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MOVED

The PA Independent Regulatory Review Commission (IRRC) has moved! Their new address is 555 Walnut Street, Suite 804, Harrisburg, PA 17101. This is IRRC's first move since the creation of the agency more than 40 years ago and is required because the Commonwealth is not renewing its lease of the Education Building (333 Market Street). Click here for IRRC's website.

IN TUNE

The Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture recently announced a national anthem singing contest for the upcoming Pennsylvania Farm Show. "Oh, Say, Can You Sing?", will be an annual singing contest where Pennsylvanians audition to be chosen to sing "The Star-Spangled Banner" at the PA Farm Show and a free parking pass for the day. Winners may also be asked to sing at various Farm Show events and competitions. Rules for the contest can be found here.

STATION MILESTONE

Amtrak says the rebuilt North Platform at Lancaster Station will reopen today, marking a major step in the station's ongoing modernization. The ten-month project added a fully accessible high-level platform, refreshed foundations and canopy structures, and updated track work to improve boarding. The upgrades are part of a larger overhaul that includes improvements to the South Platform, pedestrian overpass, and station building, all coordinated with PennDOT. Lancaster Station remains one of the busiest in the state, and the full project is scheduled to finish in 2026.

CASHING OUT

Congresswoman and former Speaker of the House *Nancy Pelosi* (D – California) announced that she will not run for reelection. Before serving as a U.S. Representative, Pelosi worked in California state party politics as a fundraiser and chair of the California Democratic Party. Having served in Congress for almost 40 years, she oversaw the passing of the Affordable Care Act and several financial reforms after the 2008 economic recession.

BUSINESS TRENDS RISE

New federal data shows roughly half of U.S. start-ups make it five years, with Pennsylvania among the top states for business survival. At the same time, Americans are launching new ventures at record levels, filing nearly 5.5 million business applications last year. States like Wyoming, Delaware, and Florida saw the highest rates of new filings, while experts note that small businesses remain a key driver of jobs.



Happy Birthday

Today:

- State Representative Craig Williams
- George McElwee, President & Founder, The Reserve Component
- Joe Miller
- **D. Michael Fisher**, Senior Judge, US Court of Appeals 3rd Circuit; Former Attorney General of PA
- Steve Brame, President and CEO, PA Rural Electric Association

Saturday:

- Former State Representative *Dianne Herrin*
- Peter A. Gleason, Managing Principal, 1812 Strategies
- James Ginty, Former Commissioner, PA Gaming Control Board
- **Jennifer Boger**, Principal Analyst, GA Senate Budget and Evaluation Office
- Fred Cabell Jr., Magisterial Judge, Perry County

Sunday:

- Former State Representative Adam Ravenstahl
- Former State Representative *Daryl D. Metcalfe*



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