O'Neill asked to get local project money released
by Peter Werwath and Dorothy Brickman

U.S. Rep. Thomas F. O'Neill has laid the blame on President Nixon for the stall in funding the proposed elderly housing project here.

In an interview April 16 with Community News reporters, O'Neill criticized Nixon for "holding up $8 to $11 billion voted by Congress for health, education, welfare and housing."

Meanwhile, the Boston City Council and the East Boston Neighborhood Council have sent letters to O'Neill asking for his help in releasing funds for elderly housing in East Boston.

A 300-unit, BRA-sponsored housing project was authorized by the City Council last fall. Since then, federal and city officials have told the Community News that the project was going nowhere.

In the interview, O'Neill said the problem had not come to his attention. He said that if local officials asked him to push for the funding, he would do so, but not until then.

"It's not the duty and obligation of my office to build housing for the elderly," said O'Neill. "It's for them (the cities and towns) to make the application."

He was asked if he were satisfied in general with the way federal-subsidized housing has been handled. "I can't say," he said. "I don't know if I should be satisfied or not."

Congressman O'Neill on Nixon fund freeze: "There's a question of his constitutional rights to withhold this money."

(Sources: U.S. Rep. Thomas P. O'Neill's office)

Sargent study recommends slow-down in Logan growth
by Peter Werwath

A task force appointed by Gov. Sargent has recommended that expansion of Logan Airport should be stopped until noise problems are reduced.

In a report issued earlier this month, the group of experts said "a balance must be struck" between the environmental costs of the airport and its economic benefits.

The report's conclusion said in part, "...specific goals for reducing airport noise should be set, before air travel capacity is expanded." Gov. Sargent has taken no immediate action on the report, issued two weeks ago.

Sargent aide Guy Rosmarin said Wednesday, "The governor has already read the report and directed the staff to move on various areas, such as finding out some facts unclear in the report. We've had several meetings, and I expect he will be responding."

Rosmarin said he had no idea when action by the governor would follow.

Criticizes noise damage
Some of the strongest language

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House approves MPA "free trade zone"
by Dorothy Brickman

The Massachusetts Port Authority's bill to operate a free trade zone in Massachusetts received initial approval in the House of Representatives in a vote Tuesday, April 20.

If the bill becomes law, it is possible that the MPA would operate a free trade zone in East Boston.

MPA director Edward King said in an interview this week that the free trade zone would "probably" be near the airport.

Rep. Mimie Pitaro, who voted for the bill, said it will likely pass, because there has not been any strong vocal opposition to it.

A free trade zone is an area where foreign and domestic materials can be brought into the country without being subject to U.S. customs laws. The materials may be used for manufacturing while in the zone and not be subjected to any duties. Items would be tariffed only when distributed out of the zone.

Rep. Pitaro got two amendments attached to the bill and passed. Pitaro, a member of the Committee on Transportation, said that with the amendments he felt the bill was acceptable. The amendments are:

1) the zone would have to be subject to local approval
2) the property would be taxable property.

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First Realty signs agreement with critics
by Jim Baeker

On April 22, Max Kargman of First Realty Company signed an agreement with Rev. Marshall Bevins and Miss Edith De Angelis, co-chairman of the East Boston Committee on Shore Plaza East.

The agreement stated that First Realty would hire a new architect to design another housing project for their Border Street site. Also, the architect will submit for approval by the committee, all material and plans which are normally submitted to the company for approval.

First Realty agreed not to continue with the project unless the committee agrees to the design of the project, the inspection of its construction, and the set-up of the management.

The committee selected the P.A.R.D. Team of Boston to be the project's architects. This has been tentatively approved by First Realty.

P.A.R.D. Team is the designer of the North Harvard Street project currently being built near Harvard Stadium.

Court suit put off
On April 17, a meeting between City, FHA, and W.H.A. officials and legal counsel for the committee was held. It was agreed that the court suit would be postponed until May 6, 1971, and FHA officials pledged their cooperation in speeding the reprocessing of the new project design.

The East Boston Committee on Shore Plaza East consists of nine members: 1) Rev. Marshall Bevins elected by the East Boston Neighborhood Council, 2) Miss Edith De Angelis elected by the Recreation Council, 3) David Liberman, elected by the Brandwyne Tenants Council, 4) Mr. Anthony Polcari, elected by the East Boston Furniture Co. (Precinct 2), Mrs. Anna De Franco, elected by the Land Use Committee, 6) Miss Mary Ellen Welch, elected by A.P.A.C., 7) Mrs. Evelyn Morgan Snyder by DEPACT, 8) Mr. Tom Brognum, from Eagle Hill, and 9) Mr. Fred Steffano, elected by the Land Use Committee.

Maverick food co-op
by Karen London

Twenty families from the Maverick Housing Project and Eagle Hill have joined forces in an attempt to keep their cost of living down. Several weeks ago they formed the Maverick food cooperative. This group purchases fruits, vegetables, eggs and bread at wholesale prices by ordering together.

Each person entering the cooperative agrees to take his or her turn at the various jobs involved with ordering, picking up and bagging the food. At its present size the coop has been able to order a number of popular fruits and vegetables, eggs and bread.

The coop is presently seeking new members in order to be able to purchase a greater variety of food by the crate. Also, the more members the coop has, the less each member has to work.

The next meeting of the Maverick food coop will be held on Wednesday, May 5 at 7:30 p.m. at 17 New Street, Apt. 99.

If you are interested but cannot attend the meeting, call 567-2775.

APAC board elections May 11

From APAC

In preparation for the APAC community-wide election on Tuesday, May 11, the responsibilities of the members of the APAC Board of Directors have been outlined.

Each member is expected to attend the monthly meeting of the Board, held on the first Tuesday of each month. All members are expected to serve on at least one of the APAC committees: personnel, youth, housing and welfare, education and elderly. The APAC Board is responsible for the administration of a number of programs within the East Boston area including a Headstart program, a tutorial program for elementary and secondary school students, a High School equivalency course for those who desire a high school diploma, and an English as a Second Language course for Italian and Spanish speaking residents who want to learn to speak English.

The APAC also runs a number of centers for both teenagers and senior citizens. Two food surplus stores in addition to an island-wide egg-buying cooperative are also APAC projects. Also, working as a referral agency, the APAC operates a satellite office in the Orient Heights area in addition to the central office of Maverick Square.

Voting will be held at fourteen locations throughout the area. In order to be eligible to vote, an individual must be 18 years of age and have lived in the East Boston area for at least six months.

Location of polling places announced

APAC has announced the location of the polling places for its annual board election.

They are as follows:

Area One-Orient Heights
St. Mary Star of the Sea Hall on Saratoga Street (Precinct 1), First National Store at 1150 Saratoga St. (Precinct 12), and Engine 56 Fire Station (Precincts 13 and 14) at Blackston and Ashley Streets.

Orient Heights Project
Voting room at 1 Vallor Road (for residents of the precinct).

Area Two-East Side-Hill Square
James Otis School at 218 Marion St. (Precinct 3), St. John's Church at 82 Lexington St. (Precinct 6), Trinity House at 406 Meridian St. (Precinct 7), East Boston High School at 86 White St. (Precincts 8 and 9), and Engine 5 Fire Station at Saratoga and Prescott Streets (Precinct 10).

