City sues to halt FAA funds for Logan study

by Dorothy Brickman

Representatives of the City of Boston went to Washington this week to try to block funds for an environmental study for the expansion of Logan Airport.

The study is being prepared by consultants for the Massachusetts Port Authority (MFA) for the second public hearing on a proposed new runway at Logan, June 26, 1971.

The Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), which will review the hearing to be held by the Army Corps of Engineers, requested the MFA to provide a more detailed report on the impact of the project on the environment. Subsequently, the FAA received an application from the MFA for funds totaling $110,927 to pay for the study. This money represents two-thirds of the total estimated cost of $166,390.

The FAA grants funds for master planning and developmental projects at airports under the Airport and Airway Development Act of 1970.

Assistant corporation counsel, Peter Koff, said that an injunction against Transportation Secretary John A. Volpe to hold back the FAA money may be necessary if the Washington visit proves unsatisfactory.

City thinks study "loaded"

Speaking for the City of Boston, Koff said, "We're challenging the fact that the FAA pay for a study to prove a case that they're supposed to be judging impartially."

Welfare hearing set for May 21

A welfare hearing on general relief cuts will be held on Friday, May 21, in Gardner Auditorium at the State House, at 1:30 p.m.

These cuts will affect persons who are on general relief in several ways. Regulations specify that a person may have no more than $50 before he can get general relief, must be unemployed and have no income. With the cuts, there will be no more grants for special needs, such as furniture, moving or special grocery needs.

Regulations will be stricter concerning 18- to 21-year-olds. must be determined that the parents are unable to support the child.

People applying for or on general relief will be referred to the director of employment security regularly. If a person refuses work offered to him his assistance could be cut off.

The public is invited to attend this hearing.

For more information call 864-2980.

Class discussion leads to suspension of high school law course

by Karen London

Classroom discussion about a decision by East Boston High School officials not to renew the contract of a popular teacher has led to the cancellation of a planned three-week Legal Education Project, was aimed at introducing students to "youth and the law."

The special three-week course at East Boston High, being offered by members of the East Boston Legal Assistance Project, said the information was purely an internal administrative decision. "It was purely an internal administrative decision,"

Richard Rubin, lawyer with the Legal Assistance Project, said the incident occurred when students asked what they could do to keep history teacher Maria Butman from being dismissed. The instructor in charge mistakenly said that a law had been enacted guaranteeing "the student body and faculty at every public secondary school the right to veto by majority vote in a school wide referendum the firing of any teacher."

The law is still before the state legislature. Rubin revealed that in gaining acceptance from O'Keeffe to present the law course, an agreement had been reached that the topic of student rights would not be raised. Rubin said the law student teaching the class in question was not aware of the agreement.
MPA board argues over lobbyists, home-buying, planning

by Dorothy Brickman

Massachusetts Port Authority board member Anthony DeFalco has insisted that the Master Plan for Logan Airport expansion be publicly displayed at the next board meeting.

DeFalco wanted to display our latest master plan and the board should have a chance to vote on all extensions," he said at the board meeting on April 29.

"There's one parallel that I don't think should ever be built. The community should know exactly where the board stands," said DeFalco.

Board chairman John Thompson stressed that there was only one master plan, "the one already approved by the Port Authority and the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA)."

"I asked, "Who approved it?" (the master plan)? The MPA staff? I didn't approve it."

DeFalco explained, in what was a lively and unusually tense board meeting, that the master plan was completed after one and three-fourths years of study between the MPA and the FAA.

DeFalco emphasized that all plans require a vote of the board of directors.

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"The items you want to vote for were decided prior to 1965," said Thompson.

Board member Edward C. Maher said, "We as a board have never discussed some of these matters. We never discussed some of the issues that came up at the hearing, and $3 million was spent for the design of the parallel runway. I don't ever recall having discussed the SST here," he added. "These are things we should be talking about."

A motion was made and passed that the master plan be presented at the next meeting. Director of Aviation, Richard E. Nooney, was asked to include any revisions in the plan.

Home-buying discussion

The issue of homepurchasing brought out other disagreements among the board members.

The MPA is considering buying homes in high noise areas of Winthrop and Beachmont as relief to homeowners.

