

## La lucha continua/The struggle continues

Thursday night protests persist in calling for help from city, state

BY MICHELE D. MANISCALCO

The Thursday evening "stand-out" protests at the intersection of Mass. Ave. and Washington Streets calling for more city and state help for both the homeless, drug-dependent and mentally ill people who come to the Mass/Cass area for services and for residents weary and frustrated with the negative activities spreading to surrounding neighborhoods have continued every week, rain or shine, since they began on September 3.

Organized by South End Roxbury Community Partnerships 2.0, the protests demand that Mayor



Photo by Michele Maniscalco

Walsh and Governor Baker visit the beleaguered area and listen to residents, declare a public health crisis at the Mass/Cass area, and decentralize treatment and services across the city and state, including re-opening facilities on Long Island and converting Shattuck Hospital to a recovery campus. The chant "Where's Charlie?" is heard every

week, and the group has begun calling the area nicknamed Methadone Mile "Marty's Mile."

Longtime East Springfield Street resident Greg Jackson has attended the standouts every week. "I've lived here 40 years and it's become...unbearable!" he said, the

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## Ginsburg bent the moral arc toward justice

BY REV. IRENE MONROE

Like so many Americans across the country, I, too, am mourning the news that U.S. Associate Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg has died due to complications from metastatic pancreatic cancer. She was 87. As a soft-spoken firebrand and feminist icon, Ginsburg leaves a titanic influence on the law, a legacy unmatched by any other jurists. As a feisty octogenarian on the Supreme Court bench, Ginsburg earned the moniker Notorious R.B.G.- a play off the deceased rapper Notorious B.I.G. And, as a pop-cultural phenomenon, her image as the "Notorious R.B.G." is on T-shirts and coffee mugs. A 2018 film "On the Basis of Sex" depicting Ginsburg's life as an attorney has inspired a new wave

of young feminists and little girls to follow in her footsteps.

Ginsburg followed in the footsteps of a legal giant, too. Ginsburg was called the Thurgood Marshall of the 1970s women's movement. (Marshall most famous court victory, *Brown v. Board of Education* (1954)) In referring to Marshall in a September 2014 interview in "The New Republic," Ginsburg stated, "He was my model as a lawyer. You mentioned that I took a step-by-step, incremental approach; well, that's what he did until he had those building blocks to end separate-but-equal."

One of Ginsburg's famous dissents was the 2007 case of *Ledbetter v. Goodyear Tire & Rubber Company*, on gender discrimina-

tion. Lilly Ledbetter argued pay disparity because of her gender, citing it's a violation of Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964. A 5-4 vote favored Goodyear. Ginsburg wrote the dissenting opinion, stating, "Pay disparities often occur, as they did in Ledbetter's case, in small increments; cause to suspect that discrimination is at work develops over time. Comparative pay information, moreover, is often hidden from the employee's view." In a bold move, Ginsburg read her dissent publicly from the bench. In 2009, President Obama signed the Lilly Ledbetter Fair Pay Act, making it easier for women to challenge wage discrimination.

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## South End restaurants winterize their operations



Black Lamb, 571 Tremont St. Photo by Michele Maniscalco

BY MICHELE D. MANISCALCO

The summer's warmth offered an ideal setting for outdoor dining and cocktails, giving many local restaurants an economic shot in

the arm after the losses caused by the months-long COVID-19 shutdown. Dining patios line South End sidewalks and curbsides, and diners

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## Deacons Ordained:

Cardinal O'Malley ordained eight new deacons this past Saturday, October at the Cathedral. After the ordination Mass, the new deacons joined their wives for a

group photo. A small crowd observing social distancing was on hand for the happy occasion. Photo and story by Patrick O'Connor



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## ASK DOG LADY



### Advice on Pets, Life, Love

BY MONICA COLLINS

Dear Dog Lady,

I had the sweetest and kindest chihuahua, prior to COVID-19. When I had to work from home, trouble began. My five-year-old Chihuahua growls only at me and she lets out some loud mean growls! She has never done this before. She does not bite but her growls are very extreme. She even snorts. I have tried time-outs and sending her to doggy daycare. I thought she was needing a break from me or more socialization. She does not growl at anyone but me and this started just when I started working from home. Please help.

