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Presidents' Day Has Changed, Valentine's Day Has Not

Presidents' Day is a federal holiday celebrated on the third Monday in February. In 2021 it will occur on this coming Monday, February 15. Originally established in 1885 in recognition of President George Washington, the holiday became popularly known as Presidents' Day after it was moved as part of 1971's Uniform Monday Holiday Act, an attempt to create more

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EDITORIAL

There Are Sure Some Creative Parking Space Savers Out There

Winter was a bit different to start off this year. We had that good sized pre Christmas snow fall and then January came along which was almost snowless; save for a few flurries here and there. But mostly rain. But now that we're well into February, it looks like the typical seasonal winter weather pattern has finally arrived - snow. And here in the city, we all know what that means: shoveling, ice chipping, throwing salt and sand on the walk and stairs and of course, that long held

tradition of jockeying for a parking spot.

How's that work? Well, as most know, if you put the often strenuous time and effort in to clear a space for your car or pay a couple of the local kids to do it for you, you own it; at least for few days, by marking it with an orange cone, a barrel, a chair and/or any number of items you can find. And there is no disputing, that some of our neighbors can get pretty darn creative when it comes to parking space savers. We've seen old

sinks, ripped love seats, cardboard life size cutouts of Arnold Schwarzenegger as the shotgun toting Terminator and Clint Eastwood, menacingly aiming a .44 magnum, daring someone to make his day by 'stealing' the space. We're told that this year; and it should come as no surprise, someone has gone to the effort and expense to have a large cutout of the now iconic Bernie Sanders with mittens photo made and has propped it up and attached to a chair in their space. There are even a

couple of neighbors who have Statues of the Virgin Mary carefully positioned in their spots in the hope that no one would mess with a religious symbol. This is winter in Southie. Some like the tradition, others not so much. But it's probably here to stay.

What is not acceptable to most is putting a space saver in place before the snow arrives or marking a spot after a two inch dusting. The odds are, those space savers will be kicked to the curb without hesitation. That's also part of the unwritten rule - just saying.



"I have wondered at times what the Ten Commandments would look like if Moses had run them through the US Congress" - President Ronald Reagan

Avoid These 3 Things This Valentine's Day: Essential Tips To Keep Your Pet Healthy And Full Of Love



Sweets for your sweetie aren't so sweet for your pets. No pet owner wants the stress of a sick pet on Valentine's Day.

One of the most common pet medical insurance claims around Valentine's Day is chocolate ingestion. In fact, According to Trupanion, a leader in medical insurance for cats and dogs, chocolate made up 70% of toxicity-related claims in the weeks surrounding Valentine's Day over the last five years.

Keep these 3 things away from your pets

Chocolate: The number one danger for pets on Valentine's Day is chocolate - here's what you need to know:

Theobromine and caffeine—the two ingredients in chocolate that are toxic to

pets—are found in greater concentrations in dark chocolate, but any kind of chocolate can be dangerous to our furry friends.

Signs of chocolate poisoning in pets can include vomiting, diarrhea, increased thirst, increased urination, panting or rapid breathing, muscle tremors, and seizures.

Flowers: Valentine bouquets are sweet, but lilies and other toxic flowers can cause kidney disease in curious cats that ingest parts of the flower, or even drink the water from the vase.

Lilies are incredibly dangerous to our feline friends. In fact, lily toxicity is one of Trupanion's most common and one of the most expensive toxicity claims, with an average claim cost of nearly \$800.

Wine: Alcohol and pets don't mix. Keep the wine and any other type of alcohol away from your pet. Alcohol effects the liver just as it does humans, but it can do a lot more damage and quickly.

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The Information Center

More NFL Lectures And A Failing 'My Pillow' Boycott

SOUTH BOSTON TODAY

John Ciccone

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To touch on two topics this week I'll start with the Super Bowl. While many of my friends and family members watched Sunday's game, I did not. I did something else. But I think I know enough about what happened by watching some of the replays on Monday, talking to friends and monitoring the reports on social media to at least get some things right. First of all, most would be in agreement that Brady is a phenomenon, maybe the best quarterback there ever was. While most American football fans, some grudgingly, will admit that and focus on it and give the guy credit for superstar ability, there are some on social media and even in the mainstream media who just had to go on the attack with race baiting, divisive and immature statements. The attacks incredibly broke down to this: 'How dare Brady and how racist of him to play such a decisive role in winning the Super Bowl during Black History month? After all, Brady is white, and KC's quarterback is not. Can we just let this sink in a bit? Is this really the prevailing attitude and mindset of so many on the left? Well yes – it seems to be. It speaks volumes about who these people are, and they are getting worse all the time.

Oh, but I have more NFL nonsense to point out about Sunday's event. With all the great entertainment in our country, 'The Weeknd' was the best they could come up with? But I guess talent is in the eyes and ears of the beholder. But from the surveys the next day, most Americans were not impressed.

There are many people who might not be football fans and don't even have a favorite in the game, but they always tune into the Super Bowl

each year to watch what used to be some really great commercials. For the most part, the commercials used to be side splittingly funny or inspiring and usually memorable and appreciated by the viewers. Well, someone may want to remind Goodell and the other NFL big shots that most Americans do not appreciate being lectured and scolded. And that's what was bombarding the viewing public throughout most of the game. Almost everything was about race. If a theme were to be applied to this year's commercials and if there is a message to be conveyed, it was that we are all racists and we must repent.