At a meeting held March 17 more than thirty people appeared asking the MPA to buy their homes. They were told that a decision would be made within thirty days after that meeting.

Thompson asked, "Those of you who showed up at the meeting on April 29, Thompson, instead of presenting a committee report on the issue, read from a letter he received from the MPA's legal counsel.

It said in part, "The Authority can purchase homes in areas within the approach zone but not the clear zone. Those that lie outside of the approach zone, which is clearly defined by the FAA, cannot be purchased by the Authority."

Board member Maher expressed dissatisfaction with the letter. "It is a very weak opinion," he said. "It is not definite. I'm very much opposed to the program of home-buying and if we should go to the Supreme Court for a legal decision on this matter."

Thompson replied, "I don't know of any process where we could get a definite opinion on this subject. I'm comfortable with Ropes and Gray (MPA legal counsel)."

Board member Nicholas P. Morrissey said that he didn't see any problems with buying property that would be used in some way by the airport.

Damage suits feared

Maher previously expressed the fear that the MPA would be leaving itself open to damage suits if it bought homes to relieve residents from noise and pollution.

At this meeting he raised the problem of equal treatment to residents.

"How can you buy three houses where there are twenty?" he asked.

Morrissey, reacting to the complex and often frustrating discussion said, "We need to pass legislation so that we can build houses over there. We should be able to build public housing through 'Turnkey' (a federal program to provide funds to build low-income housing). Let's give them what they want - air-conditioning, sound proofing, bocci courts or whatever they want over there."

A decision was made to send letters to those who wanted the MPA to buy their homes to keep them informed of the developments that have taken place.

Lobbyists pay argued

An unusual item on the agenda for the open meeting was the renewal of contracts for Attorneys Malloy and Coyne, MPA lobbyists.

Director King recommended raises for both Malloy and Coyne bringing their salaries up to $24,000 and $14,000 respectively.

He said, "With the bills that are up there at the state house you have no choice but to hire the most effective people to do the job for you.

Maher once again questioned the action of the MPA.

In eight years I've only voted for the budget once," he said. "There should be an accounting as to how we spend our money. You said tonight you were taking some legislators out to dinner - is this part of the lobbying budget? I'm concerned with hockey tickets and that sort of thing. At the end of the year we should have a detailed guide on where we spend our money."

He added, "They (the lobbyists) do an effective job for the MPA whoever that is. They do a lot of work on bills I've never voted for."

"Where parking is no problem"

Two Saturdays ago East Boston Little League players paraded through town to kick off the new season.

Little League manager Anthony Ippolito led off, while coach Sam Zappulla did some traffic directing.

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"What's your favorite liquor?"

"What's your favorite liquor?"

"What's your favorite liquor?"

At the nook on the corner of Hull Street and Thaddeus Street.

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"To the lady who loves flowers"
1,940 turn out at polls to elect new APAC board

by Eileen Kuzefa

1,940 East Boston residents went to the polls last Tuesday to elect 11 members to the new Area Planning Action Council (APAC) board.

In the Jeffries Point area, Theresa Cipriano won with 168 votes against Carmen Faretra with 77 votes. Boris Bigwood, with 135 votes, Barbara Brydie, with 106 votes, and Marie Sorrentino, with 130 votes, won in the Maverick area. Those who also ran there were Holly Crane, 94 votes; Christine Ham, 43 votes, and Fred Stone, 104 votes.

The following candidates were elected in the Eagle Hill area: Joan Bacon, 228 votes; Carlo Cestari, 196 votes; Marie O'Brien, 243 votes; and Daniel Owen, 194 votes. John Cervera also ran and received 181 votes.

In the Jeffries Point area, Therese Devins won with 141 votes and Viola Smith, with 109 votes, also were candidates.

The following were elected as members-at-large: D. Amara, 500 votes; A. Christopher, 580 votes; and M. Coughlin, 412 votes. The following were also candidates for the at-large places: E. Aiello, 290 votes; M. Romovon, 296 votes; D. Gesta, 188 votes; B. Iacono, 145 votes; D. Knox, 180 votes; R. Magazetta, 402 votes; A. Marsiglio, 366 votes; P. Moscarito, 389 votes; R. Palermo, 109 votes; C. Savini, 83 votes; M. Serrino, 85 votes; and K. Simouts.

