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implements of husbandry and farm equipment. The bill is intended to create an annual permit for specialized farm vehicles and allow for the use of a pilot vehicle instead of a State Police escort, for equipment being moved within 50 miles without use of the interstate highway system. Effective in 60 days.

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<td>Amends Title 75 (Vehicles), in rules of the road in general, further providing for duty of driver in construction and maintenance areas or on highway safety corridors by prohibiting the use of a handheld electronic device by a motor vehicle operator while in an active construction zone and establishing a violation as a summary offense. Effective in 60 days.</td>
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<td>Act designating a bridge on that portion of old State Route 22 over the Conemaugh River in Blairsville Borough, Indiana County, as the Blairsville Area Veterans Memorial Bridge; and designating that portion of State Route 4027, also known as Business U.S. Route 220, over the Norfolk Southern mainline railroad tracks in Grazierville, Snyder Township, Blair County, as the John Fredrick Bridges Memorial Bridge. Effective in 60 days. (Prior Printer Number: 275)</td>
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<td>Amends the Act entitled &quot;An act authorizing political subdivisions, municipality authorities and transportation authorities to enter into contracts for the purchase of goods and</td>
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the sale of real and personal property where no bids are received," further providing for title of the act; adding a short title; and providing for contracts for services. The bill creates a short title as the Public Contract Bid Nonreceipt Act and establishes when a political subdivision, municipality authority or transportation authority is required to advertise for bids in order to enter into a contract for services and no bids are received, the political subdivision, municipality authority or transportation authority may proceed by (1) advertising for bids a second time, (2) initiating negotiations for a contract to obtain the services previously advertised, with any provider not otherwise disqualified by law or an enactment or policy of the governing body, and (3) at a regular or special meeting of its governing body, must publicly announce the identity of the parties, the proposed contract price and a summary of the other terms and conditions relating to any proposed contract. Also establishes penalties for evasion. Effective in 60 days.

**Bill History:**
- 05-15-17 S Filed
- 05-15-17 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Local Government

**PA Bulletin**

**PUC: REVIEW OF UNIVERSAL SERVICE AND ENERGY CONSERVATION PROGRAMS**
The Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission initiated a comprehensive review of the entire Universal Service and Energy Conservation model. Because the Universal Service and Energy Conservation Programs are intertwined regarding design, budgeting, administration, reporting, and evaluation, the commission found that it is appropriate to incorporate the Commission’s current work on Low-Income Usage Reduction Programs (LIURPs) and energy affordability matters into this comprehensive review. Details are available in the *Pennsylvania Bulletin*.

**Upcoming Events**

**Press Conference**
*Motorcyclists Rights Rally*
5/22/2017 - 12:00 PM, Main Capitol Rotunda, Harrisburg
For Information, Call A.B.A.T.E of PA, 717-731-8955

**Press Conference**
*AT&T Distracted Driving Simulator & Press Conference (unconfirmed)*
5/23/2017 - 11:00 AM, Main Capitol Rotunda, Harrisburg

**Session Schedule**

**Senate**
May 22, 23, 24
June 5, 6, 7, 12, 13, 14, 19, 20, 21, 22, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30

**House**
May 22, 23, 24
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**In the News**

05-18-2017  **SEPTA Wants Public to 'Respect the Train'**  
(Press Release)

05-18-2017  **House chairman pushes privatizing air traffic control in US**  
WASHINGTON (AP) - A House Republican committee chairman called on lawmakers Wednesday to turn
the nation's air traffic control operations over to a new, non-profit corporation, saying no other infrastructure change has as much potential to improve travel for the average American flyer... - AP

Any infrastructure plan must include airports
by Ed Rendell, Chellie Cameron & Kevin M. Burke Earlier this year, the American Society of Civil Engineers graded America's infrastructure a D-plus. Our roads are riddled with potholes, our trains and buses are overcrowded, and many of our ports are not deep enough to... - Philadelphia Inquirer

U.S. and European Union officials discuss laptop ban on flights
As U.S. Homeland Security officials met Wednesday in Brussels with European Union leaders to discuss expanding a laptop ban in aircraft cabins on flights from Europe, an airline trade group urged regulators to choose alternative security measures instead. Extending a carry-on laptop ban, imposed in March, would cost passengers... - Philadelphia Inquirer

More than a dozen reported injured in Lancaster County school bus accident,
Police are looking for a car driver in a hit-and-run crash that overturned a school bus in Lancaster County Wednesday morning, reportedly injuring more than a dozen people, mostly Mennonite students on the bus. The incident happened just before 8 a.m. at Lincoln Highway East (Route 30)... - Philadelphia Inquirer

New traffic pattern coming in I-83 project
The ongoing I-83 construction project near Colonial Park will feature a new traffic pattern starting Friday morning. (Barbara Miller | bmiller@pennlive.com) Westbound motorists on Route 22 headed to the on-ramp for northbound I-83 in the Colonial Park area of Lower Paxton Township will find the far right... - Harrisburg Patriot-News

Westmoreland County residents list transportation improvements as top priority; more public input sought
Residents who participated in the early stages of a $250,000 effort to plan for Westmoreland County's future identified needs for better transportation, more jobs and the ability to retain and grow population as the top concerns. Six months of workshops, surveys, interviews and information gathering was... - Pittsburgh Tribune-Review

Patrick Finegan: PNC's building operations problem-solver
Patrick Finegan likes to say he never takes nice phone calls. As director of operations for PNC Realty Services, Mr. Finegan is the guy in charge of making sure the Pittsburgh bank's buildings, including its new headquarters Downtown, are operating as they should.... - Pittsburgh Post-Gazette

Alco Parking: Recent trends could affect North Shore's parking needs
Pittsburgh’s North Shore neighborhood has seen a rapid transformation over the past decade. As the region has expanded with the addition of restaurants, office spaces, hotels and a concert venue, it has been on Alco Parking Corp. to keep up. The oldest and largest parking operator in the city has been a key player... - Pittsburgh Post-Gazette

Responders prepare for disaster in Unity airport drill
Emergency crews battled flames and 90-degree temperatures to extinguish a burning business jet on the ground Wednesday evening in an emergency preparation drill at Arnold Palmer Regional Airport. Friends Olivia Stas, 21, of Unity and Lindsay Smetanka, 20, of Latrobe were... - Pittsburgh Tribune-Review

Does Centre Square traffic pattern need a reboot in Easton?
Traffic engineers are taking a fresh look at a longtime trouble spot: Easton's Centre Square. The uninitiated sometimes balk at the flashing red lights, looking around with confusion rather than moving ahead when traffic is clear around the Soldiers and Sailors Monument at Northampton and Third streets.... - Easton Express-Times

Greene County conducting DUI checkpoint
DUI checkpoint: State police announced troopers will be conducting a sobriety checkpoint at an unidentified location in Greene County between May 22 and 29 for the Memorial Day holiday. - Washington Observer-Reporter

Officer Richard Champion Highway dedicated in Perryopolis
A section of Route 51 in Perryopolis renamed to memorialize a police officer who gave his life in the line of duty was officially dedicated on Wednesday. A portion of the roadway was closed off in the afternoon hours so local law enforcement, first responders and state and local dignitaries could join... - *Uniontown Herald-Standard*

**05-18-2017**

**Beaver Falls bridge could reopen by September**

BEAVER FALLS -- A bridge that’s been closed for more than a year could reopen within the next four months. The 24th Street Bridge, which carries Route 588 through Beaver Falls, closed in March 2016 after a culvert in front of Beaver County Collision collapsed into a sinkhole.... - *Beaver County Times*

