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FORGED

Kirk Rice was convicted in Allegheny County on Friday after forging over 400 nomination signatures according to a statement from Pennsylvania Attorney General **Dave Sunday**. The trial commenced after 34 pages of petition signatures, circulated by Rice, were submitted on behalf of **Steve Irwin**, the Democratic candidate who lost his primary race to then State Representative **Summer Lee** in 2022. Rice confessed to receiving signatures without confirming individual party registration, and to forging the signature of U.S District Court Judge **Cathy Bissoon**.

RESIGNED

Tulsi Gabbard, the Director of National Intelligence, resigned on Friday. In her resignation letter, she explained that the demanding position would not allow her to provide the necessary attention to her husband, who was diagnosed with an extreme form of bone cancer. She has held the position since February 2025 and will serve in the role until June 30th.

WHERE'S THE BEEF?

President **Donald Trump** is reversing course on his plans to lower the cost of beef. Originally, Trump intended to reduce beef tariffs and encourage more importation. However, this plan received sharp pushback from cattle ranchers and farm allies, including Congressman and House Agriculture Committee Chair **G.T. Thompson** (R-PA). Trump delayed the Executive Order which would have lowered the tariffs and has not yet telegraphed any contingency plan.

STILL THE SWEETEST PLACE ON EARTH

Hersheypark is back and better than ever for the summer season. This past weekend Hersheypark kicked off its 120th summer season by debuting two new water play areas in The Boardwalk, The Inlet and The Island at Bayside Pier. Additionally, Hershey unveiled a list of activities in celebration of America 250, including fireworks and Americana themed rides in addition to the previously announced Avett Brothers free concert.

PA EATIN'

Saturday Night Live (SNL) star **Kenan Thompson** paid a visit to the Harrisburg area this Sunday. He was spotted at the Capitol Diner in Swatara Township off Eisenhower Boulevard. According to fans who met him there, he was in town for his daughter's soccer tournament. Thompson is the longest-tenured SNL star, having been on the show since 2003.



Happy Birthday

- Former State Senator **Sean Logan**, Commissioner, PA Turnpike
- **Nicole Wilbourn**, Partner & Vice President of Legislative Affairs, ERG Partners
- **Karen K. Deklinski**, Owner, Perfectly Pennsylvania
- **Laura Kuller**, Owner, Pursuit Advocacy
- **Eric Failing**, Executive Director, PA Catholic Conference
- **Kari Orchard**, Executive Director, House Professional Licensure Committee
- **Bryan Oshinski**, Air Quality Program Specialist, PA DEP



Committee Meetings

- (H) Republican Policy – 1:00PM
- Public hearing on Expanding Access to Home Ownership in PA



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