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

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News from Around PA

The 2024 University of Pennsylvania's **Penn LGBT Center's Scholars-in-Residence Program** will include Ted Talks by three LGBTQ+ scholars. The "focus will be on scholars from the Philadelphia area to connect students with LGBTQ+ professionals who represent the local community."

News From National Scene

A federal judge in Texas declared that "**diversity, equity and inclusion**" rules at a federal business development agency unconstitutionally discriminated against white business owners.

A federal judge in North Dakota **struck down Biden administration regulations** that forced religious employers to pay for insurance policies that cover transgender treatments. The regulations also forced religious doctors to perform transgender procedures.

Parents Defending Education, a parental rights group, found that some

"health centers" in K-12 public schools offered acupuncture, gynecologic care, "mental health services," "reproductive services," testing for sexually transmitted diseases, "prescriptions for short-term hormonal birth control like the birth control pill", seeking info on chest binders for "transitioning" students, including some in fifth grade. A simple permission slip from parents allows "full access to use the health center's services."

A bill before Mississippi lawmakers might allow **incarcerated people to sue jails and prisons** if they encounter inmates from the opposite sex, such as those who are transgender, in restrooms or changing areas.

A **pagan statue celebrating abortion** was installed under cover of darkness at the University of Houston. The 18-foot tall statue depicting a naked woman with goat horns for hair and tentacles for arms, adorned with a lace collar around the neck is set to be displayed from February 28 to October 31.

In September 2022 the **Satanic Temple** sued Idaho on behalf of its female members who were "involuntarily pregnant" (either because they were too young to consent or because their birth control had failed) over the state's abortion law. They used arguments ranging from abortion was a federally protected right to the uterus of a pregnant woman was a physical thing in which she had property rights. They used the 13th and 14th amendments and even Idaho's Free Exercise of Religion Act saying Idaho's abortion law was a violation of The Satanic Temple members' rights to partake in the "Satanic abortion ritual." US District Court Chief Judge David Nye dismissed the case, debunking each argument made!

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