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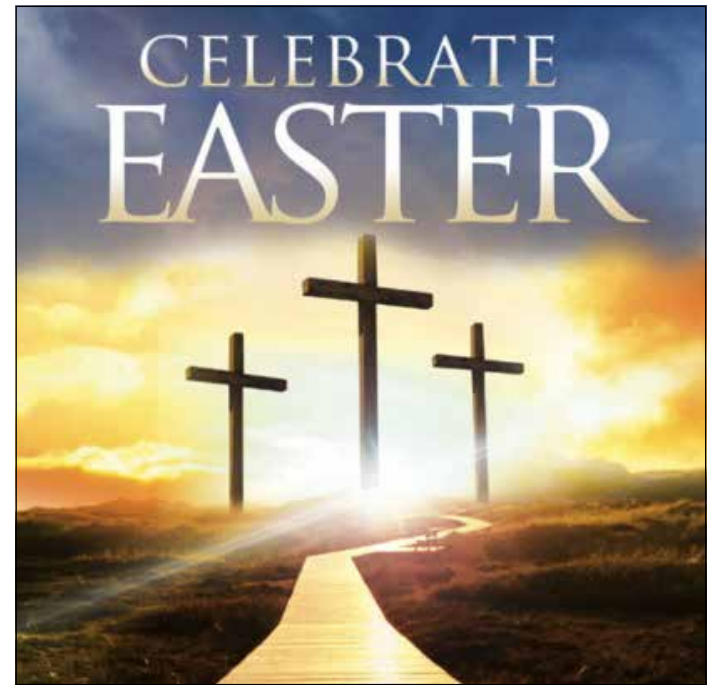
Easter is a time for renewal and rebirth. It celebrates the Resurrection of Jesus after the Crucifixion, where he was put to death for his teachings and his beliefs. More than two thousand years have passed and Christians are still being put to death for those same beliefs. This we witnessed in news accounts with graphic video out of Egypt where simply for praying in their church and celebrating Palm Sunday, 47 believers were murdered and many others wounded, including women and children. They are the victims of radical Islamic bombers filled with hate.

And yet, the survivors of those attacks have vowed to openly pray again this coming Sunday, as they celebrate Easter. If anything can

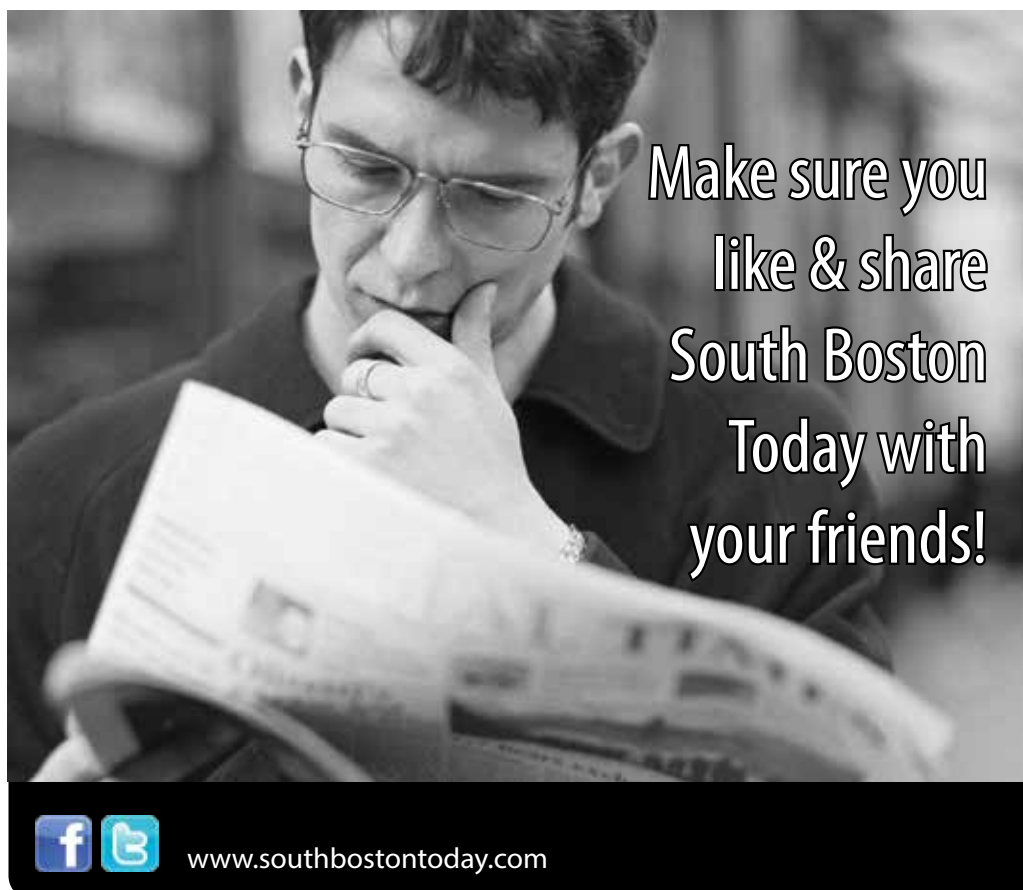
be classified as having the courage of one's convictions, this is a shining example.

The Middle East is a disaster. Christians and Jews alike must be constantly on guard, as they are targets of unending terror attacks. And yet, they persevere undeterred and confident in their belief in God. As Americans, we are fortunate that this weekend we can attend the Services and Masses of our choosing without the fear of becoming victims of violent fanatics.