Area residents express support for Immigrants Home housing project

by Sue Devins

The Land Use Committee of the Local Advisory Council met last Thursday in the Immigrants Home on Marginal St. with residents of the neighborhood and Dan Rossano, a private developer, to discuss the possible use of the home as the future site of 15 units of elderly housing.

Rossano has plans for three 2-bedroom and twelve 1-bedroom apartments. He has gone to the Massachusetts Housing Finance Agency for a loan and has approached the Boston Housing Authority about subsidizing the rents, although he will remain the owner of the apartments.

Concern was voiced by residents about whether the housing would be open housing and about the tenant selection plan.

Rossano responded that the Boston Housing Authority has control over determining which tenants are eligible. He stressed that most applicants should be people from this area and that he, as owner, could propose tenants to the Housing Authority.

Although there are many elderly persons in the area of the Immigrants Home, most of them are property owners and are therefore ineligible for publicly subsidized housing.

Both the Recreation Advisory Council and Rossano would like to develop the nearby area as recreation space.

Drug Council notes

A board election and an open house will be sponsored by the East Boston Drug Action Council.

The Council will hold an election for its board of directors next Tuesday, May 18 at Sacred Heart Hall. The public is encouraged to attend.

May 24 the council will hold an open house at its center, 177 Maverick St., near Maverick Square.

In addition to operating the storefront, the council is searching for a 24-hour live-in facility for ex-drug users, according to the council's president, Louis Pontonutano.

State funding for the council's activities had been delayed, but is now coming through.

From Joe's side

The MPA octopus reaches out for Gov. Sargent and the Army Engineers.

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UNDER-21 VOTERS - Eighteen-year-old Robert Spagnuolo represents the younger generation casting his vote for the first time in a general election.

Long, 184 votes; and L. Tirrell, 98 votes.

Fr. Albert Sallese, chairman of the APAC board, said that "It was a wonderful day and a wonderful election." John White, director of APAC, said that he was pleased at the turnout for the election. "I hope this will be an indication to Washington that people are interested in participating in community action programs," he added.

The Community News succeeded in reaching a few of the newly-elected board members for comment.

Joan Bacon, Eagle Hill winner, said a friend originally suggested she run. "I thought about it and realized that I might be able to do something for the younger children in my area," she said. "They have no place to go and nothing to play with. There is no park or playground, so little children have to play in the streets. They end up playing with the older children who have a bad influence on them, sometimes." She hopes that the APAC board can do something about converting the fire barn on Marion Street into a recreation center.

Marie O'Brien commented, "I've been on the board for a year and I've enjoyed every minute of it. I like working with the senior citizens, bringing their problems back to board meetings."

Marty Coughlin said that he decided to run because he "knows the community best."

"I think I can help give a new sense of direction to an ailing program," he said. "I hope the election of new people will give new ideals and goals to the program. The new faces will give APAC a shot in the arm."
Drug clinic patients discuss methadone program

by Marie Di Flumeri

A controversy arose recently at a meeting with Mayor White concerning the Drug Rehabilitation Clinic located on Porter Street.

One East Boston merchant claimed that his Friday night business had waned because fearful residents wished to avoid the kids who congregated at the square.

Another said he believed the wave of "breaks" may be caused by drug addicts, and suggested the clinic be moved elsewhere in town rather than on a main street.

Comments from the inside

It can be said that no one knows more about a drug users' problems, or the method he uses to rehabilitate him­self, than the drug user himself.

Following are some individual comments offered in an interview by people who frequent the Drug Rehab Cli­nic. Names have been withheld.

"This program... eliminates the pushers"

Male, 29 years old, residence in Revere, Mass.: "I've been in the Methadone pro­gram since the beginning of January be­cause I was sick of using heroin. It was too hard to support and deep down I really want to stop.

"It's really helped me healthwise. Before I went to Boston State Hospital, but I wasn't ready for a quick with­drawal. I don't believe 'once a junkie, always a junkie,' if I did, I'd just as soon hang it up now.

