Residents want strict abortion, drug laws

A recent poll has indicated that most East Bostonians don’t want the laws relaxed in two controversial areas, abortions and drugs. The poll was taken last month by Rep. Mimie B. Pitaro.

He found that his constituents opposed Gov. Sargent’s tax plan. But they favored state aid to parochial schools, and using highway fund money for mass transportation. The group against relaxation of laws on possession of narcotics.

The most “no” votes were from the Ward 1 voting lists.

Bill passed asking U.S. to study Logan

from Rep. Serra’s office

The Massachusetts Legislature approved and enacted into law last week a bill submitted by Rep. Emanuel Serra of East Boston asking the federal government to investigate Logan Airport operations.

Serra’s bill (H4395) calls for an extremely comprehensive look by the federal government into the overall effect of Logan Airport on the physical and psychological health of nearby residents, as well as those who live near other international airports.

In seeking support for his bill, Rep. Serra called his colleagues’ attention to the very real dangers to public health and welfare that the airport operations and do cause.

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CDC board elected Thursday

The East Boston Neighborhood Council membership has elected eight representatives to the board of directors of the East Boston Community Development Corporation (CDC). The voting took place at the Sacred Heart Church Hall Wednesday night, with 137 persons casting ballots.

Norma Barbarisi (180 Walden Ave.), Rev. John Hinkley (Sacred Heart Church), Patrick Moscaritolo (349 Bennington St.), and Fred Salvucci (former manager of the East Boston Little City Hall, living in Brighton) were elected to two-year terms. Anthony Cucere (1105 Saratoga St.), Anna DeFronzo (12 Lassen Court), Evelyn Morash (62 Putnam St.), and Ken Tacelli (41 Trenton St.) will serve one-year terms.

The 15-member CDC board will also include four representatives from the APAC (Area Planning Action Council), one from the East Boston Chamber of Commerce, and one from the Brandwynne Tenants Council.

Impact, a federally-funded economic development program overseen by the Neighborhood Council, has applied for a $1.5 million grant from the Office of Economic Opportunity (OEO) for use by the CDC. A proposal, recently submitted to OEO by Impact, calls for spending the funds on housing rehabilitation, waterfront development, elderly housing, and a series of smaller projects.

The CDC is in the process of being incorporated.

Border Street soon to be paved

The rough cobblestones of Border Street will be paved over with asphalt sometime soon. Sources in the mayor's office said this week a contract has been awarded for repaving the street. The beginning of the work has been delayed because of the proposed First Realty apartment project on Border Street.

First Realty met with city officials recently to talk over the street work. The company agreed to find out if any gas mains in the street would have to be replaced before the work started.

The city agreed not to pave the part of the street directly in front of the First Realty property until the construction is completed.

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Five prizes — No purchase necessary
New CDC head hopes people will control wealth

by Eileen Kazeja

A director has been picked for the multi-million dollar Community Development Corporation (CDC) that is getting underway here.

Del Goetz, a business "development" expert from San Francisco, began work two weeks ago in the IMPACT office on Meridian Street.

The East Boston Neighborhood Council chose her from among 34 candidates for the $20,000 job. The Council is overseeing the CDC, which is expected to bring into East Boston $1.9 million in federal and local funds, for new business ventures.

In an interview with the Community News, Del stressed the need for putting more of the "wealth" of East Boston under the control of its people. She also thinks the Italian culture of the community should be preserved.

Del's last job was directing development projects for PACT, a concern in San Francisco similar to the CDC. Before she came to PACT in 1969, she had worked for nearly 10 years doing research for the Bank of America, the federal reserve bank in Cleveland and a private consultant firm in Columbus, Ohio.

She has studied engineering, public administration, political science, marketing, management, public relations, business research, and communications at Ohio State University, John Carroll University, Western Reserve University, and the University of California.

"Wealth in the Land"

Del said the CDC can help East Boston survive and grow, since it can "create wealth for the people."

"If the community is in control, others from outside cannot steal it as they have in the past," she said.

In East Boston, Del feels the wealth lies in the land, so the CDC should concentrate on waterfront development and housing.

East Boston differs from other communities in this respect, Del pointed out. In other places more emphasis has been placed on industry and jobs, whereas in East Boston the interest is in creating a better living environment.

DEL GOETZ - New CDC director says CDC can create "wealth for the people" of East Boston.