— Sally

Dear Sally,

You must be messing with something she thinks is hers — like the whole house. She had the place to herself before you invaded her space. Something the Chihuahua considers her own property is in jeopardy but Dog Lady has no idea what it could be. You would have

a much better idea.

Whenever a dog's manner suddenly takes a turn, it is important to consider what is different and why this could be. So, examine your environment and look for something bringing her displeasure. Her low rumble might be easily solved with a stern show of Alpha force. At home, you're the fearless leader and you have every right to tell her to stop — as long as she's not growling at others or biting you.

Command her to stop. Give a few treats as rewards if she does. Plan a visit to the veterinarian to make sure her persistent growl does not stem from a health issue. And, by the way, it's a great idea to send her to doggy day care as much as you can. The social time is so good for her.

Dear Dog Lady,

I have a two-and-one-half-year old Havanese, the sweetest little seven-pound dog you've ever seen. I'd rather not use her name (to protect the innocent) but we might as well call her "Sybil" because she has so many personalities. She takes on the traits of a pit bull whenever she sees another dog except the older brother, a thirteen-year-old standard poodle. To passersby she sees through the family room window, she barks and growls. Yet when they enter our home, she becomes a warm, friendly wanting to please little dog.

Outdoors, she becomes another "person." When it is time for her to relieve her bowels she will walk back and forth very quickly, up to two minutes. She starts and stops, starts and stops, as if she can't find the right place to

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## Protests

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frustration in his voice palpable. Jackson and his husband own the building that houses Blunch. He recounted someone defecating on his stoop the week before and finding two people sleeping on the roof of the café, leaving drug paraphernalia behind when they left. Jackson said, "People keep asking me, 'Why don't you leave?' I'm not leaving! Why don't they leave?"

Jackson blames the Suffolk County district attorney for the increase in negative activity in the area that is now being called Marty's Mile. "The problem is Rachael Rolins. She has given a no arrest order to the police, so people come here every day; new people come here every day because they know they can shoot up and deal drugs and the police aren't going to arrest them."

The Worcester Square Area Neighborhood Association (WSANA), located in the corner of the South End nearest Mass/Cass, has witnessed the increasingly shocking conditions at Mass/Cass and the increasing spillover of public drug use and dealing, discarded needles, theft, break-ins, human

waste, and other negative behaviors since the Long Island Bridge closed in 2014, and looking for solutions and help from above has been a frequent agenda item at WSANA monthly meetings.

At the group's September 22 Zoom meeting, Kim Thai, the mayor's special assistant for the Melnea Cass/Mass. Ave. 2.0 plan, said that the Boston Police Department (BPD) is creating a dedicated staff of trained recovery coaches to respond to non-emergency calls at Mass and Cass. South End Forum chairman Steve Fox suggested approaching hospitals including Boston Medical Center, Tufts Medical Center and the Longwood-area hospitals for help. "We in the South End are looking at this as a crisis, and what we are hearing is that a request for proposals [for the renovation of the Shattuck Hospital campus] will be issued in January or February. For a lot of people in the South End, that is not a timely response from the state."

South End Roxbury Community Partnerships 2.0 founder Yahaira Lopez vows that the weekly protests will continue as long as the situation persists. For more information on the weekly standouts and other actions by the group, please visit <https://www.facebook.com/groups/seroxburycommunitypartnership/>.



Photo by Michele Maniscalco

## Dog Lady

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go. The problem has gotten worse since we moved from our home to a condo, as she is now on a leash versus having freedom of the backyard. What are your suggestions for her aggressiveness and bathroom issues?

—Simone

Dear Simone,

Little "Sybil" needs to get out and find herself. She's two and one-half— still a baby in dog years. She has so many personalities because she hasn't found her own voice yet. She's nervous about the world but, from your description, doesn't seem aggressive or mean.

You can help her become a good citizen if you give her a good long walk every day away from your condominium. If all Sybil has ever known is your old backyard and plots of grass at your new condo, she deserves more. If there is a local dog park, you could take her there and spend some time, make sure she explores, meets people and dogs, sniffs and gets sniffed — on and off the leash.

