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News From Around PA

Both the ACLU and attorneys for the Commonwealth have asked Judge John Jones to issue a **summary judgment** in the case defending marriage rather than have a jury trial scheduled to begin on June 9th. According to the April 22nd Harrisburg *Patriot News*: "A trial became unnecessary after the Commonwealth indicated it would not call experts to counter the argument from plaintiffs that there is no rational reason why lesbian and gay couples are excluded from marriage. The state has also indicated it does not plan to dispute the specific harms caused to the plaintiffs by the marriage ban." So . . . what's the plan?

The **U.S. Department of Justice** has filed a "statement of interest" in the case of transgender Bobbie Burnett,

contending Philadelphia construes anti-bias laws in a narrow manner that unfairly excludes transgender people. Burnett is a city library assistant suing the city for "pervasive workplace bias due to her sex and gender identity."

While **table games** in Pennsylvania's casinos posted their highest revenue total ever in March, that wasn't enough to keep overall revenues in March above where they were last year at the same time.

Nazareth Area School District is being sued by parents of a first grader who was forbidden to hand out St. Valentine's Day cards because they contained a religious message.

News from National Scene

Billionaire Republican donor **Paul Singer** brought together a bipartisan coalition that aims to move the GOP to push homosexual "rights."

Open enrollment in the **Obamacare exchanges** is closed for 2014, but you may still have options to get health coverage this year; one is "leaving incarceration"

Coincidentally, the DOJ has announced new clemency guidelines for nonviolent offenders.

The **Matawan-Aberdeen Regional School District** in Monmouth County, NJ is being sued by parents claiming that asking children to recite the words "under God" during the Pledge of Allegiance is discrimination.

Republicans in **Missouri State House** brought impeachment charges against Dem Gov Jay Nixon for his executive order allowing same-sex couples who "marry" in other states to file tax returns jointly in the _____ state.

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