Well, the overwhelming number of Americans are NOT racists and are tired of being told they are. And if the NFL thinks that by constantly berating everyone about it is doing anything to 'heal' an exaggerated racial divide in the country, they have it all wrong. Because it is the NFL and their BLM allies who are keeping racism alive and doing their part to keep the divisions going strong. The Super Bowl's viewer numbers were released 2 days later, and they weren't good. It had the lowest viewership since 2006. If NFL wants to have any chance of turning that around, they may want to consider ending the practice of using the event for its political preaching. It's a definite turn off – literally.

As for the singing of the National Anthem, it was nice to see it treated with respect. Eric Church and Jazmine Sullivan sang it with heart, soul and pride and did not put their own twists on it. It was refreshing.

Touching on another issue: We all know who Mike Lindell, the 'My Pillow' guy, is. It would be next to impossible not to know him. His commercials run nonstop to the

point where people see them in their sleep. But that's ok, it's his right to promote his business that he has worked hard to build up. But as we also know, there are those on the left, who don't think he should have the right to promote his business or as far as some are concerned even exist. Why? Because they don't like his politics. He is a Christian, a Conservative and a friend of President Trump. So, they have organized a boycott of his business, But it's obvious that these leftists/liberals/Socialists never learn. Each time they call for a boycott of a business

that they hate, and hate is what so many of them live for, it backfires, as is the case with the current failing My Pillow boycott.

Because, what Conservatives and other fair-minded Americans do is rise up and circle the wagons, so to speak, and rush to the defense of the targeted business, when that business is run by a patriotic American like Mike Lindell. And so, it is happening again, just like it did when liberals called for a boycott of Goya foods and Home Depot, Lindell's business is skyrocketing. Ya gotta love it.

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Window Into The State House

Window Into The State House provides our readers a synopsis of important issues of interest, past and current, that are being proposed, debated or acted upon by the Massachusetts Legislature. Many issues that are not related to local city government services are acted upon and have a direct impact on daily life. They are tax policy, transportation infrastructure, judicial appointments, social services and health, as well as higher education. We will excerpt reports from the gavel-to-gavel coverage of House and Senate sessions by news sources focused on this important aspect of our lives. These sources include a look ahead at the coming week in state government and summaries and analyses of the past week, re-caps of a range of state government activity, as well as links to other news.

Neal and Baker's bromance appeal: More fed money, please

A new bromance in the making now that Marty Walsh is leaving Boston? Anyway, U.S. Rep. Richard Neal, a Democrat, and Gov. Charlie Baker, a Republican, yesterday jointly called for passage of a new federal relief package and more money flowing to Massachusetts, MassLive's Steph Solis and SHNS's Colin Young report. It may take a while to get the funds flowing, perhaps mid-March, but Neal sounds confident a fed package will be passed, with or without GOP support in Congress.

'Baker's gooney bird has just landed'

Speaking of state revenues and the governor, the Globe's Rachele Cohen writes Gov. Charlie Baker has relied on every dubious trick in the budget book to raise state revenues while saying he hasn't raised taxes to raise state revenues. And then along comes Joe Biden and ... the \$500 million gooney bird has landed. Rachele explains.

Dashed dreams: North Adams man tied to Capitol riot wanted to run for Congress against Neal

And speaking of Richard Neal, Heather Morrison at MassLive reports that Brian McCreary of North Adams recently harbored the dream of running for Congress against Neal, but he couldn't get enough candidate signatures. So he apparently decided to storm Congress. ... And the rest is history. ... And, oh, he's also been fired from his pizza delivery job (MassLive).

Mariano tries his hand at fixing it

House Speaker Ron Mariano thinks lawmakers can fix some of what Gov. Fix-it can't seem to fix. SHNS's Katie Lannan reports the speaker has outlined his own rollout priorities, including extending hours at the state's vaccine call center, deploying new mobile vaccination sites and other steps.

Step aside, Charlie, Ron and Arlington mom: Bain associate has already built a new vaccine website

Speaking of fixes, an Arlington mom's announcement that she's building an easier-to-use vaccine website has drawn a lot of media attention of late. And Gov. Charlie Baker said his administration plans to talk with the software programmer about her venture, reports the Herald's Erin Tiernan. But the Globe's Hiawatha Bray says a Bain Capital associate and others have already built a new and better vaccine-registration website (VaccinateMA.com).

More than half of prison workers have refused COVID shots

They were rushed to the front of the vaccine-priority line and ... more than half of them declined to get a COVID-19 shot. GBH's Jenifer McKim has more on the less-than-successful inoculation rollout at the Department of Corrections – a rollout that doesn't bode well for achieving herd immunity in prisons or anywhere else.

Hundreds of UMass students face punishments for Covid violations

They seem to be living up to UMass Amherst's old reputation, the one that rhymes with 'boo,' if you know what we mean. MassLive's Jim Russell reports that 354 university students face possible disciplinary action for allegedly violating campus pandemic restrictions. The action comes as the town of Amherst takes emergency steps to contain a major virus outbreak on the campus.

NAACP and other groups file voting rights suit against Worcester's at-large school board elections

Another at-large election system is under fire in Massachusetts, this time in Worcester, where the NAACP and a number of other individuals and groups representing people of color have filed a voting rights lawsuit against the city's at-large elections of school committee members, saying the sys-

tem racially discriminates, reports Cyrus Moulton at the Telegram. And speaking of voting rights cases, via the Lowell Sun: "Voting rights plaintiffs respond to Lowell City Council attempts to further change election system."