As for the potty dance, dogs are so finicky in this regard. They like to go where other dogs have gone. Smells are everything to them and if they smell another dog or critter of any kind, they can relieve themselves with relief. Don't hover over her when she starts to go. Allow her the time to make her move. Walk her more and you will be so pleased with the results.

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## Winterize

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continue to enjoy them.

However, winter's cold, wet weather limit the potential of outdoor seating in the long New England winter, requiring restaurateurs to plan ahead for new revenue streams as outdoor dining becomes difficult and indoor dining is limited in capacity due to ongoing pandemic-related limits. The South End News checked in with a few area restaurateurs to learn of their cold-weather business plans.

Seth Woods, chef-owner of the Aquitaine Group, which comprises Aquitaine, Metropolis Café and Gaslight, is treading a cautious path for the safety of staff and guests while sustaining revenues with innovative offerings. Currently, Woods's restaurants offer outdoor dining and some indoors, but he stressed that pandemic metrics will drive his decisions on indoor and outdoor seating.

The dining patio at Aquitaine is on the Union Park Street extension, which it shares with the Black Lamb. Aquitaine warms the dining patio with understated thermal lamps, while the Black Lamb and some other South End eateries, keeps warm with tall, dramatic heat lamps encasing a flame. "Even though the state has opened bar service, we aren't doing it. People are too close together and we don't feel comfortable with it." We've gone to the Nth degree," he explained. "We've said if you as an employee don't agree, that's okay, but this is what we need to do. Inside, we've put ionizers and HEPA filters in our HVAC system, and it's all masks all the time. We are keeping enough distance to feel safe, even if it is less than what is advised. That's what we've done and that is what we are going to keep doing."

Aquitaine will continue meal delivery and takeout as well as retail, which Woods describes picturesquely as "French marketplace," and an "urban CSA," in which customers subscribe to packages including prepared soups and sauces; meal kits for stuffed chicken

and other dishes; appetizers and snacks; and organic meats and produce. "We wanted to take advantage of the grocery component."

Woods sees meal kits as a solid part of the future, not just a pandemic-era stopgap. He said, "Meal kits are wonderful. I don't think they are ever going to go away." Woods anticipates the purchase of multiple meal kits as an option for entertaining guests.

The casual chic of Anoush'ella's interior extended to its dining patio this summer, with stylish plexiglass and black fligree barriers separating dining tables with an outdoor capacity of 24. Looking back at the summer, Festekjian was sanguine.

"Summer business was good considering all the issues. Outdoors sitting with separations allowed us to maximize seating. The city was very helpful in allowing us the outdoor seating. I don't think it would have mattered the indoor seating capacity as not as many people were willing to dine inside anyways." As the weather gets colder, there will be fewer outdoor seats. "It's too expensive and the regulations imposed are too restrictive for us to make this profitable," Festekjian said. For the autumn and winter, owner Raffi Festekjian plans to introduce meal kits and take-out or delivery dishes designed for dietary programs such as Keto.

In the wake of the March 24 shutdown, Café Quattro at 817 Harrison Avenue closed its dining room, opened a takeout window by the kitchen, and transitioned to take-out and delivery. A considerable portion of Café Quattro's revenue came from catering for Boston Medical Center and other clients, and that evaporated overnight with the cancellation of gatherings.

Chef/owner Evan Butland responded by replacing indoor seating in his small dining area with a retail/pantry operation, selling coffee, olive oil, pasta and cookies imported from Italy; pantry staples such as yeast and 00 flour; and pandemic-hygiene supplies such as vinyl gloves, and paper towels. Café Quattro has continued to draw take-out and orders from BMC workers, police, EMTs, students and neighbors who are loyal fans.

Looking back, Butland said, "Summer business was down a bit, mainly due to

catering and events being cancelled." Because his indoor capacity is so limited, he does not foresee a return to indoor dining. "We are currently sticking with takeout only model," Butland said.

