Tell your government to stop the runway

by Peter Werwath

The Port Authority wants to build another runway at Logan Airport.

Before it can happen, two branches of the federal government must give their approval.

The last chance for the public to influence their decision will be coming next Friday, Feb. 26. A hearing will be held that day at 2 p.m. in New England Life Hall, on Clarendon Street in Boston.

The Community News has learned that two legally required hearings on the runway will be combined into one.

The Feb. 26 hearing will be held by the Army Corps of Engineers, which is considering a proposal that would have three homes being torn down, except for those in "substandard" condition. It's just a matter of getting back to everybody."

The Corps of Engineers has said that it will make its decision on the runway based on "the public interest." The Corps has defined this term as including "navigation, fish and wildlife, water quality, economics, conservation, aesthetics, recreation, water supply, flood damage prevention, ecosystems, and in general, the needs and welfare of the people."

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As of November, 1970, the MPA had purchased 46 homes in East Boston, had agreements to buy seven more, had three homes being appraised, and was negotiating for 36 more. At least 13 of the homes were bought this year.

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MPA director tells where he buys homes, and why

Massachusetts Port Authority director Edward King was interviewed February 12 by two Community News reporters on the subject of land and home buying by the authority.

King stated that purchases by the MPA are limited to three well-defined areas...around Neptune Road, in the Bayswater Street area, and in Jeffries Point.

King maintained that the main reason for the MPA buying properties is to relieve the owners from noise problems created by the airport.

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The News opens an office

A second newspaper is settling into East Boston.

On Monday, the East Boston Community News will open an office at 31 Bennington St., a few doors down from Central Square.

The public is invited to an open house Monday.

Until now, the Community News has been produced solely by volunteer labor, except for $250 to $280 in printing work each issue at Harwich Lithograph in Hyde Park. Starting in March, staff member Peter Werwath will be paid $100 a week to coordinate production work and write news stories.

Shown in the photo of the new office are (from left) Dorothy Brickman, Don Amara, Mark Di Flumeri, Marie Di Flumeri, and Marie Di Flumeri, Jr.
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King: new runway will "spread" noise

King: new runway will "spread" noise

by Don Amara

Proposed runway construction at Logan was the subject of a talk by Port Authority director Edward King at a Holy Name Society breakfast last Sunday at Our Lady of Lourdes in Beachmont.

King submitted data claiming that 71 percent of the noise complaints concern East Boston (Revere), Orient Heights (East Boston) and Court Road (Winthrop). About 19 percent of the complaints were generated from the Neptune Road area (East Boston) and 9 percent from Point Shirley (Winthrop)," he said.

"Spreading" Noise Out

"Construction of the parallel runway, King said, "is essential for airport operations, noise abatement measures." He suggested that the additional runway would reduce noise by spreading it. In King's opinion, the new runway would not generate more air traffic, only "expedite the flow." King indicated that while there would be a 20 percent increase in capacity, noise would be reduced by 20 percent over certain areas.

In his talk, King indicated that Bayswater Street area, with the exception of an ravoy Street, where things are "tough," the greatest complaints were the result of jet idling noise at the end of the runway. In his view the idling would continue without the additional runway.

"I am not saying that Beachmont should be for the runway and punish them (East Boston)," King said. Neccessarily, King said, many residents would be subjected to a "new noise experience."

Hits Kennedy, White

Responding to questions, King suggested that Senator Edward Kennedy was "totally misinformed" in reference to his telegram opposing the granting of a permit by the Army Corps of Engineers for the new runway. Mayor White of Boston did not escape a tongue-lashing either.

"The Mayor of Boston is flooding the area with tears of poverty," he said, and attributed the city's financial condition to White's administration.

Beachmont Versus East Boston

Anthony Cecere, a member of MAP-MAC, stated that King "continued his tactics of pitting one community against another...in this instance telling the Beachmont people the new 15-23 runway may save them although it will bring a 'new noise experience' into an area of East Boston."

"I asked Ed King what measures would be taken in the event the new runway was constructed to protect at least the schools and churches in the St. Mary's Parish area from the 'noise experience.' King replied, 'What do you care, you don't live there.'"

Cecere continued, "What he failed to understand or point out in his discussion of the Beachmont people the new SST runway would reduce noise compared to the FAA standard for noise from aircraft has been increased 20 decibels. Both SST and 747 exceed the level even though they make less noise than present aircraft."

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all their lives.

King: I can't help it, how long or short it stays is anybody's guess. All I can tell you is what is it. And I think you should put down the reasons why I don't think, how much it will extend the runway and don't want to, what the point is.

News: In Jeffries Point, if people continue to approach you and you buy homes, is it possible you'd tear down homes in that area?

King: Oh, yeah, you tear down some. But the reason is that they're substandard and deficient in many ways.

News: Is it a possibility that the area could be used, as you said, for Hot Shoppes, in as much as you're buying into it.

King: Yeah, sure. But don't forget, it's a possibility but we have no interest by any means. Three or four years ago, or two years ago, we did, but the economy has changed so that nobody's looking for space. Two years ago, air freight, Hot Shoppes, this one, that one, all wanted space, anywhere near the airport.

News: Father Sallace (of the MPA board) says the MPA has designs on Belle Isle Inlet.

King: We own Belle Isle Inlet... News: You're just holding it because it's under the runway path?

King: That's right.

News: You have no designs to build there...

King: No, you couldn't build anything there. There can't be under a runway is nothing, nice flat land. If you own something there, and there's nothing there, you certainly wouldn't put something there.

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Economics, prestige used to defend SST

by Joseph Dioguardi, Donna Ozog and Dorothy Brickman

A hearing by the Joint Committee on Transportation was held on Feb. 17 to review six bills filed by legislators to ban the SST from landing in Massachusetts.

The Va. Cong. will vote in April to decide whether to appropriate $210 million for further SST development by the Boeing Company.