Touchy T board

The MBTA's oversight board is in a touchy mood, taking exception to a recent Globe editorial that criticized "the small-bore thinking of the past six years" on transit matters. The board's chairman, Joseph Aiello, called the editorial "uninformed" and "wrong" etc. – and thus guaranteed it will now be read by a much wider audience. Bruce Mohl at Commonwealth has more.

CharlieCard dispenser machines

Speaking of the MBTA, SHNS's Chris Lisinski reports that coming soon to a T station near you will be brand-new CharlieCards dispensed from brand-new vending machines, making it easier for riders to pay fares, etc.

MassGOP calls for ouster of 'break their will' climate deputy

The Herald is going full Herald this morning with front-page follow-up coverage of the controversial remarks by the state's climate undersecretary about the need to "break" the will of motorists and homeowners in order to reduce carbon emissions. The state Republican Party and the conservative Mass. Fiscal Alliance are calling on the Baker administration to oust David Ismay. The Herald's Howie Carr is all over the controversy.

Pardon me: Dershowitz played major role in quests for Trump pardons

Behind the scenes, he was a busy man. Kenneth Vogel and Nicholas Confessore at the New York Times report Harvard professor Alan Dershowitz helped put a dozen requests for pardons or clemency in front of President Trump before he left office.

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CITATION ON PETITION FOR FORMAL ADJUDICATION

Docket No. SU20P1971EA

Commonwealth Of Massachusetts

The Trial Court

Probate and Family Court

Estate of: Misha Lee Woodward

Date of Death: 09/23/2020

Suffolk Probate and Family Court

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A Petition for S/A – Formal

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and

Barbara K Woodward of Kansas City MO

requesting that the Court enter a

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Councilor Flynn Files Hearing Order to Discuss Zoning and the Community Outreach Process for Life Science Laboratories

Boston City Councilor Ed Flynn is filing a hearing order at this week's City Council meeting to discuss the zoning and the community outreach process for proposed developments of life science laboratories. As more life science laboratories are being proposed and built in the city, a thorough community review should be part of the zoning process. This hearing order aims to discuss how the city's zoning code can ensure that our community has a role with laboratory developments, and that our neighbors have a way to voice their input in the process.

In recent years, Boston has become a hub for the science and technology industries, and there are multiple proposals from various companies that hope to construct life science laboratories in



the City of Boston. The recent development boom has brought changes to the landscape of our neighborhoods, and areas currently

zoned for industrial and manufacturing uses may now be directly next to residential areas. This may become an issue when life science laboratories are able to bypass a community process when it is built in an area that is currently zoned for industrial and manufacturing uses, even if the area is actually next to a residential area.

This was recently an issue when a life science laboratory began construction right next to a residential building without a thorough community process in the South Boston Waterfront, because the laboratory was in an area zoned as Restricted Manufacturing and was deemed zoning compliant. As a result, this proposal was not required to go through a thorough community process. Residents have expressed concerns about the lack of a com-

munity process with such projects, especially during a pandemic and residents unaware of the types of testing that would be conducted in the laboratory.

"It is important for residents of a neighborhood to have input on proposed developments and what takes place in their community, especially if it is a laboratory that can potentially impact public health and safety in the area," said Councilor Flynn. "The zoning code should be written in a way that would allow for a thorough community process and our residents to have the opportunity to offer feedback when a laboratory or similar development is being proposed in their area. I look forward to the discussion at this hearing."

For more information, please contact Councilor Flynn's office at 617-635-3203 and Ed.Flynn@Boston.gov.

Celebrating Valentine's Day in Southie on Sunday? Of Course!

SBT Staff Report

Yes, the weather is freezing and though it could be a whole lot worse, it's not been an unfriendly winter. But, none of the snow and ice should interfere with Valentine's Day in South Boston, which arrives Sunday, February 14th. Flowers, candy, dinner, maybe a chilled bottle of wine in a romantic setting; all of these things and more come to mind when couples; whether married or dating think of Valentine's Day. This unique, unofficial holiday is said to have been based on the legend of one or more early Christian Saints named 'Valentinus'. The most well-known St. Valentine lived during the time of the Roman Empire and was said to have performed weddings for soldiers who were forbidden to marry while in the Roman Army. Captured, arrested and later executed for his 'crimes', his fame lives on to this day.

Restaurants prepare for the occasion by making their establishments extra appealing especially during Covid, creating that romantic atmosphere that softly states that yes indeed, this is a special day in the hearts of those in love. Reservations often need to be made well in advance if you expect to be able to get a table. And often the big question of 'Will you marry me?' is popped as many engagements over the



centuries have commenced on February 14th.

Here in South Boston we have quite a few fine establishments more than capable of accommodating the most perfectly thought out plans. Whether it's a small venue like Café Porto Bello on East Broadway or the larger setting at Lincoln or Capo, Shenanigans on West Broadway or perhaps The Purple Shell and a number of other places offering fine dining. We have some of the best restaurants and florists that can be found anywhere And if you really want to make it that special day to remember, well, gold, diamonds and other precious stones can be found locally at Murphy's Jewelers at 403 W. 1st Street with se-

lections to rival any of the larger chain stores. If you don't see what you want, Bill Cosetta; owner of Murphy's can get it for you.

