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#### Easter Tradition Continues at Castle Island Sunday 5:55am

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he arrival of Easter this Sunday brings with it one of the most beautiful traditions South
Boston has to offer. The traditional Sunrise Mass at Castle Island will take place at 5:55am on the channel side of Fort Independence with the ocean as the setting as the sun first peeks over the horizon from the East.

The Castle Island Association started the tradition back in 1980 and has been organizing this event ever since. From the first year, with the Mass being said by Father Kelleher of Don Bosco, who was followed by Father Fleming of St Brigid, this moving ceremony draws at times

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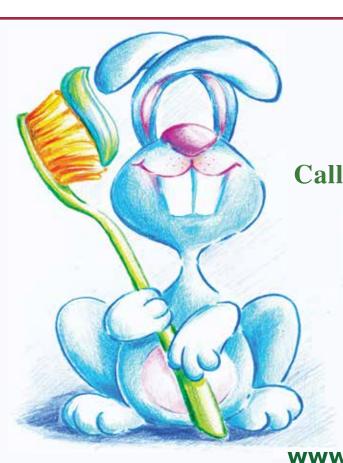




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#### **EDITORIAL** What Parking Crisis? We Wave A Brilliant Solution!

n a recent Boston Globe column Paul McMorrow, address unknown, stated" South Boston doesn't have a parking problem...If anything, new development in South Boston, and across the city, is too generous toward cars. If parking is a problem, the no parking at all." **Brilliant.** Now why Boston become the Petri dish for yet didn't we think of that?

So South Bostonians, who choose to live at the very nexus of the transportation network that includes direct access to I93 and I90, South Station and Logan International Airport and was designed to accommodate travelers from around the world, let alone suburban Boston, should just take live in South Boston. Problem solved. the T or buy a bicycle. **Dumb.** That's why we didn't think about it.

Social engineering is being promoted once again by those least affected by

the impacts. Citing trends in the Boston suburbs, and even in European cities, McMorrow, also the associate editor at Commonwealth Magazine, sounds like he may come from the school of thought - do as I say not as I do. Because, at the moment, young people are purportedly answer is to build apartments that have buying fewer cars, he suggests that South another urban social agenda.

> Developers must be licking their chops now that this argument is being put forth. However, if you take the argument to a next logical step, then developers should only sell condominiums or rent apartments to people who guarantee that they will never buy a car as long as they Now that is **Brilliant**.

Weigh in on this week's poll at SouthBostonToday.com - Does South **Boston Have A Parking Crisis?** 



"To a Christian, Easter Sunday means everything when we celebrate The Resurrection of Jesus Chris" - Bernhard Langer

#### Last Week's Poll

Do You Agree With The Attendees Of The Gate Of Heaven School Meeting – That Enough Is Enough When It Comes To The Over **Development Of South Boston?** 

> **YES 92% NO 8%**

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## They're Playing Cowboys and Feds, But It's No Game

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John Ciccone

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he tense standoff in the Nevada desert last week has implications nationwide as to what kind of country America will become, moving into the future. It highlights what is turning out to be an out of control federal government that feels it can take whatever it wants from its citizens. It also covers the many of our fellow country men and women, who are taking a stand against what is turning into an abuse of power.

For those of you who haven't been following the situation in the news, The federal Bureau of Land Management (BLM), armed to the teeth with automatic weapons, helicopters, armored personnel carriers, snipers, tear gas and tasers, as well as select swat teams, surrounded a ranch owned by Cliven Bundy. They confiscated hundreds of head of his cattle, tazed his son, pushed his aunt to the ground, shoved a pregnant woman and threatened to shoot protestors, who came to the Bundy Family's aid. And all of this was caught on video and broadcast nationwide to the disgust of millions of Americans.

They ordered Bundy to remove the rest of his cattle from land his family has been using for grazing for over a hundred years. At first, the reason given for these demands was that Bundy's cattle were interfering with the 'protected desert tortoise' – a turtle. When that didn't fly, they said it was because Bundy had not paid his taxes and fees to use the grazing land. This was then proven false when Nevada's governor said that Bundy has in fact been paying those taxes and fees all along. And later the real reason came out. It was learned that a

quiet deal had been worked out for US Senate leader Harry Reid and his son for a Chinese government sponsored solar farm to be built on that land. And there it is folks: Corruption from the highest levels of government at the expense of American citizens.

But here's where the feds got stunned by the reaction of Americans, tired of heavy handed federal government tactics. The Bundy family, backed by neighbors, other ranchers; some of them real cowboys on horseback, and a steady stream of American patriots from all around the country who came to support them said no! They told the feds that they would not leave the grazing land and that it was the feds who had to leave. And that if the BLM did not return the cattle they illegally took immediately, they, the ranchers, would take them back by force, if necessary.

Yes, the feds were heavily armed but so were Bundy's supporters and they were not backing down. Now, facing a standoff that could not only get ugly, and possibly bloody as well, the feds finally did the right thing and blinked first, retreated and released the confiscated cattle. Cowboys literally rode in on horses and herded them back to their rightful owners the Bundy family. Also in Bundy's corner were Nevada's Republican governor, some members of the state's congressional delegation, state legislators, the local Sheriff's Dept and elected officials from surrounding states who also said 'enough' to intimidation and bully tactics by the feds.

Nevada's governor said that Bundy As was stated, what happened in has in fact been paying those taxes and fees all along. And later the real will have far reaching implications reason came out. It was learned that a

test by some over aggressive federal officials with the blessing of the Obama Administration to see just how far they could push American citizens. Well, they got their answer. The tipping point has been reached. And if the regime in Washington didn't learn a hard lesson from this, they just might be shown the door just like King George and the Red Coats were shown the door during the 'first' American Revolution.

Now to a local issue that has people talking - City Council President Bill Linehan's proposal to add an additional 6.25% tax, a sales tax on alcohol purchased at package stores within Boston's city limits. The money collected will be set aside for substance abuse treatment and education. I support President Linehan on most issues, he's been working hard and doing a good job, but on this one and though I'll be on the opposite side of some of my neighbors, I say it's a bad idea. My reasons are as follows: People in this city are taxed way too much already. The last thing we need is a new tax. Yes, I understand that some

people have made bad decisions in their lives with regard to alcohol and substance abuse and I sympathize with what they and their families are going through. But forcing everyone else to pay for it is not the answer. Especially when there is so much waste in government and with tax money going places it shouldn't.

