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News From Around PA

According to the state Department of Human Services' **2015 Annual Child Protective Services Report**, 4,203 children in PA were abused, representing a 25 percent increase over 2014. Forty-seven percent of the substantiated cases involved child sexual abuse and 34 child deaths occurred.

Same-sex "marriage" in PA was not recognized in 1997, but Chester County Common Pleas Judge John Hall has ruled that the ongoing relationship of two homosexual men was a **common law marriage**. One of the men died in October and the judge's ruling opens the door for the other to obtain Amtrak death benefits

A man in the male housing unit of the **Luzerne County Correctional Facility** in "the process of changing sex from

male to female" is upset and wants out. According to court papers, "defendant feels unsafe in the male inmate housing due to derisive comments about her identity from both inmates and corrections officers."

Manheim Township School District has changed its policy to clarify that not standing for the National Anthem before games will not result in removal.

The nearly 40 year **reciprocal tax agreement** between New Jersey and Pennsylvania will be no more come Jan. 1.

The **PA Supreme Court** has revised its nondiscrimination policy to include gender identity/expression. It includes sexual orientation. All courts, DA's and attorneys engaging with the court must follow the new policy.

News from National Scene

A new study from the University of Michigan's Energy Institute reports biofuels such as **ethanol and biodiesel** are not inherently carbon neutral. "When it comes to the emissions that cause global warming, it turns out that biofuels are

worse than gasoline," said UM research professor John DeCicco, one of the authors.

The **Hawaii Board of Education** now mandates sexuality education in kindergarten! Planned Parenthood lobbied for the change and Comprehensive Sexuality Education complete with the new components of "Gender Ideology" was adopted.

After a complaint by the so-called **Military Religious Freedom Foundation**, West Point removed a video clip of the football team's postgame locker-room celebration after its win over Temple and is investigating whether a team prayer ending in Jesus' name violated the religious freedom of the players. 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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