It's Valentine's Day and if you're married, engaged or romantically involved in any way, here's a bit of advice from your friends here at South Boston Today; particularly for the guys: You could be in for some serious trouble if you find that you have forgotten this of all days. And finally, if nothing else, stop and think back to the first time you saw that special someone and what it was that made your heart move like it never has before and celebrate the love of your life. Happy Valentine's Day to all next week!

I Was Just Thinking...



by Kevin Devlin

On January 25, President Joe Biden reversed the Trump's administration's ban on transgender Americans joining the military. The "Executive Order on Enabling All Qualified Americans

to Serve Their Country in Uniform" declares "All Americans who are qualified to serve in the Armed Forces of the United States...should be able to serve." That's good. All Americans should be allowed to serve in the military if they wish to do so. That is their right. That is their duty if they see fit to serve.

Five days earlier, on January 20, Biden signed an Executive Order ("Preventing and Combating Discrimination on the Basis of Gender Identity or Sexual Orientation") stating people deserve equal protection of the law and "every person should be treated with respect and dignity" no matter their gender identity or sexual orientation.

Now, on the athletic fields of America, transgendered males can compete (and have been competing) against females. Is that good? Is that fair? Is that a denial of science?

Do transgendered males have more muscle mass and strength which gives them an unfair advantage against their female counter-

parts? Will these transgendered males unfairly dominate their female competitors because they are physically superior? Is it unfair for woman to have to compete against transgendered males?

"President Joe Biden's executive order to give sweeping rights to biological men who are living as women, including on the playing field, is a setback for women's rights," said Representative Mo Brooks (R-GA). "That's a horrific step backwards for women athletes," he added, allowing biological men to compete in sports once reserved for biological women, and possibly costing them college sports scholarships if men are winning awards in women's sports.

He's right.

Several transgender students have dominated high school track and field competitions in Connecticut for the last few years, and this is only the beginning.

So, I dare ask, how about protecting the rights of biological females in women's sport affording them

equal protection of the law?

It's time we had more discussion, all the way back up to the Supreme Court, allowing fairness to prevail for everyone, not just a few.

On another note, last week I wrote that term limits should become part of our constitution, and that such an amendment was needed to curb the political class from losing sight of why they serve us, and we not them.

So, why not age limits too?

According to one study, 69% of Americans retire by age 66. Roughly 51% retire between the ages of 61 and 65, and by the age of 75, 89% of Americans have settled down to a life of leisure.

Why aren't our political leaders retiring at a reasonable time in their lives?

Why do we have some leaders still working when they should have called it a day a long time ago?

It's a redundant inquiry because we know why, it's about an insatiable lust for power which is all-encompassing.

Presidents' Day and Valentine's Day continued from front page

three-day weekends for the nation's workers.

While several states still have individual holidays honoring the birthdays of Washington, Abraham Lincoln and other figures, Presidents' Day is now popularly viewed as a day to celebrate all U.S. presidents, past and present. The story of Presidents' Day date begins in 1800. Following the death of George Washington in 1799, his February 22 birthday became a perennial day of remembrance. At the time, Washington was venerated as the most important figure in American history, and events like the 1832 centennial of his birth and the start of construction of the Washington Monument in 1848 were cause for national celebration.

But times seem to be changing, especially political attitudes. There is an ongoing socio-political debate and activism related to the validity of honoring certain historical figures of the 18th, 19th and 20th centuries, including Washington and Lincoln, because their

lives and politics do not coincide with the current views of some US citizens. It is part of what is referred to as the goal of "the cancel culture". Cancel culture is a modern form of ostracism, achieved by dismissing something or somebody or rejecting an individual or idea.

Some relics of the past should be less prominently remembered, relative to their specific roles in history along with their personal beliefs, and be relegated to more limited exposure, as in the case of Robert E. Lee, the southern confederate general during the civil war. His statue in both Washington DC and Charlottesville Virginia has been removed and placed in storage, with the blessing of one of his descendants. It was replaced with a statue of a civil rights icon, 16-year-old Barbara Johns, who, in 1951, led a student strike for equal education at Robert Russa Moton High School in Farmville, Virginia. Her protest gained the support of the NAACP and her case was one of five that were consolidated into the pivotal Brown v. Board of Education of Topeka lawsuit. The



Supreme Court ruling in that case declared segregation unconstitutional in 1954.

Other efforts to remove historic figures have resulted in both vandalism and outright removal. In Boston, the statue of Christopher Columbus, a symbol of pride in the Italian neighborhood of the North End, has also been removed. The statue, installed in 1979, was beheaded in June 2020, removed, and put in storage as city officials considered its future. Previously, it was decapitated in 2006, and in 2015 the display was covered with red paint and spray painted with the words, "Black Lives Matter." The vandalism came amid efforts nationwide to remove statues considered to be symbolic of colonial oppression and slavery, as calls for racial justice and an end to systemic rac-

ism grew following the death of George Floyd at the hands of police in Minneapolis. The city will now embark on a "robust community process" to decide on a statue to take the place of the Columbus sculpture — one that will focus on "highlighting the Italian immigrants of the North End," Boston Mayor Martin Walsh said.

But, thank God for Valentine's Day, which occurs this Sunday February 14. Valentine's Day, also called Saint Valentine's Day or the Feast of Saint Valentine, originated as a minor Western Christian feast day honoring one or two early Christian martyrs named Saint Valentine and, through later folk traditions, has become a significant cultural, religious, and commercial celebration of romance and love in many regions of the world. In some places, Saint Valentine marks the beginning of spring and had only recently been celebrated as the day of love.

