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DAM BE GONE

Two women picnic on an outcrop at the Spring Garden Mill dam in Tyler State Park. This low-head dam has a slope covered with algae. Locals call it the "algae slide" since kids will use it for that purpose. Marine rescuers call the whitewater the "boil line." JD MULLANE / BUCKS COUNTY COURIER TIMES

Dam on Neshaminy Creek in Tyler State Park to be removed

Michele Haddon and JD Mullane
Bucks County Courier Times
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A low-head dam in Tyler State Park in Newtown Township should soon be gone.
On Sept. 8, the Pennsylvania Fish and Boat Commission and the Department of Conservation and Natural Resources are to begin a three-week project to remove the Spring Garden Dam located on the Neshaminy Creek inside the 1,711-acre park.

Its removal is part of a major ecological effort aimed at improving the health of the stream, enhance public safety and expand recreational opportunities, according to a DCNR press release.
Mike Parker, a fish commission spokesperson, said more than 400 dams have been removed over the past century across the commonwealth's 86,000 miles of waterways, with an added push over the past decade.

"You've got dams that have been around for a long time that don't serve
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Concerns about prediction markets multiply

White House, states clash on legal issues, controversies

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BERGEN, NJ – Will President Donald Trump say the words "fake news" during his next public appearance? Who will be the 2028 Republican or Democratic presidential nominee? How many tweets will Elon Musk post next week? On what date will the price of gas hit \$5? Which NFL game will Taylor Swift attend next?
Want to wager on any of these burning questions? Enter the world of prediction markets, where you can bet on all kinds of current events.
Unlike traditional betting, this is a whole different – and highly controversial – animal.
And these fairly new markets have sparked an array of legal battles, regulatory back-and-forth, public controversies and concern about gambling addiction, especially among teens and young men.
In many cases, people may participate at the age of 18, rather than the minimum 21 years of age required for traditional gambling or sports betting. And critics argue that these markets don't have the same legal protections for customers that traditional gambling or sports wagering does.
When you bet on sports through a company such as DraftKings, you place a bet against the bookmaker.

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Sheetz plan to be presented to Hatfield commissioners

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Sheetz is one step closer to bringing a new store to Hatfield.
A proposal outlining the redevelopment of the Zoto's Diner property along Route 309 into a Sheetz convenience store with fuel service and drive-thru

are to be presented at the next Hatfield Township commissioners workshop meeting Sept. 9.
During a planning and zoning committee report at the August board meeting, Commissioner Karla D'Alessio announced the upcoming presentation, saying that planning commission members voted unanimously at a recent meeting to allow the plan to move forward in the redevelopment process.

The proposed project, which was outlined in an application submitted by Quattro Development LLC, includes plans for a 6,139-square-foot building with a drive-thru pickup lane, an eight-pump fuel canopy and 43 parking spaces. Additional elements are to include new sidewalks, curb islands, traffic signage, a masonry trash enclosure and a bio-retention basin for stormwater management.

Zoto's Diner, which was first opened in 1973 by Nick and Steve Zoto, has been a longtime favorite among locals.
Today it's owned by Steve and Margaret Zoto, according to property records. It remains open.
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