(photoby Bob Nakashian)

Trend from industry to services

Del said that the money made through the CDC will be given back to the community for services such as health aid and scholarships.

She explained further that in building up the economy of the community, the CDC hopes to train people in managing and owning businesses. She feels this is desirable because the movement in East Boston is from an industrial economy to a retail and service one, from blue collar to white collar.

The CDC will conduct training programs as part of its program. Del stressed that she hoped her role would be one of educator as well as CDC director. She would like to gain certain skills in management by watching and helping her work on development projects.

Del is optimistic about co-operation among agencies in East Boston, Del stated emphatically that she hopes it will be there.

"If we don't hang together, they will hang us all," she said.

Accepts checks by community

She feels that this co-operation is insured somewhat by the overlapping of the Neighborhood Council with other groups. Del explained that she is powerless without the Neighborhood Council. "I need their approval for everything I want to do."

Asked about her predictions for the CDC, Del said, "I'm willing to have the community measure my effectiveness. If they don't like what I'm doing, I'll leave."

Italian "values" worth preserving

Besides her professional and educational background, Del brought with her a knowledge and understanding of Italian communities. She grew up in an Italian community in Cleveland.

She feels that the extended family as a whole has much to learn from the values of such communities, and that these values are certainly worth preserving. This belief underlies her interest in developing East Boston, she said.

She pointed out that the concept of the extended family in Italian, black, and Spanish American communities is a model for a healthier society. Italian communities have a lower divorce rate, lower crime rate and in general, less of the "chronic diseases of civilization" than the rest of society, according to Del.

"Skills have to come from outside"

Asked to comment on her position as an "outsider" to East Boston and the fact that she was chosen over two East Boston residents who applied for the job, Del summed up "the professional skills needed to develop the potential of East Boston have to come from the outside at this point."

APAC Board nominations opened

Are you interested in sitting on the board of directors of the Area Planning Action Council (APAC), or do you know someone who is?

Nominations for candidacy in the APAC community-wide election opened yesterday. Nomination petitions may be picked up at the APAC office, 21 Meridian Street, any weekday between 9 and 5.

The election is scheduled for May 11, and the nominations will close on April 30.

Eleven seats are vacant on the board of directors of the federally-funded service agency. The board has 22 members. One of the seats represents the Orient Heights area, four represent Eagle Hill, two represent the Maverick area, one represents Jeffries Point, and three are at-large.

All candidates for seats in particular areas must have low incomes, but this is not a qualification for the at-large seats.

To be eligible for candidacy, one must be over 18 years of age and a resident of East Boston for at least six months. Fifteen years of age are required on the nominations petition. They must be signatures of people eligible to vote in the area from which the candidate is running.

The criteria for voters in the same as the candidates.

Musical, "Sound of Music"

Our Lady of Mt. Carmel C.T.O. is presenting "The Sound of Music" this Saturday and Sunday evenings, April 3 and 4.

The production will take place in the school hall on Frankfort Street. Admission tickets cost $1.50 and may also be bought at the door.
May ease parochial school crisis

Planning office explains ‘East Boston Collaborative’

by Marie Di Flumeri

Last week more parents were visited by Fr. Michael Groden to discuss partial consolidation of East Boston parochial schools.

Fr. Groden, director of the Archdiocesan Planning Office for Urban Affairs, explained a little further the reasons prompting the formation of the East Boston Collaborative.

This group consists of major superiors, clergy and faculty of all six parishes in East Boston. They are presenting their program to all parishes in East Boston. They are partial consolidation of East Boston parochial school children for reasons prompting the formation of the East Boston Collaborative.

By order of the Archbishop.

One thing that is taking a toll on parochial schools, Fr. Groden said, is a decline of convent entrants. This forces the schools to hire lay teachers, which in turn has a bearing on tuition increases.

Some parents feel that the tuition increase and the fear of parochial schools closing have caused many families to take their children out and send them to public schools.

A smaller classroom financially burdens the remaining families and now puts the school "in crisis."

Nuns now able to choose school

As a possible solution, the Planning Office and the East Boston Collaborative have agreed there should be a "coming together" of all five religious orders and lay faculty. Up until now, the teaching structure of Catholic schools has been such that five different religious orders work in the community, one to each school, by order of the Archbishop.

