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The State House will convene at 12pm and State Senate will convene at 1pm.

RETURN TO SENDER

According to **Robert Taub**, the Vice Chairman of the Postal Regulatory Commission, the United States Postal Service (USPS) has restructured its finances by halting payments to their retirement fund and freed up enough money so the postal service can continue operations. Earlier this year, Postmaster General **David Steiner** told Congress that the Postal Service would not survive through 2027 without an infusion of cash. The USPS has lost money every year for 11 years, and despite numerous increases in stamp prices, seemingly had no way to save itself. Now, it has at least a little room to breathe before the next mail scare arises.

DISCOVER DOWNTOWN

Visit Hershey and Harrisburg took an important step in downtown revitalization with the introduction of a new Harrisburg Arts District Map, which now features an audio walking tour of the area. The map indicates downtown murals, theaters, museums, gardens, and more. The organization's CEO **Sharon Myers** and State Senator **Patty Kim** expressed enthusiasm for the upgrade, noting that it will help cultivate community and expose more visitors to the city's vibrant arts scene.

HARRISBURG HUDDLES

Do you visit, work or live in downtown Harrisburg? The Harrisburg Regional Chamber and its partners are hosting several [workshops](#) throughout June to gather input from visitors, residents, and workers on improving public spaces and overall quality of life in the city. The workshops

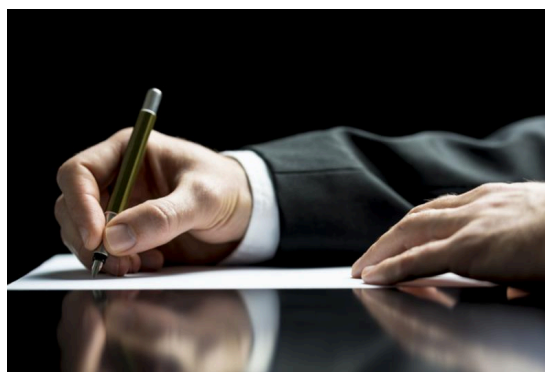
follow the release of Pennsylvania Downtown Center survey results, which demonstrate public support and enthusiasm for making downtown Harrisburg a more vibrant and energetic area.

A NEW KIND OF AIR FORCE

The USA's newest defenders are millions and millions of flies. Officials recently detected screwworms inside a calf in southern Texas, the first time they have been found in over 60 years. Screwworms are a flesh-eating parasite that could decimate the cattle industry if spread unchecked through the country. To prevent a potential invasion, the Department of Agriculture has deployed eight million sterile screwworm flies in and around southern Texas in the hopes that remaining screwworms will breed with these genetically infertile buzzers and produce no more new offspring, thus ensuring no more cows will get infected. Eight million may sound like a lot of fly swatting already, but experts predict that it will take 600 million sterile flies released to fully prevent a parasitic outbreak.

TRAIN ENTHUSIAST

A man has been accused of breaking into the Harrisburg train station in the middle of the night to, apparently, gain control of some Amtrak trains. He was seen on security cameras allegedly sliding under locked gates and getting on board two separate trains, where he began to push buttons and pull levers while the trains sat on live tracks. He even honked a horn at one point. The man, a Harrisburg native, has been charged by the Amtrak Police Department and has a hearing set for late June.



Happy Birthday

- Former State Senator **Randy Vulakovich**
- Former State Representative **Mike Fleck**
- **Timothy Knapp**, General Counsel, Insurance Federation of PA
- **Jim Wansacz**, Executive Director, ACE NEPA; Former State Representative
- **Kelly D. Roth**, Executive Assistant to Leadership, PA House Republican Caucus
- **Edward L. Nielsen**, Semi-Retired
- **Ron Stromswold**, AVID Harrisburg: ONLINE reader

Committee Meetings

- (H) Appropriations – OTF – To be announced
- (S) Appropriations – OTF – To consider: SB 469, SB 866, SB 1105, SB 1150, SB 1261, SB 1269, SB 1353, and HB 1442
- (H) Aging and Older Adult Services – 9:45AM – To consider: HB 1611
- (H) Commerce – 10:00AM – To consider: HB 2207, HB 2388, and HR 536
- (H) Judiciary – 10:30AM – To consider: HB 1585, HB 1913, HB 2244, HB 2245, HB 2281, HB 2299, HB 2392, HB 2462, HR 519, and HR 547

- **Abigael Roche**, IT Commodity Specialist, Commonwealth of PA

- (S) Veterans Affairs and Emergency Preparedness – 10:30AM – Public hearing on the rising costs of fire apparatus
- (H) Environmental and Natural Resource Protection – 11:00AM – To consider: HB 84, HB 426, and HB 1567
- (H) Transportation – 11:00AM – To consider: HB 1967, HB 2214, and HB 2437
- Joint Performance-Based Funding Council – 11:00AM - To consider performance goals and weights



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