



## American Family Association of Pennsylvania Weekly Update



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### **Check Our Recent Interview**

Steve McConkey, President of 4 Winds Christian Athletics <http://afaofpa.org/listen/>

### **News From Around PA**

Philly City Councilwoman **Blondell Brown** proposes the Mayor's Office of LGBT Affairs become permanent.

Parents are being told that the **opt out procedure** for the PSSA and Keystone tests has changed this year. This is NOT true! The only reason still available for parents to opt their child out is if the tests are in conflict with their religious beliefs. Parents are NOT required to note any specific religion or objections. More later.

Acting-Secretary of the Commonwealth **Pedro Cortes** says the DOS is working to develop an online voter registration system and that one could be rolled out within the next four months.

Over 300 Republicans submitted an amicus brief asking the US Supreme Court to legalize same-sex 'marriage' across the nation. **Former PA Governor Tom Ridge's** name was on the list.

Two hundred Democrat **members of Congress** filed a similar brief. The names of Senator Bob Casey, PA Congressmen Brendan Boyle, Bob Brady, Matt Cartwright, Michael Doyle and Chaka Fattah were on that brief.

Freedom From Religion Foundation demands cross be removed from **Lehigh County Seal**. Commissioners say "NO."

### **News from National Scene**

Since **Obamacare** took effect in 2013, there are 11 million more on Medicaid or CHIP.

**Sergeant Bowe Bergdahl** has been charged with desertion and misbehavior before the enemy.

Leaders of **Jewish Reform** movement has installed their first openly LGBT national president, Rabbi Denise Eger.

The "Code of Ethics" of the Society of Professional

Journalists says that the media should "avoid conflicts of interest, real or perceived." However, on the issue of homosexuality the media has taken sides! **Fox News** is joining CBS and CNN as "silver" sponsors of the National Lesbian and Gay Journalists Association gala.

By a vote of 392-37 the US House passes so-called "**doc fix,**" which repeals Medicare's Sustainable Growth Rate and replaces it with another formula to determine how doctors who accept Medicare are paid. It will increase the deficit by \$141 billion over next decade. All PA Congressmen voted "Yea."

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