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News From Around PA

PA's unemployment rate jumped by **22 percent** in 2016 -- the third lowest total during the last seven years -- as state's employers added a net 32,000 jobs for the year.

West York Borough has proposed an ordinance to decriminalize possession of small amounts of marijuana.

Governor Tom Wolf has announced his support for former **Secretary of Labor Tom Perez** for Chair of the Democratic National Comm.

A suspended female teacher and former coach in the **Williamsport Area School District** will have her day in court to face charges including aggravated, institutional and indecent assault for her alleged sexual relations with two of her female students.

News from National Scene

Fox Ridge Middle School in Colorado is making **pornographic material** (i.e. erotica, advice on performing certain acts, homosexual propaganda, information on bondage) accessible as part of their sex ed curriculum. Parents of one middle schooler stumbled upon it when they were checking their child's password access at school. When they confronted the school about it, the parents were accused of breaking school policy by logging on to the materials!

Rules finalized on December 9th require companies to track the origin of **each fish** imported into the U.S. Companies would have to prove where each fish or cut of meat came from, down to the ship that caught it or the farm that raised it. Fish companies have announced a lawsuit against the gov't over the new rules.

On the day Donald Trump became President, FCC Chair **Tom Wheeler** stepped down. His term does not expire until 2018, but the incoming administration is expected to reverse FCC's controversial

regs such as net neutrality. Perhaps Wheeler saw the writing on the wall!

During Barak Obama's waning days in the White House he made last minute appointments to federal posts that will make changing the direction of some agencies difficult. One example is that of former homosexual ambassador **Randy Berry** who has been placed in the State Dept's Bureau of Democracy, Human Rights and Labor. He has argued the best way to make a country "gay-friendly" is to target its constitution! Berry could still influence policy, but from a position that doesn't require executive approval.

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