City In An Affordable Housing Crisis

It is a commonly held belief that the affordable housing policy in major cities like Boston, whose economy is booming, is inadequate to meet the needs of moderate income individuals and middle income families. Developers treat the mandatory affordable unit set aside policy as a necessary nuisance, offering no quality finish to the units they build, no parking and relegate the buyer to the least desirable location in their square box development.

As it looks to re-zone South Boston, the City needs to make it clear that high-end luxury condominiums may have their place in Boston, but it is Mayor Marty Walsh’s intention to signal to developers that before they
EDITORIAL

SOUTH BOSTON TODAY

Staff Report

Last week’s cleanup of Farragut Park, cancelled due to the weather, is on for this Saturday at 10:00am. A great start, but a practice that should be a regular activity not an isolated event. This is our town and we have to take care of it.

Wildlife is everywhere and storing or leaving trash barrels on the street is not only illegal but unsanitary, but many do it and this attracts these critters. In turn, garbage is strewn all over by these animals. Sweeping or cleaning in front of your house seems to be a forgotten art.

On Saturday May 10th beginning at 10:00 AM in Flaherty Park at B and 3rd St. Volunteers are wanted to clean and spruce up that and St. Vinny’s playground. It’s your town. Join in.

“Liberty may be endangered by the abuse of liberty, but also by the abuse of power” - James Madison

This Week’s Poll

What Size Residence Is Most Needed In Affordable Housing?

Micro Units

1 Bedroom Units

2 bedroom Units

3 Bedroom Units

4 bedroom units

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Question: What’s more difficult than pulling a deep rooted wisdom tooth from a set of gums that seem to be holding on like rock hard concrete? Answer: Removing incompetent bureaucrats who have been put in positions of power by politically liberal administrations; whether on the state or the federal level.

As we all know, this past Tuesday, Governor Deval Patrick reluctantly and begrudgingly accepted the resignation of the head of the Massachusetts Department of Children and Families (DCF), Olga Roche. At his spectacle of a press conference, the governor actually said to do so was not what he wanted, he was disappointed and saddened to be doing this and still believes that Ms. Roche has the “expertise” to run the department well. In other words, the only reason he did do it was because there was so much political pressure to accept her resignation and he was ticked off about her leaving.

To quote Jeff Kuhner of WRKO Radio: “What is it with this state?” Missing children, dead children, abused children, children that were supposed to be under the watch of DCF and Governor Patrick thinks that the head of DCF has the expertise to run the agency? The governor promised to fire the man, now he claims he is sad because she is leaving. And so the cycle continues.

But Governor Patrick has not been nicknamed ‘Mini Me’ for nothing; the name Mini Me meaning he’s a smaller version of his friend, Barack Obama. After all, he is only following the lead of the president. Attorney General Eric Holder, appointed by Obama, had his Justice Department oversee the debacle that was Operation Fast and Furious, where it allowed guns to be given to Mexican drug cartels and used to kill American Border Patrol agents and countless Mexican citizens. As far as Obama is concerned, Eric Holder can do no wrong. The fact that Holder refused to prosecute members of the New Black Panthers, who were caught on video harassing white voters with bats and clubs, as they went into polling places was no big deal to them.

Then there is Lois Lerner of the IRS. Her agency, under her direction, is accused of harassing conservative groups, churches and other organizations that disagree politically with the regime. She too gets the total backing of the White House, who thinks that this is an overblown issue and that there is “absolutely no corruption” involved. Hillary Clinton can’t be touched even after four Americans were killed in Benghazi; killed because she refused to beef up security that the ambassador practically begged for leading up to the attack. As one internet source making the rounds suggested, Cliven Bundy should rename his ranch Benghazi, so the feds would never come near the place again. And then, of course, there’s John Kerry. This week, he insulted Israel, but again, not even a reprimand by the one who nominated him. Although at least Kerry apologized.