"If a state can affect national policy, the time is now before the issue is settled, not in ten years," remarked Paul F. Koutz, D-Newton.

Senator Umama, one of the strongest opponents to the SST, claimed that if Nasa and ten East Boston pass such bills to ban the SST, there would be a snow-ball effect.

"It is foolhardy to ban something eight to ten years before reality. It is then we should act. Why shouldn't we wait and see what the SST would accomplish," responded Rep. Raymond P. Bourke, D-Lowell, who revealed himself to be pro SST.

While waiting to see what the SST would accomplish, the cost to the taxpayer is that of a "long term" federal government loan of $1.3 billion.

Local Reps Defend East Bostonians

Withington admitted that the SST engine is excessively noisy now, but that by 1983, when the SST is ready to fly commercially, the noise and air pollution levels will be reduced to that of the 747.

"You assume that we are happy with the present noise level," said Minnie Pitaro, transportation committee member. "How can we add more traffic to an area which is already burdened with noise from what we now have?"

Another argument presented against the SST by Rep. Emmanuel Serra was the adverse psychological and physiological effects of noise on the human body.

Everyone responded in a startled manner when a loud noise filled the auditorium. A biology professor from Tufts, who had banged the speakers' podium said, "There is not a human being who can adapt to noise."

The most important factor at the hearing was that suburbanites had voiced their opinion against the SST. Hopkinton, Springfield, Newton and other suburban cities strongly opposed the SST.

The Committee is presently in closed session to discuss and report their final opinion to the legislature.

First Realty stops Border Street work

by Mossil Racobjan

First Realty has stopped work on the site of their proposed 10-story apartment building on Border Street.

Lester Gross, vice-president of the development corporation informed Fr. John Hickinlcy, president of the East Boston Neighborhood Council, that after completion of loading tests piles last Tuesday no further work would be done on the site. Mr. Gross added in a letter that he expected to discuss the proposed building with community leaders on Tuesday, Feb. 23.

The building permit for construction of the x-shaped building was revoked by the city's Building Department two weeks ago, but work on the site had continued under a foundation permit that the department had allowed to stand.

The lawyer representing the community in the suit against First Realty are preparing briefs to ask for a court injunction against the developer's foundation permit.

The original suit brought against First Realty by two community groups and ten East Boston residents will probably be heard as late as April, because of the court's crowded calendar.

MBTA will not cut Lexington bus run

The MBTA service cuts announced two weeks ago have been canceled for the time being.

The cuts would have meant reduced service in the Orient Heights to Maverick and Bellingham Square (Chelsea) to Maverick lines, and total cancellation of the Lexington Street bus.

School Committee to have meeting here

by Kileen Kuzera

A special meeting of the Boston School Committee is scheduled to be held in East Boston on Tuesday, Feb. 23 at 8 p.m. The public is invited.

The meeting was called by School Committee Chairman Paul Tierney for the general purpose of allowing East Boston residents to make the School Committee aware of particular problems of the schools in East Boston, according to Edward Winters, secretary of the School Committee.

Some of the topics to be discussed at the meeting included a report of East Boston High School, both physical and academic, the authorization of Parents and Teachers Who Care as the official advisory parent-teacher council in East Boston, and the relocation of the Paris Street swimming pool.

A more complete agenda is presently being prepared by members of Parents and Teachers Who Care.
King says Jeffries Point area “needs thorough cleaning up”

Community News: The three areas of home buying you described... What use will the Port Authority have for these homes?

King: We don't know yet. We don't have any particular plans. You can see what the area looks like down there. It would be hard to put anything there that has people going back and forth. When you look at that mess of the City of Boston property down there that Milano is occupying. It’s a total disgrace...

News: Do the areas of home-buying have firm boundaries?

King: I think so. I know where I can buy and can't buy.

News: Are there any maps that have this information?

King: I don't know, but think it could be put on a map with no great problem. I don't think that necessarily solves the problem, because I did that a couple of years ago at the Holy Redeemer Rectory and all they've done is try to confuse it over since.

News: So if any time the board wanted to, it could change these physical boundaries?

King: Yes. If you look at it, you'll see that complaints of 69 per cent come from the general area of Beachmont, Court Road in Winthrop and Orient Heights near the Annanoy side. Twenty-one per cent come from the Neptune Road area. Every time we buy a home we eliminate the aggravation of someone living in a home and wanting to sell.

So I've recommended that we buy homes in Beachmont right in the flight path and Point Shirley right in the flight path.

News: Is it unreasonable to ask for a really firm master plan saying this is the absolute limit we will go? King: There is one. It says Neptune Road, it's everything inside the tracks.

News: Do you solicit places to buy?

King: They have to come to us. I think a lot of them know by now, they have to send a letter... We get together with about, I'd say, three out of five. Some want too much, so we haven't bought a lot.

News: You've never gone out looking for homes to buy?

King: No, that's correct.

News: Except in cases of eminent domain?

King: In which case we advise the people directly probably four or five years ahead of the time of the taking...

News: What's the general purpose of having homes in the Bayswater area?

King: Well, the general purpose is to satisfy people who call in complaints about noise and asking how long it will continue. Well, it's certainly going to continue for quite a while, and unless you assume that the airport is going to stop operating, it's going to continue to be noisy for quite a while. And they claim they have no place to go and sell the home to, so we adopted the policy of buying them.

News: Are there any plans for extending runways 4-22 toward Bayswater Street?

King: No. That has been recommended. It's a logical answer to the problem we have on the runway at the other end, with its displaced threshold... I turned that down way back in 1963, 64, 65.

I'm telling you plainly, this authority has no plans, nothing under consideration, to extend either of the 22 ends of those runways... There now is a study (a two-year $85,000 MPT study begun several months ago) to solve the problem which will eliminate the need for this.

News: If the parallel runway is built, will it require more hometaking for a clear-zone?

King: No, none. Some people up there have been calling, though asking to sell their property.

