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*The House and Senate will
convene at 11am*

PA POWERHOUSE

Harrisburg: ONLINE would like to thank the electric distribution companies and their linemen and crews, the power generating plants and operators, and the natural gas distribution companies and their workers and leadership who kept the lights on and our heat flowing during Winter Storm Fern and the subsequent arctic blast. The utilities that bring power to your homes and businesses in 13 states (including PA) and D.C. are knit together by the regional grid operator, PJM Interconnection, and its control room operators, wholesale power markets, and planners. PJM saw sustained high energy demand over the course of 10 days (over 130 GW on all but one day) that approached the all-time winter peak of 143.7 GW set last winter. The commitment by Valley Forge-based PJM and its member utilities to reliability of the electric system remains unparalleled. Thank you for keeping our lights on, our beer cold, and our homes warm.

BUDGET ADDRESS

Yesterday, Governor **Josh Shapiro** appeared before the Pennsylvania General Assembly to give his annual budget address. His address highlighted a variety of topics, including education, housing, AI, transportation, energy, minimum wage, and more. Shapiro's address called for a \$53.3 billion budget - an increase of \$3.21 billion from last year. Governor Shapiro also announced that he would be hosting a meeting of the four caucuses today to begin working on the budget.

GREAT AMERICAN OUTDOOR SHOW

This Saturday, the world's largest outdoor show will be taking place right here in Pennsylvania. The Great American Outdoor Show will return to the Farm Show Complex for the 12th year in a row. It runs from February 7th-15th, and features exhibits, speakers, seminars, demonstrations, and more.

MISSING MOM

Nancy Guthrie, mother of Today Show host **Savannah Guthrie**, has been reported missing earlier this week. The 84-year-old woman is believed to have been taken forcibly from her home in Arizona. Police are following leads and encourage people to be on the lookout for Nancy. It is reported that she is without her needed medication and that her pacemaker is no longer connected to her watch.

SIXTEEN+

Spain is following in the footsteps of Australia by banning access to social media platforms to children under 16 years of age. Prime Minister Sanchez said that children are being exposed to spaces that were never meant for them. Platforms will be required to verify ages of all users prior to creating an account. Other European nations are expected to follow with similar restrictions in the coming months.



Happy Birthday

- **Harrisburg: ONLNE***
- State Representative **Jim Rigby**
- State Representative **Craig Staats**
- **Brian A. Rider**, Advocacy Manager, PA Motor Truck Association
- **Leslie Gromis Baker**, Senior Principal, Government Relations, Buchanan Ingersoll & Rooney
- **Jeff Glazier**, Controller, City of Allentown
- **Ryan Stevens**, Director of Public Affairs and Business Development, Duane Morris Government Strategies

Committee Meetings

- (H) Appropriations – OTF – To be announced
- (H) Environmental and Natural Resource Protection – OTF – To consider: HB 1759
- (S) Appropriations – OTF – To consider: HB 331
- (H) Game and Fisheries – 9:00AM - Informational meeting on the presentation of the Pennsylvania Fish and Boat Commissions' 2025 Annual Report
- (H) Communications and Technology – 9:00AM – To consider: HB 2047 and HB 2048
- (H) Professional Licensure – 9:00AM – To consider: HB 2123 and HB 2163

- (H) Professional Licensure – 9:15AM - Informational meeting on establishing licensure for water, geothermal, geotechnical and environmental well drillers
- (H) Insurance – 9:30AM – Public hearing on HB 305
- (H) Finance – 9:30AM – To consider: HB 788 and HB 2090
- (S) Communications and Technology – 9:30AM - To consider: SB 939
- (H) Local Government – 10:00AM – To consider: HB 1291, HB 1485, HB 2146, HB 2177, HB 2179
- (H) Education – 10:00AM – To consider: HR 396, SB 375, HB 1648, HB 1706, HB 2167, HB 2168, HB 2169, HB 2084, HB 2152
- (H) Judiciary – 10:00AM – To consider: HB 603, HB 713, HB 1541, HB 2118, HB 2124



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