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***The State House will
convene at 11 AM and the
State Senate will convene
at 1 PM***

TASTE OF THE STATE

Last evening, the Pennsylvania Restaurant and Lodging Association hosted its Taste of the State event in the East Wing Rotunda. The event promoted different food and tourism spots across the Commonwealth. In attendance were mascots from different PA attractions, such as Kozmo and Dexter, Moodonna, and Super Grover. Folks enjoyed music, food, and fun!

AIR WE GO AGAIN

Health officials are urging Pennsylvanians to take precautions as smoke from Canadian wildfires drifts south, reminiscent of Summer 2023, this time potentially reaching Central PA by Tuesday. Over 25,000 Canadians have already evacuated, and the smoke has triggered poor air quality across the Midwest. The good news for Pennsylvania is that most of the fine particles are suspended high in the atmosphere and will not have the same health impacts on Pennsylvanians.

MAPLE MERGER

The beloved bakery Maple Donuts, in York County, has been sold to Swander Pace Capital, a private equity firm. The business first opened in 1946 on Maple Street in York, Pennsylvania. Its founder, **Charles Burnside**, built the shop around his philosophy of making donuts with "quality you can see". Swander Pace capital has acquired 15 investments in the bakery sector, including Pineridge Bakery, Voortman Cookies, and

Nonni's Biscotti. The firm has said they are "thrilled" to work with the Burnside family to grow the business and make these innovative high-quality donuts available to more customers. *Is this in the best interest of Pennsylvania?...*

JOB LOTS COMING TO PA

Ocean State Job Lot is opening two new stores in Pennsylvania later this week, with their grand openings scheduled for Saturday June 7. These locations are at 3850 Union Deposit Road in Harrisburg, and 7150 Hamilton Boulevard in Trexlertown. Guests that attend either opening from 8am-11am will be provided free coffee, and the chance to enter a giveaway. If you are interested in applying for a position at one of the stores visit their [website](#) as they will be hiring up to 70 positions for each location!

A HAIL MARY SALE

The former Bishop McDevitt High School building in Harrisburg is headed to sheriff's sale in July after its owner, William Penn Holdings Inc., failed to pay off \$2.2 million in mortgage debt. Owner **Jeremy Hunter** says he's already paid one loan and plans to pay the remaining \$1.7 million this month, though it's unclear if that will stop the sale. The property had been part of a redevelopment plan by The Bridge Eco-Village, but those plans fizzled out. Hunter now hopes to revive the site with a farmers' market, a food bank, a police substation, and even a roller rink.



Happy Birthday

- **Nicole Stallings**, President and CEO, Hospital and Healthsystem Association of Pennsylvania
- **John Micek**, Political Managing Editor, MassLive.com
- **Lauren Barr**, Energy and Regulatory Practice Lead, Bravo Group
- **Ashley Murphy**, Prosecuting Attorney, Commonwealth of PA
- **Seamus McCaffery**, Former PA Supreme Court Justice
- **Edward E. Guido**, President Judge, Cumberland County Court of Common Pleas
- **Sarah Moreland**, Associate, Saxton & Stump

Committee Meetings

- (H) Appropriations – OTF - Agenda to be announced.
- (H) Communications and Technology – 9:00AM - Voting meeting on HB 197, HB 627, HB 811 and any other business that may come before the committee.
- (H) Game and Fisheries – 9:00AM - Voting meeting on HB 1431, HB 1507, SB 518 and any other business that may come before the committee.
- (H) Health – 9:30AM - Voting meeting on HB 425, HB 583, HB 1460 and any other business that may come before the committee.
- (H) Children and Youth – 10:00AM - Public hearing on HB 460.

- (H) Tourism, Recreation and Economic Development – 10:00AM - Voting meeting on HB 1342, HB 1347, HR 227 and any other business that may come before the committee.
- (S) Law and Justice – 10:00AM - To consider Senate Bills No. 83, 307 and 344.



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