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 opposed both to relaxing laws on possession of narcotics.

Out of the 246 persons responding, the greatest number of "yes" votes (200) were for public aid to parochial schools. The most "no" votes were against relaxation of laws on possession of marijuana.

Samples were sent from Pitaro's office on March 5 to 2000 persons from the Ward 1 voting lists. By the middle of March, 246, or 12.5 per cent of those surveyed, had replied. A summary of the survey results appears on page 10.

City council probes elderly housing delay

by Dorothy Brickman

The City Council is looking into the delay in funding for the Maverick Square elderly housing project.

In a hearing Wednesday, councillors asked officials of the Boston Redevelopment Authority (BRA) why the 300-unit project has been held up. Councillor Fred Langone called for the hearing. He said in an interview later that he read about the problem in the Community News.

Langone asked BRA official James Drought if the federal funding for the project had been approved in writing.

Drought said that he only had approval by word of mouth. In the interview later, Langone said, "I don't think they (the BRA) are telling the people the whole truth. I was led to believe that there was no problem in getting the funds. Now we discover six months later that the funds are not forthcoming."

"This is misleading to the people of East Boston. And we still don't have anything in writing."

When asked what action the council planned to take next, Langone replied, "I'm going to put an order in the council that we ask our Congressional delegation in Washington to intercede with the Bureau of the Budget and acquire these funds."

Funds on, then off

At one point Wednesday, it appeared as if funding for the project was coming soon.

BRA official Drought told the Community News on that day that $13 million had been released by Washington for subsidized housing projects in New England. Drought said he received this information two weeks ago.

But later Wednesday Drought said the $13 million wasn't coming and there was no indication when it was.

ABC board denies function hall license

The state Alcoholic Beverage Control Commission has refused to issue a liquor license to the owners of a function hall on Trenton Street.

The ruling by the ABC board, announced March 29, overturned a decision in January by the City of Boston licensing board. A group of about 25 residents voiced opposition at a city hearing, but the Boston board granted the license.

In its written decision, the state board stressed that granting the license would be contrary to the law prohibiting licensed establishments within 500 feet of churches. The applicants had argued for an exemption, pointing out that the building was licensed once in the past.

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CDC board elected Thursday

The East Boston Neighborhood Council membership has elected its 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 (549 Bennington St.), and Fred Salvucci (former manager of the East Boston Little City Hall, living in Brighton) were elected to two-year terms. Anthony Cecere (1305 Saratoga St.), Anna DeFronzo (12 Lamson 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 five 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.

ELECTIONS - Residents voting for CDC Board of Directors at Sacred Heart Church Thursday night.

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Five Prizes — No Purchase Necessary
New CDC head hopes people will control wealth

by Eileen Kuzeja

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.

"Wealth in the Land"

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

She feels that in this society power lies in wealth, and communities can control their destinies only when they control the wealth inside them. "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.

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

"Wealth in the Land" also thinks the Italian culture of East Boston 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"

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

APAC Board nominations opened

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 candidates 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.Y.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 parents of parochial school children for their approval.

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 $2100 per person, but through the Planning Office, a grant from the Archdiocesan funds of $10,000 will reduce the cost to $200 per 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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The headline contributed a 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 close schools. 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.

St. Basil the Great - Rev. Msgr. Richard Passeri, O.F.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 at our spring 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 talk to 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 her apartment was in a corner of London Street.

"The landlord there even wants to direct traffic in and out of the house. She tells me not 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 voted 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 stayed 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 DeProspero 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 councillors 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."

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' 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

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 continuity of the educational process in the gifted East Boston schools."

Kings retiring?

Rumor has it that Edward King, executive director of the MPA, has filed an application with 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.

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.

Second place went to First Realty Corporation for threatening to construct a 10-story foundation at the northern end of Border Street, if negotiations with community groups prove fruitless.

First Realty was awarded a 10-acre site in West Roxbury.

Leading the field of contestants by a safety zone was the Massachusetts Port Authority. The MPA was tagged as 1971's biggest April Fool for:
1) buying homes in response to noise complaints;
2) planning another runway and supporting the SST plane as noise abatement measures.

