



## 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 Allegheny County Council** voted 8-6, with one member absent, to consider the creation of a County citizens' police review board. The approved proposal had no details concerning term of office, accountability, etc.

For the third year Philadelphia will hold a "**Bi Visibility Day**," a day to bring attention to those who identify as "bisexual." The September 23<sup>rd</sup> event is extended to the 'bi umbrella' -- under it are people who might identify as "queer or pansexual or homoflexible or heteroflexible."

The **PA Department of Aging** will hold its first ever LGBTQ Aging Summit in Harrisburg on October 9<sup>th</sup> thru 10<sup>th</sup>.

U.S. District Judge Sylvia Rambo, in a 31-page opinion, has ruled unconstitutional a PA law that prohibits casino owners and others with a

stake in the **gambling industry** from donating to political campaigns in the state

Former **President Obama** made several campaign stops in PA hoping to boost the chances of Democrat wins in November. On Friday he attended a fund-raiser for Senator Bob Casey, Jr.

The **PA Department of Labor and Industry** this week announced that as part of the 2017 building code law, it is required to enact regulations incorporating the newly adopted 2015 International Code Council codes from the United Nations.

### News From National Scene

The **American Academy of Pediatrics** released a statement urging parents to accept their child's "gender identity." The Academy called for "comprehensive" and "gender-affirming health care" (including "surgical intervention" and puberty blockers) for gender confused minors.

The truth is finally out: **Bert and Ernie** are NOT gay! A heated online debate took place this week over the

issue. Former Sesame Street writer, Mark Saltzman, says he patterned Bert and Ernie after his gay relationship. Co-creator of many Muppet characters, Frank Oz, swiftly countered, "I created Bert, I know what and who he is." LGBT activists responded that "characters can evolve beyond their creators' intentions." Oz' response: "Oh come on . . . ." Not satisfied, LGBTQ newspaper *The Advocate* concludes "The truth is that Bert and Ernie are gay, because that is how they have been embraced by LGBTQ culture. And no amount of press releases or denials will change that."

A federal court in Wisconsin found that denying health insurance for "**gender-affirming**" medical care was "sex discrimination."

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