News: When homes are bought, the MPA board doesn't give final approval on every particular sale?

King: Well, no. I'm not sure. The information is available to them.

News: Considering the shortage of housing, has any thought been given to rehabing homes you buy?

King: Why rehab homes?

News: East Boston has a shortage of housing.

King: Why rehab them if they (the homes) don't need it?

News: You mentioned tearing down substandard homes...

King: Oh yeah. We wouldn't rehab those. I don't think anybody else would either.

News: For instance, as you bought homes in this area of Jeffries Point, would any thought be given to...

King: Yes, we've given some thought to it and decided not to. It's just not economical, you know. You know, with that mess and that unhealthiness of that Milano thing down there, you certainly wouldn't attract anything like that. The whole area needs a thorough cleaning up.

News: So when you buy homes, you don't necessarily evict the people?

King: We don't evict anyone. If the tenant is there, he stays there.

News: I was under the impression that you had torn down homes in Jeffries Point...

King: We have torn down homes in Jeffries Point for different reasons. There was one tenant there or whatever. Some of them had fires there immediately after someone moved out... Our policy there is that if there's nobody living in them, the wiring is defective, tear them down.

News: The houses in the Heights... do you have no intention of tearing them down?

King: None. It would be senseless because people are living there. They are nice homes, they're not complaining, and they're paying their taxes, or we're paying them for them.

I don't see how anybody has got any complaint unless they like to mind other people's business. I said to a large group down at the Elks and other places, some months ago, that MAPMAC is not going to tell me to whom I may (KING INTERVIEW cont. p. 2)
Sallese reply: home purchases are "solely for future expansion"

by Peter Wervath

Rev. Albert Sallese has taken issue with some of the statements of MPA Director Edward King concerning airport expansion and home-buying.

Sallese, a critic of the Port Authority who sits on its board, says he believes King is buying homes primarily to expand the airport, not to relieve noise problems.

"There's no question that he is relieving a problem for a few by buying homes," said Sallese. "But he's relieving a situation that they created, and by so relieving, will expand the airport further."

Fuel Farm for Inlet?

Sallese also questioned King's statement that there are no plans to use Belle Isle Inlet. He said he got a report from an MPA consultant last summer that opened the possibility of a "fuel farm" in the inlet.

He said the consultant, the Frederick Harris Co., recommended that the MPA develop a fuel farm. "They recommended the Lynn marshes," said Sallese. "The board rejected it, and the staff proposed Belle Isle. As far as I know, it's still active."

Sallese challenged the Port Authority's right to act as a "buyer of last resort." He said this attitude "creates the authority as a superior real estate agent, and thus prevents other agents of individuals from entering into an authentic market, since they are not financially situated as is the authority."

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King statements differ from MPA records

The director of the Port Authority said in 1969 that the MPA was buying homes in areas where it had a "logical future interest."

In his recent interview with the Community News, director Edward King referred several times to a 1969 meeting at the Holy Redeemer Rectory in which he described the areas where the MPA would buy homes.

During that evening of Feb. 15, Msgr. Mims B. Pitaro asked King why the MPA was "spot-buying" homes around East Boston. King then described the areas home-buying was limited to.

Minutes of the meeting went to King for corrections and comments. King gave this reply to the portion of the minutes that dealt with "spot-buying."

"I suggested several times during the meeting to Monsignor Pitaro..." we would have a logical future interest."

"I did say," King continued, "that I thought we provided the only real market for those who wished to sell in areas where we would have a logical future interest."

"I can remember turning my block of paper over and making three or four scattered circles demonstrating the disadvantages of spot buying, as we only buy when offered."

"Although in areas from which comes law that says the MPA may buy land "it may deem necessary or convenient for the construction or for the operation of any project..."

Sallese said. "What is the operation of a project? This must be clearly stated."

Alternative: Soundproof Homes

He said he believes the solution to the noise problems in the Neptune Road and Bayswater areas is soundproofing of homes.

Sallese concluded, "I feel the purchase of any property is not because of any grandiose position of concern for the communities afflicted. I maintain that the acquisition of property is solely for the purpose of future expansion."
Detective Fawcett talks about the drug scene

by Mossik Hacobian and Donna Ozog

"I have never intended to hurt any of these kids. I've intended to help them," remarks Bob Fawcett in a recent interview.

"There's a lot of timber in the arrests. That's why they're afraid of me."

Bob Fawcett has been in the Boston Police Department for thirteen years, the last ten of those years have been spent concentrating on drugs. His duty is to do general investigation.

He says, "The majority of these kids use crime to support their habits. Inevitably most of his cases end up related to thefts.

Fawcett was born on Trenton Street in East Boston. He grew up and went to school here. He left East Boston six years ago because of too many obscene phone calls, broken windows, and flattened tires. He now lives in Saugus and has four children, two girls 17 and 13, and two boys 15 and 10.

"I'm on duty five or six nights a week at the District 7 Police Station on the corner of Meridian and Paris Streets, and works the 6:30 p.m. to 2 a.m. shift."

Suspended Sentences

In a recent interview at the District 7 Station, in one of the few offices untouched by a major renovation of the interior, Fawcett answered questions about drugs in general and their use in East Boston.

Fawcett does not consider marijuana addictive. But, he says, it shouldn't be legalized until the many studies now in progress are completed.

Asked about the relative harmfulness of marijuana and alcohol, Fawcett said, "I'm not in a position to answer that. I'm a policeman not a doctor."

Fawcett has never smoked marijuana.

"I've never seen a kid sent to jail for marijuana use on a first offense," he said, "and sometimes for second, third, fourth, fifth offenses." In most cases the judge gives suspended sentences, according to Fawcett.

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"In Every Corner"

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"It's a joke. The judge has jurisdiction in the lower courts on petty offenses." Fawcett went on to claim that he didn't know of any case where a "kid had been sent to jail for possession of any drug on a first offense."