The MPA's award is a complimentary demonstration ride on the TU-144, the Russian-built SST.

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

Gow. 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

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News staff gives April Fools awards
Drama group gives solid performance
by Eileen Kuzela

The East Boston Social Center Drama Group presented Up the Down Staircase on Friday and Saturday nights, March 19 and 20, at the East Boston High School auditorium.

The play is a dramatization by Christopher Sergel of the book written by Bel Kaufman. Drama Marenghi directed the performance.

Suzanne Purlong gave an excellent performance in the role of Sylvia Barrett, an enthusiastic and anti-establishment young English teacher at Calvin Coolidge High School in New York City. Miss Barrett finds herself caught between the demands made upon her by the administration and her desire to be a good teacher and gain the trust of the students.

The actors were exceptionally convincing in their roles as teachers and administrators. Tony Serino and Marty Pino intimidated the student body as Dr. Clarke, the principal, and Mr. McCabe, his immovable assistant.

Beatrice Schachter, a fellow English teacher who encourages Miss Barrett when the fight seems too difficult to continue, was played with obvious understanding by Susan Lapin. Paul Serino played the obnoxious and conceited English teacher, Paul Barringer, who doesn’t think the students are worth winning over.

The “students” at Calvin Coolidge High School were all so clearly absorbed in their roles that it is hard not to mention all of them. Lou Martin, played by Ronald Ferris, the class buffoon, excited a great deal of laughter from the audience, as did Linda Rosen, the school sex symbol, who was played by Debi DeSantis. Charles Lo-Duca effectively played Harry Kagan, the school brown-nose. Carl Ramos, as Jose Rodriguez, Karen Placenza as Alice Blake, a victim of her unrequited love for Mr. Barringer, and Larry Venezia as Joe Feronne, the “delinquent” who begins to realize his potential because of Miss Barrett’s understanding and interest, gave very sensitive and moving performances.

The production staff, including assistant director Charlene Reed, stage manager Susan Card, assistant stage manager Lorraine Plantaca, and set constructors Tony Serino and group, worked behind the scenes to make the performance a success. The entire cast received a standing ovation from the audience on Friday night.

The Social Center Drama Group deserves praise for a fine performance of Up the Down Staircase.

A musical revue, "Doing Our Thing" will be performed by the Orient Highlights at the East Boston Social Center on April 17, at 3 p.m.

All ages will be participating in the show, which is sponsored by the Orient Heights Neighborhood Center.

Ginny St. Cyr, director of the center, and Pat Gillespie, Commonwealth Service Corps worker, have been working with the residents in preparation for the show.

There will be an admission charge of 50 cents for adults and 25 cents for children.

Inquiring Reporter

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, 3a Bennington Street, East Boston, Mass. 02128.

(How soon will the Vietnam War end?)

Marie De Prospo of 30 New St., East Boston:

"As soon as the U.S. troops get out. As soon as the government decides to end it. This is a touchy subject with me. I have a son in Vietnam."

Ann Fairbanks of 35 Hauman St., Revere:

"I don’t think it will ever end. It seems to be getting worse."

Photos by Tom Casaubon
(Interviews by Karen London)

Muriel Lacorte of 72 Frankfort St., East Boston:

"Never!"

Norman Mc Neeley of 44 Lexington St., East Boston:

"Never! The French were there for twenty years. They were smart and turned it over to Uncle Sam. It’s a hopeless situation. They’ve been fighting for centuries. My son just came back from Vietnam."
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 Bachelors degree in 1950, and has completed graduate studies in Social Work at Simmons College.

Miss Orr considers herself somewhat "wicked" 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 House in 1941. "I guess they wanted to make sure I worked 24 hours a day," she said.

Samuel Orr, her father, indirectly prepared Carol for a warm welcome into East Boston. "My father was a hatter," she said. "Sam the hatter, they called him. When I came here they knew my father because many had moved out of the North End. It was a nice introduction into East Boston."

She has seen changes, and caused them. "Many changes were made in East Boston as a social worker, she's seen quite a bit of change, and has been involved in creating some of it."

"East Boston was a very poor neighborhood in the depression era, with little higher education," she said. "But, I've seen the level of skills rise and the percentage going to college."