Governor Patrick has only eight more months in office and then he’s gone. Some people complain that he spends far too little time in the state and instead travels too much and with no real purpose that benefits the state. But please, stop complaining about that. The less time he is on the job, the fewer things he can mess up. But Barack Obama has two and a half more years left to go. He can do a lot more damage to this country than he already has in that much time. Maybe the American people can convince him to get on the same type of vacation schedule as his buddy Deval. I’m guessing Michelle wouldn’t mind that at all.
“Cardinal, We Never Stop Working In My Town.”

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We ask our members and all of our neighbors to email and call Mayor Walsh’s Office, The Zoning Board of Appeals and the Boston Redevelopment Authority to voice opposition to this project.

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-SB Neighborhood Association Committee

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Letters To The Editor

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End of Boston, I gave one of Pope Francis’ top aides a letter inviting the Pope to visit Boston, when he comes to the United States. He will find a warm and friendly people and city. I also added the compliments of the new Mayor of Boston Martin Walsh and all its political and civic leaders. “I will assure you, Mr. Ambassador, that your comments are received by the Holy Father.” He said.

A Cardinal I have worked closely with at the United Nations said to me at lunch, “Ambassador, do you ever stop working?” I paused and said, “Cardinal, that’s all I’ve done since I was a boy. In my town, that’s what we do.” “Sounds like a good place,” he said. “It is,” I replied.

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Prioritize your goals. Don’t let anything get in your way,” is probably good advice for someone pursuing a career.

In the news business, the news itself is the priority - or goal - or at least it should be. The last few weeks have been a stark reminder that the priority, or goal, for most of the “lame stream media” is the constant denigration of America.

If you’re a news watcher, you’re aware that flight 370 coverage reached the ridiculous level, weeks ago. CNN was the worst offender with 24-7 plane search coverage. Everything else, Washington State mudslides, Chicago murder spree and more received little or no coverage. The Ukraine crisis got a little, but then right back to the plane. He was due to receive a national top cop award for his actions that night. It would be nice if the lame stream media gave a little more coverage to the last marathon death, that of Officer Dennis Simmonds. Officer Simmonds was injured by a bomb during the battle in Watertown. He was due to receive a national top cop award for his actions that night. It is possible and quite probable Officer Simmonds died of injuries he received. Under the law, death resulting within a year from a criminal act makes the criminal eligible to be charged for that death. In fact, the weasel should be charged with his brother, “speed bump’s” murder. According to police statements, “Speedbump” was struggling up to the moment the police dove to avoid being hit by the weasel. After the weasel dragged “Speadbump” a half block under the car’s tires all struggling ceased, which would indicate the car struck the fatal blow. Again, anyone killed during the commission of a felony is the fault of the criminal.

On one hand, we have the young punk bomber who hates America, which means he can’t be all bad. On the other hand, you have a dedicated black police officer who risked and apparently gave his life for this racist America which doesn’t fit the “hate America” narrative. This, of course, is the problem when the priority, or goal, is to make the news fit a predetermined philosophy, instead of letting the news itself tell the tale. This just means the viewer has the added task of trying to filter out the media spin.

Finally, congratulations to the committee who put together last week’s class of 67, 68, 69 reunions. A lot of laughs and memories were shared. All the assisted living facilities were deserted that night.

Take care till next week.

Note: talk back to Brian by email at bmahoney@southbostontoday.com

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“The most exciting 2 minutes in sports”

Saturday, May 3, 2014 • 4:00 – 7:00 PM

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241 A Street, South Boston

$20 PER PERSON

All proceeds will benefit the South Boston Collaborative Center

Prizes for Best Derby Dressed Lady and Gentleman

Ladies $500.00 gift card to Ku De Ta
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Complimentary Buffet & Passed Hors d’oeuvres
OFFICIALS ADDRESS CONCERNS REGARDING HUBWAY BIKES

Boston City Councilor At-Large Michael Flaherty convened an onsite meeting Friday April 25th to address community concerns about the placement of Hubway bike stations within South Boston. Councilor Flaherty invited Nicole Freedman, Director of Boston Bikes; Kristen McCosh, the Persons with Disabilities Commissioner; City Councilor Bill Linehan, State Senator Linda Dorcena Forry, and State Representative Nick Collins to discuss issues of placement, public safety, and accessibility of the stations. Nicole Freedman has agreed with elected officials regarding future placements of Hubway bike stations. Nicole Freedman will collaborate with elected officials regarding future placements of Hubway bike stations. Councilor Flaherty and South Boston elected officials will keep the community informed on this matter.

