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# **Co-Sponsor Memos**

HCO3016	Grove, Seth	Designates a portion of State Route (S.R.) 116 as the Private First Class Donald Gise Memorial Road.
HCO3036	Petri, Scott	Provides for changes to the structure of the Philadelphia Parking Authority Board.
HCO3104	Gabler, Matt	Authorizes the use of revolving and flashing yellow lights for school vehicles, which are vehicles smaller than school buses that transport school students, such as vans and mini-vans.
HCO3111	James, Lee	Permits the use of steel products made from recycled steel if

the steel was re-rolled and the product was manufactured in

the United States.

# **Bill Actions**

Emrick, Joe HB 1278 (PN 1836) Amends Title 75 (Vehicles), in other required

equipment, further providing for television equipment by stipulating that no motor vehicle shall be operated on a highway with an image display device where a broadcast television image, a live stream video image from the internet, satellite or any other source or a prerecorded video image is visible to the driver while the vehicle is in motion. The bill provides for exceptions. Effective in 60 days. (Prior Printer

Number: 1709)

Bill History: 04-13-16 H Signed in the House

04-13-16 S Signed in the Senate

04-14-16 G In the hands of the Governor 04-24-16 G Last day for Governor's action

04-20-16 G Approved by the Governor (Act: 19)

(PN 3002) Amends the Motor Vehicle Physical Damage Appraiser Act further providing for compliance with act by adding that an appraiser may prepare a repair estimate obtained by personal inspection or by photographs, videos or telephonic means. An appraiser may not require the owner of a vehicle to submit photographs or videos in order to obtain an appraisal. The appraiser shall furnish a legible copy of his appraisal with the repair shop selected by the consumer to make the repairs and also furnish a copy to the owner of the vehicle. Further provides supplemental repair estimates that become necessary after the repair work is initiated due to discovery of additional damage to the motor vehicle may be

Tobash, Mike

HB 1638

		made by personal inspection or by photographs, videos or telephonic means, providing that in the case of disputed repairs a personal inspection shall be required. Effective in 60 days. (Prior Printer Number: 2401, 2443)
	Bill History:	04-04-16 H Signed in the House 04-05-16 S Signed in the Senate 04-05-16 G In the hands of the Governor 04-15-16 G Last day for Governor's action 04-14-16 G Approved by the Governor (Act: 13)
<u>HB 1998</u>	Petri, Scott	(PN 3208) Amends Title 53 (Municipalities Generally), in parking authorities, further providing for special provisions for authorities in cities of the first class by adding that the powers of an authority in a city of the first class (Philadelphia) shall be exercised by a board composed of six members. The majority of the members must be residents of that city and each member must be a resident of the county in which the city is located or work or maintain a business in the city. Effective in 60 days.
	Bill History:	04-14-16 H Filed 04-19-16 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Urban Affairs
HB 2004	Grove, Seth	(PN 3212) Act designating the road on State Route 116 from the bridge that crosses over the Oil Creek in York County to the intersection of State Route 116 and State Route 516 as the Private First Class Donald R. Gise Memorial Road. Effective in 60 days.
	Bill History:	04-18-16 H Filed 04-19-16 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Transportation
HB 2015	<u>Harper, Kate</u>	Amends Title 75 (Vehicles), in miscellaneous provisions, further providing for immediate notice of accident to police department.
	Bill History:	04-21-16 H Filed
<u>HB 2016</u>	Harper, Kate	Amends Title 75 (Vehicles), in miscellaneous provisions, further providing for duty to give information and render aid.
	Bill History:	04-21-16 H Filed
SB 1192	Wozniak, John	(PN 1717) Act authorizing the Department of General Services, with the approval of the Governor, to dedicate to Cresson Township a right-of-way from lands of the Commonwealth at the State Correctional Institution-Cresson, situate in Cresson Township, Cambria County, for the purpose of laying out and constructing a public roadway. Effective immediately.
	Bill History:	04-19-16 S Filed 04-19-16 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate State Government

(PN 1720) Act designating a bridge on that portion of State

04-19-16 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate

Route 36 over Chest Creek, Patton Borough, Cambria County, as the Martin Joseph Davis Memorial Bridge. Effective in 60

days.

04-19-16 S Filed

Bill History:

Wozniak, John

SB 1201

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#### **PA Bulletin**

# EXECUTIVE BOARD: STATEMENTS OF POLICY: REORGANIZATION OF THE PENNSYLVANIA STATE POLICE

The Executive Board approved a reorganization of the Pennsylvania State Police effective April 8, 2016. An updated chart is contained in the *Pennsylvania Bulletin*.

# **Upcoming Events**

# Southeastern Pennsylvania Transit Authority (SEPTA) Board

April 28, 2016 - 3:00 p.m., SEPTA Headquarters, 1234 Market Street, Mezzanine Level, Philadelphia Board Meeting. For additional information: (215) 580-7800

## **Pittsburgh Port Authority**

April 29, 2016 - 9:30 a.m., Neal N. Holmes Board Room, Pittsburgh Port Authority Building, 5th Floor, 345 Sixth Avenue, Pittsburgh

Board Meeting. For additional information: (412) 566-5137

#### **PA Turnpike Commission**

May 3, 2016 - 10:00 a.m., Turnpike Admin. Bldg, Large Board Room, 700 S. Eisenhower Blvd., 3rd Fl., Middletown Commission Meeting. For additional information: (717) 831-7333

#### State Board of Vehicle Manufacturers, Dealers and Salespersons

May 3, 2016 - 9:00 a.m., 2601 North Third Street, Harrisburg Board Meeting. For additional information: (717) 783-1697

# **PA Public Utility Commission**

May 5, 2016 - 10:00 a.m., Commonwealth Keystone Building, Hearing Room 1, 400 North St., Harrisburg Public Meeting. For additional information: (717) 783-1740

#### **Session Schedule**

#### Senate

May 9, 10, 11, 16, 17, 18 June 6, 7, 8, 13, 14, 15, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30

#### House

May 2, 3, 4, 16, 17, 18, 23, 24, 25 June 6, 7, 8, 13, 14, 15, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30

# In the News

04-21-2016	PA Farm Bureau Teams Up with PennDOT, State Police and PDA to promote safe (Press Release)
04-21-2016	Stateline Daily: As Driverless Cars Hit the Streets, States Weigh New Rules (Press Release)
04-21-2016	PUC Orders \$11.4 Million Penalty Against Uber for Operating Without Authority (Press Release)
04-21-2016	<u>Trails and Rails Program Adds Route From New York City to Washington D.C.</u> (Press Release)

# 04-21-2016 New owner for Delaware River ferry

Operating the Delaware River's ferry has been a losing proposition for the Delaware River Port Authority, but a vote Wednesday will give a Philadelphia nonprofit a shot at using the boat to improve waterfront tourism. After operating the service for 16 years, the DRPA approved a plan to hand... - *Philadelphia Inquirer* 

#### 04-21-2016 Philadelphia nun convicted of DWI

A judge in Gloucester County on Wednesday convicted a Philadelphia nun of driving while intoxicated, rejecting a claim that she had been "sleep-driving" under the influence of medication. "The court finds the defendant was under the influence of alcohol," Washington Township Municipal Court Judge Martin Whitcraft said in finding... - *Philadelphia Inquirer* 

