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SENTENCED

Cody Balmer, the man caught on video attempting to burn down the Governor's Mansion, pleaded guilty yesterday and was sentenced to 25 to 50 years in state prison. He was charged with attempted murder of Governor **Josh Shapiro** as well as burglary, arson, and related offenses. In a statement after the guilty plea, Shapiro talked about violence not being the answer to political disagreements and how the hardest part of the aftermath has been explaining to his children why someone would attack them.

FREE SCREENINGS AHEAD

UPMC Magee-Womens in Harrisburg is offering free breast screenings on October 25th from 8am to 12pm at its North Harrisburg Location. The clinic is open to anyone 18 and older, with or without insurance, and no prior UPMC affiliation required. Attendees can expect a breast health review and exam, with referrals provided if needed. Walk-ins are welcome, but registration is available by calling 717-960-3360.

SINKING LIKE A ROCK

General Motors announced that it is scaling back its electric-vehicle manufacturing capacity, which will reflect a \$1.6 billion charge on the company's third quarter filing as the demand for electric vehicles continues to fall. GM cited declining sales coinciding with the end of government-funded subsidies and loosening of regulatory mandates that drove investment in electric vehicles. This news comes after rival Ford Motor Company announced a similar reduction in EV manufacturing.

MILITARY TAKES CONTROL

A military unit in Madagascar says it has taken power from President Andry Rajoelina after weeks of youth-led protests over power cuts, corruption, and unemployment. Colonel Michael Randrianirina announced that the military will form a government, and elections will be held within two years. Crowds in the capital celebrated the ousting, though the president's office insists he's still in charge and has condemned what it calls an "attempted coup". Rajoelina is currently in an undisclosed location but said he is safe.

THERE'S NO BUSINESS OR SHOW BUSINESS

The American Federation of Musicians Local 802 in New York City, the union that represents musicians on Broadway, voted to authorize a strike as negotiations for a new contract with The Broadway League continue. The most recent contract expired on August 31, 2025. While this does not mean a strike will occur, it is an option for the union to consider when facing what they believe to be cuts in wages, healthcare benefits, and paid positions in the new contract.



Happy Birthday

- Former State Representative *Eric Roe*
- **Donna Bullock**, President & CEO, Project Home
- Nicholas Chimienti, Sheriff, Dauphin County
- *Debra Todd*, PA Supreme Court Chief Justice
- *Ben Slate*, Executive Director, Senate Game & Fisheries Committee and Coach
- Jeannie Dougherty, Administrative Assistant, Representative David Maloney
- *Vickie Trostle*, Legislative Assistant, Representative Tim Bonner



Committee Meetings

(H) Judiciary – 11:00AM – To consider: HB 608, HB 879, HB 1604, HB 1716, HB 1822, HB 1930, HB 1932, HB 1933, HB 1934, and SB 65



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