As we gather with family, friends and neighbors this weekend to celebrate Easter, let us give thanks that we can do so in safety and also say a few prayers that those in other lands will one day have the same religious freedom and security that we are blessed with in the United States. Happy Easter to all.



*"Easter is supposed to be a symbol of renewal and new life" - Janine Giovani*



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The swearing in of Neil Gorsuch as the newest US Supreme Court Justice might sound to some like just another judge on the bench, but it's so much more. This is big – REAL big! His addition will shift the highest court in the land back on track, where it belongs and will once again follow the US Constitution. It will no longer allow the leftist activists like Kagan, Sotomayor and Bader-Ginsburg on that bench to take the country down the road to Socialism. Gorsuch has some big shoes to fill, as he replaces the late, great Antonin Scalia, thought by many to be one of the finest justices to ever serve on the court. But Gorsuch is also a great man and is up to the job.

Sitting through the confirmation process over the last couple of months, this good man was subjected to

the usual character assassinations, innuendos and every other insidious tactic used by the party of Chuck Schumer and Nancy Pelosi designed to make a good person look more evil than the devil himself. But Gorsuch endured the onslaught with courage and dignity and took every cheap shot they could throw at him in stride. He just could not be ruffled, because the hostile opposition was not even close to being in his league.

The ascension to the US Supreme Court of Judge Gorsuch will alter the course of history for our country for many years to come in the most positive of ways. He will see to it that that body protects the Constitutional rights of all American citizens. A new day has dawned. No longer will the 1st and 2nd Amendments be threatened

or, for that matter, any rights, now that a true patriot has assured that the court will move us in the Right direction. And it's reassuring to remember that it's still very early in this administration. The likelihood that two more justices in the same mold of Gorsuch may be put on the court in the near future is a distinct possibility. This will bode well for the continued greatness of the United States of America. Congratulations Justice Gorsuch. We can breathe a sigh of relief regarding our nation's future. Today, Ronald Reagan, Antonin Scalia and the Founding Fathers are smiling.

The other big news last week was of course the missile attack against Syria. There are mixed feelings on this by many. The majority of Americans supported it, but others did not and

that's ok. Everyone has the right to their own views. It got high marks and much support from most of the Middle Eastern countries that are wary of Syria's willingness to use chemical weapons on innocent civilians. Even Congressman Stephen Lynch, a Democrat, and who visited the area this week, found that there was huge support for President Trump's actions.

But something the President said gave hope to many around the world, who live under the fear of terror and was a source of pride to many Americans. In response to the gassing of young children and tiny babies by the Syrian military he said, "No child of God should ever suffer such horror and there will be a price to pay for those who commit such heinous acts".

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

### Is Steve Lynch out of step with Dems, or are Dems out of step with people like Steve Lynch?

CommonWealth's Shawn Zeller has an interesting piece on U.S. Rep. Stephen Lynch, a true lunch-bucket moderate Democrat, and how the demographics in his district are changing while the state Democratic Party is moving left. It's all true. And it'll be interesting how some Dems, who bemoan the rise of the professional-managerial class and the decline of the working-class in their party, react to the coming primary battle between Lynch and Brianna Wu, a true card-carrying member of the professional-managerial class if there ever was one.

### Now hear this: Rare bipartisan consensus on hearing aids

This might come as a shock to some of you: There's actual bipartisan support in Washington for reducing regulations on the sale of hearing aids, in the hopes of getting higher-quality, less-expensive devices to a wider number of people, reports the Globe's Victoria McGrane.

### House budget: Yes to assessments (sort of), no to Airbnb tax

House budget leaders yesterday unveiled their own \$40.328 billion state budget at the State House. At WBUR, Martha Bebinger takes a close look at how the House plan effectively allows the Baker administration to proceed with its controversial proposal to slap

some employers with a new health-care assessment, but House members are not giving specific financial guidance to the administration on the measure. Shira Schoenberg at MassLive has more on the assessment front.

Meanwhile, SHNS's Matt Murphy has an excellent piece (pay wall) that breaks down the House budget into digestible components, including how the House plan left out Gov. Charlie Baker's call to start taxing short-term room rentals through websites like Airbnb.

The Boston Globe notes that the House budget also nixed a plan by the governor to rein in health care spending by capping the prices charged by expensive hospitals. The Boston Herald reports how the House budget doesn't include any broad-based tax increases. "Major changes, however, largely come on the health care front, offering insight to how leaders in the State House intend to approach scaling back the rising costs to the state," as the Herald reports.

### Mitt's Senate hopes dashed by Hatch and Trump

Utah Sen. Orrin Hatch yesterday said that he plans to run for re-election, putting the kibosh on former Massachusetts Gov. Mitt Romney's hopes to fill Hatch's seat had the long-time senator opted to retire, reports Talking Points Memo. Curiously, Hatch, a Republican, said that President Trump, who's no fan of Mitt Romney, was "all over me to run again." So Mitt's harsh attacks last year against Trump came back to haunt him?

### Mitt's 'binders full of women' found

As the Globe's Jim O'Sullivan notes, it's not exactly the same as finding an original copy of the Magna Carta or the Pentagon Papers, but a former aide to Gov. Mitt Romney has, in fact, stepped forward with an actual copy of the 'binders full of women' that Romney awkwardly bragged about during the 2012 presidential race, i.e. 15 pounds of

cover letters, resumes and handwritten notes related to women applying for state-government jobs.

### Amherst considers the largest town council in U.S. history

How they got from 13 council members to 60 council members, we're not quite sure. But Diana Lederman at MassLive is sure about this: If Amherst ultimately adopts the recommendations of a commission, Amherst would have the largest town council in the country.

