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Guest: Commonwealth Court Judge Patricia McCullough

News From Around PA

State House Democrats Sara Innamorato and Joseph Hohenstein are circulating a co-sponsorship memo to create the “Office of New Pennsylvanians”. It would be tasked with “attracting, retaining, and embracing immigrants in our Commonwealth.” Question: Are they referring to legal or illegal “immigrants”?

According to the 2020 Census, PA will lose one congressional seat. The Legislative Reapportionment Commission, split evenly among the PA House and Senate GOP and Dem leaders and couldn’t reach an agreement regarding who to choose as the fifth member and chair of the commission. The PA Supreme Court stepped in to name former U Pitt Chancellor Mark Nordenberg.

The Philly District Attorney’s Office (DOA) has created a method of tracking LGBTQ related crimes in the city. DAO LGBTQ+ Liaison Kelly Burkhardt says this is needed: “LGBTQ folks, because of being such a marginalized population . . . .”

CDC reports STIs have reached all-time high for sixth consecutive year with men who have sex with men “disproportionately impacted.” Philly’s Mazzoni Center says the answer is, “LGBTQI-sensitive sex ed.”

News From National Scene

The US Dept of Justice filed a court document supporting Ashley Diamond, a man who thinks he’s a woman, who wants to be transferred to a Georgia women’s prison.

NJ Governor Phil Murphy has named Shawn LaTourette as commissioner of the Dept. of Environmental Protection. He is “the first out LGBTQ+ person in the US to helm a state-level environmental protection agency” and Murphy’s second LGBTQ cabinet member.

The Biden Administration has announced that the US will be withdrawing from the pro-life Geneva Consensus Declaration, noting “we have reservations that aspects of the document are not consistent with our . . . policies, including those relating to women’s health, LGBTQI equality, and gender equality.”

Leading up to June’s ‘gay pride month’ and beyond, Disney is offering everything gay-themed from clothing, accessories, pins and plush toys i.e. rainbow clothes for Micky and Minnie Mouse!

Lubbock, TX voters approved a ballot measure to ban abortion and allow relatives of aborted babies to sue abortion providers. It becomes the largest US city to declare itself a “sanctuary city for the unborn.” Leaders of Planned Parenthood say the Lubbock facility, which opened last fall, will remain open. It’s unknown whether it will stop doing abortions and simply provide “non-abortion services.”

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