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PRIMARY RECAP

In yesterday's primary, several key races were being closely watched as indicators for trends leading into 2026. In Harrisburg, current Mayor **Wanda Williams** won the primary and looks to serve a second term as Mayor. In the Pittsburgh mayoral race, former State Representative and incumbent Mayor **Ed Gainey** lost his primary to challenger **Corey O'Connor**. In Philadelphia, District Attorney **Larry Krasner** is set to begin his third term since the Home Rule Charter was adopted in 1950 allowing for more than two terms, beating his competitor, **Patrick Dugan**. Current State Representatives seeking other office, included **Torren Ecker**, **Dan Miller**, and **Lou Schmitt**, who all won primaries for Court of Common Pleas in their respective counties and will have challengers in the General. Additionally, former State Senator **Larry Farnese** won his primary for Court of Common Pleas in Philadelphia. Other primary election results can be found [here](#).

SALUTING STAMPS

The United States Postal Service is releasing three new stamps to honor some of the military branches. The Navy, Marine Corps, and Army will each get their own stamp in celebration of their 250 years of service to America. They are Forever Stamps so they are good to use on 1 ounce first class mail forever.

SWEET VICTORY IN THE MAKING?

It's a sweet showdown for the USA Today 10Best Ice Cream Shops competition, and Pennsylvania is well represented! Owowcow, which was founded in Bucks County and currently has locations throughout Pennsylvania and New Jersey, has made its way into the top three in the contest. But they're not the only Keystone State contender, Gettysburg's Mr. G's Ice Cream and Penn State's Berkey Creamery are also in the running. **Voting** is open daily through June 9, so show your support for these Pennsylvania favorites!

TOXIC TAURINE

A new study published by twelve researchers from the journal Nature points to a common

ingredient in energy drinks that may be linked to cancer. This potentially problematic substance is identified as Taurine, which is also a naturally occurring amino acid in the body. It can be found in foods such as fish and eggs, but it has also become a central ingredient in dietary supplements as it provides energy benefits. The harm, researchers argue, is that Taurine may inadvertently power cancerous cells and accelerate diseases.

RITE AID, WRONG MOVES

Drugstore chain Rite Aid will be closing 68 stores following the announcement of bankruptcy on May 9th. Forty-four of these stores are located in Pennsylvania, affecting PA residents across the state. Rite Aid plans to enter into agreements with other companies such as Giant Eagle, CVS, Kroger, and Walgreens to sell their assets from over 1,000 locations.



Happy Birthday

- **Haley Bova**, Associate, Long Nyquist & Associates
- **Chad Saylor**, Executive Director, Keystone Municipal Solutions
- **Jeremy Shoemaker**, Regional Executive Director, State Relations, Norfolk Southern Corporation
- **Abass Kamara**, Corporate Relations Advisor, Shell

Committee Meetings

- (S) Veterans Affairs and Emergency Preparedness - 10:30 AM - Public hearing on Letterkenny Army Depot and its importance to Franklin County and beyond in relations to economic impact, employment and support to the security to the Nation.
- (H) Democratic Policy - 6:30 PM - Public hearing on Lessons in the Aftermath of Recent Storm.



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