"They're always put on probation," he said.

Police Detective Fawcett for illegal sale of heroin.

Fawcett is puzzled about why kids take drugs. "I have no idea. I wish I had the answer," he said. "You can't confine it to any social category. These kids come from broken homes and good families. They come from East Boston, Wellesex, Roxbury, and my own town of Saugus. You can't say that the kids in East Boston are bad."

Fawcett feels that education is very important, because it may prevent kids from resorting to drugs in the first place. "We should start them in the sixth grade and go on right through high school," he said. "By then most of them have experimented with one drug or another anyway."

Fawcett himself has given a lot of time to drug education. Over the last ten years he has gone to all kinds of clubs and given lectures and seminars. He has a kit of drug samples that he has used to illustrate his talks. "I have four children and a half ago, he said, he gave talks in East Boston. But the showings have been poor. "You'll see the same people would come each time, and many would stay away because of embarrassment at giving the impression that someone in their family was taking drugs. Discouraged by the small turnouts, Fawcett discontinued giving talks in East Boston."

Drug Education

Fawcett is aware of the activities of the East Boston Drug Action Council, but when we informed him that the Drug Action Council has been holding public meetings at which 100-150 people attend fairly regularly, he said, "I've never been invited to any of the meetings, lately."

Fawcett is still interested in drug education. Given the opportunity, and the proper permission from the Police Department, he would participate in meetings or discussions aimed at educating the public on the hazards of drug abuse.

"There's no comparison between marijuana and heroin, and you can't compare marijuana with LSD," Fawcett said. "Heroin is the most addictive drug known to man." He added that, statistically, a majority of addicts start with marijuana, go on to barbiturates or amphetamines, and finally on to heroin. Fawcett feels this is an inevitable process in the majority of the cases.

Similarly, he feels that a small dealer will eventually become a major dealer. Fawcett disclaims the charge that he's "out to hang the kids."

"If they're selling marijuana now, what's to say they won't be selling heroin next?"

He claims that a single marijuana dealer can earn $600 to $800 a week. "Heroin selling is even a more lucrative business," he says.

The figures are based on information gathered by "informants" on the number of "bags" sold by each dealer.

"Tries To Help"

Asked about his reputation as "the Bear," and claims that he's very rough with kids that he arrests, Fawcett said, "I defy you to get me one of them to say I hurt them the first time, or second, third, fourth, and even fifth and sixth times." Some parents, he says, have asked him to "flatten" their kids if he catches them with drugs.

"I've never beaten anyone," he said, "it's a lie." Instead, Fawcett said, he's tried to help kids in jail, through courts, and with half-way houses.

However, Fawcett emphasized, "If you make a fool of me after I've tried to help you, you're no longer my friend."

Asked if he would refer kids who use drugs to their families before prosecution, Fawcett said that if there was evidence of drug use, he would be derelict in his duties if he didn't make an arrest. In "borderline cases" where there is not enough evidence, he notifies the parents.

"I've known these kids since they were very small. I know most of their families," Fawcett said. "I've seen some of them die."

"I think prevention is the greatest thing in the world. I get letters from Germany and Vietnam from kids who thank me for straightening them out."

"I've spoken to parents who wouldn't listen...their kids are in casketa today."

"A helpful hand in time of need" might well be the motto of the Swinging Seniors of Orient Heights.

These Senior Citizens are members of the Orient Heights Neighborhood Center and the average age is 73.4. For weeks they had been planning a rummage sale, collecting good articles of clothing to raise money for special events.

Then came the fire in the North End, with hundreds homeless and without clothing. The Seniors were the first to call asking for donations of clothing. The Swinging Seniors cancelled the sale and gave dozens of boxes filled with good clothing to help those they had never met.

No man is an island. No man walks alone. All that we give to others comes back to our own.
Trenton Street gets another hearing on licence

by Dorothy Brickman

Another public hearing will be held on the question of granting a liquor licence to the Trenton Street function hall, on March 9 at 10:30 a.m. The license, which the license had already been granted by the city licensing board on January 20, after a group of about 35 residents had voiced strong opposition.

Rev. Marshall Bevins, rector of St. John's Episcopal Church, says he was under the impression that the city licensing board gave approval for the license. Bevins feels the license was granted illegally. He said that if the Alcoholic Beverage Control Commission granted the license he would be prepared to take the applicants to court, if there was enough community support.

Ben Gargle, attorney for the applicants, argues that a licence was granted to the facility previously when it was a club operated by the Sons of Italy.

Considering Court Action

Bevins feels that there are important differences between a club and a function hall, a commercial operation. "A private club has more control over the people who use it," he said. "Also, the previous license was a restricted one."

The present applicants are seeking a seven-day, all-purpose licence. Bevins is uncertain that the license granted to the Sons of Italy was legal. He explained that residents of the area, along with the previous rector of St. John's church, protested the granting of the licence at the time.

"My predecessor did not believe that he should get involved in a court action, so the legality of the license was never tested. We would be a little more aggressive than that," said Bevins.

The building, located at 65-67 Trenton Street is within 500 feet of one school and two churches - a violation of state requirements. Residents of the neighborhood said that there are many children using the schools and there already was a shortage of parking spaces.

"Trenton Plaza is ours," said Sidney Boorstein of 213 Waltham St., West Newton. "We own the building. We bought the building because it was a good buy and because it is in our area. For the past two years we' ve been renting the hall to groups and caterers."

No Restaurant Planned

Boorstein and his partner Michael LoPresti operate 14 different eating places at Logan Airport, among them the Ambassador for TWA and the Red Carpet for United Airlines.

Originally it was hoped that the function hall could be used for parties given by the airlines. Now the applicants say the hall will be mostly for weddings, confirmations, and similar parties.

Former State Senator LoPresti, of 30 Shawsheen Rd., East Boston, explained why they requested a seven-day all-purpose licence.

"Many weddings are on Sunday afternoon. We want to be able to serve liquor legally at those functions that are held on Sunday."