### 'A come-to-Jesus moment for Marty Meehan'

The UMass board of trustees may get an earful today from supporters of Keith Motley, the embattled UMass-Boston chancellor who's stepping down amid financial woes and concerns he's being used as a scapegoat to cover up a board failure to oversee the Boston school's troubled finances, reports the Herald's Dan Atkinson. Supporters are demanding answers from the board and from UMass president Marty Meehan, in particular. "Hopefully they've been paying attention to the public outcry," said Tony Van Der Meer, a professor of Africana Studies at UMass Boston. "This should be a come-to-Jesus moment for Marty Meehan."

Meanwhile, Gov. Charlie Baker also wants explanations about UMass-Boston's \$30 million deficit, via Mike Deehan at WGBH: "The big question I think a lot of people have is 'how did we get to where we are?'" Baker said in an interview.

The Globe's Joan Vennochi takes a look at the years-long expansion at UMass-Boston and wonders if the school has lost touch with collegiate reality: "Those new state-of-the-art classrooms and laboratories and a first-ever dorm are supposed to make UMass Boston better for everyone. Yet the university could be compromising its basic mission to provide urban students with a local, high-quality college education."

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## Easter Tradition Continues Sunrise Mass and Service at Castle Island Sunday 6:00 AM

The 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 6:00 AM 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 thousands of people, who get up before dawn on Easter Morning and make the trek to 'The Island' by 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 every passing year and if weather cooperates, draws large crowds each time.

Over the years, people have come in from many surrounding communities 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 wish to receive. A portable altar will be set up from which the Mass will be said. The Service lasts approximately one hour from the time it commences.

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 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 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 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.

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## CLERK OF COURTS MICHAEL J. DONOVAN BACKS ED FLYNN FOR CITY COUNCIL

**S**uffolk Superior Court Clerk for Civil Business Michael J. Donovan, a lifelong South Boston resident, is the latest elected

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"Ed is a hard worker and really

understands the issues that impact quality of life in the community. From education to public safety, and transportation to economic opportunity, Ed Flynn has been a leader in South Boston and throughout the entire city," Donovan said. "His work in the community is admirable, whether he's fighting for seniors and veterans, coaching youth sports, or working to make our streets safe. I'm proud to support Ed to be our next City Councilor."

Donovan is a graduate of Suffolk University and Suffolk Law School and lives in South Boston. He's an active volunteer in youth soccer, baseball and basketball programs. Now in his seventh term in the Suffolk Superior Court Clerk's office, Donovan was the youngest ever elected to the position.

Flynn, 48, has seen strong support

from residents and elected officials as he embarks on his campaign for the District 2 City Council seat. A lifelong resident of South Boston, a longtime probation officer, and 25 year veteran of the United States Navy, Flynn has built a strong coalition of supporters across the entire district, including in the South End, Chinatown, Bay Village and South Boston.

"Michael Donovan is a respected and honorable South Boston leader and to have his support is inspiring to me as I build my campaign," Flynn said. "He's a great advocate for the district and together we will fight to improve the neighborhoods and the entire city for working families, seniors, veterans, and small businesses owners. Michael has been an amazing leader both in the Massachusetts Courts and on the basketball court with Gate of Heaven CYO, and I'm honored to have his endorsement."

### About Ed Flynn

Ed Flynn is a lifelong resident of South Boston, where he has been deeply involved as a youth sports coach, veterans' advocate, and community activist. In addition to being an active Boston Public Schools parent at the Josiah Quincy School in Chinatown, Ed is a member of the Cityside Neighborhood Association, South Boston Citizen's Association, Ward 7 Democratic Committee, and VFW Fitzgerald Post.

Ed has worked in the state probation department for 12 years and served on active duty in the Persian Gulf on two deployments and overseas in the Navy Reserves, helping to coordinate disaster relief in Haiti. Ed and his wife, Kirsten, are raising their children, Caroline and Stephen, in South Boston.



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oppressed to learn that there is still a force on Earth that cold, brutal tyrants like those in the Assad Regime will have to answer to for committing such evil, especially against helpless children. That this President could not sit idly by and do nothing about this should be applauded. Only a monster would attack women and children with poison gas. And Assad of Syria has

learned that there will be a penalty to pay for his actions.

Sunday is of course Easter. This is a sacred and holy time to many of us and celebrated by more than two billion Christians around the world. Here is wishing to all the happiest of Easter celebrations and to our friends of the Jewish Faith we hope Passover was a time of happiness this year as well. Whether you celebrate with family, close friends or both, enjoy this special season.





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# Happy Easter



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# Church Mass and Services Schedule For Easter

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Holy Wednesday: 7pm, Holy Thursday: 10am, 7pm,  
Holy Friday: Open 10: am on – Service at 7pm. Holy Saturday: 9:30pm, Easter Sunday: 11am

**South Baptist Church:**

Easter Sunday: 10:30am

**Gate of Heaven Church:**

Good Friday - April 14th  
Celebration of the Lord's Passion with Holy Communion 3:00pm  
Easter Sunday 9am, 12 Noon

**St. Brigid Church:**

Good Friday - April 14th  
Celebration of the Lord's Passion with Holy Communion 7:00pm  
Easter Vigil - April 15th Evening of the Lord's Resurrection 7:30pm  
Easter Sunday 8am, 10:30am

**St. Augustine Chapel:**

Good Friday - April 14th  
Celebration of the Lord's Passion with Holy Communion 4:00pm