**05-18-2017**

**It's time to build our state's infrastructure**

Building out and modernizing our region’s and the nation’s infrastructure is a critical goal that’s broadly supported by voters across the political spectrum. To bring focus to this important national issue, Infrastructure Week events and other educational-related efforts are... - *Beaver County Times*

**05-18-2017**

**State police, PennDOT to promote seat belt safety**

The number of crashes across the commonwealth in which people were not wearing seat belts increased by more than 10 percent last year — from 13,534 in 2015 to 14,992 in 2016. In an effort to remind people that seat belts are important for safety, the state Department of Transportation and state police will partner with local... - *Levittown Intelligencer*

**05-18-2017**

**PennDOT honors its own in District 6**

State Department of Transportation Secretary Leslie S. Richards recognized 30 employees for outstanding performance, two of them from District 6, which covers Bucks and Montgomery counties. Local winners were Brian Early and John Clancy. Their hometowns were not... - *Levittown Intelligencer*

**05-18-2017**

**MULLANE: Pa. AG Josh Shapiro jumps aboard Amtrak tragedy**

Hours before the statute of limitations ended, Pennsylvania Attorney General Josh Shapiro criminally charged the engineer responsible for the catastrophic 2015 crash of an Amtrak train in Philadelphia that killed eight and injured 200. This came after the city district attorney’s office concluded —... - *Levittown Bucks County Courier Times*

**05-18-2017**

**Radar nothing but a cash cow**

Letter writer Richard Armitage must be giving the view of people who are inside the revenue stream. People obey realistic traffic laws. If we would simply set speed limits to the 85th percentile free-flowing traffic speed, make yellow lights longer, and use stop signs only where needed, the problems he described would... - *Levittown Bucks County Courier Times*

**05-18-2017**

**Route 220/199 plan available to residents**

LINDEN — A copy of the final draft of the Route 220/199 multi-municipal plan is available for review by residents of Woodward Township, according to the township supervisors, who met Wednesday evening. Township Secretary Judith Carpenter said there also are comment sheets for... - *Williamsport Sun-Gazette*

**05-18-2017**

**PennDOT honors Star of Excellence recipients**

Agency recognizes 30 employees across Pennsylvania. MONTOURSVILLE, Pa. — The Pennsylvania Department of Transportation (PennDOT) Secretary Leslie S. Richards on Wednesday recognized 30 PennDOT employees for their outstanding performance with the Star of Excellence... - *Towanda Daily Review*

**05-18-2017**

**Camera to alert Route 160 truckers**

A new camera was installed along Route 160 in Wellersburg this week as officials discuss improvements needed to the road. A tractor-trailer traveled off Route 160 in Wellersburg Sunday afternoon at the site where a church was hit just a month ago. - *Somerset Daily*

**05-18-2017**

**WASHS hosts DUI simulator for seniors**

As Waynesboro Area Senior High School seniors prepare to steam out their caps and gowns in anticipation of graduation, they were given a dose of reality on the dangers of drinking and driving Wednesday during a mock DUI experience. The event was organized by juniors Arianna Taylor and Sophia Van Gilder... - *Waynesboro Record Herald*
05-18-2017 PennDOT spotlights plans to replace bridge in Dora
RINGGOLD Residents of Ringgold/Dora/Timblin areas took advantage of their opportunity to review the plans for the replacement of the Route 3004 East Dora Bridge No. 1 in Jefferson County at a recent public plans display. PennDOT District 10 hosted the public plans display at an open house held...

05-18-2017 How Uber and Waymo Ended Up Rivals in the Race for Driverless Cars
SAN FRANCISCO — At a technology conference in mid-2014, the Google co-founder Sergey Brin presented the company's first prototype for a self-driving car. Watching in the audience was Travis Kalanick, chief executive of Uber, the ride-hailing start-up. Mr. Brin’s presentation in Rancho Palos Verdes, Calif. — including...

05-18-2017 A roadside test for texting and driving?
Ben Lieberman has been working on a proposal that would allow police at accident scenes in New York to immediately examine drivers’ cellphones with a device to determine if they’d been tapping, swiping or clicking. (Julie Jacobson/AP) Ben Lieberman, whose son was killed in a crash involving a distracted...

05-18-2017 Distracted drivers in Ohio might soon face additional $100 fine
Ohio motorists who can’t put down their electronic devices might soon find themselves facing additional fines. Under HB95, which passed unanimously out of a House committee on Wednesday, drivers who are pulled over for speeding, running a stop sign or other moving violations would get a ticket for that violation, then...

05-18-2017 Over comptroller’s objection, Baltimore officials vote to relaunch speed c
Over the objection of the city's comptroller, Baltimore officials voted Wednesday to award contracts worth nearly $10 million to two companies that will relaunch the city’s once-troubled speed and red-light camera system. Baltimore’s Board of Estimates, which is controlled by Mayor Catherine...

05-18-2017 A celebration of cooperation that made Skyline Drive project possible
Project timeline The Skyline Drive project, which includes rebuilding and repaving the road and installing a bicycle lane, is on schedule, said Barry L. Schlouch, president of Schlouch Inc., the general contractor. He said Skyline Drive will be closed to List Road through June 23. The...

05-18-2017 Concert to test Penn Street Bridge lane restrictions
The around-the-clock lane restrictions on the Penn Street Bridge will face its first big test Thursday evening when more than 8,000 people make their way into Reading to see country music star Eric Church perform at the Santander Arena. This is the first big event to be held downtown since the restrictions were...

05-18-2017 Reading Railroad, military historian reaches the century mark
When Ed Wiswesser puts his mind to something, he generally accomplishes it. Ed's book, “Steam Locomotives of the Reading and P&R Railroads," is a classic in railroad history. The basement of his Lower Alsace Township home is a veritable museum of Navy ships, many of World War II vintage....

05-18-2017 Plan to use Airport Road to get to industrial park could be a disaster
Some officials at the Reading Regional Airport Authority are concerned that a plan to use Airport Road to get to a proposed county industrial park from Route 183 is a recipe for disaster. The Berks County Industrial Development Authority's plans for Berks Park...

05-18-2017 West Chester East grad pursues education degree at Immaculata after devastating accident
MALVERN >> The numbers are alarming: according to AAA there are 328,000 crashes, 109,000 injuries, and 6,400 deaths each year from drivers who fall asleep at the wheel. Immaculata University student Hayley Tuscai is reflected in those statistics. During her senior year of high school, a time when...

05-18-2017 State Rep. Barrar to provide seniors with SEPTA key cards
Upper Chichester >> To ensure seniors can ride free on all SEPTA transit services, state Rep. Steve Barrar R-160, is offering people 65 and older the opportunity to get a free SEPTA Key Senior ID card without traveling into Philadelphia. The event will be held on Wednesday, May 31, from 11...