# 04-21-2016 N.J. law requiring police-car cameras ruled unconstitutional

TRENTON - A 2014 law requiring all New Jersey municipalities to outfit new police patrol cars with dashboard cameras is unconstitutional because it does not provide an adequate funding source, a state board ruled Wednesday. The ruling by the Council on Local Mandates on a challenge brought by... - *Philadelphia Inquirer* 

# 04-21-2016 Consumers push back on new airline rules, higher fares

If you're a business traveler flying to St. Louis then on to Chicago to see a client, with a stop in Cincinnati on the way home, that multi-city itinerary may now cost you a lot more. The nation's largest airlines - American, Delta, and United - on April 1 changed the way they price multiple-city trips.... - *Philadelphia Inquirer* 

# 04-21-2016 Smile airport authority, you're on camera

Now that its passenger traffic has stabilized and it has climbed from under its crushing debt, the Lehigh-Northampton Airport Authority is ready to tackle its next problem: chilly relations with the public. The authority board hits the Web on Tuesday, opening its public meeting for... - Allentown Morning Call

# 04-21-2016 Readers explain the dangers of driving on Interstate 78

The most recent data on motor vehicle accidents on Interstate 78 in our area may not be surprising, but they're alarming nonetheless. In 2014, the region tallied nearly three crashes a day in the 32-mile stretch of I-78 in the Lehigh Valley and the 27-mile stretch in Warren and Hunterdon counties.... - <u>Easton Express-Times</u>

#### 04-21-2016 Today's Editorial: Street-level civics drive roadwork foes

Remember civics class, and the teacher telling us that our form of government works effectively when citizens voice their concerns and opinions on various proposals and government leaders listen, and more importantly, respond. Well, it's nice to see some of those civics lessons now playing out on... - <u>Sunbury Daily Item</u>

## 04-21-2016 Court says checkpoint was legal

HARRISBURG – A local judge properly supported the legality of a sobriety checkpoint, state Superior Court ruled in the appeal of Melissa M. Spring. Case law has established guidelines for sobriety checkpoints, including that they be brief and do not entail searches and that there be sufficient... - Sharon Herald

#### 04-21-2016 **Driving dangers**

Lawrence County Career and Technical Center students not only heard about the dangers of drunk and distracted driving, they experienced them. "You can see something happen, but when you are a part of it, you feel the people cutting you out, and hear the loudness of the sirens and the... - <u>New Castle News</u>

# 04-21-2016 New NJ Transit director decides not to take job

NEWARK, N.J. (AP) - The man picked to lead New Jersey Transit decided he does not want the job, just days before he was scheduled to start running the nation's third-busiest commuter railroad... - AP

#### 04-21-2016 Volkswagen Deal on Emissions Cheating in U.S. Is Expected

Volkswagen is close to completing a deal to resolve claims in the United States over its admission that it rigged vehicles to cheat on pollution tests, according to three people involved in the case. A deal, if completed, is expected to include fines from regulators and... - <u>New York Times</u>

#### 04-21-2016 Supreme Court hears arguments in drunken-driving cases

All states to some extent say that motorists suspected of drunken driving can lose their licenses by refusing to submit to an alcohol test. But North Dakota, Minnesota and a handful of other states go further and make it a crime to refuse to submit to the test.... - <u>Washington Post</u>

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#### 04-21-2016 As Driverless Cars Hit the Streets, States Weigh New Rules

Cars driven entirely by computers are popping up all over Kirkland, Washington's suburban hills, negotiating residential roads and powering through Pacific Northwest rains, all without regulation from the city or state. In the absence of federal guidelines on testing and developing the... - <a href="Stateline.org">Stateline.org</a>

# 04-21-2016 Overweight truck law already paying huge dividends for Kennett Township, Kennett Square

KENNETT SQUARE >> Kennett Square and Kennett Township officials are making good on their promise that they don't want overweight trucks on their roads. Just one day after both municipalities adopted an inter-municipal agreement that targets overweight rigs, Cpl. Rick Bell, Kennett Square's only... - West Chester Daily Local News

#### 04-21-2016 Editorial: Finally, an airport-Tinicum truce

There's a new boss down at Philadelphia International Airport. And Rochelle "Chellie" Cameron brings with her some good news for her next-door neighbors. Those, of course, would be the good folks in Tinicum, who for years have lived with the aggravation of their noisy neighbor.... - Primos Delaware County Daily and Sunday Times

# 04-21-2016 Grant Allows SEPTA To Move Forward With Purchase Of 25 Electric Buses

PHILADELPHIA (CBS) — SEPTA is taking another greener turn. It's one of a handful of transit agencies across the country taking in federal grant money to put electric buses on Philadelphia streets. The more than \$2.5 million Federal Transit Administration grant will help... - <u>KYW News</u> Radio 1060

# 04-21-2016 Where are the road construction projects in Lancaster County and when will they be over?

Flowers and trees are blossoming. So, too, is another sure sign of spring: road construction. From Gap in eastern Lancaster County to Columbia in the west, drivers are dealing with delays, dodging construction signs, navigating bumpy conditions and awaiting the signals of flaggers.... - Lancaster Intelligencer Journal

# 04-21-2016 Committee OKs program to help maintain safety of pipeline network

Shuster:?Pipelines are critical to economy in central Pennsylvania WASHINGTON, D.C. - The

U.S. House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee unanimously approved bipartisan legislation Wednesday to reauthorize the Department of Transportation's pipeline safety program to... - <u>Lewistown Sentinel</u>

# 04-21-2016 Conflict continues over airport authority appointment

The Fayette County Airport Authority meeting turned hostile Wednesday, regarding the recent appointment of Monty "Cash" Lilley. The conflict comes after last month's tumultuous meeting, when both authority members and residents voiced concerns about Lilley, who was... - Connellsville Daily Courier

# 04-21-2016 Port Authority plans to offer flat fare of \$2.50 for Connectcard users

A Port Authority committee today recommended approval of a flat fare of \$2.50 for all customers who use the automated Connectcard payment system. The new fare, scheduled to begin in January, will be a reduction for about 26 percent of all riders. The authority currently has a two-tiered system... - *Pittsburgh Post-Gazette* 

# 04-21-2016 Uber fined \$11.4 million by state Public Utility Commission

In a contested decision, the Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission issued a \$11.4 million fine to Uber Technologies Inc. for operating for six months in 2014 without permission and for ignoring multiple requests for information. The penalty, approved in a 3-2 vote at the commission's public meeting... - <u>Pittsburgh Post-Gazette</u>

# 04-21-2016 Public Utility Commission whacks Uber with record \$11 million fine

The Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission on Thursday levied a record fine against ride sharing company Uber for operating without prior approval in the state. In a deal worked out between the regulators and the company, Uber will pay \$11.37 million – by far the largest fine ever levied by the PUC, but... - *Pittsburgh Tribune-Review* 

#### 04-21-2016 Uber fined \$11.3 million by state enforcement commission

The Pennsylvania Utilities Commission levvied the largest fine in its history against Uber for operating a transportation business without their blessing two years ago. The \$11,365,000 fine passed the commission three votes to two. Opposed were Robert Powelson and Pamela Witmer. The largest previous fine levied by the... - *Philadelphia Inquirer* 

