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ELECTION INFECTION?

Tensions are rising between Pennsylvania Governor **Josh Shapiro** and U.S. Health Secretary **Robert F. Kennedy Jr.** After a measles outbreak in Lancaster County, Shapiro has accused RFK of spreading misinformation and confusion about vaccines, claiming he has contributed to the spread of measles throughout the Commonwealth, and he added that he no longer wants additional help from the federal government. RFK fired back on social media accusing Shapiro of using the topic of vaccines for political gain and even suggested that the deaths could have been fabricated by the Governor's team.

HEMP HANGUP

President Trump and hemp industry advocates are pushing Congress to delay a federal ban on certain intoxicating hemp products, but the issue is creating a divide among House Republicans. The Senate's government funding bill would postpone the ban from Nov. 21 to Dec. 11, giving lawmakers more time to work on a regulatory framework. House Republicans are expected to debate the provision when they return, with government funding set to expire Sept. 30. A change to the Senate bill could send it back to the Senate and complicate efforts to avoid a shutdown.

MYCHART MAYHEM

Pennsylvania Attorney General **Dave Sunday** is warning residents about a new scam targeting MyChart users. Scammers are reportedly using the trusted healthcare platform's name to send messages offering fake "MyChart Medicare Kits" or similar health packages, directing recipients to fraudulent links designed to steal personal information. Health systems have also warned about the phishing campaign and emphasized that MyChart itself has not been compromised.

CONGRATULATIONS

Cumberland County's own **Jamie Clendening** took home the national title for Miss Wheelchair America 2027. She competed against 19 other states, sharing personal stories and advocacy platforms. Clendening has been competing in the competition for four years, coming in first runner up or winning the state title over the years.

MISSING

According to U.S. State Department spokesman **Tommy Pigott**, there are still 85 Americans missing in Nepal after a flash flood on Wednesday. Destroying parts of Nepal and Tibet, the flood is tied to a 5.2 magnitude earthquake, causing the Bhotekoshi River to overflow. More than 800 people have been reported dead with a total of 3,000 still missing. On top of the 85 Americans still yet to be found, nine have been reported safe, and there have yet to be any reported U.S. citizen deaths.



Happy Birthday

- State Representative **Christina Sappey**
- State Representative **Tarah Probst**
- State Representative **Johanny Cepeda-Freytiz**
- **James G. Mann**, Senior Deputy Chief Counsel, PA House Republican Caucus
- **Antionette Marchowsky**, Deputy Chief of Staff, Office of Senator Vince Hughes
- **Erin Marsicano**, Chief of Staff, Office of Senator Lynda Schlegel Culver



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