LoPresti said that there were no plans for making the hall a restaurant or cocktail lounge. He said that they did not even plan to run functions, only to rent the hall.

Boorstein gave a different description of how the applicants plan to operate the hall. He said the property was purchased because it was in the general area of their other restaurants; so they could "possibly" supply food.

LoPresti, who has owned the property for three years, claims that he is responsive to the community. When neighbors complained about teenage dances that were being held in the hall, LoPresti stopped renting the hall. He said he also puts up fences for protection of the area.

"I'm 63 years old," he said. "Everything I've ever done was on the up and up. People should be judged by their work."

When reminded that an approved licence would violate state requirements LoPresti said, "There are exceptions to the law. The city licensing board must be aware of the exceptions. Otherwise, they wouldn't have stuck their neck out."

LoPresti would not reveal what the "exception" referred to was. He said it would be brought up at the public hearing.

On Beacon Hill

Bills on curbing Logan will be heard March 4

by Patrick B. Moscaritolo

The Massachusetts Legislature has been in session for more than a month now and most of that time has been taken up by the work of organizing the membership, conducting business of the executive branch, and introducing bills. The committees have all but completed the scheduling of their hearings even though some of the bills they will hear have yet to be printed.

The Committee on Transportation is scheduled to hear the bills filed by our legislators and MAPC pertaining to Logan Airport on March 4.

We might see our legislators getting some strong support from the Quietly Suffering Legislators group this year. These legislators have all introduced bills relating to airport noise, curfews, the SST, and soundproofing of buildings.

Nevertheless, we need to show community support for the bills Senator Umana and Representative Serra and Pitaro have filed. We can do this best by attending the hearings the Committee on Transportation will hold on March 4.

Tax Program

The Committee on Taxation heard the governor's tax program last week. How will it affect us? Well, if you don't drink, drive a car, smoke, eat out often, or buy clothes, you need not worry about the tax program. Unfortunately for the average taxpayer, the governor's tax package means that goods and services are going to cost more this year.

The tax program calls for a 4-cent increase in cigarettes, 1 cent in gasoline, a widening of the sales tax base to include haircuts, liquor, auto repairs and clothes, as well as increases in the Massachusetts state income tax.

Students' Summer Jobs

Turning to the executive branch of state government, the Massachusetts Dept. of Community Affairs will be announcing shortly that applications are being accepted for their summer internship program.

Their municipal internship program is a 10-week program open to upper level college students and graduates pursuing a degree in history, economics, political science, or law. Applications for this program are available at the Dept. of Community Affairs Office of Training, 141 Milk Street, Boston, Mass.

Their legislative internship program is a 12-week program open to any college student who can qualify for work-study funds at his college or university.

Any qualified East Boston college student who is interested in working in a state agency for the summer should contact Mr. Richard Underor, Director of Public Service Intern Program, Department of Community Affairs, 141 Milk Street, Boston, Mass. Or you might call him for additional information at 727-4081.

Legislature Rates Low

Just as our legislature and its leaders were in the process of changing the image of that much maligned body, the Citizens Conference on State Legislatures, a national organization, issued a report ranking the Massachusetts Legislature 29th in overall effectiveness.

Two of the criteria used in the study were "degree of openness" and "ability of members to procure information," both of which referred to the ability of our legislature to generate objective information without reliance upon lobbyists.

Of course, the leadership of the legislature criticized the study and the criteria used by the study team. Maybe the leadership should be thankful that the study was completed before the Fort Authority junket to California, which included the legislators, became public. This type of action is precisely what the study team was objecting to; an all-too-common occurrence in Massachusetts state government.

Simply stated, they felt our legislature has to rely upon professional lobbyists for its information; information gathered this way becomes immediately suspect to any objective viewer of the situation.
Rev. Bevins: "Community affairs a legitimate church concern"

by Dom Amara

The pastor of one of the oldest churches in East Boston, E. Marshall Bevins, is an active member of the East Boston Community. His involvement might not seem surprising, except that he has been here at St. John's Episcopal Church for only two years.

Arriving from a similar parish in Philadelphia, he admits to his fondness for Boston and his satisfaction with his present post. He favors the "inner-city church" because of its important place in the Christian Ministry.

"The city," he said, "is the place where the church is going to survive. The suburbs reflect what goes on in the city." Although thoroughly involved with such organizations as the East Boston Neighborhood Council and the Area Planning Action Council (APAC) and with such community interests as East Boston education, he is determined not to assume a dominant role. "Religiously I represent a minority group," he said. "I recognize East Boston to be a predominantly Roman Catholic community. I recognize that the Roman Church must take the leadership role." He believes his role must be supportive.

An advocate of the clergy stepping out of the church into the neighborhood, he suggests that "community affairs is the legitimate concern of the church." "History," he said, "in terms of the early New England experience, shows the church to be an important factor in the community. The church has to take care of people." Reverend Bevins and his engaging wife, Eleanor, have found East Boston "exciting."

"Our acceptance into the community is remarkable...it seems we've been here for quite a long time. In Philadelphia it would take two or three years to even know who you were." A native of San Francisco, California, he is a graduate of the University of California at Berkeley. As a minister he became a career Naval Officer with tours of duty from New York to Guam. He is now entering his eleventh year in the ministry.

Reverend Bevins, Eleanor and their daughter, Sandra, (and I should mention Tiki, their Siamese cat) have settled down in their Lexington Street address. His home likely would remind one of a scholar's retreat, with books and journals and papers scattered from use and not displayed.

Asked to comment on East Boston's problems, he remarked, "I believe there is a lack of unity and primarily a defeatist attitude...we have a beaten-dog attitude." He suggested the need for strong community organizations as a partial solution.

"This," he said, "reflects a religious approach. People don't really look at each other as human beings unless they are willing to meet on a shoulder to shoulder basis...and realize that their needs are the same as others."

