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***The State House will
convene at 11 AM today
for a non-voting session.***

***In observance of Juneteenth, Harrisburg: ONLINE
will return Friday.***

CTRL+ALT+PARDON

Getting a second chance in Pennsylvania just got a little bit easier. The Board of Pardons has rolled out its first-ever online application for non-incarcerated individuals, aiming to remove barriers like printing and mailing paperwork. The eight-step process is part of a broader push for accessibility, including new AI tools that can read hand-written forms. Lieutenant Governor **Austin Davis**, who chairs the board, says the upgrades are about giving people a shot at a clean slate. Since taking office, Davis and the board have recommended over 1,000 pardons.

WELCOME TO PENNSYLVANIA

Former U.S. Senator **Bob Menendez** has reported to a federal prison in Schuylkill County to begin serving an 11-year sentence for bribery and acting as an agent of Egypt. Known by some as “Gold Bar Bob,” he was convicted of accepting gold, cash, and other gifts in exchange for political favors. Menendez maintains his innocence and recently criticized the judicial process. The 71-year-old resigned from the Senate last August after his conviction. His wife, also found guilty in connection with the case, is scheduled for sentencing in September.

SCOUTS VS. STORM

More than 100 Girl Scouts and their counselors had to be rescued on Tuesday after flash flooding trapped them in North Park, just north of Pittsburgh. The group was preparing lunch when sudden rain turned a nearby creek into a hazard. Emergency crews arrived at a cabin near Kummer Road around 1:20 p.m. and used a rope system to guide everyone to safety. "It was like a curtain of water," one Scout recalled. Thankfully, no injuries were reported, and the girls were later reunited with their parents.

TRASH TALK

East Pennsboro Township announced the Camp Hill transfer station will be closed for a few weeks due to scheduled maintenance and facility upgrades. As a result, waste will need to be transported to an alternate disposal site, which may lead to service delays. Waste Management stated that they are working on bringing in additional drivers to help minimize the impact; however, residents should expect delays of up to a few hours during this period.

SPACE PLATES

Members of Space Force, the newest U.S. military branch, might soon be able to have a license plate showing their service. State Representative **Kerry Benninghoff** has released a memo indicating that he will soon introduce a bill authorizing these license plates. The other military branch members who are in PA are able to receive custom license plates for their service. Space Force was created in 2019.



Happy Birthday

Today:

- State Representative **David Dellosa**
- **James J. Koval**

Thursday:

- Former State Senator **Thomas H. Killion**
- Former State Representative **Mario J. Civera, Jr.**
- Former State Representative **Dan A. Surra**, Chairman of Governor's Advisory Council on Hunting, Fishing, and Conservation



Committee Meetings

- (S) Republican Policy –
1:00PM - Public hearing on
Rural Dental Care.

- **Louis J. Biacchi**, Lobbyist,
Long Nyquist & Associates
- **Mary Beth Dougherty**,
Office of Senator Dave Argall



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