"With me, it was strictly an en­vironmental thing. If you hang with addicts, you drink, if you hang with LSD users, you use it.

"Methadone is the thing today. Nobody can do it 'cold turkey.' The dose isn't enough to make me 'high,' it just makes me feel good.

"This program is good, because it has lowered the crime rate in East Bos­ton and most of all, it eliminates the pushers."

Male, 28 years old, residence in Revere, Mass.:

"I'm going to join the Methadone program to maintain my habit. I don't want to stop drugs now because I don't like life without it."

This person is aware that to join the program, he must also see a pri­vate counselor and go to group therapy meetings. His comments on this are:

"If I can get turned around and be put back into society, I'd be the happiest guy. Right now I'm only tak­ing from society, not giving."

"I doubt if the counselors can help me. In group therapy, there can be no true feelings if you're on dope (he refers to Methadone). It's not the real person talking. The rap sessions at the Drug Action Counci­l because their rules state you have to be drug free or on withdrawal. They claim the Storefront's reasoning is that anyone who is 'high' might influ­ence those who are drug free.

"But being on a maintenance dose doesn't mean you're 'high', said one person. Another stated, "Being 'high' shouldn't affect anybody who is drug free, if they're really serious about staying drug free. They can come up from the place and see someone 'high' two blocks away, it's the same thing."

When the subject arose about the merchants complaining concerning the number of "breaks" in the square area, all agreed when one person said, 'That's a lot of baloney, We're just plain thieves and never take 'junk'. We always get blamed for everything."

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"It bothers me when people reject me. We're not animals."

Male, 29 years old, residence in Revere, Mass.: "I've been on the program since it opened in August. It doesn't matter to me that it's on a main street, as long as I can get the help I need.

"Sure, it bothers me when people refuse to stop drugs, but I get to Bridge­water for 30 days."

Female, 19 years old, residence in East Boston, Mass.:

"I've been on the program since it opened in August. It doesn't matter to me that it's on a main street, as long as I can get the help I need.

"Sure, it bothers me when people refuse to stop drugs, but I get to Bridge­water for 30 days."

"In the future, I plan to get a job. I recently applied for one in the square, but they said it was filled.

"Right now I still need the cli­nic. I don't have enough courage to fight the problems on the outside. I have to help myself first before I can help others.

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As one user put it, "At least we are trying to get help, which is more than can be said for some people who look down on us."
E. Boston's three drug programs discussed

by Marie Di Flumeri

An inter-agency meeting was held Wednesday morning, May 5, at the Social Center. Its purpose was to find out from social service, city and state and federal agencies how the usual case handles the problem. The three programs that were discussed and the residents came.

There were three programs that were discussed:

1. The Drug Rehabilitation Clinic on Porter Street, the Drug Action Council on Maverick Street, and the Narcotic Addict Rehabilitation Act program (NARA) stationed in the Social Center.

2. The Drug Action Council is a self-help program and NARA offers a "total treatment plan."

3. NARA program explained

The NARA program has had some exposure through the news media. The oldest of the three programs, NARA, has been operating without much recognition.

It is a long term program involving 42 months of rehabilitation and is directed toward opiate users only. There are three stages to be followed:

1) A thirty day examination and evaluation period, now done in the community. The program evaluator talks to the individual and family, then makes a decision as to what the patient will need in the next stage.

2) In-patient hospital treatment in Lexington, Kentucky. Here a patient is detoxified and enters a 6 month maximum treatment phase.

3) Aftercare follow up done in the community. A counselor is assigned on an individual basis for a period of 3 years.

Pat Vinal, administrator of the NARA program at the Social Center, says, "We are trying to get the in-patient treatment here at a local hospital and carry out the entire program in the community. Some people have come in to inquire about the program, but when they heard they had to go to Kentucky they said, 'never mind, thank you' and walked away. I often refer them to the Drug Rehab Clinic or the Storrow front.'"

There are nine patients presently enrolled in the program. Two are at the Challenge House and are working out successfully. One is at FIRST in Roxbury. "Halfway houses which all three agencies favor as being effective in drug control."
Half-way house -- the first step back

by Eileen Ruzek

In East Boston Jim Curto has been working with alcoholics since he started an Alcoholic's Anonymous group in Orient Heights two and a half years ago. He now runs a half-way house for alcoholics at 52 White St. in East Boston.