#### 04-21-2016 AARP offers 'Smart Driver' classes

CHAMBERSBURG - Even the most experienced drivers can benefit from brushing up on their driving skills. Cars have changed, so have traffic rules, driving conditions and the roads you travel every day. The AARP Smart Driver Class teaches valuable defensive driving skills and... - Chambersburg Public Opinion

# 04-21-2016 PennDOT: Roadwork won't halt traffic flow

New patching method set for Montour County. Work on a multi-year, \$30 million reconstruction project on Interstate 80 covering most of Montour County will continue through next year, but officials say a... - <u>Bloomsburg Press Enterprise</u>

# 04-21-2016 Pennsylvania fines Uber \$11M for operating without approval

HARRISBURG — Pennsylvania regulators fined Uber \$11.4 million on Thursday — a record for the utility commission — for operating for six months in 2014 without the required approval. The company said it would appeal. The Public Utility Commission, which also regulates buses and taxis, voted... - <u>Allentown Morning Call</u>

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Gazette

We are writing to convey our gratitude to Pennsylvania U.S. Reps. Glenn Thompson, R-Centre, Matt Cartwright, D-Lackawanna, and Ryan Costello, R-Chester, for their support of legislation to address the growing trail maintenance backlog in our national forests.... - *Pittsburgh Post*-

#### 04-20-2016 <u>Butler County Airport Authority sues over lost funding</u>

Complying with a 1992 state court settlement is costing the Butler County Airport Authority its federal funding, the authority claims in a federal lawsuit filed Tuesday. "The authority stands in violation of federal law and is ineligible for allocations from the federal government," the lawsuit said. "In... - Pittsburgh Tribune-Review

# 04-20-2016 TSA's screening safeguards in place

The editorial "More TSA insecurity: A gaping hole" uses flawed information to draw its conclusion about the screening of airport employees. Every airport has an Airport Security Program, overseen by the TSA, which, along with perimeter security and other security requirements,... - *Pittsburgh Tribune-Review* 

# 04-20-2016 SEPTA to add 25 electric buses next year

A grant of nearly \$2.6 million will bring emissions-free electric buses to Philadelphia streets. "We looked at the economics, and we looked at the impact on the environment, and we thought on both fronts this was a good decision for the authority," said Rich Burnfield, SEPTA's deputy general manager.... - *Philadelphia Inquirer* 

# 04-20-2016 Pa. has nation's highest motor-fuel taxes, energy agency's survey says

Pennsylvanians pay the highest motor-fuel taxes in the country, according to a ranking released Tuesday by the U.S. Energy Information Administration. State gasoline taxes and fees ranged from a low of 8.95 cents per gallon in Alaska to 51.4 cents per gallon in Pennsylvania, according to an EIA survey... - *Philadelphia Inquirer* 

#### 04-20-2016 Lawsuit challenges big airlines on new rules, higher fares

A group of passengers and travel agents filed a lawsuit in San Francisco Monday, challenging a rule change on "fare combinability" that allows the nation's largest airlines to charge "hundreds and even thousands of dollars more for multi-city itineraries than if the same flights were purchased... - *Philadelphia Inquirer* 

#### 04-20-2016 Williamsport suing for denied \$500,000 insurance payment in cop's fatal accident case

WILLIAMSPORT — The city of Williamsport is going to court to try to recover \$500,000 it paid to settle a wrongful death lawsuit brought by the estate of man killed in a 2014 crash with a city police cruiser. Terms of the settlement with the estate of James David Robinson included... - Harrisburg Patriot-News

# 04-20-2016 Pothole after pothole, Harrisburg streets are a disgrace: PennLive letters

Mayor Eric Papenfuse should be ashamed at the deplorable road condition of Second Street from Paxton Street going north to Harrisburg Hospital. Being the main inbound corridor to the city and especially Harrisburg Hospital from the South Bridge, the three-lane, one way heavily traveled... - <u>Harrisburg Patriot-News</u>

#### 04-20-2016 Drivers who don't follow rules are dangerous

This is for the driver in Pennsylvania or New Jersey who has total disregard for other drivers on the road. This is for the driver who drives 80 mph-plus when the speed limit is 55 or 65. Statistics have shown that you will arrive about 40 seconds to a minute faster (if you don't kill... - Allentown Morning Call

#### 04-20-2016 Tech Center for Detroit light rail line nearing completion

DETROIT A multi-million dollar Tech Center at the northern end of Detroit's light rail line is nearing completion... -  $\underline{AP}$ 

# 04-20-2016 Our Opinion: Be part of massive campaign to clear litter from NEPA's public spaces

Put on work gloves this weekend and do some spring cleaning – not in your house, but in the outdoors. You and like-minded people in Luzerne and surrounding counties can quickly improve

the look of the region's landscapes, and display pride of place, by participating in the Great American Cleanup of Pennsylvania.... - <u>Wilkes-Barre Times Leader</u>

# 04-20-2016 <u>Letter: Haulers not to blame for city trash problem</u>

Editor: Trash haulers are not the problem in Reading. Rather, it's people who have no respect. Whatever program is in place, they will still dump. The independent haulers do a great job. They come on their day and leave no mess behind. Let them alone to run their businesses as they have been for... - Reading Eagle

# 04-20-2016 Distracted drivers found everywhere: Letters to the editor

I am responding to the April 11 article, "Dangerous distractions," and its statement that "law enforcement has long been on the lookout for distracted drivers." Well if they can't find any, just drive with me anywhere I go. When you are behind a vehicle and the light changes, and the vehicle... - *Erie Times-News* 

#### 04-20-2016 If local police get radar, what's next? | Letter

Radar in the hands of municipal police (Express-Times editorial, April 10) is a pure cash cow. Speed limits are already underposted, and some bills allow tickets at 6 mph over the limit. Radar makes many errors, and if multiple vehicles are present, it cannot tell which one generated the... - Easton Express-Times

#### 04-20-2016 Where are the most crashes on Interstate 78?

Three medical helicopters landed Monday afternoon on Interstate 78 after a one-vehicle crash in Hunterdon County. Regular commuters who passed the wreck in Union County probably weren't shocked at what they saw. The highway -- at least its stretch through the... - <u>Easton</u> <u>Express-Times</u>

#### 04-20-2016 U.S. Senate passes FAA bill with Casey cockpit security enhancement measure

U.S. Sen. Bob Casey's call last week for Congress to quickly approve a bill reauthorizing the Federal Aviation Administration and implementing his amendment boosting security was heeded by the Senate Tuesday when it overwhelmingly passed the legislation. The Senate bill, which also includes a bevy of consumer protection... - <u>Beaver County Times</u>

#### 04-20-2016 Climb up Appalachian Trail for views near York

Climb Peter's Mountain on the Appalachian Trail, just 45 minutes from York, for stunning views of the Susquehanna River. I adventured on the waterfalls at Mill Creek, walked around Lake Williams, surrounded myself with nature at Otter Creek, and spent an afternoon... - <u>York Daily</u>

