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LOST BET

Speaking of yesterday's D.C. business, the U.S. Senate voted to ban Senators and their staff from trading on prediction markets. The unanimous vote will prohibit a common practice that has been heavily criticized. The ban will take effect immediately, which was spearheaded by U.S. Senator **Bernie Moreno (R-OH)**. Minority Leader **Chuck Schumer (D-NY)** urged Speaker Johnson to follow suit in the House... *no word on if insider trading will follow...*

VOTE

Yesterday, U.S. House lawmakers passed Homeland Security funding, aiming to end the DHS shutdown. This came after many Republican lawmakers suggested waiting for the U.S. Senate to pass a reconciliation bill. If they had waited, DHS could have remained shut down until mid-May. The partial shutdown is already the longest in U.S. history.

SCHOOL'S OUT FOREVER

The Philadelphia School Board voted 6-3 to approve a \$3 billion plan that seeks to shutter 17 schools and upgrade 169 schools throughout the district. The vote was highly contentious with several City Council members objecting and shouting that it shut down the meeting twice. The final vote occurred behind a locked door with it streamed to the public and council members remaining in the auditorium. The district currently has 70,000 empty seats, many aging facilities, and struggling test scores: all reasons cited by the board for the new plan

CHALLENGE

The Elizabethtown Area School District has gained national attention from their recent curriculum cuts including bestselling author **John Green**, whose own novel, *Turtles All the Way Down*, was part of the cut. He believes the decision to reject several contemporary titles from its English curriculum negatively effects young readers. Green advocated for the school to reverse its decision, and many parents are agreeing with the author.

MIKE CHECK

If your name is Mike, you're in luck. Firehouse Subs is offering a free steak and cheese melt to anyone named Mike, Michael, Michelle, Michaela, or any similar variation. The promotion is taking place on Wednesday May 6 and customers must show their ID for proof.



Happy Birthday

Today:

- Former U.S. Congressman **Matt Cartwright**
- Former State Senator **John T. Yudichak**, President, Luzerne County Community College
- Former State Representative **Frank Ryan**
- **Richard M. Sand**, Co-Founder, Sand & Saidel PC

Saturday:

- State Senator **Devlin Robinson**
- State Representative **Tim Brennan**
- State Representative **Keith Greiner**
- **Jenise Harris**, President & CEO, JLH Fundraising
- **Stacey Connors**, Deputy Secretary for Compliance & Collections, PA Department of Revenue



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