Some of you have told me that as a matter of principle, rather than pay an additional tax, you would actually travel outside the city to purchase liquor to avoid the tax. This will hurt our local business owners and it will be one of the negative results of adding this new tax. And does it really make sense to add a new tax to liquor, which by the way is already heavily taxed, in an effort to help those who suffer from the addiction of over indulging? At the same time, the city of Boston is moving to allow bars in certain parts of this city to stay open until 4am!! Is this not a contradiction? I understand that there are differing views on this issue and all sides should be respected, as I believe all are sincere in the positions that they have taken.



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thousands of people who get up

make the trek to 'The Island' by

before dawn on Easter Morning and

car, bicycle, on foot or by shuttle to

experience one of the most unique

religious gatherings around. The

Sunrise Mass continues to gain in

popularity with each passing year

and if weather cooperates, draws

Over the years, people have come in

from many surrounding communities

large crowd each time.

#### Councilor's Linehan & Flaherty Propose Re-Zoning of South Boston

ity Council President Bill
Linehan and At-Large Councilor
Michael Flaherty have submitted
an order for a hearing regarding the rezoning of South Boston.

South Boston was zoned in 1964, when the Boston Zoning Code was first enacted. There have been vast changes in population and demographics between 1964 and today but few updates to the zoning code. South Boston's zoning code should be fully updated to create more clarity for property owners, abutters and the South Boston community.

Recent rezoning efforts in the First Street neighborhood, from A Street to Farragut Road, have provided clear guidelines regarding height, density, open space and parking. With involvement from property owners, residents, business owners, civic groups and elected officials, this rezoning effort resulted in new zoning, Article 68, for the First Street neighborhood. The new First Street

zoning was enacted in 2011, since then positive development has taken place with little or no zoning variances.

"South Boston has the highest demand for new housing in its history. However, the influx of new development has created concerns about density, transportation, open space, parking and other quality of life issues. We need current, updated zoning law that adequately addresses both the demand and these quality of life issues."

—Council President Bill Linehan

Councilor Michael Flaherty added, "The intensity of new development in South Boston is creating greater strains on parking, traffic and density in our neighborhood, to the point where the quality of life of our residents is at risk of being irreparably harmed. Much of South Boston has zoning dating from the 1960's that is so archaic it is simply ignored. And without a modern and responsive zoning code, development occurs on a parcel by parcel basis

without the benefit of "big picture" urban planning. The result of over 20 years of this unsystematic process is patchwork development with little comprehensive planning. I am calling on the BRA to balance its dual roles of promoting development and planning growth. Certainly in South Boston, what we need right now is less developing and more planning."

You can contact Council President Linehan at 617-635-3203 or Bill.Linehan@ boston.gov. You can contact At-Large Councilor Flaherty at 617-635-4205 or Michael.Flaherty@boston.gov.

# REP. COLLINS PUSHES FOR HAZMAT FUNDS FOR BOSTON FIRE DEPARTMENT

BOSTON—State Representative Nick Collins filed an amendment to the budget proposal currently before the House of Representatives to increase essential funding for the Boston Fire Department (BFD).

The amendment funds BFD training sessions, which will better equip firefighters to respond to incidents involving the release of hazardous materials and weapons of mass destruction.

The budget amendment also funds the BFD Training Academy, which prepares firefighters to respond to emergency situations brought along by a wide variety of incidents, ranging from natural disasters to acts of terrorism.

Rep. Collins has fought to secure funding for these BFD training sessions in each of the past three budgets.

"Boston, a hub for biotechnology and pharmaceutical research, is home to thousands of labs including a level 4 bio-lab in the heart of our city," said Rep. Collins. "We need to make sure Boston Fire Fighters are armed with the necessary training to respond to a hazmat call or, worse, a terrorist attack. Securing these funds will ensure that they get that training."

The amendment seeks to secure approximately \$2 million for these programs and will be heard during the budget debate before the full House at the end of April.

# and other states to be part of this sacred event to celebrate the Holiest of times on the Christian Calendar. As all know, Easter celebrates the Resurrection of Jesus Christ 3 days after he was taken down from the cross and was buried. Here, the traditional Catholic Mass will be celebrated and all people of every faith are welcome to be part of it. Holy Communion will be given to those who

set up from which the Mass will be said. The Service lasts approximately one hour from the time it begins.

Many attendees bring along their own chairs as there is very little seating on that side of the island. It's also recommended that you check the weather forecast for Sunday Morning so you can dress for

wish to receive. A portable altar will be

Sunday Morning so you can dress for whatever nature brings. Because it is such an early time of day, sweaters and or jackets are advised.

Even if you attend your regular Mass

Even if you attend your regular Mass or Service at your traditional Church on Easter Sunday in addition to the Sunrise Mass, it is said that attending the Sunrise Mass at Castle Island itself is very special indeed and often adds to the spirit of this wonderful season. If this will be your first time, when you arrive at Castle Island, just go to the left of Fort Independence. You'll have no problem finding where the Mass will be said. Just follow the crowd and be prepared to enjoy an inspiring and spiritual experience.

#### Easter Weekend in South Boston: Church Mass and Service Schedule

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aster weekend is finally upon us. Here is a listing of Masses and Services for South Boston's Churches. It's important to note that this year, 2014, Easter Sunday falls on the

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# ReadingBetween The Lines

#### "Middle Ground"

SOUTH BOSTON TODAY Brian R. Mahoney

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he most aggravating aspect of the multitude of books, articles and movies about "Southie" is the amount of exaggeration and outright lies told to spice up these tales. There's enough shocking truth, good and bad, without the need to make things up. However, this style is used in almost all news stories.

Last week the Herald wrote a timely piece on overdevelopment and the lack of accompanying parking space in South Boston to prove their point they cited the West Square project at D and West Second pointing out there were 259 residential units and only 143 parking spaces.

It would be outrageous if true. Instead this project should be held up as any example of how the community process should work. Instead of a 75 foot project the developer met over 15 times with the community, dropped the height to 45 feet and has 252 units with 252 parking spaces, a one to one ratio the community insisted on. How the Herald so misrepresented this project is a mystery, although not the first time such twisting of facts and logic has happened there.

