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BROADCAST BUDGET BATTLE

Federal funding for public media has been cut by the federal government after the U.S. House and Senate passed a measure yesterday. Stations like WHYI and WESA might scrape by, but rural outlets, like WPSU, could face serious consequences, from losing educational shows to missing critical emergency alerts. An estimated 20 broadcasting stations in the Commonwealth will face cuts.

CLASS COSTS RISE

For the first time in seven years, Pennsylvania's state-run universities will raise tuition. PASSHE's board voted Thursday to approve a 3.6% hike, adding \$139 per semester to the base rate, now \$3,997. With the state budget still unresolved, trustees said they had no choice but to act before fall bills go out. However, they pledged to roll back or refund the increase if the Administration's proposed 6.5% funding boost is included in the final state budget.

NO STRIKES HERE

Just days before a planned strike, WellSpan Chambersburg Hospital and SEIU Healthcare PA reached a three-year contract agreement covering over 1,400 workers. The deal includes annual 3.5% wage increases, boosted differential pay, enhanced retirement and time off, and better tuition reimbursement. Union members ratified the contract after pushing for higher pay, stronger hiring efforts, and protection against outsourcing. Both sides called the agreement a key step in supporting staff and ensuring quality care in south central Pennsylvania.

AMERICA'S FIRST FAIR

Today through July 27th, folks can visit the York State Fair and enjoy a variety of shows, exhibits, and of course food! The concert lineup includes notable performances from Foreigner, Good Charlotte, and **T-Pain**. Guests can enjoy free attractions such as Hot-Dog Pig Racing, Model Trains, Jousting, and even Cheese Carving. There will be over 90 different food vendors in attendance so no matter what you are craving or wanting to see, the York State Fair will have it!

WALK THIS WAY

Good news for fall lovers: the Skywalk at Kinzua Bridge State Park in McKean County will reopen from August 8 through October 31, 2025, just in time to observe the autumn foliage. After months of repairs, visitors can once again stroll out over the valley on this iconic former viaduct. The interactive visitor center and gift shop stay open year-round, but the Skywalk and trail will close again after October for additional maintenance. Plan your visit sooner than later; this spot tends to fill up fast!



Happy Birthday

Today:

- *State Representative **Elizabeth Fiedler***
- ***Ronald E. Deibert***
- ***Joy A. Russell***, VP of External Affairs, Genentech*
- ***Mary Jane Bowes**, Judge, PA Superior Court*
- ***Stacy Wallace**, Judge, PA Commonwealth Court*
- ***Mayur Patel**, Principal, Laughner Patel Developers*
- ***Meron Yemane**, Senior Vice President, Global Sports and Entertainment Director, Morgan Stanley*

Saturday:

- ***Betsy Hancock**, Principal Consultant, Deep Water Point, LLC*
- ***Samantha Laverty Esq.**, Assistant Attorney, PA Department of Education*

Sunday:

- *Former Lieutenant Governor of PA **William W. Scranton III***
- ***Dennis McManus**, Government Affairs Director, Greater Pittsburgh Community Food Bank; Adjunct Professor, University of Pittsburgh*
- ***Daniel D. McCaffery**, PA Supreme Court Justice*
- ***Marian Urrutia**, Magisterial District Judge, Dauphin County*



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