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**Happy Mother's Day!**

## I'M NOT LEAVING

U.S. Senator **John Fetterman** penned an op-ed yesterday stating that he has no intention of switching parties and dropping the (D) behind his name. He noted that he would be a “terrible Republican” who would still vote “overwhelmingly with Democrats.” On his independent nature, Fetterman stated, “I refuse to cave on my conscience because Pennsylvania deserves someone who is honest and can work across the aisle.”

## #VAXXED

Measles is on the rise in Pennsylvania. With 11 new cases in Lebanon County, this brings the state total to 23 cases. The PA Department of Health is working with local communities to identify and prevent any additional cases. Officials maintain that vaccination is the best prevention against measles. The fact that 10 of the 11 new cases were unvaccinated individuals is a decent indicator.

## GAME ON

Get ready local arcade fans - the arcade on City Island in Harrisburg is reopening later this month! Games will include old school and new alike and will cost between \$1-\$3/game. The grand reopening is on May 22nd from 3pm - 9pm. The arcade will be open at the same times every day with occasional extra hours. *Get ready to get your game on!*

## I'M LOVING IT

McDonald's reported amazing first quarter growth no doubt due to the new delicious Big Arch product on the menu. There was a 9% growth in revenue proving that customers are still willing to spend despite economic difficulties. The brand is also focusing on value as an approach to attract lower income customers.

## ICON

**Chonkers**, a 2,000-pound Steller sea lion, officially has celebrity status with his new merch. Chonkers is a sea lion living in Bay Area, San Francisco. Now, The Marine Mammal Center is selling plushies that look just like him for \$24.95. All proceeds will go to protect sea lions and other marine mammals. You can order your mini Chonkers [here](#).



## ***Happy Birthday***

### **Today:**

- State Senator ***Daniel Laughlin***
- Former State Senator ***Vincent J. Fumo***
- Former State Representative ***Michael Puskaric***
- Former State Representative ***Chris Sainato***
- ***Rachel Maurer***, Deputy Communications Director, House Democratic Caucus
- ***Brandi Miller***, Regional Caucus Director, House Southeastern Delegation
- ***Jonathan C. Greer***, CEO & President, Insurance Federation of PA (IFP)
- ***Josh Paul***, Legislative Director, Office of Senator Argall
- ***Erica J. Godsey***

### **Saturday:**

- Former State Senator ***Mario M. Scavello***
- Former State Representative ***Timothy S. Mahoney***
- Former State Representative ***Jeff Habay***
- ***Christy Short***, Executive Assistant, Senate Majority Leader Joe Pittman
- ***Drew Lyons***, Senior Associate, Malady & Wooten, LLP

### **Sunday:**

- U.S. Congressman ***Mike Kelly***
- Former U.S. Senator ***Richard J. Santorum***



## ***Committee Meetings***

- (S) Institutional Sustainability and Innovation – 10:00AM - Public hearing to consider SB759

- **Ron Raymond**, Chief Legislative Officer, Versant Strategies



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