Just last month they opined that merely by celebrating the revolutionary victory of Evacuation Day and the service of all veterans we were, in their words, "glorifying war". No "middle ground" there, the Allied Veterans are "warmongers".

Now the press gets caught lying again, and the same people are claiming to be seeking the "middle ground". If you missed it commentator David Gregory of "Meet the Press" agreed not to mention the names of the

bombing marathon weasels. while interviewing survivor Adrienne Haslet-Davis for a one year anniversary show. Minutes before taping Gregory revealed, in fact, he would name the two Displaying the courage punks. that has commanded everyone's admiration, survivor Haslet-Davis walked out. Her own words offer the clearest reason. "Your decision to back out on the promise you made and the horrific way you brought that to my attention just minutes prior to taping was not only a cowardice move, but a dishonorable one as well.

Now the scramble begins and the excuse making starts the cover up for a colleague. Even though Gregory lied it wasn't a lie, it was "miscommunication". Even though Meghan Kelly and Sean Hannity of Fox and Anderson Cooper of CNN have all refused to say the punks' names and still continued to report the story, the Herald considers that just a "gimmick". The Herald maintains they're "not sure how to do it" without mentioning the murderers' names.

It's simple. The dead one is simply "Speed Bump" and the live one is the "weasel, punk, brother killer and child killer". There are a million different ways to describe them. Is there anyone in the world who doesn't know who we're talking about? Is there anyone anywhere who thinks the punk is innocent? Of course, in the Herald's view, anyone who hates America can't be all bad. We can look for the "middle ground" in telling their story. No such understanding, however for America's veterans.

Finally, they don't make

firefighters like they used to, or at least they're not being taught correctly. The car parked on the hydrant at the Eastie fire is a prime example. The car's windows were knocked out and a hose line was threaded through to the hydrant. When I was about 10, an old veteran fire fighter saw me watching the aftermath of a fire and explained that when a car is on a hydrant after breaking the windows the hose should be coupled inside the car. That way the inevitable spray fills up the interior of the car. If you've ever seen the amount of spray where hoses are hooked together you'd understand. Public execution for these cars' owners' is not allowed, so let's at least give them something to be sorry about.

Take care till next week.





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#### Stepping Up and Stepping Out:

#### Your Guide to the Southie Scene and the "Southie Senses"

South Boston Today begins a regular series about life in South Boston and all that it has to offer. Southie is a vibrant and growing community and there are so many ways for residents to become connected and involved. Here are some of the best ways to see, hear, taste, touch and smell all that is Southie. From City Point to Fort Point to the South Boston Waterfront, there are so many opportunities to put your senses to good use!

# BOSTON STRONG ROLL OF MARKET ROLL OF

#### Stepping Up & Out: Run With It

The hallmark of spring in the Bean is the Boston Marathon. And the 2014 race is fast approaching; the week countdown is on. Over the next few days, Boston will be flooded with peoples from near and far, enjoying the spring weather in the Public Garden, chowing down on Newbury Street and making merriment as they go, as they should be. And why not? Boston has so much to offer. Tourist travel to our great city is all year round, not just kept to one season. Boston's majestic history and gritty attitude are part of the magnetic pull that draws people in. That same magnetic pull is what has centered and pulled the people of Boston to move forward, together, after the tragedies that occurred on and around the 2013 marathon. Alone, in groups, in droves, people have dedicated their free time and disposable income to support so many affected. Bake sales, more

road races, "times", tee shirts, paint nights- all to benefit those people and causes they were running for a year ago and why they will run Monday, April 21, 2014.

Our city, our people, our resolve is steel-like. It has been proven in so many ways. There are still many chances support the structure of the people who will finish strong. Let's finish strong together.

#### South Boston Charities and Runners: Team MR8: Martin W. Richard Charitable Foundation

teammr8.org

firstgiving.com/TeamMR8/team-mr8-boston-marathon-2014/fundraisers

#### **South Boston Neighborhood House:**

sbnh.org crowdrise.com/ sbnh2014bostonmarathon/

#### **South Boston Boys & Girls Club:** bgcb.org/our-location/south-boston-club/

crowdrise.com/ sbostonbgc2014bostonmarathon/ fundraiser/BGCB

#### Mass Fallen Heroes: Nichole Mikshenas

massfallenheroes.org crowdrise.com/ massfallenheroesmarathon/ fundraiser/nicholemikshenas

#### The McCourt Foundation for Alzheimer's and MS: Tanya Gillick

mccourtfoundation.org sharingcounts.com/campaigns/256tanya-gillick-boston-marathon-2014

#### Michael Joyce Memorial Playground: Jennifer Scully

joycememorial.com fundraise.com/organizations/friendsof-michael-joyce-inc/fundraisers/ boston-marathon-2014/supporter/new

#### The One Fund: Helping Victims of the Boston Marathon bombings onefundboston.org

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2014 for Marathon fundraisers of various causes; thanks to the Urban Art Bar for their dedication to helping our community reach their goals. This Friday's 04/15 class is creating a cover of the Boston Marathon Finish Line theurbanartbar.com

South Boston Boys&Girls Club: Special Presentation: 9-Time Boston Marathon Champion, Ernst Van Dyk Ernst Van Dyke demonstrates how anything is possible. Born with a disability that has broken boundaries and restrictions, Van Dyk has faced his life challenges head-on and serves as an inspiration to all. Mr. Van Dyk will be making a special appearance at the SB Boys & Girls Club this Friday 04/18, 2-4pm. RSVP to Jessie Kandel (617) 516-

5454 or jkandel@bgcb.org



#### Things to touch, see, taste, smell and hear in Southie



**Touch:** *Do Good with Your Digits* 

Another worthy cause, the Pan Mass Challenge, a charity bike ride to benefit cancer research for Dana Farber, raises money all year long, but this opportunity is a little different. TROJB, a design firm located in Fort Point, has a team riding for the cause and invites all to their PMC Paint Night, Tuesday 04/22, 6-8pm, at their offices. Picasso ain't got nuthin on you.

