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News From Around PA
A study from Health Affairs, a leading journal of health policy, thought and research, reviewed Medicare cost reports and examined 50 U.S. hospitals with the highest charge-to-cost ratios in 2012. The highest Pennsylvania hospital on the list - fifth place overall was Chestnut Hill Hospital, with a 1,190 percent markup over actual cost. Other PA hospitals on the list were Easton Hospital - 1,040 markup; Crozer Chester Medical - 1,010 markup; Brandywine Hospital - 990 markup; Hahnemann University Hospital - 950 markup; Phoenixville Hospital - 950 markup; Pottstown Memorial Medical Center - 930 markup


State Rep Michelle Brownlee resigned after pleading guilty to violating PA's conflict-of-interest law.

Pedro Cortes confirmed 31 to 18 to be next PA Secretary of State; Dr. "Rachel" Levine unanimously confirmed to be PA's next Physician General.

News From National Scene
Democrats, with the help of eight Republicans in the Senate, blocked an amendment which would have deferred the definition of marriage for qualifying for veterans' benefits to the state where the marriage license was issued.

Of the over 30,000 criminal illegal aliens released onto the streets by the Department of Homeland Security while waiting for their cases to be heard, 3,700 were deemed "Threat level 1" criminals - convicted of murder, kidnap, sexual assault, commercialized sexual offenses, battery, domestic violence, driving under the influence.

Franklin Graham has pulled Billy Graham Evangelistic Association money from Wells Fargo after they aired an ad with two lesbians.

Rainbow flags flew from the American Embassy in Tel Aviv as between 100,000 and 180,000 marched in that city's gay pride parade. Israel has emerged as one of the world's most homosexual-friendly travel destinations in recent years.

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