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Top It Off in West Roxbury has teamed up with Mass Fallen Heroes and donated \$30,000 worth of clothing to the cause.

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Top It Off Accessories steps up Donates \$30K of clothes to Mass Fallen Heroes

Jeff Sullivan
Staff Reporter

Top It Off Accessories Staff met with Mass Fallen Heroes (MFH) Board Member Jason Farrar and volunteer Thomas Foley recently so that the West Roxbury wholesaler could donate several large bags and boxes of clothes worth up to \$30,000 retail.

The donation was for the MFH Sample Sale, a monthly fundraiser that usually takes samples from retail businesses and resells them for MFH's programming.

The samples can be anything from housewares to furniture, decorations to tools to, and as in this case, clothing.

The next sale is set for Oct. 11 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at 19 Philips Ln. in Hanover.

Farrar is currently a Weymouth Firefighter and works with Foley to pick up and drop off most if not all the donations the sample sale takes in to process and sell every month. A lot of the time, they said, they get items from big box retail and corporate entities, but those entities, for whatever reason, do not want to be associated with the sale. However, Top It Off owner Elizabeth Hoenscheid said she's proud to stand with the organization.

Farrar got involved with MFH much like many of its volunteers and board mem-

bers. His brother, Marine Sgt. Andrew K. Farrar Jr., was killed in 2005 in Iraq – <https://tinyurl.com/d5kthw8u>

He left behind a wife and two very young boys, aged 1 and 5 at the time. Some time later Andrew Farrar Jr.'s wife died so the sons' grandfather, Andrew Farrar Sr., took in the two boys and officially adopted them.

Jason Farrar also enlisted in the marines and served overseas. He then became a firefighter and helped his father with his nephews. As the boys got older and were ready for college, Andrew Sr. thought they should use An-

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AlCo Auto Parts site planned for housing

Richard Heath
Staff Reporter

In a proverbial leap of faith, Karti Subramanian of Patten Street is urging his Woodbourne neighbors to support a new housing proposal none have seen or heard of before.

All online.

On Friday, Sept. 5, Subramanian posted on the Woodbourne Neighborhood Association listserv his "short version" of the plan.

"A local developer Arx Urban has proposed a 47-unit affordable housing project on the site of AlCo Auto Parts on Hyde Park Ave. I'm putting together a letter of support to the city looking to

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ALCO Auto Parts, a fixture on Hyde Park Avenue in Jamaica Plain since 1954.

PHOTO BY RICHARD HEATH



It looks like Great Scott will finally be returning to Allston, this time with a lot more going on up top.

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ZBA approves Great Scott plan

Jeff Sullivan
Staff Reporter

Great Scott owners Carl Lavin, Paul Armstrong and Jordan Warshaw joined attorney Don Wiest last week at the Zoning Board of Appeals (ZBA) to state their case for the return of the Great Scott music venue to Allston.

The new site will be located at 1-17 Harvard Ave., about two blocks away from the old location, which was replaced with a Taco Bell. The new, mixed-use building will create a 300-seat venue location replacing O'Brien's, which is currently at the re-development site.

Wiest said to "offset" the cost of doing this, the mixed-use development will have 139 units of rental housing. There is no vehicle parking set for the site.

The community benefits listed for the project include the new music venues – which are to be independently owned and operated from the rental property – along with new, wider sidewalks, new street trees, the elimination of a Harvard Avenue curb cut, a contribution to Boston for parks and open space in Allston and Brighton, 200 construction jobs and 50-60 permanent jobs.

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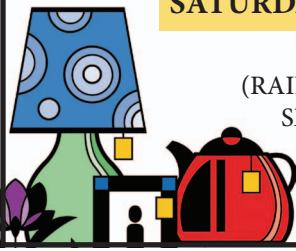
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Of: West Roxbury, MA

To the named Respondent and all other interested persons, a petition has been filed by **David S. Gill of Roslindale, MA**

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(or some other suitable person) be appointed as Guardian to serve on the bond.

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You have the right to object to this proceeding. If you wish to do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance at this court on or before 10:00 A.M. on the return date of **10/14/2025**. This day is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline date by which you have to file the written appearance if you object to the petition. If you fail to file the written appearance by the return date, action may be taken in this matter without further notice to you. In addition to filing the written appearance, you or your attorney must file a written affidavit stating the specific facts and grounds of your objection within 30 days after the return date.

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Stephanie L. Everett, Esq., Register of Probate

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drew Jr.'s military benefits to get the oldest into Stonehill College.

"He's one of those old school guys, you can't tell him how to do anything," Farrar said. "He has his own morals and own set of rules that he abides. He's a very strange animal. And so my oldest nephew Tyler was going to use my brother's benefits, but Stonehill pretty much said the government doesn't have the right paperwork. Stonehill said 'have him reapply in the spring.' My father lost his mind."

Farrar said his father put up his retirement money to send Tyler to school. "Again, he's not the person you can reason with," he said.