There is every reason to believe that his role in the community will expand, for there is his genuine interest. Likely, however, he will remain inconspicuous to all but a few. He rejects a leadership role but welcomes the opportunity to work with and for the community. Yet, it may come to pass that leadership may be thrust upon him by necessity.
All about wrestling

Bruno gets vengeance on Beepo Mongol

by Romaina Morganella

I hope all you wrestling fans attended the Feb. 6 wrestling program at the Boston Gardens. Bruno Sammartino defeated Beepo Mongol, after breaking the trophy that Lou Albano was displaying for his champion tag team, the Mongols.

It was now Bruno's turn for revenge after what Beepo Mongol had done to his trophy a few months back. Bruno raced over and grabbed the trophy from Albano and smashed it over Albano's head and then threw it to the ground. Albano was dazed and bleeding and Bruno was punching away at him. Even Arnold Skoland, road manager for Bruno, got into the act and there was a four-way fight. Albano ran for shelter.

Bruno went after Beepo Mongol, and after five minutes and 30 seconds of the bout, Bruno pinned him and won the match. Each match featured on that day was rough and tough, with more of the actual wrestling being done outside on the floor than in the ring. There were also a considerable number of chairs, benches and stairs broken.

The next wrestling show at the Boston Garden will be Saturday, Feb. 27 at 8:30 p.m. Bruno Sammartino will be meeting Bulldog Brower. This should be a real explosive bout. The show also features Mike Conrad versus Thomas Marino, Pete Sanchez versus Joe Turko, the Black Demon versus Chief Strongbow, Magnificent Maurice versus Lee Wong, Tony Marino, Gene DuBois and a four-girl tag team match.

Marino Draws Brower's Blood

Promoter Bill Witschi of North Attleboro is a very successful man. Every Friday night his Witschi's arena is filled with a capacity crowd. The 35-year-old promoter says, "I hope all you wrestling fans are loyal and the most enthusiastic of any sport."

And speaking of Witschi's Arena, the fun flow fast and furious a few weeks back when Bulldog Brower and Tony Marino clashed. Brower upon entrance into the ring grabbed a steel bar and started to attack Marino while his back was turned. Marino grabbed the bar away from Brower and gave him a taste of his own medicine. He then jumped from the top rope and drove the steel bar into the chest and back of Brower, causing Brower to bleed profusely.

The fans shouted "more," and Marino obliged. The referee tried to separate the two men, but both men pushed and shoved at Eddie Santamaria, the referee, until he disqualified them both.

The fans really didn't care because they felt that Marino had gotten the better of the match. The fans showed their approval by hoisting Marino on their shoulders and carrying him back to the dressing room. It was an exciting match from start to finish. Now Brower is saying he is going to get even with Marino, and that Marino is now on his hate list, which he shares with Pedro Morales. It was an evening the fans in North Attleboro will never forget.

Profile of a wrestler: Joe Turko

Joe Turko gathers the fans wherever he is appearing. "The fans let off steam when they see me," said Joe. Outside the ring he is likable and charming. Inside the ring, he'll bite his opponent, use the draw string of his trunks or even bring some foreign object into the ring to choke his opponent.

Employment Opportunity

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Joe Turko being whipped by Arnold Skoland

Joe was born in Catania, Sicily, is six feet tall, weighs 238 pounds and walks straight and proud. Joe Turko is a tough wrestler who has won a majority of his matches.

He rates Gorilla Monsoon, Pat O'Connor and Lou Thesz (former world champions) and Danny Hodge (Junior Heavyweight Champion) as the men who gave him his toughest battles.

"I've been in a few handicapped matches against Monsoon and he is tough to beat." Joe has done a great deal of traveling and is very successful here on the east coast, where he has been for over a year and a half. Joe Turko is married and the father of two boys aged four and five and he is very proud of them. "Being a wrestler I don't like to be away from my family too much so they travel with me whenever possible."

Joe Turko has been in many different kinds of matches including mixed-tag matches where his partner was Noolah, the women's champion. "I won many matches as a team." One thing everyone knows for sure, wherever Joe Turko is there is always action aplenty and a capacity crowd on hand to see this colorful and fascinating wrestler.
I cittadini di East Boston
Onorano il Rap. Pitaro
per Anne Marie DiCamillo
Oltre quattrocento persone sono convenute sabato sera, 30 gennaio, al tanto atteso banchetto "Victory-Friendship dinner" per festeggiare la vittoria del Rappresentante di East Boston, Mimie B. Pitaro.
La brillante serata svoltasi nella "Pitario Hall" ha riscosso gli unanimi consensi degli intervenuti ed il più vivo successo, grazie ai bravi organizzatori che si sono prodigati tanto per l'ottima riuscita dell'evento. Varie personalità del mondo politico e civico sono intervenute in questa occasione per onorare il nuovo rappresentante. Tra vari ospiti d'onore erano presenti il Senatore Mario Umana, il Rappresentante Gus Serra, i Consiglieri Comunali Piemonte e Sallontail, il Rev. E. Marshall Bevins, Fred Salvucci, ex direttore del Little City Hall, ed il dinamico Rev. Albert Sallese. Il Rappresentante Pitaro nel suo discorso ha lasciato il suo posto di direttore del Little City Hall di East Boston per diventare ispettore del Sindaco White per il programma del Little City Hall. Il nuovo Direttore del Little City Hall in Maverick Square in East Boston è il signor Robert Garrity che fu già assistente del Signor Salvucci. Un altro membro del Little City Hall sta per lasciare. E' il signor Martin Coughlin che ha deciso di dare le sue dimissioni in pochi mesi.

**Brandywine gets space for daycare, food co-op**

by Sally Vetstein

Earlier this month First Realty Co. notified Fred Iovanna, Chairman of the Brandywyne Tenants Council, that a space has been provided for a badly-needed recreation center in Brandywyne Village.

