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Happy Cinco de Mayo!



The State House will convene at 11am and the State Senate will convene at 8:30am.

THROW BACK

Today, the Pennsylvania Senate is taking it back to the founding of the nation and celebrating America250 in the City of Brotherly Love. In a ceremonial session, the State Senate will convene at the Constitution Center in Philadelphia at 1pm instead of in the State Capitol. Each Senator is joined by a high school student, who won an essay contest. Lieutenant Governor **Austin Davis** will preside over this special occasion.

STANDING UP

Yesterday, law enforcement from across the Commonwealth gathered to applaud Senate passage (41-8) of SB 1284 sponsored by Senator **Lisa Baker** (R-Luzerne) and Senator **Rosemary Brown** (R-Monroe). The bill mandates a minimum 20 years for attempted murder of a law enforcement officer. Sponsors realized the need for such legislation following the attempted murder of Scranton PD Detective **Kyle Gilmartin** who survived after being shot in the head twice.

EXPANSION

The Heinz History Center in Pittsburgh, PA is expanding. The museum plans to create a new outdoor space called the Penn Avenue Plaza, a new fourth floor, and spaces for public or private events. The new expansions will show displays of Pittsburgh's industrial and military history,

African American history, and more. The expansion should be completed by 2028 and will cost around \$80 million.

REDRAW

Republicans in southern states are playing catch up in an attempt to redraw their Congressional districts. Tennessee and Alabama are looking into redrawing their maps to bring more solidly red districts to the states. This comes on the heels of Virginia nearly wiping out any Republican representation in their updated map.

GIRL POWER

The U.S. Postal Service has announced new stamps featuring iconic Barbie professions. The stamps are designed to celebrate **Barbie's** ability to dream big and explore a huge range of possibilities. The stamps will be released at the National Barbie Doll Collectors Convention in Austin, TX on July 11.



Happy Birthday

- **Barbara Bruin**, Executive Assistant United States Attorney, Middle District of PA
- Captain **Atah Akakpo-Martin**, Harrisburg Police Department
- **Tom Stark**, Executive Director, PACHSA

Committee Meetings

- (H) Appropriations – OTF – To be announced
- (H) Communications and Technology – 9:00AM – To consider: HB 95, HB 1925, and HB 2220
- (H) Education – 9:30AM - Informational meeting on education workforce
- (H) State Government – 10:00AM – To consider: HB 497, HR 463, HR 490, and HR 503
- (H) Agriculture and Rural Affairs – 10:30AM – To consider: HB 2468, HR 493, and HR 495



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