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No budget, no pay for 10 Pa. Reps.

A few members of state House refuse to accept salaries during long impasse

By Ford Turner

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HARRISBURG — Ten of the 203 state House members voluntarily have had their paychecks held up during the two-month Pennsylvania budget standoff, and disgust

of political games being played.” Both are among the 10 who voluntarily have had their paychecks suspended during the budget impasse. According to the House chief clerk’s office, the 10 are Ms. Cooper; Mr. Burns; Rep. Tim Brennan, D-Bucks; Rep. Jamie Flick, R-Lycoming; Rep. Tom Jones, R-Lancaster; Rep. Brett Miller, R-Lancaster; Rep. Brenda Pugh, R-Luzerne; Rep. Jeremy

Shaffer, R-Allegheny; Rep. Melissa Shusterman, D-Chester; and Rep. Perry Warren, D-Bucks. House members make a minimum of about \$110,000 a year and have access to per diems and a generous benefits package. The 203 seats in the chamber are up for election every two years, and one of its primary duties — shared by the Senate — is to pass a state

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TRUMP CANCELS FOREIGN ASSISTANCE

President blocks \$4.9B in aid that Congress OK’d

By Josh Boak

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — President Donald Trump has told House Speaker Mike Johnson that he won’t be spending \$4.9 billion in congressionally approved foreign aid, effectively cutting the budget without going through the legislative branch. Trump, who sent a letter to Mr. Johnson, R-La., on Thursday, is using what’s known as a pocket rescission — when a president submits a request to Congress to not spend approved funds toward the end of the fiscal year, so Congress cannot act on the request in a 45-day time frame and the money goes unspent as a result. It’s the first time in nearly 50 years a president has used one. The fiscal year draws to a close at the end of September. The letter was posted Friday morning on the X account of the White House Office of Management and Budget. It said the funding would be cut from the State Department and the U.S. Agency for International Development, or USAID, an early target of Trump’s efforts to cut foreign aid.

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GOING ‘BANANAS’

The Savannah Bananas stormed into PNC Park, singing and dancing with thousands of fans before their game on Friday. The independent professional team is known for in-game dances and skits, dazzling trick plays and plenty of interaction with fans.

At right, Savannah Banana Bill Leroy greets a young fan before entering PNC Park.




DePasquale eyes Pa. Dems leadership

By Steve Bohnel

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Eugene DePasquale, a Pittsburgh native and previous Democratic nominee for attorney general, is now seeking another statewide office: chair of the Pennsylvania Democratic Party. Mr. DePasquale, 54, who also served as auditor general of the state from 2013 to 2021, is looking to serve out as interim chair after state Sen. Sharif Street an-



DePasquale

nounced he was stepping down from the post earlier this week. Mr. DePasquale served in the state House of Representatives from York County from 2007 to 2013, and also ran for Congress in 2020 against Republican Scott Perry. Last year, he won

a five-way race in the Democratic primary for attorney general, winning 35.4% of the vote. In the general election against Republican Dave Sunday — then York County District Attorney — he lost by roughly 4.6 percentage points. He already has received the support of multiple top Democrats statewide, including Lt. Gov. Austin Davis. The election is scheduled for Sept. 6 in Lancaster. “For two decades, Eugene

DePasquale has served the Pennsylvania Democratic Party as a State Representative and two-term Auditor General,” Mr. Davis said in a statement to the Post-Gazette. “He has shown that he’s never afraid to take on a tough fight and will never back down from our Democratic values. I will proudly cast my vote in support of Eugene as our next party chairman.”

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Coach hurt in bus crash files lawsuit


Alleges the driver was going ‘entirely too fast’

By Megan Guza

Pittsburgh Post-Gazette

An Aliquippa football coach injured in a school bus crash last weekend has sued the transit company and the unnamed bus driver, who the lawsuit alleged was driving “entirely too fast” as he approached what police have called a “bad bend” on Shaffer Road. Jonathan Morris, a volunteer coach, wrote in the lawsuit that he was sitting directly behind the ABC Transit bus driver as the junior high school football team headed to its season-opening game at Pine-Richland. Around 9:50 a.m., the unnamed driver was driving downhill at a speed the lawsuit contends was above the speed limit and “entirely too fast.” “The [driver] attempted to navigate a bend on Shaffer Road but due to his

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