With the passing of a new law, the teaching sister will now choose the community and school in which she wishes to teach. According to Fr. Groden, East Boston will be a select community in attracting these nuns, because of this experimental "Collaborative" program, which will be a model for other communities to follow.

The Planning Office for Urban Affairs is also offering a Masters Program in Education at the Newton Sacred Heart College to any religious or lay teacher interested during the summer months. The course would normally cost $2,100 per person, but through the Planning Office, a grant from the Archdiocesan funds of $10,000 will reduce the cost to $200 for each teacher or religious.

Fr. Groden has told the parents of both Sacred Heart and St. Lazarus that their school is not closing. The high tuition of both schools, $120 and $115 per year respectively, has been a major concern of parents. It was explained by Fr. Groden that a finance committee will soon be established, involving parents, to work out the financial problems of all six schools.

One suggestion from a Sacred Heart parent was to bring some Boston College boys into the program. This met with great approval from the parents.

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On parochial schools: we goofed

The Community News has probably contributed little to the problems of parochial schools by some confused stories.

In the last issue, the News ran a story about an Archdiocesan plan to help East Boston schools continue. The headline read, "Archdiocesan planners proposing closing one school here." But the story didn't say that.

Fr. Michael Groden of the Archdiocesan Planning Office has said that one school may close here, but he did not propose it. If that school closes, it will be the school's own decision, Fr. Groden said.

In February, Community News reporter Marie Di Flumeri interviewed pastors of each of East Boston's six parochial schools. When the story was printed, some of the type got mixed up so that statements from some pastors were included with others.

A corrected version of the statements appears below:

Local Schools' Reaction

The following are comments from the pastors of East Boston parishes.

Most Holy Redeemer - Rev. Msgr. Richard Passeri, S.M., pastor:

"As of January 31, Mt. Carmel was running $20 in the black. The budget for February foresees a $1,000 deficit mainly because heating will absorb most of the profits.

"We have not asked permission to close but I'm a little fearful of saying we'll definitely open in September. I hope I'm wrong, but I must be honest.

"I'm not sure how long we'll be allowed to run on a deficit, but I hope that when our carnival, the Annual Reunion, bingo and the bazaars will keep us in the black. I know I'm a pessimist, but I'm just learning how to run a school and I want to keep it out of the red.

"If the school opens in September, the tuition will definitely be doubled. I would also like to say that even if I ask to close the school, the Chancery has the last word and they may demand that I stay open. We'll try everything first. I want to stay open."

No more 'No children'

An East Boston woman, Mary Southern, would like to see an end to landlords saying, "No children."

Mrs. Southern, a mother of 6 children, is pushing a petition drive to support a bill in the Legislature to end discrimination against apartment dwellers with children.

The bill, House 2553, would prohibit discrimination in all but emergency situations.

Mrs. Southern, originally from Oklahoma, has tales to tell about the trouble she has had finding housing.

Last October, she and some of her children were living on Revere Beach. "And that isn't easy...I can tell you," she remarks.

She says she looks at an average of eight apartments she can afford for every one that will accept children.

"You call up and the first thing they ask is have you got kids," says Mrs. Southern.

She said she is being evicted from her present home on London Street.

"The landlord there even wants to direct traffic in and out of the house. She tells me when to put the kids to bed. When we were first there it was like living in a cemetery, we had to be so quiet."

"Where are kids supposed to live?"

SST shot down in D.C. and at State House

A 51 to 46 vote in the U.S. Senate last week killed all further federal funding of the supersonic transport plane (SST).

Senators Edward Kennedy and Edward Brooke of Massachusetts voted against the project that has already cost the government $464 million.

The Transportation Department has to file a bill to stop all work on the project. The Washington Post reported last Friday that the bill would ask for $275 million to close the project out.

The head of the Supersonic Transport Committee, representing 26 airlines, said Friday some U.S. airlines are considering buying the Russian SST.

The Massachusetts Legislature has voiced its approval of banning landings of supersonic transport planes (SSTs) in the state.

On Tuesday, the Senate voted 27 to 6 to ban the planes at Logan Airport, and the House voted 119 to 109 for a bill to ban the craft anywhere in the state.

The three East Boston legislators had all supported the bills.

Transportation Committee chairman Rep. Raymond Rourke of Lowell fought hard to save the SST.

When the bill was reported out of Rourke's committee, the vote was initially 10 to 9 in favor of it.