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05-18-2017

Get ready for ignition interlock
Beginning in August, as a result of a law passed last year, Pennsylvania will begin requiring first-time drunken drivers to get ignition interlock systems... - Bloomsburg Press Enterprise

Brandon Bostian beng arraigned for role in Amtrak crash
Brandon Bostian, the engineer operating an Amtrak train that derailed in 2015, was taken into custody at 10:15 am at the Philadelphia police department's 9th district station. Bostian, wearing a maroon polo shirt and jeans, was cuffed by investigators from the Pennsylvania Attorney General's office at the corner of 21st... - Philadelphia Inquirer

Port Authority will use part of $11M surplus to balance proposed budget
The Port Authority expects to use $4.4 million in surplus funds to balance its proposed budget of $419.7 million for 2017-18. Pete Schenk, the agency's chief financial officer, told a board committee Thursday morning the agency expects to end the current fiscal year June 30... - Pittsburgh Post-Gazette

E-ZPass 'Feedback' Signals Disappearing From Pa. Turnpike Exchange
HARROSBURG, Pa. (CBS) — Say goodbye to those traffic-light looking signals in Pennsylvania Turnpike E-ZPass lanes that tell you your toll has been paid. At least one in our area has already been turned off and the rest will go in the coming months. Pennsylvania Turnpike spokesman Carl DeFebo says the so-called... - KYW News Radio 1060

Amtrak Engineer Turns Himself Into Police To Face Charges In Deadly 2015 Derailment
PHILADELPHIA (CBS/AP) — An Amtrak engineer has turned himself into police to face charges in the deadly 2015 derailment. Brandon Bostian was handcuffed and placed under arrest Thursday morning. Bostian was the engineer on Amtrak 188 when it crashed, killing eight... - KYW News Radio 1060

Delphi partners with BMW to create self-driving platform by 2021
Of the players involved in Pittsburgh's autonomous vehicles landscape, United Kingdom-based technology company Delphi remains relatively unnoticed — but a new, high-profile partnership could change that. Detroit, Mich.-based Delphi, which has been testing autonomous Audi SUVs in... - Pittsburgh Post-Gazette

State police, PennDOT checking for seat belt scofflaws
Ahead of the Memorial Day weekend and busy summer travel season, Pennsylvania State Police and the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation will partner with municipal police departments statewide during the national “Click it or Ticket” seat-belt enforcement mobilization... - Pittsburgh Post-Gazette

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Officials look to improve safety along Freeport Road
Aspinwall council will seek funding through Allegheny County to plan safety enhancements for commuter bicyclists and pedestrians. Councilman Mark Ellermeyer last week lobbied fellow board members to seek $15,000 from Active Allegheny for the Aspinwall/Freeport Road Safety... - Pittsburgh Tribune-Review

Student recalls crash horror: ‘Kids were just flying around on the bus’
Elijah Allen was bleeding profusely, and he wanted his mom and dad. The Philadelphia eighth grader was supposed to be on his class trip, but things had gone horribly wrong. Elijah was staring out the window of the tour bus he and his classmates had boarded early Monday, watching I-95 rush by, when a speeding car caught his... - Philadelphia Inquirer
Crash investigation will take time
Sorting out liability for the I-95 bus crash that injured dozens of Philadelphia schoolchildren and adults Monday morning will likely involve a painstaking accident reconstruction, and often such investigations produce unexpected outcomes. Such was the case in 2006, when a bus carrying children from the Norris... - Philadelphia Inquirer

Hanover Township police joins national “Click It or Ticket” enforcement
Township police will be on the lookout to make sure motorists are wearing their seatbelts. The Hanover Township Police Department announced Tuesday it joined the national "Click It or Ticket" Seatbelt Enforcement initiative from May 15 to June 4. Primarily between 9 p.m. and 4 a.m. daily, officers will be checking to see... - Wilkes-Barre Times Leader

LCTA buses to service Wilkes-Barre/Scranton International Airport
The Luzerne County Transportation Authority has announced that it will offer regular bus service to the Wilkes-Barre/Scranton International Airport beginning Monday. The airport stop will be included in the LCTA No. 17 Highway 315 Connector Route. This route, which also services the Mohegan Sun Pocono casino,... - Wilkes-Barre Times Leader

Pa. starting to look like Greece
Centre County’s $5 fee (tax) increase on vehicle registration was approved by Commissioners Mark Higgins and Mike Pipe. The only no vote came from Commissioner Steve Dershem. Act 89 was signed into law in 2013 by then Gov. Tom Corbett. Three of our local politicians had “yea” votes for Act 89; they are Rep. Mike... - State College Centre Daily Times

SEPTA reminds passengers to be safe
PHILADELPHIA The Southeastern Pennsylvania Transportation Authority is reminding its passengers to be safe and respect the train... - AP

'Click It or Ticket' traffic enforcement program set to start
The Pennsylvania Department of Transportation will partner with Pennsylvania State Police and municipal police departments statewide during the national "Click It or Ticket" traffic enforcement program beginning Monday and continuing through June 4. If a motorist is stopped for a traffic violation and is not wearing a seat... - Erie Times-News

Erie County doesn't need to start community college: Letters to the editor
Here we go again. Community college! It seems that the affluent and several businesses are all for this endeavor. I believe this was shot down several years ago and now it is being brought up again. Maybe it will go through this time to the detriment of the taxpayers of this county.... - Erie Times-News

Buckle Up PA citations pile up for some area police departments
Some police departments in Northampton County have detailed results of their Buckle Up PA seat belt enforcement efforts this week. Lower Saucon Township police said officers stopped 18 vehicles and issued 14 citations between 6 p.m. and 10 p.m. Monday on township roads..... - Easton Express-Times

Take away phones for texting while driving
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I-83 work planned just over the state line
Interstate 83 work will affect some commuters on their drive home, according to the Maryland Department of Transportation State Highway Administration. Crews will resurface seven miles of I-83 North between Shawan Road in Hunt Valley and Maryland 137 in northern Baltimore County.... - York Daily

Wawa gas station, road improvements get thumbs-up in Falls
Falls residents driving to visit relatives during the holiday season will be able to fill up on gas at a new Wawa in the township. The township supervisors approved a conditional use permit 4-1 Monday evening, allowing the 5,586-square foot store, which will be located at the... - Levittown Bucks County Courier Times

**State police, PennDOT to promote seat belt safety**
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**PHL Airport’s Potential Tower Move Could Mean Increased Wage Taxes For Some Workers**
PHILADELPHIA (CBS) — A change in taxes may be on the way for air traffic control workers at Philadelphia International Airport. Officials at Philadelphia International Airport want to move the Federal Aviation Tower from Delaware County to the airport’s cell phone... - KYW News Radio 1060

**Wednesday’s Sound Off**
I see where this biased media is at it again. This is in regards to Sean Spicer, the press secretary. Some of the media says that he’s been hiding in the bushes afraid to come out and address about President Trump firing Director Comey. Even after the White House put out a release saying... - Pottstown Mercury

**Grand re-opening set for Boyertown Museum of Historic Vehicles**
The Boyertown Museum of Historic Vehicles has reopened its doors to the public after a renovation project. Concrete was poured, vehicles were rearranged, walls were painted, lots of things were cleaned and now the museum is back in business, according to museum officials. The process was tedious, but museum personnel are anxious... - Pottstown Mercury

**Wire problems plaguing SEPTA Regional Rail lines**
Wire problems are causing big delays throughout SEPTA’s Regional Rail system. The transit agency said riders on all lines should expect delays of 45 minutes due to overhead wire issues near Jenkintown. Shuttle buses are running between the Fern Rock Transportation Center and... - Philadelphia Inquirer

**Pittsburgh Triathlon postponed by road work**
Road work has forced organizers to postpone Pittsburgh’s Triathlon & Adventure Race... - AP

**Driver cited after colliding with train near Three Mile Island: Police**
The driver of a pickup truck was cited after colliding with a train near Three Mile Island early Wednesday morning, according to a state police. Trooper Brent Miller, a spokesman for the state police, said the incident occurred at about 7 a.m. in Londonderry Township, on land owned by the... - Harrisburg Patriot-News

**State police: no tolerance patrols for distracted drivers**
State police say they are taking a “zero-tolerance” approach to distracted driving with specialized patrol details looking for signs of distracted drivers. PennDOT statistics show there were 602 crashes in Lehigh County attributed to distracted driving in 2016, including four fatal crashes. There were 387... - Allentown Morning Call

**PennDOT spotlights plans to replace bridge in Dora**
RINGGOLD Residents of Ringgold/Dora/Timblin areas took advantage of their opportunity to review the plans for the replacement of the Route 3004 East Dora Bridge No. 1 in Jefferson County at a recent public plans display. PennDOT District 10 hosted the public plans display at an open house held... - Punxsutawney Spirit

