



## American Family Association of Pennsylvania Weekly Update



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**Check Our Recent Interview**  
David Barton, Wallbuilders, the real story of Thanksgiving <http://afaofpa.org/listen/>

**News From Around PA**  
The **Human Rights Campaign** released its 2013 Municipal Equality Index, which rates a municipality in "its fight for equality on behalf of the LGBT community," and Philadelphia was one of 25 US cities receiving 100. New Hope received an 89, Harrisburg a 76, Pittsburgh a 72, State College a 63 and Allentown a 50.

**U.S. District Court Judge John E. Jones III** denied requests by the state Department of Health and the Bucks County Register of Wills to dismiss the ACLU lawsuit against our Defense of Marriage Act. He said the institution of marriage has seen a "sea change" and that "significant doctrinal developments" had occurred since the 1972 US

Supreme Court decision saying marriage was a state, not federal issue.

**"Building Momentum for Change:** How Local and Incremental Policy Campaigns Contribute to Statewide Victories," funded by The Gill Foundation, found "in addition to securing protections for LGBT people, local policies and campaigns helped provide opportunities to engage in productive public education, establish facts that facilitate creating a case for more legislation and create political momentum for LGBT issues."

**Philadelphia City Council** passed a resolution declaring Nov. 17-23 Transgender Awareness Week.

**Keystone Exams** have been approved as the graduation test for Common Core.

**News from National Scene**  
**American Humanist Association** targeted East Point Academy in South Carolina because of their participation in Samaritan Purse's Operation Christmas Child. Two years ago the Military Religious Freedom

Foundation bullied the USAF Academy into dropping its endorsement of the same.

**Guido Barilla**, the head of Barilla Pasta, has given into the bullying by homosexual activists and now says the company will be installing an "advisory board" that will "promote diversity." He also has agreed to have his company rated by the Human Rights Campaign's "corporate equality index."

Secretary of State **John Kerry** went to Capitol Hill this week to press anew for Senate ratification of the U.N. Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities. AFA of PA encourages Christians, through education, to become involved in pro-family issues in their community, state and the nation. We are a non-profit organization that is totally dependent upon financial gifts from our supporters. You can give online here <http://afaofpa.org/donate/>

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