But Rourke swayed an uncommitted member of the committee, and the bill was reported out with a 10 to 10 vote. A tie vote meant an adverse report.

The House vote Monday overrode this adverse report.

Anti-war program April 15

On April 15, an anti-war program will be held at the Social Center in Central Square.

The program, starting at 7:30, will feature films, speakers, and a forum on "What's happening in Indochina." There will be general discussions.

Speakers include an ex-GI who served in Vietnam and a woman who visited North Vietnam.

For information, Call Marie DeProsso at 567-2775.
People take Logan Airport by eminent domain

On March 32, happy crowds of East Bostonians took over Logan Airport.

At 3:02 in the early morning, the last plane took off from the airport. An estimated 34,000 residents slept through the rest of the night, including the 2000 or so residents used to waking up every half hour.

Crowds began to gather soon after dawn on the vast expanse of land that was Logan Airport. Runway 4-22 was quickly converted to a go-cart track. Some children flew kites in the Bird Island Flats area while others marked out baseball diamonds.

Earlier in the week, 2000 residents had jammed City Hall to demand that the city take Logan by eminent domain. After counting the crowd, city councilors held a secret parley and then announced their verdict: the Port Authority had to move out.

An eviction notice was served Tuesday at the Port Authority's Atlantic Avenue offices.

Port Authority director King Edward was interviewed later that day as he was cleaning out his desk.

"You win some and you lose some," said Edward, "I think you'll see an eventual resolution of this situation... No, I wouldn't say this is a real set-back."

HAPPIER DAYS - M.P.A. director King Edward shown here in a February 23rd news conference describing plans for expansion of Logan Airport.

Gov. Sargent's limousine waited outside Edward's office to transport his personal effects to the State House basement, where Edward has been given a job as Chief Resident Sanitary Engineer.

Civic Groups plan housing
Meanwhile, in East Boston, civic leaders were mapping out plans for a 2000-unit elderly housing complex in the vicinity of runway 15-33.

A team of workmen was busy all week preparing the former Wood Island Park land for replanting.

The Eastern terminal was rapidly converted to an antique aircraft museum. A prototype of the SST was moved in as the first exhibit.

Investors panic
On Wall Street, investors dashed around the floor of the stock exchange trying to dump Port Authority bonds. Some of Massachusetts's leading politicians and financiers were seen weeping in front of ticker machines at State Street investment offices.

A monumental traffic jam occurred Tuesday in the tunnel when dump trucks carrying fill were diverted from Bird Island Flats. At one point 300 trucks from as far away as New Hampshire were backed up into Dock Square in Boston.

The contractor, George DePerini, ordered the trucks to dump the fill in the front yard of the State House.

"When you make a contract with a state agency, you have to fulfill it," said DePerini. "We never fail to deliver."

News staff gives April Fools awards

The East Boston Community News proudly announces its first annual April Fools awards.

After only minutes of deliberation, the News staff chose the three finalists. They are (in alphabetical order) First Realty Corporation, the Massachusetts Port Authority, and George Murphy of the East Boston Times.

Third place went to George Murphy, who lives in Peabody, for warning that too many outsiders meddle in East Boston's affairs. Murphy's award is a lifetime subscription to the East Boston Community News.

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FOOL OF THE YEAR - People gather at MPA offices after grand prize is announced.

Foolish Briefs
What's that you said?
School Committee Chairman Paul Tierney announced yesterday that all East Boston students entering seventh grade in both public and parochial schools will be required to take sign language courses beginning in the Fall semester of 1971.

Many teachers have been complaining that they cannot hear their students' answers while planes take off and land at Logan Airport. Chairman Tierney said, "Since we can't make Logan go away, we have to resort to these drastic measures to assure uninterrupted continuation of the educational process in the affected East Boston schools."

Kings retiring?
Rumor has it that Edward King, executive director of the MPA, has filed an application to the Boston Housing Authority for a studio apartment in the Maverick Square Elderly Housing Project, expected to be completed by 1992.

Generosity
We hear the East Boston Times is thinking about taking a $50 annual membership in the Community News.

GEORGE MURPHY reads about his award at his home in Peabody.
People give views on Vietnam War

In response to a suggestion made at the first open meeting of the News, this paper will present an Inquiring Reporter column periodically. We will visit various sections of East Boston and interview people of different ages and backgrounds.