eventbrite.com/e/pmc-paint-night-tickets-10766885043

See: See Into the Future

The O.G. of craft beer in Southie, Harpoon Brewery, is allowing the public to taste-test their small, 10 barrel batch craft beer; they are calling it Harpoon X. Sometimes that unique lot of beer makes it to the draught and bottle, other times the beer aficionados enjoy it as it is. Be one of the first: starting Wednesday 04/23, 7:30-9:30pm, \$20 gets you a (takeaway) commemorative mug 'o' Harpoon X. Pleasing to the eye and palette.

eventbrite.com/e/exclusive-event-harpoon-x-night-in-boston-tickets-11205067659 pmc.org trojob.com



**Taste:** *Eat Up Without the Clean up!* 

This Sunday, April 20, is Easter Sunday, as most know and brunch is the common meal had on this day. Brunch is a very involved process because it requires breakfast and lunch items, beverages of all sorts, sweets and of course, lots of guests. One thing that all adds up to (for me): DISHES! Take the sting out of getting up and out Sunday am and eat out. SB's finest are prepping for you to enjoy. Make sure you make your reservations NOW. Remember, everyone wants to eat at 7pm on Friday night and 11am/noon on Sundays, so if this coveted time slot is unavailable, be kind and work with the reservationist. A kind word gets you a good table. \*\*\*Keep your street-cleaning-free-spot and take the Southie Shuttle to any of these spots\*\*\*

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Smell: Get A Whiff of This

Quick fixes. Sure a boss of Pepsi and a chicken parm sub can momentarily dispel the pain of being hung, but sooner than later, the delayed hangover hits. Many of us have been caught off-guard by this sudden spring weather, and are looking and feeling less than spectacular. Creeping up are the days where I have to show more than wrist & ankle. One-way to jumpstart your internal spring clean out: green smoothies. WeWork Fort Point is hosting another engaging and informative seminar, 04/14, 12-1pm, with Team J&A, who will demo and share their green smoothie recipe to a better you. Green is the new black.

eventbrite.com/e/smoothie-learn-with-team-j-a-tickets-11237464559 teamjanda.com wework.com/location/fort-point



Hear: Come Out. Come Out. Wherever You Are

In celebration of Boston, Patriot's Day and our rich history, Boston Uncharted, has created another scavenger hunt to team-up and teach Boston's history. The hunt is on at 11am starting at the Boston Tea Party Museum, where the first clue is given and the first 100 crawlers get a free tee shirt! Great prizes given for the winners. Make history.

eventbrite.com/e/patriots-day-scavenger-hunt-tickets-11294451007

bostonuncharted.com bostonteapartyship.com









#### Embrace All Of The Southie Senses: Green is Gold

A few, random buds have been popping up out of the ground and all over Instagram, these past couple weeks. Sure, they are beautiful and inspiring and all that jazz, but honestly, I haven't seen a green leaf in over 8 G-D months. Feeling suffocated from this lack of sun and green things, the few days of warmer weather helped but I was almost uncomfortable enjoying the temps when it still looks like January.

I guess I should just stop complaining and be happy for what I got. Not to get all Al Gore on y'all but I cannot help but think that we all have a hand in how Mother Earth gets treated and responds to our touch. Boston and our people have been making great strides in how we care for our environment. But more needs to be done to ensure safer, cleaner and better futures to come. Earth Day is Tuesday April 22. In honor of

the celebration, check out some of these novel and progressive initiatives that show anyone can make it a cleaner. greener South Boston. Tuesday, April 22, 2014

2nd Annual Sustainability unConference A purposeful, interactive and hands-on seminar where many Boston-based businesses, who have an innovative and eco-friendly approach to life, demo ways to do more and be better. The event is

free: all you have to do is register.

SustainabilityunConference2014.eventbrite.com districthallboston.org Renew Boston (through the City of Boston) and Greenovate Boston are plans to get greener around the gills in and outside of the home. Both are resources that can lead home and business owners on a garden path to better energy efficiency, business sustainability, ecofriendly transporting and more. Renew Boston's Whole Buildefficiency of 2-3 unit homes, or triple-deckers as we affectionately call 'em. has extended its deadline to June 1, 2014 to ensure all have a chance to take part. renewboston. org/2014/03/07/deadline-extended-for-twoand-three-unit-building-special-incentive greenovateboston. org/share/actions/ green-energy-powerresources

#### Planet Southie

Get involved. An alling Initiative for energy around greener Southie group who are making great strides to keep SB clean and green. All are welcome to their monthly meeting, held the 4th Thursday of every month at the Distillery from 6:30-7:30pm; this month's meeting is 04/24. Southie Bikes: southiebikes.com Southie Trees: southietrees.techboston.com Southie Grows: bostongrows.org

#### Joe Kelly of 'J F Kelly Electrical': A Top of the Line Electrician

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ongtime residents have known it for years and new arrivals I find out as soon as they move in. When you need a skilled tradesperson to get a job done right, in your home and/or business, South Boston has some of the finest people around. And such is certainly the case with born and raised Joseph 'Joe' Kelly; a talented electrician with a solid reputation. Joe Kelly, who operates his own business called J F Kelly Electrical, is a licensed and insured perfectionist when it comes to his profession and he has plenty of satisfied customers who are always glad to give testimonials to that fact and do so at every opportunity.

What services does J F Kelly Electrical specialize in? The list includes but is not limited to the following. Remodels, Lighting Design, Power Design, Renewable Energy, Service Updates, Smoke/Carbon Monoxide Detector/Fire Alarms, Generator and UPS Systems, Security and Landscape Lighting, Electrical Consulting and Engineering and a whole lot more. In fact, with Joe Kelly, it's pretty much one stop shopping for all your electrical work, because he pretty much does it all and does it well.

Though young, Joe has been working in the field since 1999. He has always had an interest in this particular trade. Excellent at math growing up, in fact he was part of the Math Olympiad organized by the late Ken Preskinis, he always felt he wanted a career that was challenging. rewarding and allowed him to interact with and offer a service to people. He also wanted to earn a good living to provide for his children. Joe is a doting

dad with two young sons; Aidan, who is 6 and Michael, 5.

Joe Kelly's South Boston roots are strong. Raised up near O and East Fourth Street, like most local kids growing up in the neighborhood, he was active in sports and was a good athlete with playing youth hockey and soccer among some of his fondest memories. He went to St. Peter's School and graduated from Boston Tech and makes it a point to continue to give back to his home town. He now is a coach for youth soccer. As a member of the Castle Island Association, he gives guided tours of Fort Independence. He also organizes toy drives for the Home for Little Wanderers and is even a regular blood donor for the American Red Cross. How's that for being a good citizen?