Area Three-Maverick
Little City Hall at Maverick Sq. (Precinct 3), and Engine 9 Fire Station at Parls and Meridian Streets (Precinct 4).

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Protesters cite atrocities 100 attend anti-war rally here

by Dom Amara

About one hundred people, mostly young, from East Boston and surrounding areas attended the anti-war rally held recently at the East Boston Social Center.

A skit poking at the involvement of the United States and other governments in Vietnam drew the attention of everyone. The players chanted, "We'll fight until we're free Vietnam will win."

That was how it began. From then on it was no holds barred!

American generals and politicians were pointed to with accusing fingers. President Nixon was the particular object of their attack. At one point a player displayed a mask of Nixon's likeness and said, "These communists have perpetuated terrorism all over the world to which the narrator replied, "But the only terrorism the Vietnamese see is the destruction of villages and the slaughter of civilians like at My Lai."

A rather grotesque film, May Day, showing the spring supposedly carried out by U.S. troops on the Vietnamese was also shown.

One gentleman in the audience read what turned out to be the most moving testimony. It was a letter from a nineteen year old East Boston youth with eight months in the service. Part of the letter follows:

"My, I'm scared. I haven't been in a combat fight yet and I'm scared of the results. I don't know if I'd freeze up and cause someone else or myself to get killed. I think about it at night and I think to myself that the person I kill or wound is just like me. We might have a family and be just as scared as I am.

"So far I've only seen one dead V.C. but that was enough. It made my stomach turn.

"Then, when we go out on patrol, I'm always afraid I'm gonna get hit by a booby trap. Lose a leg or an arm. I don't think I could face anyone if that ever happened to me.

"Most of all I fear the pain of getting hit:

"Ma, I'm scared just like every other guy over here. It doesn't bother you much. But, at night when you go to sleep you start to think and that's when it hits you. I don't want to be over here. But, now that I'm here, all I want to do is get home, live a normal life with my wife and son. Not to worry about getting shot and not knowing when you're going to step on a booby trap."

"I don't want pity or anything like that. Because there are a million other boys in the same place I'm in. I just want someone to know how I feel about it all."

The young man was wounded in the arc two weeks after the letter was sent.

Other speakers were Randy Rappaport, a lecturer who has visited China, Korea and North Vietnam, and David Skillen and Bill Zitlow, both Vietnam veterans.

Several of the East Bostonians that attended, voiced their disapproval of the war and their disappointment that many more from the community had not joined in the rally.

"There are all your mothers and fathers," asked one East Boston woman of the teenagers in the group, "are they home sleeping?"

Following the program the audience was asked to sign a "people-to-people" peace treaty.

The rally was orderly and without incident.

Merchants complain to Mayor about "congregating" youths

by Phil Giffee

Boston's Mayor Kevin White was on this side of the harbor Monday, April 26, to introduce nine new policemen to the community.

During the course of the "informational" meeting, two of the merchants in the Central Square area voiced their concern over the rise in vandalism, and breaking and entering violations in the past eight months.

Mr. Jack Fine claimed that crime is up 75 percent since the inauguration of the Drug Rehabilitation Center last August. The young people congregating on street corners tends to frighten people away from the area.

Forcing this was due to the location of the drug clinic on Porter Street in the East Boston Relief Station.

Mr. Richard Ladd, also a merchant, seconded Mr. Fine's remarks. Mr. Ladd, in an interview later, said he has spoken to several merchants on Lombard Street who also feel threatened by the crime increase.

"We are-reflecting," Ladd said, in the increasing use of wire grills on storefronts in the area and in the fact that one business is even considering not renewing their lease in this area.

Mr. Ladd said that each merchant has suffered at least two or three breaks in recent months and that his particular store has lost 60 percent of its Friday night business.

Director defends clinic patients

Mr. Alan Fisch, the Drug Clinic Director, objected to the accusations of the merchants at the meeting with the Mayor. He said that two-thirds of his people had gotten jobs and that he did not know of any people from the clinic who had been arrested.

Captain O'Brien of District 7 then challenged Fisch's claim because people had been arrested, he said, but the police could not determine whether the people were drug users due to the fact that the clinic would not divulge the name of its clients.

One lady in the audience accused the merchants of taking their money and leaving for suburbs. Mr. Ladd said that though this is true, the businesses were theirs (the merchants) livelihood; therefore, the problem might be of even greater concern to then. Mr. Fine said he did not condemn the clinic or anything else that might be of help to people who are sick.

"Fine said he was involved in activities to support the Maverick Street Drop-In center.

Near the close of the meeting, Mr. Ladd said he had asked for and received assistance from Capt. O'Brien but that police aid has, unfortunately, been rather ineffective.

Mayor White interjected at this point saying the allegations of the merchants required further analysis and that he very definitely would look into this issue. Later, White agreed to meet the Board of Trade on April 29. Meanwhile, he said, maybe the new recruits would help solve the problem.

Drug talk May 5

from the Inter-Agency Council

There will be a meeting of the Inter-Agency Council on Wednesday, May 5, 1971 at 10 a.m. at the Social Center, 68 Central Square, East Boston.

The purpose of this meeting will be two-fold: 1) To bring together all individuals and groups within the community who are interested in solving some of the problems facing our community. 2) To exchange ideas and information on one of the most serious problems . . . drug abuse.
by Dorothy Brickman

Governor Francis Sargent will announce in June whether or not he has re-appointed Rev. Albert Sallese to the Board of Directors of the Massachusetts Port Authority (MPA). This decision will mean a lot to the people of East Boston.

Ray McNulty of the governor's press office said about Sallese, "Our feeling here is that he acquitted himself well. He has been a fine representative of community interest."

Sallese's five-year assignment to East Boston's Holy Redeemer Church was to expire this summer, clouding his chances of being able to continue on the board. But he has just received word that an extension has been granted by the church.

For a year, Sallese has been devoting much of his time and energy to the board work of the MPA, particularly those projects affecting East Boston.

The people of East Boston were not always so fortunate. Since 1959, when the MPA was created by the Massachusetts legislature, there had been no representation on the board from the communities most affected by the airport.

The board makes all the major decisions about the operations of the MPA.

When board member Sheriff Howard W. Fitzpatrick died in February 1970, "after serving six years, there was an opening on the board. Community pressure for local representation became strong enough that Gov. Sargent responded."

It was late, Neptune Road and Wood Island Park had already been chopped up because, according to the MPA, it was too costly to extend the runway into the harbor (Exactly what they're planning to do now with the airport). But after a while you notice other differences - the large amount of reference material in front of him, the fact that he takes notes, that he's usually leaning forward, elbows on the table.

In an interview by the Boston Globe following his appointment, Sallese said that his aims included no Logan expansion and parking curfews and no more purchasing of property.

And at the first meeting he attended he found out where he stood with his fellow board members, he was duly welcomed, he said, but also informed that the board did not agree with his goals.

"They never asked me why I felt this way."

"It was overpowering at the beginning," Sallese recalls.

"To know that members of the board control the airport, the waterfront, the Tobin bridge and Hanscom field is overpowering. There's so much responsibility. And it's Jacking on the part of the other board members."

