

Weekend Peaceful Protests, Turbulent End

BY MICHELE D. MANISCALCO

A weekend of protest in Boston, including a massive and peaceful Sunday evening crosstown march, was followed by overnight rioting, vandalism and looting resulting in widespread property damage in downtown Boston.

The protests called for justice in the death of George Floyd. Floyd a Black man, was killed while handcuffed and lying face down after Minneapolis police officer Derek



Sunday's march, Washington Street at Northampton Street. Photo by Michele Maniscalco

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ASK DOG LADY



Advice on Pets, Life, Love

BY MONICA COLLINS

Dear Dog Lady,

What do you think about dogs that never get to go out for walks? I am concerned about somebody

in my condominium building who apparently is keeping her dog in apartment all the time, a new dog, although I know she had one before; she uses pee pads of some type. And she works. But I think dogs need to go for walks for many other reasons than doing their business. Isn't that right?

—Jeannie

Dear Jeannie,

Dogs need walks like plants need rain. The daily outings are a canine's connection to the world. The animals sniff out the news, whiff kith and kin, and bond to their human keepers during every walk. To deprive a dog of this daily reality check seems inhumane. Also, our pets must understand

that outdoors means business. And, remember, responsible dog owners clean up after their pets; be sure to carry bags to pick up.

By scattering pee pads around indoors, the misguided dog owner expects a dog to understand the difference between relieving itself on a pad and the carpet. Also, once a dog is allowed to go inside without consequences, the animal rarely goes back to outdoors only. This questionable behavior presents all kinds of problems for the owner and the dog; the pet believes it can mess anywhere indoors. After much bad bathroom

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Small businesses try to pick up the pieces



Frenchie Wine Bistro in Tremont Street, Wednesday Morning. Photo by Sue O'Connell

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Looters who smashed into places like Marshalls and Walgreens Sunday night were not particularly discriminating—they also destroyed small mom-and-pop businesses across downtown, the Back Bay and the South End.

Kayla Elizabeth set up a GoFundMe page to help her fam-

ily recover from what they found yesterday morning inside their Clarendon Wine on Boylston Street in the Back Bay.

Today was a very tough day. As many people have seen, the amazing protest for Black lives matter turned into a riot once the sun set. The message of life and the call for equality was marred by people

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Man shot on Aguadilla Street

Bullets also hit car, but miss the woman inside it

Shortly before 9:30 p.m. on Tuesday, June 2, in the area of 34 Aguadilla St. Seven shots fired. The woman drove to the nearby police station; the man, who was not in the car, showed up not long after at a local emergency room.

South End restaurant shuts for two weeks after owner tests positive for coronavirus

Jay Hajj, owner of Mike's City Diner on Washington Street reported:

"Bad news today. I have tested positive for the novel Covid 18 virus. My symptoms are very mild. While I have not been in the kitchen or serving at Mike's, out of an abundance of

caution, we are closing the restaurant so the staff and I can self quarantine. Thank you for your understanding and support- we'll let you know when we are back."

South End veterans memorial vandalized the day before Memorial Day

Stone pillars were pushed over and some plaques removed at the Puerto Rican Veterans Memorial on Washington Street.

Mayor Walsh reports that damage has been fixed:

"Our veterans are heroes that have made the ultimate sacrifice for our freedom. I'm disgusted by the act of vandalism at the Puerto Rican Veterans Memorial.

Thank you to the Boston Parks Department and Property Management for quickly coming together to resolve this horrific act."

South End restaurant shuts forever

Boston Restaurant Talk reports that Coda on Columbus Avenue has closed for good.

Dog Lady

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manners, the owners inevitably resent their dogs. Dogs that soil the house because of human sloppiness can wind up abandoned in shelters. And the rest is a long, sad story.

Dear Dog Lady,

I have been so good to my dog. I never hit her, shout at her, or make her go hungry. But I swear she plots revenge on me all the time. She chews my shoes and goes to the bathroom in my closet. She looks at me like she's terribly guilty. Without sticking her nose in her messes and swatting her, how do I let her know she's done wrong? She's almost seven-years-old and she should know better.

