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## While my heart and mind are fixed on Boston this morning,

Monday, April 21, 2014

I'm also remembering those days when only men were allowed to participate in this iconic event.

[www.bostonmagazine.com/news/blog/2014/04/17/throw-back-thursday-women-first-ran-marathon/](http://www.bostonmagazine.com/news/blog/2014/04/17/throw-back-thursday-women-first-ran-marathon/)

The image of a race official trying to drag a woman off the course is worth remembering. In 1972 women were first allowed to compete officially.

I was pregnant with my 2nd daughter at that time. Little did I realize that 18 years later she would run her first marathon and qualify for Boston too.



The bicyclist next to her has a sign identifying her as her age group leader.

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Both of my daughters have run Boston since then.  
My prayer this morning is for the safety of all participants and spectators.

Edit: I'm keeping track of the race through this live blog.

[www.bostonmagazine.com/news/blog/2014/04/21/boston-marathon-2014-live-blog/](http://www.bostonmagazine.com/news/blog/2014/04/21/boston-marathon-2014-live-blog/)

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**SUNSET09**

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Into each life some rain must fall however, we can remember the fallen and make it

just that much better!



They will never be forgotten and we're stronger because of them.



2607 days ago



**CD13758606**

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It took a lot of guts to do what Kathrine Switzer did. Number 261 will always be recognized as changing the face of women runners. There is now a 261 Series of races  
<http://www.261wm.com/en/>.

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ry cool article. I did not know she ran the Boston Marathon this year.

Congrats on your daughters being able to partake in this historic race. My DIL qualified and ran it 3 years ago.



2608 days ago



**MARYJEANSL**

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So glad that the race this year was blessedly uneventful.  
2608 days ago



**MISCHAKEO**

I am so happy it went well and was a great event.



2609 days ago

**ONEKIDSMOM**

Of course I was at work, but as soon as I got in the car, flipped on the radio seeking news of the race. So glad it came off so well, but not surprised. Resilient folk, the running community!  
2609 days ago

**HILLRUNNER**

Thanks for stopping by my blog! Yours is a great tribute too!!!  
Congrats on all your achievements!  
Running Strong with you!



2610 days ago

**SYLPHINPROGRESS**

All as it should have been today, all's right with this corner of the world. We are Boston.

2610 days ago

**CD12377244**

We've come a long way baby! Amazed it was as recent as the 1970's. Blessings and



2610 days ago

**LINDAKAY228**

Best wishes for your family. I have also seen the pictures of the first woman who got into the race, using just her initials. We've come long way. My thoughts and prayers with all of them.  
2610 days ago

**LEWILL1982**

I'm streaming it on my computer at work; well, I'm trying too, I'm hitting refresh multiple times....  
2610 days ago

**DR1939**

Best wishes for your daughter's run.  
2610 days ago

**TERI-RIFIC**

It's amazing how many life stories are tied up in this race. I love the pictures and your family

story!

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**KELLIEBEAN**

I wish I was home to watch, thanks for sharing the blog and of your daughters' history with the race!

Here's to a peaceful happy Monday!  
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