South Boston Today asked Joe Kelly what he likes about working as an electrician in South Boston. Without hesitation he said "It's a combination of several things. I get to see and interact with so many people

I've known for years; friends and neighbors as well as meet so many of the new residents, welcome them to the neighborhood and let them know what a great place South Boston is. It's a real pleasure working in the community that I grew up in and enjoy being part of."

Joe Kelly takes pride in the work he does. He loves being an electrician and being able to help people who require his services. Getting the job done the way the customers want it, on time and at reasonable prices are things that continue to earn his J F Kelly Electrical company its good name. It's also why people continue to trust him for all of their electrical service needs.

So whenever you find yourself in need of a top notch electrician; one of the finest in the business anywhere, you can give Joe Kelly at JF Kelly Electrical a call at 617-596-9040 or contact him by email at joe@jfkellyelectric.com. He also accepts Visa, MasterCard and American Express.

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same day for Greek and Albanian Orthodox Churches as well as all other Christian Denominations.

In addition to the Masses and Services, the traditional Way of the Cross procession will begin at St. Monica Church on Good Friday; meet at the Church at 10:45am. The procession will leave from St. Monica Church and will make stops at area Churches. All are welcome.

-Gate of Heaven Church: Good Friday: 9am: Morning Prayer, 3pm: Celebration of the Lord's Passion with Holy Communion. Holy Saturday: 9am: Morning

Prayer. Easter Sunday: 9am Mass, 12noon Mass

-St. Brigid Church: Good Friday: 7pm: Celebration of the Lord's Passion with Holy Communion, Holy Saturday: 7:30pm: Evening Mass of the Lord's Resurrection – Easter Vigil, Easter Sunday: 8am Mass, 10:30am Mass.

-St. Monica Church: Good Friday: 7pm: Mass (Spanish), Holy Saturday: 8pm Mass, Easter Sunday: 9:30am Mass, 12:30pm Mass (Spanish)

-St. Augustine's Chapel: Good Friday: 4pm Mass.

-St. Vincent de Paul Church:

Easter Sunday: 10am Mass.

-Our Lady of Good Voyage (Waterfront): Good Friday 1:10pm Service, Easter Sunday: 11am Service, 7pm Service (With particular Marathon Prayers).

-Holy Trinity Albanian Orthodox Church: Good Friday: 9am Service, 7pm Service. Holy Saturday: 10:45pm Service, Midnight Easter Service. Easter Sunday: 11am Service.

-St. Peter Church: Easter Sunday: 9am Mass.

-South Baptist Church: Easter Sunday: 10:30am Service.

-New Covenant Church: Easter Sunday: 8:30am Service.

-Chapel at Marian Manor: Good Friday: 3pm Mass, Holy Saturday: 3:45 Mass, Easter Sunday: 10am Mass.

-St. George Albanian Orthodox Cathedral: Holy Saturday: 9:30pm Easter Vigil, 10pm: Resurrection and Easter Liturgy, Easter Sunday: 11am Service.

-Fourth Presbyterian Church: Easter Sunday: 5:50am: Sunrise Service at Carson Beach. 10:30am Service at the Church

Remember: There will be the annual traditional outdoor Sunrise Mass on Easter Sunday Morning at Castle Island. It begins at 5:55am





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| 503 East First St UNIT 9<br>Condo      | \$677,000 | 03/21/14  | 4     | 2     | 1324  |
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| 615 East Sixth St UNIT 4<br>Condo      | \$660,000 | 03/27/14  | 5     | 2     | 1300  |
| 870 East Second St UNIT 2<br>Condo     | \$637,500 | 03/14/14  | 4     | 3     | 1700  |
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# Spring 2014 Floating Art In the Channel: Tropical Fort Point

he Fort Point Arts Community (FPAC) announces spring floating public art in conjunction with the upcoming 2014 Spring Open Studios weekend. Tropical Fort Point is a temporary floating public art installation created and produced by Fort Point artist Peter Agoos.

"The struggle for quality public open space in the neighborhood and the likelihood of climate changeinduced rising sea levels are the conceptual parents of Tropical Fort Point. Inspired in part by seeing the Sudbury River at spring flood turning the adjacent wetland woods into wooded wetlands—trees apparently growing out of a lake, with an occasional canoe or kayak slipping between the trunks — the concept was initially planned as an evergreen installation called Fort Point Forest. The design evolved to embrace the low centers of gravity, salt-resistance, and wind-shedding characteristics of Majesty Palms and grew the new title of Tropical Fort Point. This tonguein-cheek preview of the effect of rising tides stakes a claim to the Channel wetscape as an unexploited green space."-Peter Agoos.

Agoos is a long-time Fort Point resident, the creator of the 2012 suspended installation Arts Imbalance between the Summer and Congress Street bridges, creative director for the 100th anniversary illuminations of the Boston Children's Museum in fall 2013, and with Diane Fiedler, creator of C is for Clamp on view at BCM as part of the multi-artist installations known as An Alphabet of Inspiration: Artists Celebrate 100 Years of Collections.

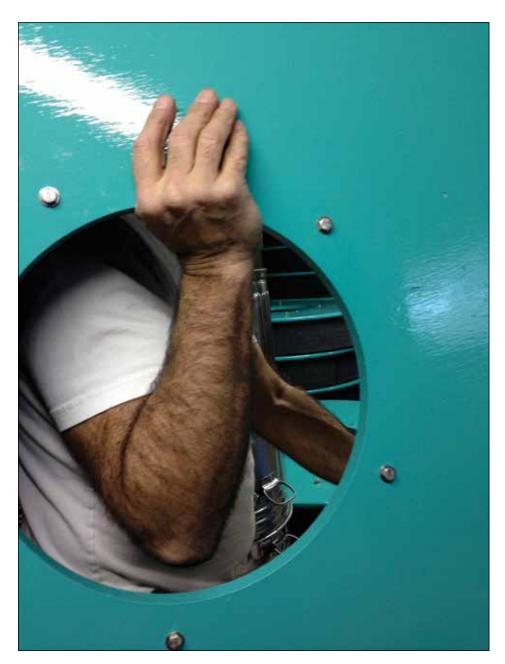
Tropical Fort Point will be located in the Fort Point Channel basin between the Congress and Summer Street Bridges. The installation will be on display from April 28th – June 15th. An expanded public art series is planned for May, with three additional

installations to be announced around the Fort Point Channel.

