

Asides

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WHAT IS the difference between Harrisburg and Paris, other than one being the capital of Pennsylvania and the other being the capital of France? Answer: You will soon be able to reach Paris by plane from Pittsburgh but you still won't be able to fly from here to Harrisburg. It's an embarrassing irony, but into the void comes the Steel City Flyer, which will be doing its flying on the highways. The Flyer is an upscale Pittsburgh-to-Harrisburg bus, which will run twice daily, starting Nov. 24 at a cost of \$69 one way and providing a link to Amtrak service. It is the brainchild of Henry Posner III, chairman of Railroad Development Corp. in Green Tree; Robert Pietrandrea, RDC's president; and George DeBolt of DeBolt Unlimited Travel. Good luck to these enterprising businessmen. Too often in America, the lament is "The bus doesn't stop here anymore." But Pittsburgh has given it a new twist: The bus will stop here because the plane for Harrisburg doesn't.

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