



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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News from Around PA
Three Shapiro administration cabinet members -- **Secretary of State Al Schmidt, Revenue Secretary Pat Browne and Human Services Secretary Val Arkoosh** -- become automatically confirmed without Senate votes due to inaction by the chamber in the 25 legislative days required under the Constitution.

In Philadelphia a **cross-dressing Black Lives Matter supporter shot and killed five** and wounded several others. Soros-backed DA Larry Krasner is calling for more gun laws and warning against 'transphobia'. New gun laws will not help Philly, as Krasner is not enforcing the existing gun laws and has failed to obtain a conviction on nearly 50% of gun cases since taking office. Philly, which already has strict gun laws, has the highest murder rate amongst America's 10 largest cities.

The **US Supreme Court** ruled 9-to-0 in a case that strengthens protections for religious employees. In this case, Gerald Groff, an evangelical Christian

employed by the U.S. Postal Service in Lancaster, objected to working Sunday shifts and the Post Office refused to accommodate him after they began making Sunday Amazon deliveries.

In 2018 members of the 118-year-old **New Central Baptist Church** in South Philly voted to remove their pastor, citing his dictatorial methods and misappropriation of \$16,000 in church funds. After his refusal to leave by April 2019, members sued the pastor, but a judge overturned the firing, saying it did not follow church bylaws. The pastor has since changed the locks and continues to preach to the approximate 50-member church, down from its 3,000 member heyday. Church members have appealed to the PA Superior Court.

State Rep. La'Tasha D. Mayes, D-Allegheny, served as grand marshal of the Pittsburgh Pride March and Parade 2023

A **Philly trans woman**, a biological male, has filed suit against Independence Blue Cross, claiming he was denied coverage for facial feminization surgery.

News From National Scene

A panel of the **6th Circuit Court of Appeals** has ruled that the Tennessee law banning puberty blockers, cross-sex hormones and surgeries for minors, which had been challenged by the ACLU, can go into effect immediately.

Suicide rates among **active-duty military personnel** saw a 25% rise in the first quarter of 2023.

The **CDC's official website published advice for trans, biological men** taking hormones to grow breasts, and non-binary individuals on how to "chestfeed" their infants. Several doctors have claimed the CDC has failed to gauge the risks posed to children drinking milk produced by chemicals used in gender-reassignment medical operations.

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