Although the opinions stated in this column may not reflect a cross section of East Boston views, we do pledge to report the differing opinions that we receive.

The questions may concern individual, local, national or international topics.

In order for this column to be of greatest interest to you, we ask that you suggest the questions for the Inquiring Reporter's interviews. If your suggestion is used, you will be noted as our contributor.

Please call our office --569-3363-- or write your suggestion down and send it to The Staff, East Boston Community News, 3½ Bennington Street, East Boston, Mass. 02128.

(How soon will the Vietnam War end?)

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Carol Orr, she fell in love with her job - a profile

by Don Amara

"Basically, what I have hoped to do all my life is to teach the young that they have two feet of their own," says Carol Orr. "Once they realize that, it's our job to take our hands off their shoulders and let them find their own way. It's something parents often fail to realize."

Miss Orr is the Director of the Trinity Neighborhood House on Meridian Street in East Boston. Arriving in East Boston in 1931, after only one year at Boston University, she took a job in social work as a means of financing her education. An English language and literature major, she confesses that her initial goal was to become a teacher. As fate would have it, she "fell in love with her job," and worked full time, continuing her formal education on a part time basis. She finally received her Bachelor's degree in 1950, and has completed graduate studies in Social Work at Simmons College.

Miss Orr considers herself somewhat "wet" to her job. "A single woman gets involved with a job like this," she explained, "and it becomes a career and it becomes your life." Originally from Newton (she claims to be a "damn Yankee from way back"), she took up residence at Trinity Neighborhood House on Meridian Street in East Boston.

She judges that the past five years have shown the greatest push for change in East Boston. "There's a good deal of stirring up going on," she said, "and I hope it continues."

The young people of the community hold a special place in her heart. "I can't wait for the young to take over. I think they'll do a great job. Edith DeAngelis (a professor at Boston State College and community leader) is an example. She's been one of the brightest jewels that came out of this house. Rudy Fobert (Superintendent of a Public School in Lexington) is also a product of this house."

Nature lover, conservationist

Work aside, Miss Orr considers herself a dog lover (she has two cocker spaniels whom she calls her "babies"), a "fairly good" amateur nature photographer, arts and craftsman, and a birdwatcher, probably in that order.

By her own admission she's a "fanatic on conservation." Hardly one to nince words, she adds, "I was involved with conservation long before most people knew what the word meant."

Innocently I asked what, if anything, she had done relative to conservation. "I should bite my tongue." Justifiably blunt, she replied, "I think that in founding a camp, teaching conservation to young people, lecturing, and chopping my way through thousands of acres is something."

She is also an active member of the Audubon Society, the Sierra Club, and the National Wildlife Federation.

Carol agrees that she gets involved in anything that involves the community. She's served on the Board of Directors of the Big Sister Association and the Girl Scouts of America for almost 40 years. She has received service awards from the Girl Scouts, the National Federation of Settlements and Neighborhood houses and Sargent College, to mention a few.

On April 19, Miss Orr will celebrate her 60th birthday. Is she slowing the pace? "My staff doesn't think so but I don't chop down as many trees as I used to, yet I sure poke needles in enough people to get them to do it."

East Boston has become part of Carol Orr now. To her it's "a place to live, to preserve, and to make better."

News from Orient Heights

The Orient Heights Tenants Committee announced that it will meet every Wednesday evening at the Orient Heights Neighborhood Center on 41 Val­lor Road. Meetings will begin at 7:30 p.m.

Persons ordering from the Food Coop are urged to donate paper bags. Orders from the Food Coop are placed on Saturday between 11 a.m. and 1 p.m., and may be picked up on the following Tuesday between 1 p.m. and 3 p.m.

Future activities of the OBNC include: a Variety Show on April 17, a Car Wash on April 25, and an Annual Awards Night on April 29.
From Beacon Hill

Committee hears bills to regulate MPA

by Patrick B. Moscaritolo

The Joint Committee on Transportation held hearings last Thursday morning on a number of bills filed by Senator Umana and Representatives Serra and Pitaro relating to noise abatement procedures, night-time curfews at Logan Airport, and the purchasing of land by the M.P.A.

Senator Mario Umana made an eloquent plea to his fellow legislators for favorable action on the series of bills restricting Logan Airport operations. During the course of his testimony, the chairman of the transportation committee, Representative Live Bourke, became involuted in a heated exchange with Senator Umana regarding the power of the Commonwealth to regulate the Mass. Port Authority.

