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## STAY AT HOME

Employees in the U.S. Department of Education were instructed to stay home today “for security reasons.” An email was sent and employees with telework contracts may work from home and other employees were instructed to bring laptops home. Regional offices will also be closed. USDE began initiating mass layoffs, reducing the workforce by 50%.

## DIESEL

Trying to take away reasons to go elsewhere, York-based Rutter’s is marking up plans to create a fresh hangout for sports fans. The company is launching two 14,000-square-foot stores in Johnstown and Milton that feature a bar and lounge exclusively for 21+ guests. Each location will boast over 20 65-inch HD screens, alongside canned cocktails, beer, wine, made-for-you food, and video gaming terminals. This new model adds to Rutter’s 89 existing stores across PA, MD, and WV, intensifying the local convenience store showdown with Sheetz and Wawa. *Sports bars and truck stops, why didn’t anyone think of this before?*

## CHANGING THEIR POLICY AGAIN (EYEROLL)

Southwest Airlines recently announced it will be ending the 60-year policy of free checked bags for most guests. Guests will now have to pay for their first and second checked bag, unless they are members of the A-List loyalty program or those who are traveling on business fare. The price for checked bags has not been announced by the company yet. This comes less than a year after announcing the termination of the open seating policy on Southwest flights.

## NEW LOOK

Downtown Pittsburgh is a step closer to seeing the new Arts Landing project after the Pittsburgh Planning Commission approved the \$31 million plan. The Arts Landing project will include a 4-acre site in Downtown Pittsburgh to add outdoor recreation and event space for the city. Pittsburgh officials are projecting Arts Landing to be completed before the NFL Draft comes to the city in 2026.

# DEMON ON THE LOOSE

Police in York County are searching for a masked individual who called themselves the "Box Demon" while approaching a homeowner's door. Yesterday, Northern York County Regional Police investigated the incident on East 10th Avenue in North York Borough. Video footage shows the person ringing the doorbell, leaving an empty box on the porch, and walking away. The homeowner did not recognize the individual or the meaning of "Box Demon".



## *Happy Birthday*

- State Senator **Wayne D. Fontana**
- **Meghan Schroeder**, Chief of Staff, Senator Picozzi
- **Charles J. Volpe**, CFO, Excalibur Insurance Management Services, LLC
- **John Scarpato**, Executive Director, House Labor and Industry Committee
- **Angel Pagan**, Policy Analyst, PA House of Representatives

## *Committee Meetings*

- (H) Finance – 1PM - Public Hearing on HB 820
- (H) Judiciary – 1PM - Voting meeting on HB 407, HB 414, HB 491, HB 697, HR 48
- (S) Republican Policy – 1PM - Public hearing on flood mitigation strategies and state programs to repair streams



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