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**Today is the special election for HD 22
and HD 42 - GOTV!**

SOTU

The State of the Union is scheduled for 9:00pm this evening. President **Donald Trump** is expected to deliver a long speech tonight after noting, "we have so much to talk about." Many democratic lawmakers have openly said that they plan to boycott the speech, though the real drama will likely be between the POTUS and SCOTUS, after the recent tariff ruling. Virginia Governor **Abigail Spanberger** is set to deliver the official Democratic response; Congresswoman **Summer Lee** will deliver the response for The Working Families Party.

HALF STAFF

Governor Shapiro has ordered that all Commonwealth buildings and facilities' flags will fly at half-staff on March 7th in honor of Reverend **Jesse Jackson**, who passed away on February 17th at age 84. Jackson was a dedicated civil rights leader, who visited the Commonwealth numerous times. Flags are set to remain at half-staff until sunset to honor his life.

BIRD FLU

Wild birds in Pennsylvania have continued to pass around avian influenza viruses this winter, and the state needs your help. The Pennsylvania Game Commission is asking the public to call 1-833-742-9453 to report sick or dead birds. With spring migration underway, please keep an eye out to help keep the wildlife safe and healthy.

BLIZZARD AFTERMATH

The strongest winter storm in a decade has finally passed, but the Northeast will be dealing with its aftermath for weeks to come. The highest snow total was recorded in Warwick, Rhode Island at a whopping 3 feet. Nantucket was the winner of the highest wind gust, with 83 MPH. States, cities, and their citizens now must deal with the aftermath and start digging. *Thank you to all the essential workers and emergency personnel who kept people safe during Hernando's fury!*

ARRESTED

The ex-British Ambassador to the U.S., **Peter Mandelson**, was arrested yesterday “on suspicion of misconduct in public office”. Mandelson was removed from his position last year after he was mentioned in **Jeffery Epstein’s** birthday book. This comes days after the former Prince **Andrew Mountbatten-Windsor** was arrested on the same charges.



Happy Birthday

- State Representative **Doyle Heffley**
- Former State Representative **Donald R. Walko, Jr.**
- Former State Representative **Alexander Charlton**, Senior Manager of State Government Affairs, Constellation Energy
- **Christine J. Toretti**, U.S. Ambassador to Sweden
- **Madison Johnson***, Deputy Director of Legislative Affairs, PA Bar Association
- **Dr. Khalid Mumin**, Superintendent, Reading School District
- **Heidi Secord**, Deputy Secretary for Farm, Food & Market Access, PA Department of Agriculture

Committee Meetings

- (H) Health – 9:30AM - Joint informational meeting with the House Communications and Technology Committee on Artificial intelligence in health care.
- (H) Communications and Technology – 9:30AM - Joint informational meeting with the House Health Committee on Artificial intelligence in health care.
- (H) Consumer Protection, Technology and Utilities – 10:00AM - Public Hearing on House Bill 1816 (Rep. McNeil), the Pet-Shop Kennel Act.
- (H) Democratic Policy – 12:00PM - Public hearing on AI in Counseling.
- (S) Appropriations – 1:00PM - Budget Hearing with the Pennsylvania State Police.
- (S) Appropriations – 3:00PM - Budget Hearing with the Department of General Services.



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