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News From Around PA
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.

News from National Scene
The Arkansas Supreme Court struck down the homosexual special rights ordinance the **city of Fayetteville** had passed. In February 2015, the legislature passed Act 137 that prohibits local governments from adding additional categories that are not included in the state law.

Washington, DC has become the sixth place in the nation to legalize physician-assisted suicide.

Carmel Teens for Life, a pro-life group in Carmel High School (IN), spent over 25

hours painting a poster display which included 300 individual tiny hearts, each representing 10 lives to symbolize the statement "3,000 Lives Are Ended Each Day." The school approved the display; one student complained and the administration tore it down and threw it away! The club reached out to a constitutional law firm, which quickly convinced the school to change its mind!

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. 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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