In any event, Valentine's Day certainly compensates for the dispiriting experience that Presidents Day now carries with it — except of course for the sales.

Debate About Term Limits Given The State Of Politics And Government

According to Gallup polling in 2013 and Rasmussen polling in 2016, about 75% of voters supported congressional term limits. But the question remained: Would they make a difference? So, the Federalist Society took a look at how term limits have affected the presidency to get an idea of how they might affect Congress. The Federalist Society is a group of conservatives and libertarians “committed to the principles that the state exists to preserve freedom, that the separation of governmental powers is central to our Constitution, and that it is emphatically the province and duty of the judiciary to say what the law is, not what it should be”.

The Twenty-Second Amendment to the Constitution was officially ratified on February 27, 1951, establishing presidential term limits. Congress proposed the amendment on the heels of Franklin D. Roosevelt’s death, after he won a fourth term in the Oval Office. But term limits were not a new idea to the republic. The Articles of Confederation imposed term limits on both Congress and the President. At the Constitutional Convention and during the ratification debates,

Federalists Alexander Hamilton and James Madison opposed term limits for the President and Congress, respectively, while Anti-Federalists wanted limits on both. Thomas Jefferson predicted that “the total abandonment of the principle of rotation in the offices of President and Senator would end in abuse.”

Before FDR, eighteen Presidents had served no more than a single term. Only eight served two full terms, and only two sought a third term—Theodore Roosevelt and Woodrow Wilson—both of whom were soundly rejected by the voters. Aside from these three progressives, none of the other twenty-eight Presidents would have been affected by term limits.

But what about the thirteen Presidents since? By its text, the Twenty-Second Amendment didn’t apply to Truman, who called it a “bad” and “stupid” idea but stepped down anyway. Eisenhower and Reagan both supported its repeal, but each was older than any previous president, and the health of each was fading.

Kennedy was assassinated, Johnson retired after his first full term, and Nixon resigned. Ford, Carter, and Bush were defeated in their reelection bids. Clinton had just been impeached, and his vice president lost the following election—likely similar to a prospective Clinton campaign. George W. Bush could have run again, but given his tanking approval rating and Obama’s large victory in 2008, he probably would have lost anyway. Obama, however, still had youth, health, and a majority approval rating at the end of his second term. After FDR, Obama was the only President likely to have served a third term.

Perhaps surprisingly, Congress has a similar average length of service. In 2019, the new Congress had averaged 8.6 years in the



House of Representative and 10.1 in the Senate, not much more than a two-term President.

But these average numbers might underestimate the longevity of congressional incumbents. Congressional incumbents win reelection in convincing fashion: among the House, 91% in 2018 and 97% in 2016; for the Senate, 84% in 2018 and 93% in 2016. And although the average length of service might be similar to a two-term President, for every freshman, there is a Don Young or Patrick Leahy, each with over 45 years in office. Supporters of term limits see their proposal as a necessary check on rubber-stamped reelections.

That said, term limits could yield unexpected adverse effects. For instance, about 38.7% of ‘pre-term limit’ Presidents served at least part of a second term. Since 1951, that number is currently 61.5%. So, have term limits inadvertently grown us accustomed to two-term presidencies and encouraged Presidents to remain in office as long as possible? If so, the same thing could happen in Congress, with senior members entering forced retirement, but junior officials sticking around longer than they normally would. On the other hand, if the time in office is kept in check, perhaps removing the revolving door from public service would establish a beneficial sense of normalcy and reliability, as we

got to know our representatives.

And how might term limits affect congressional priorities? During a second term, Presidents are known to exercise power or pursue objectives with much less fear of the political consequences. President Obama, for example, famously promised Russian President Dmitry Medvedev “more flexibility” after the 2012 election. Alexander Hamilton warned that the same dangerous, unaccountable attitude could apply to any elected official, who in their final term “might not scruple to have recourse to the most corrupt expedients to make the harvest as abundant as it was transitory.” Could term limits make Congress even more unaccountable? Party leadership that is on its way out would likely have less incentive to restrain unpopular impulses.

Of course, there are important differences as well: the President’s public service is generally complete after leaving office. That might not be true of Members of Congress, which could affect them in multiple ways: they might be more likely to try to maintain popular positions, or they might be more likely to serve special interests, whom they expect to join in the private sector.

Overall, it appears that, if they had similar effects to presidential term limits, congressional term limits would not change much. The average time in office might remain similar, and the promise of post-political influence could incentivize integrity in office. But term limits could also tend to promote longer tenure than necessary, as well as perverse incentives for self-dealing in a lame-duck term. Proponents of term limits probably need to identify better arguments to overcome 230 years of constitutional practice, at least if presidential term limits are any guide.

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Walsh to those who want to buy his Dorchester home: ‘We’re not selling’

As he prepares to leave Boston for Washington, Mayor Marty Walsh is apparently fending off flippers and others offering to buy his home in Dorchester’s Lower

Mills, but he ain’t selling, reports the BBJ’s Gintautas Dumcius.

A toxic mix for shellfish: Acidity and ocean water

The Globe’s Gal Tziperman Lotan reports that a new study expected to be released today says the ocean’s growing acidity poses a grave dan-

ger to the state’s coastal waters and huge shellfish industries.

‘Tarnished’: Fall River struggles to fill city administrator post

Thanks but no thanks. For the second time in six months, a candidate tapped by Fall River Mayor Paul Coogan to be the

city administrator has turned down the job offer, Jo C. Goode at the Herald News reports. Without naming a certain former mayor with all sorts of legal problems, Coogan said the city’s reputation has been “tarnished” and that may be one reason the post has gone unfilled.