Farrar said his fellow firefighters suggested giving MFH Executive Director Dan Magoon a call, and the Stonehill issue was straightened out almost immediately. Tyler attended school that year. Tyler has now entered the Marine Corps and is studying for an MBA at Boston College

with his Corps benefits, and his younger brother is also entering the service as a Marines aviator.

Magoon had his own idea as to how Farrar could pay back the MFH for its efforts.

"A couple months after they helped my dad out, I get a phone call from Dan," he said. "He's like, 'Hey, remember how I helped out your family?' and I said, 'Yeah, I really appreciated that.' He's like, 'Well I need you to head down to Washington D.C. and run the Marine Corps Marathon for Mass Fallen Heroes.' I'm like, 'Whoa! Dude you're talking to the world's worst runner.' But I did it, and that was 10 years ago."

Farrar said he was hooked on the organization since then. Foley said he volunteered along with a Boston Police officer he knew and the pair said the MFH has become like a second family to them. Though it's a lot of work getting the box truck in and out of tight spaces – the Top It Off office is in a small driveway alcove just behind the Engine 30 and Ladder 25 at 1940 Centre St. – they said it's all worth it every day.

Hoenscheid said she and her team, led by Michelle Sarro in this particular case, formulated this partnership because they are always looking for good causes, and Sarro found the MFH through her husband and it just seemed like a great fit.

"My husband is on Boston Fire and was born and raised in Boston in Jamaica Plain," Sarro said. "He and (MFH) Executive Director Dan Magoon – they know each other very well through the fire depart-

ment – and I have attended their fundraising galas they host once a year. And just the stories that you hear from Gold Star Families, male and female veterans alike and what they have gone through in the military and in the war, it's very very impactful."

She said Hoenscheid is always looking to work with organizations that line up with the company's goals, like the work the company has done with Dress for Success, headed by Large Account Manager Kate Tobin.

"And hearing those stories, it's always been something that's kind of stuck with me," Sarro said.

Sarro and Hoenscheid said Top It Off used to have an outlet store down south, but that has since been discontinued. Hoenscheid said they occasionally host a 'friends and family' sale' with excess material, but those are small, and so the company has had a good deal of excess material, and this kind of donation seemed to be the perfect fit.

"It's more than 1,200 items for this donation alone," Hoenscheid said.

Hoenscheid added that they were awestruck with the work MFH does, and with Farrar's story in particular.

"Being able to support all the programs you run, whether it's the spa retreat for Gold Star Families, supporting kids, whatever the programming is that's most beneficial to the families, we are very proud to be able to support, in a small way, the work that's done every day," Hoenscheid said.

For more information on MFH, go to <https://www.massfallenheroes.org>

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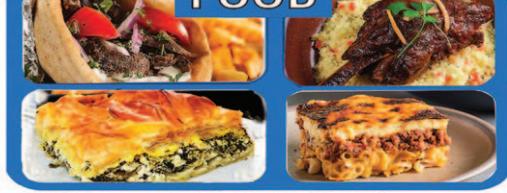
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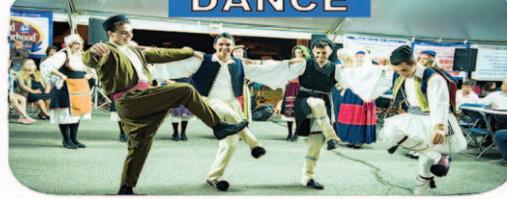
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Billings Field work continues

Ariane Komiyati
Staff Reporter

During the summer months, West Roxbury's Billings Field is usually filled with activities including basketball, tennis, pickleball, adult baseball and softball leagues, dog walkers, summer camps and rowdy teens in the woods.

But summer 2025 looked much different as construction work started on the renovation project.

In late June, construction vehicles began tearing down sports lights, bleachers, drinking fountains, baseball backstops, benches, parts of the stone wall and more. The project team also completed partial court surfacing on the basketball and tennis courts.

A tall fence was placed around most of Billings Field's perimeter, excluding the playground. Large, detailed diagrams showing the planned upgrades for Billings Field now hang on the fence.

The Billings Field renovations include a new set of stairs and an accessible ramp off of Bellevue Street, new paths and trees throughout the park, minor upgrades to the basketball, tennis courts, pickleball courts,



Work is continuing over at Billings Field, which has an expected completion date by next year.

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a splash pad, minor playground upgrades, field upgrades and an outdoor hockey rink. The inline rink was highly supported by residents during the 2022, 2023 and 2024 community meetings. The updated Billings Field will also include a large path around its perimeter, connecting the whole park.

At the end of July, a very large hydraulic breaker attached to an excavator destroyed the steep concrete stairs. Last week, the crew began construction of the new pedestrian stairs and accessibility ramp off of Bellevue

Street.

Many trees along Bellevue have been cleared to make way for the accessibility ramp.

