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News From Around PA

State Rep. **Stephen Bloom**, R-199th is circulating a co-sponsorship memo for an academic freedom bill. His proposal grew out of concerns from students and parents about how the classroom environment is stifled when some scientific theories are discussed.

The **Council of Elders at the Aldan Union Church** in Delaware County has voted to end their 93 year charter with the Boy Scouts because of their change in policy allowing boys who identify as homosexual into their ranks.

News from National Scene

Several dozen **U.S. Army active duty and reserve troops** at Camp Shelby, MS were told the AFA is a domestic hate group because the group advocates for traditional family values. The

presentation listed the AFA alongside domestic hate groups like the Ku Klux Klan, Neo-Nazis, the Black Panthers and the Nation of Islam. A concerned soldier, a supporter of the AFA, took a picture of the slideshow which connected the AFA with Fred Phelps' Westboro Baptist Church. In response to AFA's demand for an explanation, the Army issued a statement which said in part, "The briefing has been updated and any reference to American Family Association has been removed. We consider the matter closed." Hmm, that's what they said when the same thing happened at Ft. Campbell, KY!

The **US Supreme Court** has agreed to hear a First Amendment case out of Greece, NY where local officials ask clergy to open town council meetings with prayer. They were sued by two residents in 2008. Surprisingly, the Department of Justice has filed an amicus brief siding with Greece arguing that prayers pose no violation of the Constitution.

In Hawaii **a group of atheists** is suing churches for fraud,

claiming the congregations have cheated public schools out of rent. The lawsuit claims local churches owe as much as \$5.6 million in unpaid rent. Several churches in the area lease weekend space from the local schools, making equipment and room upgrades as they go. In a 2,200-page report, the atheists argue congregations overused facilities and intentionally file false forms to save money. "Coincidentally," these same churches were outspoken supporters of traditional marriage during the recent debate on same sex "marriage."

AFA of PA encourages Christians, through education, to become involved in pro-family issues in their community, state and the nation. 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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