The Wine Guy

These Reds And A Dose Of White Will Warm You Up

With temperatures as cold as they've been recently, you might want to try some of the following to warm you up; they're all great to drink now or hold to drink later.

2018 The Calling, Cabernet Sauvignon, Sonoma, Alexander Valley, is a wine that you can drink now through 2028. It's a full-bodied and

well-structured wine with definite dark fruit notes and a nose of black-currant, spice and a hint of vanilla. It's a flexible food wine-big enough for a roast but able to be enjoyed with game day finger foods like beef and cheese egg rolls, filet puffs with mushroom paste or duck confit.

2017 Peter Lehmann, "The Barossa" Shiraz, Barossa, South Australia, has a smooth berry nose, creamy texture, lively acidity, and bright berry and plum flavors; it's juicy, fresh, and has a long, lingering finish. It's grown in Australia's Barossa Valley, home to some of the most famous labels in the country. If you're having any Thai or Chinese at halftime this Sunday, a bottle or two of this one will really add to the enjoyment.

2018 Aviary Vineyards, "Birds of Prey" Red Blend, Napa, California, is inspired by the guardians of its vineyards. Owls at night and raptors throughout the day, birds of prey hunt in the vines, allowing staff to naturally manage the vineyards without pesticides. As a result, this wine is big, bold, and balanced. It offers a memorable profile of chocolate, caramel, roasted nuts, strawberry preserve, and nougat with a big mouthfeel. A beautiful wine to be enjoyed now



or aged for up to 10 years.

2018 Cambria Vineyards, "Julia's Vineyard" Pinot Noir, Santa Maria Valley, California, is an elegant expression of this valley's rich, robust soil and microclimate. This one has ripe blackberry and blueberry flavors, followed by notes of cranberry, cherry and pomegranate, all in a chewy, lingering finish. Lamb, game birds and pulled pork BBQ will all be memorable with this one on the table!

2018 Sean Minor Chardonnay, Sonoma Coast, California, is, in a

word, vibrant! This 100% Chardonnay wine was made from grapes that were 100% whole-cluster pressed, then fermented in French oak barrels (20% new), and aged for 10 months before bottling. You'll catch distinctive aromas of lemon, cut apple, green apple and white peach, as well as plums and olives. The palate is herbal and floral, with notes of apples, pears and citrus peel. This one is really versatile, but especially good with Asian and Mexican dishes.

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Gate of Heaven and St. Brigid Parishes News

Ash Wednesday, February 17, 2021
Mass Schedule and Distribution of Ashes

St. Brigid Church: 7AM and 6PM
Gate of Heaven Church: 9AM and 12Noon

Change in Distribution of Ashes this year... Due to the pandemic, we will not be placing the ashes on the foreheads of parishioners.

At the conclusion of Ash Wednesday Mass we will distribute small packets of blessed ashes to each family unit. You may take them home and bless yourselves and family with the ashes. There will be instructions with each packet on how to administer the ashes. We would ask that one person from each family take one packet.



Postal Employees Pause to Celebrate President's Day

Normal delivery schedule to resume on Tuesday



Postal employees across the commonwealth will pause on Monday, February 15, to celebrate President's Day. Retail offices will be closed and there will be no collection or street delivery of mail except for guaranteed overnight parcels.

Full retail and delivery operations will resume on Tuesday, February 16.

The Postal Service receives no tax dollars for operating expenses and relies on the sale of postage, products and services to fund its operations.

Recent South Boston Real Estate Sales

Property/Type	Price	Sale Date	Rooms	Baths	Sq Ft
22 Liberty Drive UNIT 12 C Condo	\$5,700,000	10/1/20	5	2.5	2,162
133 Seaport Blvd UNIT 1622 Condo	\$2,643,600	10/6/20	5	2.5	1,297
287 Old Colony Ave UNIT C-1 Condo	\$2,050,000	12/1/20			
133 Seaport Blvd UNIT 1520 Condo	\$2,002,900	10/15/20	4	2.5	1,268
63 G Street Single Family	\$1,875,000	11/23/20	9	3.5	2,400
82 H Street Three Family	\$1,000,000	10/1/20	7	3	2,118
6 Dixfield Street Single Family	\$949,000	12/30/20	6	2.5	2,001
115 Bolton Street Single Family	\$890,000	11/16/20	7	1.5	1,300
188 Tudor Street Single Family	\$850,000	11/16/20	7	1.5	1,300
305 Bolton Street Single Family	\$830,000	11/16/20	5	1.5	1,544
414 East Fifth Street Single Family	\$770,000	12/4/20	7	1	1,788
32 Covington Street Single Family	\$770,000	12/29/20	5	1.5	1,320
370 East Eighth Street Single Family	\$667,500	12/15/20	6	1.5	1,206
17 Burrill Place UNIT 1 Condo	\$415,000	12/30/20	3	1	385
30 Vinton St UNIT 3 Condo	\$412,000	11/18/20	3	1	611
838 East Broadway UNIT 8 Condo	\$406,000	12/22/20	3	1	560
346 E St UNIT 1 Condo	\$405,341	12/21/20	3	1	535
663 East Broadway Commercial	\$1	10/1/20			937



