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***The State House will
convene at 12 PM.***

MORE THAN EXPLORATORY

Janelle Stelson announced this morning that she is running again for the 10 Congressional District against Congressman **Scott Perry**. Stelson ran against Perry in the 2024 election and lost by a little over 1%. She still lives outside the district, which was an issue during the last campaign. Stelson is having a kickoff fundraiser this week, with special legislative guests from Dauphin County and Governor **Josh Shapiro**.

FACING THE ISSUE

In a new co-sponsorship memo, State Senator **Katie Muth** announced plans to introduce a bill requiring front plates, arguing they would aid police in identifying vehicles during hit-and-runs, traffic incidents, or crimes. Pennsylvania is one of 21 states without the requirement, though neighbors like New York and Maryland mandate them. Muth also says front plates could help with toll collection. The bill has not yet been introduced.

FULL STEAM AHEAD

Harrisburg's iconic paddleboat, the Pride of Susquehanna, is set to return to the river in just a few weeks. The boat last sailed during the summer of 2023 but has remained docked due to complications with its sewage tank and other mechanical issues. Senior Captain, **Ray Peske**, explained that the city has lost both tourism and a scenic attraction along the shoreline during its absence. He reassured the public that the crew has been working diligently to get the Pride of the Susquehanna up and running.

PENNSYLVANIA WELCOMES FURRY FRIENDS

More than a dozen animals rescued from Texas floodwaters have landed in Pennsylvania and are ready for a fresh start. Four dogs and ten cats arrived at Lancaster Airport on Saturday, flown in by Dog Is My CoPilot with help from the Brandywine Valley SPCA. Another 20 pups touched down on Friday, thanks to the Bissell Pet Foundation. Despite full shelters, Pennsylvania rescue groups stepped up. The Humane Society of Harrisburg Area and BVSPCA will begin adoptions after medical checks, and they are counting on the community to open hearts (and homes).

BLING IT ON

Tower Jewelers has officially opened its doors at 7 North 3rd Street in downtown Harrisburg. Known for its upscale gold and gemstone pieces, the jeweler also operates stores across several other Pennsylvania cities. The Harrisburg location is open daily from 11 AM to 6 PM. **Brad Jones**, President & CEO of Harristown Enterprises, expressed that they are thrilled "to bring another small business into downtown" and enhance customers' experiences at Strawberry Square.



Happy Birthday

- **Michael DiBerardinis**, Professor of Practice, Fels Institute of Government, University of PA
- **Margaret Durkin**, Executive Director, TechNet
- **Bruce Nilson**, Senior Vice President, Red Curve Solutions



Committee Meetings

- (H) Insurance – OTF – To Consider: HB 1704.
- (H) Appropriations – 11:00 AM - Agenda to be announced.



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