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News From Around PA
US Supreme Court Judge Samuel Alito Jr. blocked a Third Circuit Court ruling that would have forced Catholic groups in PA to pay for abortion-inducing drugs for their employees.

The special prosecutor who built a criminal case against **Attorney General Kathleen Kane** was legally appointed, the state Supreme Court ruled recently.

The **Pennsylvania State System of Higher Education's** Board of Governors narrowly voted 9-8 to approve a tuition freeze for the 2015-16 academic year, so long as they get all of the \$45.3 million increase proposed by Governor Wolf.

Philadelphia's mayor and all 15 City Council members — who penned an open letter

in further protest of "the discriminatory Religious Freedom Restoration Act-styled laws — want you to know that Philly will show you the brotherly love and sisterly affection you deserve."

On April 18, **Planned Parenthood Keystone** (PPK) will hold a fundraiser in New Hope (Bucks County). It will benefit PPK's Rainbow Room and other "LGBT education and outreach initiatives."

News From National Scene
The National Black Church Initiative (NBCI), a faith-based coalition of 34,000 churches comprised of 15 denominations and 15.7 million African Americans has broken its fellowship with Presbyterian Church USA (PCUSA) following its recent vote to approve same-sex marriage.

U.S. Senator Cory Booker from New Jersey proposed an amendment to a federal spending bill that would have restricted federal funds for programs that offer sexual orientation change therapy.

Obama notified Congress of his **"intent to rescind"**

Cuba's inclusion on list of state sponsors of terrorism. US lawmakers have 45 days to oppose the move; otherwise, it will go ahead, removing key hurdle to renew diplomatic relations with communist Cuba.

Judge Andrew Hanen of Federal District Court for the Southern District of Texas has refused to lift the injunction he had placed on the president's immigration program, saying that to do so would cause irreparable harm. The judge concluded that he "remained convinced" that the president had exceeded his authority by seeking to allow millions of illegals to stay in the country legally and obtain work permits. 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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