#### 04-20-2016 Road accidents didn't just start with automobiles

When you think about it, cars are easier to control than horses; your Ford Mustang isn't going to get spooked by a train. The December 4, 1877 York Gazette reported two accidents, one quite harrowing, near Smith's Station in Heidelberg Township. Not being as familiar with the southwestern part of York County as with the... - <u>York Daily</u>

#### 04-20-2016 Seeing Orange

City street projects begin in earnest. It's that time of the year when fists strike car steering wheels and city officials call for patience and understanding. - <u>Williamsport Sun-Gazette</u>

#### 04-20-2016 Union County commissioners OK USTA takeover

LEWISBURG — Rabbit Transit is one step closer to taking over public transportation operations in Union County. The county commissioners voted Tuesday to appoint Rabbit, operated by a York-based public authority, as its shared-ride operator effective July 1. Rabbit is lining up to assume control of the Union-Snyder Transportation... - <u>Sunbury Daily Item</u>

04-20-2016 County Real winners of Driver Skills Challenge are Crawford County drivers

WEST MEAD TOWNSHIP — Nearly \$2,000 in prize money was handed out, as were team and individual honors, but the real winners at Tuesday's eighth annual Crawford County Driver Skills Challenge are all those who use local roads. That's because the competition that culminated with testing of about 20... - <u>Meadville Tribune</u>

# 04-20-2016 Editorial | Drive with care through road-work zones

Trees are budding, flowers are blooming and orange construction barrels are sprouting everywhere. It's road construction season in western Pennsylvania again, and PennDOT and law enforcement agencies are warning motorists to proceed with caution when traveling through work areas.... - Johnstown Tribune-Democrat

#### 04-20-2016 Three airlines express interest in flying out of Johnstown

A meager increase in passengers using the Johnstown airport this year may be a good sign, but airport leaders are ready to explore their options. At least three airlines, including the current commuter operator Silver Airways, have expressed an interest in the federal contract that subsidizes... - Johnstown Tribune-Democrat

#### 04-20-2016 North Center Avenue bridge project to be discussed

The Pennsylvania Turnpike Commission will hold an open house concerning the replacement of the bridge that carries North Center Avenue over the turnpike in Somerset. The meeting is scheduled for 6 to 7:30 p.m. May 12 at the Quality Inn & Conference Center, 215 Ramada Road, Somerset.... - Somerset Daily

#### 04-20-2016 Farm Bureau event reminds drivers about rural road safety

PUNXSUTAWNEY SHOP 'n SAVE in Punxsutawney played host to the Jefferson County Farm Bureau's annual Rural Road Safety Day on Tuesday morning. The event is an effort to raise awareness about driving safely on rural roads, especially in the spring — the busiest time of the year for farmers, as... - Punxsutawney Spirit

# 04-20-2016 Conshohocken Road to close April 25 for three months

CONSHOHOCKEN >> The second phase of the Lafayette Street Extension Project will require the closure of Conshohocken Road beginning on Monday, April 25, 2016 so that the contractor can realign Diamond Avenue with Conshohocken Road. The closure will require a detour along Ridge Pike to Fayette Street in... - Norristown Times Herald

# 04-20-2016 <u>Volkswagen Case Gives Judge, Onetime Aspiring Actor, Role of a Lifetime</u>

While his brother followed their father, a longtime counsel to the San Francisco school board, into law, Judge Breyer initially hoped to pursue a career in acting. After graduating from Harvard University with an economics degree, he spent the summer auditioning, including on Broadway.... - New York Times

#### 04-20-2016 **Uber and Lyft surge pricing bill dies**

An effort by a state senator to regulate surge pricing by Uber, Lyft and other ridesharing companies failed in a Senate committee Tuesday. State Sen. Ben Hueso (D-San Diego) said that his bill, which would also have beefed up background checks on ridesharing drivers and increased... - <u>Los Angeles Times</u>

#### 04-20-2016 New hydrogen-cell bus unveiled at Statehouse, to be tested at OSU

Members of the Stark Area Regional Transit Authority and other agencies drank water dripping from the back of a bus today at the Statehouse. The demonstration was part of an event launching a new hydrogen fuel cell bus that will begin taking passengers in Stark County next year. Until... - <u>Columbus Dispatch</u>

# 04-20-2016 PennDOT announces lane restrictions on Route 29 next week

PennDOT announced Wednesday that lane restrictions are planned for next week on Route

29. According to a press release, lane restrictions will take place on Route 29 between Perkiomen Avenue and Lexington Road in Skippack Township on Monday April 25 and Tuesday April 26 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. for roadwork. The work... - <u>Pottstown Mercury</u>

# 04-20-2016 Montgomery County sign lawsuit returns with backup

NORRISTOWN >> As promised, a lawsuit over Montgomery County signs donning the names of its commissioners is back, and bigger than before. Francis Recchuiti, a Norristown attorney who agreed to have his suit dismissed last week in Montgomery County Court of Common Pleas, has refiled... - Pottstown Mercury

# 04-20-2016 Multi-Vehicle Accident Snarls Traffic On PA Turnpike

BENSALEM, Pa. (CBS) — Chopper 3 was over the scene of a serious accident involving a two tractor-trailers and two vehicles in Bensalem, Bucks County Wednesday morning. The multivehicle crash happened in the westbound lanes of the Pennsylvania Turnpike near mile marker 350.7.... - KYW News Radio 1060

#### 04-20-2016 Lancaster ranks 4th in survey of cities best suited for walking

Hoboken, New Jersey, is better. West Hollywood, California, and Cambridge, Massachusetts, too. But Lancaster comes in at No. 4 on a new list that ranks the best cities for walking to work. "That's an outrage," Mayor Rick Gray said Tuesday. "We should be No. 1."... - <u>Lancaster Intelligencer Journal</u>

# 04-20-2016 Bridge commission may add more noise abatement walls to Scudder Falls Bridge project

A meeting to announce the results of recent noise readings along Interstate 95 in Lower Makefield will be held April 27 in the township. The meeting is set for 7 p.m. at Pennsbury's William Penn Middle School, 1524 Derbyshire Road. Officials from the Delaware Valley Joint Toll Bridge Commission will use... - Levittown Bucks County Courier Times

#### 04-20-2016 Attention, motorists: Keep farmers in mind

April 20, 2016 The Cambria County Farm Bureau, and all of Pa. Farm Bureau, is celebrating Rural Roads Safety Week April 17-23 by encouraging county residents to travel safely on the roads this spring and all ye. more »» - <u>Altoona Mirror</u>

#### 04-20-2016 Airport name changes to reflect scope of use

PENN TWP — Butler County's airport has a new name that hearkens back to its original name from decades ago. The Butler County Airport Authority board has renamed the facility The Pittsburgh-Butler Regional Airport to more accurately reflect the scope of its business, said lke Kelly, airport manager and board member.... - <u>Butler Eagle</u>

# 04-19-2016 WellCare Gives \$6,000 in Micro-Grants to Community-Based Organizations That...

(Press Release)

# 04-19-2016 <u>Tenaska Closes \$780 Million Financing for Natural Gas-fueled Power Plant in PA</u>

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#### 04-19-2016 PA Economy League Analysis Shows Economic and Fiscal Benefit to State with...