Sallese complained that the board rarely discusses major issues and has in effect become a 'rubber stamp' for the staff. A prime example of this was the Army Corps of Engineers, which had informed the chairman that they wanted to know what was going to be paid at the hearing. It wasn't until the day before the hearing that each member received a copy of one of the official MPA statements.

"Then at the hearing, four experts testified (each with his own statement) and I learned that they were paid $5,000," said Sallese.

"There was no board authorization for that."

Committees a 'farce'

Sallese complains that board committees are a farce. He's on a committee with Chairman Thompson and member Thomas G. Brown looking into the "There's so much responsibility. It's lacking on the part of the other board members."

Issue of home-buying in Beachmont and Winthrop.

"We were supposed to hold public hearings and survey the areas," said Sallese, all within thirty days. The time is past and according to Sallese the committee has not yet even met to discuss the issue.

According to the laws that created the Port Authority, the MPA board is the MPA. Sallese thinks the board should be more active in running the affairs of the authority. He points out that even Chairman Thompson spends only one day a week on board business.

"Maybe they're happy with the way things are going," suggests Sallese. "But it involves work - reading, reporting, evaluating." One of the many motions Sallese has made concerned contract awards. He recommended that the Chairman appoint an ad hoc committee to look into contracts that are now in operation.

A board member asked how many were involved and when he was told it could be a thousand he said, "Count me out."

According to Sallese, many contracts are awarded without board approval and the board is then forced to ratify them because work has already begun.

Sallese does claim one conversion.

"I've made at least one board member open his eyes," he says, not wishing to disclose his name. "He's supporting me more now."

One conversion a year may be very significant if Sallese does get reappointed to a seven-year term.

NOTE: If you favor the re-appointment of Rev. Sallese to the MPA board of directors, write to Governor Sargent soon. All board appointments are made by him and he should know how the community feels. Write to Gov. Francis W. Sargent, State House, Boston, Mass.

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Sallese wants MPA home-buying freeze to continue
by Peter Werwath
Port Authority board member Rev. Albert Sallese is trying to extend the authority’s moratorium on home-buying in the area around Logan Airport.
In a board meeting yesterday, held after the News’ press time, Sallese was planning to ask for an extension of the moratorium approved by the board Mar. 17. He expected this would be done, since the MPA wants to hire consultants to look into the home-buying issue.
Sallese said the MPA staff wants to survey 600 homes in Beachmont and 110 in Winthrop, to see if home owners are bothered by the airport. The board member said he would ask that a “much greater” number of homes be surveyed.
Since last June, the MPA has bought at least nine properties. In a list published in March, the most recent acquisitions were on Jan. 29 and Dec. 1. The Jan. 29 purchase was a home on Baywater Street.

Warning on Magazine sales
by Marie M. Flumer
During the past week, you may have been approached to purchase a magazine subscription offered by a handicapped person who claims to be a resident of this area.
The Better Business Bureau of Boston was called on this matter and suggests not buying the magazines until they investigate further.
There have been four or five complaints called into the office concerning persons not getting books delivered at a promised time, playing on the sympathies of people by handicapped salesmen, and having to pay almost three fourths of the subscription before delivery.
The Better Business Bureau has contacted the Boulevard Reading Club of Waukegan, Illinois, sponsors of the program and have received no cooperation from them. The reading club has been investigated before and all complaints should be called into the bureau.

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Raising own funds for now
Drug Council waiting for state funding
by Sue Devins
The East Boston Drug Action Council is still awaiting release of state funds approved for them back in January. Meanwhile, to help defray the expenses of the center at 177 Maverick, the council has formed a fund raising committee.
Heading up the committee are Kay Fobert, Sandy Tontodonato, and Marie Sirignano. Other members are: Gigi De Mayo, Roseanne Bernarginelli, Anita, Tillie, and Maria Viarella, June De Feo, Christine Zuffante, Beatrice Austin, and Lorraine Minichello. Their advisors are Fr. Paul Scribben from Sacred Heart Church and Jerry Tordilone from East Boston Court House.

Little City Hall gives help to consumers
by Karen London
Has this ever happened to you? You bought a shirt on sale yesterday and when you opened the package, the sleeve was ripped. The store manager tells you that he is sorry but the store policy is no refund on sale items. “All sales are final.”
Did you know that under Massachusetts law you are entitled to a full refund, regardless of what the store’s policy is – if the merchandise you receive is defective and you take it back right away.
This and many other similar experiences have occurred to us as consumers at some time, however, there are state and federal laws that are meant to protect us. Few people, including many lawyers and businessmen, know the rules and regulations.
In order to educate and protect Boston consumers, Mayor White, using OSD funds, has one representative from each Little City Hall in Boston undergo intensive training as “consumer legal sides.”

Sal Venezia takes course
Three law professors from Boston College conducted the eight week course. Mr. Sal Venezia represented East Boston. Through lectures, films, skits and discussions, Mr. Venezia was taught the scope of our rights as consumers under present state and federal law.
Sal is now available to East Boston residents who have complaints or questions about any purchases.
Mr. Venezia explained that since many businessmen are not familiar with the regulations governing consumer protection, he would probably start by contacting the business and explaining the rules. This business could be located in East Boston, or any place else in the country. If the transaction was made in Massachusetts, the firm is subject to state regulations.
The business, after being made aware of the regulation may satisfy your complaint immediately. If not, Mr. Venezia will help you fill out a formal complaint.
There are 32 different forms covering a variety of consumer problems. Some of these forms deal with automobile purchase (new or used), appliances (purchase, service and repair), credit, utilities, loans, repossession, insurance, home improvement, furniture (purchase and repair), food, weight, measure, pricing, quality, clothing (purchase and service), debt harrassment, business schemes, encyclopedias, books, magazines, periodicals, and records.
Eventually, if the situation is not rectified, your complaint would reach the state attorney general’s office.
The Little City Hall telephone number is 567-6460.
John Vitagliano: a pilot who fights aviation abuses

by Don Amara

In August of 1970, the Massachusetts Air Pollution and Noise Abatement Committee MAPNAC was formed. To date, its energies have been primarily directed at Logan International Airport.

Its efforts are becoming increasingly effective, and its executive director, John Vitagliano, is in large part responsible for this. John is a Winthrop resident, a Northeastern University graduate engineer, and an Air Force veteran, with the workings of the military industrial complex and the attitudes they have, he explained.

Rejected aviation career

"I actually thought of becoming an airline pilot. I have a pilot's license," he said. "The regimentation and uniform are perhaps symbolic; the pilots are mainly military and they bring with them the military attitude."

"Basically, a military commander is asked to accomplish his mission. Any other consideration is secondary. His engineering credentials qualify him particularly well for the job. However, MAPNAC, whose funds come from personal contributions, is incapable of paying John even a subsistence salary."

"Officially I make $60 a week. Actually it's working out to about $15 a week and often less than that."

John, who is still an "at home" bachelor, doesn't like to speak of what his parents think of his "position without pay." He suggests that they are not altogether happy but that they are at least tolerant.

John has been offered substantial positions, such as a job as field representative for a large New York electronics firm. Much of John's thinking has been influenced by Fred Salvucci, the former East Boston Little City Hall manager.