"Over the past few weeks, tree removal has begun, targeting dead, dying, invasive trees as reviewed and approved by the Boston Parks Tree Warden. All removals will be conducted with oversight from the project design team to ensure best practices for urban tree management are followed," stated a Boston Parks and Rec-

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BPS—room(s) for improvement

Now that the mayoral race is a foregone conclusion, it seems that the topic of the Boston Public Schools—one of the several elephants that used to be in the room—does not have to be addressed. But if it did need to be debated, here are topics that mayoral aspirants could have argued about or even agreed upon:

1. School for kindergarteners always begins several days after the start of school for other children. Why not begin on the same day and save parents the trouble of finding day care?

2. Why not see if any children born after the cut-off date of September 1 are ready for kindergarten? They could be screened for emotional and academic development beyond their age. You can't tell me that all the kids born between September 1 and December 31 are not ready for school.

3. Re-establish the Advanced Work Classes for 4th, 5th and 6th graders to eliminate boredom on their parts.

4. Examine whether more children can walk to school without violating any federal court mandates: the exercise will do them well, it saves on busing, and it fosters community as well as neighborhood schools.

5. End the half days at the end of the year: this creates child-care



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problems. Perhaps the only half-day should be the Wednesday before Thanksgiving because of so many teacher and student absences due to travel.

6. Re-establish suspensions for truly egregious behavior, regardless of what it does for the child-care of the parents of the offender.

7. Provide intense summer tutoring for rising 6th graders and autumn after-school tutoring for BPS students aiming for exam school admission, but bring everyone regardless of their school and neighborhood up to the starting line without giving any student an advantage.

8. Make Madison Park a vocational school deserving of a noble reputation.

9. Decrease the number of days that teachers can be absent with pay.

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Wiest said the project has a lot of community support, to say the least. He said at the time of the Boston Planning and Development Agency Board approval in April, they had about 358 letters of support.

"And five in opposition," he said. "Since that time, by our count, we've got in 1,584 support letters for this project as of today's hearing."

Allston Brighton Liaison of

the Office of Neighborhood Services (ONS) Jennifer Roberts said her office is in support of the project, which is unusual. Most of the time, ONS states the office, "defers to the judgment of the Board."

According to Roberts, "Great Scott is a famed Allston institution which promotes local bands and up-and-coming musical talent and revival of this venue, as well as sorely-needed

KRAFT DID THE RIGHT THING

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West Roxbury

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The next day, I went to the City's election department website to see the results, and I noticed that there were also archived results for previous years. I clicked on 2024, and found a spreadsheet

showing the total number of ballots cast in the 2024 election, along with the percentage of registered voters who voted, all broken down by ward and precinct.

I have lived in Dorchester's ward 15, precinct 1 for more than forty years, and I love my neighborhood. My neighbors are some of the finest people on earth, and it's a neighborhood where we watch out for one another. You don't find neighbors like this every day, and I am grateful for them. But when I looked at the numbers for ward 15, I was stunned. Of all of the registered voters in my ward, fewer than half cast a ballot in 2024 – 47.72%, to be precise. This was 2024! – not only a presidential election, but possibly the most consequential presidential election of our lifetime.

The wards of the city that had the highest percentage of voter turnout were wards 19 (part of Jamaica Plain) and 20 (West Roxbury.) These were the only two wards out of the city's 22 wards where 70% or more registered voters actually turned out to vote. For the city as a whole, the voter turnout was a hair over 60%, meaning that four out of ten registered voters stayed home in 2024 and let democracy fend for itself.

Democracy is a lot like marriage – if we don't do the work, if we don't take care of it, one morning we could wake up and find it gone. As a nation, we are standing at a precipice, and our democracy, which people in our very city fought and died to create 250 years ago – a government of, by, and for the people – is under threat. As a city, we have an opportunity to go to the polls this November and decide who will lead the city as Mayor and who will represent our neighborhoods on the City Council. If you are tempted to stay home in November, if you think that your vote won't count, that the outcome is pre-ordained, that one vote can't make a difference, think again. Vote by mail, vote early or vote on Election Day, November 5th. Vote for the candidates you believe will best represent you. If you are not registered to vote, you can register in person, by mail or online at www.RegisterToVoteMA.com. You can also update your address online or change your party affiliation. The deadline for registering to vote in the November 5th election is October 26th, but don't wait, do it today. My fellow Bostonians, please, please vote. Like the first-time voter at the polls on Tuesday night, remember that having a vote is a privilege and a right. With her same sense of agency and hope, help decide who will represent us best in City Hall.

Marti A. Glynn
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housing stock will invigorate the Allston Brighton artist community," she said.

District 9 City Councilor Liz Breadon's representative said the councilor supports the project, and Minor Perez, the Carpenter's Union representative, said the Union is also in support.

Allston Civic Association President Tony D'Isidoro said the ACA will defer to the Board on the project, but posed a general statement of personal support.