If any resident has additional concerns or ideas about better and safer locations for bike racks, please call Councilor Flaherty’s office at 617-635-4205. Nicole Freedman has agreed to relocate the West Broadway bike station from the street to the sidewalk because of safety concerns. This will also restore 3 vital parking spaces to our business district where parking has already posed an issue with residents and patrons.

Furthermore, the City will post signs around the MDC skating rink location notifying visitors that bike riding is prohibited around Castle Island. Nicole Freedman will collaborate with elected officials regarding future placements of Hubway bike stations. Councilor Flaherty and South Boston elected officials will keep the community informed on this matter.

REP. COLLINS VOTES COMPREHENSIVE AUTISM LEGISLATION

Representative Nick Collins joined his colleagues in the House of Representatives to pass comprehensive autism legislation that will help foster independence for autistic individuals and provide their families with financial tools for long-term planning.

The bill permanently establishes a state Autism Commission and creates new programs and enhances resources for individuals, families, and education professionals and distinguishes Massachusetts as a national leader. The Autism Commission will be responsible for making recommendations and monitoring the implementation of policies to improve autism care in the Commonwealth.

“This bill helps families of children, adults and elderly relatives with autism to develop long-term financial strategies to prepare for necessary expenses,” said Rep. Collins, who sits on the Joint Committee on Children, Families and Persons with Disabilities. “Equally important, this legislation empowers families and individuals throughout their lifetime and helps put Massachusetts at the forefront in supporting its citizens with autism.”

One provision, known as the ABLE program (Achieving a Better Life Experience), assists families with financial planning for individuals with disabilities by creating tax-advantaged savings accounts to help plan for long-term disability-related expenses. Eligible costs include expenses for education, medical and dental care, job training, housing, transportation, financial management, assistive technology, home improvements and other uses.

The legislation also ensures that as the number of students with autism increases, school districts and teachers are able to provide effective education. The Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (DESE) will develop a training program to help teachers educate those with autism in a manner that is individualized and allows them to stay in classrooms, if appropriate.

The bill will also expand the IQ-based eligibility requirement for adult services provided by the Department of Developmental Services (DDS) so that these services can be effectively extended to those requiring care.
Kentucky Derby Day
This Saturday at Barlow’s

As Americans, we are fortunate to have epic sporting events watched and enjoyed by people all over the country and even beyond: The Super Bowl, The World Series, The Stanley Cup Finals, The NBA Playoffs and now even NASCAR. There is also the Kentucky Derby. The ‘Derby’ is not just a horse race at a track; it’s the Super Bowl and World Series of horse racing. It attracts people from the far corners of the nation who make the trek to the beautiful state of Kentucky to be part of and to experience the action and all the history that goes with this magnificent event. It takes place this Saturday, May 3rd.

But here’s even better news to go with it. You do not have to fly or drive all the way to Kentucky to be part of the experience and the fun of the Derby. Nope. You can stay right here in South Boston and get caught up in all the festivities while in the company of family, friends and neighbors and enjoy fine food and drink while you’re at it. All you need do is head down to Barlow’s Restaurant at 241 A Street this Saturday for ‘Kentucky Derby Day’. Kentucky Derby Day at Barlow’s will begin at 4pm on Saturday and go until 7pm. The main event race itself will start at 5pm but you’ll want to get there early. Barlow’s will have a special menu for the day and if you haven’t tasted the fine food at this excellent South Boston Restaurant, you will be in for a pleasant surprise and an incredible treat. For the $20 price of admission, you’ll get a drink ticket and an awesome buffet supper that is sure to please. And then there are the raffle prizes; excellent raffle prizes.

