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PHIGHTIN'

UFC is coming to the Commonwealth. Governor Shapiro announced an event to take place on August 15th in Philadelphia at the Xfinity Mobile Arena, with the championship bout expected to headline the event. This will be the first time there has been a championship in Philadelphia in over 15 years.

PUB TOUR

For America's 250th birthday, Bethlehem, PA is creating a special event. Ales and Tales will be a walking pub tour, where participants can learn about American history. The tour is 90 minutes and is focused on the history of Bethlehem during the American Revolution. Stop by, learn, and drink some ale.

CHIEF OF STAFF

On Tuesday, Harrisburg City Council approved **Antonio Megna** as the new business administrator; Megna was chosen for the role which was previously vacant. He was previously the special assistant for the last business administrator, who was terminated from the position. Megna is a resident of Mechanicsburg, with a bachelor's degree in public administration from the University of Phoenix and a master's degree in public policy from the University of Maryland. *Congratulations!*

TICKETS PLEASE

Thanks to a jury verdict yesterday, Ticketmaster/Live Nation could be facing additional penalties for running a harmful monopoly in ticket sales across the country. Although the company settled a \$280 million lawsuit a few weeks ago (which is still awaiting approval), more than 30 states still pressed forward with the trial, including Pennsylvania. The jury found that Ticketmaster overcharged consumers \$1.72/ticket, which it could be forced to pay back. It may also force Live Nation to sell venues that it owns. The U.S. District judge on the case informed the attorneys to be prepared to deliver a schedule for next steps.

BIRDS AREN'T REAL

Sneaker company Allbirds has announced its pivot entirely away from footwear and into something new. You guessed it...AI...because, well because why not. The company gained early success in 2016 for producing “environmentally friendly” sneakers yet has seen its peak valuation drop from a high of \$4 billion to the recent \$39 million sale of the shoe assets. The company will be renamed “NewBird AI” and intends to purchase and house GPU’s to rent computing power to tech startups. *Surely there wasn’t a sneaker bubble in the economy...*



Happy Birthday

- State Representative ***Mindy Fee***
- ***Jeanette Krebs***, President, Krebs Communication & Public Engagement
- ***Kristin Clark Corrigan***, Principal, KC Strategies
- ***Christin Brown***, Director of Website Services, Senate Democratic Caucus

Committee Meetings

- (H) Finance – 1:00PM - Public hearing on HB 2340



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