"As a frequent patron of the old Great Scott's and occasional patron of O'Brien's, who wouldn't be in support of bringing Great Scott back?" he said. "But we are going to defer judgment to the Board. The proponent came to us in March with the proposal, and the reason we're deferring judgment is that there was no real consent

sus on the ACA Board."

D'Isidoro said he felt obligated to voice concerns some members had. He said the concerns include density, no parking and a pick up and drop off area for patrons and residents was never articulated by the proponent. He also mentioned a lack of streetscape, a lack of open space and a concern around construction mitigation in a very congested and strategic intersection.

"Those who did have concerns feel that the lack of on-street parking in the neighborhood will be further compromised by the proposed developments in that area including, Madam Chair, there has been a proposal to construct a 96-room hotel there that we're all excited about but, guess what, that's another proposal with no parking whatsoever," he said. "Given this is a key access point for the

Mass Pike, there is concern around congestion in the area."

Resident Wendy Schiller said it's been a long time since a new venue opened, as many have been lost in the Greater Boston Area.

"Since this project was announced we have lost other important venues here in Boston including the Sound Museum, a critical rehearsal space for artists," she said. "So a project with an owner like Carl, who really cares about the music, as well as the other owners involved will make a huge difference in this community. I cannot stress this enough."

Lastly, a user going by the name Micah Miscreant gave their greeting to the meeting from the inside of O'Brien's Pub through the meeting's chat function.

The Board unanimously approved the proposal.

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Keeley reviews Marathon Bombing

Dilani Yogaratnam
Staff Reporter

A crowd of 50 leaned forward in their seats at the West Roxbury Branch of the Boston Public Library on Sept. 13, to listen to Firefighter Chief (retired) Dennis Keeley talk about what it was like to be the firefighter in charge of District 4 on the day of the Boston Marathon Bombing – April 15, 2013.

Most of the elite runners had finished when the first blast went off at 2:49 p.m. Between 2:30 p.m. and 3 p.m. is when the largest number of runners usually crosses the finish line.

“They did their homework. It wasn’t the runners, it was the crowd they wanted to get,” Keeley said, referring to the Tsarnaev brothers.

Keeley presented a vivid timeline, relevant figures, and maps and pictures of where the two explosions occurred more than a decade ago. The Tsarnaev brothers were also involved in a shootout killing an MIT officer. The older brother, Tamerlan, died from gunshot and vehicle wounds, while his younger brother Dzhokhar made his way to a residential neighborhood in Watertown before being apprehended and ending up in a death



Former Boston Fire Department Chief Dennis Keeley at the West Roxbury Branch of the Boston Public Library last week.

PHOTO BY DILANI YOGARATNAM

row facility, where he remains to this day. His death sentence was overturned on appeal in 2020 and then reinstated in 2022.

“They did their homework, but they didn’t do all of it,” Keeley asserted. Keeley showed audience members images of the thickness of the crowd along Boylston Street. The first bomb went off at the finish line and the second bomb went off near 739 Boylston St.

“It was a perfect scenario

for them (the terrorists). The two bombs, while identical, created different blast patterns.” The first bomb was from the older brother placing his backpack on the ground which made the blast go down and fan out in a circular pattern, accounting for the many severe leg injuries.

One person died in the first bombing, Krystle Campbell, a restaurant manager. Two oth-

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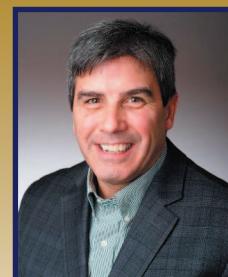
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Estate of: Donald Paul Lubin

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A Petition for Formal Probate of Will with Appointment of Personal Representative has been filed by:

Charles H. Bennett of Croton-on-Hudson, NY

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WITNESS, Hon. Janine D. Rivers, First Justice of this Court
Date: September 10, 2025
Stephanie L. Everett, Esq., Register of Probate

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The Trial Court
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CITATION ON PETITION FOR FORMAL ADJUDICATION

Estate of: Gail Birger

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Sally Kepnes of Newton, MA

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Sally Kepnes of Newton, MA

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A half-hour later Peg Preble, a Jamaica Plain Neighborhood Council (JPNC) member and an Eastland Street resident responded, "Affordable housing sounds great, but can you forward any drawings or more details of the process?"

An hour later Amelia Onorata joined the listserv. "I won't be signing. We're always being told we need more housing but we don't get a chance to determine what type of housing we need."

Subramanian did not reply to The Bulletin about how he got the information.

"The developer is a local firm Arx Urban," the long version message goes on, "who is also the developer of 4198 Washington St. in Roslindale [opposite Adams Park].

"It's an affordable housing project making use of low income housing tax credits to develop units for a variety of income levels; the proposal is for six stories, 47 units and 18 parking spaces.

"The income-restricted

units are priced for a range of people from those making 30 percent of area median income (AMI) to 60 percent.

"The owners of AlCo Auto Parts are strongly in support and in fact, initiated the process with the developer.