Though it’s certainly not required, to make it even more festive, organizers suggest; even encourage you to come dressed in full Kentucky Derby regalia. That’s right, if you feel like dressing up like a jockey or other type of Derby costume that night, please do. Andy Ward of the ‘Collaborative’ told South Boston Today that there will be great prizes for the best costumes such as a large gift certificate for Ku De Ta; this one for the best dressed lady in Derby costume and for the best Derby costumed guy, a dinner party at Barlow’s. There will also be a raffle for Red Sox Games and dinners at Fenway Park’s Pavilion Club.

Andy Ward went on to say that “this will be a time to enjoy. Fun and excitement will be the theme of the event.” Whether you are a horse racing fan or not, you’re going to have a great time at Kentucky Derby Day this Saturday. If you are a fan of the Kentucky Derby or never gave it a second thought, it doesn’t matter, you won’t be able to help but get caught up in all the fun and excitement. And it’s all to help out a great cause; the South Boston Collaborative Center.

Again, it’s this Saturday, May 3rd from 4-7pm at Barlow’s Restaurant at 241 A Street right here in South Boston. Tickets are just $20 at the door.
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!

Stepping Up: All We Do is GiveGiveGive

‘Winter is coming…’ is not just a tagline from Game of Thrones. It’s how it actually, physically feels like outside; like a crisp, wet fall day, waiting for the first flake to fall. I definitely have S.A.D. and have been researching the special heat lamp. With all that aside, SB is still trucking on. Despite how it looks, gray is NOT the new black. This season Pantone has put out the colors of Spring 2014, and gray ain’t in there. One color, yellow, or Freesia, Pantone ID: 14-0852, is prominently positioned at the front. Yellow called to mind: warmth, sunshine, smiles; all things usually associated with spring. So since it’s delayed, it’s on US to make our own sunshine to warm up people and bring smiles to those faces. Here are some events this weekend where fun in the sun can be faked and good can be given in abundance. That makes me smile.

Saturday, May 3
Zootopia 2014, Renaissance Boston Hotel
Zoo New England brings the zoo to you! Enjoy an evening of drinks, dinner and awesome auction items, as well as a few surprises. Dress up in your best leopard/snakeskin/zebra and enjoy the evening. Some tickets include special tours of the zoo. Also, the Zoo Hero Youth Award, will be awarded to a deserving youth who has shown their love for the Franklin/Stone Zoos throughout their project. A $1,000 scholarship will be awarded to the youngster to take the project to another level.

Monday, May 5
2014 Turnaround of the Year Awards Gala, Seaport Boston Hotel
Honoring the 2013 Boston Red Sox, “From Worst to First”; the BoSox incredible journey from zero to hero is truly inspirational and teaches us all that anything is possible. Dinner, cocktails, silent auction items a-plenty. Proceeds benefit the Red Sox Scholars program, the Ron Burton Training Village, and a charity of choice by Ben Cherington.

tmanortheast.org/TOY.html
redsoxfoundation.org/about/red-sox-scholars
ronburtontrainingvillage.org

Stepping Out: Mother Load

Mother Nature ain’t messing around. This weather is definitely some sort of punishment for picking leaves off plants, littering, leaving the water running for no reason, walking on newly seeded, clearly marked, STAY OFF THE GRASS, lawns. Now a reformed recycle-a-holic, I am certainly guilt of all of these offenses and more. As well as leaving a trail of clothes all over the house, dirty dishes, being mean(-er,-est) to my siblings and telling little white/big dark, tales. I owe both Moms a whole heck of a lot. Sunday May 11 is Mother’s Day. There are plenty of moms in our lives we need to pay homage to: new bestie moms, sisters, aunties, godmothers. Though it’s over a week a way, who wants to be wrestling on Rite Aid floor for a Mother’s Day card and a box of Russell Stover’s? Why not check out some alternative events and gifts to ya moms? Give it a little more time, a little more thought. Remember... you’ll always love your momma. She’s your favorite girl.