The space, formerly a laundry and storage facility, is located in the Trustman Terrace section of the village.

Salvucci lascia il Little City Hall

Fred Salvucci ha lasciato il suo posto di direttore del Little City Hall di East Boston per diventare ispettore del Sindaco White per il programma del Little City Hall.

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It seems to me that with all the money being spent on "moon walks" and space exploration (billions of dollars) that a pauper sum of $300,000 be spent for a program like Summerthing, which gives so much pleasure and enjoyment to our citizens, would not be considered a large amount.

In a recent poll, it was noted that 85 per cent of Boston's citizens polled were willing to subsidize the entire program in some way.

I think that our City Councilors had better look for some other things that cost the tax payer a lot more than one-tenth of one per cent of his tax dollar and do some cutting in those directions.

I have attended some of the programs put on by Summerthing and just to look around and see the look of pleasure on some of the faces was an inspiration. A program such as this can cut down the crime rate in our city.

It would reduce vandalism, muggings and our crimes down a little. So, I, as a citizen of East Boston, wish to add the voices of four voters to the effort to save Summerthing.

Charles W. Hartman
24 White Street

Lyman School students hold patriotic program
by Rodney Majeski
A week ago Thursday, the pupils of the Theodore Lyman School presented a patriotic program in the school's auditorium. Mr. Joseph J. Maggiore was in charge of this program.

Highlights of the performances included: Miss E. Shea's fifth grade singing, "You're A Grand Old Flag." Mr. H. Realey's class gave a recitation of "George Washington's Birthday," Mr. W. Palumbo also recited "Uncle Sam." Mrs. J. Lombard's fifth grade performed a play entitled, "Beard of Lincoln." They were followed by Mr. R. Majeski's class who gave a recitation of George Washington's Birthday.

The sixth grade, under the direction of Mr. W. Palumbo, also recited a poem about George Washington called, "Story of George Washington." Miss H. Gould's kindergarten song, "There are Many Flags."

Mrs. D. Keane's fourth grade recited a poem about "Nancy Hanks." Miss B. Douglas' class was next with a poem about "Abraham Lincoln." Mr. R. Majeski's class told something about the "Important Days in February."

The advanced sixth grade taught by Mr. J. Maggiore concluded the program with a poem, "Unknown Bugle Boy of Cemetery Hill," a recitation of the "Lyttsburgh Address" and two songs, "Our Country! 'Tis of thee," followed by a forceful rendition of the "Battle Hymn of the Republic."

Many parents were in attendance. Principal John Bane spoke with the pupils and parents following the program.

In Other School News
Last week the students, parents and faculty participated in a cake sale at the Theodore Lyman, Dante Alighieri and James Otis Schools. It was organized by the Home and School Association under the direction of Mrs. Mary Coglano, president.

The parents and teachers prepared or purchased a wide assortment of baked goods. All items were displayed by the mothers in the first floor corridors. The students then selected a piece of cake, cookie or brownie. All children received something. The money collected from this sale will be used for various school projects being planned by the Home and School Association for the three schools.

Three East Bostonians advise school volunteer group
from School Volunteers for Boston
School Volunteers for Boston, an organization that has 1207 volunteers working in 152 public schools all over the city of Boston, has just appointed three East Boston residents to their advisory board.

The new members are Mrs. Carmela Roland of 42 St. Joseph's Hall, at 8 p.m. and 9 a.m. Miss Georgia Schipani of Maverick Street and Dr. Steve London of White Street and Director of E.B.-Well.

Miss Georgia Schipani, whose two children attend the Donald McKay School, is the volunteer arts and crafts teacher for first, second, third and fourth grades. Mrs. Schipani began volunteering in the library at the McKay School. She is now president of the home-school association of the Adams and McKay schools.

Besides serving on the Advisory Board for School Volunteers, Georgia Schipani worked on the McKay school every day except Tuesday.

Dr. Steve London is assistant professor of sociology at Wellesley College and director of E.B.-Well, a cooperative program between East Boston and Wellesley College. He will continue to work with the several Wellesley students participating in the School Volunteer Program.

Mrs. Roland is pleased about becoming a School Volunteer Board member because "people must become aware that School Volunteers for Boston is not just their Arlington Street address but that all communities, including East Boston make up the organization."

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Le scuole parrocchiali di East Boston in crisi

Le scuole parrocchiali stanno chiudendo le porte ad un ritmo sempre più frequente, determinando una situazione che ha spinto l'Arci­vescovo Humberto Madeiros a chiedere aiuto finanziario dallo stato.

In una intervista telefonica, il Rev. Mr. Low, l'Impe­itore Capo delle Scuole dell'Arci­diacono, ha affermato che il Comis­sario del Dipartimento Staa­tale dell'Istruzione non ha alcun interesse ad intervenire contro le scuole cattoliche che preferiscono il controllo autonomo dello stato in fatto di istruzione.

Inoltre Mons. Low afferma che non potranno escludersi eventualmente un consolidamento delle scuole, perché 

"presenta certe difficoltà in East Boston dal punto di vista geografico poiché non ci sono fondi sufficienti per risolvere il problema del trasporto degli alunni.

Aiuto Statale in dubbio

In base a quanto ha affermato Mr. David Cronin del Dipartimento Statale dell'Istruzione Pubblica, le possibilità di un aiuto finanziario alle scuole parrocchiali da parte del Governo sono appena tre casi che dovranno essere discusse dalla corte Superiore durante il mese di febbraio.

Reazione Locale

Questi sono i commenti da parte dei parroci di East Boston.

Espansione Logan, opposta dalla commissione del Governatore

Una commissione speciale, formata dal Governatore Sargent qualche tempo fa, per fare uno studio profondo sulla situazione di Logan, ha presentato un rapporto che raccomanda un ralla­mento sulla espansione dell'aeroporto. I dettagli di tale esame sono stati rivelati al pubblico e perciò si ignora a questo momento quanto progetti potranno rimanere di questa decisione.

