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Boston Heartache



We, the citizens of the world, are heartbroken for the good people of Boston today.

It is devastating to see the images of fear, dire injuries, even death at the finish line of one of our nation's most storied sporting events. An event for the people, not the elite. An event where courage and joy are both summoned. An event that has come to define one of our great cities.

Today we are at a loss.

You can see it in President Obama's face, hear it in his voice....no matter the words of conviction, that we will find these criminals, that they will be punished....that he is at a loss. You can interpret from the terrorist experts' comments that they are at a loss. One quiet individual can stroll past a garbage can at the finish line area of the Boston Marathon, at perhaps 3 in the morning, and gently place a small brown package inside, the timer set to go off at the 4-hour mark of the race, when the critical mass of runners will be crossing the line. We're instructed in our society at large today to always be on the look-out for odd people, odd packages. But in the midst of the huge population, what are the chances that a small brown package is going to catch our attention?

You can see the media, grasping for straws. They invite child psychologists to dole out advice on how to counsel our children through these tragic moments, all the while promising us to report on the who, why, how of the crime....when they are at an obvious loss to ferret out such facts.

We are clearly living in a new America.

Senseless school shootings by mentally ill individuals with easy access to military, rapid-fire weapons.

Deranged terrorists with hatred running through their veins.

So what do we do when at a such a loss for answers, for recourse, for future protection?

We live. We stand up and applaud those thousands who yesterday took their brave strides through the fabled Boston neighborhoods. We are thankful for the strong and immediate response of both officials and citizens at large who ran and carried and assured at the scene of the horrific crime.

We don't live in fear. We are Americans who believe in the pursuit of happiness.

Yes, today we mourn. We haven't stopped mourning Newtown. Nor Columbine. Nor Aurora. Nor Oklahoma City.

We are enmeshed in a continuous collective mourning.

But we live.

Courage to all those in Boston, suffering and coping.
Know that we are feeling deeply for you.

I had planned on starting a 'Tuesday Tips' today over on our social media pages. However, given everything that's happened, I can't think of a single tip more beneficial to our group than that of gratitude and support. I'm reaching out to our community and I'm asking each one of you to help me lend our love to those who need it most, right now. If you feel so moved, will you join me in sharing this message with our Boston family?

The Nyad community via @DianaNyad sends its deepest sympathies and well wishes to all our

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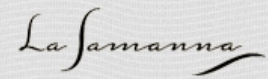
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