•Drool 2014, Wednesday May 7th, 3-9pm, Westin Waterfront Hotel; Expo chock full of demos, resources, giveaways.
eventbrite.com/e/drool-2014-an-extraordinary-expo-for-expectant-new-parents-tickets-10896837735

•Merry Maids, with a location on Damrell Street, diagonally across from the Stadium, does all types of cleaning. Whether you want to treat the new/expectant/ANY mom to a top to floor do-over or just a light dusting, I am quite sure she will be appreciative. merrymaids.com

•Mother’s Day Pop Up, Thursday May 8, 11am-3pm, brought to us by Fort Point Arts Community and Atlantic Wharf. Textiles, prints, floral arrangements and other trinkets will be available for purchase.
friendsoffortpointchannel.org/mothers-day-pop-up
Southie Senses:

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

**Touch: Plays at Your Heartstrings**
The school year is a little longer this year for many of our kids. Snow days are pushing summer vacay to the last day of June and that’s ok because it feels like September anyway. But end of the year events are still happening. Why not support a local school helping out or neighborhood kids? Thursday May 8th, Excel High School is hosting their spring event, where the students will showcase their talents and hard work. Give a helping hand.

[Eventbrite link](eventbrite.com/e/spring-concert-to-support-excel-high-school-tickets-10601560553)

**See: May Days**
First Friday is almost here. The 1st Friday evening of every month, the ICA puts on a program full of fun, food, drink, music and laughter, all while learning. The cost is FREE for members and $15 for nonmembers, with an after party at Tavern Road. Grab a friend, strap on some dancing shoes and a smile, and get down to ICA Boston.

[ICABoston.org link](icaboston.org/programs/first-fridays/play/)

**Taste: Big City Bites**
Zagat has been all over Southie’s Fort Point and it’s newest additions (Pastoral, Row 34). Big stuff. Fort Point is fast becoming a work/live/play destination. The NAOIP knows this and wants us to hear from the best. Thursday, May 8 at the Seaport Boston, NAOIP is hosting “Fort Point: Our Nation’s New Culinary Destination”, full of an expert panel to discuss the present and future possibilities in the Seaport. The event is open to all ages and ready to give the inside scoop.

[NAOIP.org link](naiopma.org/events/eventdetail.aspx?EventID=307)

**Smell: Dragon Breath**
Daenerys Targaryen is the only one with dragons… Take some time out and try Dragon Boat Racing on the waterfront this spring (if we can call it that). Living Root puts the dragon boats in the water at the Barking Crab, and this weekend is going to be 60’ and sunny. DBR is “rooted” in a ceremonial East Asian tradition but today practiced as a paddle-racing event. Check out the website and give it a whirl.

[Livingroot.org link](livingroot.org)

**Hear: BlahBlahBlah**
This week is LitWeek in Boston, a 7 daylong celebration of the word: written, spoken, sung. Grub Street has sponsored events that are happening all over the city and some just past the limits, but Tuesday May 6th, 8pm, hear live performances of “The Moth: True Stories Told Live”, performed at LAUGH Boston. Truth told.

[Laughboston.com link](laughboston.com/event/the-moth-courage/)
[Grubstreet.org link](grubstreet.org/muse/lit-week-2014/)

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Youth Ambassadors Complete April Community Service Trip!

South Boston, MA
Wednesday, May 14, 2014
12:30 –1:30 pm
South Boston Community Health Center
3rd Fl, Community Room, 409 W Broadway, Boston, MA 02127

The South Boston Community Health Center’s Youth Ambassadors recently returned from their annual Community Service trip. The Youth Ambassadors, ages 15 – 18, and their adult chaperones traveled to Long Island, New York to assist with home rebuilding efforts for residents who were directly affected by Hurricane Sandy in 2012. Many still remain homeless nearly two years after the disaster.

The trip, funded entirely by the generosity of South Boston residents, businesses, family and friends was a huge success. Once again, as is our history and tradition, members of the South Boston community rolled up their sleeves and opened their wallets to help people in need. We thank everyone for their kindness and support. The efforts were deeply appreciated by the residents of the Babylon area of Long Island, New York, the storm ravaged area where the Youth Ambassadors worked this year.