Tropical Fort Point and the Spring Public Art Series are held in conjunction with Fort Point Spring Open Studios Weekend, to be held Friday through Sunday, May 9-11th. During Open Studios, more than 75 artists will open their studio doors to the public. Studios will be open Friday evening from 4-7pm, and Saturday and Sunday from 12-5pm. Open Studios visitors will explore the neighborhood and go inside the historic Fort Point warehouse lofts to meet local artists, including: sculptors, painters, ceramicists, jewelers, performance artists, fashion designers, printmakers, book artists, photographers, and more. Artwork will be available for purchase directly from the artists.

Fort Point Open Studios events are free and open to the public. Free parking during Open Studios is available. A downloadable map and details of Fort Point Open Studios will be found on www.fortpointarts.org

Open Studios and the Public Art Series are organized by Fort Point Arts Community (FPAC), which represents over 300 artists in all media working and living in this unique waterfront neighborhood. Fort Point









is recognized as one of New England's largest established arts communities.

Tropical Fort Point and Fort Point's Floating Art Series is made possible by the generous support Friends of Fort Point Channel, a nonprofit organization committed to making the Fort Point Channel an exciting and welcoming destination for all of Boston's residents, workforce and visitors. For more information, please visit www.friendsoffortpointchannel. org. Friends of Fort Point Channel has partnered with The Fort Point Arts Community since 2005 to activate the Fort Point Channel with temporary displays of public art.

Additional support for Tropical Fort Point is provided by a grant from the Fort Point Channel Operations Board with funds from the Chapter 91 Waterways Regulations License #11419 for Russia Wharf, now Atlantic Wharf. The Fort Point Channel Operations Board is made up of representatives from the City of Boston, the Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs, and the Fort Point Channel

Abutters Group, who oversee the implementation of public benefits required from private development along the Fort Point Channel.

Tropical Fort Point was selected by a jury of artists, arts professionals, and community members. FPAC thanks our selection panel:

Elizabeth Devlin Founder and Digital Curator at Flux. Boston: Karin Goodfellow Boston Art Commissioner; Cher Krause Knight Associate Professor of Art History, Emerson College. Co-founder of the organization Public Art Dialogue. Co-founder and co-editor of the journal Public Art Dialogue (Routledge). Author of the book, Public Art: Theory, Practice and **Populism** (Blackwell-Wiley); Michael Moss Musician, artist, and long-time Fort Point resident and business owner, Michael has completed numerous public art installations in Fort Point; Danielle Pillion Executive Director. Friends of Fort Point Channel; Traci Roloff Co-founder of FilzFelt, and Fort Point resident

#### Youth Ambassadors On Sixth Community Service Trip!!

he South Boston Community Health Center's Youth Ambassadors are going on their 6th Service Trip! This year the youth will be returning to Long Island, NY. Thousands of people still have not been able to return to their homes since Hurricane Sandy hit in October, 2012. A great deal of help is still needed in this community. In this spirit, once again, the Youth Ambassadors will spend their spring vacation working on Long Island with a Jewish organization called NECHAMA. NECHAMA's work is based on the Jewish value of Tikkun Olam, which is Hebrew for repairing the world through acts of goodness. NECHAMA carries out this mission on Long Island through house restoration and other community development programs.

Youth Ambassadors is a program of the South Boston Community Health Center that facilitates lasting relationships between the youth and adults of South Boston, builds leadership skills, promotes civic-mindedness, and raises awareness about health issues affecting the South Boston community. Our youth gain skills and knowledge through art projects, health education, and



community service.

Our work on Long Island will include: painting, installing sheet-rock, installing insulation, removing debris from a home, or finishing out a home. Last year the Youth Ambassadors and their adult mentors worked in the areas of Lindenhurst and Copiague. NECHAMA calculated that the Youth Ambassadors worked for 521.5 hours, which translated into a total work value of \$10,430. The Youth Ambassadors are committed to community service in their neighborhood and beyond. The yearly experience of traveling to disaster relief sites solidifies their resolve to make a difference once they return home to South Boston.

Previous community service trips to the Gulf Coast and to Alabama have been life changing for the youth participants as well as their adult chaperones. They have felt a great sense of accomplishment by representing South Boston in recovery relief efforts.

Please contact Mayra Rodriguez-Howard at the South Boston Community Health Center (617) 464-7423 if you would like more information or would like to contribute funds to support the trip.



#### **Running To Support** Children's Mental **Health Needs**

**¬** or South Boston resident, Noel O'Connor, the fast approaching Boston Marathon is more than just 26.2 miles; it's a journey of hope for children in Boston and beyond. O'Connor is running his third Boston Marathon to support atrisk and underserved children and families. O'Connor is raising money for Wediko Children's Services, a nonprofit committed to helping children succeed in school, at home, and in the community despite the obstacles and challenges in their way.

Wediko makes a significant and positive impact on the mental health and well-being of at-risk and underserved children. For nearly 80 years, Wediko has been collaborating with schools and families to ensure that all

to succeed. "There's a saying I think of when I think about my work at Wediko. "Find a job you love, and you'll never work another day in your life," Confucius. That's how I feel at Wediko – a place where children who struggle learn to have fun, to be children, and in so doing, turn their lives around."

O'Connor has set an impressive \$8,000 goal and he is almost there with a few days to go. Donations to support O'Connor's marathon fundraising can be made online or via check, made payable to Wediko. All money raised supports children's mental health services, including school-based, home-based, and summer programs. "When you work for an organization like Wediko and work with the from our programs, you truly





#BostonStrong and we're grateful to these runners for helping us to continue our work assisting families who are doing all they can to help their children overcome huge challenges," says Wediko's Marathon Team coordinator, Kate Regal, herself a thirteen time Boston Marathon finisher and charity runner.

To support Noel O'Connor's marathon fundraising, please visit: http://www.crowdrise.com/ Wediko2014BostonMarathon/ fundraiser/noeloconnor.

More information about Wediko can also be found online at www.wediko.org.

