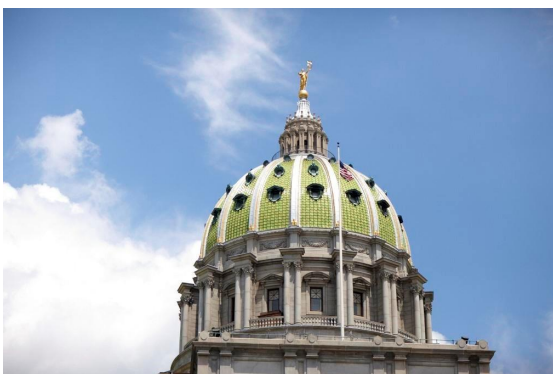


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***The State House will
convene at 11 AM today
for a non-voting session.***

TICK TOCK

Senate Majority Leader **Joe Pittman** told reporters on Wednesday regarding a timely budget, "I see no practical way that a budget will be completed on June 30." During the press conference, Pittman explained that a proposed \$2 billion increase in Medicaid funding remains a key challenge in negotiations. He also noted that the taxation and regulation of recreational marijuana will not be included in the final budget.

RINGING IN 250

To mark America's upcoming 250th anniversary, Pennsylvania is placing Liberty Bell replicas in all 67 counties. As part of the "Bells Across PA" project, each fiberglass bell will be uniquely designed by local artists and sponsored by businesses or individuals. Displays will be completed by December 31, 2025, and remain through 2026. Although the original Liberty Bell stays in Philadelphia, the celebration is spreading statewide!

TRUST FUND TROUBLE

The clock is ticking faster for Social Security. A new report shows its trust fund is now expected to run out of money in 2034, one year sooner than previously projected. The faster timeline is mostly due to a law expanding benefits for railroad and public pension recipients. Without congressional action, benefits could be cut by up to 23 percent. Combining retirement and disability funds would only delay the shortfall by one year. Medicare is also feeling the pressure, with its hospital trust fund now projected to be

WE ARE PRLA

The PA Restaurant & Lodging Association Educational Foundation is excited to auction off the Ultimate Penn State Football Package—with all proceeds supporting hospitality workforce development across Pennsylvania. The exclusive package includes Two tickets to the Penn State game on September 6th, a parking pass, and VIP access to the PlayFly tailgate. In addition, there will be a two-night stay at the Hampton Inn on College Ave in State College. The auction closes on June 30th, so don't miss your chance to score this unforgettable Penn State experience! Start bidding [here](#)!

YOU ARE INVITED

Today and tomorrow, PBS39 will be hosting their 50th anniversary reunion weekend for Scholastic Scrimmage. The alumni reception will be tonight from 6-9pm and a documentary premiere will be happening tomorrow from 1-4pm. Tickets can be purchased [online](#) and the event will take place at Lehigh University Mountaintop Campus.



Happy Birthday

Today:

- Governor **Josh Shapiro**
- Former U.S. Congressman **Philip S. English**
- **Lynn Benka-Davies**, Executive Director, House Liquor Control Committee
- **Shaun Donovan**, Owner, Appalachian Organics

Saturday:

- State Representative **Rick Krajewski**

Sunday:

- Former Lieutenant Governor **James Cawley**, President, Rosemont College
- Former State Representative **Vanessa Lowery Brown**
- **Teresa Irvin McCurdy**, President and CEO, TD Connections, Inc.
- **Erin Kanter**, VP of Government Affairs, K. Callahan & Associates

Committee Meetings

- (H) Republican Policy – 10:00AM - Public hearing on Over-Regulation in Childcare.

- **Jeffrey L. Oberdorf**,
Magisterial Judge, York
County



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