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CHALLENGING

U.S. Senator **John Fetterman** has increasingly gained criticism from fellow Democrats the past few years, based on his voting record and increased alignment with the other side of the aisle. This has drawn Democrats to selecting a Democrat challenger in the 2028 election, but the question remains, who? In a recent interview, U.S. Congressman **Brendan Boyle** would not confirm that he is a potential challenger but noted the Senator's inconsistency. Boyle has more than \$5 million cash on hand with an unserious election this year, while Fetterman currently has \$2 million in the bank. Former Congressman **Conor Lamb** has also been rumored as a potential candidate but has yet to confirm his run for Senate.

FROZEN FRUIT

An untimely April freeze devastated crops across the Commonwealth and will have a big impact on fruit production this year -- some farms will not open this season. There is an estimated \$150-200 million economic loss across the specialty crop industry. In response to this crisis, Governor **Josh Shapiro** is asking for disaster assistance from the U.S. Secretary of Agriculture **Brooke Rollins**. *As the growing season continues, remember to support your local farms!*

PAR FOR THE COURSE

With the PGA Championship beginning this week at Aronimink Golf Club, Delaware County is gearing up for the massive influx of traffic and visitors. Road closures and parking restrictions are being implemented in the surrounding area beginning today through Sunday, May 17th. SEPTA has increased its number of trips on the Paoli/Thorndale Regional Rail Line and local businesses and restaurants have increased staffing to accommodate the visitors.

JAWNTRIFICATION

In honor of America250, Philadelphia will be launching a new event, Neighborhood Jawnts. This aims to allow tourists to visit hidden parts of the city in a guided setting. A total of 20 neighborhoods will be featured, with a different one each weekend. The attraction will run from May 29th to October 25th. Interested folks can sign up for the free tours [here](#).

LESS OPTIMISTIC

In a poll released today, young people's confidence in the job market is dropping compared to elderly folks. Among the 141 total polled, 43% of the younger generation (ages 15-34) believe it is a good time to find a job, while 64% of those 55+ said the same. Globally, the U.S. fails in comparison in the same poll, with 48% of the younger bracket arguing it is a good job market. These new findings are equivalent to only 5 other countries worldwide, marking a shift over the last few years.



Happy Birthday

- **Becca Zelner***, Principal, Greenlee Partners, LLC
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- **Katie McGinty**, VP & External Relations Officer, Johnson Controls
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Committee Meetings

- (S) Democratic Policy - Public hearing on hit & runs and the Jay alerts pilot program



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