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

#### **BUDGET-ISH**

The Pennsylvania House passed a ~\$50.5 billion spending bill Monday, but it's far from a done deal. Governor **Josh Shapiro** summed it up yesterday by saying "Nothing's agreed to until everything is." The Senate GOP is not on board, calling the plan unfinished and unfunded, noting there is still more work to be done. Key issues like Medicaid, public transit, and school funding remain unresolved, and there is no clear revenue plan to pay for it all. In a call to action during debate yesterday, House Appropriations Chair **Jordan Harris** made it clear that if a budget is not passed, nonprofits and school districts may feel a financial squeeze by month's end.

#### **YINZER ENERGY**

Today, U.S. Senator **Dave McCormick** will be hosting the Inaugural Pennsylvania Energy and Innovation Summit in Pittsburgh. The event, which is being held at Carnegie Mellon, will include the announcement of \$70 billion in energy investments to the Commonwealth, primarily within southwestern Pennsylvania. Among the attendees include President **Donald Trump**, Governor **Josh Shapiro**, President Pro Tempore **Kim Ward**, Senator Majority Leader **Joe Pittman**, and many other federal and state officials.

#### **TEMPLE HITS THE JACKPOT**

Temple University is set to welcome its largest first-year class ever, with 6,313

undergraduate deposits, a 9% jump over last year. The surge comes amid record interest, with over 50,000 first-year and transfer applications. Of note, deposits from Philadelphia are up 20%, and statewide totals rose 20% overall. As Temple University President *John Fry* noted, the milestone underscores Temple's mission of providing accessible, excellent education that resonates with students and families alike.

### **MAKING MENTAL HEALTH A PRIORITY**

The PA House passed a bill championed by State Representative **Tarah Probst** to boost awareness of the 988 Suicide and Crisis Lifeline. Probst emphasized that mental health affects everyone, and many Pennsylvanians, especially in underserved areas, do not realize help is always a call or text away. To spread awareness, the legislation calls for a public education campaign by the PA Department of Human Services, including multilingual ads and information on warning signs and prevention. The Department will also submit yearly reports on outreach progress. The bill now heads to the State Senate for consideration.

## THE BEYONCÉ BANDIT

Authorities in Atlanta are searching for a suspect who allegedly swiped two suitcases from a vehicle earlier this month. Inside the stolen luggage was **Beyoncé's** unreleased music, show plans, and set lists. Police responded to the site of the theft on July 8th, later pinged a missing laptop, and gathered fingerprints and surveillance footage. An arrest warrant has been issued, but the suspect remains at large. *While the star may forgive, the Beyhive will never forget*...

Harrisburg: ONLINE wishes to correct a statement in yesterday's edition. We wrote that newly announced Congressional Candidate *Janelle Stelson* does not live in the 10th Congressional District. We learned that while she still owns a home in Manheim Township, she has taken up residency in a rental property in the Congressional district and wanted to clarify the facts.



## Happy Birthday

- Former State Representative Jamie Santora
- Amie Downs, Sr. VP of Communications, C&G Strategies
- John Bane, Director of Government Affairs, EQT Corporation
- Holly Lubart, VP of Government Affairs, News Media Alliance
- Alisa Harris, VP of Legislative Affairs, PA State Alliance of YMCAs
- Deb Joyce, Paralegal, PA Gaming Control Board
- Gina Gabel\*

#### Happy Belated Birthday:

• Sydney Miller, Associate, Ridge Policy Group



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