(Press Release)

#### 04-19-2016 Gov. Wolf Announces Open Data Initiative to Engage Citizens in Innovative...

(Press Release)

#### 04-19-2016 Wiessmann Announces State Government Financial Information Exchange

(Press Release)

# 04-19-2016 Experts say crashed Port Authority bus shouldn't have been on the road

The brakes and steering system of a Port Authority bus that crashed in September 2014 were so poor that the bus shouldn't have been on the road and the driver would have had a difficult time controlling it, two mechanical experts testified Monday. The experts said the bus driven by Juliann Maier, 47, of Ross had four... - *Pittsburgh Post-Gazette* 

# 04-19-2016 Defense deplores state of maintenance in Port Authority bus crash trial

Two "forensic mechanics" testified Monday that the Port Authority bus Juliann Maier crashed off Interstate 279 had numerous mechanical problems, any one of which should have been enough to fail a state inspection. The mechanics, hired by Maier's defense attorney Joel Sansone, said she... - Pittsburgh Tribune-Review

# 04-19-2016 NTSB issues report on fatal Amtrak crash

Safety permissions designed to protect maintenance workers on the rails had been granted before a fatal train crash in Chester this month, according to a federal report released Monday. According to the National Transportation Safety Board preliminary report, a... - *Philadelphia Inquirer* 

# 04-19-2016 Mixed verdict in trial of Uber driver accused of raping one his clients

After deliberating late into the night Monday, a Montgomery Common Pleas Court jury returned a mixed verdict in the trial of an Uber driver charged with raping a woman who had hired him last year to take her from Center City to Montgomery County. The jury announced shortly before 11 p.m., 61/2 hours after it had begun... - *Philadelphia Inquirer* 

#### 04-19-2016 NTSB issues report on fatal Amtrak crash

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# 04-19-2016 Get ready for long airport security lines this summer

A PERFECT storm is brewing at U.S. airports ahead of the busy summer travel season: longer lines to get through security screening. Airlines and airports are warning fliers to get to the airport two hours early for domestic flights and three hours for international trips. Traffic... - *Philadelphia Inquirer* 

# 04-19-2016 Banning cars from urban centers creates more problems than it solves

"Take back our streets!" is a common refrain among urban activists. No, they're not talking about reducing violent crime, as many of them reside in affluent neighborhoods. What they want to take city streets back from is cars, which they see as a scourge that lowers their quality of life. But the alternatives they... - State College Centre Daily Times

#### 04-19-2016 Car-free city centers are an ode to the joy of urban living

The record is clear. Cities that have eliminated automobiles from their central business districts have improved not only their air quality but also the overall livability of their crowded center areas. And the corresponding increased use of public transportation has given... - <u>State College Centre Daily Times</u>

#### 04-19-2016 Backhoe in Amtrak wreck had periodic right to be on tracks

A backhoe operator had a right to be on train tracks periodically on the weekend an Amtrak train slammed into it, killing the operator and a supervisor, federal crash investigators said Monday... - <u>AP</u>

## 04-19-2016 Pro-train group to seek consulting money

The group leading the push for money to re-establish a passenger train between Scranton and

New York City hopes to hire a consultant later this year as a guide to getting the project done. The Northeastern Pennsylvania Alliance, which signed on as the lead agency... - <u>Scranton Times</u>

#### 04-19-2016 A solution in search of a problem

Some problems are in search of solutions. And then there are solutions in search of problems. The decision by the commonwealth to do away with the registration stickers that land on the corner of Pennsylvania license plates every year is almost certainly one of the latter.... - Washington Observer-Reporter

# 04-19-2016 Rimrock Road bridge opening pushed back to mid-May

Additional design and construction delays have pushed back the scheduled opening of the Rimrock Road bridge just off Route 611 to the middle of May. The roadway has been closed since July 2015 when the project began. The private contractor for the project, Plenary Walsh Keystone... - *Pocono Record* 

#### 04-19-2016 PennDOT proposes street project changes in Northumberland

NORTHUMBERLAND – In the wake of recent opposition by borough business owners and residents, a Pennsylvania Department of Transportation official has suggested modifications to an \$11 million road reconstruction plan. PennDOT officials concede the reconstruction project likely will tie up... - Sunbury Daily Item

# 04-19-2016 LETTER: CATA buses, welfare to work and what Jesus would do

It is my goal to alienate as many people as possible before I "shuffle off this mortal coil," as Shakespeare so eloquently put it. To that end, may I please comment on two items in the Sunday, April 10, edition of the Tribune? Sort of "two rants for the price of one," if you will. I'll try to be... - Meadville Tribune

#### 04-19-2016 JetBlue, N.J. university partner on degree completion program

TRENTON — JetBlue Airways has partnered with Thomas Edison State University to offers its employees college degrees — without the soaring costs. The partnership with Thomas Edison, a fully accredited, largely online public institution in Trenton, will allow its employees to earn bachelor's... - Trenton Times

# 04-19-2016 Lawmakers seek to tighten bullet train oversight, suggesting growing concern about the project

A key state legislative committee on Monday unanimously approved a Republican-led bill to strengthen oversight of the California bullet train, a sign of growing bipartisan concern about the project. The bill, which would set new reporting requirements for the \$64-billion... - <u>Los Angeles Times</u>

#### 04-19-2016 Backhoe In Chester Amtrak Wreck Had Periodic Right To Be On Tracks, Report Finds

CHESTER, Pa. (AP) — A backhoe operator had a right to be on the tracks periodically on the weekend an Amtrak train slammed into it, killing the operator and a supervisor, federal crash investigators said Monday... -  $\underline{AP}$ 

#### 04-19-2016 Bridge project traffic patterns a challenge

A bridge replacement project will divide east and west Tamaqua near Broad and Railroad streets in 2018. There will be new traffic patterns and parking restrictions. Some two-way streets will become one-way. Yogi Berra might say, "It's déjà vu all over again."... - <u>Lehighton Times</u>

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# 04-19-2016 Man in jail for DUI accused of spitting on inmate

GREENE TOWNSHIP - A Chambersburg man in jail after a DUI incident in which he is accused of crashing into a vehicle and building, and fighting with and urinating on others, is now in