—Melissa

Dear Melissa,

Shock collars are hurtful and punitive. The device, which sends an electric shock through the dog to stop unwanted behavior, is not a humane way to correct bad behavior in your dog. Training should be accomplished in a positive way so you can live better with your pet. If your bulldog is afraid of you and your shock control, the purpose of having a

companion animal seems somehow defeated.

What's positive training? Giving treats for sitting and staying when Grandma pops in. Use her arrival as a teachable moment and command the bulldog to sit and stay. Stay focused on the dog until he behaves. Offer a food treat if the dog performs. You are the key to your dog's good behavior and you must stay on top of your pet when visitors come over. If you don't want to train, at least keep the dog on a leash or in another room. People come first and you don't want a jumping dog and a broken hip to ruin family relations.

Dear Dog Lady,

I am in a new relationship with a man I adore. The only problem is his dog, Chopper, who's "in control." The dog barks constantly, jumps in people's laps (not a lap-size dog) and sleeps smack in the middle of us in the bed. We can't even be affectionate because of the dog "blocking" us. How do I handle this situation?

—Claire

Dear Claire,

You can't. Only your guy can regulate the dog's behavior. Be patient. Or walk away.

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Chauvin kept his knee on Floyd's neck for eight minutes while three other officers stood by. The protests also called for reforms against police brutality.

The weekend's expressions of outrage and calls for justice began with a rally at Peters Park on Friday evening organized by Mass Action Against Police Brutality that reportedly drew 400 to 500 people, many of whom took a knee and carried signs reading "Black Lives Matter" and "I Can't Breathe," echoing George Floyd's plea to Chauvin.

At the beginning of the rally, organizers asked participants to respect COVID-19 social distancing, and although many protesters wore masks, the distancing was largely abandoned as the demonstration continued. The crowd marched from Peters Park to the D-4 police station at 650 Harrison Avenue, where officers in protective gear lined up in front of the station to meet the protesters. Seven people were arrested, most charged with assault, and four police officers were injured at the D-4 demonstration. Although a photo posted on Twitter by news photographer Joseph Prezioso shows a demonstrator being held on the ground by a BPD officer with a fist drawn back, no demonstrator injuries were officially reported at Friday night's protest. Another police officer outside D-4 said that a protester threw a liquid on him that caused his eyes to burn.

At the Sunday evening demonstration, or-

ganized by Black Boston, marchers proceeded peacefully shoulder-to-shoulder through the streets, traversing Washington Street in the South End and culminating with a rally at the State House that ended at 9:00 PM. While no official crowd estimate was available at press time, an NECN reporter covering the State House said she had never seen a crowd that size in almost 20 years of reporting in Boston, including the crowds at the Esplanade on the 4th of July. Most of the crowd who had peacefully demonstrated was gone by approximately 9:20 PM, but around 9:30 PM, live news reports showed people throwing bricks, frozen water bottles and rocks at police officers. WHDH News reporter Justin Bourke reported that one individual took his cameraman's camera and smashed it to the ground.

The violence escalated as rioters attacked police cars, smashing windows and burning one vehicle to a shell. The violence moved toward shops around Washington Street in Downtown Crossing and Tremont Street near the Boston Common, with BPD officers reminding people that the protest was over and urging them to go home. Shattered glass filled sidewalks in front of Walgreens, Men's Wearhouse, an ATM lobby and other businesses in Downtown Crossing, and some rioters entered stores and took merchandise.

As the night wore on, the rioting and looting moved to the Back Bay. The South End was the next stop, with stores and restaurants on Columbus Avenue, Tremont Street, and Harrison Avenue. Windows were broken and graffiti was scrawled at businesses including CVS, 285 Columbus Avenue and

341 Harrison Avenue; 7-Eleven, 1747 Washington Street; Bar Lyon; The Urban Grape; MiniLuxe Nail Salon, 536 Tremont Street; Teranga; Laura Preshong Jewelry and others. Particularly hard hit was Giorgiana's restaurant and market, a South End institution for over 40 years whose front door and windows were smashed and a significant amount of merchandise destroyed or taken at approximately 2:30 AM on Sunday night.

