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News From Around PA
Before the April primary State Rep Leslie Acosta (D-Philadelphia) pleaded guilty to playing a role in an embezzlement scheme, but that news never became public until now!! She can legally hold her seat until sentenced, but Democratic leaders, including Governor Wolf, are asking her to resign now. She has said she will not resign and intends to petition the courts to allow her to hold her seat even after she's sentenced!!

Auditor General Eugene DePasquale has released another charter school audit bolstering his claim the law needs changed.

Commonwealth Court has rejected most of Governor Wolf’s executive order that gave collective bargaining rights to direct care workers. The majority opinion characterized the EO as "de facto legislation."

Wilkes Barre city council has unanimously passed a homosexual/transgender special rights ordinance.

News from National Scene
The US Fourth Circuit Court of Appeals ruled 2-1 in favor of Rowan County, NC county commissioners in a lawsuit brought by the ACLU challenging the prayers offered at the beginning of the commissioners' meetings.

California Governor Brown has just signed into law a measure to reduce greenhouse-gas emissions from dairy farms and landfills. Farmers will receive aid from the $50 million or so raised via polluter fees, which they can then put toward machinery that uses methane to create energy they can in turn sell to electric companies. The state's Air Resources Board can also now regulate bovine belching and breaking wind.

Broward County Clerk Yanicka Parker was fired for asking her boss to have someone else in the clerk's office issue a marriage license to gays. Issuing marriage licenses was only a small portion of her duties in the large office, but the Clerk of Courts refused to accommodate the Christian minister's request to be transferred to another department.

The continuing resolution currently before the US Senate was written behind closed doors by Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell. It does not address the handover of the Internet and only funds the government through Dec. 9th, setting up a lame duck session of Congress.

A new HUD regulation will allow men who think they are women access to women's homeless shelters!

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