**Bicyclists can cruise business district Saturday morning**
Biking enthusiasts will have the opportunity to wheel around the borough’s business district this weekend. The Open Street Tour, sponsored by the Kitchen Cabinet community group, will take place from 9 a.m. to noon Saturday. The event will kick off Phase 1 of the 3-mile Ellwood City Bike Route, which will extend from Circle... - Ellwood City Ledger

**PSP to hold DUI checkpoint in York County**
State police in York County will be holding a sobriety checkpoint within the next two weeks, according to a
news release. The checkpoint, which will be held in cooperation with other local departments, will be to deter drivers who are drinking or under the influence of other drugs, the release states.... - York Dispatch

05-17-2017

**Police, PennDOT partner for seat belt enforcement**

State police, local police, and the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation (PennDOT) are partnering together later this month to enforce seat belt usage. According to a release from PennDOT, police statewide will join for "Click it or Ticket" seat belt enforcement starting May 22 through June 4.... - York Dispatch

05-17-2017

**Harder line on DUIs is good step**

Beginning in August, as the result of a law passed last year, Pennsylvania will begin requiring first-time drunken drivers to get ignition interlock systems installed on their vehicles. What that means is that, before the person’s car will start, the driver will, in effect, be required to pass a sobriety test.... - Altoona Mirror

05-17-2017

**Wolf plane repair tax irks some airports**

HARRISBURG — Since Pennsylvania eliminated a sales tax on aviation repairs in 2014, the number of planes based at Pennsylvania airports has increased 36 percent, topping 4,500. Now, there’s a possibility the state might reinstitute that tax as part of Gov. Tom Wolf’s plan to balance his budget with a series of business taxes.... - Meadville Tribune

05-17-2017

**PennDOT, police departments will begin 'Click It or Ticket' campaign**

The Pennsylvania Department of Transportation will partner with local police departments in a national "Click It or Ticket" seat-belt enforcement effort beginning Monday through June 4. As part of the initiative, Franklin, Oil City and Sugarcreek Borough police... - Oil City Derrick

05-17-2017

**Klapec Trucking Co. earns award**

Klapec Trucking Co. was presented with a Platinum award by Great West Casualty insurance company as part of its annual National Safety Awards program. The program recognizes motor carriers in similar operations with awards based on their year-end preventable crash results. Carriers are eligible to... - Oil City Derrick

05-17-2017

**Court rules in favor of SEDA-COG Joint Rail Authority**

A court ruling has upheld SEDA-COG Joint Rail Authority’s position that it did not have sufficient votes to award an operating agreement to a particular company. That leaves the next operator of the JRA in question — at least for now. Jerry Walls, chairman of the Joint Rail Authority, explained that proposals... - Williamsport Sun-Gazette

05-17-2017

**Noise Ordinance Waiver Approved for Overnight Gas Line Work**

State College Borough Council granted a noise ordinance waiver to Columbia Gas of Pennsylvania to conduct gas line work overnight on North Atherton Street. The work is being done as part of a Pennsylvania Department of Transportation project for improvements to Atherton Street between Park... - State College News

05-17-2017

**The need for Route 219**

The need for the completion of Route 219 to Maryland continues to be revealed. On Sunday, a tractor trailer traveling down Wemersburg Mountain overturned because it was traveling too fast for the steep terrain. The unusually steep grade can come as a surprise to out of state drivers. The truck and trailer... - Somerset Daily

05-16-2017

**State Police, PennDOT Partner to Promote Seat Belt Safety Enforcement, Child...**

(Press Release)

05-16-2017

**The Southwest flight that flew nonstop — to West Mifflin**

While jets and planes of all sorts filled the skies over Pittsburgh International Airport last weekend for the comeback of a popular air show, there was one big one that didn’t make it that far. It was Southwest Flight 3316, which took off from Orlando, Fla., at 1:45... - Pittsburgh Post-Gazette

05-16-2017

**Drivers, bikers, walkers: Can’t we all just get along?**

This is a plea to cease publishing letters to the editor pointing out singular acts of idiocy in regard to drivers, bikers and walkers (such as “Unsafe Cycling,” May 15). I am a practitioner in all three modes of
travel and am an aware observer, and I can assure you that there are offenders driving through a just-

05-16-2017

Judge: Uber must return files to Waymo but may continue self-driving testing
The futuristic Volvos with the spinning tops will continue offering service on Pittsburgh’s streets while a bitter trade-secrets lawsuit against Uber makes its way through the court system, according to a federal judge’s order Monday. Judge William Alsup in San Francisco was tasked with overseeing an action... - Pittsburgh Post-Gazette

05-16-2017

Global tailpipe tests vastly underestimate diesel pollution levels
WASHINGTON — Pollution from diesel trucks, buses and cars globally is more than 50 percent higher than levels shown in government lab tests, a new study says... - AP

05-16-2017

Tuesday takes
Flight frustrations: The allegation is outrageous: Spirit Airlines says no-show unionized pilots are responsible for about 300 national and international flight cancellations of late, which is the focus of a lawsuit by Spirit against the Air Line Pilots Association. The union says the... - Pittsburgh Tribune-Review

05-16-2017

Why charge the Amtrak engineer?
Why charge the engineer? What purpose is served by bringing criminal charges against Brandon Bostian, the Amtrak engineer whose train derailed nearly two years ago at Frankford Junction (“Judge orders engineer charged,” Friday)? He is responsible for the accident that caused eight fatalities and injured more... - Philadelphia Inquirer

05-16-2017

29 injured, 2 critically, when Philly school tour bus crashes in Md.
Monday started early and with high spirits — 26 C.W. Henry School eighth graders and their chaperones were off on a class trip to Washington, with stops planned at the Martin Luther King Jr. Memorial, the Lincoln Memorial, and the Newseum. Halfway between Wilmington and Baltimore on... - Philadelphia Inquirer

05-16-2017

PHL is likely to get a new FAA air traffic control tower
Philadelphia International Airport wants to build a new Federal Aviation Administration air traffic control tower. The $200 million tower could be situated where the cellphone waiting lot now is, a few hundred feet from the terminals. The current tower, on Hog... - Philadelphia Inquirer

05-16-2017

Real ID bill no sure thing after all
If I had a nickel for every time our state legislators did something stupid or destructive, I’d be in Donald Trump’s Cabinet. So I guess I shouldn’t have been flabbergasted to learn that the state House last week threw a very late monkey-wrench in the attempt to let... - Allentown Morning Call

05-16-2017

Connellsville Redevelopment Authority receives two big grants
CONNELLSVILLE — A $750,000 federal grant to rebuild the York Avenue bridge and a $435,000 foundation grant for flood-related projects are coming to the city. Redevelopment authority Executive Director Michael Edwards announced the awarding of both grant at Monday’s meeting of the authority board of... - Uniontown Herald-Standard

05-16-2017

California bridge project subject of open house
The state Department of Transportation will hold an open house and plans display May 24 on the replacement on a bridge that carries California Drive over Gorbys Run near the intersection with North California Drive in California. Information on the project’s status, schedule, design and right-of-way... - Washington Observer-Reporter

05-16-2017

Take away phones for texting while driving
Why do you need to text while driving? I get mad every day I drive somewhere. I don’t understand. What is so important that you have to risk your life and others because you feel the need to text while driving? I’m sitting at a red light. It turns green and the driver in the lane... - Beaver County Times

05-16-2017

A plate-reading camera could come to an Easton light pole near you
Easton's mayor wants to scatter license plate-reading cameras throughout the city to help police catch criminals. Mayor Sal Panto Jr. said he recommends taking $400,000 from the bond issue used to build the
new police station to purchase 26 plate-reading cameras.... - *Easton Express-Times*

**05-16-2017**

**To help rail trail, York bridge to be narrowed**
The North George Street bridge in York will see some changes as a result of the extension of the York County Heritage Rail Trail. The bridge currently has two lanes for northbound traffic and two for southbound traffic. That will be reduced to three lanes: a northbound lane, a southbound lane...

