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## SHOTS! SHOTS! SHOTS!

U.S. Health and Human Services Secretary, **Robert F. Kennedy Jr.**'s new group of vaccine advisers met for the first time yesterday and voted on quite a few vaccines. The committee approved a new shot for RSV and voted for people to avoid flu shots that have thimerosal in them. The committee has also decided to study the vaccine schedule for children and the possible impacts. This was the first meeting since Kennedy removed the original 17 members from the panel.

## MEDICAID CUTS

Among other policy provisions revoked by the U.S. Senate Parliamentarian yesterday, key Medicaid cuts were struck from the "big, beautiful bill". This decision removes a divisive issue for Congressional Republicans but forces them to find new spending cuts to fund promised tax breaks. Democrats celebrated the ruling as a win, arguing the bill would undermine health care for families, veterans, seniors, and people with disabilities.

## RAIDS RAISE QUESTIONS

Farm leaders in Pennsylvania are sounding alarms over ICE raids on agribusinesses under the Trump Administration. **Chris Hoffman** of the Pennsylvania Farm Bureau warned the crackdown could severely disrupt food production. Farm Bureau's **Bailey Fisher**\* stressed that agricultural work requires training and experience, especially around livestock. Lawmakers like U.S. House Agriculture Committee Chairman **GT Thompson** and U.S. Senate Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry Committee Member **John Fetterman** agree that targeting hardworking farmhands without a plan threatens food prices and supply.

## THROUGH RAIN OR SHINE

To honor 250 years of delivering letters, bills, and birthday cards, the USPS is unveiling a new set of Forever stamps and a 32-page booklet. The "250 Years of Delivering" stamp pane illustrates a mail carrier's journey across the seasons. The booklet features a **Benjamin Franklin** stamp, a modern twist on the original 1847 version. The release drops on July 23 in D.C. and will be open to the public. Despite recent conversations

## MECHANICSBURG TO THE MAIN STAGE

Mechanicsburg native **Shane Gillis** will host the 2025 ESPY Awards on Wednesday, July 16 at 8 p.m., live from The Dolby Theatre in Los Angeles. Known for his comedy, acting, and writing, Gillis is currently on a 40-city international stand-up tour. He also stars in the Netflix series *Tires* and co-hosts *Matt and Shane's Secret Podcast*. A former college athlete and avid sports fan, Gillis was called an "easy choice" by ESPN exec **Craig Lazarus**, who said they're excited to see what he brings to this year's celebration of sports excellence.



### *Happy Birthday*

#### **Today:**

- Former U.S. Congressman **Conor Lamb**
- Former State Senator **Constance H. Williams**
- Former State Representative **Louise Williams Bishop**
- **Savannah Beeler**, Associate, Triad Strategies
- **Tony Fratto**, Partner & Global Head of Corporate Communications, Goldman Sachs
- **Ethan Thomas\***, Law Student, University of Georgia School of Law
- **Garrett Reiter**, Policy Specialist, Pennsylvania Department of Corrections
- **Lynette Kuhn**, Deputy Secretary for Post Secondary & Higher Education, PA Department of Education

#### **Saturday:**

- **Drew Lemon\***, Legal Intern, Brubaker Connaughton Goss & Lucarelli
- **David M. Barasch**, Former Chairman, PA Gaming Control Board
- **Rochelle Bilal**, Philadelphia Sheriff

#### **Sunday:**

- State Representative **Bud Cook**
- **Gretchen Ramsey**, Regional Director, Patient Experience, Penn State Health
- **Lisa M. Gabler**, Senior Advisor, Government Relations - Buchanan Ingersoll & Rooney PC
- **Jackie Goodwin**, President, Capital Communications; Editor, Harrisburg Magazine
- **Sallie Updyke Mundy**, Associate Justice, PA Supreme Court
- **Jeanne Sorg**, Mayor, Ambler Borough; Recorder of Deeds, Montgomery County
- **Patricia Wellenbach**, Chair, Thomas Jefferson University/Jefferson Health



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