Rep. Rourke felt regulation of airport operations was a federal matter, and should be left to the Congress. Senator Umana argued that the Commonwealth, under its "police powers," can and has the obligation to regulate Logan Airport operations.

The group is scheduled to meet again tonight, (April 2).

Rev. E. Marshall Bevins, co-chairman of the committee, made the following remarks in the Mar. 18 meeting: Planning for "21st Century"

"We know that our waterfront is a choice bit of real estate in Boston. The proximity of the site to the hub center of our city makes it attractive to many persons who could consider it as a place to dwell. A carefully planned development of our community, particularly our waterfront, could result in a showplace for the 21st Century."

"We are determined that mistakes in housing developments -- particularly federally funded projects -- will not be repeated here."

Present plans "not compatible"

"Your publicized plans for this development are unacceptable to us. The proposed structure is not compatible to the locality and the density of the project must be reduced."

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House speaker holds little hope for anti-MPA bills

by Patrick Moscaritolo

Last week the guest of honor at the Chamber of Commerce luncheon was David Bartley, Speaker of the Massachusetts House of Representatives.

Mr. Bartley’s remarks were mainly concerned with the need to strengthen the legislative branch of our state government. He stated that "over the years the legislature has operated in an informational vacuum, and one result of such a situation was the building of Logan International Airport on the steps of the East Boston Community."

The Speaker also spoke of the institution of a legislative post-audit committee to serve as a watchdog over our state agencies and public authorities.

Sees no help for East Boston

In the question and answer period that followed, the Speaker was skeptical of the chances of legislative assistance in East Boston's battle with the MPA. Responding to a question by this reporter, Speaker Bartley stated that there was little possibility of any significant legislation relating to the Mass. Port Authority's operations passing this year. He stressed that control over the Port Authority was the responsibility of Governor Sargent, since he is the individual who appoints the MPA board.

From Joe’s side

"WE HAD THE FACTS, NOW TIME WILL TELL IF WE'LL GET THE BACON!"
How Pitaro’s poll breaks down

Following is a summary of the results of Rep. Pitaro’s survey of 236 East Bostonians:
1. Should legislation be enacted to provide funds for non-public schools?
   - Yes: 200
   - No: 43
   - No Comment: 3
2. Should the present abortion laws be liberalized?
   - Yes: 89
   - No: 142
   - No Comment: 15

3. Should the laws governing possession of narcotics be relaxed?
   - Yes: 214
   - No: 199
   - No Comment: 7
4. Should possession of marijuana be legalized?
   - Yes: 40
   - No: 103
   - No Comment: 74
   - Yes: 69
   - No: 103
   - No Comment: 74
6. Do you favor reduction in the size of the House?
   - Yes: 158
   - No: 60
   - No Comment: 28

East Boston soccer club starts up

by Rosario Lascano

The East Boston Soccer Club has opened its season.

The first exhibition game was played at Medford with the Medford Italians. The game wound up with an even score of 4-4.

Eastie were scored by Cuthillo on a personal action, and by Joe Vasques on a penalty.

On the second half George Lo Grassio shot the ball in the net to score the third goal, assisted by Vasques, and finally Vasques himself on the extreme penalty scored the fourth goal.

For further information about the East Boston Soccer Team, keep reading the Community News. There will be an article in every issue.

Are some of the teachers at the Barnes fair?

by Angelo Prezioso and Michael Cresta

There is a teacher named Miss that gave a good mark to all the children in the class except Angelo and Michael. She gave us a D in work and a C in conduct. And we come from Italy two years ago and we can teach her some things (about Italian language).

And now all the children in our class are going to the field trip except for us two, because of the D in work.

And there is another teacher but we don’t even want to talk about that.

(Skip editor’s note: The teacher’s name has been withheld. She was contacted and verified most of the statements above. She said she was given a certain amount of money for the field trip and there wasn’t enough room for everyone in the class to go. “I didn’t take them because of their conduct,” she said. “Five students in the room were kept off because of conduct.”)

The teacher explained that good conduct was rewarded at the barnes school.

Principal Jack Daley said that he wished the students had come to him and discussed the problem. “we all work to help the youngsters,” he said. “But a teacher has to have rewards and punishments.”