- *York Daily*

**05-16-2017**

**Greencastle gets green light on grant**
The Borough of Greencastle is one of 94 municipalities in Pennsylvania to receive traffic signal funding under the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation’s Green Light-Go program. Greencastle has been allocated $43,677 — the full amount requested — for installation of rectangular rapid flashing beacons to improve...

- *Waynesboro Record Herald*

**05-16-2017**

**Uber Engineer Barred From Work on Key Self-Driving Technology, Judge Says**
Uber’s case began in February, when Waymo filed a suit accusing it of stealing trade secrets to develop self-driving cars. Waymo said the thief was Mr. Levandowski, a former top engineer at Google and a guru of autonomous vehicle technology, who joined Uber last year. Waymo sought a...

- *New York Times*

**05-16-2017**

**3 Judges Weigh Trump’s Revised Travel Ban, but Keep Their Poker Faces**
In making the administration’s case, Jeffrey B. Wall, the acting United States solicitor general, urged the court to ignore campaign statements from Mr. Trump concerning his intention to issue a “Muslim ban” and focus instead on the terms of the revised executive order....

- *New York Times*

**05-16-2017**

**Regional Morning Briefing: Pa. voters have plenty of choices on Primary Election Day**
Voters selecting candidates for the Nov. 8 General Election will have no dearth of choices when polls open at 7 a.m. Tuesday. Advertisement Statewide judicial races dominate the top of the ticket, though there are a slew of more local contests as well, including three Magisterial District...

- *West Chester Daily Local News*

**05-16-2017**

**5 municipalities awarded funds for traffic light upgrades**
Five municipalities in Schuylkill County received funding for traffic signal improvements from the state recently. Pottsville, Minersville, Saint Clair, Foster Township and Cass Township were awarded funding under the state Department of Transportation’s Green Light-Go program. The program is “designed to improve safety and...

- *Pottsville Republican and Evening Herald*

**05-16-2017**

**PennDOT: I-81 work wraps up**
- *Scranton Times*

**05-16-2017**

**State officials discuss bicycle safety to mark ‘Bike to Work Week’**
WILKES-BARRE — PennDOT Secretary Leslie S. Richards said Monday the state wants to help planning partners in developing bicycle and pedestrian plans. So with the start of “Bike to Work Week,” Richards’ boss, Gov. Tom Wolf, announced a series of improvements for bicyclists during an event...

- *Wilkes-Barre Times Leader*

**05-16-2017**

**Bus Carrying 26 Kids From Philly Crashes In Maryland**
A Phoenixville-based charter bus carrying nearly 30 students from Philadelphia to Washington, D.C., for a field trip, was involved in an accident in Maryland that injured over two dozen people. The students involved in the crash are eighth-graders from Charles W. Henry...

- *KYW News Radio 1060*

**05-16-2017**

**Lawmakers Gather At PHL Airport For National Infrastructure Week**
It’s a bipartisan call to fix the nation’s infrastructure. America’s infrastructure has a D+ grade, and is ranked 20th in the world according to the American Society of Engineers. “Literally everything as part of our infrastructure needs to be funded,” said Pennsylvania Democratic Congressman Brendan Boyle....

- *YW*

**05-16-2017**

**Lehigh Valley International Airport now features hospital-themed kids play area**
Flying out of Lehigh Valley International Airport? Then build in some play time HANOVER TOWNSHIP, Lehigh County — Flying with children out of Lehigh Valley International Airport? Then don’t forget to build in time for some fun. Officials with the airport and Lehigh Valley Health Network’s medical...

- *Allentown Morning Call*
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Wolf Administration, State Officials Discuss Bicycle Safety, Benefits and...
(Press Release)

Departments, Legislators Host Bike To Work Week
(Around the Capital)

When airport’s mission changes, is it time to start tearing down the gates?
Built to handle the heavy traffic demands of a 21st-century hub, Pittsburgh International Airport’s midfield terminal is stuck with 1970s-era passenger loads. And that can give the cavernous terminal — actually two buildings connected by a tram — a very empty feeling. Christina Cassotis, the CEO... - Pittsburgh Post-Gazette

Loss of Davis Avenue Bridge still felt in North Side neighborhoods
You can see the sign reading “Bridge Closed,” and the concrete barriers and chain link fence standing where there was once a structure. Look out across the valley, and you see where the span once connected on the other side. What happens when a bridge is torn down and not rebuilt? Just ask the North... - Pittsburgh Post-Gazette

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Many bicyclists do not follow traffic rules
I see that Pittsburgh city Councilwoman Darlene Harris had a run-in with cycling advocate Stu Strickland, who was wearing a camera so that he can record actions of motorists who don’t share the road with cyclists like him. I would like to suggest to Mr. Strickland that maybe he should start using... - Pittsburgh Post-Gazette

Speeding Amtrak engineer charged in 2015 crash that killed 8
PHILADELPHIA — The state’s top prosecutor on Friday charged a speeding Amtrak engineer with causing a catastrophe, involuntary manslaughter and other crimes in a deadly 2015 derailment that came after he accelerated to 106 mph on a 50 mph curve... - AP

Corridor connection improvement between Unity and Mt. Pleasant Borough being studied
PennDOT is accepting public comment on its latest concept for improving the 11-mile traffic corridor connecting Arnold Palmer Regional Airport in Unity with Mt. Pleasant Borough. That preliminary concept calls for a bypass running east of Pleasant Unity. John Petulla, project manager for PennDOT consultant McCormick Taylor,... - Pittsburgh Tribune-Review

Heavy equipment apprentices anticipate construction boom, train near New Alexandria
On 230 rolling acres near New Alexandria, mighty pieces of machinery roam the earth like large yellow dinosaurs. The fleet of 75 vehicles — bulldozers, graders, backhoes, cranes, rollers, excavators — is there for the training of a growing cohort of apprentices, many of whom are anticipating a boom in construction partly... - Pittsburgh Tribune-Review

Person killed by train on Lansdale/Doylestown Line
A person was struck and killed by a train on SEPTA's Lansdale/Doylestown Line on Monday morning. The incident happened around 5:10 a.m. between the Colmar and Fortuna Stations, SEPTA said. Service has been halted between the Lansdale and Doylestown stations. Riders on the rest of the line are also facing lengthy delays.... - Philadelphia Inquirer

Report: Wealthy communities using state police at expense of poorer municipalities
Some of the state's wealthiest communities are relying on state police for free protection, a situation that a new study says is placing an unfair financial burden on less affluent municipalities. Most of the wealthy municipalities relying on state police are outside... - Allentown Morning Call
05-15-2017 **Niagara sets sail on round of port visits Tuesday**
The Niagara's summer sailing schedule is laden with visits to Canadian ports due to the 150th anniversary of the Confederation of Canada. Its shake-down and crew training sails are done. A U.S. Coast Guard inspection is complete, and the first school-day events of the summer... - *Erie Times-News*

05-15-2017 **Erie County roadwork includes I-90, I-86 patching**
Pennsylvania Department of Transportation crews will patch portions of Interstate 90 in Summit Township and Interstate 86 in Greenfield Township this week. Bridges on Interstate 90 will be cleaned countywide. Also on PennDOT's maintenance schedule this week: Repairs to the... - *Erie Times-News*