trouble again after misconduct at Franklin County Jail. Andy Lee Chilcote, 44, who was already charged with misdemeanor driving... - Chambersburg Public Opinion 04-19-2016 Help maintain our valuable hiking trails April 19, 2016 ED LAWRENCE Orangeville Along with spring blossoms comes the opportunity to get outside and join other volunteers helping to maintain hiking trails in Pennsylvani. more »» -Lock Haven Express 04-19-2016 Amtrak concerns lingering April 19, 2016 Although the most recent fatal accident involving an Amtrak train occurred hundreds of miles from Altoona, it's understandable that the deadly incident evoked major interest and concern among people... more »» - Altoona Mirror 04-19-2016 Pittsburgh council OKs compromise that keeps road out of Enright Parklet A popular East Liberty park will remain largely intact under a revised zoning ordinance Pittsburgh City Council approved unanimously Tuesday. Conditions attached to the ordinance that would rezone Enright Parklet from residential to mixed-use development, prohibit new streets from bisecting... - Pittsburgh Tribune-Review 04-18-2016 DEP to host Governor's Award for Environmental Excellence Winners (Press Release) Leg Reg Review #7 - 04/18/2016 Provided by Phillips Associates 04-18-2016 (Press Release) **BLOG: What You Need to Know About Medical Marijuana in Pennsylvania** 04-18-2016 (Press Release) 04-18-2016 Governor Wolf Signs Bill to Help Individuals with Disabilities Save for... (Press Release) Amtrak and the National Park Service Partner to Offer Unique Summer Adventures 04-18-2016 (Press Release) Governor Wolf Signs Medical Marijuana Legalization Bill into Law 04-18-2016 (Press Release) Condition of crashed Port Authority bus takes center stage in ex-drivers' trial 04-18-2016 The focus of the trial today for two former Port Authority bus drivers accused of racing before an accident in September 2014 will be squarely on the condition of the bus that rolled over a hillside. Attorneys for former driver Juliann Maier, 47, of Ross claim the bus was in... - Pittsburgh Post-Gazette 04-18-2016 Raffle could fund Pittsburgh International Airport's military lounge Active-duty military and veterans are in line for a new lounge at Pittsburgh International Airport, as soon as a fledgling foundation raises enough money for the overhaul. To help, the Allegheny County Airport Authority Charitable Foundation has asked state lawmakers to allow it to sell 50/50 raffle tickets to... - Pittsburgh Tribune-Review Heyl: Allegheny County Airport Authority invests \$60K in 'outside the box' rebranding 04-18-2016 Conventionality is creativity's archenemy. They're certainly aware of that at the Allegheny County Airport Authority, which recently embarked upon an ambitious \$60,000 rebranding effort. To its credit, the authority realized that the undertaking's success required... - Pittsburgh Tribune-Review

# 04-18-2016 Without weight limit, large vehicles could pose Route 528 hazard, officials say

Route 528 in Jackson Township will soon have a fresh coat of pavement and many other needed improvements. But it is what the road soon will not have — namely a 10-ton weight limit — that has some local officials concerned. A \$6 million PennDOT project that began earlier this year includes... - *Pittsburgh Tribune-Review* 

#### 04-18-2016 Letters: Drivers at fault for getting stuck on Turnpike

ISSUE | AIRLINES The squeeze is on Flying continues a downward spiral of unpleasantness, unless you're rich enough to fly first class. Next time you're crushed by the seat in front of you, know that Sen. Pat Toomey (R., Pa) voted on April 7 to allow the airlines to continue... - Philadelphia Inquirer

# 04-18-2016 South W-B Residents cleanup committee to meet today

The Cleanup Committee of the South Wilkes-Barre Residents' Association will meet at 6:30 p.m. today at Central United Methodist Church, 65 Academy St. The committee will discuss its participation in the city's Great American Cleanup on April 30. Participants will spruce up the Miner,... - Wilkes-Barre Citizens' Voice

# 04-18-2016 Cellphones loom large among distractions for area drivers

Just beyond the glass on the driver's window, a motorist has their head bowed, if only for a second, glancing at the device in their hands. The vehicle is still in motion but the driver isn't paying attention. At that moment a host of tragic events could unfold, officials say.... - <u>Wilkes-Barre Citizens' Voice</u>

# 04-18-2016 Vehicle deaths up sharply in 2015 compared to year before

D eaths from vehicle crashes were up 48 percent in Monroe County last year compared to the previous year. Thirty-four people lost their lives in 2015, compared with 23 in 2014. It's the first rise in fatalities on Monroe County roads in eight years.\* The data runs contrary to state statistics, which showed 1,200... - <u>Pocono Record</u>

#### 04-18-2016 **Staying Safe**

State lawmakers defining how long youngster must be buckled in rear-facing safety seat. The Pennsylvania Senate has passed a provision that would require all children under the age of two to be fastened in a rear-facing child safety seat. SB1152 was passed last Wednesday and will now be sent to the House of... - <u>Warren Times Observer</u>

#### 04-18-2016 Letter to the editor | District moving forward in transportation issue

It's wonderful to see the Greater Johnstown School District move in a positive direction in regard to its state transportation reporting procedures. During the years, McIlwain School Bus Lines has provided the district with complete, organized and accurate transportation data. This data is also... - Johnstown Tribune-Democrat

## 04-18-2016 Letter to the editor | Motorists reminded to slow down in ag areas

The Cambria County Farm Bureau, in conjunction with the Pennsylvania Farm Bureau, is celebrating Rural Roads Safety Week through April 23 by encouraging residents to travel safely on the roads this spring. As planting season gets underway, farmers are busy working in the fields... - Johnstown Tribune-Democrat

#### 04-18-2016 PennDOT urges care in construction zones

PennDOT is urging motorists to obey work zone speed limits and drive safely around workers as construction season begins. In a press release, PennDOT Secretary Leslie S. Richards said work zone safety is a top priority and highway employees deserve the public's... - <u>Johnstown Tribune-Democrat</u>

# 04-18-2016 More crashes, fewer tickets as Ohio's speed limits rose

Drivers on Ohio interstates can get where they need to go faster than ever before, but fewer are seeing flashing lights in their rearview mirrors when they're traveling in high-speed zones. The State Highway Patrol is writing fewer tickets on stretches of highway... - <u>Columbus Dispatch</u>

#### 04-18-2016 New Philadelphia International Airport boss says runway project no longer top priority

For years, many residents in the Tinicum community regarded the Philadelphia International Airport with a mixture of emotions, many of them fearful and negative. Much of that surrounded the airport's proposal to extend runway 27L by 1,500 feet and other improvements such as an automated people mover between... - West Chester Daily Local News

# 04-18-2016 Delta Air Lines loses \$28 million at Monroe Energy refinery in Trainer

TRAINER >> Delta Air Lines, parent company of the Monroe Energy refinery, reported a \$28 million loss during the first quarter at the Delaware County facility, although the company overall experienced its 12th consecutive quarter of profits. Paul Jacobson, Delta's Chief Financial Officer and Executive Vice... - *Primos Delaware County Daily and Sunday Times* 

#### 04-18-2016 Route 422 traffic delays continue as bridge beams are placed

LOWER POTTSGROVE >> If you got caught in last week's Route 422 traffic, brace yourself. There's more to come. PennDOT announced last week that the construction planned for the placement of bridge beams will last until Friday April 22. As 27 concrete beams are... - Pottstown Mercury

# 04-18-2016 Road dedication honors fallen Horsham soldier

Bud Richards remembers a good friend and someone with whom he could always get into trouble. Robert Clark recalls a seventh-grader living a tough life. A kid a teacher once asked for help keeping an eye on when the older Clark was a senior at Upper Moreland High School in the late 1950s.... - Levittown Bucks County Courier Times

# 04-18-2016 Nittany & Bald Eagle Railroad earns award for clean coal project

April 16, 2016 LOCK HAVEN — The Nittany & Bald Eagle Railroad, part of the North Shore Railroad group, recently received the American Short Line and Regional Railroad Association 2016 marketing award with the... more »» - <u>Lock Haven Express</u>