#### **South Bostonian Runs Boston Marathon In Memory Of Brother**

auren Gablinkse, a runner from South Boston, will run in the 118th Boston Marathon on Monday, April 21, 2014. By running, Lauren will help Samaritans, Inc., a local suicide prevention organization, raise awareness and much needed funds for its life-saving services.

Lauren is one of 24 people who are running the distance for suicide prevention for Samaritans. Lauren lost her brother, Derek, to suicide in 2011 and this loss led her to start looking for ways that she could bring hope to others that have lost a loved one to suicide. She has become passionate in raising awareness around the stigma of suicide and this is what brought her to Samaritans. Running has been a passion of hers for the last four years. She has run several 5Ks and half marathons, but this will be her first marathon. Lauren grew up in Bristol, RI and she works as an account executive in a market research firm. Lauren was chosen to receive a number through the John Hancock Non-Profit Program and has set a fundraising goal of \$12,500. With Lauren's help, the 2014 Samaritans Marathon Team has already raised over \$130,000 and the goal is to exceed \$150,000.

"It is a privilege to be part of the 2014 Samaritans Marathon Team," said Lauren. "I am honored to support the good work Samaritans do all day, every day, for so many

people in need. Training this winter has brought many challenges. But every time I step outside to train in the freezing cold I'm inspired that I am making a big difference for vulnerable people in my community. I am humbled by the support I have already received in pursuit of my fundraising goal."

Last year, 469 volunteers helped Samaritans answer 142,577 calls and over 900 chats; deliver 268 suicide prevention workshops and community outreaches to 12,937 people; and make over 900 connections with people bereaved by suicide. Every day Samaritans helps people build resiliency skills and this was needed more than ever following the tragedy of the Boston Marathon bombings last year when Samaritans saw a 20% increase in its call volumes.

The 2014 Marathon Team is supported by Christian Caldaroni Memorial Foundation, Flavin Gina Marsh Music, Architects. Goldhaber Research Associates, Professional Athletes Foundation and Skidmore & Co.

To make a donation in honor of Lauren and Samaritans Marathon Team, please visit:

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To contact Lauren with any questions about donations please email: running4derek@gmail.com



#### Boston Bruins, Once Again A Stanley Cup Contender

SOUTH BOSTON TODAY

By Conor Ryan

Buckle up, Boston. After 82 games, it's finally time for playoff hockey in the Hub. Once again, the Bruins established themselves as the cream of the crop during the 2013-14 season, finishing the year with an NHL-best 54-19-9 record for 117 points. As a result, the Boston received the Presidents' Trophy, given to the team with the most points in the NHL, for the first time since the 1989-90 season.

While the trophy is certainly a nice little note to put on media guides and TV banners, it is also not a stamp that guarantees a Stanley Cup Championship. Since the inception of the Presidents' Trophy in 1985-86, only eight teams have both won the trophy and hoisted Lord Stanley's Cup – a testament to the unpredictable nature of playoff hockey.

While this season has seen many teams such as Pittsburgh, St. Louis and Chicago establish themselves as legitimate roadblocks to a potential Boston title, the Bruins should still be a favorite to win the Cup for multiple reasons.

-Veterans continue to establish consistent success: It may not come as a surprise to anyone, but it's been Boston's core group – players such as Zdeno Chara and Patrice Bergeron – that has made this team into a

perennial contender.

It's been another status-quo season for the imposing Chara, as the 6'9" defenseman has once again put his name into Norris Trophy discussion due to his lockdown defense and his increased scoring output, as he's contributed 17 goals on the season. Bergeron should be a lock for the Selke Trophy, given to the best defensive forward in the NHL, as the 28-yearold center has been absolutely fantastic on the ice all season. Not only has Bergeron been a force both defensively and in the face-off circle, but has also been dangerous with the puck this year with 30 goals. These two players, along with Milan Lucic, David Krejci, Brad Marchand and Johnny Boychuk will form the veteran backbone that will help guide the Bruins through a gruelling playoff schedule.

**-Iginla paying dividends:** The new addition of Jarome Iginla has been a welcome addition to the Boston roster, as he has made huge contributions on the year.

Iginla has meshed perfectly on the first line with Milan Lucic and David Krejci, as the future Hall of Famer has chipped in 30 goals while continuing to display his hard-nosed physical play that made him such a perfect fit for the team in the first place.

-Rask once again stout in net: Bruins

netminder Tukka Rask has shown the Bruins that he was worth every penny of his new eight-year, \$56 million contract extension, as the goaltender is an early favorite for the Vezina Trophy, given every year to the best goaltender in the league.

On the year, the Savonlinna Finland native has posted a 36-15-6 record with a 2.04 goals-against average and a .930 save percentage while also leading the NHL with seven shutouts. Rask was one of the main factors in the Bruins' Stanley Cup run in 2013, and will once again be the biggest key to another deep playoff campaign in 2014.

**-Depth:** The Bruins boast one of the deepest rosters in the NHL, as Claude Julien has the ability to roll out four different lines and three defensive pairings on a daily basis creates a tough matchup for most opponents.

The Bruins feature a balanced scoring attack, as six players on the roster have recorded 50 points on the year. Boston has also shown that they have the means to absorb injuries to certain players, as was the case when defenseman Dennis Seidenberg injured his ACL and MCL on Dec. 27.

While Seidenberg has been a huge presence on the Bruins blue line for years, Boston has been able to continue its great play in his absence, posting an impressive 28-9-7 record in the 44

games following his injury.

-Home Cooking at the Garden: As a result of securing the best record in the NHL this season, the Bruins will have home-ice advantage for the entire playoff run. This will prove to be a big pick-me-up for the Black and Gold, as the team posted a 31-7-3 record within the friendly confines of the TD Garden.

The road to the Black and Gold's seventh championship will certainly not be an easy one, as the Bruins will once again have to slug their way through four best-of-seven series for a chance to hoist the Cup.

Boston's first series will pit them against an Original Six opponent, the Detroit Red Wings. This will be the eighth time that the Bruins will take on the Red Wings in the playoffs, but the first time since 1957. While the Red Wings may have only earned the eighth-seed in the East, they still boast an impressive roster, led by a nowhealthy Pavel Datsyuk. Detroit was the only team in the NHL to defeat the Bruins three times this season.

