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HOT IN HERRE

The PA Department of Human Services (DHS) has announced an extension to apply for the Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) to May 8th. The program is designed to help residents with home heating costs. DHS Secretary **Dr. Val Arkoosh** said the extension is made possible after the federal government shutdown delayed the programs start. The original deadline was today.

DILEMMA

Taiba Sultana, seeking the Senate seat in the 18th district, is appealing the decision to remove her from the primary ballot. The seat is currently held by State Senator **Lisa Boscola**. Sultana was removed from the ballot as her declaration of self-employment was deemed insufficient at explaining her employment situation. Sultana believes this could be a slippery slope to remove candidates from the ballot in the future.

BATTER UP

The headliners for the Commonwealth Concert Series have officially been released. Between May and June of this year, five cities will host free concert celebrations across the Commonwealth for America250PA. Headliners include **The Avett Brothers, Lady A, Cole Swindell** with special guest **Gabby Barrett, The Fray, Third Eye Blind** and **Nelly**. These shows will be held in Hershey, Wilkes-Barre, State College, Erie, and Pittsburgh.

GRILLZ

Locals always knew about the food scene in Pittsburgh and now so will everyone else. Michelin announced that it will be releasing a new food guide for the Great Lakes region, including Pittsburgh. Inspectors have already anonymously visited some restaurants under consideration. The guide will be revealed in 2027.

STEPPED ON MY J'Z

The U.S Postal Service is struggling with a cash crisis. In an effort to combat the issue, USPS is suspending its contributions to the Federal Employees Retirement System. The system is a pension plan for USPS workers. Previously, USPS was contributing \$400 million a month to the plan. Other retirement plans will not be affected at this time.



Happy Birthday

Today:

- **Richard Long**, General Counsel, PA Medical Society
- **Jacob Derrick***, Director of Policy and Government Affairs, Illinois Criminal Justice Information Authority
- **Christine M. Martin**, President, PPL Electric Utilities
- **Lori Hoffman**

Saturday:

- State Representative **Dan Frankel**
- Former State Representative **W. Curtis Thomas**
- **Samantha Rockhill**, Legislative Data Specialist, Pennsylvania Legislative Services
- **Callie Gray***, Intern, Greenlee Partners

Sunday:

- State Representative **Anthony Bellmon**
- **Peter G. Trufahnestock**, Director of Government and Public Affairs, Columbia Gas of PA & MD
- **Deborah Hannon**, President, PA Legislative Services
- **Rob Vescio**, Partner, C&G Strategies
- **Jen Smeltz**, Executive Director, Senate Consumer Protection & Professional Licensure; Office of Senator Stefano
- **Jodie Stuck-Loehr**



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