# 04-18-2016 Rural safety event raises awareness of farm equipment

PennDOT District 10 hosted a rural road safety event Friday at its headquarters along Oakland Avenue in White Township. PennDOT, along with the Indiana County and Pennsylvania farm bureaus and state police, hoped to raise awareness of the need for caution as tractors... - *Indiana Gazette* 

# 04-18-2016 Chester Hill looks to PennDOT representatives for assistance

CHESTER HILL — In an effort to help assess the feasibility of paving projects, Chester Hill Borough Council is turning to the state Department of Transportation for help. In March, Secretary Karen Gilday reported the borough was allocated approximately \$29,430 for 2016 in municipal liquid fuels funds, which may... - Clearfield Progress

#### 04-18-2016 **Expansion interests providers**

April 18, 2016 MARTINSBURG — Multiple airline companies may be interested in providing daily passenger flights at the Altoona-Blair County Airport because of its link to the Pittsburgh airport and the opportunity... more »» - Altoona Mirror

# 04-18-2016 Thankfully, rail merger goes off track

April 17, 2016 Despite failing in its five-month push to merge with Norfolk Southern Corp., Calgary, Alberta-based Canadian Pacific Railway Ltd. more »» - Altoona Mirror

#### 04-18-2016 Capital plan application OK'd

BUTLER TOWNSHIP — The Butler Transit Authority approved its 2016-17 capital plan application Wednesday and sent it to the state for its approval. Part of the \$12.3 million budget includes upgrading the existing garage to accommodate compressed natural gas buses — six for local routes and... - Butler Eagle

# 04-17-2016 <u>I-70 due for improvements between New Stanton, Washington</u>

Everyone who drives Interstate 70 between Westmoreland and Washington counties has a story. Lee Hunter calls the road a "cattle chute" so narrow his family won't take turns behind the wheel along that stretch on frequent trips to see relatives in Columbus, Ohio.... - <u>Pittsburgh Tribune-Review</u>

# 04-17-2016 SEPTA smart-fare system to debut June 13

Transit agencies around the country will be watching SEPTA June 13. That's the debut, announced Friday, of the long-promised smart-fare card, SEPTA Key. It is among the most complicated systems of its kind, designed to manage fares for trains, buses, and trolleys with an open payment... - *Philadelphia Inquirer* 

# 04-17-2016 In Ardmore, a fight over funding for development

Things should have been easy after Lower Merion Township announced plans a decade ago for a redevelopment of downtown Ardmore, a Main Line town with its own Amtrak and SEPTA train stop. - *Philadelphia Inquirer* 

# 04-17-2016 United Airlines workers ratify new contracts

United Airlines workers have ratified a set of new contracts that will increase their pay and benefits over the next five years... - <u>AP</u>

#### 04-17-2016 Rep. Godshall tries to untangle Philly's ride-share knot

Uber and the Philadelphia Parking Authority are turning out to be rowdy passengers on the journey to craft a state bill regulating ride shares, said the legislator charged with getting a bill to the General Assembly. "Time is of the essence, and we've had two damn years," said State Rep. Bob... - <a href="mailto:Philadelphia Inquirer">Philadelphia Inquirer</a>

#### 04-17-2016 Plenty of Passengers, but Where Are the Pilots?

Then you're looking at several more years of low pay (about \$26,000 per year), unpredictable schedules and undesirable routes, giving up nights, weekends and holidays before you have a shot at advancing to a major airline like Delta, United, Southwest or American, where only after many... - New York Times

# 04-17-2016 More crashes, fewer tickets as Ohio's speed limits rose

Drivers on Ohio interstates can get where they need to go faster than ever before, but fewer are seeing flashing lights in their rearview mirrors when they're traveling in high-speed zones. The State Highway Patrol is writing fewer tickets on stretches of highway... - <u>Columbus Dispatch</u>

#### 04-17-2016 Who is going to pay for the bullet train to L.A.?

The California High Speed Rail Authority's newly revised business plan faces up to a hard truth: Money is tight. If the agency is going to complete the first leg of a commercially viable bullet train on time and on budget, it has to build the first segment in Northern California and... - <u>Los</u>

Angeles Times

# 04-17-2016 Here's why Uber belongs in Newark, and here's why it doesn't | Opinion

It looks like an open war between Newark Mayor Ras Baraka and corporate officials at Uber with both parties campaigning to get what they want. Baraka is demanding Uber to "pay their fair share" by acquiring licenses to operate in the city and the airport. Uber officials are forcing the mayor's hand by saying it will stop its... - <u>Trenton Times</u>

N.J. Chamber of Commerce: Uber deserves a level playing field | Opinion 04-17-2016 It is a basic tenet of economic success that a business thrives when it understands and responds to the needs of the marketplace. However, responding to those needs has become a tougher challenge as we move further into the age of technology. A business either finds new and... - Trenton Times 04-17-2016 N.J. taxi union: Uber should comply with taxi laws | Opinion In recent years, Uber, Lyft and similar companies have operated illegally in Newark and other parts of New Jersey. These drivers have received thousands of tickets as a result. One would think a popular company like Uber would want to follow the law in New Jersey just like they do in New... - Trenton Times Rep. Brett Miller - Weekly Roundup for April 15, 2016 04-15-2016 (Press Release) 04-15-2016 PA Turnpike Commission Formal Telephone Meeting Agenda for April 19, 2016 (Press Release) 04-15-2016 PennEnvironment: Map: 84 percent of Pennsylvanians live in counties recently... (Press Release) **PMC Announces Executive Leadership Transition** 04-15-2016 (Press Release) Rep. Payne's Capitol Report for April 15, 2016 04-15-2016 (Press Release) 04-15-2016 **DLI: PA Unemployment Rate 4.9% in March** (Press Release) Bus driver 'couldn't control steering' of bus in crash, denies racing 04-15-2016 Juliann Maier had her dream job for 14 years as a Port Authority bus driver. But her career came to an end Sept. 22, 2014, when her bus swerved off Interstate 279 in Pittsburgh's Summer Hill neighborhood, went through a guardrail, down a hill and landed on its side on Evergreen Road. She... - Pittsburgh Post-Gazette 04-15-2016 Uber keeps low profile on its research here When John Bares, director of Uber Technologies' research center in Pittsburgh, was asked to update business leaders on the ride-share company's progress and vision for the future in the Steel City, he said he had an easy answer. "I'm happy to give a talk — I can't say anything; company... - Pittsburgh Post-Gazette Bus driver saw fear on colleague's face before crash 04-15-2016 Bus driver Thomas Frauens said he could see fear on co-worker Juliann Maier's face when her Port Authority bus swerved toward his as they headed down Interstate 279, just before she crashed off the side of the highway. "I could look over and see in her face. I could see the distress,"... - Pittsburgh Tribune-Review 04-15-2016 North Huntingdon to forward results of investigation of commissioner to law enforcement North Huntingdon Commissioners on Thursday agreed to give three state and local law enforcement agencies the results of an investigation into allegations that one of the commissioners had taken township asphalt milled from local streets and had it hauled to his

son's residence about four... - Pittsburgh Tribune-Review

# 04-15-2016 Awareness of safety law

Regarding "Unaware drivers ignoring Pennsylvania's 'steer clear' law" (April 11 and TribLIVE): Who knew about this law? I read with interest about state Trooper George Hare's unfortunate accident and his efforts to make this law known to Pennsylvania drivers. What better way... - Pittsburgh Tribune-Review

