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TRAGEDY IN D.C.

Yesterday evening, American Airlines Flight 5342 collided midair with an Army Black Hawk helicopter near Regan National Airport in Washington D.C. Sixty passengers were onboard the flight in addition to four crew members. Three service members were on the Black Hawk helicopter on a training mission. Officials now believe there are no survivors. *Our thoughts and prayers go out to the family and friends of all those involved in this horrific tragedy.*

RETURN TO SENDER

On Tuesday, Pennsylvania Treasurer **Stacy Garrity** officially launched the state's first-ever automatic unclaimed property return program. Over 8,000 Pennsylvanians will soon receive checks in the mail from the new Pennsylvania Money Match program. Letters notifying residents of their upcoming payments have been sent out. The Treasury plans to send at least three batches of letters and checks in 2025.

A CHECK A DAY KEEPS TEACHERS IN PA

The Pennsylvania Higher Education Assistance Agency will soon distribute \$10,000 to \$15,000 stipends to 2,000 student teachers. The initiative was started last year in an attempt to recruit more teachers to address the state-wide shortage. Over 4,000 applications for stipends were filed, but only about half were able to be approved due to a lack of funding. Advocates are requesting that the program go from \$30 million to \$50 million this year.

MEET THE PRESS

The recently established Pennsylvania Economic Competitive Caucus held its first official press conference during joint session this week. The caucus outlined how the Commonwealth currently stacks up against other states in business climate and overall economy. The bipartisan caucus is comprised of more than 20 Representatives and Senators from across the state.

BEHIND GOLD BARS

Former U.S. Senator from New Jersey **Bob Menendez** has been sentenced to 11 years in prison for corruption, including accepting bribes and abusing his power. His co-defendants, New Jersey businessmen **Wael Hana** and **Fred Daibes**, received eight and seven years, respectively. Prosecutors say Menendez used his influence to protect Hana's halal meat monopoly and promised Daibes he'd interfere in his federal prosecution.



Happy Birthday

- **Joe Regan**, President, PA Fraternal Order of Police (FOP)

Committee Meetings

- (H) Republican Policy – 10AM - Public Hearing on "Stopping New Energy Taxes"
- Joint Performance-Based Funding Council- 10AM Temple University Charles Library - Public hearing on testimony regarding performance-based funding formulas for state-related universities



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