"There won't be any ground-floor retail but they are planning to include a community room; work space on the street-level side.

"If you believe that we need more affordable housing near transit, not just to give people shelter but also to address sprawl please sign this quick Google Form to show your support."

The Bulletin called Benjie Moll of Arx later. He was glad there was support for his plans but confused as to how the news got out.

"We're in pre-file meetings with the Boston Planning Department to see if we're on the right track," he said. "We'll file a small project review in a few weeks."

Moll said he met with District 6 City Councilor Ben Weber, and Weber's office con-

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firmed that Weber and Moll talked on Sept. 4.

"We firmly believe in a socially-mixed approach to real estate; to date we've developed twenty," he said.

The income range will be 30 percent up to market rate," Moll said.

"Chuck Slotnick's father, who founded ALCO, passed away a few years ago," Moll said. "Chuck and his wife Mora approached us; they were selling the site and closing the business. They wanted to honor their father with a truly mixed income project. They're wonderful people."

Albert Slotnick, originally from Chelsea, opened the business in 1954 – AlbertCOnpany – at what was the White City corner of Jamaica Plain.

Albert Slotnick reportedly worked until he was 95, and when he passed way at age 97 in 2018, word trickled through Woodbourne that the 12,340-square-foot property would be redeveloped.

This made a few neighbors nervous, but the pandemic apparently intervened and nothing more was heard until Subramanian's message.

Subramanian's support letter also wants neighbors "to help revitalize the Hyde Park corridor and Forest Hills. It deserves fast track approval given the need for affordable housing."

Sides are already lining up.

Catarina Scaramelli wrote at noon on Sept. 5: "The Forest Hills N/A together with Woodbourne is gathering support for new affordable housing proposed at 288 Hyde Park Ave. Please show your support."

On Sept. 9, she notified the listserv that "we already have a good show off support."

Maureen Boyes is ubiquitous on the Woodbourne listserv, whether it's White Stadium or the Shattuck, and she had an opinion on AlCo Auto Parts.

"I don't know who is behind this [the signatory drive] or why... yes, this is a bit harsh," she wrote.

According to Boston Planning, no project manager has been assigned yet.

At 10:30 p.m. on Sept. 11, Subramanian posted this report on the Woodbourne Neighborhood Association listserv. "I met with the developer today to learn more... the most important thing is that this is the very beginning of the process. They're seeking funding and support from the mayor's office of housing, conditional on which they will begin the Article 80 process which includes community meetings."

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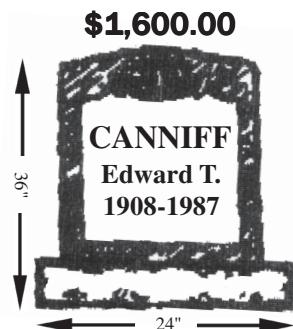
Francis W. of Roslindale and Halifax, originally of Hyde Park, passed away on September 10, 2025. Beloved husband of the late Catherine (O'Neil) Donofrio. Devoted father of Francis "Frankie" Donofrio and his wife Karen of Bellingham, Andrea Taylor and her husband Frank of Halifax, Matthew Donofrio and his wife Meghan of Bridgewater, and Caitlin



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Donofrio of RI. Loving grandfather of Isabella, Liliana, Dean, Caleb, Jonah, Sonny, and Oliver. Brother of Robert Donofrio and his wife Beth of FL., and the late Rosemary O'Connell. Also survived by many nieces and nephews. A graveside service was held on Friday, September 12th at St. Joseph Cemetery. For online guestbook pemurrayfuneral.com. Arrangements by P.E. Murray - F.J. Higgins, George F. Doherty & Sons Funeral Home, West Roxbury.

LAHOUD



Msgr. Joseph Lahoud, March 27, 1934 - July 16, 2025 (age 91). Born in Kartaba, Lebanon on March 27, 1934, Chorbishop

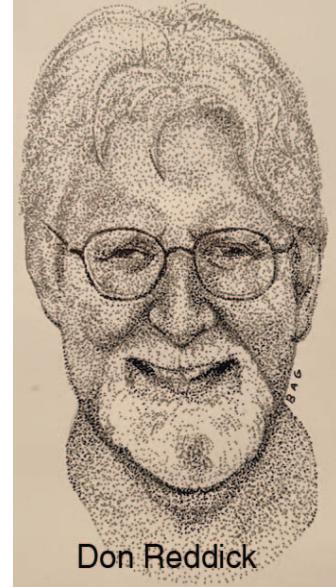
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Lahoud was the eldest of five children of Farid and Olfa (Souhaid) Lahoud, well-known hotel proprietors. He felt a divine calling at a young age, entering St. Maron's Seminary in 1948 at just 14. He later earned his theology degree from St. Joseph's University in Beirut and was ordained on April 12, 1959. Shortly thereafter, he moved to the United States, beginning ministry at St Maron's Church in Torrington, Connecticut in 1961. In 1970, he was appointed pastor of Our Lady of the Cedars of Lebanon in Jamaica Plain by Archbishop Francis M. Zayek. At Deaths

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THE GRINGO TROPHY

Travelers should be aware of a conspiracy among Latin American taxi drivers known as The Gringo Trophy. The Gringo Trophy is awarded annually to the taxi driver who scares the most English-speaking patrons to death. For obvious political concerns, largely unreported is that nearly eleven million Americans die of fright each year in the back seats of Latin American taxis. At first only rumored, I saw it verified when I saw a taxi driver smiling as a body was removed



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pugned, rendering a torrent of Spanish too fast to understand, but whose meaning was clear.