"East Boston has always been a warm neighborhood. But, the people are no longer being pushed around by School Committees and Port Authorities and what have you. It means things like a community paper, APAC, IMPACT and it means people acting and not a bunch of eggheads telling people what to do."

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 OHNC include: a Variety Show on April 17, a Car Wash on April 25, and an Annual Awards Night on April 29.
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 Rourke, became involved 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 Commonwealth, under its "police powers," can and has the obligation to regulate Logan Airport operations. Umana Lectures Rourke.

"This is an incredible situation," Serra continued, "and I hope all my colleagues stop to think about it."

Others testifying in favor of the bills were Fred Salvucci, Anna De Fronzo, and John Vitagliano from MAP-NAC. Representative Pitaro, who is a member of the transportation committee, was ill and unable to attend the hearing.

Representative Emanuel Serra, testifying before the committee on the same bills, called for immediate action on the curfew bill. He stated that the people of East Boston were only asking for an uninterrupted night's sleep. What the residents of Newton have as a right, the people of East Boston have to come before the legislature to request, he argued.

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 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 pains for this development are unacceptable to us. The proposed structure is not compatible to the locale and the density of the project must be reduced."

"Our past experience with your firm as a developer and housing manager disturbs us. We have reports from tenants of Brandywine as to shoddy construction and poor management practice."

"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

Piccola legua tryouts

La piccola legua tryouts dell’area di Jeffries Point sarà tenuta soltanto per due settimane. Le date sono sabato 3 aprile ed domenica 4 aprile 1971 ed il sabato e la domenica seguente, aprile 10-11,1971.

I ragazzi tra i nove ed i 12 anni di età dovranno riportare allo Stadio di East Boston alle 9:00 a.m.

Tutti i ragazzi devono risiedere in questa area: di Central Square Park lungo Porter Street al lato destro della strada che guarda verso Jeffries Point; dal di dietro di Central Square all’Housing Project di Maverick Square al Jeffries Point.

•ARCIDIOCESI cont.

Mt. Carmel non sarebbero assegnati ad altre scuole ma che piuttosto altri studenti sarebbero assegnati a Mt. Carmel.

"Questa scuola non verrà chiusa ed avrà un futuro" ha aggiunto. "Ha molte possibilità ed ha genitori che sono interessati e si impegnano con grande dedizione."

Durante un periodo di domande e risposte, i genitori sembravano allarmati circa le voci di un trasferimento delle suore in qualche altra scuola. Fr. Groden ha chiarito che la proporzione degli insegnanti religiosi che regolari rimarrebbe la stessa.

Dopo l’incontro varie domande sono state rivolte ai genitori ed agli insegnanti. Era molto chiaro che i genitori erano confusi su questo soggetto e non era affatto di loro gradimento mentre gli insegnanti davano l’impressione d’essere completamente in favore di questa proposta che a loro parere era per gli interessi migliori dell’istruzione delle scuole parrocchiali di East Boston.

•DROGA cont.

A nessuno è permesso di entrare in questo centro riabilitativo senza prima aver firmato la seguente dichiarazione: "Non ho in mio possesso alcuna droga, preparato chimico, medicine o qualsiasi apparato del genere. In questo momento non sono affetto dall’influenza della droga o dell’alcool." Un’alchimia 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.

3. Should the laws governing possession of narcotics be relaxed?
   - Yes = 30
   - No = 214
   - No Comment = 2

4. Should possession of marijuana be legalized?
   - Yes = 40
   - No = 199
   - No Comment = 7

   - 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 Lasco

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.

Even though the field was muddy and the team was not fully prepared, it turned out to be an interesting game. In the first half, the goals for Eastie were scored by Carl Cutillo on a personal action, and by Joe Vasques on a penalty.

On the second half George Lo Grasso 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.

(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 sum of money that will 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.

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All about wrestling
The 'voice of wrestling' - Frank Bevilacqua
by Romaina Morganella

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, Pittsburgh 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.

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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 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.

Frank "Cookie" Bevilacqua, 25 years a part of the wrestling world.
L’Arcidiocesi propone un piano di consolidamento delle scuole

L’Ufficio Progetti per gli Affari Urbani dell’Arcidiocesi di Boston ha preso delle iniziative per il consolida-
damento delle scuole parrocchiali di East Boston.