**St. Monica/St. Augustine Church:**

Easter Sunday Masses 9am, 12:30pm (Spanish)

**Hub Church:**

(Aloft Hotel/Across from the Lawn on D) Easter Sunday Service 10:30am

**St. Peter Church:**

Easter Sunday 10am (English), 11am (Lithuanian)

**Holy Trinity Albanian Orthodox Church:**

Good Friday 7pm, Saturday 12 Midnight – Resurrection Service, Easter Sunday 11am

**Our Lady of Good Voyage:**

Easter Sunday 12:30pm, 7pm

**Fourth Presbyterian Church:**

Easter Sunday Sunrise Service at Carson Beach 6am, Easter breakfast 9am, Festival Worship 10:30am

**Chapel at Marian Manor:**

Easter Sunday 10:30am


**Castle Island – Sunrise Service/Mass Easter Sunday 6am**

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6 Hatch St UNIT 2 Condo	\$640,000	3/1/17	5	2	1050
542 Dorchester Ave UNIT 201 Condo	\$565,000	3/1/17	4	1	972
188 Bolton St UNIT 2 Condo	\$521,000	3/1/17	4	1	750
161 Emerson St UNIT 161 Condo	\$510,000	3/1/17	4	1	737
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The zoning session on May 2, 2017 is an opportunity to learn about the Plan and to have a discussion about zoning process as it relates to PLAN: South Boston, Dorchester Avenue.

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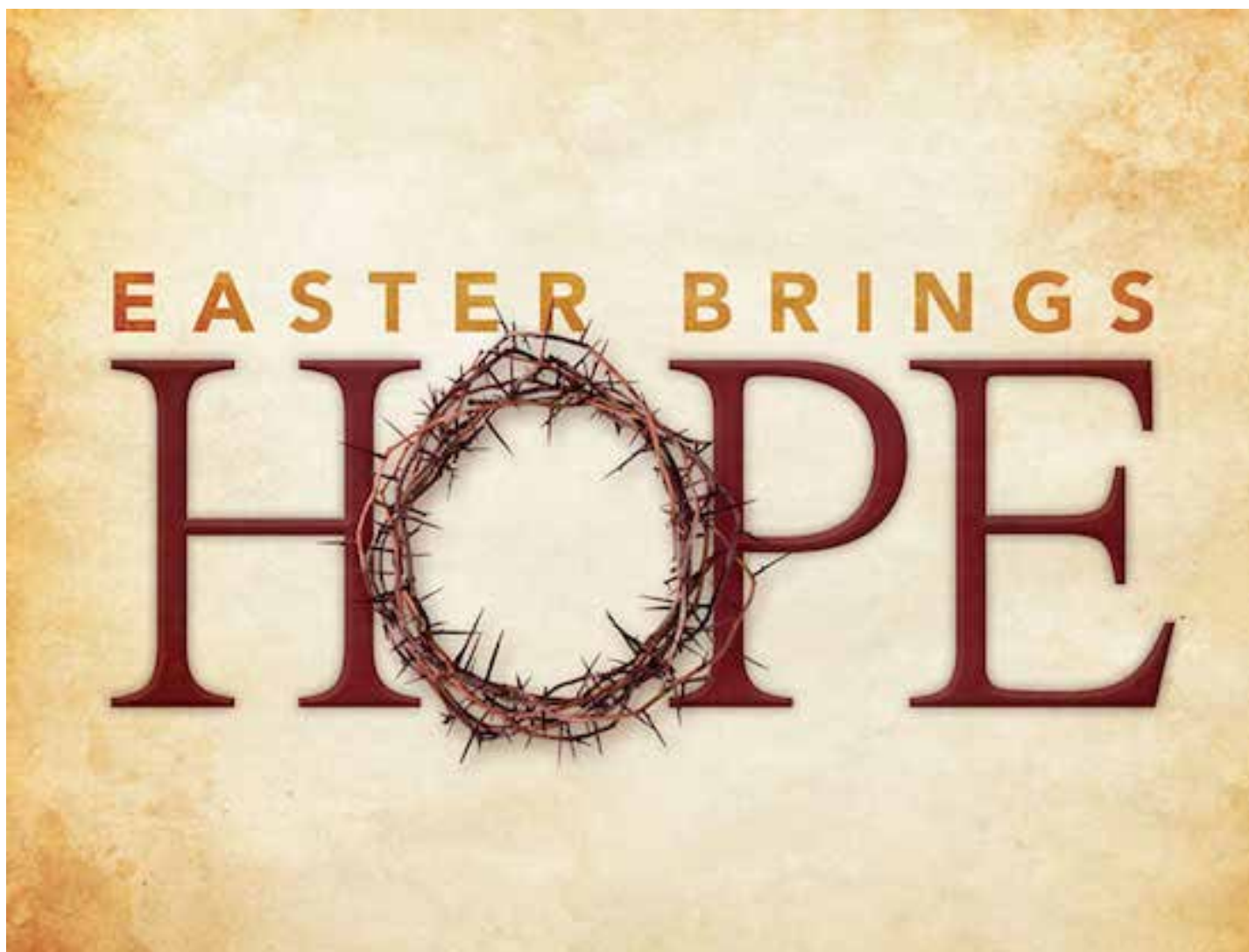
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# Easter a Season of Hope

by Ray Flynn

While in Providence, on Saturday, I was talking to a group of residents about the hey day of that city's political history. I told them the story of how many Providence College students walked from the Catholic college to the downtown to hear U.S. Senator John F. Kennedy speak the day before he would be elected President of the United States. At the time, Kennedy had been under attack by anti-Catholic bigots who claimed that Catholic politicians shouldn't get elected President because they would be controlled by the pope in Rome. But Catholic voters turned out in massive numbers all across the country to defend their faith and convinced American voters that they were faithful and patriotic Americans who would vote for the candidate who was best for our country. We thought that the election would finally end the Catholic bigotry in America

once and for all. Kennedy's victory was a win not just for Catholics, being the first Catholic to be elected President, but a major victory for all people who strongly believed in religious freedom. That of course was 1960, but I'm sad to say religious intolerance and Catholic bigotry is alive and well in much of the world today.

