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Happy Pi Day!

GARRITY GUARANTEE

Pennsylvania families in the PA 529 College and Career Savings Program's Guaranteed Savings Plan now have on-the-go access with the new READYSAVE 529 mobile app. Treasurer **Stacey Garrity** says it lets account holders manage balances, invite contributions, and simplify saving for education. Over \$52 million flowed into PA 529 IP accounts in 2024, and these funds won't affect financial aid. There are two plan choices—Guaranteed Savings or Investment—and every child born after 2019 automatically gets a free \$100 Keystone Scholars account to jump-start their future.

BORN IN THE USA

The Trump Administration filed emergency applications with the Supreme Court yesterday seeking to authorize restrictions on birthright citizenship while legal disputes continue to be deliberated. Currently, the efforts by the Administration to limit birthright citizenship have not been successful after three federal courts ruled against the Administration, with the most recent being in Massachusetts. The Administration is looking to deny citizenship for individuals born in the United States whose parents are within the United States illegally.

DEAD END

Harrisburg's State Street redesign has been indefinitely shelved. This comes two years after Mayor **Wanda Williams** first halted the project. Originally designed to slow traffic and improve pedestrian and cyclist safety, the plan was paused due to resident concerns over parking changes. The city later paid nearly \$163,000 to a contractor for work never completed. While minor improvements like better signage and visibility adjustments were made, key features such as raised crosswalks and narrower lanes were never implemented.

YOU GOT DOGE

Postmaster General **Louis DeJoy** plans to cut 10,000 USPS jobs and billions from its

budget with help from Elon Musk's Department of Government Efficiency (DOGE), according to a letter to Congress. The initiative aims to address financial struggles at the \$78 billion agency, but critics warn it could lead to privatization and harm rural communities. The cuts, starting with a voluntary early retirement program, are part of broader cost-saving measures following a 30,000-worker reduction in 2021.

NOMINATE-ME-NOT

The nomination for **David Weldon** to serve as the Director of the Center for Disease Control (CDC) was pulled yesterday. Weldon is a medical doctor and a former Congressman who has vocally expressed the "potential links between vaccines and neurodevelopment disorders." His nomination was pulled after it became clear that they did not have the votes in the Senate. Lawmakers will still be voting on the nominations for **Dr. Jay Bhattacharya** (National Institutes of Health Director) and **Dr. Marty Makary** (Commissioner of the U.S. Food and Drug Administration).



Happy Birthday

Today:

- State Representative **Jason Ortitay**
- Former State Senator **Bruce Marks**
- **Michael Consedine**, EVP, Global Head of Government Regulatory Affairs, Athene
- **Mikaela Sloan**, Magisterial District Judge, Dauphin County

Saturday:

- **Brian Shoemaker**, Corporate Counsel, State Farm Insurance
- **Ryan Boyer**, Laborers District Council Business Manager
- **Andrea Fields**, Acting Director, PA Department of Environmental Protection
- **P. J. Stapleton III**, Former Chairman, Pennsylvania Liquor Control Board; Partner, Weber Gallagher LLP
- **Nicholas Stoops**, Emergency Management Specialist, PEMA
- **Jim Bahorik**, County Administrator, Juniata County

Sunday:

- Former State Senator **Sean Wiley**
- **Ronald Castille**, Former Chief Justice, PA Supreme Court
- **Anna Fitzsimmons**, Director of Budgetary Affairs, PA House Republican Leadership Office
- **Matt Stoneroad**, District Director, Office of Representative Joe Kerwin



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