SERRA BILL cont.

cause health problems in adults. Loss of hearing, increased mental stress, and heart disease have been linked to the assault of excess noise.

These factors, as well as the results of a two-year study at Heathrow Airport in London that showed a significantly higher incidence of mental illness among people most exposed to aircraft noise, led Rep. Serra to fight for the passage of his bill.

In the meantime, Rep. Serra is requesting all those who live in the vicinity of Logan Airport or who feel affected by its operations to write to their Congressmen and Senators and request their support for the following-up action of the Massachusetts Legislature in calling for a federal examination of the psychological, physical, and ecological effect of Logan Airport.

DROGA cont.

A nessuno è permesso di entrare in questo centro riabilitativo senza prima aver firmato la segnale dichiarazione: “Non ho in mio possesso alcuna droga, preparato chimico, medicina o qualsiasi apparecchio del genere. In questo momento non sono affetto dall’influenza della droga o dell’alcool.” Un’analisi dell’urina è condotta e se si sospetta che un individuo sia sotto l’influenza della droga.

A differenza del programma Turn Off che provvede il metodo di cura con il “Methadone” per coloro che stanno gradualmente abbandonando l’uso degli stupefacenti, il Consiglio di Azione per la Droga non amministra alcuna forma di terapia medica per i suoi pazienti.

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All about wrestling

The 'voice of wrestling' - Frank Bevilacqua

by Romana Morgenella

Any wrestling fan who attends this exciting sport often is almost certain to recognize this man. His voice is as discernable as the championship wrestling belt. He is the "voice of wrestling," Frank "Cookie" Bevilacqua.

Born in Boston's North End, he has been a part of the wrestling world for 25 years. His job takes him to many arenas in Massachusetts and up along the Maine area, he mostly announces in North Attleboro, Lowell, Lawrence, Pittsburg and Springfield, Massachusetts, and up in Bangor and Waterville, Maine, just to name a few. He can tell you more about this business than just about anyone. To know this man as an announcer - and a friend is to know the same man, pleasant in every way.

Frank said, "Wrestling is the greatest sport in the world. Also the oldest, and I'm proud to be a part of it." And a big part he has played, for I know that there are many wrestling fans who wouldn't know many of the wrestlers who first make their debut in the ring if he didn't introduce them and mention where they came from.

Frank Bevilacqua's job is almost as tough as being a wrestler, when the wrestling gets out of control as it so often does, Frank may wind up with the wrestlers on his announcers table or on him, or he gets his microphone taken away from him and finds that one of the wrestlers will be hitting his opponent with it. Sometimes he is even minus the chair he is sitting on and this becomes almost a common occurrence to him.

His voice is also utilized when he orders the fans to stop throwing things into the ring. Do the fans obey him? Most of the time they do.

I asked him who some of his favorite wrestlers were, he mentioned the following: Killer Kowalski, George Steele, Bruno Sammartino, Mario Milano, Tony Marino, Professor Tanaka, Victor Rivera, Pete Sanchez, and the late Frank Scarpa of East Boston. He said, "I am very impressed with the New World Champion Pedro Morales. He is a fine person and a truly great champion."

To Frank, the best champion the wrestling world has ever seen is Bruno Sammartino. Said Frank, "The only other wrestler that has such appeal instantaneously with the fans is Pedro Morales, he and Bruno are somewhat alike in this way."

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His life has been full and exciting in this business and he would not have it any other way. So the next time you say "hi!" to this charming man, he will tell you about his life in this great sport, and you will enjoy listening to and knowing him, the announcer everyone likes... Frank "Cookie" Bevilacqua.

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Little league tryouts

From Lenny Shea

The Central Little League is holding tryouts Saturday and Sunday at Central League Field, at White Stadium.

Following is the schedule for the tryouts:

On Saturday (April 3): nine and ten year olds meet from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m., eleven year olds meet from 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., and twelve year olds meet from 1:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.

This is the schedule for the tryouts on Sunday (April 4): nine and ten year olds meet from 10:30 to noon, eleven year olds meet from noon to 2:30, and twelve year olds meet from 2:30 to 5 p.m.

To be eligible, each candidate must qualify as follows: he must reside within the boundaries of the Central League and must have been born before Aug. 1, 1962. Candidates must be accompanied by an adult and bring proof of age.
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