Restaurateurs are hopeful but uncertain about their fortunes in the coming months and would like to see the government take steps to support them as the long winter approaches. Woods hopes that the city will allow continued use of the Union Park Street extension for dining and that permission can be granted to use heating units inside a tent.

Butland said, "I think the city and state need to do a lot to alleviate the concerns plaguing small businesses. Although, this may be on the federal level, there needs to be rent relief. Not deferment, but relief. But that relief has to carry on to the landlords, many of whom have large mortgage payments. I don't know how businesses are expected to not only survive, but keep up with payments, when our main revenue streams have been stopped or severely limited."

Festekjian suggested, "Reducing our third-party cost through legislation would be most helpful. Many cities have done this and we have yet to do this in Boston. Just talk about helping restaurants."

In a statement issued on September 30, the Mayor's office announced that it is expanding the Reopen Boston Fund to offer grants of up to \$3,000 to help Boston restaurants purchase winter supplies such as heaters, storage equipment and propane to get through the winter. According to the statement, restaurants that have already received funds can reapply, and applications will be reviewed on a rolling basis. Further information is available at [boston.gov/reopen-fund](https://boston.gov/reopen-fund).

Woods is grateful for the support that customers and the South End have shown for his businesses through his 27 years heading the Aquitaine Group and through the pandemic. He said, "The South End is an incredibly tight neighborhood with its small restaurants, diversified population and businesses, and its energy. It's just great. I've walked down many streets in Boston, and when you walk down Tremont, you can feel the energy and the resiliency of the neighborhood."

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**Boston Medical Center Food Pantry**, 1 Boston Medical Center Yawkey B, Monday

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### Resources for Immigrant Communities: What's available?

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Suffolk County District Attorney, Rachel Rollins  
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### DTA SNAP and Cash Benefits During COVID-19

Massachusetts Legal Services

To view a general overview of DTA policies and how to ensure folks can access benefits, please visit MLRI's COVID-19 page: <https://www.masslegalservices.org/DTA-COVID-19>

### Hunger and Food Resources for Households

Project Bread's Hunger and Food Resources page offers information for families and households on school meal sites and locations; the Food Resource Hotline (to get connected to food, and for SNAP application assistance); and policy updates (state and federal level). <http://www.projectbread.org/>

Greater Boston Food Bank (GBFB)

GBFB partners with 500+ hunger-relief agencies, including food pantries, community meal programs and other food assistance providers throughout the nine counties and 190 towns and cities across Eastern Massachusetts. These efforts have doubled in the wake of COVID and increased food needs. This page offers information on food pantries across the state, as well as additional resources for food assistance, including school meal sites. <https://www.gbfb.org/>

### Massachusetts State Updates & Resources

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## Monroe

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Ginsburg's fought not only for women's right but also LGBTQ+ rights, like same-sex marriage (Obergefell v. Hodges, 2015), African American voting rights (Shelby County v. Holder, 2013), the rights for persons with disabilities (Olmstead v. L.C. (1999)), environmental justice (Earth v. Laidlaw Environmental Services (2000)), to name just a few of her impressive list.

Ginsburg's lens on justice was intersectional before the word became popular in the public sphere because of her identity with a persecuted group, citing her Jewish history and the Holocaust. "My heritage as a Jew and my occupation as a judge fit together symmetrically. The demand for justice runs through the entirety of Jewish history and Jewish tradition. I take pride in and draw strength from my heritage," Ginsburg said in a 2004 speech at the U.S. Holocaust Memorial Museum.

Ginsburg's death comes as a crushing blow to those of us who believe in building a multicultural democracy and a participatory government, where protests are understood as a citizen's First Amendment right to do so. As Ginsburg is laid to rest, a fierce fight is unfolding over her successor at a time of intense political polarization and with just weeks away from the presidential election. However, in her final days, Ginsburg told her granddaughter, Clara Spera, the following: "My most fervent wish is that I will not be replaced until a new president is installed."

As this battle ensues, over the weekend, thousands of women, myself included, gathered at vigils that took place across the country to mourn and celebrate the life and work of this feminist icon and trailblazer. Ginsburg's 27 years on the nation's high court as a preeminent litigator played an epic role in advancing women's rights, gender equity, and civil rights. She was a voice for all Americans.