Owner Anna Barounis, a longtime South End resident who no longer lives in the South End, received a call from a neighbor of Giorgiana's at 5:30 AM. In a brief interview in front of the store on Monday afternoon, Barounis said she was "mentally drained" and felt "violated," but was touched by support from the neighborhood. Upon her arrival, she said, "Glass was everywhere. There was a great crew of neighbors who cleaned up the glass this morning."

While he waited for his store's broken windows to be boarded up and the glass cleared, Joamil Rodriguez, owner of Laced Boston, 426 Massachusetts Avenue, looked beyond his own losses to the causes of Sunday night's acts of aggression. In a video posted on Facebook by South End Community Board member Jacob Wessel, Rodriguez revealed much about himself when he explained that the name of his store is an acronym for Living and Creating Experiences Daily.

On the vandalism to his and other businesses, he said, "Last night was very powerful. I was broken into. It was a loss, a violation,

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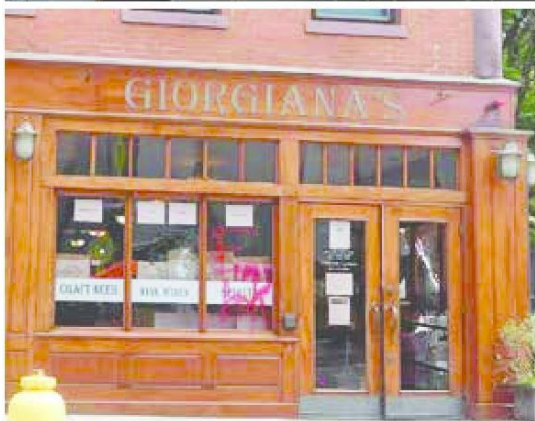
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(Top Left) Calderwood Pavillion, Tremont Street, Wednesday morning. Photo by Sue O'Connell (Top Right) Urban Grape, Columbus Ave. (Bottom Left & Right) Giorgiana's, Tremont Street. Photos by Michele Maniscalco.

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but I have to remind myself and others that this isn't about me. This is about someone's life ending in a way that wasn't right and the numerous and countless times that has happened. I can understand the plight that the

youth deal with and the emotions that run through them...Clothing and material things can be replaced. Lives can't." Rodriguez hopes to be a mentor to young people. "I am going to dedicate myself to ways to work with youth that don't include violence or destruction." He continued, "Let's not focus on what's lost, let's focus on the task at hand; addressing these inequalities."

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taking the opportunity to destroy and loot businesses. These are people who truly don't care why there was a protest, they were in it for self gain. Unfortunately we unlucky and were targeted by those individuals.

Also destroyed: Dartmouth Street Vision Center on Dartmouth Street in the South End, which opened as a black-owned business as part of the Tent City development more than 30 years ago. Jamil Sabree posted photos of

what was left:

My dad owns this place and I work here. We have remained open and available during this entire pandemic and have kept every employee employed. This business was destroyed and looted last night. Thank you for trying to defend my life by completely destroying my livelihood. Next time you decide to "protest" please realize that if #ICantWork then #ICantEat.

One loyal customer writes:

I've been a customer for years - decades, even. You couldn't meet a nicer man than

Dr. Sabree, and his son started working there a few years ago, too. And, Edna, at the front desk! Few independent businesses are as hard to keep going as a eye exam place.

Also looted: Giorgiana's, a market on Tremont Street in the South End, whose owner posted photos and added:

No fatalities!! So lucky it happened after hours - I need my employees to be safe !!! We will all get through this and take back our beloved neighborhood!!

Also hit: The Urban Grape, on Columbus Avenue in the South End:

This is a hard morning on a lot of levels. What we are impressing upon our kids is that windows are not lives. Dreams deferred cause rage. Our window is broken but the roots of this are in 400 years of knees on necks. But we would be lying if we said this doesn't hurt, and if we didn't acknowledge that this is especially layered for TJ. We've gotten through the last 11 weeks, and we will get thru this. We will also open later today, so UG fam don't leave us now.

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