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*The State House will convene at
12pm today for non-voting
session*

CATCH AND RELEASE

Yesterday, the Pennsylvania Supreme Court ruled that Game Commission Officers can no longer search private property without first receiving a warrant. A 1924 U.S. Supreme Court ruling first interpreted that warrantless searches by wildlife officers in "open fields," or private property not immediately surrounding a home, did not violate the fourth amendment. The Pennsylvania Game Commission responded to the ruling saying, "While we are disappointed in the [outcome of this case](#), the Pennsylvania Game Commission respects the court's decision."

THREE-YEAR DEGREES

The Pennsylvania State System of Higher Education's (PASSHE) board of governors will meet in October to consider offering accelerated bachelor's degree programs that would require students to earn between 90 and 100 credits rather than the traditional 120. Three-year bachelor's degree programs allow students to spend less on education and enter the workforce sooner. Some praise the path for its reduced cost and equal learning outcomes, while others believe it does not allow for proper intellectual development.

HOTTEST HOUSING MARKET

Erie, Pennsylvania's housing market was ranked second in the country by Realtor.com after Hartford, Connecticut. According to the website, homes in Erie generate more than triple the national average of home listing views. Houses in the area also sell on an average of 29 days for half the price of an average home at around \$239,000. Real estate professionals have noted that

Erie is increasingly attracting buyers from outside Pennsylvania due to its affordable and competitive housing market.

DECADE OF PIPING PLOVERS

Wildlife officials are celebrating 10 consecutive years of piping plovers nesting at Presque Isle State Park in Pennsylvania's Great Lakes Region. The birds had abandoned the park by the mid-1950s and were absent for decades before returning through a joint conservation effort involving state, federal, and local partners. Presque Isle is the only shoreline in Pennsylvania where the bird's nest, and though their population is still small, officials say their return stands as one of the Commonwealth's biggest wildlife recovery success stories. Piping Plovers Day was celebrated on July 18th thanks to HR580 passed by the State House.

THE BIG SCREEN

The Regal UA in King of Prussia is one of just 25 theaters in the country offering the IMAX experience on a 70mm screen. The theater has completely sold-out tickets for this week's screening of *The Odyssey*. The film's director, **Christopher Nolan**, has praised the format as the best way to experience the movie because of its enhanced image and sound quality. While his last film *Oppenheimer* was only partially shot on IMAX 70mm film, *The Odyssey* is the first to ever be filmed entirely with IMAX cameras. *As Nolan intended...*



Happy Birthday

- State Representative **Brett Miller**
- Former U.S. Congressman **W. Curtis Weldon**
- Former State Representative **Edward Wojnarowski, Sr.**
- **Tom Santanna***, President, Tom Santanna Strategic Consulting (TSSC)
- **Ryan Prater***, Director of Public Policy, Feeding Pennsylvania
- **Noah Karn**, Director, Enterprise Committee Governance Management, AMEX
- **Brandon Flood**, Associate, Eastern State Penitentiary Historic Site, Inc.
- **Tamara S. Stine**



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