Travelers should know that self-preservation, in the land of the true southern accent, is considered a pre-existing condition. Its medication is covered by insurance, but with a steep, four-hundred-drink deductible. It is somewhat eased, however, in Latin America which uses the metric system, reducing the deductible to approximately three hundred and twenty



from his back seat. Businessman from Paducah, I overheard.

Spanish-to-English phrase books are not entirely accurate. *No problema*, for instance, often means, *problema*. *Manana*, believed to mean 'tomorrow,' frequently means, *never*. Perhaps most important, *meno velocidad, por favor*, more accurately translates as, *for the love of Dios* please slow down!

We must acknowledge a taxi driver's earnest attempts to make a living. This is the genesis of "the scenic route,"

which is a more leisurely, round-a-bout—and more expensive—ride to work. Once, after being driven directly and understanding the fee, I engaged a new driver who bestowed upon me a wonderful, leisurely scenic route. And what a grand excursion it was, over the river and through the woods we traveled, I saw mountains and valleys, cities and suburbs, rivers and lakes. At one point I thought I saw my grandmother's house. When I suggested, at journey's end, that the route may have been somewhat elongated, the driver flew into fury, his integrity im-

drugs. After steeling ourselves with after-work, sidewalk cocktails in Buenos Aires, a co-worker and I hailed a taxi. Our man drove ten feet, suddenly stopped in the middle of the street, and demanded we exit.

"Porque?" I asked, as my companion sat slumped, eyes closed, caressing his brow with thumb and forefinger.

"Because I have no gas," our driver responded, but we suspected he knew we had medicated, thus unlikely to

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UPCOMING EVENTS AT HALE

Thurs. Sept. 25—Fall Equinox Celebration Welcome the new season, reflect on a successful summer, reconnect with friends as we enjoy hors d'oeuvres, toast our annual award winners, and listen to keynote speaker, Ian Bowles, career environmentalist and clean energy investor. 6:30-9 PM. Powissett Lodge at Hale Education. Westwood. \$50. Learn more at hale.education/events.

Sun. Oct. 19—Great Pumpkin Smash MTB Race Join us for this 4-mile course on some of Hale's best trails. This event is designed as an XC Olympic (XCO) format race, and has opportunities for racers of all ages and abilities. Family members are welcome to attend as spectators and competitors. 9 AM-2 PM. Hale Education. Westwood. \$10-\$45. Learn more at hale.education/events.

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For the 28th year in a row, Allston Village Main Streets is proud to host the Taste of Allston, a free food festival in the heart of Allston Village. In partnership with the Jackson Mann Community Center, the Taste of Allston will be held outside at the Jackson Mann Plaza, 500 Cambridge St, Allston MA on Saturday, September 20th, from 12pm-4pm. Rain date September 21st.

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The Menino Arts Center proudly announces "36th Annual HPAA Members at Scollay Square," a juried exhibition which runs thru October 24th. The exhibition will be viewable both in person at the Scollay Square Gallery, Boston City Hall and in a virtual 3D gallery that you can stroll through at <http://www.hpaa-mac.org/exhibits/>.

This exhibition will be installed at the Menino Arts Center, 26 Central Ave, Hyde Park, MA. from November 10, 2025 – January 9, 2026. The reception is TBA. Gallery hours at Scollay Square are during regular business hours, Monday – Friday, 9 am – 5 pm. Gallery hours at the MAC are Wednesdays, 1 – 4 pm; and Thursdays and Fridays, 10 am – 4 pm.

The exhibition features 47 Hyde Park Art Association Members' artworks and is curated by Mariana Rey of Boston City Hall Galleries and Sasja Lucas of the Menino Arts Center ([https://www.sasjalucas.com](http://www.sasjalucas.com)).

the time, the parish was on the verge of bankruptcy. The property had only a rectory and community center built on land donated by Richard Cardinal Cushing. Many would have seen it as a lost cause. But not Chorbishop Lahoud. With quiet determination and steadfast faith, he led the parish out of the financial crisis. Within three years, the existing debt was paid off and he began building a new church. In 1974, construction began on the new church and by 1975 the first Mass was celebrated in the monastic-inspired sanctuary that stands today. In recognition of his exemplary service, he was elevated to Monsignor in 1982, Ordained Chorbishop in 1986. He was honored in 2009 with a celebration of 50 years in the priesthood. He officially retired in 2010 though he continued to serve well into his later years. Chorbishop Lahoud was not only a pastor, but a true father to his parish family. His kindness, humility, and ability to unite people will remain his most enduring legacy. He is survived by his loving siblings Nawal Abdul-Massih, Fattan Lahoud, and many others. His life was a living sermon of devotion, humility, and action. May he rest in eternal peace and rise in glory. A 40 day Mass will be celebrated on Sunday, September 28, 2025 at Our Lady of The Cedars of Lebanon Church, 61 Rockwood Street, Jamaica Plain, MA at 11:00 a.m.

