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MIDSTATE POWER LOSS

Strong winds swept across the Pennsylvania Midstate Wednesday night, knocking out the distribution of power to thousands from Dauphin, Lancaster, York and Cumberland counties according to PPL and Met-Ed. Crews spent the early morning assessing damage and updating restoration timelines, with some repairs expected to continue through Thursday evening. Officials urge drivers to watch for debris and warn residents to stay far back from any downed power lines and call 911 if spotted.

STOP THE SWAP

California Republicans are suing the state over a new congressional map that was voted for earlier this week in Proposition 50. The map is designed to flip five congressional seats for Democrats to counteract Texas introducing a new congressional map that gives Republicans an edge in the U.S. House of Representatives. It is unlikely that the lawsuit will go anywhere as this is one of several lawsuits that have challenged the map changes, with little to no success.

LAST TERM

Congressman **Jared Golden** (D – Maine) announced that he will not seek reelection in the upcoming 2026 midterm elections. He cited the ongoing government shutdown and "frequent threats" against him as reasons for not running. Golden's seat is considered one of the more vulnerable seats in 2026, having narrowly won both the most recent primary and general election.

MISS UNIVERSE CLASH

Several Miss Universe contestants walked out of a pre-pageant event in Thailand after organizer **Nawat Itsaragrisil** publicly confronted Miss Mexico **Fátima Bosch** for allegedly refusing to promote the host country. The tense exchange, streamed live on Facebook, showed Bosch defending herself before leaving as others followed in protest. The Miss Universe Organization later issued a statement reaffirming its commitment to respect, safety, and inclusion while confirming events would continue as planned.

AUTOS AND ALES

Hershey area's craft beer festival is back for their 15th year, tomorrow night from 6pm-10pm at the AACA Museum. Guests 21 and older can attend and enjoy regional craft breweries with dozens of craft-brewed beers for sampling, live music by local favorites, and delicious food prepared by C&J Catering! General tickets and VIP tickets can be purchased [here](#).



Happy Birthday

- State Representative **Mark M. Gillen**
- Former State Representative **Paul Schemel**
- Former State Representative **Katharine M. Watson**
- **Jon Musser**, Account Executive, Advanced Solutions Inc.
- **Erica Rapp***, Technical Project Manager, Select Medical
- **Lauren Muglia**, Chief of Staff, Congressman Scott Perry
- **Vincent Galko**, Senior Vice President, Mercury Public Affairs
- **Kelly Palmer**, Director of Government & Regulatory Affairs, Comcast
- **Donna Cooper**, Executive Director, Children First
- **John T. Bender**, Pennsylvania Superior Court President Judge Emeritus



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