The half-way house, called Rehabilitation Health, Inc., found its first home at 83 Lubec St. almost a year ago. Residents of the street, however, objected. Although they claimed to be in favor of the cause, they held a protest meeting and forced Curto to move, causing all funds invested in the Lubec St. building to be lost.

Curto moved the half-way house to 191 Chelsea St., but the building was much too small.

Finally Rehabilitation Health, Inc. moved to 52 White St. Their new home was a boarding house and it was a mess, its rooms and hallways dingy and rubbish-strewn. The men living there were invited to stay and become part of the project if they would give up drinking, but all declined, except Joe, a cat who still lives there.

The house is now extremely clean. The cleaning is organized by George Weil, the manager, and residents volunteer to do various jobs. Furniture was donated by the residents wherever they could find it. A large stove in the kitchen was donated by Father Sallesen of the Holy Redeemer Church.

The men in the house do the cooking for lunch and breakfast, and a cook comes in to prepare dinner. Weil pointed out many of the men came into the house suffering from malnutrition. Director Curto personally provides most of the funds to run the half-way house. Money is also contributed by the residents.

George Weil attributes the success of the house to Curto's hard work. "Mr. Curto is a very dedicated man. He'll do anything he can for the men in the house."

Fears and phobias

Curto explained that the house is run on the principles of Alcoholics Anonymous. Residents of the house must attend two meetings a week, one on Tuesday night and one on Friday night. These meetings are important, according to Curto, because they make it possible for the men in the house to mix with the outside world: "The men coming in here have shells around them," he said. "They have many fears and phobias."

Bull sessions are encouraged as a kind of group therapy. The sessions are conducted by Weil or by an outsider from A.A.

Both Curto and Weil feel the house has been very successful in helping men prepare to return to a normal life. Several have left to return to their homes and families.

"Many of the residents come here having completely given up hope in life and of getting back into society. But they find out that it can be different."

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Jim Curto shown in the first stages of cleaning up a messy boardinghouse he converted to an alcoholics' half-way house.

Has to be dry

In explaining how the house operates, Curto and Weil emphasized that the men who come there have to be ready for help. If a resident takes a drink, he is discharged until the next day, when he can return to the house sober to discuss his problems with the manager and the director.

If they feel they still sincerely want help, he is given another chance to remain. In many instances men are given several chances. "A guy can be dried out physically, but he has to be dry in his head, too, before he can succeed in kicking the habit," Weil commented. "A positive attitude is very important."

Recreation in the house centers around cards and T.V. The residents are working on a gym in the basement. A great deal of time is also spent in fixing up the house. "The men in the house get along very well," Curto pointed out.

The house also attempts to place men in educational and training programs. The New Careers program of ABCD provides services under professional guidelines. Some residents of the house are involved in Manpower Development and Training Act (M.D.T.A.) re-training programs at the Daniel Webster School.

A drug called antabuse is used to help the alcoholic develop defenses against the impulse to drink. A person is conditioned to take one tablet every night for two weeks, then a half tablet every night for the following week, and a quarter tablet every other night for seven or eight months. The drug has the effect of making the user violently ill if he drinks alcohol.

Curto is anxious to get Federal funding for the half-way house. He is on the Harbor View Mental Area Board subcommittee on alcoholism, which he thinks will be the channel for this funding. He has worked at the Halfway House for ten months without pay and needs money urgently to continue with his plans for the house.

He hopes to acquire the property next door and build a swimming pool in the back yard there. Curto says more staff members are needed. His goal is to put together teams of two men who would go to hospitals to pick up alcoholics about to enter the house. These two men would stay with the alcoholic for 30 days, until he became adjusted to living in the house.

He also needs a full-time cook and assistant manager, as well as equipment for the gym. Curto would like the half-way house to be able to offer a three-phase program of rehabilitation. At present, the house can only offer the first phase of rehabilitation—to help alcoholics temporarily stop drinking. The other two phases involve prolonging sobriety and finally rejoining society.
**POETRY**

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and reach up to the blue
sky, the bright sun;
to look down on the powdery clouds,
like fine white ashes that would blow
away by the slightest breeze;
to glance back and see
the tip of the jet-wing
hanging in space;
to dip with the plane;
not to see the earth, but
to feel where it is;
to cross 200 miles
in 45 minutes.

