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## LAST TERM

Yesterday, State Representative **Sheryl Delozier** announced that she will not run for re-election this year. Delozier is currently serving her 9th term in the Pennsylvania House of Representatives. She expressed that the decision came about after discussions with loved ones and reiterated that her dropping is not due to fear of competition.

## WAKE UP

Pennsylvania lawmakers will soon be introducing legislation that could enhance young people's lives, a later start time for secondary schools. The bipartisan memo, circulated by State Representatives **Jill Cooper** and **Tim Briggs**, specifically cites a study from the Joint State Government Commission, which recommended secondary schools begin at 8:30 a.m. at the earliest. There has been concern around the Commonwealth and beyond about kids getting enough sleep, and many believe a later start time could enhance schooling and physical performance. More time for video games!

## AVENUE OF THE ARTS

This morning is the groundbreaking of the new project for the Avenue of the Arts on Broad Street in Philadelphia. The project will help with vehicle traffic, pedestrian walkways, and beautifying the street. This first phase (Spruce and Pine Streets) of the project will begin construction at the end of January and is currently scheduled to be completed by June. This project is supported by local, state, and federal officials who have come together to make Philadelphia even better!

## CLINTON'S IN CONTEMPT?

U.S. House Republicans are moving forward with contempt of Congress proceedings against former President **Bill Clinton**. This comes after he failed to appear for a deposition, that had already been pushed back once before, in the House Oversight Committee's investigation of **Jeffrey Epstein**. Committee Chairman **James Comer** threatened similar action against Former Secretary of State **Hillary Clinton** if she fails to appear to her scheduled deposition today. If the measure passes

committee and receives a majority on the House floor, it will be sent to the DOJ for prosecution. Clinton could potentially face a hefty fine or up to a year in prison.

## **STUCK IN THE MIDDLE**

In the U.S., a growing number of adults are identifying as political Independents. In fact, a recent study by Gallup showed a record high 45% of U.S adults consider themselves as independents in 2025, while those who identify as Democrats or Republicans report an equal 27%. Many believe the increase in independents is coming from younger generations, namely Generation X and Z. However, a majority of these middle-grounders tend to lean Democratic, they reported, which could give Democrats an advantage in upcoming elections around the nation.



### ***Happy Birthday***

- State Representative **Kerry A. Benninghoff**
- Former State Representative **Mark K. Keller**
- **Jim Eckert**, Senior Caseworker, Lehigh County
- **Lia Inman\***, Civil Investigator, Office of PA Attorney General

### ***Committee Meetings***

- (H)(S) Agriculture and Rural Affairs – 9:00AM - Informational meeting on Cultivating Wellness: Supporting Farmers Through the Mental Health crisis
- (H) Democratic Policy – 5:00PM - Public hearing on Universal School Meals



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