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Guest: Twila Brase
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News From Around PA
Senator Daylin Leach (D-Montgomery) lost his re-election bid to East Norriton Township Board of Supervisors member Amanda Cappelletti, who had picked up high profile endorsements from Senators Bernie Sanders and Elizabeth Warren and Governor Tom Wolf. She is a former head of public policy for Planned Parenthood. Leach had been disowned by his party over allegations of sexual misconduct.

HR 836 ends Governor Wolf’s coronavirus emergency declaration and has passed in the General Assembly. Governor Wolf is ignoring it and the PA Supreme Court will have the final say.

House Speaker Mike Turzai announced he will resign from the General Assembly effective June 15th!

The Senate has passed SB 1166, a constitutional amendment limiting a governor’s emergency declaration to 30 days and it only can be extended with legislative approval. This is the first step in a 2-year process.

News From National Scene
Recently the Amazon board of directors defeated a shareholder resolution that would have removed the Southern Poverty Law Center (SPLC) as the “overseer” of their AmazonSmile program. Amazon allows the SPLC to decide whether the chosen charity is “appropriate”. Remember the SPLC has named pro-family organizations such as the AFA of PA as ‘hate groups, equating them to the KKK or Nazis.

Due Date Too Late, a Colorado group behind the initiative to ban abortions at 22 weeks, has successfully collected 153,204 signatures to get the measure on the November ballot.

US Health and Human Services announced a final rule which scrapped an Obama-era regulation that forced medical workers to perform abortions despite their religious objections. It also redefined sex-based discrimination in health care to include questions of gender identity.

In the clamor to defund police forces nationwide, the children’s show “Paw Patrol” has now been targeted because it portrays police in a positive manner.

Pixar is featuring an openly gay lead character - “following a gay man’s journey into acceptance as he prepares to move into a city with his boyfriend.” The film “Out” was released on Disney Streaming.

US Dept. of Ed has issued a 45 page letter saying it will seek to withhold federal funding from schools which allow athletes to participate in sports under the gender with which they identify.

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