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News From Around PA

Abortion clinic, **Hillcrest Women's Center**, in Harrisburg has lost its license after a scathing 44 page report from the PA Department of Health.

During testimony before the **Senate Law and Justice Committee**, a top state police official revealed PA's liquor licensees harbor an estimated 13,500 illegal electronic gambling machines generating \$350 million in income annually.

PA Department of Education has submitted its **Consolidated Plan** to the US Department of Education outlining how it will comply with the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA). Both House and Senate Education Committee chairmen say the PA Department of Education plan is a step backwards.

University of Pittsburgh's **Fossil-Free Pitt Coalition and United Students Against Sweatshops** gathered to stage a protest with a list of demands for Chancellor Patrick Gallagher. The fifteen demands include raising the minimum wage of student workers to \$15 an hour, divesting its financial holdings in fossil fuels, disarming campus police and forbidding city police on campus, declaring the campus as a sanctuary campus, and gender neutral bathrooms in every building on campus.

Philadelphia **Mayor Jim Kenney** has named a "trans woman" (biological male) to be on the revived Police Advisory Commission, a civilian watchdog agency that investigates complaints of police misconduct.

Two Lehigh Valley homosexual organizations -- the **Bradbury-Sullivan LGBT Community Center** and Pride of the Greater Lehigh Valley - have merged. The main purpose was to make sure Allentown's annual Pride in the Park could continued.

Campus Pride's top 25 LGBT-friendly campuses include The Pennsylvania State University (University Park) and University of Pennsylvania (Philadelphia). Their campuses were reviewed for LGBTQ inclusion in policies, programs and practices.

News from National Scene

The After School Satan Club in Tacoma, WA has stopped meeting after only one student joined the club. The **Satanic Temple** has pledged to target school districts across the country that allow Good News Clubs to meet.

By a 50-47 vote Noel Francisco has been confirmed as the next **US Solicitor General**. He was a former clerk to the late Supreme Court Justice Antonin Scalia.

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