05-15-2017 **To help rail trail, York bridge to be narrowed**
Traffic moves along the bridge on North George Street in York. As part of an extension of the York County Rail Trail, the sidewalk on the east side of the bridge will be widened to accommodate more pedestrians and bicyclists. A concrete barricade will separate the sidewalk from three... - *York Daily*

05-15-2017 **U.S. Firms Want In on China’s Global ‘One Belt, One Road’ Spending**
As China plans to build a raft of roads, rail lines, ports and airports across Asia, Africa and Europe, skeptics say Chinese companies will be the only real winners from the ambitious initiative. General Electric disagrees. In 2014, Chinese construction and engineering companies ordered just $400... - *New York Times*

05-15-2017 **Record number of trucks takes part in 28th Make-A-Wish Mother’s Day event**
C’Nessa Rucano, 16, wasn’t sure she was up for a ride in Sunday’s Make-A-Wish Mother’s Day truck convoy. C’Nessa has Dravet’s syndrome, a type of epilepsy that can lead to seizures. Sunday’s sunny skies and warmer temperatures also added to her irritation, said her mother, Annie Robinson, of Mountville.... - *Lancaster Intelligencer Journal*

05-15-2017 **Lincoln Highway businesses reject investment district, doesn’t derail $200M streetscape improvement plan**
Business owners along a stretch of Lincoln Highway East earmarked for a 20-year, $200 million improvement project have rejected a plan to form a business investment district along the corridor. - *Lancaster Intelligencer Journal*

05-15-2017 **LETTER: Remember, motorcyclists also are on the road**
Editor, To drivers on the road with, two, three or four wheels under you: It is spring, and with nice weather you will see us out on our motorcycles. Be aware of us. Please understand, even though we have only two wheels, our motorcycle still needs time to brake. Don’t expect us to stop instantly.... - *Oil City Derrick*

05-15-2017 **Christie made NJ Transit worse. Can the next gov cleaning it up | Editorial**
The next governor will inherit the third-largest commuter railroad in the U.S., and if there is an operation that will challenge the depths of his or her executive imagination, this is it. In less than a decade, New Jersey Transit has gone from a national model to... - *Trenton Times*

05-15-2017 **EDITORIAL: Election signs: Inspiration or roadside litter?**
Tuesday, May 16, is the Pennsylvania Primary Election to vote for candidates who will appear on the ballot in the fall for local seats including town councils and township supervisors and commissioners. These are the decision-makers who determine how local tax dollars are... - *Pottstown Mercury*

05-15-2017 **$33M awarded to upgrade traffic signals in Berks, Chester, Montgomery counties**
Gov. Tom Wolf announced that 94 municipalities will receive $33 million for upgraded traffic signals. The upgrade is part of the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation’s “Green Light-Go” program. “This is the third round of funding disbursed to support increased... - *Pottstown Mercury*

05-15-2017 **The Heron’s Nest: The Daily Numbers for Monday, May 15**
The Daily Numbers: 1 more day until the Primary Election. Try to contain yourself. 16 to 18 percent voter turnout expected by the party political leaders here in Delco. 2 candidates seeking post on Clifton Heights Borough Council. 2 familiar names facing off for mayor in Darby - incumbent Mayor Helen... - *Primos Delaware County Daily and Sunday Times*
05-15-2017  Teen Driver Safety Rating Up In Pennsylvania
The end of the school year means high school proms, graduation parties, and sometimes underage drinking and driving. A new survey shows, however, that Pennsylvania is one of the safest states for teen drivers. Michelle Megna is spokeswoman for CarInsurance.com, an independent quote... - KYW News Radio 1060

05-15-2017  Pa. Lawmakers Seek Consensus As Clock Ticks On ‘Real ID’
There’s no clear sign of agreement among state lawmakers and the governor as the deadline to act on compliance with federal ‘Real ID’ requirements draws near. Without action, Pennsylvania drivers licenses will not be valid to gain access to certain facilities in early June, and they won’t be valid for... - KYW News Radio 1060

05-15-2017  2 SEPTA Trolleys Collide In Upper Darby
Four people were injured after two SEPTA trolleys collided into each other, Sunday night. It happened at the 69th Street Terminal shortly before 10 p.m. The injuries are not life-threatening, say officials. - KYW News Radio 1060

05-15-2017  Wolf plane repair tax irks airports
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05-15-2017  Small drop for Pittsburgh-area gas prices
The average gasoline price in the Pittsburgh region dipped one cent a gallon to $2.68 on Monday, according to GasBuddy’s survey of more than 700 stations in southwestern Pennsylvania. The downward shift is a remarkable move after regional gasoline prices rose... - Pittsburgh Post-Gazette

05-15-2017  State lawmakers work to meet ID deadline
State lawmakers have precious little time to ensure Pennsylvanians will be able to board planes and enter federal buildings without trouble next year. Legislators have rushed to pass a fix that would make the state compliant with the federal Real ID ACT, which required states to upgrade their ID... - Altoona Mirror

05-15-2017  PennDOT spotlights plans to replace bridge in Dora
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05-15-2017  Commissioners Hope to Be Proactive in Anticipation of State Funding Cuts
The Centre County Board of Commissioners discussed the 2017-18 proposed state budget at its May 9 meeting. The commissioners also reported out on the latest possible cuts in state funding using HB218, the House of Representative’s proposed budget for 2017-2018 passed April 4, as a... - State College News

05-15-2017  Pa. charter bus crashes on I-95 with 26 children on board
A Pennsylvania charter bus company crashed Monday morning on I-95 in Maryland, injuring 26 Philadelphia school children and four adults. The crash occurred around 9:30 a.m. and closed all lanes of the interstate in both directions when a Werner Coach rolled over on the highway. The... - Harrisburg Patriot-News

05-15-2017  Court ruling keeps self-driving Ubers on Pittsburgh streets -- at least for now
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05-15-2017  30 injured, 2 critically, as Philly school tour bus crashes in Md.
A bus carrying Philadelphia schoolchildren on an eighth-grade class trip was involved in a serious accident on I-95 in Maryland on Monday. Thirty people were injured when a Werner Coach charter bus carrying students and chaperones from the C.W. Henry School in West Mount Airy... - Philadelphia Inquirer

05-14-2017  Summit urges cities to plan now for shared transportation system
Gabe Klein experienced a prelude of what he expects urban living to be like in the U.S. in the not-too-distant future during a year-end trip to Stockholm and Amsterdam: In two weeks of travel with his wife, two young children and an au pair, the group was in a taxi for about four minutes. The rest of the time, they... - Pittsburgh Post-Gazette

**Local bike shop owner encourages ‘travel by gravel’**
More and more cyclists enjoy “travel by gravel.” Gravel riding, as it’s called, takes them off the pavement and onto unpaved back roads and other byways. You can try it next weekend when SweetWater Bicycles in Ambridge puts on the first Whiskey Rebellion Gravel 50K and 100K rides in Washington County... - Pittsburgh Post-Gazette

**Emails: PPA officials altered records after Right-to-Know request**
Just days after the Inquirer and Daily News formally requested an accounting of compensatory time at the Philadelphia Parking Authority, two top executives asked the agency to eliminate such hours they were owed, according to internal PPA emails. Deputy executive directors Richard Dickson and Dennis Weldon sent emails to... - Philadelphia Inquirer

**Pa. attorney general announces charges against Amtrak engineer**
In a stunning turn for a case that seemed all but concluded earlier this week, Pennsylvania Attorney General Josh Shapiro filed criminal charges Friday night against the engineer of the Amtrak train that derailed in Philadelphia in May 2015, resulting in the deaths of eight people.... - Philadelphia Inquirer

