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PHILLY'S PHINEST

Philadelphia police seized more than 680 illegal ATVs and dirt bikes in 2024, the highest number in at least five years, according to police data. The crackdown is part of Mayor **Cherelle Parker's** push to address illegal off-roading, a top concern for residents. The number of seizures was 3.5 times higher than in 2023 under former Mayor **Jim Kenney**. "The streets were theirs. It was like an open racetrack for them," said **Lt. Trevor Peszko** of the Philadelphia Police Department, referring to past struggles to control reckless riders during the pandemic. *Shouldn't it be called illegal on-roading?*

DOGE-TEST

Hundreds marched and protested the Trump Administration at the Pennsylvania State Capitol in Harrisburg on Tuesday. Demonstrators waved American and Ukrainian flags on the capitol steps and held signs with messages like "Arrest Musk Today," "Tariffs tax the poor," and "Impeach Trump and Vance." The protest was part of the nationwide demonstrations organized by the group **50501**, opposing federal funding cuts and the end of U.S. financial support for Ukraine.

FOR REAL THIS TIME

In just two months, REAL ID's will be required for domestic flights, to enter military bases, or to enter federal buildings. This deadline has been pushed back for years but it looks like this time it will stick for REAL. People can still use other federal forms of ID, such as passports or military IDs but otherwise a REAL ID is needed starting on May 7th.

TELEWORK

The National Republican Campaign Committee chair, Congressman **Richard Hudson** (R - North Carolina), has indicated that Republican lawmakers should stop having in-person town halls. Hudson has questioned if advocacy groups have paid people to attend these town halls to cause uproars around many of the Trump Administration policies. Speaker **Mike Johnson** told reporters that these are "professional protesters", and he encouraged members to host tele-town halls instead to hear from constituents. While Hudson's request was direct, it is not binding or enforceable, so members can decide to

RUSHIN' AGGRESSORS

State Police and nearly 300 other police departments are teaming up for a two-month crackdown on aggressive driving. Running from Feb. 27 to April 27, the effort aims to curb crashes, injuries, and fatalities on Pennsylvania roadways. Officers will ticket aggressive drivers, including those speeding, tailgating, or ignoring work zone rules. This enforcement is part of Pennsylvania's Highway Safety Program, funded through PennDOT's federal allocation from the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration. *While we're at it, stay in the right lane if you are not passing...*



Happy Birthday

- State Representative **Tim Twardzik**
- Former U.S Congressman **Don Sherwood**
- **William Sturges**, Executive Director/President, PA Rural Partnership
- **Laura Stevens Kent**, Vice President of Federal Affairs, DeBrunner & Associates
- **Tim Holden**, Chairman, Pennsylvania Liquor Control Board
- **Todd Platts**, Judge, York County Court of Common Pleas
- **Rob McCord**, Former Pennsylvania Treasurer
- **Dan Langan**, Director, Public Affairs at AT&T

Committee Meetings

- (S) Appropriations – 9:30AM – Budget Hearing – Department of Human Services
- (H) Appropriations – 10AM – Budget Hearing – Pennsylvania Insurance Department
- (H) Human Services – 10AM - Voting meeting on HB 269, HB 640, HB 749
- (H) Appropriations – 1PM – Budget Hearing – Pennsylvania Treasury
- (S) Appropriations – 1PM – Budget Hearing – Department of Human Services
- (H) Democratic Policy – 2PM - Public hearing on Keeping PA's Economy Moving



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