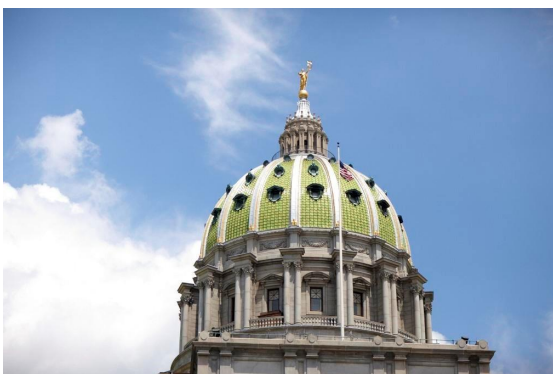


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***The State House will
convene at 11 AM.***

PA PREFERRED

A search and rescue team from Pennsylvania is heading to Texas to help after severe flooding. Governor **Josh Shapiro** announced that PA Task Force One, based in Philadelphia, has been deployed as a part of a multi-state effort to support FEMA's response to the destructive storms. As of Monday, the flood's death toll has reached 104, including 27 campers and counselors from a girls' camp in Central Texas.

RUN RABB(IT) RUN

State Representative **Chris Rabb** is officially entering the race to replace retiring Congressman **Dwight Evans**. Rabb is pledging his campaign will be powered by people, not PACs. "We can't keep recycling the same broken systems," he said, calling his bid a fight for economic justice and government accountability. Rabb now joins a growing field eyeing the 3rd Congressional District.

TITLE IX PRIME TIME

After months of waiting, Pennsylvania House Republicans pushed forward a vote on Senate Bill 9, known as the Save Women's Sports Act. The measure had passed the State Senate with bipartisan support but has since stalled in the State House Education Committee, until Representative **Barbara Gleim** initiated a discharge resolution to force a floor vote. The bill aligns with President Trump's executive order redefining Title IX and has already triggered a federal case involving UPenn and swimmer **Lia Thomas**.

PSP STING

The Pennsylvania State Police recently informed drivers that they will be concealing themselves as PennDOT maintenance trucks in order to catch unsafe drivers in work zones. “Operation Yellow Jacket”, as it is being called, will have the unmarked PSP officer watching for a violation, who will then alert an officer in a marked car to intercept the driver. When driving in a work zone, remember to turn on headlights, slow down, and obey all signage!

WE NEED A BIGGER JAR

Pittsburgh’s popular **Picklesburgh Festival** is growing again, announcing its largest Downtown footprint yet for July 11–13. The event will span from the North Side near the Andy Warhol Museum across the Clemente and Warhol bridges into Downtown spots like Fort Duquesne Boulevard, Market Square, and PPG Plaza. Attractions include over 50 vendors, live music, the signature Heinz pickle balloon, and a new “Pickle Riding” mechanical ride. Organizers say the festival, which drew 250,000 visitors last year, aims to boost the Cultural District while celebrating Pittsburgh’s pickle-loving roots. *Sounds like this is going to be a big dill...*



Happy Birthday

- Former State Representative **Paul I. Clymer**
- **Betsy Linaberger**, Executive VP, Tierney
- **Atiya Irvin-Mitchell**, Contributing Writer, The Pittsburgh Current
- **Noah Logan***, Associate, Triad Strategies
- **Steve DeFrank**, Chairman, PA Public Utility Commission
- **Christian Cusack**, Legislative Data Specialist, Pennsylvania Legislative Services
- **Carl Marrara**, Executive Director, Pennsylvania Manufacturers’ Association
- **Jeff Enders**, Director of Dauphin County Emergency Management, Mayor of Halifax

Committee Meetings

- (H) Appropriations – OTF - Agenda to be announced.
- (H) Transportation – OTF - To consider: HB 649, HB 1608, and HR 139.



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