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The State House and State Senate will both convene at 9am for non-voting sessions

BET

On Wednesday, several members of the General Assembly announced the creation of a new Problem Gambling Caucus. The caucus seeks not to curtail legal gaming here in the Commonwealth but put guardrails in place to help protect those prone to addiction and our youth. Senator **Joe Picozzi (R)**, Representatives **Ben Sanchez (D)**, **Danillo Burgos (D)**, and **Jamie Flick (R)** are spearheading the endeavor. This group will be the first of its kind in the country.

NEW ROLE

Temple University Institute on Disabilities (IOD) is welcoming a new executive director, **Jamie Ray-Leonetti**. Jamie will assume her new role on November 2nd and most recently serves as the Associate Director of policy at IOD. She received her JD from Temple Beasley School of Law and brings over 20 years of experience to this role with background in client assistance programs and Disability Rights Pennsylvania. On her appointment, Ray-Leonetti stated, "I am excited to listen and lead with purpose as we train the next generation of diverse leaders."

GOING POSTAL

Pennsylvania voters planning to cast a mail ballot in the November 3 general election have until 5 p.m. on October 27 to apply for a mail-in or absentee ballot. Secretary of the Commonwealth **Al Schmidt** highlighted that more than 1.2 million Pennsylvanians have already requested a mail

ballot. Voters choosing to vote by mail must ensure their completed ballot is received by their county elections office by 8 p.m. on Election Day.

RAT OF PASSAGE

Harrisburg has landed on Orkin's annual list of the nation's "rattiest" cities, coming in at number 50. The ranking is based on new residential rodent treatment data collected between August 2025 and August 2026. For those keeping score at home, Philadelphia ranked eighth and Pittsburgh came in at twentieth. According to Orkin, rodents aren't particularly picky about geography as long as food, water, and shelter are easily accessible.

ERRATA

Suffering from insufficient levels of caffeine, the editors of Harrisburg: ONLINE incorrectly noted the passage of yinz mandatory paid parental leave by the Pittsburgh City Council when indeed it was the Allegheny County Council's legislation.



Happy Birthday

- Former State Representative **John D. Payne**
- Former State Representative **Jeff Wheeland**
- **Aji Abraham**, President & CEO, Aura Health Advisors
- **Rene Diehl**, Principal, 1812 Strategies



Committee Meetings

- Joint Medical Assistance Advisory Committee – 10:00AM – Meeting
- (H) Republican Policy – 10:00AM - Public hearing on Expanding Educational Opportunities for Every Child



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