"I came into the issue cold. In fact, a month before I came into MAPNAC I heard Ed King speak. I actually believed what he was saying. Fred supplied the balanced background that reversed my thinking. I know now that Logan's growth and effects are not inevitable. Fred put into action many of the concepts and ideas that I have thought about most of my life. He pointed out that you can be an idealist and apply those concepts to the real world."

John counts flying (small planes he emphasizes), skiing and sailing as his outside interests. But, he has little time to indulge in them. He is actively lobbying in the governor's office and the legislature. This, and the research and letter writing afford him little opportunity for social activities that many take for granted.

Toting his briefcase he comes into the Meridian Street office he shares with IMPACT at 11:00 a.m. "And he often doesn't leave until midnight," admits one office worker. "But he's so quiet we don't even know he's in. He's always reading."

"Seatness is not one of John's virtues, however. His office has been described variously as a mobile office which will likely be heard before it is seen. It is missing a muffler."

"Not exactly what you'd expect from a noise abater," suggests one friend.

As perhaps occurs to many who have achieved some public attention, John has been encouraged to seek political office. "I've been asked to run for a selectman, but I turned it down because many of the issues were not related to the airport," John explained. He commented that he believes the airport is the most serious local problem.

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For all his labors, John displays a certain wit, perhaps to break the tension.

"Why do you think you've been able to accomplish what you have," I asked in all seriousness.

He snapped back, "Why, because of my looks, my unbridled enthusiasm, and my humility."

"I actually thought of becoming a king personified!"

A 1965 beige Volkswagen with a Kennedy bumper sticker serves as a mobile office which will likely be heard before it is seen. It is missing a muffler.

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With all this to his credit, when the battle for East Boston is told, John Vitagliano owns a place in the script. His will has been no small part.

MAPNAC Director John Vitagliano

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La squadra di calcio vince la prima partita 2-1, pareggiando la seconda 2-2

by Rosario Cescio

La East Boston Soccer Club ha iniziato il campionato battendo i Boston Royals per 2 reti. La partita ha avuto inizio alle 3 p.m., arbitro - Rocky LoGrasso. Al fischi di avvio si è vista l'Eastie pretesa subito all'attacco. Suonando due belle azioni, una con Giacomò Struppa e l'altra con Carlo Parisi. Ha subito si è sentita la mancanza del centro mediano (F. Bonetti). 

La seconda partita di campionato tra East Boston e Swampscott è stata chiudersi sull'uno a uno. La partita giocata a Swampscott ha avuto inizio alle 2 p.m., arbitro - Rocky LoGrasso. Al fischio d'avvio si è vista l'Eastie protesa in avanti cercando di essere la prima vittoria tra East Boston e Swampscott. Nelle prime azioni avversarie, la squadra di Eastie sembra che la partita dovrà chiudersi sull'uno a uno.

I giovani terranno un ballo il primo maggio al Centro Sociale e gli incassi saranno devoluti al Community News. Il ballo inonconierà alle 8 di sera e avrà quali protagonisti un gruppo locale "The Apocalypse." I biglietti saranno venduti all'ingresso e si sente la chiusura dell'incontro e di Mario Rodao. I Royals sembrano ora dei diavoli scatenati, ora ormai la partita 2-1, derby alla splendida forma del portiere di sequare al goal. L'Eastie si aggiudica la prima vittoria.

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According to Pitaro, the local approval would prevent the MPA from taking any property by eminent domain.

Salvucci has doubts

Fred Salvucci, from the Mayor's office said of the bill, "The city doesn't like the idea of the MPA handling the zone too much." He stressed that the amendment on local approval was important because it meant that the city could control land uses as well as boundaries. Salvucci said, "If Boston could be a bad place to let it (the zone) happen. The free trade zone is potentially very profitable and may need to expand." He said that if other areas were included in the zone, like South Boston and Charlestown, he would feel safer about having part of the zone in East Boston. The burden of expansion would not necessarily be equally spread.

MPA director King was asked if the zone could be in more than one part of the city. He said, "probably not."

The News also asked King how much land would be needed and if there were any tentative plans. King said, "You have to get it first, (permission to operate the zone) then you begin your business and can tell what you need."

One MPA plan for the zone is jet fuel storage for international carriers, said King. "The airport could re-fuel here and not have to pay duties on the fuel. This would be profitable for the airport because it would encourage foreign airlines to use the airport."

A free trade zone could be a good thing for the city, according to a recent report. In a study done for the Boston Redevelopment Authority (BRA), the consultant firm of Abt Associates cites many possible benefits of a trade zone in the port of Boston. Potential employment opportunities in Boston could be as much as 116,000 jobs. Increased shipping into Boston could generate 6000 jobs for a zone with 10,000 persons directly employed.

According to the Abt study, industries using the port of Boston that could benefit from a free trade zone are leather footwear, hardware, cutlery, lighting and wiring devices, plastic products, apparel, textile fabrics, industries importing through Logan that could benefit are leather footwear, electrical distribution products, jewelry and silverware, mechanical measuring devices, apparel, toys and sporting goods.

There are free trade zones in New York, New Orleans, San Francisco, Seattle, Toledo, Hawaii, Mauiyake and Puerto Rico.
House plan kills plans to curb MPA

from Rep. Pitaro's office

On Tuesday, the House of Representatives killed several proposals which sought to curb the power of the Massachusetts Port Authority. All of the bills had received unfavorable reports from the committee on State Administration. Motions to keep several of the bills alive were advanced by Rep. Pitaro.

The subjects of these bills included identification of MPA bond holders, increased and permanent community membership on the MPA board of directors, the surrender of MPA waterfront land for park purposes, and the establishment of a head tax on airport users.

The House also defeated a bill filed by Rep. Losch of Holliston which sought to prohibit MPA land taking in the Hopkinson area for a second lotport, and a bill filed by Rep. Ahearn of Medford which sought to prohibit the MPA from acquiring any more land within the MPA district.

Pitaro and Sirianni pleaded in vain for debate over the measures. Rep. Pitaro pleaded that the House give consideration to the needs of people living around the airport, and make some guarantee that in the future Massport policy would respect community rights.

Rep. Sirianni of Winthrop criticized the cloak of secrecy surrounding MPA operations and asked that the MPA be made at least responsive to the Governor of the Commonwealth.

Rep. Losch called the MPA enabling act a "reckless piece of literature."

Rep. Ahearn read from the MPA enabling act described the "absolute power" of the MPA and urged the House to curb that power.

By the end of the long afternoon, Rep. Pitaro, who had become all too familiar a face at the speaker's rostrum, had forced roll call votes on several of the bills filed by the East Boston Neighborhood Council.

The unfortunate thing was that all these bills had been placed on the calendar for the same day and Rep. Pitaro, in his debate, made mention of this fact which necessitated his making frequent appearances at the microphone to debate these bills.

Soundly defeated.

Despite some support from liberal Democrat and representatives from areas threatened by Massport operations, all the bills were defeated by large margins. The House similarly rejected the bills filed by Reps. Losch and Ahearn.

Though House Speaker Bartley did not vote on the bills, House Democratic Majority Leader of Lynn voted consistently against the anti-Port proposals.

