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Happy First Day of Fall!

THE PRESS IS PRESSED

CNN, MS NOW and Politico filed a First Amendment lawsuit against President Trump after the administration blocked their journalists from accessing the White House. The news organizations argue that the restrictions violate not only the first amendment but also the constitution's due process protections. The dispute has also affected the White House press pool, with major TV networks suspending coverage in response. The case now heads to court as the outlets seek to restore their access and challenge the administration's restrictions.

COURT IN CRISIS

A cybersecurity breach involving Thomson Reuters' C-Track case management system affected three Pennsylvania courts and the state Environmental Hearing Board. The breach was detected on June 30 and announced by the company on September 2. The affected Pennsylvania courts include Allegheny, Monroe, and Washington County common pleas. Some court records may have contained sensitive information, including Social Security numbers, driver's license numbers, and medical information. West Publishing said confidential or sealed court information may also have been exposed but emphasized that the breach did not originate from the courts' own system.

A WALK IN THE PARK

Lititz is replacing its current parking meters with a new ParkMobile payment system after years of complaints about the existing meters. The borough will begin removing the meters today, with work expected to finish by week's end, weather permitting. Parkers had previously reported slow credit card processing, confusing meter instructions, and cards getting stuck in the machines. Borough officials said previous attempts to resolve the problems with the current vendor were unsuccessful.

PASSING THE TORCH

More than 100 Mount Lebanon residents joined the community's first ever Special Olympics Pennsylvania Hometown Torch Run, completing a two-mile route to support the organization's 16,000 athletes statewide. The police department, school district, and local volunteers partnered to

organize the event, underscoring strong community commitment to inclusive athletics. Organizers say the turnout reflects growing regional momentum behind Special Olympic programs. With enthusiasm continuing to build, the run is expected to help elevate visibility and support for athletes across Pennsylvania.

FAT CHANCE

Fat Bear Week returns September 22 to 29, giving fans another chance to vote for Katmai National Park's fattest and most winter ready brown bear. This year's bracket features 16 contenders, including last year's champion, Bear 32 "**Chunk**," who is back to defend his crown. The event continues to grow in global popularity, with more than 1.7 million votes cast from over 100 countries last year. With a larger audience and a competitive lineup, organizers expect another record setting week of bear-watching and [online voting](#).



Happy Birthday

- State Representative **Rob Matzie**
- **Mark Compton**, CEO, PA Turnpike Commission
- **Todd Stephens**, Magisterial District Court Judge, Montgomery County
- **Lori Losch**, Legislative Assistant, Office of Representatives Verobish and Barton
- **Neeli Bendapudi**, President, Penn State University
- **Athan Koutsouroumbas**, Managing Director, Greater Philadelphia, Long Nyquist & Associates
- **Ralph Rodriguez**, Harrisburg City Councilmember
- **Dr. Valerie Arkoosh**, Secretary, PA Department of Human Services
- **Larry Gerrity**, Legislative Committee Chairman, PA FOP



Committee Meetings

- (H) Democratic Policy – 10:00AM - Public hearing to provide state legislators with a comprehensive, data-driven overview of the social, economic, educational, and civic conditions affecting Pennsylvania's Latino residents



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