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***The State House and the  
State Senate will convene  
at 11 AM***

## SEEKING OFFICE

Yesterday, the HDCC announced its candidate for the vacant 35th House District in Allegheny County. Following the recent tragic passing of State Representative **Matt Gergely**, the Allegheny County Democrats selected **Dan Goughnour** as the replacement. Goughnour is a police officer and a school board member. He will face off against Republican-selected **Charles Davis**, a borough council member. The special election is set for March 25.

## DETENTE?

Hours before they were set to go into effect, President **Donald Trump** put a pause on a 25% tariff on imports from Canada and Mexico. After speaking to Mexican President **Claudia Sheinbaum**, Trump announced the pause on tariffs in Mexico early yesterday afternoon. Sheinbaum agreed to deploy 10,000 more troops to the U.S.-Mexico border to stop drug trafficking. Later in the day, President Trump spoke to Canadian Prime Minister **Justin Trudeau**. Trudeau announced that Canada would implement a \$1.3 billion plan to reinforce its border, a plan that was initially announced last year.

## A REAL FLOCKING PROBLEM

Yesterday, the Pennsylvania Game Commission announced that it was restricting access to the Middle Creek Wildlife Management Area, which spans Lancaster and Lebanon County. According to the commission, the decision was made to prevent the spread of avian flu

from thousands of migrating snow geese. While most of Middle Creek will be closed, the visitor center will remain open, as will many of the various hiking trails in the area.

## AFFORDABURG

Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, nabbed the top ranking for 2025 first-time homebuyers, according to a Realtors.com study of the 100 largest U.S. metros. With a 2024 median listing price of \$140,000 and a price-to-income ratio of 2.6 (compared to the national 5.5), it scored an impressive 9.2 out of 10. While it excelled in affordability, a limited number of listings per capita was a drawback. Other factors—like economic stability, amenities, and commute times—helped boost its score.

Congratulations to State Representative **Malcolm Kenyatta** on being elected as a Vice Chair for the Democratic National Convention. Kenyatta will be serving in the role of Vice Chair with **Artie Blanco** and **David Hogg**. The role of Vice Chair is a four-year term. *Cheers Malcolm!*



### *Happy Birthday*

- State Representative **Jim Rigby**
- State Representative **Craig Staats**
- **Bob Desousa** Government Affairs Counsel, Eckert Seamans
- Harrisburg: ONLINE\*
- **Brian A. Rider**, President & CEO, Pennsylvania Retailers' Association
- **Leslie Gromis Baker** Chair & Managing Director of State & Federal Government Relations, Buchanan Ingersoll & Rooney
- **Jeff Glazier** Controller, City of Allentown

### *Committee Meetings*

- (H) State Government – 9AM - Voting meeting on HB 439, HR 12, HR 22, HR 23, HR 28, HR 30 and any other business that may come before the committee
- (H) Energy – 10AM - Public hearing on HB362
- Joint Legislative Audit Advisory Commission – 10AM - Public meeting to reorganize and review annual audit
- (H) Appropriations – Off the Floor - Voting meeting to be announced
- (H) Veterans Affairs and Emergency Preparedness – Off the Floor - Voting meeting on HB 412, HB 427, HR 37 and any other business that may come before the committee
- (S) Rules and Executive Nominations – Off the Floor - To consider certain executive nominations



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