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News From Around PA Philadelphia to host the nation's first LGBT jazz festival in September. Mayor Michael Nutter. said this "provides an opportunity to showcase the rich and vibrant culture of our city."

Three PA lawyers who identify as homosexual have been named as recipients of **The Legal Intelligencer's 2014 Lifetime Achievement Award.** Romulo L. Diaz Jr. of PECO Energy Company, Abbe F. Fletman of Flaster/Greenberg and Cletus P. Lyman of Lyman & Ash will receive the award.

PA police officers no longer need a warrant to search a citizen's vehicle, according to a recent state Supreme Court opinion. Previously, citizens could refuse an officer's request to search a vehicle. In most cases, the officer

would then need a warrant — signed by a judge — to conduct the search.

Philadelphia City Councilman **Kenney** introduced a bill that would reduce possession of less than an ounce of pot to a civil violation punishable by a \$25 fine.

According to Philadelphia city records, **BSA Troop 474** occupies the "Scout House," at 726 E. Wigard St. in Fairmount Park. Since 1987, the troop has occupied the facility while paying the city \$1 a year. Homosexual activists want them out of the city-owned building in Roxborough because they ban homosexual leaders

News from National Scene U.S. District Magistrate Candy Dale has denied **Governor C.L. "Butch" Otter's** request for a stay on her decision to lift the ban on "gay" marriage in Idaho.

A coalition of **clergy members** is challenging North Carolina's Marriage Protection Amendment with an unusual approach in a federal lawsuit: They say it violates their religious freedom because they

cannot legally perform same sex "marriages" as they want

The Supreme Court, in a 6-2 decision, backed federally imposed limits on smokestack emissions that cross state lines. Justices Scalia and Thomas dissented; Justice Alito recused himself. The new rule would cost power plant operators \$800 million annually, starting in 2014.

Senate Republicans blocked a Democratic bill that would have raised **the minimum wage** to \$10.10 over 30 months and then would have provided automatic annual increases to account for inflation.

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