How State House committee reported MPA bills

from Rep. Pitaro's office

In addition to the free trade zone bill, the State Administration Committee at the State House gave favorable reports on Apr. 13 to several other bills related to the Port Authority.

Three bills were reported favorably out of committee:

H4894 - That the MPA be directed to submit a list of the fair market value of all its tax-exempt property.

H476 - That the MPA be required to review the property estate due to noise from aircraft.

H4704 - That the MPA be directed to construct a maritime museum in the city of Boston.

H2526 - That the MPA be authorized to apply for and operate a foreign trade zone.

Recommended for further study were the following bills:

H472 - That the MPA be required to pay for the loss in value of real estate due to noise from aircraft.

H476 - That the MPA be required to pay extra compensation in addition to the fair market value of land taken by eminent domain.

H1237 - Petition relative to requiring legislation filed by the MPA authorizing the acquisition of land to contain clearly defined boundaries of a proposed runway.

H1231 - That the MPA and the ERA be required to review the property on the East Boston waterfront to stimulate the development of Boston Harbor.

H127 - That the MPA be required to submit master plans for public review.

H2920 - That the MPA be directed to pay to the Commonwealth the debt outstanding on seaport facilities.

Pitaro to meet with residents May 12

from Rep. Pitaro's office

Rep. Pitaro will hold a meeting in Orient Heights Wednesday evening, May 12, at 7:30 p.m.

The meeting will be held at the Orient Heights Community House, 956 Saratoga St., to report to his constituency and to hear from them on matters of importance to them and the entire East Boston community.

Lights fixed

After negotiating and discussing for some time with the Boston Traffic Department, Rep. Pitaro has received word from them that the traffic lights at the corner of Chelsea and Porter Streets have been repaired.

He was assured that the delay was caused by the long wait for the necessary parts to repair the lights that the Traffic Department claims are custom made, and those repair parts were not stock items.

Bills submitted by Pitaro

One of the bills which Msgr. Pitaro carried has been pending in the House. This bill deals with making public the list of the fair market value of all the tax-exempt property owned by Massport.

Two bills of importance to the East Boston community have been acted on by the Transportation Committee, of which Msgr. Pitaro is a member. The first bill, sponsored by MAPAC, which authorizes and directs the MPA to develop a comprehensive noise abatement program at Logan, received a favorable committee report. The second bill is the Third Tunnel Bill which was sent to a special legislative study which the Transportation Committee hopes to undertake between the end of this year's session and the beginning of next year's session. Funding this study, no final action on the third tunnel will be taken. Thus, the issue is probably dead for this year's legislative session.

Rep. Pitaro has called for a poll of the Transportation Committee members on another bill which would prohibit the extension of runways at Logan.

"Young April"

Sunshine through raindrops
Laughter through tears
Hoods are uncertain
When April appears.

One minute she promises
Joy for tomorrow,
Next, with a sigh,
She reminds of past sorrow.

April's a colt
Temperamental and wild.
April's a docile
And wonder-eyed child.

Forgive her and love her,
When all has been told
Young April's heart
Is of butterscotch-gold.

by Carol Bianco O'Connell
People's Peace Treaty being circulated here

A people to people peace treaty between the U.S. and Vietnamese people is being circulated in East Boston and throughout the country by various peace groups. The treaty was circulated at an anti-war program held here on April 15.

Madame Nguyen Thi Binh, chief delegate of the Provisional Revolutionary Government, has signed the "People's Peace Treaty." (The PRO has replaced the NLF at the Paris peace talks.)

The contents of the treaty follow:

"Be it known that the American and Vietnamese people are not enemies. The war is carried out in the names of the people of the United States and Vietnam, without our consent. It destroys the people and land of Vietnam. It drains America of its resources, its youth and its honor.

"We hereby agree to end the war on the following terms, so both peoples can live under the joy of independence and can devote themselves to building a society based on human equality and respect for the earth.

1) The Americans agree to immediate and total withdrawal from Vietnam and publicly set a date by which all U.S. forces will be withdrawn.

2) The Vietnamese pledge that as soon as the U.S. Government publicly sets a date for total withdrawal they will:
   a. enter discussions to secure the release of all U.S. POW's, including captured bombing North Vietnam.
   b. call an immediate cease-fire between U.S. forces and those led by the Provisional Revolutionary Government.
   c. enter discussion of the procedures to guarantee the safety of all withdrawing troops.

3) The U.S. pledges to end the imposition of Thieu-Ky-Khiem on the people of South Vietnam in order to insure their right to self-determination and so that all POW's can be released.

4) The Vietnamese pledge to form a provisional coalition government to organize democratic elections in which all South Vietnamese can participate freely without the presence of any foreign troops.

5) The South Vietnamese pledge to enter discussion of procedures to guarantee the safety and political freedom of those South Vietnamese who have collaborated with the U.S. or with the U.S. supported regime.

6) The Americans and Vietnamese agree to respect the independence, peace and neutrality of Laos and Cambodia in accord with the 1954 and 1962 Geneva conventions and not to interfere in the internal affairs of these two countries.

7) Upon these points of agreement, we pledge to end the war and resolve all other questions in the spirit of self-determination and mutual respect for the independence and political freedom of the people of Vietnam and America.

"By ratifying this agreement, we pledge to take whatever actions are appropriate to implement the terms of this joint treaty and to insure its acceptance by the government of the United States."

Signed copies of the treaty are being distributed and collected by the People's Coalition for Peace and Justice, 68 St. Stephen Street, Boston, Mass.

Inquiring Reporter

What do you think of Women's Liberation?

Photos by Tom Casaubon
Interviews by Karen London

The Community News will present an Inquiring Reporter column periodically. We will visit various sections of East Boston and interview people of different ages and backgrounds. If you have any ideas for the Inquiring Reporter's interviews, please call our office - 569-3363 - or write your suggestion down and send it to:
The Staff, East Boston Community News
31a Bennington St., East Boston, Mass. 02128.

Linda Siebert:

"I think some of the things are O.K. For example, equal pay. I don't know too much about it, but I think it's a woman's job to watch the kids. After all, if husbands work all day the women should do it."

Mrs. Marie Gartland:

"I think the same job should get the same pay. I believe in women's liberation to a point, but if it goes farther... I don't. I don't think women should be drafted. A man is more logical and a woman goes by her emotions. I like to be treated like a woman."

Brenda Mills and Kim Interbartolo:

"We have heard it mentioned, but we don't know anything about it."

Musical revue

from the East Boston Social Center

East Boston children will present "A Broadway Musical Revue" for the closing of the year. The boys and girls have been rehearsing since the middle of April under the direction of Joe Cinelli.

The Revue will be presented on Thursday, May 13, at the social center gym at 7:30 p.m. Come to a gala evening of lights and stars.

Films on photography

On Monday, May 3, the East Boston Library at 276 Meridian St. will show two films on photography, "The Weapons of Gordon Park" and "Photography as an art."
LETTER

To the staff:

On behalf of the Trinity House Camp Alumnae Association, we would like to extend our thanks to all those who contributed to the success of our recent Penny Auction and Food Sale to benefit our girls' Camp Program.

We especially appreciate the cooperation we received from the East Boston Community News, Trinity Neighborhood House members and alumnae members and other neighbors and friends.