It really is great to fly,
except for the thought of
landing at Logan or LaGuardia;
for the thought of the baby that cries
the grandmother that shivers,
the words that are lost......

Go away Logan. Go out to sea.
And let me fly without remorse!

by Marijke Hacobian

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How old is sixteen
To the father?
How old is eighteen
To the mother of the son?
How old is eighteen to die?
How old is eighteen to be a father?
Eighteen, sixteen, more days and
One more year
Numbers, numbers
How many numbers can we live?
Count the numbers to be a husband
Count the numbers to be a father
Count the numbers to be a son
Count the numbers to be a brother
Count the numbers to your life
One, two, three, four, five
Whose war is mine?
Tell me my country
How many numbers can you give him?
How many numbers can
You give yourself?
Play a game of numbers
It is illegal!
Who will arrest you?
With military might
You play his life
With what right?

by Marie Derosso

**School plans year-end fete**

All School Volunteers for Boston and teachers and principals of East Boston are invited to attend the School Volunteers for Boston "Year End" party.

The party will be held at the Sheraton-Boston Hotel, Prudential Center, May 20 at 8 p.m. There will be refreshments, displays, and entertainment by the children of Barnes Jr. High.

For further information call: 267-2626.

**Glass in the grass**

by Dorothy Brickman

Wednesday - lunch hour in East Boston.

It was the first real seasonal heat. Central Park was full, every bench occupied, those facing in and those facing out. Sunlight bathed my tea.

From my bench I watched the children parade, each clapping somebody's larger hand or the cool handle of a stroller.

Three little boys teared an older man. He's caring for them, their mothers probably shopping at the Plaza.

Don't step in the puddle he motioned, trying to shut the gate and lead them into another area of the park. One by one each splashed through the mud and dashed by him before he could grab hold. And then they ran back over the other way, taunting and laughing.

The old man finally sat down on a nearby bench and yawned. It was hot. The bridge hanging in the distant grey-blue sky looked hot.

Three teen age boys were rough-housing on the grassy part of the park. As in a flash, the game changed and each brandished a large empty liquor bottle. The sound of broken glass rang out. They had their weapons now, the jagged edges held high and menacing.

They laughed and played - then suddenly were gone. And all the glass, left in the grass.

A cop walked once around the park and left a long-haired bystander to move on.

The broken glass sparkled in the sun. A woman with some children came. She opened the gate and said "go play, children." (Go enjoy whatever grass and trees you find on this nice day.

There's not much around in this part of the city. Someday I'll tell you about a park we used to have.)

I watched the children in their lovely clothes, gently gallop around.

It must be done. I got up and walked to the area where most of the big pieces of glass had fallen and started to pick them up. Children gathered around, somehow knowing they could watch but shouldn't help.

And then, I looked for a trash barrel. No barrel. No barrel anywhere for anyone to throw away an empty bottle of Muscatel or a paper tea cup or a paper napkin or just lots of pieces of broken glass.

I walked back down Bennington St. carrying some paper bags of broken glass and some broken liquor bottles.

I wondered what people might have thought as they saw me.

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East Boston’s street sports

by Ed Gotgart

To some who read this article, memories of Double Bubble gum, black taped baseballs and hot, dusty summer days will be recalled. To others, wonder and amusement at these strange forms of street competition will result. But to all readers, hopefully, the joys of childhood and the simplicity of the world of children will be appreciated and preserved for generations to come.

Of all the games played on the streets of East Boston, it seems that those with counterparts in other cities and in some cases in other parts of the world. However, no other game fascinates the first time observer more, nor bewilders the out-of-state "street sport fan" more, than the game of halfball.

So parochial is this bizarre game that it is rumored that parts of East Boston haven’t heard or seen it yet. None the less, this game of incredible finesse and unbelievable accuracy continues as an all-time favorite of street athletes. The game needs a minimum of two players and a maximum of six. Rumor has it that there was once an eight-player game played down by Savio High, but this record has never been confirmed.

