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FORGET DC FOR A MINUTE

The Pennsylvania General Assembly and Governor **Josh Shapiro** finally reached consensus (156-47 House)/ (40-9 Senate) on a state fiscal plan 135 days after its due date. The \$50.1 billion spending plan is a \$2.27 billion increase from last fiscal year with no new taxes and will not dip into the Commonwealth's Rainy-Day Fund. Of note, this year's budget will formally repeal Pennsylvania's participation in the Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative and make significant increases in public education spending.

ENDING THE SHUTDOWN

Yesterday, the U.S. Government passed a funding bill to end the 43-day government shutdown. After a 60-40 vote in the Senate earlier this week, the House voted to approve the bill by a 222-209 vote for the President to eventually sign into law. The spending bill is set to fund the government until the end of January, provide funds for SNAP benefits, and reverse layoffs caused by the shutdown.

TOOLS FOR CHANGE

Harrisburg's Tool Library is getting \$25,000 in state funding to help residents borrow tools for home and community projects. The grant, secured with help from State Representative **Nate Davidson**, will fund new equipment and a checkout system ahead of the library's planned January opening in Midtown. Organizers say the space will make home repairs and DIY projects more accessible while strengthening neighborhood connections.

BRIDGE BLAST AHEAD

Harrisburg residents near the 19th Street bridge may want to brace for noise Saturday night as PennDOT demolishes the structure using explosives. The blast, part of the I-83 Capital Beltway project, will close the interstate from 11 p.m. Saturday to 6 a.m. Sunday, with detours in place and heavy traffic expected. The new bridge is set to open next year, while the larger Beltway project continues through 2040.

CAMELOT

The grandson of U.S. President **John F. Kennedy** announced that he is running for Congress in 2026. **Jack Bouvier Kennedy Schlossberg** said he will be running in New York 12th congressional district currently held by Democratic Congressman **Jerry Nadler** who previously announced that he will not run for reelection. Schlossberg is a Harvard and Yale alumnus who is positioning himself as the kind of Democrat capable of regaining control of Congress for the party. *You can have your Schlossberg, we will gladly keep ours...*



Happy Birthday

- State Representative **Ryan Bizzarro**
- **Morgan Plant**, Government Relations Consultant, Plant Associates
- **Tony Ross**, President & CEO, Opportunities Industrialization Centers of America



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