The steering committee
Trinity House Camp Alumnae Association
37 at high school in work-study

by Don Anara

A new program at East Boston High School is apparently gaining some momentum. A fledgling "job preparation," the program is designed to aid individuals with learning difficulties who decide to return to the community high school. Coordinator William Ciampa, a special education instructor at East Boston High School, explained that the goal of the program, "is to try to get certain kids gain work experience so they can compete for jobs. Right now, they're not really prepared."

The program, begun in September, now serves 37 students on an ungraded basis. Essentially, the program allows for daily classroom study until 11 a.m. for the students in the areas assigned to them. Students eat lunch at the high school.

According to Mr. Ciampa, the curriculum involves basic mathematics, reading, and current events, as well as practical instruction in business arithmetic, typing, and grooming, and how to look for a job.

At present, 25 of the 37 students hold positions in social centers, nurseries, nursing homes, department stores, supermarkets, and garages.

Program is unique

"The entire concept of combining study with work experience is not new to the metropolitan area. Boston High School and George T. Angel school have had similar programs for five years."

An instructor in the program, Rocco Jesse, views the East Boston program as somewhat different than Boston High School's Work Study Program.

"Basically our students will be working in low skilled jobs. While in Boston (High School) they'll be working in semi-skilled jobs. We're working with dropouts but with a person having little confidence in himself. They are low achievers and poorly motivated."

Students are supervised on the job by their teachers. Under plans for expansion of the program, this supervision would extend into the summer, however no funds are yet available for this.

Mr. Ciampa explained that many of the problems that arose this year were probably due to the fact that the pupils were not "screened" for it. Expansion plans include "workshops" to allow the program's directors to evaluate a student's need.

Presently teachers in the program are certified in special education and appointed from the City of Boston's Department of Special Education. Mr. Ciampa indicated that the expanded program would draw from the department's pool of similarly certified teachers.

The community has been drawn into the program as well. Recently Mr. Ciampa said he was pleased with the response of the business community to the program.

On Beacon Hill

Rep. Serra brings legislators to E. Boston

by Pat Moscatelito

Last week a group of freshmen state legislators were taken on a tour of East Boston by Rep. Emanuel Serra. Rep. Serra arranged the day's program to give these legislators a first-hand view of the effects of Logan Airport expansion on East Boston.

The legislators left by bus from the State House and spent their morning viewing Neptune Road, the Baywater section of Orient Heights, the Transition properties, parts of Minthrop and Beachmont.

The Rep. said in a later interview that the legislators could not believe that the community's recreational facilities had been taken by the Port Authority for a runway expansion program. "One legislator from a North Shore community was appalled about the Port Authority's abuse of its tax exempt status and its practice of buying up homes and properties throughout our district," he said.

For many years people have attended State House hearings to protest Logan Airport. The legislators seemed unable to relate to our problems.

"Legislators should stand on Neptune Road, and listen to the planes buzz over their heads every five minutes. "They must look at the runway," he said, and imagine the beautiful rolling section of hills, baseball fields and picnic areas.

"They can relate to this," said Serra, "they can feel the anger we have felt, the frustration we have experienced. This is the way to reach these legislators."

Rep. Serra explained that for years the Port Authority has held dinners and luncheons for legislators at expensive Boston restaurants. "At these high priced affairs legislators have been led to believe that the demands of East Boston people were emotional outcries based on exaggerated fears," said Serra. "Unfortunately, a number of legislators never cared to examine our legitimate demands as a result of these affairs."

"Nothing is more powerful and more enlightening than to see a particular problem for yourself," he said. "My intention in bringing these legislators here was to let them see for themselves if we are exaggerating, if we are emotional when we discuss Logan Airport expansion. The way to reach them is to show them that they came away from East Boston with a clearer understanding of our community."

Mt. Carmel priest gives talks on role of Mary

A series of four talks on Mary's place in the Renewed Church will be offered during the month of May at the Mt. Carmel Parish Hall, 128 Grove Street East Boston. Fr. Norbert De Amato, Franciscan priest of the parish will lead the series.

The dates and subjects follow:

May 5 - "Mary and Vatican II"
May 12 - "Mary, Mother of the Redeemer"
May 19 - "Relevancy of the Four Marian Truths Binding on all Catho­lics"
May 26 - Devotion to Mary

All of the talks will begin at 7:30 p.m.

MAPNAC benefit show

There will be a benefit performance of the musical satire "The Proposition" Thursday, May 6, at 8:30 p.m.

Some of the proceeds will go to Boston Citizens for Participation Politics, the Sierra Club, the Massachusetts Air Pollution and Noise Abate­ment Committee (MAPNAC), the Greater Boston Committee on the Transporta­tion Crisis (GBB), and the Boston Publishers Action Committee.

The show will be held at New England Life Hall, 255 Clarendon St., Boston at 8:30 p.m.

For tickets, write to the Sierra Club, 373 Huron Ave., Cambridge, Mass. Tickets are $5.00 each.
Sports scene: year of downfalls
by Ed Gotgart

Look at it this way, Bruins fans. If they are as great as we thought they were, then you know they'll be back next year and chalk this season up to experience.

If they aren't in fact as good as we thought they were, then we should never have expected them to wipe up the ice with Les Canadians, who, don't forget, were eliminated last year for a playoff berth for the first time in 13 years.

And with all due respect to "Perry Mason on Skates" (law student Ken Dryden), he showed an uncanny ability to be directly on target for the Bruins' barrage. Of course with his size, it's tough not to be in the way.

Year of the falls

Our Bruins aren't alone in their "downfall." Take a look around and see how other World Champions in pro sports have made out this dismal year.

The New York Knicks basketball "dynasty" was methodically dismantled. If they aren't in fact as good as we thought they were, then we should forget, were eliminated last year for all due respect to "Perry Mason on Skates" (law student Ken Dryden), he showed an uncanny ability to be directly on target for the Bruins' barrage. Of course with his size, it's tough not to be in the way.

The Kansas City Chiefs fought the good fight but watched as Johnny Unitas (left to right), Smith (center right), and Billy C. (left to center), Newcomers Griffin (2nd base), Apicrito (2nd base, and Josephson (catcher) are just working in. Sports Illustrated rated Britt, Culp and Siebert among the top 20 American League pitchers this year in efficiency (whatever that means!).

Trivia question: the Channel 38 Bruins' theme song; its name and artist? It's called "Nutty" by the Ventures.

The ex-Boston, Foxboro, Bay State, New England Patriots now have four QBs; Plunkett, Rapp, Hammond and Mike what's his name. In this group, two is company and four is absurd. Wonder who they'll dump.

Speaking of dumping, I don't think Big Swamp Carleton is going to make it out of Coach Tom Johnson's Puppy Palace before draft-time. He'll probably just win Ace Bailey on a one way trip out west to join Eddie Shack and the L.A. Kings.

Oriole win predicted

Bille Jean King took first prize money on the tennis courts and together with Rosemary Casals beat out the French and Australian women's doubles.

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ALSO, EXPERT CEMETERY LETTERING
Soccer club beats Royals, ties with Swampscott team
by Rosario Cascio and Peter Rizzuto

What was considered the hardest game of the East Boston Soccer team's season is over.

