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News From Around PA

On December 1st, **Republican State Rep Mike Fleck** announced he is homosexual. He represents parts of Huntingdon, Blair and Mifflin counties. He says his "conservative" politics will not change. However, he's already in communication with the first open homosexual elected to the State House, who will take office next month, and the homosexual group Equality PA hopes he will support "equality" bills.

Philadelphia **City Councilman Jim Kenney** has introduced a bill with changes for the city's homosexual residents. These include an "equality tax credit" for businesses which offer domestic partner benefits to same-sex partners of employees,

clarification of life partners registry, language to mandate life partners be included in pension/ survivor benefits for city employees

Brittany Lynn's Drag Mafia will be the first LGBT drag group to ever take part in the Mummers Parade.

News from National Scene

Rep. Randy Forbes (R-Va.), who founded the **Congressional Prayer Caucus** in 2005, said the American Humanist Association is among the "extremist groups" that are advising new Congressmen to stay away from the Caucus.

The United States Supreme Court has announced it will take up two same-sex "marriage" cases - *Windsor v. United States*, which challenges DOMA's right to define marriage for the purposes of the federal government and *Hollingsworth v. Perry*, to determine whether the 14th Amendment of Constitution forbids Californians from amending their constitution to protect marriage.

The DSM-V, the latest version of the APA's

Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders, will reclassify "gender identity disorder" as "gender dysphoria." The new guidelines say patients will be diagnosed with "gender dysphoria" if they display "a marked incongruence between one's experienced/ expressed gender and assigned gender." Dr. Kenneth Zucker, who chairs the APA's committee on gender identity disorders, said the task force did discuss the possibility of dropping gender confusion from the DSM, but ultimately decided it should stay in, with some changes.

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