The entire Youth Ambassador team worked tirelessly during their April school vacation installing drywall, insulation and “mudding” walls of two homes that had been completely destroyed by the storm. The work had a profound impact on the youth, many of whom report that they now appreciate their lives and what they have in South Boston.

South Boston Community Health Center presents “Getting Kids Moving and Eating Well” Living Healthy Speaker Series

South Boston Community Health Center invites patients, their families and the community to an upcoming talk on childhood nutrition and exercise featuring specialists from Boston Medical Center’s Nutrition for Life Program. Speakers Kathy Ireland and Aimée Lim-Miller will share their expertise on keeping your child physically active, the best healthy and nutritious foods to feed your child and programs available to help with your child’s weight issues.

Kathy Ireland is a clinical dietitian and BMC Clinic Director of the Nutrition and Fitness for Life (NFL) Program. Kathy helps families make lifestyle changes to achieve a healthier weight. Aimée Lim-Miller is a NFL clinical social worker. Aimée provides individualized assessments and interventions for patients and their families.

The Living Healthy Speaker Series is a year-long sequence of talks on healthy choices and disease prevention held at BMC affiliated community health centers. Experts in their fields, BMC clinical specialists share cutting edge information and inspire listeners to embark on a journey of healthy living.

To view upcoming talks, visit www.bmc.org/chc.

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Pastor Langevin To Receive Daniel Sharp D.D. Award

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This coming Sunday, May 4th, Pastor Gene Langevin, of the South Baptist Church at 80 L Street in South Boston will be presented with the Annual Daniel Sharp D.D. Award. This award will be presented to Pastor Langevin for being an ‘Affectionate and Honorable Christian and for overseeing a Worthy and Faithful Ministry’. The presentation will be made at the weekly 10:30am Service at the South Baptist Church and will be presented by Reverend Michael Harvey, the Executive Minister of the Baptist Church. All are invited to the service and the presentation.

Gene and Patricia Langevin; co-pastors at the South Baptist Church are South Boston residents and have been involved in good work in the community for many years. They also have been overseeing ‘The Way Up’, a Christian organization that deals with and helps at risk youths in need. Pastor Gene founded the Way Up 50 years ago and Pastor Patti has been involved in the organization for 30 years, as well. Pastor Langevin told South Boston Today that when he receives the Daniel Sharp Award this Sunday, he will be accepting it not only for himself but also for Pastor Patti for all of her good work.

The Way Up works with a diverse population of young people in need. Their ages range from as young as 10 years old to as old as 19. These targeted youth have backgrounds as church members as well as from various neighborhoods and institutions in different parts of the state. They are referred at times by public schools, youth shelters, the juvenile courts as well as other organizations that work with at risk young people. Pastor Langevin explained that while the Way Up is a Christian Organization, a child or youth does not have to be a Christian to be ministered to. They gladly accept young people of all faiths as well as those with no faith.

The Annual Daniel Sharp D.D. Award is considered a very prestigious honor as it is presented to those who are recognized for their hard work, dedication and documented success in the worthy efforts to help youths who need a helping hand as well as guidance to assist them in getting on the right track in life. Pastor Langevin certainly has met the qualifications with the creation of the Way Up program and for all the countless youths he and Pastor Patti have helped all of these many years. Again, the award will be presented this Sunday, May 4th at the 10:30am Service at South Baptist Church at 80 L Street in South Boston. All are welcome.

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For the 34th time in the history of the National Hockey League, the Boston Bruins and the Montreal Canadiens, two of the league’s most storied franchises, will meet in the postseason.

The two Original Six teams are far from unfamiliar with one another, and the history between the two has been loaded with big hits, big goals, and lots of hate. The last time these two teams met in the postseason was in the first round of the 2010-11 season. That series saw Montreal (46-28-8 in the regular season) take a 2-0 series lead before the Bruins roared back to win four out of five, to take the series in seven games. That series propelled the Bruins (54-19-9) on a run that ended with the Black and Gold hoisting Lord Stanley for the first time since 1972.

