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RUN IT BACK

Fresh off a decisive re-election victory and a Democratic majority in both chambers of the Pennsylvania General Assembly, Governor ***Josh Shapiro*** is laying out a hopeful agenda for 2027. Among the priorities he says will top the list include mass transit funding, a minimum wage increase, codifying abortion rights, and expanded housing investment.

COMMITTEE FIRST

Congressman ***Brendan Boyle*** (D-PA) has taken himself out of the conversation for Pennsylvania's 2028 U.S. Senate race, announcing he will remain in the U.S. House rather than pursue a statewide bid. Boyle said his incoming role as chair of the House Budget Committee would allow him to have a greater impact on public policy than serving as a freshman Senator.

FIRST CHAIR

The SHINE Music Foundation will host its First Responders Benefit Concert: A Tribute to Service on November 7 at the Appell Center for the Performing Arts in York. The performance will bring together student and professional musicians in support of first responders, with proceeds benefiting a scholarship fund for first responders and their children administered by the York County Safety Collab. This gives the community an opportunity to highlight the work of first responders while investing in their families.

HOLIDAY SURPRISES

Hershey has unveiled its 2026 holiday lineup, featuring a mix of new candy and snack offerings just weeks after Halloween. New products include Hershey's Kisses Cindy-Lou Who Strawberry Sugar Cookies, SkinnyPop Elf Maple Syrup Kettle Corn, and Lesser Evil Himalayan Pink Salt Popcorn, alongside favorites such as Reese's Peanut Butter Trees and KitKat Peppermint Stick returning by popular demand. The announcement comes ahead of the upcoming biopic "Hershey," which premieres later this month in Hershey, PA.

We at Harrisburg: ONLINE extend our heartfelt condolences to the friends and family of former Pennsylvania Chief Justice ***Ronald D. Castille***, who passed away last week at the age of 82.

Castille dedicated his life to public service, serving as Philadelphia District Attorney, a Justice on the Pennsylvania Supreme Court, and ultimately as the Commonwealth's Chief Justice. A decorated Vietnam veteran and accomplished jurist, he helped shape Pennsylvania law through decades of service to the Commonwealth. In remembering Ronald, many have described him as courageous, dedicated, and deeply committed to justice.

ERRATA

With apologies, verbiage in yesterday's "New Election Cycle" article noted Justices Todd and Mundy would have to seek re-election when, in fact, they will be up retention.



Happy Birthday

Today:

- State Representative ***Mark M. Gillen***
- Former State Representative ***Paul Schemel***
- ***Jon Musser***, Account Executive, Advanced Solutions Inc.
- ***Erica Rapp****, Technical Senior Project Manager, Select Medical
- ***Lauren Muglia***, Chief of Staff, Congressman Scott Perry
- ***Vincent Galko***, Senior Vice President, Mercury Public Affairs
- ***Kelly Palmer***, Regional Affairs Director, PPL Electric Utilities

Saturday:

- Former Attorney General of PA ***D. Michael Fisher***, Senior Judge, US Court of Appeals 3rd Circuit
- State Representative ***Craig Williams***
- ***George McElwee***, President & Founder, The Reserve Component
- ***Steve Brame***, President & Chief Executive Officer, Pennsylvania Rural Electric Association/Allegheny Electric Cooperative
- ***Joe Miller***

Sunday:

- Former State Representative ***Dianne Herrin***, Former Mayor of West Chester
- ***Peter A. Gleason***, Managing Principal, 1812 Strategies
- ***James Ginty***, Former Commissioner, PA Gaming Control Board
- ***Jennifer Boger***, Director of Development, Holy Trinity Catholic School
- ***Fred Cabell Jr.***, Magisterial Judge, Perry County

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