Fr. Michael Groden del "Planning Office" ha informato un gruppo di oltre 200 genitori riuniti nella
scuola di Mt. Carmel che è possibile la chiusura di una scuola però ha escluso da questa possibilità la
scuola di Mt. Carmel.

In base all’Ufficio Progetti questo consolidamento consiste nell’uso comune e scambio di insegnanti,
di idee e dei nuovi corsi e non ne-
cessariamente l’analoga commissione fisica delle
scuole.

Costituita la "East Boston Collabora-
tive"

Durante lo scorso anno un nuovo gruppo denominato "The East Boston Collaborative" è stato formato dal
"Planning Office" per analizzare il consolida-
damento delle scuole ed al-
tri futuri progetti. Il gruppo con-
siste di Parroci, Superiori Provin-
ciali, Presidi ed insegnanti di tut-
te le scuole parrocchiali di East Boston.

Fr. Groden ha affermato che i Superiori Provinciali farebbero del loro meglio per assicurare insegn-
nanti a queste scuole e che il Plan-
ing Office si impegnerebbe a cor-
care i fondi necessari per assicu-
rare un avvenire brillante alle
scuole parrocchiali di East Boston.

Ai genitori la decisione finale

Fr. Groden ha dichiarato che in base a quanto Su. Ecc. l’Arcivescovo Medeiros ha sottolineato che questo centro ha ricevuto fondi
più ampi e che si è trovato al 177
via di 9 alle 10 di sera. Il telefono è 569-5390 o 569-3931.
Questo centro ha ricevuto fondi
per un aumento di 27 mila dollari da parte del "Department of Mental Health" e ha anche ricevuto ulteriori fondi se tale programma avrà successo.

Questo Consiglio di Azione per la Droghe, che ne ha inizialmente con delle riunioni settimanali presso la "Sacred Heart Hall,” è ormai diventato un centro adibito a vari usi come centro informativo e di riabilitazione per coloro che sono affetti dai vizi degli stupefacenti.

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droga, o un individuo che non vuole
più farne uso.

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East Boston ha una
squadra di calcio

by Rosario Cascio

La East Boston Soccer Club
annuncia la riapertura della stagione
calestica.

La prima partita amichevole svolta
domestica scorsa dallo 28, contro la Medford Italia, si è con-
clusa in parità 4-4.

Benché il campo sia stato
impraticabile per il lungo inverno, la
si è svolta con spunti emozionanti
anche se la squadra non era alla
altezza del suo rendimento a causa della corta
preparazione.

Le reti per l’Eastie sono state
realizzate al primo tempo da Carlo
Cutillo, su azione personale, e la
seconda da Joe Vasques su punizione.

Il secondo tempo la terza ret
veniva segnata da George Lo Grasso su passaggio di Vasques, e la quarta veniva segnata dello stesso Vasques su rigore.

La nostra squadra avrà un
articolo su questo giornale ogni
dimensione, perché che siete o no
amanti del calcio leggete e difendete
questo giornale.

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Due settimane fa la Commissione dei
Direttori del Port Authority ha considerato di comprare case in Re-
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La Commissione sta considerando una raccomandazione del direttore del MPA, Edward J. King, di comprare case per alleviare la gente in quelle aree più rumorose. La MPA sta attualmente comprando case per questo scopo in East Boston.

Sebbene molti dei presenti prego
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Il Consiglio di Azione per la Droghe
apre un centro nella community

Il "Drug Action Council" ha aperto un nuovo centro nella comunità
da adibirsi a molteplici usi.

Sebbene molti dei programmi hanno a che fare con l’istruzione sulla
droga e la riabilitazione, altri
invano servono la comunità in generale.
Questo centro infatti non è adibito
solamente per coloro che usano stupefacenti.

Il personale addetto a questo
centro raccomanda che coloro che usano la droga siamo genuinamente
interessati ad apprendere circa le
ricercati e le conseguenze dannose
degli stupefacenti e che abbiano la
forza di volontà e determinazione di
di farne più uso.

Questo centro che si trova al 177
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