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News From Around PA
On February 17th, "Caitlyn" Jenner will be at the University of Pennsylvania having a 60 minute "conversation" with Buzz Bissinger on his decision to announces he's transgender.

Mummers leadership has spent the last week meeting with LGBT leaders to discuss the "nuances" of the LGBT community. Also there are new plans for a review process so Mummers leaders can see each brigade's planned performance before the New Year's Day parade.

Transgenders are upset by the PA State Police practice of categorizing anti-transgender crimes by male or female "portrayal."

News from National Scene
National Science Foundation officials award $7 billion in grants annually based on funding proposals the agency's watchdog estimates have hundreds of examples of plagiarism and "falsified or fabricated data."

Supreme Court announced that it will hear a case brought by 26 states challenging President Barack Obama's attempt to give legal status and work authorizations to more than 4 million illegal immigrants.

The Department of Defense's director of diversity broke rules to funnel more than a million dollars to groups like the NAACP and the office was home to numerous incidents of violence, auditors found.

The Nebraska School Activities Association board approved a policy to allow transgender students to participate in the sports associated with the gender with which they identify. The new policy passed 6-2 and will become a part of the organization's bylaws and take effect immediately.

Federal Reserve Bank of New York officials secretly conducted real-time exercises during the 2011 and 2013 debt-limit crisis that demonstrated the federal government could function during a temporary shutdown by prioritizing spending, even as Treasury Secretary Jack Lew publicly claimed many times that such efforts were "unworkable."

The Olympic Committee has a new policy that allows men to compete as woman (and vice versa). Here's the relevant portion of the reasoning: To require surgical anatomical changes as a pre-condition to participation is not necessary to preserve fair competition and may be inconsistent with developing legislation and notions of human rights.

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