Cowardly, Islamic State (ISIS) terrorists in Egypt chose one the most important and holiest days of the year for Christians, Palm Sunday, bombing two Coptic Christian Churches killing at least 45 worshippers on Sunday. The Copts are the most ancient Christian people living in the Middle East. Tragically, many thousands have been massacred and driven out of the region by ISIS fanatics. This latest siege is certain to continue to drive Copts out of their homes and add to the already refugee crisis in much of the world. The world political community, especially

the United Nations and the United States has stood by idly for the past several years and has done nothing to help protect Christians from radical ISIS terrorists in the Middle East.

The Easter season is the holiest and truly most reflective periods in the Christian faith and when our values and beliefs are foremost on our mind. I recall that attending daily religious ceremonies at the Vatican during the Easter season when I was U.S. Ambassador and listening to Pope John Paul II and even traveling to other regions in the world and meeting other prominent religious leaders. I often heard them stress the critical importance for people to demonstrate courage and hope in their lives which was truly an inspiring experience for me. From the Pope to Christian leaders in Egypt, Turkey, Syria, the Ukraine, and Bosnia along with world diplomats, I heard it repeatedly stressed that prayer

was important, but participation in civic affairs was critical to the political and economic stability in the world. I have to admit that since returning home to America, I constantly think about those moving messages and experiences.

But I also think about why so many good people of faith and strong religious beliefs pretty much ignore those same messages that I heard so clearly and often from these world religious leaders. Their message was consequential and unmistakable, but rarely reported in the American press. Pope John Paul II had experienced the disaster of Hitler's Nazi troops in his native Poland and then immediately after that the ruthless anti-God communist dictator Josef Stalin that his people had to live with that persecution most of his early life. I also got to know and listen to all of the Christian Orthodox Patriarch's from Patriarch Bartholomew I of Constantinople to Patriarch Krill I of Moscow to Patriarch Irine of Serbia as well as many Jewish religious leaders from throughout the Middle East, Europe and Israel. I would talk to them about political vigilance and even worked with them closely when The United States Government supported full diplomatic relations between the State of Israel and The Holy See. Obviously the horrors of Christian and Jewish brutality were major factors in their history.

But the shocking news on Sunday about the brutal bombing which massacred at least 45 Christians - while attending Palm Sunday Mass in two Coptic churches in Egypt and which ISIS terrorists claimed responsibility for - along with other horrendous world events recently like the deadly chemical bombings of children in Syria, rapes of young girls, bombings of churches and torture of Catholics, I am been deeply concerned about the silence in America. Our political parties seem more concerned about "gotcha politics" than working to address this "modern

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# Best Sleepover Ever at St Peter Academy!

On March 23, 2017, the students of St. Peter Academy in grades 2-8 gathered in the main lobby of the school anxiously waiting to start the long awaited overnight field trip to the Museum of Science. As we arrived to the Museum of Science you could feel the energy rise as the students became even more ecstatic knowing what was behind the doors of the museum. The science museum offered the students the opportunity to experiment and explore the various exhibits along with the many planned activities.

The students began their exploration in the Mugar Theater with a presentation done by one of the instructors on how forces create motion and with a hands-on engineering activity. The instructor captivated the students' attention with her different simple machine activities that showed the students Newton's Law of motion. The students went wild when the first demonstration crashed and did not go as she had planned. However, the anticipation and enthusiasm of what was in stock for the rest of the night was mounting as the students left the theater.

The students transitioned to the next activity which was to build a bridge. There the students listened to the presenter talk to them about the

structure of bridges and the process of building bridges. Through a hands-on activity, the students in small groups built their own bridges out of newspapers and tape. Once they finished the students were able to test the strength or weakness of their newly constructed bridge. To the surprise of many of the students their bridges weren't strong enough to hold the container while many were too scared to even try.

SPA students split up into groups with their chaperones to explore the expansive museum before the lightning show. In the live animal presentation students observed three animals. They listened to the presenter lecture about the animals' adaptations, behaviors, the environment in which they live, and foods they eat. The students were able to ask insightful questions about the animals. They were able to come closer to view the animals as the conversation continued.

There were countless exhibits for the students to explore and get excited about. The one exhibit that captivated many of the students was the exhibition that demonstrated how the brain and nerve endings work together when humans feel pressure and pain. On a bed of nails, each nail point has such low pressure on the skin that few nerve

signals go to the brain and no pain is felt. The students laid on the flat board and slowly a bed of nails rises from small holes in the board. The students is lifted up. At first the bed of nails feels funny, but it is not painful. The exhibit was very useful in conveying how brain and nerve endings work because the students experience feeling no pain from a bed of nails.

The students witnessed the power of lightning at a close range and how to avoid being struck by lightning. The bright blue flashes of light filled the room shooting from one sphere to another with loud popping sounds as the demonstration began. The students got a lesson on electricity, its purpose, as well as how and why the generator works to generate currents.

