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CARD FRAUD CLEANUP

The Pennsylvania State Legislature is considering the idea of introducing legislation to crack down on gift card fraud. State Senator **Lisa Boscola** (D – Lehigh) introduced a co-sponsorship memo for legislation that would create a specific offense for tampering with gift cards and require stores to post warnings on the consequences of committing gift card fraud. In her memo, Boscola cited an incident at a Walmart in Western PA where drained Apple gift cards were being sold.

SPECIAL VICTORY

Republican candidate **Matt Van Epps** recently won a special election in Tennessee's seventh congressional district by 8.9% over Democratic candidate **Aftyn Behn**. Going into the election, Republicans held a 219-213 majority in Congress with hope that they will continue to expand that majority after the 2026 midterms. Despite the win, there is concern over dwindling support with the former Representative winning the district by 20 points in 2024 and President Trump winning the district by 22 points in the same year.

YOU DON'T WANT THIS

The Center for Disease Control noted that the spread of norovirus has begun weeks ahead of expected. Around 14% of tests were positive for norovirus in mid-November, which was an increase compared to three months ago. Norovirus can cause extreme vomiting in addition to nausea, stomach pain, and dehydration. To prevent the spread, the CDC recommends disinfecting surfaces as well as thoroughly cooking shellfish and washing produce since the norovirus commonly spreads through body fluids and contaminated surfaces.

RE-ELECTION BID

State Senator **James Malone** (D-Lancaster) is officially seeking a full term in 2026, months after his narrow special-election win that flipped the 36th District. Malone, who won by 526 votes in March, has been an active freshman lawmaker, backing nearly 100 bills including a proposed gift ban. **Mary Jo Huyard** (R), a Manheim Township Commissioner, also recently launched her bid for the seat. State Representative **Tom**

Jones, former Rapho Township supervisor **Jere Swarr**, and New Holland Borough Council President **Patrick Morgan** are also running. The 36th District covers much of northern and western Lancaster County.

ADOPT A LETTER

USPS Operation Santa is officially open for letter adoption, making it easier than ever to help families this holiday season. Anyone, from individuals to workplaces, can go to USPSOperationSanta.com to adopt children's letters and shop their wish lists, with new options that allow groups to adopt entire households at once. Volunteers can also use the online Santa's Gift Shoppe, powered by Toys "R" Us, to send gifts directly without packing or shipping. USPS encourages early adoption to help more families have a brighter holiday.



Happy Birthday

- **Kimberly Contino**, The KSA Group
- **Colin A. Hanna**, President, Let Freedom Ring Inc.
- **Nathan Silcox**, Executive Director, Senate Veterans Affairs & Emergency Preparedness Committee
- **Marie Conley Lammando**, Founder, Conley Consulting, LLC
- **Jesse McCree**, CEO, SCPa Works
- **Frank Buzydlowski**, Government Affairs Director, Aqua Pennsylvania, Inc.

Committee Meetings

- (H) Republican Policy – 10:00AM- Public hearing on Restoring Affordability & Reliability in a Post-RGGI Pennsylvania



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