Virtual Public Meeting

69 A Street

Tuesday, February 16
6:00 PM - 8:00 PM

Zoom Link: bit.ly/2Nu9DcC
Toll Free: (833) 568 - 8864
Meeting ID: 160 670 1122

Project Proponent:

CIEE, a/k/a the Council on International Education Exchange

Project Description:

The NPC II Project will re-purpose the approved building envelope, and so remains entirely consistent with exterior appearance of the Approved Project. The COVID-19 pandemic has resulted in significant impacts on CIEE's operations, substantially reducing its workforce. To address these implications and fulfill its commitment to economic development, job creation and community benefits, CIEE is partnering with the established life-science venture of Genesis and Phase 3 Real Estate Partners. The NPC II Project would enable CIEE to repurpose the Approved Project with a similar commercial use and resulting employment opportunities. The NPC II Project is also consistent with the public review and input for the Approved Project, which reduced the size and scale of the Original Approved Project. To emphasize, the NPC II Project will not result in any expansion to the building envelope, or reduction in set-back dimensions, open space, on-site parking/loading or overall site improvements.

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South Boston Catholic Academy News

Celebrating Catholic Schools Week 2021!

The Theme: Catholic Schools: Faith. Excellence. Service.

The week of February 1, 2021 was an exciting week for us! Students at South Boston Catholic Academy celebrated Catholic Schools Week. Monday, February 1, marked the Feast Day of St. Brigid of Ireland and the beginning of Catholic Schools Week. Father Casey, our Pastor, celebrated the Mass on the

Catholic TV network. Also at this Mass with Father Casey were our Principal, Dr. Helenann Civian and Mrs. Denise Moriarty who did the readings at this Mass.

Each day, at school, we start with a Morning Prayer. This week Grade 6 led us in special prayers reflecting the daily theme for Catholic Schools Week. In celebration of Catholic

Schools Week, we also had a: Spelling Bee - Grades 3 - 6 hosted classroom Spelling Bees. As always, we continue to promote 'being kind', this week students seen being extra kind, received a special 'Bee' Sticker! Students wrote Thank you cards to their parents for sending them to our school. We had Teacher/Staff Appreciation Day and the teachers were treated to a special lunch! On Friday, it was Student Appreciation Day and it was Crazy Hair/Hat Day and many came styled to impress! Our Principal, Dr. Civian, treated the whole school to a 'Pizza Lunch'! These are just some of the special and fun things we did during this

very special week. A Big Thank you to all our wonderful Parents/Families/Friends, members of our Home and School, to our Principal, Dr. Civian, Faculty and Staff and our Pastor, Father Casey, for all their understanding, encouragement, assistance and support especially during this very different school year. Thank you and God Bless you all for helping to make this 2020-2021 school year possible for all the students at South Boston Catholic Academy! New applicants are welcomed to email Mrs. Jamie Brown at j.brown@sbcatholicacademy.org to learn more about South Boston Catholic Academy.





This week, Danny reacted to an overlooked storyline from Super Bowl LV:

In the days following the Tampa Bay Buccaneers' 31-9 win over the Kansas City Chiefs in Super Bowl LV on Sunday, most of the talk has revolved around Tom Brady. And rightfully so.

I mean, did you happen to see the postgame championship celebration? Brady hoisted the Lombardi Trophy like I drink an iced coffee from Dunkies. Just another day, just another iced coffee.

For Brady, winning his seventh Super Bowl drew a postgame reaction that jumped off the screen to me. Not that he lost his fire, because clearly he hasn't. But clearly he is so used to standing on that elevated stage with the Lombardi Trophy that it's just become a normal situation for him. How many other players in the NFL can say that?

Let me answer that for you: Nobody. It's just Brady. And for that reason, he's the top story. His Super Bowl legend is stealing headlines for good reason. Because now he's just making it look easy.

But there's another storyline here that I feel is being overlooked. And I will say, it's very strange that everyone is overlooking it.

That's the story of Antonio Brown. And more specifically, the story of the

relationship between Brown and Brady.

Brown, 32, signed with the Buccaneers in late October, two days after the team's Week 7 win over the Las Vegas Raiders. Tampa Bay was 5-2 at the time of the signing.

He wasn't eligible to play until after Week 8, thanks to an eight-week suspension for violating the NFL's personal conduct policy. At the time of the signing, Brown was also still under probation for felony burglary with battery charges.

The Buccaneers brought him in anyways, signing Brown to a one-year, \$750,000 deal with additional incentives. But what made the move so stunning was that Brady pushed for it, just a year after the Brown experiment failed in New England because of off-the-field distractions.

Brady recruited Brown to the Patriots last season. And in only one game together, Brady targeted Brown eight times, connecting with him on four of those passes for 56 yards, including a touchdown.

Shortly thereafter, the Patriots quickly cut ties with Brown as more off-the-field controversy involving the star wideout became public.

From sexual assault allegations to other reported erratic behavior off the field, Brown's presence in the

organization became too much, and the Patriots moved on.

Brady took some heat for taking Brown under his wing. I'm also guilty of criticizing him for that. I just couldn't understand it. Why would Brady want anything to do with this maniac?

Well, a year later, there was Brady, recruiting Brown and taking him under his wing once again in Tampa Bay. Brady even let Brown live in his new home. Once again, it was a head scratcher.

But somehow, Brady made it work, and he connected with Brown for a touchdown in the final seconds of the second quarter in Super Bowl LV, that gave the Bucs a commanding 21-6 lead at the half. Suddenly, Brown — who was a seven-time Pro Bowler in nine seasons with the Pittsburgh Steelers — was a Super Bowl champion. And it was all because of Brady.