All in all, even though the focus was the educational learning aspect the students left the museum with stories they could share. They have countless stories about the Imax movie about animal migrations, the planetarium show, building bridges, the live animal show, different exhibitions, the lightning show and the highlight for many students the dipping dots ice-cream. It was an overnight adventure where the students learned about engineering, motion, biological evolution, and so much more. The students left feeling a sense of joy from

the wonderful learning experience they shared with their fellow classmates, teachers and parents.

Meet the exemplary teaching staff of St. Peter Academy at their Spring Open House on Wednesday May 3 from 9:00-11:30 am and 3:00-6:00pm. Can't make the open house but want to learn more – Private tours are available upon request.

***St Peter Academy, an independent community based private school, is South Boston's only Toddler through Grade 8 School. It is privately funded, enriched with extended learning hours and summer programs, and fosters a nurturing, safe and individualized environment. The student/teacher ratio is 6:1 which is ideal for creating exemplary instructional models filled with interactive learning opportunities. The school is located at 371 West Fourth Street and is currently accepting applications for the year round toddler program for students 15 months and above and 2017 school year for Prekindergarten through Grade 8 – To learn more about the school and all programs visit [www.stpeteracademy.com](http://www.stpeteracademy.com) or schedule a private tour by contacting Ms. Doreen Brown or Ms Maria Blasi at 617-268-0750 or email [SPA@StPeterAcademy.com](mailto:SPA@StPeterAcademy.com).***



# South Boston WWI Heroes To Be Honored April 29th

SOUTH BOSTON TODAY - By Staff

As most know by now, it has been 100 years ago this month that the United States entered World War One. There are ceremonies ongoing nationwide marking the historical conflict that was at the time called the 'War to end all wars'. And never to be out done by the rest of the country, South Boston will be right up front with its own tributes to its fallen sons, who sacrificed all in defense of America's freedom. The big event will take place on Saturday, April 29th at the South Boston High School building on G Street and all are invited to attend.

First, a little background on what this day will focus on. There were 104 men with ties to South Boston, who either died in battles during that war or from injuries related to it. For generations, the photographs of more than a hundred of them have been on display; encased in glass inside a special wood carved kiosk in the corridor of the school

for all to see. These proud men are pictured at their finest in their military uniforms with names prominently displayed under the photos. This magnificent display has thrilled historians for many years. The purpose of the event on the 29th will be to commemorate the fallen, as this neighborhood never forgets their veterans no matter what era they served in.

South Boston Today spoke with Southie native Mary Ryan, who, together with a dedicated committee, is organizing the proceedings and gave us updates on the progress being made so far leading up to the big day. Mary is excited to be part of this group, which is working hard to make sure all goes well.

The event will be in two parts. Beginning at 10:00am, there will be activities in the court yard/school yard, where the front door to the school is located. Plans are in the works and it is hoped that an actual WWI battle tank will be on display. There will also be WWI reenactors there wearing original uniforms of

the era and mingling with the crowd. A ladder truck with a huge American flag will be flying in the breeze and other displays. At 11:00am, the activity moves inside and the hour-long program will begin.

Michael Donovan, Clerk of the Suffolk Superior Court will be the MC for the program. The South Boston Boys and Girls Club band will be performing Patriotic songs. There will be a small lineup of speakers briefly making presentations, which will highlight the contributions that the South Boston WWI veterans made to that effort. The names of each of the fallen will be read to honor their service to our country and many of their current family members will be present as well. At this writing, the lineup is still being worked on and we will be updating all in a story in next week's South Boston Today.

The event itself is scheduled to conclude at noon time, but promises to be enjoyable and packed with the fascinating history of South Boston



during the WWI years and of course to pay respect and tribute to the brave military personnel that served.

As stated above, this history laden event is for everyone. There is no charge for admission and the public is not only invited but urged to attend and be part of this unique and very special memorial to some true American heroes, who have not and will never be forgotten by an ever-grateful community and nation.

The committee has worked hard on this, and has done a lot of research to get everything right in this effort to bring us back, even for a moment, to the days of WWI to honor the those fallen veterans. Something this neighborhood has always prided itself in doing.

## City Point Residents Are Not Happy continued from front page

and "predictability" was the buzzword. The folks in City Point apparently didn't get the memo.

Earlier this week, the owners of 202 M Street, a single-family home sitting on 4467sf of land, had to hold a public meeting due to it being located in the 'green belt protection overlay district'. Had it not been for that technical hurdle, the new owner/developer would have been awarded a permit for 5 units of housing with parking 'as a matter of right', according to representatives of the City.

The developers may still be awarded the permits, but not before the area residents express to the developers their opinions as to design, height and density. **Residents are also angry that they had not clearly understood the impact of the zoning changes.** At the recent abutters meeting, which drew nearly 100 people, Councilor Michael Flaherty stated that he had conferred with the other elected officials and expressed their collective opposition to the proposal, on their behalf.

As reported in a January 2017 article in the Boston Globe, 'The rules are an attempt to restore order to a booming neighborhood that can feel like a giant construction site, and a sense of fairness to a development and permitting process often shaped by influence and special exemptions.' Sharply cutting back on variances, which are exceptions to the zoning code, would also eliminate a bureaucratic bottleneck in the permitting process that, as the Globe had also reported, can be 'exploited by developers, civic associations, neighbors, and organized labor.'

