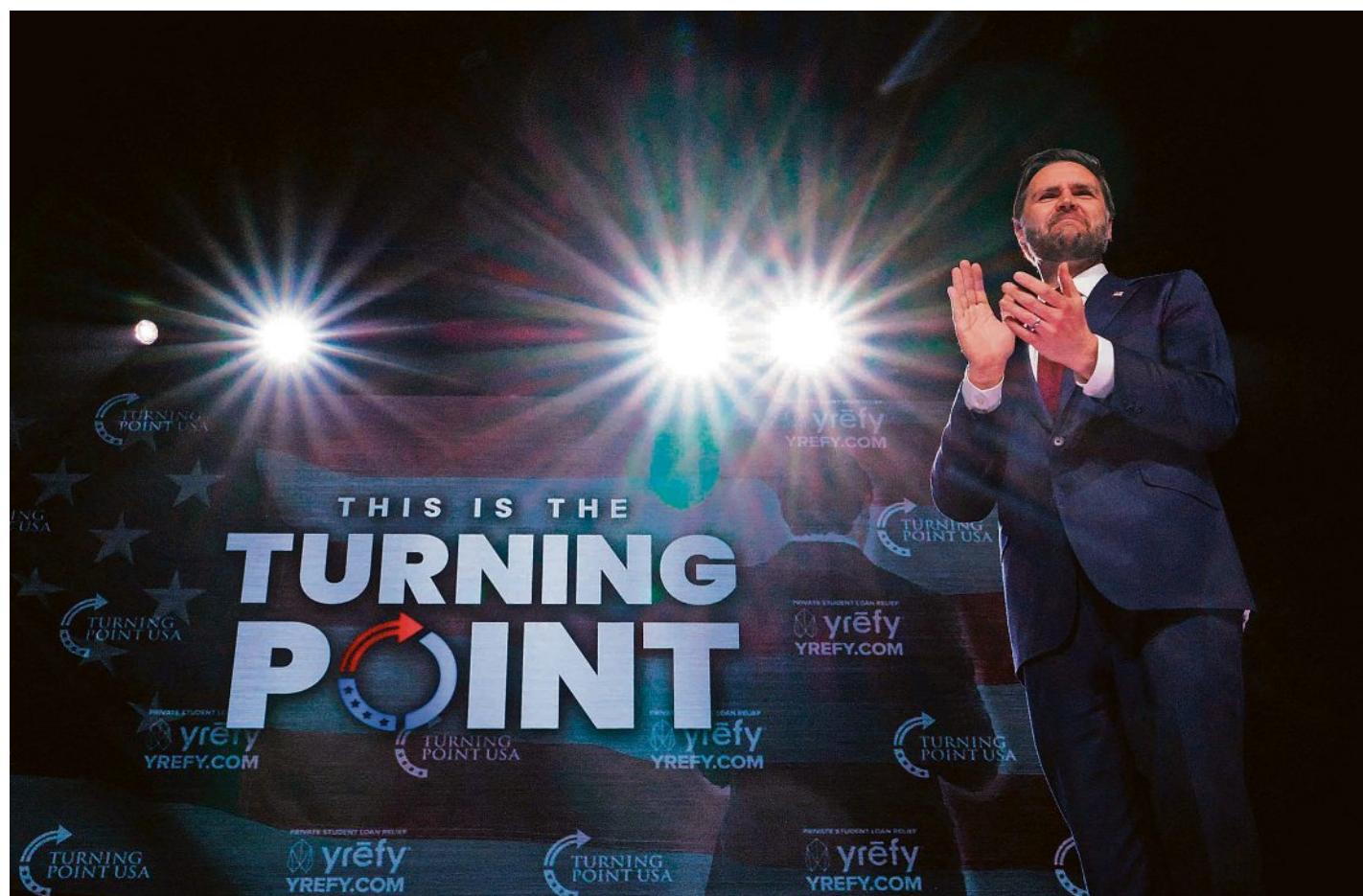
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JD Vance aims to re-energize youth



At a Turning Point USA event at the University of Georgia, Vice President JD Vance said he recognizes that a "lot of young voters don't love the policy" in the Middle East. CHIP SOMODEVILLA/POOL VIA REUTERS

Acknowledges young voters' frustrations

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USA TODAY

WASHINGTON – With the United States in an unpopular war and after two foreign policy setbacks, Vice President JD Vance acknowledged at a college campus April 14 that young conservatives who delivered the presidency to Donald Trump are frustrated and need to be prodded to stay politically active leading into the midterms.

Left unspoken was the fact that the

There are growing signs Republicans will face strong political headwinds in November. Democrats have been on a roll, winning and overperforming in a series of races in 2025 and 2026 amid concerns about the cost of living. The Iran war could add to the GOP's difficult midterm equation.

vice president – who is seen as a likely 2028 presidential contender and potential heir to Trump's MAGA movement – needs their support for his own political future.

He'd had a challenging few days. Peace talks he led with Iran failed to produce a deal, and Hungarian Prime Minister Viktor Orbán lost his reelection bid after Vance campaigned for him.

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REAL ESTATE
MONTGOMERY COUNTY

Home prices fell in January

USA TODAY NETWORK

Newly released data from Realtor.com for January shows that potential buyers and sellers in Montgomery County saw lower home sale prices than the previous month's median of \$159,900.

The median home sold for \$147,750, an analysis of data from Realtor.com shows. That means January, the most recent month for which figures are available, was down 7.6% from December.

Compared to January 2025, the median home sales price was down 15.5% compared to \$174,897.

Realtor.com sources sales data from real estate deeds, resulting in a few months' delay in the data. The statistics don't include homes currently listed for sale and aren't directly comparable to listings data.

Information on your local housing market, along with other useful community data, is available at data.montgomeryadvertiser.com.

Here is a breakdown on median sale prices:

- Looking only at single-family homes, the \$149,500 median selling price in Montgomery County was down 6.5% in January from \$159,950 the month prior. Since January 2025, the sales price of single-family homes was down 14.6% from a median of \$175,000. No single-family homes sold for \$1 million or more during the month.

- Condominiums and townhomes decreased by 16% in sales price during January to a median of \$105,000 from \$125,000 in December. Compared to January 2025, the sales price of condominiums and townhomes was down 19.2% from \$130,000. No condominiums or townhomes sold for \$1 million or more during January.

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National Mall to get Freedom 250 makeover

Event dubbed the Great American State Fair

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USA TODAY

WASHINGTON – Livestock competitions, rodeo events and a 110-foot Ferris wheel are coming to the National Mall this summer as part of a White House-backed, "World's Fair-style" celebration marking the nation's 250th anniversary.

The 16-day event, dubbed the Great American State Fair, would transform the National Mall, temporarily remaking one of the country's most iconic civic spaces. It's among a slew of events, including an Indy car race and athletic competition for

high school students, being organized by Freedom 250, a nonprofit group President Donald Trump created to carry out his vision for the country's birthday.

In a statement, Interior Secretary Doug Burgum said the event would allow the mall to "serve as the stage for telling our nation's story."

Freedom 250 is working with the Department of the Interior and other federal agencies on logistics and permitting for the massive temporary buildout, Freedom 250 said. The efforts are separate from those planned by America250, the nonpartisan commission created by Congress to plan the signature celebration.

Organizers say the Great American

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Visitors to the Great American State Fair in Washington, DC, will be able to walk through a space resembling the wavy sandstone walls of Antelope Canyon in Arizona with slivers of light shining on them from above.

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