



American Family Association of Pennsylvania Weekly Update

Seeking to Expose Attacks on Faith, Family and Freedom with a few wins thrown in!

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Check Our Recent Blog Post

Guest: Phillip Juaregui
Topic: Judicial Activism

News From Around PA

Protestors gathered outside the Philly office of **US attorney for the Eastern District of PA, William McSwain**, demanding that he drop his plans to shutter Safehouse if it opens and arrest those who use it. Safehouse would be the first location in the US where people can use illegal opioids under medical supervision. Federal Judge Gerald McHugh (an Obama appointee) ruled it did not violate federal drug laws!

The Human Rights Campaign, the nation's largest LGBTQ lobby group, has created a **"Municipal Equality Index."** Philadelphia, Allentown and Pittsburgh received perfect scores. Carlisle (86), Erie (75), Harrisburg (69), New Hope (89), Reading (91), State College Boro (100) and Wilkes-Barre (90).

News From National Scene

A female student at **Nease High School in St. John's**

County, FL had "transitioned" to a boy before her freshman year and began using the boys' bathroom. The school stopped the practice, asked her to use the gender-neutral bathroom and she sued. A lower court ruled in favor of the female student, but the school district appealed to the 11th US Circuit Court of Appeals. Oral arguments were heard this week.

Iowa has a state law that prohibits "loud and raucous noise in the vicinity of any residence or public building which causes unreasonable distress to the occupants thereof." Two pro-lifers who stood on the public sidewalks and read Scripture outside abortion facilities challenged the law in 2018. In September a US District Court judge ruled in favor of the pro-lifers and earlier this week ordered the state to pay \$130,000 in legal fees!

A faith-based pregnancy center, a church and other religious nonprofits have filed a lawsuit in federal court that challenges **New York's law** that forces them to hire employees who disagree with the fundamental beliefs and mission of the organizations.

Sexuality Information and Education Council of the United States or **SIECUS** has launched a rebrand to highlight the group's new and evolving direction. The effort follows a multitude of organizational initiatives that highlight sex education as a vehicle for social change. It is now known as SIECUS: Sex Ed for Social Change.

Washington and Lee University diplomas display portraits of both George Washington and Robert E. Lee, given that the school has been named after them. Students are demanding that they now be provided the option of removing the portraits of the school's namesakes. "The goal of establishing this option is to create a diploma that alumni are proud to prominently display in their homes and places of work."

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