Quoted in the January article, Mayor Martin J. Walsh indicated that City Hall will take a hard line to enforce the new zoning. In a statement, Walsh's office said it was "unlikely to speak in support of requests for variances before the Zoning Board of Appeals in order to allow the zoning to mature and have the intended impact on the neighborhood." One hoped-for benefit is that the new zoning bylaws could also create more affordable housing. There may be a market for senior housing in some form, so

that seniors might still enjoy independent living. The hope for affordable housing and senior housing is a noble idea and desperately needed in South Boston, but never did get articulated in the final language of the zoning ordinance.

In most of South Boston covered by this re-zoning, the 2 and 3 family properties are sitting on between 1800 and 2500 sf feet of land and any increase in living space at the 2.0 floor area ratio formula would allow owners to expand their apartments to accommodate a growing family or to be able to make them more marketable for renting.

City Point is a section of South Boston where larger lots are plentiful. It has always been a section that sought to preserve its open space, given that it is the farthest point of the peninsula and is surrounded by water. The density has been zoned at 0.8 of lot size. In the case of 202 M Street that would allow for living space of up to 3574sf and a reasonable increase in units to two units of 1800sf or even three units of 1100sf each. Under the new universal zoning of 2.0, 8904sf

of living space would be allowed and the height of 40ft, which is why the new owners are proposing five units.

Predictability and uniformity are important aspects of the re-zoning. In the case of City Point, now that the process is in effect, the devil will surely be in the details. Some homeowners can see an opportunity to get a high price for their property, while others want to preserve the Point's open space and characteristic housing features. It remains to be seen how 202 M Street will play out. Ed McGuire, of Neighborhood Services, representing the City, indicated to the abutters that he would be bringing their message to the Mayor. The abutters message is: "We don't want the new Article 68 zoning." A repeal of Article 68 may be in order so that adjustments to the Article 68 zoning code can take place. In the meantime and in the interest of the residents of South Boston, an immediate moratorium on building demolition and a temporary freeze on an increase in the number of units should be considered.



# REP. COLLINS HOSTING PARK SERVE DAY AT FARRAGUT PARK



State Representative Nick Collins plans to host a Park Serve day on Saturday April 29th at Farragut Park from 9am to 12pm. The annual event is sponsored in partnership with the Department of Conservation and Recreation.

Many groups have already signed up to participate, including South Boston Little League, South Boston Pop Warner, South Boston Girls' Softball, and South Boston Youth

Hockey. Statewide there will be more than 30 similar park cleanups, with volunteers from all over the Commonwealth participating.

"It's great that the kids in the program learn that these parks are theirs. Learning to take ownership of their community and help maintain the neighborhood is an important part of their growth" said Danny Ferrara, President of South Boston Pop Warner.

"This day is a great

opportunity to get outside and give back to the community" said State Representative Nick Collins "I learned about community service at a young age and hope that these kids get the chance to experience the rewarding aspects of community service by investing in their local parks right here in South Boston."

Volunteers will meet at the Murphy rink at 9am to start the clean up and get the Spring season off on the right foot.

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day genocide against Christians," and not working for the common good and world stability.

Yes, I learned that informed and committed people are key to our nation's and world's safety. I've witnessed over the years that experienced and professional diplomats, dedicated military and U.S. Intelligence officials are vital, but its the responsibility of American voters to put competent patriotic public officials in positions of trust and authority.

But while attending Mass on Saturday afternoon and listening to Fr. Robert Casey at St Augustine' Cemetery Chapel in South Boston, we heard him remind us about our Catholic values and traditions. While we must not let political events and division take our attention away from our faith, we must also not let special interest groups intimidate us from not standing up for what we believe, whether it's here in Boston or in Egypt.

We were taught by our parents and Church that Easter is the "Season of Hope." But it's also the Season of Faith. It's time for people of faith and love to come together and reflect on our values and religious beliefs and demand that they be reflected in our nation's public policies. We constantly see partisan ideologues angrily sniping at each other on TV, while the national media inflames this division.

But getting back to my conversations with many Rhode Island people, including its Attorney General Peter Kilmartin, U.S. Congressman Jim Langevin, Mayor of Providence Jorge Elorza and so many other state and local officials, that attended a neighborhood tribute to respected Irish-American patriot and restaurant owner Patrick Griffin who I worked side by side with for peace and justice in Northern Ireland years back, when I said, "why do we have to listen to partisan political operatives give us their version of world events, while you live them?" It's really time, for decent people of goodwill to get involved and be "faithful citizens" as I heard Pope John Paul II so often say.

Has our country changed that much that the traditional values of faith and family in which our country was founded upon are no longer important? We owe it to our children and our country to speak out, not in an angry, self-serving and partisan way, but with a united and unafraid voice that promotes the "common good" for all Americans, not just the elite and powerful.

Maybe this Easter season can be a season to hope again. My South Boston neighbors certainly heard Fr Casey's inspiring Palm Sunday homily about hope yesterday. I was inspired and encouraged by it.

Ray Flynn is the former Mayor of Boston and U.S. Ambassador to the Vatican.