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DANNY PICARD: Murph, you’re in the Canadiens’ dressing room before this series with the Bruins, and they’re obviously being asked questions about the Bruins. But with the schedule unknown [as early as Tuesday morning], how is this affecting the players? We know how it’s affecting us, and at the end of the day, it won’t affect our stories, our sports talk shows, or how we break this down or look at these games. But do you think it’s affecting the players’ mindset going into this series, that they don’t know what the schedule could be [as of Tuesday morning]?

JIMMY MURPHY: Yeah I think it does for sure. And I’ll tell you what, I mean, I’m not a big [Montreal Canadiens coach] Michel Therrien fan. I’ve made that very clear. But I’ll give him credit for thinking outside the box [on Monday]. I don’t know if you saw what he did, but he held a simulated game day, where the Canadiens basically treated everything like a game day. He had his players go right back into that routine. They showed up to the rink for a gameday skate. They were instructed to go home, take their game day naps, come back, go to the Bell Centre, have their chicken meal that they have before every game, and then they played a scrimmage against the Hamilton Bulldogs. It can’t hurt. I think back to when the Olympic teams were doing, USA and Canada. They didn’t have the insurance to have the players go on the ice, so they held ball hockey games. Hey, maybe the Bruins should do that. Find a ball hockey rink or an indoor soccer field, or play some ball hockey or something, because you’ve got to keep that mindset, man. It’s all about routine, especially in the playoffs.

DP: You had a nice piece in The Boston Herald [on Tuesday] where you looked back at the 2011 playoff series between the Bruins and Canadiens, and how that one ended in the Bruins’ favor. You got some quotes from P.K. Subban. I guess, when you look at that Bruins team that and that Canadiens team, and the Bruins/Canadiens teams now, do you give the edge to a different team heading into this series? Who are you giving the edge to, heading into this one?

JM: Well, I mean, if we’re looking on paper right now, we’re looking in terms of stats and standings. Because Subban said it, this Bruins team right now is better than that Bruins team that beat Montreal in 2011 and went on to win the Stanley Cup. And I agree with him. So I think the Bruins get the edge. I think this Canadiens team that you’re going to see, is a lot different than the Canadiens team that you saw [in the regular season]. They were just starting to get to where they are now, when you last saw them, when they went into Boston and won 2-1 in a shootout in late March. They’re just starting to get into the form they’re in now. And, you know, I’ve been watching this Canadiens team closely and covering them, and they’re able to roll lines like the Bruins. So, they’ve got a lot more depth than maybe we thought they did at the beginning of the season. And they’ve got a lot of chemistry going on. But when it comes down to it, if I’m forced to pick, I’m going to pick the Bruins. Because I just think they’re the better team overall, and they’ve got more experience. And I think when it comes down to it, the Bruins end up winning this series in seven games.

DP: And in talking about that 2011 Bruins team, you can say the same things about this Bruins team in 2014. You just mentioned the Canadiens, that they can roll deep with all of their lines. But the Bruins, here they are even with injuries to Chris Kelly and Daniel Paille, and they’re still continuing to roll four lines in big spots. One thing you cannot say about [Bruins coach] Claude Julien, you can never say that he doesn’t trust everybody on his bench.

JM: It’s true. And I think he has an even deeper team this year. One of my colleagues wrote a piece for NHL.com where he was saying the Canadiens are just as deep as the Bruins. I wouldn’t go that far. I don’t think they’re even close to being as deep as the Bruins, when it comes to skill. I think that’s just the level [the Canadiens] are playing at right now. And the chemistry and the mindset that they’ve been in the last month, that’s where they’re deep. I think a lot of guys right now for the Canadiens are over-achieving, where, I think a lot of guys for the Boston Bruins right now are just doing what they should do, based on their skill and their stats. So, I think the Bruins are a deeper team when it comes down to it.

DP: If you lined them up against a wall, and you had to pick one goalie for one game, who would it be, Tuukka Rask or Carey Price?