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MARSH



Suzanne (Gall), age 75, of Roslindale, died unexpectedly on September 9, 2025. Her cherished family members are George Marsh and Victoria Gall. Suzanne founded the Friends of the Boston Harbor Islands in 1979 and most recently, was a National Park Service Interpretive Ranger, and a teacher at the Osher Lifelong Learning Institute at UMass Boston. Suzanne donated her body to medical research. A Memorial Celebration

of Suzanne's life of community service and advocacy for Boston Harbor Islands will be planned for a later date. Suzanne's bright light will forever shine over her beloved Boston Harbor. Donations in Suzanne's memory may be made to the Friends of the Boston Harbor Islands, c/o Boston Harbor Now, P.O. Box 96172, Boston, MA 02196 or the Hyde Park Historical Society, 35 Harvard Avenue, Hyde Park, MA 02136.

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die of fright in his back seat.

Next day, after again performing preventive maintenance for our pre-existing condition (recommended to be taken twice a day, or as needed), another erstwhile driver decided that the traffic jam we endured was easily managed by driving full speed onto the sidewalk for several blocks, under burrito stands and over taco stands. I flew into Mexico City once and needed to get to the bus station for a ride to San Juan Del Rio. I summoned a taxi whose driver thoughtfully assessed my request, then assured me he knew where the station was. We then leisurely toured Mexico City, went over the river and through the woods, where I saw mountains and valleys, cities and suburbs, rivers and lakes—at one point I thought I saw my grandmother's house—before returning to the airport

where we began, and where the bus station was located. I could have walked.

But of all these inconveniences, the Gringo Trophy remains most concerning. I recall rationalizing in Buenos Aires that, well, these drivers must be used to driving this speed and well adapted to it. Then at work, publishing the Clarion, an English-language newspaper, I read that Argentina suffered seven-times the number of accidental vehicular deaths than the average industrial nation. So I could not reduce myself, as my co-worker did, to slumping in the backseat, closing my eyes, caressing brow with thumb and forefinger, and trusting in the Lord. I remained transfixed, my eyes bulging, my pulse surging, as taco and burrito stands flew over and under, often arriving at work so white I was nicknamed Casper.

Arriving today at my Mexican destination, my driver looks

back and is plainly disappointed to see me still alive. He had certainly tried his best, driving on sidewalks, through gymnasiums, over taco stands and under burrito stands at breaking-the-sound-barrier speeds. Next to us, fellow drivers high-five as another star is spray-painted onto the side of a taxi. Paramedics are removing a well-dressed cadaver from the backseat. His pants appear wet. Salesman from Wichita, I overhear. I stride immediately to the stress clinic, my hands shaking, my knees wobbly, and order a double dose of preventative medicine for my pre-existing condition.

My bartender, observing obvious distress, folded hands together, placed elbows on the bar, gazed knowingly at me and said, "And who's going to pay for the wall?"

*"Don Reddick is a writer from Norwood.
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Boston, MA (617)788-8300

In the matter of: Stefan Tialoc Kai Fischer
A Petition to Change Name of Adult has been filed by
Stefan Tialoc Kai Fischer
requesting that the court enter a Decree changing their name to:
Stefan Amadeus Do Fatima Tavares Quiroz
Any person may appear for purposes objecting to the petition by filing an appearance at: Suffolk Probate and Family Court before 10:00 a.m. on the return day of 09/25/2025. This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance if you object to this proceeding.

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**CITATION ON PETITION FOR
FORMAL ADJUDICATION**

Estate of: James Leo Mahan
Also known as: James Leo Mahan, Jr.
Date of Death: 12/26/2017

Suffolk Probate and Family Court
24 New Chardon Street
Boston, MA 02114
(617)788-8300

A Petition for Late and Limited
Formal Testacy and/or Appointment
has been filed by
David G. Heaton of
Apache Junction, AZ
requesting that the Court enter a
formal Decree and Order and for such
other relief as requested in the Petition.

