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

SENATORIAL SPLIT

The Senate passed Trump's sweeping budget act with a 50-50 tie, which was broken by Vice President **J.D. Vance**, sending it back to the House for concurrence. Pennsylvania's senators split sharply: Democrat **John Fetterman** blasted the bill for slashing Medicaid and SNAP, calling it a "disaster" and voting definitively no. Meanwhile, Republican **Dave McCormick** said he was "proud" to support it, praising tax relief and other benefits. Critics argue the plan favors the wealthy while gutting health coverage, setting the stage for a fierce battle in the House.

SUMMER OF STRIKES

Today marks day two of an over 9,000 worker strike in the city of Philadelphia. The union, DC 33, is comprised of 911 dispatchers, trash collectors, and workers who maintain other services in the city. City of Philadelphia Mayor **Cherelle Parker** said that the offer she made to the union was fair and the most a mayor has given in a term. A judge has ordered some 911 dispatchers and water workers to return to work as their jobs are needed for safety and health.

DRONES TO THE RESCUE

Cambria County is testing drones to deliver medical supplies via 911 dispatch. In the Droned814 program, UAVs carrying EpiPens, Narcan, AEDs, and more will be launched alongside ambulances during emergencies like overdoses or heart attacks. The drones aim

to beat first responders to the scene, with dispatchers guiding callers through using the equipment. With test flights scheduled for July and August, the goal is to prove drones can speed up care in rural areas.

DRENCHED AND DETOURED

Lancaster County is still reeling from Monday's storms, with Manheim Borough hit especially hard. Roads there flooded overnight, leading to over 20 water rescues and more than 25 homes affected. In total, Manheim Fire crews responded to 59 calls within 24 hours. About six inches of rain fell, submerging key roads and leaving Mount Joy the only way out of Manheim. Major routes like PA 241, 772, and multiple township roads remain underwater.

CATFISH BEWARE

As of Monday, new Tinder users in California must verify their identity with a selfie video, thanks to a new facial recognition feature called Face Check. The tech, powered by FaceTec, confirms that users are real and that their face matches their profile pic. If verified, users get a badge and the video is deleted, but an encrypted face map remains to spot duplicates. Tinder says it's part of a wider push to boost safety and trust, following promising results in Colombia and Canada. California was chosen for its size and strong privacy laws.



Happy Birthday

- State Representative **Eddie Day Pashinski**
- State Representative **Aaron Bernstine**
- **Stephen S. Aichele**, Partner, Saul Ewing LLP
- **Westburn S.T. (Wes) Majors**, Director of Legislative Affairs/Policy, PEMA
- **Barron "Boots" Hetherington**, Commissioner, Schuylkill County
- **Bobby Maggio**, Senior Advisor, U.S. Senator John Fetterman
- **Salvatore M. Sirabella**, Principal, SS Strategies Group
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