Il direttore del Port Authority ha affermato che tale rapporto racco­manda un "sterilum" su Logan, in al­tri termini ciò significherebbe porre fine ad ogni espansione.

Il rapporto sarebbe stato pubb­licato oggi assieme a certe raccoman­dazioni del governatore in base a quanto si è potuto trapelare dal suo ufficio.

Il pericolo per il Port Authority è un tema di grande importanza che include:

1) una pista di lancio parallela,
2) estensione della pista di lancia­io sul Bird Island Flats e la parte di Winthrop che fronteggia il mare
3) e nuove costruzioni di edifici.

Il costo totale di questi lavori si aggira sui $140 milioni di dollari.

La emissione di obbligazioni per finanziare tale impresa sarà oggetto di discussione al prossimo incontro del Consiglio direttivo del Port Authority.

Most Holy Redeemer - Il Rev. Mi­mie Pifer: "D'accordo, le mie scuole sono in crisi, ma non chiede­rò il permesso di chiuderle finché non avrò esaurito tutti gli sforzi per mantenerele aperte. Un incremento della retta scolastica non farebbe altro che rendere più difficile la situazione di coloro che già sosten­gono queste spese. Un consolidamen­to delle scuole è una buona idea, tuttavia se saremo costretti a chiu­derle, il pubblico sarà informato a tempo. Le spese di questa parrocchia sono così dedite all'insegnamento che continueremmo ad insegnare anche senza l'ausilio di salariati che è stato appro­vato per loro. La decisione finale tuttavia spetterà ai parrocchiani."

Our Lady of Mt. Carmel - Il Rev. Richard Passerini: "In data 31 gen­naio le scuole di Mt. Carmel avevano un'eccedenza di 20 dollari. Per il mese di febbraio, però, si prevede un deficit di 1000 dollari a causa delle spese di riscaldamento. Noi non an­cora abbiamo chiesto il permesso di chiuderle ma non possiamo fare affidamento di sicuro se saremo in grado di ria­prirle a settembre."

A questo punto ignoro fino a quando ci sarà consentito di manten­ere aperte contro un deficit. Tutta­via spero di raccogliere fondi medi­ante il "Summer Carnival," la "Annual Reunion, bingo ed i diversi bazaar."

St. Mary's Star of the Sea - Il Rev. William S. Carpenter: "Le scuole di St. Mary stanno attraver­sando delle difficoltà finanziarie però non direi che sono in crisi. In quanto ad un possibile consolidamento affermo che potrà avere successo ove ne m'è assolutamente bisogno tenendo però in considerazione la vicinanza delle scuole."


St. Lazarus - Il Rev. Guido Ra­verzan, C.S.: "Le mie scuole sono in crisi. Sono già in deficit di $4,000 dollari. Non intendo chiuderle ora e sto cercando di farle del mio miglior per raccogliere fondi. Al miei par­rocchiani spetta la decisione se man­tenerle aperte o no e per il momento essi sono contrari ad un consolida­mento e costi le guerre di St. Joseph che insegnano in questa scuola. I parrocchiani accetteranno il consolidamento solamente quando ogni altro tentativo di mantenere aperte sarà esaurito. Le scuole sa­ranno riaperte il prossimo settembre."

Our Lady of Assumption - Il Rev. John Taglino ha affermato che le scuole della sua parrocchia sono in crisi e non ha fatto ulteriori commenti.

Pubblico udienza per la costruzione di una nuova pista a Logan Aeroporto

L'organo diretivo degli ingegneri ha fissato la data per la pubblica udienza per decidere il progetto della costruzione di una nuova pista all'aeroporto di Logan.

La suddetta data sarebbe il 26 febbraio alle due pomeridiane alla New England Life Hall di Clarendon Street di Boston.

I documenti riguardanti lo svu­luppo dell'udienza saranno inviati al Col. Frank Bane, New England Division, Corps of Engineers, 424 Trapelo Road, Waltham, Mass., 02194.

Centro Clinico di riabilitazione per le persone affette dal vizio di stupefacenti

Dal 3 agosto 1970, il centro di riabilitazione in Porter Street, East Boston ha curato più di 300 malati.

La clinica è situata al piano su­periore dell'ospedale di pronto soccorso e funziona sotto gli auspici dell'ospedale della città di Boston e del dipartimento della sanità.

Secondo il dottor Alan Fisch, direttore della clinica, ognuno può trarre beneficio da questo programma di riabilitazione. Si inizia con un' intervallo con il paziente e il rico­noscimento dell'uso di stupefacenti da parte del paziente stesso.

Esiste un programma di medica e l'analisi dell'orina per determinare la qualità del narcotico (drug).

Naturalmente quest'analisi non è esatta e può essere anche falsa e ammissibile, ma è un passo avanti per una verifica più accurata.

La maggioranza dei pazienti è di sesso maschile. Coloro che ammet­tono di far uso solo di pastiglie nar­cotiche vengono messi sotto la sor­veglianza terapeutica presso l'ospedale psychiatrico di Mattapan. Al contrario coloro che fanno uso di morfina o di altri stupefacenti di effetto potente possono ricevere del "Methadone" - un derivato dell'oppio - che è usato in sostituzione del morfina.

Durante la cura il paziente è co­stantemente assistito, affinché non possa trarre il più estraneo vantaggio. Del suddetto surrogato d'oppio una parte viene somministrata al vi­ziato nella clinica stessa, mentre una seconda parte gli viene consegnata con la raccomandazione di prenderla a casa. Il nuovo derivato ha una durata effettiva di 12 ore, e viene preso con considerazione, che non danneggia l'individuo.

Il centro clinico di riabilita­zione a East Boston tiene a precisare che il metodo lento di ritiro del medi­cina è più opportuno e effettivo che quello obbligatorio in uso in altri paesi, dove si è ormai constatata un'altra percentuale di resistenza alla cura.