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## TERMINATED REVIEW

The Civil Rules Procedure Committee of the Pennsylvania Supreme Court recently cancelled the review of its medical malpractice venue rule change. For context, in 2022 the committee reversed its 20-year-old rule requiring medical malpractice claims to be litigated in the county where the alleged malpractice occurred. This original rule was crafted after venue shopping led to skyrocketing verdicts, causing medical malpractice insurance companies to leave the market, and practitioners to flee the state. Regarding the review of the rule change, the committee noted that a two-year window was not sufficient to determine any effects. *Guess it's time to hurry up and wait for a crisis...*

## FESTIVAL

This Saturday, Harrisburg will be hosting the 9th Annual Ice & Fire Festival. The festival will include 68 ice sculptures, fire dancers, iceless ice skating, live music, an artist market, an ice slide, live ice carving, and various food trucks. The festival will be from 11AM-7PM. *Too bad it will be false spring on Saturday...*

## FLOW

There are still a few days left to donate feminine hygiene products to help support a drive hosted by the Cumberland County Commission for Women (CCCW). On Sunday, International Women's Day, CCCW will be packaging products into small goodie baggies to donate to For the Love of Women (FLOW). FLOW is a local organization designed to eliminate menstrual inequality by providing free products. The best way to donate is by ordering on [Amazon](#) (got to get that two-day shipping). Questions can be directed to **Becca Zelner** at [rzelner@greenleepartners.com](mailto:rzelner@greenleepartners.com).

## TAKING A STAND

The Philadelphia Police Department is taking a stand against domestic violence. Amid an increasing number of domestic violence fatalities, the Department is adding special training for officers. The training highlights identifying the signs of domestic violence and how to best interact with victims. The Office of Community Advocacy and Engagement say its goal is to provide a safety plan for victims at all stages.

# AMERICA250

The design for a time capsule set to be buried in Philadelphia has been revealed. The National Institute of Standards and Technology, the designer of the capsule, said that the tubular design is more secure than a traditional cube shape. The contents of the capsule will continue to be revealed until its burial at Independence National Historic Park on July 4th.



## ***Happy Birthday***

- *Former State Representative **Stanley E. Saylor***
- ***Kelly Koppenhaver**, Director of Special Projects, The Bravo Group*
- ***Patti Gilroy**, Executive Assistant, Senator Yaw*
- ***B.J. Small**, PA Communications & Media Relations Manager, Chesapeake Bay Foundation*

## ***Committee Meetings***

- (H) Appropriations – 10:00AM - Budget Hearing with the Department of Labor and Industry
- (H) Democratic Policy – 12:00PM - Public hearing on universal pre-k
- (S) Appropriations – 1:00PM - Budget Hearing with the Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission
- (H) Appropriations – 1:00PM - Budget Hearing with the Department of Education
- (S) Appropriations – 3:00PM - Budget Hearing with Millersville, East Stroudsburg, West Chester and IUP Universities



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