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Happy First Day of Spring!

## INSPECTOR GADGET

Effective March 31, the Social Security Administration will end phone-based identity verification for benefit claims and direct deposit updates. Instead, the agency now requires online authentication or in-person visits. People unable to use online services may still start claims by phone but must finalize them in person. The SSA recommends scheduling an in-person appointment to complete everything in one trip. These changes affect over 72 million Americans and coincide with a slew of planned office closures nationwide.

## MASS APPRECIATION

The PA House of Representatives adopted Chairman **Ed Neilson's** House Resolution 121 yesterday, recognizing March 18th as National Transit Worker Appreciation Day within the Commonwealth. House Transportation Chairman Neilson stated, "Our 16,800 transit workers do more than just provide transportation; they play a huge role in our state's economic development. Without them, many Pennsylvanians would be unable to get to school, work or even their medical appointments." The resolution was adopted yesterday with a vote of 199-3.

## JFK FILES RELEASED

The U.S. National Archives released over 63,000 pages of records related to President **John F. Kennedy's** 1963 assassination following an order by President **Donald Trump**. Many of the newly available documents remove redactions that had fueled conspiracy theories, though experts say it will take time to analyze them thoroughly. Speaking at the Kennedy Center, Trump announced that his Administration was making around 80,000 pages public.

## CEASE SOME FIRE

Ukraine and Russia have tentatively agreed to a partial ceasefire after President **Donald Trump** spoke separately with both leaders this week. While the deal aims to limit attacks on infrastructure, disagreements remain over whether it will cover only energy sites, as Russia claims, or include railways and ports, as Ukraine hopes. Ukrainian President

**Volodymyr Zelenskyy** stated that upcoming talks in Saudi Arabia would clarify the agreement's details.

## READY, SET, SELECT

Attention all you college basketball fans (*who intend to fill out a bracket without watching a single college basketball game all year*), your brackets are due today by 12 pm for men's and 11:30 am tomorrow for women's. The first game of the men's tournament is today at 12:15 pm (Louisville vs. Creighton) and tomorrow at 11:30 am for the women's (Michigan vs. Iowa State). The odds of filling out a perfect bracket are 1 in 9.2 quintillion. Happy bracket busting!



### *Happy Birthday*

- Former State Senator  
**Timothy J. Solobay**
- **Michael Driscoll**,  
Philadelphia City Council
- **Scott Cooper**, Partner,  
Schmidt Kramer
- **Amy Doyle\***,  
Administrative Assistant for  
Communications &  
Government Affairs, PA  
Bankers Association
- **Lacey Reapsome Labs**,  
Owner, Lacey Reapsome  
Photography
- **Paige Shope**,  
Communications &  
Marketing Manager,  
Harrisburg Regional  
Chamber & CREDC

### *Committee Meetings*

- Joint Independent Regulatory  
Review Commission – 10AM
- Joint Pennsylvania  
Commission on Sentencing –  
11AM - Quarterly Business  
Meeting



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