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## LOSS OF A LEGEND

Earlier this week, Pennsylvania's first female Supreme Court Justice, ***Sandra Schultz Newman***, passed away at age 87. Schultz dedicated her entire life to justice and integrity. She joined the Pennsylvania Supreme Court in 1996, serving almost eleven years as a Justice, and even co-founded Drexel University College of Law. Schultz will forever go down in Pennsylvania history as one of the most historic of the Commonwealth's Supreme Court Justices. We extend our condolences to her family and friends...

## CURSIVE FOR KIDS

It appears children across Pennsylvania are not getting rid of cursive any time soon. A bill to require schools to teach cursive passed through the general assembly and awaits the signature of the Governor. More than a lost art, cursive can stimulate working memory and improve fine motor skills. It is believed that cursive illiteracy robs students of the opportunity to read historical documents.

## OPENING CEREMONY

The opening ceremony for the 2026 Milan Winter Olympic Games is set for later this afternoon. Team USA will be led by speed skater ***Erin Jackson*** and bobsledder ***Frank Del Duca*** carrying the flag during the parade of nations. The flag holders are selected by their fellow athletes. Coverage for the ceremony starts today at 2pm with re-runs scheduled for later this evening.

## PA PREFERRED

Seven athletes from Pennsylvania will compete in this year's Olympic games. These athletes include ***Taylor Anderson-Heide*** (Curling), ***Dan Barefoot*** (Skeleton), ***Summer Britcher*** (Luge), ***Andrew Heo*** (Speedskating), ***Jasmine Jones*** (Bobsled), and ***Ava McNaughton*** and ***Vincent Trocheck*** (Ice Hockey). All athletes other than Anderson-Heide are first-time Olympians. The state with the most athletes is Colorado, with 32 total.

## UP IN ARMS

The Trump Administration decided to let The New START treaty, the last nuclear treaty between the U.S. and Russia, lapse. Instead of re-upping the treaty, President Trump is calling for a new deal to be drafted, this time including China. Putin has demanded that Britain and France also be included in the negotiations.



### *Happy Birthday*

#### **Today:**

- U.S. Congressman **Brendan F. Boyle**
- Former State Senator **Roy Afflerbach**
- **Luke Ravenstahl**, Former Mayor of Pittsburgh
- **Andrew Lewis**, President & CEO, Commonwealth Foundation
- **Koty McGowan**, Legislative Liaison, Pennsylvania Game Commission

#### **Saturday:**

- Former State Senator **John C. Rafferty, Jr.**
- Former State Representative **Kevin J. Boyle**
- **Liz Gallo**, National Account Manager, American Track

#### **Sunday:**

- U.S. Congressman **John Joyce**
- State Representative **Dan Williams**
- **Caroyln Green**, Chief of Staff, Office of Child Development & Early Learning
- **Barbara Petito**, Lead Communications Specialist, Amtrak
- **Marisa Balanda**, Deputy Policy Director, Pennsylvania Department of Transportation
- **Joe Martin**



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