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Happy National Corvette Day and International Asteroid Day!...And Budget Day for those keeping track



***The State House and State Senate will both convene at 11am***

## **PA RETURNS**

Thanks to U.S. Senators **Dave McCormick** (R-PA) and **John Fetterman** (D-PA), and several business and agriculture groups, Pennsylvania will be represented during the nation's 250th anniversary celebration. **Luke Bernstein**, President and CEO of the PA Chamber, said Pennsylvania's history is too important to be left out of the nation's capital during the 250th celebration. The fair kicked off this week and will run through July 10th.

## **CALL FOR REPEAL**

U.S. Congressman **Scott Perry** (R-PA) is supporting a resolution that seeks to repeal the 17th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution and take away the right of American citizens to directly vote for their Senators. The Constitution as originally drafted gave state legislatures the sole ability to elect people to the U.S. Senate, but this was changed by the 17th Amendment in 1913, due to a push for increased popular sovereignty. According to the supporters, direct elections of Senators have weakened state legislatures and contributed to an unacceptable growth of federal power.

## **TRAIL OF THE YEAR**

Pennsylvanians have until July 31 to nominate their favorite trail for the PA's Department of Conservation and Natural Resources' 2027 Trail of the Year. Nominations should include letters of support, which can be submitted through the DCNR's [online application](#). The winning trail will be

chosen by the Trails Advisory Committee and announced in 2027. The winner will receive grant funding to support education on safety and environmental preservation.

## FIAT CURRENCY

The U.S. Supreme Court ruled yesterday that Federal Reserve governor **Lisa Cook** may remain in her position and challenged Trump's attempt to immediately fire her. The court concluded that the Administration did not provide proper notice or basis for the removal, with Chief Justice **John Roberts** noting that the Administration could pursue another attempt if it follows the legal process. In her response, Cook stressed the importance of protecting the Reserve from political influence.

## COMCAST SHAKEUP

Comcast has announced it will split off its entertainment division, NBCUniversal, into a new publicly traded company. Comcast will retain its cable, broadband, and Xfinity Mobile wireless services. The new company will control Universal Pictures and Universal Television, the film and TV studios, as well as the streaming platform Peacock, the European news company Sky, and the American television channels NBC, Bravo, and Telemundo. Current Comcast co-CEO **Mike Cavanaugh** will lead NBCUniversal, while former Comcast CFO **Michael Angelakis** will become Comcast's new CEO.



### ***Happy Birthday***

- **Gene Barr**, Senior Advisor, GSL Public Affairs
- **John Hanger**, Former Secretary, PA Department of Environmental Protection
- **Michelle M. Bonsick**, Sales Manager, Kobrand Corporation
- **Donetta M. D'Innocenzo\***

### ***Committee Meetings***

- (H) Appropriations – OTF – To be announced
- (H) Environmental and Natural Resource Protection – OTF – To consider: HR 580
- (H) Commerce – OTF – To consider: SB 225, SB 829, and SB 1353
- (S) State Government – OTF – To consider: HB 36, HB 513, HB 2559, SB 1248, and SB 1410
- (H) Veterans Affairs and Emergency Preparedness – 9:00AM – To consider: HB 996, HB 2398, HB 2535, HR 520, HR 562, HR 566, and SB 1261
- (H) Communications and Technology – 10:00AM - Informational meeting on identifying and understanding anomalous objects and signals: Is There Life Beyond Earth?

What Science and Government  
Are Doing to Find Out

- (H) Tourism, Recreation and Economic Development – 10:00AM – To consider: HB 2082, HB 2083, HR 552, and HR 576
- (S) Judiciary – 10:00AM – To consider: HB 2299
- (H) Finance – 10:00AM – Public hearing on HB 2639, HB 2675 and any other business brought forth by the Majority Chair
- (S) Local Government – 10:30AM – To consider: HB 2496 and SB 1345
- (S) Banking and Insurance – 10:30AM – To consider: HB 1123 and SB 738



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