The derby that everyone who follows soccer in Boston was waiting for between Swampscott and Eastie is over and the 2-2 score satisfied the fans of both teams.

East Boston started the game showing off best numbers, and soon the Swampscott team was forced on its own area. Eastie tried many times to score but the opponent defense was holding well. Finally at the 25th of the first half, Eastie was able to score, with Carlo Parisi.

But the lead wasn't held for long, since Swampscott came out strong and ten minutes later scored 1-1. On the second half Swampscott, keeping the same rhythm, was able to score again. Eastie seemed to wake up from a stream, and when everything seemed lost, a penalty was awarded to them and Silvano Pezzano scored to tie up the game.

Eastie will play their next game at home (East Boston Stadium) next Sunday, May 2, against Gloucester. The game will start at 3 p.m.

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dised housing programs are going, and replied, "They seem to be getting more done." He mentioned a program of the Department of Housing and Urban Development to aid people in buying second homes, and the success of "modular housing" programs.

Questions legality of fund freeze
Rep. O'Neill said the Democratic national leadership is going to push Nixon to release the funds for such housing projects as the one planned here for the Maverick Square area.

"There's a question of his constitutional rights to withhold this money," said the congressman. "This kind of thing has never happened before. It's curious what rights he has if any." O'Neill said the only similar case he remembered was when President Eisenhower held up $185 million for the space program in 1957.

Asked what action he planned to take personally, he said, "The only thing we can do is to threaten him roughly and coldly in Congress."

O'Neill help asked
Monday, the City Council passed a resolution introduced by Councillor Fred Langone urging O'Neill and other congressmen to get the funds released.

Last week, after O'Neill was in­
terviewed by the Community News, he released a statement to the national press criticizing Nixon for holding up $12.7 million in federal funds.

And this week, he announced he would introduce a resolution to the House "instructing" the President to release the funds.

O'Neill discussed a few other local issues in his interview with the News.

He was asked what pressure he could bring on the FAA to back his stated position that no new runways should be built at Logan Airport.

"What influence do we (congress­men) have over the FAA?" he replied. "I appeared at the time Wood Island Park was being taken. They didn't listen to my pleas."

Concerning unemployment, O'Neill said he felt the solution lay in Demo­cratic-sponsored bills to release $4 billion for public works projects around the country.

On the issue of welfare, O'Neill feels more federal aid is the answer. He favors a program that would provide $2400 to $3000 a year per family from the U.S. government. He had no reac­tion to a question concerning the fairness of present welfare payments, and said a guaranteed annual income is "a long way off."
All about wrestling

Wrestler Jimmy Valient slams the giant cowboy
by Romanina Morganella

Over the past few months many new wrestlers have made their debut in the east coast. One of the newest additions to our scene is a handsome grappler by the name of Jimmy Valient.

Valient made his first debut on the April 17 Boston Garden show. On that show his opponent was the Great Sheik of Montreal, Canada. He won the bout by applying the Olympic Cradle hold on Sheik.

Jimmy explains the hold this way. "I take over my opponent from a headlock position and I hook one of his legs."

His movements in the ring can be described as graceful and elegant yet extremely fast and furious as the time.

Wrestler Jimmy Valient to make, he'd like to see such holds a pretty picture, as many of the women Mulligan beat a hasty retreat to the dressing room while the referee Eddie Santamaria raised Valiant's hand in victory.

Almost a football star

He has quite an impressive background. After graduating Hammond Tech-High School in Indiana he went on to college to the University of Illinois where he majored in physical therapy. He also took part in wrestling and football. He was given a chance to play football for the Chicago Bears but in 1965 he turned to professional wrestling and has been a success in it ever since.

He advises youngsters that if they wish to pursue the same type of career, there are three things they must do. First they must eat the right foods with plenty of protein, next, get plenty of exercise every day, and finally, get lots of rest.

Jimmy has fought some of the meanest men in the business. "Pick the Bruiser and Professor Tanaka head the list as the toughest wrestlers I've fought," he says.

Jimmy has only a few complaints to make, he'd like to see such holds as the "claw hold" and "pyle driver" banned. "Each are dangerous and can disable a wrestler for quite some time."

Slammed Mulligan

In a recent brawl with Black Jack Mulligan, Jimmy upset the cowboy by picking him up and body slamming him to the mat three times, to the astonishment of the fans who had never seen Mulligan taken off his feet before. Mulligan beat a hasty retreat to the dressing room while the referee Eddie Santamaria raised Valient's hand in victory.

Valient wears black tights with a red stripe down the side. His black boots have tiny yellow stars with yellow lines running up the sides. He is movie star material, with a tattoo of an eagle on the upper left arm, the name of Jimmy Valient on his arm. He paints a pretty picture, as many of the women in the audience will attest to.

Jimmy greets the fans with a wave, or sometimes he'll throw kisses showing how grateful he is to have them all rooting for him.

Jimmy would like to someday wrestle Pedro Morales for the title, should the opportunity present itself. "Pedro and I are good friends but that would not stand in the way of my trying to capture the title from him."

Jimmy Valient has been a champion in his own right, having beat Len Rossi in Tennessee and winning the Heavyweight Championship. Many parts of the world have been exposed to this talented young man, Australia, Texas and the midwestern United States have seen this extraordinary wrestler. He is happy to be a part of the east coast wrestling scene, and has grown to like it and plans to make it his home.

For all youngsters who are aspiring to become wrestlers they can simply turn to Jimmy and follow his advice and they are sure to reach their desired goals.

Jimmy Valient is a name of a special wrestler that you will be seeing and hearing about in the very near future!

Lyman student on TV with Ohrenberger
by Rodney Majeski

Recently, an East Boston elementary school student appeared on a new panel discussion show. The student was Paul Debole of the Theodore Lyman School and the show was "For Kids Only."

Each week four students from the greater Boston area, with the help of moderator Bruce Schoegler, interview a prominent or newsworthy citizen. The interview earlier this month involved Superintendent of Schools William Ohrenberger and four students from the Boston public schools.

The sixth graders questioned Superintendent Ohrenberger on such subjects as militancy in the public schools, bilingual education and new schools.

The Superintendent stated that police would be kept in the schools until problems could be discussed peacefully. He went on to say that thirty-six new schools are planned with more emphasis on bilingual education.

Superintendent Ohrenberger promised new buildings for East Boston students.

Visit to Monitor
(6th grade pupils)

The sixth grade classes have visited the Christian Science Monitor. We were taken on a tour of the building by a guide. She showed us the printing presses busy at work.

Later, we walked through a colorful, large and bronze globe called the Mapparium. Our voices were much louder in the sphere because the glass did not absorb the sound.

Finally, we went across the street to the Mother Church of Christ, Scientist. It was the first church built for the religion, discovered by Mary Baker Eddy. This Romanesque church had an organ with over thirteen thousand pipes! We suggest that you visit these buildings sometime.
Briefs

**Point Little League**

by Carmen Faretta

The Jeffries Point Little League season opens at East Boston Stadium on May 18, at 7:00 p.m. Everyone is invited to attend these games and give support to the players.

As a safety precaution, I ask that all bicycles be kept off the playing field. The field is only to be used by Minor and Little League personnel.

The Minor League season starts Saturday, May 8, at 9:30 a.m.