Brady also helped Brown earn an extra \$1 million, thanks to a \$250,000 incentive for 45 receptions with was achieved with 11 receptions in Week 17 as Brady targeted him a whopping 14 times — with a purpose — in that final game of the regular season. Brown also earned an extra \$750,000 for

winning the Super Bowl.

Perhaps, though, there was something more important at play with the Brady-Brown relationship. And it's one that's getting overlooked.

Brady clearly cared about Brown, the person. By helping Brown get back to focusing on football, he helped Brown off the field in ways that seemingly nobody else could.

So much is made about Brady's previous connection to Donald Trump. I feel that those same people who get all worked up about that connection, don't care to understand Brady's connection to Brown.

Brady didn't have to take Brown under his wing multiple times. He chose to. And he went out of his way to do so.

At first, I couldn't understand it. I was highly critical of Brady for wanting to be affiliated with someone who was spiraling out of control.

But what if Brady's intentions with taking Brown under his wing were less football-related than we reacted to? What if, ultimately, there was a human aspect to Brady's motives that we ignored?

What if Brady saved Brown's life? I'd say that's a story worth covering.

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SPORTS TODAY

BUCCANEERS WIN SUPER BOWL, BRADY NAMED MVP

SBT Staff

The Tampa Bay Buccaneers are Super Bowl champions after defeating the Kansas City Chiefs, 31-9, on Sunday night at Raymond James Stadium.

Tom Brady was named Super Bowl MVP for the fifth time in his career. It's Brady's seventh Super Bowl championship in his 10th Super Bowl appearance.

Brady finished the game 21-of-29 with 201 pass yards and three touchdowns. All three of Brady's touchdowns came in the first half. The first two touchdowns were thrown to Rob Gronkowski. The third was

Tweet of the Week

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thrown to Antonio Brown.

Brown's 1-yard reception on a short comeback route with six seconds left in the second quarter gave the Buccaneers a commanding 21-6 lead at the half.

Leonard Fournette's 27-yard touchdown run midway through the third quarter put Tampa Bay up 28-9, and then Ryan Succop's 52-yard field goal with 2:46 left in the third quarter sealed the deal on the 31-9 win.

The Buccaneers defense held Patrick Mahomes to zero touchdowns and forced him to throw two interceptions while sacking him

three times. Antoine Winfield Jr. and Devin White had the only two interceptions of the game. White finished with a game-high 12 tackles, including a game-high eight solo tackles.

Tampa Bay's Super Bowl run goes down as one of Brady's most impressive championship runs, having won four games as a Wild Card team, which included road wins over Drew Brees' New Orleans Saints in the Divisional Round, and Aaron Rodgers' Green Bay Packers in the NFC Championship.

The Buccaneers also become the first team to play in and win the Super

Bowl in their own stadium, as Super Bowl LV was held in Tampa Bay.

After the Super Bowl win, Brady and coach Bruce Arians both made it clear that the Bucs will be back to make a serious run at a repeat in 2021. And there's already bulletin board material waiting for them.

According to the Vegas odds, it's the Chiefs that opened as the favorite to win Super Bowl LVI in Los Angeles, at +600. The Packers have the second-best odds at +900. Tampa Bay has the third-best odds to win Super Bowl LVI and repeat as champions, at +1000.

RED SOX TO BEGIN SPRING TRAINING ON FEB. 17

SBT Staff

The Boston Red Sox' equipment truck left Fenway Park on Monday, and is scheduled to arrive at JetBlue Park in Florida this weekend.

Pitchers and catchers will report to Fort Myers next Wednesday, Feb. 17, while the first full-squad workout will take place on Monday, Feb. 22. The team's first spring training game is scheduled for Saturday, Feb. 27 at JetBlue Park against the Pittsburgh Pirates.

According to a press release sent out

by the Red Sox, fans will be allowed to attend spring training games in a limited capacity of approximately 24 percent. That means JetBlue Park will see around 2,400 fans in attendance for each game.

Major League Baseball proposed a one-month delay to the start of spring training and the regular season, which, according to a league statement would "allow for the level of COVID-19 infection rates to decrease and additional time for the distribution of vaccinations." The proposal included a 154-game regu-

lar season to start on April 29. It also continued the use of the universal DH rule and an expanded postseason — two rules that were implemented during last year's COVID-shortened season.

But the Players' Association rejected the league's proposal earlier this month, allowing Major League Baseball to move forward with a normal 162-game schedule that will start on time, and won't include a DH in the National League nor the return of an expanded postseason.

Also, the league and the players

have agreed on health and safety protocols for the upcoming season, which won't require players to get a COVID-19 vaccination. Under these health and safety protocols, players will be required to wear special wristbands while at team facilities, for the purpose of contact tracing.

Players can also be fined for not following the protocols, which are similar to last season, including no indoor dining, no bars and lounges, no gatherings of 10 or more people, and permission to leave hotels while on the road.

WHAT TO WATCH

NHL FRIDAY, FEB. 12
Boston at NY Rangers
7 P.M. NESN

SATURDAY, FEB. 13
Boston at NY Islanders
7 P.M. NESN

NBA THURSDAY, FEB. 11
Toronto at Boston
7:30 P.M. NBCSB

FRIDAY, FEB. 12
Detroit at Boston
8 P.M. NBCSB

SUNDAY, FEB. 14
Boston at Washington
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