Ginsburg was the first Jewish woman to sit on the supreme court. She died on the eve of Rosh Hashanah, the Jewish new year. According to Jewish tradition, a person who dies on this High Holiday is a "tzaddik," a person of great righteousness. Also, Justice Ginsburg was a humble person who exuded a quiet grace. In a 2015 interview with MSNBC, Ginsburg said she "would like to be remembered as someone who used whatever talent she had to do her work to the very best of her ability. And to help repair tears in her society, to make things a little better through the use of whatever ability she has."

Ginsburg's advocacy for justice was unwavering and showed it, especially with each oral dissent. In another oral dissent, Ginsburg quoted a familiar Martin Luther King Jr. line, adding her coda: "The arc of the universe is long, but it bends toward justice," but only "if there is a steadfast commitment to see the task through to completion." Like the outstanding Americans we have lost in the last couple of months - Civil Rights icon Congressman John Lewis and Black Panther star Chadwick Boseman - who bent the moral arc toward justice, U.S. Associate Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg did, too.

R.I.P. RBG

### NOTICE OF PETITION FOR CHANGE OF NAME

Commonwealth of Massachusetts  
The Trial Court  
Probate and Family Court

In the matter of: Delphine Belleza Santana-Ruiz

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Docket No.  
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WITNESS, Hon. Brian J. Dunn, First Justice of this Court.

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Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) to provide updated information about the novel coronavirus outbreak. <https://www.mass.gov/> offers:

- Prevention and treatment
- Cases, quarantine and monitoring
- State of emergency
- Printable fact sheets and FAQ
- Emotional health and well-being resources

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### SIREN COVID-19 Resource Page

Social Interventions Research & Evaluation Network (SIREN) [sirennetwork.ucsf.edu/covid-19-resources](http://sirennetwork.ucsf.edu/covid-19-resources) includes resources on a national level such as:  
Social needs surveillance  
Recent news articles about COVID and health equity

Resources for clinicians and patients  
Insurance coverage and codes for COVID-related healthcare services  
Pharmacy delivery services  
Vaccination scams/exploitation  
Housing  
Employment/income concerns  
Utility concerns  
Social isolation  
Advocacy opportunities

### The City of Boston

The City of Boston has a free texting service to provide daily updates and information about the coronavirus. Text BOSCOVID to 99411 to opt-in for English. Language and communications access remains a priority for Mayor Walsh, so this text service is also available in Spanish, Haitian Creole, French, Cabo Verdean Creole, and Portuguese.  
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Updates in 10 total languages can additionally be accessed through [boston.gov/coronavirus/multilingual-help](https://boston.gov/coronavirus/multilingual-help). Each language has its own page and hosts multilingual print materials distributed citywide.

### HOMELESS SERVICES AND HOSPITAL CAPACITY

On April 2nd, Mayor Walsh announced that construction begins at the Boston Convention and Exhibition Center to add 500 beds for treating homeless adults who have tested positive for COVID-19 and need care, but do not require full hospitalization.

The City has released a Request for Proposals to secure a partner organization to operate the facility. If necessary, the Convention Center beds will be opened up for hospitals to use for sub-acute COVID patients in the general population.

These 500 beds will bring Boston's total number of new beds for homeless individuals to over 1,000. This includes Boston Medical Center's Newton Pavilion facility, which the City and State are working to re-purpose as a

medical facility for homeless residents affected by the coronavirus.

### SMALL BUSINESS SUPPORT

On April 2nd, Mayor Walsh announced two new resources that will help small businesses during the public health crisis.

The City of Boston has created a Small Business Relief Fund. Drawing on a combination of City, federal, and private industry contributions, it establishes \$2 million in grant funding—capable of providing a lifeline to hundreds of local businesses at risk of shutting down permanently due to the crisis. It will be administered as a streamlined version of the City's Small Business Financing program. Small businesses can begin applying on Monday, April 6.

The City of Boston has also created a Financial Relief Handbook and FAQ document for small businesses. It's a resource for navigating

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