## Remembering South Boston's WWI Heroes

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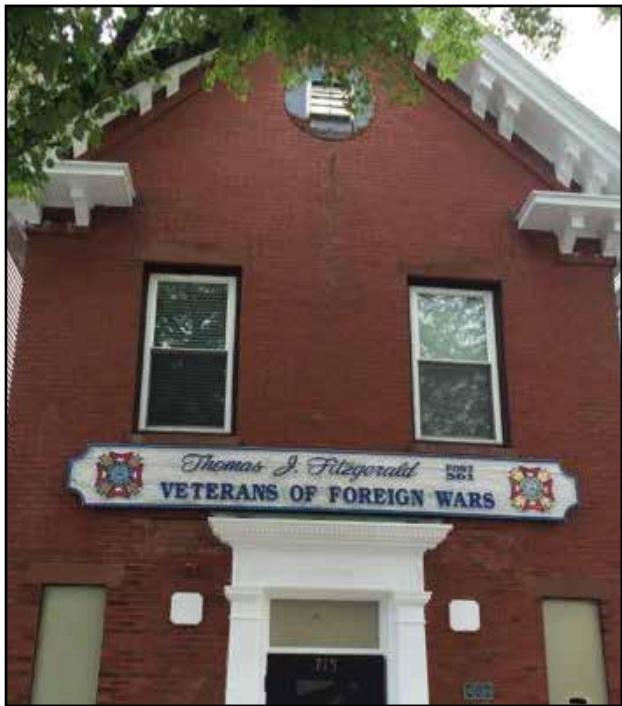
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**One Boston Day: Thomas J. Fitzgerald Post  
Saturday, April 15, 2017 at 1:00pm**

**O**n April 15, 2017, at 1:00pm, members and volunteers at the Thomas J. Fitzgerald Post #561 (Veterans of Foreign Wars) will meet at the post and rebuild ceremonial wreaths that will be placed at many Hero Squares throughout South Boston. Each year, the Fitzgerald Post receives a list from the City of Boston (Department of Veterans Services) of Hero Squares, where we swap out the old wreaths and ensure proper respect is given to that particular veteran at that Hero Square.

The public is cordially invited to join members at the post on Saturday at 1:00pm, to help assemble the wreaths. Coffee and

pastry will be provided. The Thomas J. Fitzgerald Post is proud to join Mayor Martin Walsh and One Boston Day. This day serves as an opportunity to celebrate the resiliency, generosity, and strength demonstrated by the people of Boston. “It is important that we always remember those who gave their lives for our freedom,” said Edward Flynn, Commander of the Thomas J Fitzgerald Post #561 of South Boston. “It is also important that our military families are always treated with the dignity and respect they have earned, and that our fallen heroes are never forgotten by a grateful nation.” For additional information, please contact Ed Flynn at 617.820.8571.





*This week,  
Danny previewed the  
Stanley Cup Playoffs  
with WEEI.com's  
Ty Anderson:*

**DANNY PICARD:** So the regular season is over, and the Bruins will take on the Ottawa Senators in the first round. What are your thoughts on the first-round matchup being Ottawa and not Washington? I think you'll agree with me that Ottawa is the more favorable matchup for the Bruins. It's not an easy matchup. But it's the more favorable of the two they could have had.

**TY ANDERSON:** Yeah, absolutely. If you look at a first-round matchup with Washington, you're talking about a four-game, five-game series at the most. The Capitals just own this Bruins team, they have for years now. So, I didn't see that changing, come playoff time. I know switches can be flipped and whatnot, but they weren't going to solve Washington in a seven-game series. Ottawa is beatable. It's a winnable series. It is the best-case scenario, when you look at the season series' and where the two teams have been at. The Bruins seemingly got better every head-to-head with Ottawa. So,

definitely a winnable series. But like you said, it's not exactly a walk in the park either.

**DP:** I do think the Bruins are going to put up a fight in this one. And if they put up the fight I expect them to put up -- even with the injuries -- and this thing goes six or seven games, I have a tough time putting money against guys on the Bruins who have been there in the playoffs before, and not just been there, but had success there, like Patrice Bergeron, David Krejci, Brad Marchand, even Zdeno Chara and Tuukka Rask. I've seen a commitment to team defense over the last eight-to-10 games that was sort of non-existent through most of the season. That showed me that they're going to put up a fight in a first-round series. And if they do that against Ottawa, and this thing goes six or seven games, I'm going to have a tough time putting my money against some of the Bruins vets who have been here before.

**TA:** One hundred percent. I look at this series, and do you take Kyle Turris and Derick Brassard

over David Krejci and Patrice Bergeron? I don't. Do I take guys like Mike Hoffman and Mark Stone over Brad Marchand and David Backes? No, because I've seen what these guys can do in the playoffs, and that means something this time of year. I think this is one of the few sports where that actually matters. Look at the playoff history of certain guys. Some guys have a tendency to step up and really embrace the challenge. I'm with you. I like the Bruins' depth, I like the experience. A guy like David Krejci who has been at his best in the playoffs consistently in his career. That's where he makes his money. So if those guys come to play, it's going to be awfully hard for me to pick against the Bruins.

**DP:** The Bruins' defense is dealing with injuries: Torey Krug, Brandon Carlo. Charlie McAvoy is here. He's going to play. What's your reaction to bringing McAvoy up, where, ya they have to burn the first year of the contract, but

the way I look at it is, there does come a point in time where you can only have so many injuries, you're in the playoffs and you're trying to win. There comes a time where, as an organization, you have to ask yourself, "who's the next best man up?" And McAvoy is the next best man up, right?

**TA:** Absolutely. This was the perfect storm, right? You lose your best offensive defenseman, to whom you don't even have a real comparable on your roster. And then you lose your best right-handed defenseman. Then you look at McAvoy. And McAvoy is a great offensive defenseman, at least he was in college. And he's a right shot. So this is where you break the glass and you bring him in. This is the exact situation where you need him. I like the McAvoy move. It's ballsy, it takes some courage, but if you're going to do it, now is the time. There's absolutely no doubt in my mind that this is the time to make that move. And sure, it's by necessity, but he is the best player at their disposal right now, no question.

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