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STAMPED OUT STATUS

The U.S. passport has lost some of its shine. According to the latest Henley Passport Index, America has slipped to 12th place, falling out of the World's Top 10 for the first time in years. Travelers with U.S. passports can now visit 180 destinations visa-free, fewer than Singapore, which tops the list with access to 193. Experts say shifting foreign policies and reduced visa agreements are behind the decline, marking a change in America's global mobility and influence.

ACCELERATED TALKS

President **Donald Trump** said he plans to speak with Russian President **Vladimir Putin** about ending the war in Ukraine. The announcement came after news broke of a meeting today between Trump and Ukrainian President **Volodymyr Zelenskyy** for negotiating the sale of U.S. Tomahawk cruise missiles to Ukraine. Putin has previously stated that such a sale would jeopardize relations between the U.S. and Russia.

BATTLE OF THE BANDS

The Pittston Area High School Marching Band has qualified for the Bands of America Grand National Championships, the only Pennsylvania team. Being one of 110 bands selected for the competition, this Luzerne County school band has the honor of performing on the national stage in Indianapolis. The band is set to perform on November 14th at 8:45 AM.

SAVED BY REBA

Hanover native **Aubrey Nicole** isn't done singing yet. The 20-year-old Belmont University student survived another round on NBC's The Voice after coach **Reba McEntire** used her only save to keep her on Team Reba. Nicole faced off against Minnesota's **Cori Kennedy** with a fiery duet of **Carrie Underwood** and **Miranda Lambert's** "Somethin' Bad." The Delone Catholic grad said performing on The Voice is a dream come true for her and her family, who've been watching the show together for years.

DUCK, DUCK, WOW

Canonsburg residents have been spotting giant plastic yellow ducks popping up across town and the mystery is finally solved. Grandpa Joe's Candy Shop revealed it's behind the quirky display, which started with thousands of tiny ducks and ended with 14-foot inflatables perched on rooftops. Founder **Christopher Beers** says the five-figure stunt was all about spreading smiles and hometown pride. The massive ducks will stick around as long as the weather allows.



Happy Birthday

Today:

- State Representative **Steve Malagari**
- **Stephanie Watkins**, Senior Vice President, Advocacy & Policy, HAP
- **Marc J. Gergely**, Director of Government Affairs, DTI Development Inc.
- **Robert Simpson**, Former Commonwealth Court Judge
- **Sylvia P. Simms**, Advisor, Public Utility Commission

Saturday:

- **Julianne Naccarato**, Executive Assistant Paralegal, PA House of Representatives

Sunday:

- Former U.S. Congressman **Patrick Murphy**, Faculty Lecturer, The Wharton School
- **Mike O'Rourke**, Managing Director, Business Retention & Expansion, PA DCED
- **Judith Olson**, Judge, PA Superior Court
- **Megan Sullivan**, Judge, PA Superior Court



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