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In observance of America's 250th Birthday, we will return on Monday

## BUDGET ACCORDINGLY

According to the Pennsylvania Department of Revenue, the state ended the 2025-26 fiscal year with \$48.9 billion in General Fund collections, totaling \$1.1 billion (2.4%) higher than estimated. Secretary of the Budget **Zach Reber** stated "Our Commonwealth is on the rise but keeping that momentum requires continued investment. That's why it's critical for us to enact a spending plan that continues to deliver results for all Pennsylvanians." In June, all collected revenues were above estimate, except for the Motor License Fund. However, all collected revenue is calculated above estimates for the fiscal year.

## COOL, CLEAR WATER

Capital Region Water, the public utility that serves water to the greater Harrisburg area, is outshining again with its 2026 Water Quality Report. Once again, the drinking water met or exceeded all state and federal water quality standards. Capital Region Water went beyond the required testing and included other monitoring to ensure a healthy product for its customers. The report for 2026 can be found [here](#).

## OPERATION DRY WATER

The Pennsylvania Fish and Boat Commission will begin enforcing Operation Dry Water tomorrow. Under the nationwide campaign, the commission's Waterways Conservation Officers will coordinate with Pennsylvania law enforcement to properly enforce Boating Under the Influence laws during July 4th celebrations. In the announcement, the commission noted that 9 out of the 27 BUI arrests that occurred last year were conducted during Operation Dry Water.

## KALSHI CRACKDOWN

Kalshi users in Michigan will no longer be able to use the prediction market platform after the Ingham County Circuit Court ruled to shut it down for two weeks. The platform's accessibility to individuals under 21 and its competitive advantage over other sports betting companies operating legally were among the several reasons provided for the shutdown. Kalshi must now implement

policies to meet Michigan Gaming Control Board standards and will be fined \$120,000 per day of noncompliance. *We would have bet that someone could have predicted this...*

## SHOCKING TRADE

The Philadelphia 76ers have traded NBA veteran **Paul George**, who they only acquired last year, to the Boston Celtics in exchange for former NBA Finals MVP **Jaylen Brown**. The move stunned the NBA community and Sixers fans, who will now have to embrace a former division rival as one of their own. Along with George, the Sixers also sent two first round draft picks and two second round draft picks to Boston, though experts say that haul was still a relatively low price to pay for the value Brown can bring.



### *Happy Birthday*

#### **Today:**

- State Representative **Eddie Day Pashinski**
- State Representative **Aaron Bernstine**
- **Alex Simmons\***, Assistant Legislative Director, PA Department of the Auditor General
- **Steve Aichele**, Partner, Saul Ewing LLP
- **Barron "Boots" Hetherington**, Commissioner, Schuylkill County
- **Bobby Maggio**, Senior Advisor, U.S. Senator John Fetterman
- **Salvatore M. Sirabella**, Principal, SS Strategies Group

#### **Friday:**

- State Representative **Valerie Gaydos**
- Former State Representative **George Dunbar**, Commissioner, PA Gaming Control Board
- **Shelley Lindner**, Policy Liaison, PA House of Representatives
- **Isaiah Thomas**, Majority Whip, Philadelphia City Council
- **Westburn S.T. (Wes) Majors**, Director of Legislative Affairs/Policy, PEMA
- **Mark R. Campbell\***

#### **Saturday:**

- **Colleen DeFrank**, Staff Administrator, Office of Senator Costa
- **Jeff Coleman**, Founder & Principal, Churchill Strategies, LLC
- **Jason High**, Partner, Ridge Policy Group
- **Wanda Williams**, Mayor of Harrisburg
- **Melvin Hubbard El**
- **Andrea Faber**

#### **Sunday:**

- State Representative *Justin Fleming*



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