#### 04-15-2016 Hundreds protesting various issues tie up traffic around City Hall

As the evening rush of motorists descended upon Center City on Thursday evening, protesters from varying movements joined together for a large-scale "Day of Action" march to bring attention to their many causes. The marchers - including a few hundred activists seeking a national... - *Philadelphia Inquirer* 

# 04-15-2016 PHL to hold job fair April 19

Philadelphia International Airport plans a 2015 job fair Tuesday, April 19, at Temple University to fill 400 openings at the airport and the Philadelphia Police Department. More than 30 businesses, including airlines, restaurants, car-rental companies, retailers, and government agencies, will interview candidates... - *Philadelphia Inquirer* 

# 04-15-2016 N.J. bridge case defendants argue charges are not applicable

Two former aides to Gov. Christie charged in the George Washington Bridge lane-closure case say their alleged misconduct does not trigger an anticorruption law because they gained no financial benefit from the scheme. Further, there is no constitutional right to be free from "improperly... - *Philadelphia Inquirer* 

# 04-15-2016 Philly nun's trial: How effective is 'Ambien defense'?

A Philadelphia nun on trial for alleged drunk driving and crashing into an auto-repair shop in South Jersey has invoked a relatively new defense: sleep-driving after taking a sleeping pill. Lawyers for Sister Kimberly Miller say she experienced an adverse reaction... - <a href="Philadelphia Inquirer">Philadelphia Inquirer</a>

#### 04-15-2016 New safeguards in place around Harveys Lake's Lakeside Drive

HARVEYS LAKE — State Rep. Karen Boback, R-Harveys Lake, says new safety precautions have been taken around Lakeside Drive. Four speed minders — flashing electronic signs that show people how fast they are driving — are being strategically placed around the lake.... - Wilkes-Barre Citizens' Voice

#### 04-15-2016 Local towns pleased with Trans-Med's service

Trans-Med Ambulance — the for-profit company being primed for the controversial takeover of the ambulance service in Wilkes-Barre — is gaining a foothold in the ambulance market in Luzerne County where it's being used by a number of municipalities. Four municipalities in the county rely on the company as the responder... - Wilkes-Barre Citizens' Voice

# 04-15-2016 Sen. Robert Casey looks to beef up security at airports and on planes

WILKES-BARRE — U.S. Sen. Bob Casey is pushing for passage of a major airline bill that would upgrade safety at airports across the country and would require a second barrier to protect cockpits on all new commercial aircraft. Casey, D-Scranton, discussed the FAA Reauthorization Act, being debated in... - Wilkes-Barre Times Leader

#### 04-15-2016 Editorial: Spread of drones frightening but seemingly inevitable

Drones are still new enough to seem, at least to some of us, like the stuff of cheesy science fiction from a half century ago. They are, of course, nothing of the sort. More formally called unmanned aerial vehicles, drones have been flying around for years. They've just been doing so out of the... - Reading Eagle

# 04-15-2016 Our View: Leaders must bury EMTA dispute

ERIE, Pa. -- Erie City Council last week took the latest tough stance in the damaging tug-of-war over the Erie Metropolitan Transit Authority's expiring charter. City Council insists it won't give up the city's control over two-thirds of appointments to the nine-member EMTA board as Erie County Council has... - <u>Erie Times-News</u>

# 04-15-2016 Should paralysis keep 3-time DUI offender out of prison?

A Northampton County judge will decide next month whether to grant house arrest for a wheelchair-bound habitual drunken driver. Miguelangel Tsiounis was on parole for his second drunken driving conviction when he allegedly drove drunk Oct. 23, 2015 in Freemansburg... - Easton Express-Times

# 04-15-2016 PennDOT to hold meetings on bridge projects in Dunkard and Morris townships

The state Department of Transportation will hold public meetings next week on plans being developed to rehabilitate two Greene County bridges next year. The work will focus on bridges on Bald Hill Church Road over Dunkard Creek in Dunkard Township and West Run Road over Browns Fork in Morris Township.... - Washington Observer-Reporter

# 04-15-2016 Spectacular river walk about to get three miles better

There are few cities the size of Williamsport that have a multi-use river walk with world-class scenery as the backdrop. - *Williamsport Sun-Gazette* 

# 04-15-2016 Phoenixville Borough Council OKs police drone

PHOENIXVILLE >> The Phoenixville Police Department is set to launch a new tool aimed to help serve and protect the public. Yet not everyone is on board with the controversial plan. In a 4-2 decision, borough council authorized the police department to begin using an unmanned aircraft system, better known as a drone, during... - Phoenixville News

#### 04-15-2016 The S.U.V. Arms Race Goes Upscale

One of the last big profit centers for Detroit's automakers, the sport utility vehicle, is under siege. An onslaught of competitive new S.U.V.s, especially in the most profitable high-end segment, is in the development pipeline or already showing up in dealer showrooms.... - <u>New York Times</u>

#### 04-15-2016 Reclaiming Fees When Airline Luggage Goes Astray

A healthy airline industry is a great thing. Still, are all these fees just a naked grab for profits, or merely an attempt to have passengers pay for only the services that they are actually using? And if you did not get what you paid for, you ought to be persistent in... - *New York Times* 

# 04-15-2016 Editorial: Progress in Harrisburg is not a pipe dream

Maybe our friends in the state Legislature are tired of being ridiculed. Maybe they're tired of being mocked for their work habits, the fact that nothing ever seems to get done in Harrisburg, or the partisan bickering that seems to gum up everything in the state Capitol.... - <u>Primos Delaware County Daily and Sunday Times</u>

# 04-15-2016 Boy Scouts tour airport

LAKE ARIEL – Boy Scout Troop 102 took a trip to the Wilkes-Barre/ Scranton International Airport and got a tour of the facility. "They learned about checking in, checking bags, how they get to the plane, how to go through security and how everyone goes through including... - Honesdale Wayne Independent

#### 04-15-2016 Warning signs are coming to Broad Mountain

Safety-minded leaders plan to pepper the Broad Mountain in Nesquehoning with warning signs to protect tractor-trailers as a preliminary measure before banning rigs from the 2.25-mile descent within a year. Recommendations for placing 87 warning signs along a segment of

Route 93... - Hazleton Standard-Speaker

# 04-15-2016 Casey: Beef Up Security At Airports And Terminals

WASHINGTON, DC (CBS) — The US Senate is taking up reauthorization of funding for the Federal Aviation Administration. Pennsylvania's senior senator is using that as a chance to push for improvements in security protocols. Democrat Bob Casey is pushing the airlines to install wire mesh barriers on... - KYW News Radio 1060

#### 04-15-2016 Montgomery County pre-Passover Seder held in Elkins Park

KleinLife: Montgomery County marked the upcoming eight-day Jewish festival of Passover on Thursday by holding a pre-holiday Seder at its center in Cheltenham's Elkins Park section. Passover begins at sunset Friday, April 22. KleinLife hosted the pre-festival Seder for area seniors as a way to share Jewish history,... - <u>Levittown Bucks County Courier Times</u>