JM: That’s too much of a choice, man. I mean, if you look at Carey Price, and just the way he -- and I know he had a superstar team in front of him at the Olympics. But still, he was lights out when the other teams did get their chances. And I thought he was amazing in that game against USA. But, overall body of work, and just what Tuukka’s done this year. And also, I think what Tuukka’s been through since 2011, I think I’d have to go with Tuukka. I don’t think Price has experienced enough playoff hockey, compared to Tuukka Rask since 2011. And Price has only got past the first round now twice in his career as a starting goalie, because it was Jaroslav Halak who took them on that run in 2010. So in terms of playoff experience and you’ve got a Game 7, do-or-die, I’ve got to go with Tuukka Rask.

DP: Yeah, I’d go with Tuukka as well. The things that he’s dealt with in the past. He was the Bruins’ goalie the year before they won the Cup, where they blew a 3-0 series lead to the Flyers. That was on Tuukka. And I think last year we were wondering if Tuukka could even get out of the East, could he even be a guy to get them past the second round. He took them to the Stanley Cup Final, and we know how that ended last year, not the way they wanted it to, obviously. But here they are trying to get back to the Cup Final, and I would take Tuukka Rask over Carey Price, if I had to line them up against a wall and pick one for a big game. When we line these two teams up going into this series. What people were saying with the Bruins and Red Wings series was, hey, the Bruins are the more physical team but the Red Wings had skill, speed, and finesse. I think one thing that got lost in the conversation was, the Bruins also have a lot of speed and have a lot of skill to go along with the physicality. And that should be recognized going into this series with the skilled Canadiens.

JM: It’s interesting you bring that up, because I’m writing a little preview of the series for TSN, and I was just trying to transcribe some quotes. I talked to [Canadiens forward] Travis Moen a couple days ago, and I brought that up to him, that, everyone is talking about the Bruins’ depth and all you ever hear up here [in Montreal] is how physical the Bruins are, the big, bad Bruins. But I asked him, I said, “Am I crazy to say that they’re a fast team too?” And he said, “No, not at all.” And he said, “You know what, one guy that’s fast and nobody gives him
credit for it is Milan Lucic.” He goes, “When that guy gets his wheels going, man, you get out of the way or you’re getting run over. He’s like a runaway freight train.” He gave the Bruins a lot of credit for their speed. And I haven’t heard many players say that before.

**DP:** I’m going to pick the Bruins to win this one in six games, Murph. I just think that this Bruins team, even if you have to keep going with Florek and Caron in the lineup, I think that Tuukka is just locked in. I love what I see from Dougie Hamilton in the defensive zone. I’m higher on this Bruins team this year, than I was last year’s team. And I think that’s saying a lot, because last year was a pretty damn good team as we know, even though they didn’t get the ultimate prize. So I’m going to say Bruins in six games. But let’s say I’m wrong, and the Canadiens win, what would be the storyline? How can the Canadiens somehow prove me wrong and win this series? I think we’d be talking about the Canadiens power play dominating the series, and making the Bruins penalty kill look pedestrian. If the Canadiens prove me wrong, what would the storyline be?

**JM:** I think it would be the Canadiens distracting the Bruins away from their game plan and making the Bruins forget the task at hand and be more worried about pounding some guys into oblivion. I think the other storyline is, I don’t think the Canadiens -- statistically or skill-wise -- are as deep as the Bruins, but I think they’re playing as deep as the Bruins right now. They’re playing bigger than they are. They’re playing better than maybe they are. There’s a thing with this Canadiens team that everyone says up here, and it’s that, a lot of times the Canadiens in the past would get a 2-0 lead and then they’d collapse and they’d lose. It’s the other way around now, where, if they have that lead, they hold on, they find a way to keep the momentum if the other team starts to come back. And now, if they’re the team losing 2-0, they come back. There’s a resilient Canadiens team that I think wasn’t there before. And I think that could be a factor. --Listen to entire conversation by subscribing to “I’m Just Sayin” on iTunes. Also, be sure to follow Danny on Twitter and Facebook.

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