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September 15, 2025
Stephanie L Everett, Esq.,
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Commonwealth of Massachusetts
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SUFFOLK Division

Docket No. SU91P0236

**CITATION GIVING NOTICE OF
PETITION FOR RESIGNATION
OF A GUARDIAN OF AN
INCAPACITATED PERSON**

In the Interests of: Maria DaSilva
Of: Hyde Park, MA
RESPONDENT
Incapacitated Person/Protected
Person

Suffolk Probate and Family Court
24 New Chardon Street
Boston, MA 02114

To the named Respondent and all other
interested persons, a petition has been
filed by:
Ana Hoelzl (FKA Barbosa) of
Saugus, MA

in the above captioned matter
requesting that the court:
Accept the Resignation of the
Guardian of the Respondent.

The petition asks the Court to make a
determination that the Guardian and/or
Conservator should be allowed to resign;
or should be removed for good cause; or
the Guardianship and/or Conservatorship
is no longer necessary and therefore
should be terminated. The original
petition is on file with the court.

**You have the right to object to this
proceeding.** If you wish to do so, you
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date, but a deadline date by which you
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you object to the petition. If you fail
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named person has the right to ask
for a lawyer. Anyone may make this
request on behalf of the above-named
person. If the above-named person
cannot afford a lawyer, one may be
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**WITNESS, Hon. Janine D. Rivers,
First Justice of this Court.**
Date: September 10, 2025
Colleen M. Brierley,
Register of Probate

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Commonwealth of Massachusetts
The Trial Court
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Docket No. SU25P2045GD

**CITATION GIVING NOTICE OF
PETITION FOR APPOINTMENT
OF GUARDIAN FOR
INCAPACITATED PERSON
PURSUANT TO
G.L. c. 190B, §5-304 §**

In the matter of: Maria DaSilva
Of: Hyde Park, MA
RESPONDENT
Alleged Incapacitated Person

Suffolk Probate and Family Court
24 New Chardon Street
Boston, MA 02114

To the named Respondent and all other
interested persons, a petition has been
filed by:
Mass. Dept. of Mental Health of
Westborough, MA

in the above captioned matter alleging
that Maria DaSilva is in need of a
Guardian and requesting that
Suzy DaSilva of Brockton, MA
(or some other suitable person) to be
appointed as Guardian to serve on the
bond.

The petition asks the Court to determine
that the Respondent is incapacitated,
that the appointment of a Guardian
is necessary, and that the proposed
Guardian is appropriate. The petition
is on file with this court and may contain
a request for certain specific authority.

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affidavit stating the specific facts and
grounds of your objection within 30
days after the return date.

IMPORTANT NOTICE

The outcome of this proceeding may
limit or completely take away the
above-named person's right to make
decisions about personal affairs or
financial affairs or both. The above-
named person has the right to ask
for a lawyer. Anyone may make this
request on behalf of the above-named
person. If the above-named person
cannot afford a lawyer, one may be
appointed at State expense.

**Witness, Hon. Janine D. Rivers,
First Justice of this Court**
Date: September 10, 2025
Stephanie L. Everett, Esq.,
Register of Probate

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09/18/2025*

Commonwealth of Massachusetts
The Trial Court
Probate and Family Court

Docket No. SU25P2054EA

**CITATION ON PETITION FOR
FORMAL ADJUDICATION**

Estate of: Simon Miller
Date of Death: 01/01/2004

Suffolk Probate and Family Court
24 New Chardon Street
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(617)788-8300

A Petition for Formal Adjudication
of Intestacy has been filed by:
Barbara A. Edwards of
Randolph MA

requesting that the Court enter a formal
Decree and Order and for such other
relief as requested in the Petition.

IMPORTANT NOTICE

You have the right to obtain a copy
of the Petition from the Petitioner
or at the Court. You have a right
to object to this proceeding. To do
so, you or your attorney must file a
written appearance and objection
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the return day of 10/23/2025. This is
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without further notice to you.

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the Court. Persons interested in the
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Personal Representative and may
petition the Court in any matter
relating to the estate, including the
distribution of assets and expenses of
administration.

**WITNESS, Hon. Janine D Rivers,
First Justice of this Court.**
Date: September 11, 2025
Stephanie L Everett, Esq.,
Register of Probate

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Commonwealth of Massachusetts
The Trial Court
Probate and Family Court

Docket No. SU25P1730EA

**CITATION ON PETITION FOR
FORMAL ADJUDICATION**

Estate of: Ruth Cheney Wyman
Also known as: Ruth C Wyman
Date of Death: 06/22/2025

Suffolk Probate and Family Court
24 New Chardon Street
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To all interested persons:
A Petition for S/A - Formal Probate
of Will with Appointment of
Personal Representative has been
filed by:
Gilbert M Roddy, Jr. of Boston MA
and Franklin Wyman, III of
Washington DC

requesting that the Court enter a
formal Decree and Order and for such
other relief as requested in the Petition.

The Petitioner requests that:
Gilbert M Roddy, Jr. of Boston MA
and Franklin Wyman, III of
Washington DC

be appointed as Personal
Representative(s) of said estate to
serve Without Surety on the bond in
unsupervised administration.

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**WITNESS, Hon. Janine D Rivers,
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