Some Democrats are calling for the removal of State Senator John Eichelberger (R-Blair) as chair of the Senate Education Committee. During a town hall meeting attended by some current and retired school teachers, he made the statement that for some students a trade school, rather than college, would be more appropriate. Noting the high college dropout rate by students from inner city schools, he suggested those students weren’t prepared enough in high school for college work. His comments were considered racists.

Members of the Dillsburg Area Free Thinkers, Lancaster Freethought Society and PA Nonbelievers, Inc are suing the State House because their members are not permitted to open the House session in prayer. House rules require "the prayers delivered to it be of a theistic nature . . . a higher power must be invoked, whether that power comes from one god or several," according to the attorney for the House.

The Pittsburgh Opera is performing a chamber opera entitled "As One" about a transgender named Hannah.

Philly's soda tax has gone into effect and local supermarkets and distributors are reporting a 30-percent to 50-percent drop in beverage sales and are planning for layoffs.

The NBA has joined the NFL in placing pressure on Texas not to pass a "bathroom bill" requiring individuals to use bathrooms of the sex listed on their birth certificate.

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