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Podcast: Guest - Clay Breese; What Berks County Found From ES&S Voting Systems

News From Around PA
Lehigh University’s College of Business professor of economics Frank Gunter was asked by the school to create a brief video from his recent op-ed “Three Myths About Poverty.” He sought to debunk the ideas that “poverty is mostly a matter of race,” that it is “a generational curse,” and that “the poor have no agency.” Lehigh Students for BLM and others, including fellow professors, took issue with Professor Gunter’s video and the school removed it from the main page and reposted it on a new page alongside a new video produced by the Dept. of Sociology and Anthropology which sought to debunk Gunter’s video.

PA House GOP plans to investigate the Wolf Administration’s COVID-19 nursing home policy.

PA Supreme Court Chief Justice Thomas Saylor, a Republican, must retire at the end of this year because he will turn 75 and cannot legally run for another 10-year term. He has announced he will step down as Chief Justice on April 1st, with his successor being Max Baer, a Democrat.

Transgender Tyler Titus to run for Erie County Executive. Titus’ “preferred pronoun” is they and “they” currently serves as President of the Erie City School Board!

News From National Scene
A federal judge threw out a lawsuit by a biological male who identifies as a woman who claimed, after his application was rejected, that Miss United States of America is discriminatory.

EBay removes six “racist” Dr. Seuss books: And To Think That I Saw It On Mulberry Street, If I Ran the Zoo, The Cat’s Quizzer, McElligot’s Pool, On Beyond Zebra!, and Scrambled Eggs Super! EBay says these books violate the company’s “Offensive material policy.”

The Gloucester County, Virginia School Board is taking the Gavin Grimm case back to the US Supreme Court. This is the case where a female student who identified as a male wanted to use the boys’ restroom. In 2017 the Trump Administration withdrew support for Grimm’s case before the Supreme Court and it was sent back to the lower courts.

The George Floyd Justice in Policing Act of 2021 passed the US House by a vote of 220-212 with all Republicans, except Gooden (TX) and two Democrats (Golden [ME] and Kind [WI]) voting “nay.” The bill would take away tools that help keep police officers safe. It bans the use of no-knock warrants in drugs cases at the federal level (even raiding drug dealers’ “stash houses”!). The bill imposes new standards for the use of deadly force. It also removes important protections when a law enforcement officer—or anyone else—is subjected to federal criminal prosecution.

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