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***The State House will
convene at 12 PM and the
State Senate will convene
at 2 PM.***

PAINT WITH A PURPOSE

Harrisburg's Hall Manor is getting a splash of color thanks to local students who teamed up to create vibrant murals. Residents chose themes like inspiration, nature, and cultural pride, with input from kids and families. Three of the eight mural artists hail from Harrisburg, and the artwork even stretches to the Boys and Girls Club. **Johan Soto-Santa** of the Harrisburg Housing Authority expressed gratitude for the artwork and its contribution to the community.

FIREFIGHTERS UNDER FIRE

Three firefighters were shot yesterday in Idaho when responding to a wildfire that was purposely set to bait them into the area. Two of the firefighters were killed and the third was wounded. The authorities located a body with a rifle nearby, who is suspected to be the gunman. In a press conference, they announced that they are still unsure if the suspect ended their own life or was shot by another. Other firefighters are still working on putting out the fire.

THAT'S ENTERTAINMENT

This morning, the U.S. Senate will begin a vote-a-rama on the GOP's tax and spending Mega bill - 1B3 - in which lawmakers can propose unlimited amendments on pretty much anything. According to Senate history, this process began through procedures found within the Congressional Budget Act of 1974 and was used as early as 1980. However, in

the early 1990's it became used more frequently. If you grow tired of watching coverage of the Pennsylvania General Assembly, today would be a fun day to also watch the Session from Washington D.C.

STEEL RESOLVE

After more than 160 years of operation, the Cleveland-Cliffs steel plant in Steelton officially closes today. Most workers finished their final shifts on Friday; the 500–550 former employees will begin this week unemployed. Union President **LaRue Hess** says “Plan A” is to find a buyer, while “Plan B” would mean job hunting with significant pay cuts. Despite the uncertain outlook, Mayor **Ciera Dent** remains hopeful the closure won’t last long and that a solution will keep skilled workers employed. Cleveland-Cliffs operates 21 steelmaking plants across the U.S.

FAST TRACK TO CLASSROOMS

This summer, 110 college students will begin a fast-tracked program to become certified special education teachers by 2026. This is the second group to enroll, following 142 students who already completed the course earlier this year. The PA Department of Education reports steady growth in new teacher certifications, bolstered by initiatives like free intern certificates, stipends for student teachers, high school CTE programs, and new apprenticeship grants. The goal of the program is to produce more qualified teachers, especially in special education, who are ready to meet classroom staffing needs across the Commonwealth.



Happy Birthday

- **John Hanger**, Former Secretary, PA Department of Environmental Protection
- **Gene Barr**, Senior Advisor, GSL Public Affairs
- **Donetta M. D’Innocenzo***, former Chief Clerk, PA Senate
- **Michelle M. Bonsick**, Field Marketing Manager, Treasury Wine Estates



Committee Meetings

- (H) Professional Licensure – OTF - To consider: HB 1646, SB 838, and SB 842
- (S) Rules and Executive Nominations – OTF - To consider SB 95 and HB 640
- (H) Appropriations – OTF - Agenda to be announced
- (H) Intergovernmental Affairs and Operations – 10:00AM - To consider: HR 219
- (H) Finance – 11:00AM - Voting meeting on HB 1129, HB 1667, and HB 1668
- (H) Judiciary – 11:00AM - Voting meeting on HB 285, HB 377, HB 1427, HB 1562, HB 1579, and HB 1629



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