**Girls' Hockey Banquet**

The First Annual Banquet of the American Girls Athletic Association will be held at Lombardo's East, May 18, at 7:30 p.m.

It will honor close to a hundred East Boston and Winthrop girls who make up the world's first girls' hockey league.

Tickets are $6.00 per person.

Contact: Mr. Jerry Clampanillo, 846-2766; Mrs. Helen Tassinari, 609-4027; Mrs. Grace Harrasso, 567-4258; Mrs. Elvira Paladin, 567-9083.

Residents complain about Nelson gym

by Phil Giffey

Some controversy surrounded a meeting of Jeffries Point Residents and the Board of Directors of the Social Center at a gathering held at the Assumption Church on April 28.

The sometimes heated discussion centered on the security of the Nelson Gym on Summer Street.

As you may know, the gym has been abandoned since a fire swept through it about six months ago. Since then, the Board of Directors of the Social Center, in conjunction with community residents, has been working to see if the gym could be refurbished. However, at the meeting, Mrs. Eleanor Welch of Webster Street read a statement signed by 160 residents demanding that the gym be properly secured or torn down. Mrs. Welch stated that the building itself was in such a dilapidated condition that it was a very real danger to children who play in the area.

Stating that the walls are bent and shaky, that rodents and broken glass abound on the site, and that there have been several fires since the original burning, Mrs. Welch said the structure should come down before someone gets killed.

Board claims "gym was secured"

The board in turn claimed that the building had been welded shut and secured, but there were those in the audience who vehemently disagreed.

Several accusations were made concerning the unwillingness of the community residents to work on and maintain this project and about the board's procrastination in getting something accomplished.

The issue was seemingly resolved when everyone agreed that the community definitely needed the gym and the board agreed to have the building secured again, hopefully by this weekend.

**Women's Club**

The Women's Club of East Boston will hold its Annual Meeting on Thursday, May 6, at the Barnes School.

Nominations of officers for the organization will be the main subject of the meeting. Louise F. Brown is Chairlady and Christine M. Murphy is hostess.

Election and installation of officers will take place on May 13. All meetings start at 7:30 p.m.

**Immigrants' Home rehab**

from Land Use Committee

Local developer Dan Rossano is planning to rehab the Swedish Immigrants Home on Marginal Street for 15 units of elderly housing.

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After the reconciliation, Mr. Gabriele Gabella, an architect and a member of Volunteers International Technical Assistance (VITA), presented a slide show and a model of alternative possibilities for the Nelson Gym and surrounding vacant land. Implementation plans for the gym have yet to be finalized.

Plans for Point completed

Plans for the recreation complex at Jeffries Point have been agreed upon by the community. Among other things, the complex will include a hockey rink and an indoor pool. Due to the shortage of available funds however, the complex will have to be constructed over the course of the next couple of years rather than all at once. The most desirable and the most feasible projects will be undertaken first.

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La crisi potrebbe essere risolta
Maggiori delucidazioni guadagno
"East Boston Collaborative"

Recentemente tanti genitori sono stati visitati da Fr. Michael Groden per discutere il consolidamento parziale delle scuole parrocchiali di East Boston.

Fr. Groden, direttore dell'Ufficio Progetti per gli Affari Umani dell’Arcidiocesi, ha spiegato più dettagliatamente le ragioni riguardo alla formazione del gruppo "East Boston Collaborative."

Questo gruppo che consiste di Superiori Provinciali, di Parroci, Prenditori di insegnanti, di dirigenze dei quartieri, di genitori, di studenti, di membri delle scuole parrocchiali di East Boston, presenterà il suo programma per la loro approvazione a tutti i genitori i cui figli frequentano le scuole parrocchiali.

Una delle ragioni per la presenza crisi nelle scuole parrocchiali, ha aggiunto Fr. Groden, è costituita dalla scarsità di insegnanti religiosi per cui si è costretti a assumere insegnanti temporanei e di conseguenza ad aumentare la retta scolastica.

Alcuni genitori credono che l’aumento della retta scolastica ed il timore che le scuole parrocchiali di East Boston, non possono scegliere la comunità e la parrocchia che si dedicano all’insegnamento e che la retta scolastica non verrà aumentata.

Le famiglie rimanenti di East Boston, hanno costretto la parrocchia del Genitore della parrocchia del College di East Boston a contemplare la possibilità di coinvolgere studenti del College di East Boston per la retta scolastica abbastanza elevata. Fr. Groden ha aggiunto che un accordo finanziario si stabilirà con la partecipazione e collaborazione dei genitori per risolvere i problemi finanziari di tutte e sei le scuole.

Un suggerimento da parte di un genitore della parrocchia del Sacred Heart che ha riscosso unanime consenso da parte degli altri genitori è stato quello di coinvolgere studenti del Boston College in questo programma.

La seconda riunione del "Corps of Engineers" sulla presente nuova pista di lancio al Logan Airport è stata rimandata sino al 26 di giugno.

In un annuncio fu dato agli inizi di questo mese agli attuali che tale udienza sarebbe stata tenuta il 24 Aprile.

Il Colonel Edward P. Stefanik dell’"Corps of Engineers" ha affermato che il rinvio è stato tenuto per evitare la richiesta del FAA.

In base a quanto dichiarato Stefanik, la Federal Aviation Agency (FAA) ha respinto certi argomenti del MPA sulleseguito e inquinamento dalla natura ed ha richiesto al MPA di preparare una nuova dichiarazione che sia accettabile all’agenzia.

Inoltre il FAA ha richiesto che il MPA renda di pubblica ragione la loro dichiarazione sul salvaguardia della natura ed altri problemi inerenti all’aeroporto almeno trenta giorni prima del prossimo incontro.

Queste sono le ragioni per cui il MPA ha chiesto per un rinvio dell’udienza.

La prima riunione del "Corps of Engineers" fu tenuta il 26 di aprile scorso. Il Rev. Albert Sallese, membro del Consiglio Direttivo presente a quel tempo le lagnanze per il fatto che qualsiasi dichiarazione ufficiale del MPA non venisse resa pubblica prima di ogni udienza.

Il "Corps of Engineers" deciderà se il MPA possa o meno prosciugare le acque nel porto di Boston per la costruzione della pista di lancio.

La FAA invece decide sui fondi federali da assegnarsi per costruire nuove piste di decollo.

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MPA ottiene rinvio udienza nuova pista di lancio

Forte opposizione alla terzo tunnel

Vi sono tante indicazione che la Mass. Turnpike Authority non darà il suo beneficato per la costruzione del terzo tunnel che avvena. Alla State House la commissione per i trasporti, il 13 aprile, per due ore consecutive ha sentito testimoni delle argomenti del FAA, che ha riscosso unanime consenso. La commissione ha stabilito che l'interesse del MPA per la costruzione del terzo tunnel è stato messo in discussione dalla Commissione Ufficio Progetti per gli Affari Umani dell'Arcidiocesi, che ha affermato che il terzo tunnel sarebbe un modello da seguire per le altre comunità. Fra i partecipanti alla commissione, anche il Rev. Albert Sallese, membro del Consiglio Direttivo presenti alla riunione. Alla fine dell'udienza, seguiti dai membri del corpo insegnante, verranno chiuse.