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RECAP: Looking back on the week that was

• New coalition to combat Philly violence

There's no shortage of orgs working to calm Philly gun violence, which has been increasing since 2015, and last week injured a PPA officer, a city sanitation worker, and dozens of other victims. But a broad new group hopes to make a difference by coordinating efforts and focusing on near-term solutions. In the works for about a year and led by the Philadelphia Foundation with William Penn and the UAC, the new Civic Coalition to Save Lives will start with a tactic that worked in Oakland: pinpointing high-risk individuals and mounting direct interventions. [PCGVR/Al Dia/WHYY/Save Lives Philly]

• Buses from Texas keep on coming

So far, about four buses full of individuals and families seeking asylum have been sent from Texas to Philadelphia, totaling approximately 150 people, per city officials, who are collecting donations to help. Placed on the bus by Texas officials with little coordination or explanation, they were unprepared for winter, wearing little more than t-shirts. Local advocates say many have been traveling for two months, and several plan to resettle in NY or NJ. [Phila Gov/Welcoming Fund/NBC10]

• Floating gallery for the Delaware

It won't actually come into existence for a few years, but last week brought the reveal of a cool new project from Philadelphia Contemporary: a floating art gallery. Using a design by Atkin Olshin Schade Architects, plans call for it to dock on the Delaware River next to the Cherry Street Pier, and potentially travel up and down the East Coast to show off exhibits. [@RisingRealEst/AOS Architects/Inquirer$]

• A Jim Gardner Thanksgiving

The nation's oldest Thanksgiving Day Parade brought old-fashioned cheer to the streets of Philadelphia, with talented high school bands escorting frumpy floats and kitschy balloons. It's 6ABC's last parade broadcast before the retirement of Action News anchor Jim Gardner, and tributes abounded: A big group of spectators dressed up as the venerable newscaster, and "Abbott Elementary" star Quinta Brunson stopped by on air to express her devotion. [BP x 2/@Jim_Gardner/6ABC]

German Bratwurst
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Carousel rides and bratwursts fill the City Hall courtyard DANYA HENNINGER / BILLY PENN

VISION: Looking forward to the week ahead

• Senate to meet for impeachment planning

Before their current session ends and control of the Pa. Legislature is split between Democrats and Republicans, leaders in Harrisburg are rushing to move forward Larry Krasner's impeachment. Already formalized by the Pa. House, the Pa. Senate plans to convene on Tuesday and Wednesday specifically to review the case against the Philly DA, with a trial slated to begin Jan. 18. [BP x 2/Senate GOP/Capital-Star]

• Will Helen Gym make her move?

With last week's entry of former judge Jimmy DeLeon, the Philly mayor's race already has seven Democratic contenders, but political observers expect a potential game-changer to announce this week. Councilmember Helen Gym, who gave what amounted to a farewell speech at Council's pre-Thanksgiving session, has been eyed as a front-runner for years, ever since she garnered more votes than anyone else in the 2019 municipal elections. [Billy Penn/Inquirer$/BP 2019]

• UC Townhomes residents find new homes

Since protests began last summer over the pending sale of UC Townhomes, a West Philly apartment complex that had provided federally subsidized housing for decades, the move-out deadline has been pushed back multiple times. Word is landlords plan to extend it until all residents have found a new place to live — and some of them have. Look for these stories on Billy Penn and WHYY this week. [BP/34th Street/BP]

• The last Philly Pops Christmas

With the Philly Pops set to cease operations next June, there's extra reason to hit up the annual Christmas show from the country's largest standalone orchestra dedicated to American popular music. It runs Dec. 3-17 at Verizon Hall, and tickets start at $35. [6ABC/Philly Pops]

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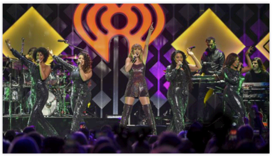


Some Philly Swifties are getting another chance at Eras Tour tix after Ticketmaster fail

Fans with presale codes will receive invites to try again.

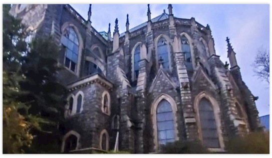
By **Asha Prihar** · Today, 2:00 p.m.

HOLIDAYS IN PHILLY

‘Elf on the Shelf,’ but make it Philadelphia

Happy holidays. It’s rhyme time.

By **Asha Prihar** · Today, 7:30 a.m.



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Curling comes to Franklin Square 🥌

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Columbus statue box removed; Eagles fans infiltrate DC media; Gov race spending breaks record | Morning roundup

Philadelphia, birthplace of the cowboy hat 🤠

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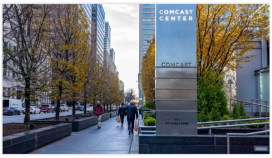

Life is surging back to Center City, despite Philly’s deep challenges

Can Philadelphia do what it needs to keep the momentum going?

By **Lizzy McLellan Ravitch** · Yesterday

A list of diehard Eagles fans in the DC press corps

Details on the "secret society" members outed by The Ringer.

By **Billy Penn Staff** · Dec. 11

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Income spikes in Point Breeze, Fishtown; The ‘girl in the box’; Renaming rec center for Tiffany Fletcher | Sunday roundup

The many ways to see "The Nutcracker" 🩰

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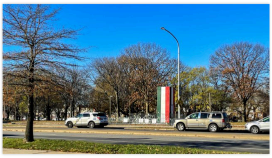

Box must come off South Philly’s Columbus statue, court says, because the city didn’t follow its own rules

It’s the latest decision in three years of legal wrangling.

By **Emily Neil** · Dec. 11

Tierra Whack is bigging up the Philly comedy scene, and giving local performers some love

The North Philadelphia rapper has an eye for wit.

By **Jordan Levy** · Dec. 10

HEADLINES OF YORE

The iconic American cowboy hat was invented in Philadelphia

John B. Stetson's design took inspiration from sombreros worn by Mexican vaqueros.

By **Avi Wolfman-Arent** · Dec. 10

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Eyes Gallery to reopen after devastating fire; Philly housing permits soared in 2021; ‘Boy Scout Tract’ preserved | Morning roundup

30-year street art retrospective 🤖

By **Billy Penn Staff** · Dec. 09

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Humanoid alien robots take over Rittenhouse gallery in 30th anniversary ‘stikman’ show

The anonymous street artist’s new exhibition features sculptures, prints, and paintings.

By **Asha Prihar** · Dec. 09

After devastating fire, Eyes Gallery to reopen on South Street

The iconic shop is also hosting a holiday pop-up as it continues to rebuild.

By **Emily Neil** · Dec. 08

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McClinton sworn in as leader; Wawa expanding to 3 more states; Mosaic tilework fills sidewalk cracks | Morning roundup

New breakfast spot for Rittenhouse 🍳

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Hoagies are coming to the Midwest as Wawa announces expansion to Indiana, Kentucky, and Ohio

The chain is planning to double its size over the next decade.

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The new Action News anchor 📺

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Every Voice
Every Vote

ELECTION 2023

The Lenfest Institute is granting $1.5M to 52 Philly orgs to make democracy work better

Introducing the “Every Voice, Every Vote” project.

By **Danya Henninger** · Dec. 07

A PHILLY SPECIAL CHRISTMAS

HOLIDAYS IN PHILLY

We reviewed each song on the Eagles Christmas album (spoiler: it’s really good)

“I hope this record is remembered forever,” said

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Pay phones making a return? ☎

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AMTRAK FLIPBOARD

Amtrak promises 30th Street's iconic flipboard will return, but (still) only as decoration

Philadelphia travelers continue to lament the disappearance of the clickety-clack display.

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