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PA PARKS SCORE BIG

Three Pennsylvania amusement parks just scored major bragging rights in Tripadvisor's latest list of top U.S. amusement and water parks. Knoebels took the #3 spot, praised for its many attractions, friendly staff, and free admission! Erie's Splash Lagoon made waves at #15 and Central PA sweet favorite, Hersheypark, rolled in at #18!

NOW ENTERING

Karl Morris, Associate Professor of Instruction in the Department of Computer and Information Science at Temple University, has entered the race to succeed Congressman **Dwight Evans**. He formally filed with the Federal Elections Commission and his bio notes he is a computer scientist, consultant, researcher, and teacher. He joins a crowded field of Democratic candidates (*six to be exact*), with no Republicans currently filed at this time.

A "SHOT" AT RARE WHISKEY

Pennsylvania's "Limited-Release Lottery" is now open, and Pennsylvanians have a "shot" to buy rare whiskeys like Blanton's Gold (\$144.99) and Weller Millennium Bourbon (\$7,499). Entries close Friday, August 8th at 5pm, and participants are required to have an active Fine Wine & Good Spirits account. Winners will be notified after the August 11th drawing.

GERRYMANDERING GRIDLOCK

To block a Republican redistricting attempt to prevent Democrats from winning the U.S. House majority in 2026, nearly all of the Texas Democratic state house members fled the state to prevent a quorum being present to pass the plan. In response, Governor **Greg Abbott** threatened to expel them from office and fill their seats with his own (Republican) nominations. Democrat governors in California and New York have indicated a willingness to take action if Texas proceeds with its plan.

STACKED THE DECK

Yesterday, the Hershey Bears announced that they are hiring **Derek King** as the 29th head coach of the franchise. King most recently served as an assistant coach for the Chicago Blackhawks. He also served as a player-coach for the Grand Rapid Griffins and as an assistant coach for the Toronto Marlies. Prior to his coaching career, he was a first-round pick by the New York Islanders. Hershey Bears Vice President of Hockey Operations **Bryan Helmer** stated, "We look forward to welcoming King and his family to Hershey, and we feel he is the best fit to lead our hockey club." The Bears open the season against the Syracuse Crunch on October 11.



Happy Birthday

- Former U.S. Congressman **Michael F. Doyle, Jr.**
- Former State Senator **Donald C. White**
- Former State Representative **Thomas L. Stevenson**
- **Suzanne Yenchko**, Council VP, Borough of Lemoyne
- **Paul Gnazzo**, Account Manager, LM Gnazzo Promotion Strategies
- **Roy Wells**, President & Managing Partner, Triad Strategies
- **Jarrad Minnich**, Economic Development Analyst, PA Dept. of Community and Economic Development



Committee Meetings

- (S) Republican Policy – 10:00AM - Informational meeting regarding mental health services.



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