**Philly’s lasting pedal power**
Philadelphia boasts more residents commuting by bicycle per capita than any of the 10 other biggest cities in the United States. As you affix your ankle reflectors for this year’s National Bike to Work Week (May 15-19), consider Philadelphia’s connections to the two-wheeler.... - Philadelphia Inquirer

**Vendor fuels candidates**
Scranton School Board incumbents and candidates Robert Casey and Bob Sheridan supported terrible public policy last year when they voted to renew the district’s bus contract without bothering to solicit bids. In doing so, they defied the district’s own bidding policy and the state... - Scranton Times

**Letters to the Editor 5/14/2017**
Editor: “No taxation without representation” was a rallying cry during the birth of our great nation. The new rallying cry for America should be, “No health care reform without representation.” A version of the proposed American Health Care Act that recently was passed... - Scranton Times

**Texting while driving? State troopers would like a word**
A central Pennsylvania woman has been charged in connection with a child sex ring in which kids were victimized during “animal furry parties.” The Pennsylvania Attorney General’s Office announced the charges Sunday against Paige Wren Tasker, 27. Authorities said she was arraigned in Monroe County, where the crimes... - Easton Express-Times

**Proposed pipeline reversal could impact pump prices in region**
The operator of a trans-Pennsylvania pipeline is seeking to reverse a portion of its flow of gasoline and diesel fuel to enable it to bring more product from refineries based in the Midwest to Western Pennsylvania fuel retailers. Bill Hollis, senior vice president of Buckeye Partners LLP, said Wednesday... - Washington Observer-Reporter

**‘CAT isn’t fixable’: Cumberland County commissioners vow to fight threatened bus service cuts**
Cumberland County commissioners aren’t backing down in the face of Capital Area Transit’s warning that a financial fight might force CAT to cut bus service to the West Shore this summer. And they called a press conference Friday afternoon to make sure everybody... - Harrisburg Patriot-News

**Engineer in Philadelphia Amtrak Crash Is Charged With Involuntary Manslaughter**
Many of the victims’ families had been pressing for charges against Mr. Bostian, whose train was going 106 miles per hour when it entered a curve with a 50 m.p.h. speed limit. On Wednesday, lawyers for 32 victims asked the district attorney’s office to accept a criminal complaint filed by the family of Rachel Jacobs,... - New York Times
Uber Has a Union of Sorts, but Faces Doubts on Its Autonomy
Uber was a pioneer in seamlessly connecting passengers and drivers through an app. Now a union-led group meant to represent its drivers is also taking an unorthodox approach — as well as Uber's money. The group, the Independent Drivers Guild, was formed roughly one year ago... - New York Times

Behind China’s $1 Trillion Plan to Shake Up the Economic Order
Along the jungle-covered mountains of Laos, squads of Chinese engineers are drilling hundreds of tunnels and bridges to support a 260-mile railway, a $6 billion project that will eventually connect eight Asian countries. Chinese money is building power plants in Pakistan to address chronic... - New York Times

Climb inside the massive tunnel 60 feet below downtown L.A.
Ten weeks in and 60 feet beneath the streets of downtown Los Angeles, the miners have clawed through nearly 2,600 feet of earth. At 5 a.m. on a cool Thursday morning, they gather in the construction yard for the start of another shift. The moon, just starting to wane, hangs above the distant skyscrapers as the... - Los Angeles Times

Pittsburgh to Panama? Airport authority in talks with Copa Airlines on possible flights
After landing nonstop flights to Iceland and Frankfurt, Pittsburgh International Airport is turning its eye south to Panama. The Allegheny County Airport Authority is talking to Copa Airlines about starting service to Panama City. Christina Cassotis, the authority's... - Pittsburgh Post-Gazette

Large weekend crowds expected for air show near airport
Whether you’re going to Pittsburgh International Airport or the nearby Wings Over Pittsburgh air show this weekend, the best advice is to leave a little early and be patient. The free air show returns for the first time in six years at the 911th Airlift Wing in Moon and large crowds are expected. The show, open from 9... - Pittsburgh Post-Gazette

Judge refers theft allegations against Uber to U.S. attorney
DETROIT — A federal judge has referred trade secret theft allegations made against Uber by Google's autonomous car unit to the U.S. Attorney's Office for investigation... - AP

Judge orders Philly DA's Office to charge Amtrak engineer Bostian
President Judge Marsha Neifield of Philadelphia Municipal Court ordered the city District Attorney's Office on Thursday to reverse course and charge Amtrak engineer Brandon Bostian with involuntary manslaughter and reckless endangerment. To avoid a potential conflict of interest, the District Attorney's Office... - Philadelphia Inquirer

Mammoth cargo ship arrives on the East Coast
SAVANNAH, Ga. - The largest cargo ship ever to visit ports on the U.S. East Coast is so long that the Statue of Liberty and Washington Monument could fit end to end along its deck and still leave room for Big Ben... - AP

4 Centre County townships awarded ‘Green Light-Go’ funding for traffic signal projects
Ninety-four municipalities in Pennsylvania will receive $33 million to support the cost of upgrading traffic signals through the state Department of Transportation “Green Light-Go” program. “This is the third round of funding disbursed to support increased safety and mobility across more Pennsylvania towns,” Gov. Tom Wolf said... - State College Centre Daily Times

Project could make levee trail in Kingston safer
KINGSTON — Ingrid Cronin knows firsthand how dangerous the area around Rutter Avenue and Church Street in Kingston can be for a cyclist. It’s the place where a car hit her, knocking her out and sending her to the hospital before the driver fled the scene. “I’m not the only cyclist who’s been hit there too,” said... - Wilkes-Barre Citizens’ Voice

Wolf believes paying for state police coverage ‘an issue of fairness’
Gov. Tom Wolf’s proposal to charge residents $25 per year for state police coverage in municipalities that rely on their protection is “an issue of fairness” in an era of tight state budgets, state House committee members were told during a hearing on Thursday.... - Uniontown Herald-Standard

Fayette County Train Day scheduled for Saturday
Fayette County Train Day is an opportunity for enthusiasts to celebrate their love for locomotives. Presented by the Fayette County Cultural Trust, the event takes place from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday and includes six different displays in three communities. - *Uniontown Herald-Standard*

05-12-2017  **PennDOT taking steps to cut down on motorcycle accidents, fatalities**
PennDOT is partnering with local organizations in an effort to increase motorcycle awareness and to remind drivers to be cautious and share the road. Motorcyclists make up nearly 10 percent of all drivers in Pennsylvania, PennDOT officials said recently, and nearly 3,500 crashes involving... - *Beaver County Times*

05-12-2017  **Capital Area Transit board eyeing cutting bus service to West Shore as of July 1**
Nearly 3,000 Capital Area Transit riders from Cumberland County could be left at the bus stop come July 1 - or not. According to CAT’s interim director Tony Johnson, that is what will happen, along with 23 employees losing their jobs, based on the revenue it will... - *Harrisburg Patriot-News*

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Gov. Tom Wolf announced Thursday that 94 municipalities will receive $33 million to support the costs of upgrading traffic signals under the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation's "Green Light-Go" program. "This is the third round of funding disbursed to support increased safety... - *Harrisburg Patriot-News*

05-12-2017  **Project to take longer than expected**
Crews are behind schedule with the makeover of the Mount Rose interchange at Interstate 83. The project could extend into 2019, according to the state Department of Transportation. This view is looking across Mount Rose Avenue at the Interstate 83 south ramp.(Photo: Paul Kuehnel, York Daily... - *York Daily*

