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Happy Halloweekend!

Feliz inicio del Día de los Muertos!

Don't forget to set your clocks back one hour this weekend!

FOWL PLAY

Pennsylvania's fall turkey season opens tomorrow in 20 of the state's 22 Wildlife Management Units, with season lengths varying by region. The Pennsylvania Game Commission says turkey recruitment improved this year, with most WMUs reporting more than two poults per hen, suggesting hunters may encounter more and larger brood flocks than they did last season. Hunters are reminded that only shotguns with fine shot and archery equipment are permitted during the fall season.

RAT RACE

Philadelphia has appointed its first-ever "rat abatement manager," tapping longtime Department of Public Health employee ***Adrian Jordan*** to coordinate the city's response to rodent complaints. The new role comes amid growing concerns about infestations in parts of Northeast Philadelphia and will focus on improving coordination across city departments, conducting neighborhood surveys, and addressing rat-related issues.

SPHERE OF INFLUENCE

The $1.4 billion Sphere entertainment venue at National Harbor in Maryland received final approval Tuesday, clearing the way for a 6,000-seat immersive entertainment complex. Prince George's County approved $215 million in public bonds to help fund the project and pay down existing National Harbor debt, with repayment expected through future tax revenues. Maryland Governor ***Wes Moore's*** administration is also contributing $13.5 million in taxpayer funds. The venue is expected to open in early 2030 and generate an estimated $63 million in annual tax revenue for the county. *Do you think Philly or Pittsburgh should get one next?*

ONE-STOP SHOP

DoorDash is acquiring Instacart in a $17 billion deal, creating one of the largest players in online grocery delivery. The acquisition allows DoorDash to further expand beyond restaurant delivery while giving Instacart customers access to a broader network of retailers, all while keeping the Instacart brand and app in place. The deal marks a major consolidation in the rapidly evolving grocery-delivery market as companies compete to become consumers' one-stop shop for everything from takeout to weekly groceries.

BEYOND PLUTO

Astronomers have discovered a distant object named ***2026 ED138*** beyond Pluto's orbit, making it a possible new dwarf planet. The object was spotted by Chile's Vera C. Rubin Observatory, which recently began a 10-year mission to map the southern sky. Scientists estimate it is between 600 and 1,500 kilometers wide, potentially making it one of the largest known objects in its region. Further observations are needed to determine whether it qualifies as a dwarf planet under official astronomical guidelines. If confirmed, 2026 ED138 could join ***Pluto*** and four other officially recognized dwarf planets beyond or within our solar system's asteroid belt.



Happy Birthday

Today:

- State Representative ***Leslie Rossi***
- Former State Representative ***Thomas R. Caltagirone***
- Former State Representative ***Lynn B. Herman***
- Former State Representative ***Ronald S. Marsico***, Board of Heroes Grove; Chairman, Lower Paxton Community Foundation
- ***Kenyatta J. Johnson***, President, Philadelphia City Council
- ***Tabb Bishop***, President and Founder, the Tabb Group
- ***Adriana Malena****, Legal Assistant, Marzzaco Injury Law
- ***Bill Peduto***, Former Mayor of Pittsburgh
- ***Janelle Lynch***, Government Affairs Director, Independence Blue Cross
- ***Laura Manion***, President and CEO, Chester County Chamber of Business and Industry
- ***Jacqueline Whitcomb***

Saturday:

- ***David Brogan***, Parliamentarian, PA House of Representatives
- ***Jonathan D. Lutz***, Director of State Government Affairs, PPL Corporation

Sunday:

- ***Clinton M. Cullison****, Partner, Greenlee Partners, LLC
- ***Brandon P. Neuman***, Judge, Superior Court of Pennsylvania

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