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News From Around PA
Twenty-six state reps and four senators are choosing not to seek re-election; the largest number in 25 years.

Yardley Borough becomes the fifth Bucks County municipality to pass a homosexual/transgender special rights ordinance. It calls for the creation of a three- to five-person Human Relations Commission, which will field complaints alleging discrimination in housing, employment, public accommodations or access to educational institutions, based on their “actual or perceived” race, sexual orientation, gender identity or expression, or disability. First-term Yardley Councilman David Bria, an open homosexual, introduced the ordinance.

Governor Wolf and a host of legislators held a press conference at Temple University’s Liacouras Center calling for the passage of the so-called Fairness Act. Philly Democrat and sponsor of the Senate version, Senator Larry Farnese said he would oppose any attempt to strip the bill of its public-accommodation provisions, as happened last session.

A recent University of Pennsylvania School of Nursing study found that GBQ (gay, bisexual, queer) boys need more sex ed because their parents are assuming they are “straight” when they have THE talk.

News from National Scene
The head of the US Coast Guard said that the force will continue to allow transgender members to serve, despite the ban recently finalized by President Trump.

Freedom From Religion Foundation has complained to the Wayne County, TN Board of Education after a video was posted of a student praying during morning announcements. FFRF said it’s unconstitutional and the superintendent has promised it will never happen again!

Arkansas schools will begin displaying “In God We Trust” posters. Act 911 requires schools to display posters with the motto, as well as the U.S. and Arkansas state flags, if the posters are donated. FFRF said the law is “the machinery of the state to promote Christianity.”

New York City now allows inmates to choose where they want to be housed based on gender identity.

U.S. District Judge Marsha Pechman has ordered President Trump not to ban transgender troops from serving, saying it’s unclear whether recent changes to his administration's policy are constitutional.

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