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## HERE WE GO

State Senator Doug Mastriano (R – Franklin) announced via Facebook live yesterday that he will not be seeking the 2026 Republican nomination for PA Governor. Joined by his wife, Mastriano stated that "God has not called us to run this year," though he did not entirely rule out any future campaigns. This leaves PA Treasurer, **Stacy Garrity**, as the likely Republican nominee.

## POST NO MORE

The Pittsburgh Post-Gazette announced yesterday that it will be shutting down operations May 3. This announcement comes after a court reinstated its previous contract for employees following a three-year strike. The newspaper owner, Block Communications, indicated that the closure is due to a loss of more than \$350 million in the past 20 years and argued that restoring the terms of an outdated contract was unsuited for local journalism.

## WRAP ON CAP

On Tuesday, the PA Supreme Court officially closed the door on litigation related to PA's participation in the Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative (RGGI). The Court dismissed the appeals and vacated the decision of the state's lower court, which was based on whether PA's entrance into the cap-and-trade program was legal. The order follows this year's budget agreement between Senate Republicans and Governor **Josh Shapiro** to repeal RGGI regulations.

## NOT SOBER, GET PULLED OVER

This week, Pennsylvania State Police released traffic enforcement and crash statistics for the New Years holiday weekend. Nearly 400 DUI arrests were made over the weekend, which is a large jump from last year's 240 arrests. Crashes saw an increase from last year as well, at 1098 total with 69 being linked to driving under the influence.

## BACK THE BLUE

Tomorrow marks National Law Enforcement Appreciation Day. We at Harrisburg: ONLINE would like to extend our sincere thanks to all law enforcement officers, past and present, who have served in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. Make sure to thank a law enforcement officer tomorrow or any day for their service and sacrifice that they make to keep us safe.  
#LawEnforcementAppreciationDay



## *Happy Birthday*

- Former State Senator **Richard A. Kasunic**
- **Donald P. Brennan**, Director of Marketing, Biondi Insurance Agency Inc.
- **Johnie Fennell**, Chief of Staff, Office of Representative Napoleon Nelson
- **Jenny Berju\***, Director of Client Communications, Union First Insurance Solutions
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