While making it to the Stanley Cup Finals in three out of the last four years would seem to be a monumental task for the Black and Gold, their leadership, depth and fantastic goaltender have them pegged as the early favorites to once again lift the greatest trophy in all of sports.







\*Every week, we run part of an interview from Danny Picard's daily sports-talk show, "I'm Just Sayin," which can be heard every weekday by subscribing on iTunes. He also hosts "The Danny Picard Show" every weekend on WEEI-93.7 FM. This week, Danny talked Red Sox with Comcast SportsNet's Mike Giardi:

DANNY PICARD: All the talk following the Red Sox' weekend series in New York is instant replay. What did you think of the replay of the potential inning-ending double play in that fourth inning [Sunday night]? That would have got the Red Sox out of the inning Instead, they reviewed it and overturned the call, saying that Francisco Cervelli was safe, and a run ended up scoring, and it ended up being the winning run. What did you think of the call that was overturned?

MIKE GIARDI: I'm actually with you on this one, and maybe we're in the minority. At least, the minority in the Boston area. I thought [Cervelli being safe at first] was the right call. I didn't like the instant replay proposal. I didn't like when it went through last year. So I am very much in the camp of, I didn't think that the game necessarily needed this. There's a human element to it. There's always been a human element to it. If you want to do it on home run calls, beautiful. All for it. Maybe there's a special eye in the sky for Jim Joyce blowing the Galarraga no-hitter when [the runner] was clearly out a few years ago. But I think all this other stuff is just, it's almost like you're trying to change the game and change some of the rules. Some of the things that we knew to be true or knew to be okay, are now not okay, except when they are. So there's an inconsistency there that I can't stand. I don't love it at all. And there are a lot of flaws to it already, and a lot of people beefing about it. It's one of those hot-button issues that all kinds of people are going to jump on. But I didn't have much of a problem with the way the game was before. I don't know why we're trying to revolutionize the game. I don't see the point. I just don't. I think sometimes we try to go overboard to fix things that aren't necessarily broken.

**DP:** When the manager gets tossed out of the game, the thought is that somebody else runs the game for that team. That's BS. The manager is still running the game. He's only down the hall inside the clubhouse. So, if John Farrell was still running [Sunday night's] game, tell me what you thought of the moves made in the late innings against the Yankees. And I get it, that it's easy in hindsight to be sitting here and criticizing these moves. But I was questioning this at the time, I'm saying, you've got Jonny Gomes, and what Jonny Gomes is great at is coming off the bench and coming up with a big hit, and giving you that home run potential -in a one-run game-- to put one in the seats. Would you have tried to find a spot for Gomes in either the eighth or the ninth inning [Sunday] night, or in any one-run game?

MG: They were in a tough spot that night, obviously, with Dustin Pedroia being a late scratch and being sent home. So they lost a lot of roster flexibility just with that move and that move alone. Mike Carp obviously has some value for this team, has some value in the major leagues, but I think there are shortcomings to what you can do with him. And I think now you have a duplication, to a certain degree, of what kind of player Carp is and what kind of player Gomes is. To me, left[handed] vs right, whatever, Carp and Gomes, one of them shouldn't be here. And I think we both know who that one shouldn't be.

DP: So it sounds like you agree with me, and I did write something last week and have been saying it on this show since before the season starter, that you have to make room for Jackie Bradley Jr on the roster. And when Shane Victorino comes back now, I don't even think there should be a question. I think that Jackie Bradley Jr has proven that he can play at the major league level and that he is the every day center fielder for the Boston Red Sox, or he should be. He has proven that to me. I mean, he didn't just come out of nowhere. We've been ready for him. I mean, two years ago, we were talking about Jacoby Ellsbury not resigning with the Red Sox when his contract was up. And the question's asked, "Well, why wouldn't you sign him?" And we say, "Because you have Jackie Bradley Jr." So, he should stay on the roster, and I think the Red Sox need to move Mike Carp because I do think that Daniel Nava, to this specific Red Sox team, has more value than Carp. What move do you think they should make to keep Jackie Bradley Jr on the roster when Victorino does come back?

MG: Yeah, I think Carp is a nobrainer here. Look, I'm a cardcarrying member of the Nava fan club. I know it hasn't been the greatest start for him this year, but I think he's a smart hitter, I think he's a patient hitter, I think he's made himself into a good majorleague hitter. I think last year wasn't necessarily a fluke. I think if you look at two years ago, the first half he had was terrific, then he hurt his wrist and was a young player who pressed a little bit and got out of his comfort zone, and then the numbers suffered. Last year, he gets an opportunity to play, and basically makes the case to play almost every day, and does a good job with his versatility. He's not a great defensive outfielder, but he can play left, play right, first

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base, and like I said, he's also a good pinch-hitting option because of his command of the strike zone. He's a guy that can hit lead-off. He's not ideal in the lead-off spot, but he takes a lot of pitches and commands the strike zone. With Carp, maybe you get a little bit more bang for your buck, in terms of power, but, I don't really think there's much comparison between the two. If I have a choice, it's a no-brainer, I'm keeping Nava, and Carp's finding a new team, whether it's designated

for assignment, or I'm trading him for a bag of balls.

**DP:** What do you think should happen with Koji Uehara because of this shoulder stiffness? He threw [on Sunday] and I saw him throw long toss and he looked fine. But he does have shoulder stiffness, and I don't want to take his success for granted. Would you put him on the DL just to be safe? What would you do with Uehara? How would you handle this situation?

**MG:** I think they've got to take the long view here too, because the short

view is, "We're not going so great. We're not getting the breaks that we did. We're not off to the kind of start we want to be on to." And obviously [Uehara] is a sure thing, basically, at the end of games. But based on his history, based on his usage last year, based on the fact that in Texas when he had a similar shoulder stiffness, they ended up losing him for two months. I'd rather lose a guy for 15 days, put him on the retro-active from a few days ago, and go that way. Look, you've built your roster so that,

while Mujica hasn't been lights out for sure, it's a job that he did in St. Louis, it's a job that he did fairly well before losing the [Cardinals closer] job late last year. He's not a bad option to have. And again, [Uehara] is too important to the big picture to mess around with him at this point of the year, especially when you're still in the cold weather month of April. I would be overly protective of him, because I think e's too important an asset to mess with right now.

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