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Happy 717 Day!

LOCAL COLLAB

Today, on 717 Day, seven local breweries will release a 717 collaboration beer. While the beer is brewed at Tröegs Independent Brewing, it includes collab with Appalachian Brewing, Boneshire Brew Works, Cartel Brewing, Pizza Boy Brewing, Wolf Brewing, Yah Brew, and Zeroday Brewing. This year's beer is a 4.7% New Zealand style Pilsner. The beer will be served in each brewery's tap room in 16-ounce cans.

GLHF

A Lancaster County high school has been awarded a state grant to fund an esports team and construct a permanent arena for competitive video gaming. Elizabethtown Area High School gained an esports program in 2018 but never had any official funding prior to now. State Senator **James Malone** advocated for the \$80,000 grant and celebrated how esports bring students together over friendly competition regardless of physical ability. Elizabethtown has won several state esports titles, and now with funding and a proper arena, they hope for many more.

RELISH THE FUN

Pittsburgh's 11th annual pickle-themed festival began yesterday and will continue through Sunday. The Picklesburgh event has expanded since last year into newly renovated areas of downtown Pittsburgh and is expected to draw over 200,000 visitors to the city. Guests can enjoy unique treats such as pickle beer and pickle fudge, as well as participate in pickle-themed activities, including pickle juice drinking, pickle bobbing, and pickle eating contests.

HIGH STAKES

A teleprompter operator for the Trump Administration is under investigation after allegedly making over \$90,000 on bets related to the President's statements. Kalshi, the prediction market platform used by the individual, froze most of the money following reports of suspicious activity. The operator has been identified as **Gabriel Perez**, who has worked for Trump since 2016. The

individual has been suspended and was not responsible for operating the teleprompters for Trump's speech last night.

AN AMUSEMENT PARK LEGEND

Knoebel's Amusement Resort has announced the passing of its longtime president ***Dick Knoebel***, who led the Elysburg amusement park from 1988 to 2025. The family-run park earned international acclaim during his tenure, and Knoebel led the development of several iconic rides while always keeping park admission free. Knoebel was succeeded as President by his son, Brian, who praised his father's legacy in a statement. Knoebel was 87 years old. His beloved park turned 100 years old earlier this year.



Happy Birthday

Today:

- Former State Representative ***Mike Tobash***
- ***Dan Anders***, Judge, Philadelphia Court of Common Pleas
- ***Jill Helsel Gingrich***, La Torre

Saturday:

- State Representative ***Elizabeth Fiedler***
- ***Joy A. Russell****, VP of External Affairs, Genentech
- ***Mary Jane Bowes***, Judge, PA Superior Court
- ***Stacy Wallace***, Judge, PA Commonwealth Court
- ***Meron Yemane***, Global Sports and Entertainment Director, Morgan Stanley Wealth Management
- ***Ronald E. Deibert***

Sunday:

- ***Betsy Hancock***, Principal Consultant, Deep Water Point, LLC
- ***Samantha Lavery Esq.***, Assistant Attorney, PA Department of Education
- ***Pedro Rivera***, President, Thaddeus Stevens College of Technology



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