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By a vote of 116-86 the State House has passed SB 2, the Senate-passed constitutional amendment that will limit a governor’s emergency declaration to 21 days unless an extension is approved by the General Assembly. Throughout 2020, Governor Wolf used his COVID emergency declaration to take actions without approval from the legislature. The voters will now get to decide on May 18 whether they want this language added to the PA Constitution.

Fourteen Philly-based companies received a perfect rating from the Human Rights Campaign’s Corporate Equality Index which rates how “gay-friendly” their policies are. Here they are: Aramark Corp; Ballard Spahr LLP; Blank Rome LLP; Chubb Ltd.; Comcast NBCUniversal; Cozen O’Connor; Dechert LLP; Duane Morris LLP; Federal Reserve Bank of Philadelphia; FMC Corp; Fox Rothschild LLP; Montgomery McCracken LLP; Morgan, Lewis & Bockius LLP; Saul Ewing Arnstein & Lehr LLP.

Tennis champion Martina Navratilova called for a special provision to be made for elite sport after President Joe Biden signed an executive order allowing men who believe they are women to play in women’s sports. She opposed “an all-inclusive situation where “trans men” and women, just based on their self-id, would be able to compete with no mitigation ... that clearly would not be a level playing field,” she said.

Two women in NYC were caught posting “transphobic” stickers that read “Transwomen are men”! In response, NYC Council member Mark Levine called the stickers “disgusting and dangerous” and tweeted: "#TransWomenAreWomen."

The Satanic Temple has sued Boston challenging its practice of allowing council members to choose those who will voice the opening prayer. The complaint states, “We take no issue with the fact that the City permits many congregations to invoke Jesus before council meetings. We just want an equal opportunity — one guaranteed by the Constitution — to invoke Satan.”

New York Liberty (WNBA) guard Layshia Clarendon, who identifies as transgender and nonbinary, announced on social media that she had surgery to remove her breasts. She posted a photo taken after the surgery with the remark, "Sighhhh... freedom... freedom at last."

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