05-12-2017  **Incomplete work leads to litigation, added costs**
A disputed construction project, costing roughly $5.7 million, continues to cause problems for the Lycoming County landfill, as litigation begins and costs continue to pile up. The county landfill contracted with Lobar Inc. Construction Services to finish building a leachate tank by 2013 to manage the liquid that flows... - *Williamsport Sun-Gazette*

05-12-2017  **Airport authority has no comment**
The Williamsport Regional Airport Authority declined to comment during its Thursday evening meeting on why the Lycoming County commissioners are holding a bill payment for the airport’s new terminal project. Tom Hart, executive director for the airport, said a meeting is set with... - *Williamsport Sun-Gazette*

05-12-2017  **MC Municipal Authority to attempt negotiation out of street opening fee**
MOUNT CARMEL — The Mount Carmel Municipal Authority (MCMA) will attempt to negotiate its way out of paying the Mount Carmel Township a $50,100 street opening permit fee to replace 25 manholes in Atlas. - *Shamokin News-Item*

05-12-2017  **Centre County Communities Get $500,000 in Traffic Signal Improvement Funds**
Four Centre County municipalities have been awarded a total of $509,444 in state funding to upgrade traffic signals, Gov. Tom Wolf announced Thursday. The local communities are among 94 statewide receiving $33 million as part of the the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation's "Green Light-Go"... - *State College News*

05-12-2017  **Meadville gets nearly $800K as part of state's 'Green Light-Go' program**
HARRISBURG — About 100 municipalities including Meadville will receive a combined $33 million to support the costs of upgrading traffic signals under the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation's “Green Light-Go” program. Gov. Tom Wolf announced on Thursday.... - *Meadville Tribune*

05-12-2017  **Judge Denies Uber’s Motion for Private Arbitration**
A federal judge denied a motion to move a legal showdown between Uber and Waymo into private arbitration, according to a court document filed Thursday evening, a decision that sets the stage for a public, bare-knuckle trial between the two companies. It was a setback for Uber, which has been accused of stealing valuable... - *New York Times*

05-12-2017  **Maryland Gov. Hogan seeks court order to compel federal judge to rule in Purple Line lawsuit**
Maryland Gov. Larry Hogan (R) has asked the state’s attorney general to seek a court order compelling a federal judge to decide a lawsuit blocking construction of the planned light-rail Purple Line. In a letter Thursday, Hogan asked Attorney General Brian E. Frosh to file a...

05-12-2017  Uber's head of aviation talks about its plan for air transport. (Just don't call it a flying car.) Long-held dreams of science fiction fans to fly around town may be inching closer to reality. A handful of companies recently revealed plans to make personal aircraft. And last month Uber Technologies Inc. discussed its plan to offer an on-demand air transportation system.... - Washington Post

05-12-2017  Bicyclist flown for treatment, reportedly after deer collision A bicyclist injured in a crash Thursday evening in Warren County was flown by a med-evac helicopter for treatment. It was reported about 7:10 p.m. in the first block of Hoffman Road in Mansfield Township. Reports from the scene indicated the rider struck a deer. That was still...

05-12-2017  Signal improvements ahead in Fleetwood, Reading, St. Lawrence, West Reading, Wyomissing PennDOT will spend $33 million to help upgrade traffic signals in 94 municipalities across the state, including five projects in Berks County. It is part of the Green Light-Go program, aimed at reducing traffic congestion. The grants can be used on existing traffic signals for...

05-12-2017  $33 million to go to upgraded traffic signals in Berks, Montgomery, Chester counties Gov. Tom Wolf announced today that 94 municipalities will receive $33 million for upgraded traffic signals. The upgrade is part of the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation’s “Green Light-Go” program. “This is the third round of funding disbursed to support increased...

05-12-2017  Dinniman discusses new efforts to fight human trafficking WEST CHESTER >> State Sen. Andy Dinniman, D-West Chester, this week joined his legislative colleagues and officials from the Pennsylvania Psychological Association, PennDOT, and the Pennsylvania State Police to discuss ongoing efforts to combat human trafficking....

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05-12-2017  Construction delays in the Lehigh Valley: rolling stoppage on Route 22 WHITEHALL TOWNSHIP — Drivers will experience a short-term rolling traffic stoppage along eastbound Route 22 between Route 145 and Airport Road Friday, according to PennDOT. Construction crews are doing emergency inlet work related to the Route 22-Fullerton Avenue Interchange...

05-12-2017  Seat-belt enforcement, or DUI checkpoint? TOM CIMINELLI Avis Regarding the May 10 article about the Pine Creek Township Police Department using traffic enforcement zones and roving patrols between the hours of 9 p.m. and 4 a.m. for seat-belt enforcement of adults and children : Wouldn’t it make more sense to have these during the day when the...

05-12-2017  Snyder should stay local Editor, Gettysburg Times, It's time to recognize your columnist Fred Snyder's strengths and weaknesses. Mr. Snyder does a great job of reporting local issues, but extends far beyond his abilities when he addresses more wide-ranging subjects. Take for example his observation on May 9 that we need not be...

05-12-2017  Local Area HARRISBURG PennDOT offers audio driver's manual The Pennsylvania Department of Transportation has announced that an audio version of the Pennsylvania Non-Commercial Driver's Manual is now available for free download on its website. The audio manual is especially useful for individuals with learning issues,...

05-12-2017  Vehicle fee opposed, explained
The Butler County commissioners will vote Wednesday on a proposed ordinance that would set a $5 fee on vehicles registered in the county. The commissioners said after Wednesday's meeting they received 20 phone calls protesting the fee. Commissioner Kevin Boozel said in an interview that most of the complaints...

Bill tracker: prevailing wage for bridge projects
Each legislative session thousands of bills and amendments are introduced in the Pennsylvania Legislature. Only a fraction become law, and an even smaller portion receive wide media coverage. These bills impact the lives of people living in Pennsylvania every day....

Municipalities to receive funds for upgrading traffic signals
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New Law Makes Sidewalk Traveling Easier During Construction
PHILADELPHIA (CBS) — Relief may be in sight for Philadelphia pedestrians. City council passed into law a bill that will require replacement walkways when a construction project takes out a sidewalk. Councilwoman Helen Gym’s bill toughens current, often flouted,...

Judge Orders DA’s Office To Charge Engineer In Amtrak Derailment
PHILADELPHIA (CBS/AP) — A Philadelphia judge has ordered prosecutors to criminally charge a speeding Amtrak engineer involved in a derailment that killed eight people and injured about 200. Municipal Court Judge Marsha Neifield on Thursday ordered charges of...

Some towns in Bucks, Montgomery counties getting state money for traffic light improvements
Some Bucks County towns will share nearly $2.5 million and Eastern Montgomery County municipalities close to $4 million as part of $33 million being distributed to towns across Pennsylvania to upgrade traffic signals. Gov. Tom Wolf on Thursday announced the funding under PennDOT's "Green...

Radar equals more revenue
I am fond of the expression "When you have a hammer, everything begins to look like a nail." Trust me, if we give local police radar, we'll pay for it and not be any safer in the process. A recent letter from David J. Armitage supporting SB535, which would end the State Police "monopoly" on radar use, contained some...

Pa. attorney general scrambles to respond to Amtrak crash-charges order
The Pennsylvania Office of Attorney General scrambled Friday to prepare a response to a Philadelphia judge’s order that the engineer of the Amtrak train that derailed May 12, 2015, be criminally charged. Lawyers for Attorney General Josh Shapiro were poring over relevant case...

'CAT isn't fixable:' Cumberland County commissioners vow to fight threatened bus service cuts
Cumberland County commissioners aren't backing down in the face of Capital Area Transit's warning that a financial fight might force CAT to cut bus service to the West Shore this summer. And they called a press conference Friday afternoon to make sure everybody...