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SOMETHING TO BELIEVE IN

The Pennsylvania Chamber of Business and Industry has added **Bret Michaels** to the lineup for its 42nd Annual Dinner on October 5 at the Hershey Lodge, where fellow Pennsylvania native **Kevin Hart** will serve as keynote speaker. Michaels will take the stage to host a post-dinner Q&A focused on entrepreneurship, music, branding, overcoming adversity, and his Pennsylvania roots. The event, billed as the "Biggest Night Out in Pennsylvania," will bring together business, government, and civic leaders from across the Commonwealth.

REALITY CHECK

The Pennsylvania Human Relations Commission is seeking public comment on updated guidance for assistance, emotional support and service animals. The guidance addresses how these animals are handled in housing, education, employment, and public accommodation. The public comment period runs from October 1 through November 15, 2026, with an online survey [available](#) for feedback. The PHRC will also hold virtual listening sessions on October 20 and 21 for people to share their input.

NOTHIN' BUT A GOOD TIME

If you haven't been paying your turnpike tolls, stay off the road (and pay your tolls)! The Pennsylvania State Police and Pennsylvania Turnpike Commission announced their second statewide toll enforcement crackdown effort. PA Turnpike CEO **Mark Compton** wants to make it clear that ignoring your toll invoices does not make them disappear. In April 23 stopped drivers were found to have owed \$130,000 in toll payments combined. So, beware, drivers who skip four Toll-by-Plate invoices can have their registration suspended by PennDOT.

LET ME EXPLAIN

Capital Region Water will host its annual guided tour of the DeHart Dam & Reservoir on October 16, offering the public a rare opportunity to visit Harrisburg's drinking water source and the surrounding 7,500 acres of protected forest. Transportation and on-site catering will be provided at no cost, though advance registration is required. The tour departs from Capital Region Water's offices on North Front Street at 3:30 PM and returns by 6:30 PM. Attendees can register [here](#).

LOOK BUT YOU CAN'T TOUCH

A dozen Impressionist and post-Impressionist masterpieces are headed to the auction block at Sotheby's in New York on November 18. The collection is valued at nearly \$450 million and includes works by **Vincent van Gogh**, **Paul Cézanne**, **Claude Monet**, and **Edgar Degas**. The sale is anchored by Van Gogh's *Chataigniers en fleurs*, estimated at \$180 million, and Cézanne's *Arlequin*, estimated at \$120 million. Neither painting has been publicly displayed in more than 50 years. If bidding meets expectations, the works could set new auction records for both artists.



Happy Birthday

Today:

- **James W. Brown**, Board of Directors, Hershey Trust Company
- **Stephanie Catarino Wissman**, Executive Director, American Petroleum Institute
- **Pam Witmer**, Vice President of Government Affairs, UGI Energy Services

Saturday:

- Former Congresswoman **Allyson Y. Schwartz**
- Former State Representative **Jim Christiana**
- **Shannon Graham**, Executive Vice President, Advocacy and Strategic Alliances, PhRMA
- **Andrew Furman***, William & Hannah Penn Fellow, PA Department of Environmental Protection
- **Pamela Hemann**, Democratic Candidate for the 110th District, PA House of Representatives

Sunday:

- Lieutenant Governor of PA **Austin Davis**
- **Val DiGiorgio III**, General Counsel, Omnis Law Group, LLC
- **Chris Davis**, Budget Director, Dauphin County
- **Karen Waters**
- **Mel Billingsley**



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