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A DOUBLE SUPLEX

President **Donald Trump** signed an executive order yesterday to begin shutting down the U.S. Department of Education, aiming to shift education authority back to the states. While the order directs Department of Education Secretary **Linda McMahon** to take steps toward closure, dismantling the Department entirely would require congressional approval. Supporters argue the move reduces federal overreach in schools, while critics warn it will harm students and weaken civil rights protections. *But you will still have to repay your student loans...*

DEVELOPMENT

The Shapiro Administration celebrated the groundbreaking of Mitsubishi's \$86 million electric power products factory expansion in Beaver County, Pennsylvania, which is expected to create at least 200 new jobs and retain 806 employees. The state invested over \$6.7 million in the project, including grants from the Redevelopment Assistance Capital Program and Pennsylvania First. Once completed, the facility will transition from producing gas-insulated circuit breakers to vacuum breakers, strengthening Pennsylvania's role in energy and manufacturing.

WEEKEND PLANS?

Cirque du Soleil's OVO arrived at Hershey's Giant Center this week. First presented in Montreal in 2009, this dazzling production has captivated nearly seven million people across 40 countries. In 2015, OVO underwent a few months of retooling to become an arena show, continually updating its staging. Performances began yesterday, and continue today at 7 p.m., tomorrow at 3 p.m. and 7 p.m., and conclude Sunday with a 1 p.m. show. The show will also be featured in State College, Wilkes Barre, and Philadelphia, so if you miss it this weekend, catch the magic at a future date.

BUSTED

Sorry March Madness fans - according to sources, only 0.1% of brackets remain perfect after several upsets on day one of the men's NCAA tournament. The shock came after #11 Drake beat #6 Missouri. Alongside that upset, #12 McNeese beat #5 Clemson, #10

Arkansas beat #7 Kansas, and #9 Creighton stomped #8 Louisville earlier in the day. Overall, most brackets have Duke winning it all. You still have time to enter a bracket for the women's tournament, which starts today at 11:30 a.m.

We at Harrisburg: ONLINE extend our condolences to the friends and family o**James** *Koval*, who passed away last week. Koval spent a total of 37 years working in Harrisburg, with a position as chief spokesperson of the Pennsylvania Supreme Court right before retirement. A date has not yet been set for a memorial service, but anyone who wishes to make a contribution can donate to <u>The Nature Conservatory</u> in his honor.



Happy Birthday

Friday:

- State Representative *Lou Schmitt*
- Former State Senator John
 N. Wozniak
- John O'Connell, President & CEO, Emerald Strategies Inc.
- *Blade Kline*, Legislative Specialist, PennDOT
- *Michael Krentzman*, Principal/Co-President, Krentzman Metals Corp.
- *Matthew Moyer*, Senior Advisor to the Secretary of Revenue
- *Janet Diaz*, Vice President, PA Chapter of the National Organization for Women
- **Paul Navarro**, Owner & President, NexTerra

Saturday:

- Former State Representative
 Deb Kula
- **Brittney Miller-Coyle**, Political Consultant
- *Connor Johnson*, Dauphin County Public Defender's Office
- Jake Gery, Chief of Staff, Senator Pat Stefano
- *Megan Semuta Wright**, VP of Sales and Marketing, Central PA Technologies, LLC
- Brian Aiello, VP of External



Committee Meetings

 (H) Republican Policy – 10AM - Public hearing on "Stopping New Energy Taxes"



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