The ideal situation is to have two players per team—one pitcher and one catcher. The equipment needed is simple. A broomstick or a mop handle (a shovel handle will do in a pinch, but some "leagues" have outlawed them like the curved stick in hockey). A pimple ball is cut in half along its seam. A three-decker house is needed across from home plate (usually a curb stone).

The house makes measuring hits (singles, doubles, triples and homers) easy. The rules are simple, mostly taken from baseball rules. The major difference is that the batter does not run bases, one strike caught successfully by the catcher constitutes an out, and any ground ball caught before it passes the pitcher is an out.

Also, with a man on base, a fly ball or foul tip which is caught in the air constitutes a double play. A half ball hit past the pitcher in fair territory is a single. Any ball striking the three decker above the ground but below the second floor is a double. The second floor is a triple and the third floor is a home run. Over the house is not only a home run, but a topic for conversation for about a month or until someone else performs this fantastic feat.

Steps, Errors, Wholeball

Some of the other less unique and less sophisticated games are "Steps", "errors", half-ball's counterpart "wholeball", as well as the conventional baseball, hockey and football.

Steps can be played by any number of players, the objective being to score a determined number of points before the opposition. All that is needed to play steps are a pimple ball, a regulation sidewalk and a set of front stairs, preferably brick or concrete since the wooden stairs had those little lips on the edge which made pointers (100 points) tough to come by.

The game of Errors is played very much like halfball except that the ball is a whole pimple ball and it is struck off a wall instead of hit by a bat. The game requires good fielding and a knowledge of the playing surface such as sewers, manhole covers, potholes and parked cars.

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Half-ball Olympics?

In all these games, and even in the way the more conventional games are played, improvisation and adaptation seem to be the key elements. If the playing area is too constricted, what could be more logical than cutting down the size of the ball—literally!

If there aren't enough guys on the block to field a decent baseball team, what could be more simple than inventing a baseball-like game for four players? Given the success of the Americans in their best Olympic sport—basketball—which was invented, developed and instituted into the Games by the Americans, who knows, there may someday be a Gold Medal for Halfball, and you can bet an East Bostonian team will be there to collect it.

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步骤错误，完整球

还有一些其他的较不独特和较不复杂的游戏，如"步骤"、"错误"、半球的对手"完整球"，以及常规棒球、曲棍球和足球。

步骤可以由任意数量的球员进行，目标是超过对方的得分。所有需要的设备是一个屁球、一个普通的人行道和前面的楼梯。目标是100分。

游戏"错误"的玩法非常像半球，但所用的球是一个完整的屁球，并且被击出的球必须留在墙上。投手的目标是接住球，如果球被接住，就算出局。

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Dear landlord:

(EDITOR’S NOTE: The following is part of a letter written by Mrs. Mary Southern to her landlord. A copy was sent to the Community News for publication. We were unable to contact the landlord to get comment on the letter. The landlord claimed in East Boston District Court that the apartment she occupied was not her own, that Mrs. Southern was a widow. Mrs. Southern’s husband of many years is not deceased.)

I must thank you for the thought of inviting me to vacate your tiny little bird house of four rooms that you call an apartment. You call it your house, and yes, you own it and collect the rent. But far from being a gracious person for what you do have, you have no compassion for your tenants or their needs. The eviction notice is a mere piece of paper considering that I told you that I was going to move anyway as soon as the weather became warm.

But I have not been so fortunate. I have a granddaughter in school and must consider their education. I cannot see the fairness in jeopardizing their education for your whims. Of course, not being a property owner, and only the payer of your taxes, mortgage and water bills, through any amount of rent you wish to demand of me, I have no say in court about my needs for my children. Anything else. As a tenant my family must suffer and move to any place I may be lucky to find to rent.

Maybe this letter will put a thought into a few minds, to stop and think about what children have to go through when they have to change schools, and the conditions people must endure through processes of law. The eviction notice is a real bonus in helping us to find another place that is safe and free of hazards from you all the time. It will also be warm and the rent will not be raised.

Where is your victory? What have you really won? I have won a great deal, as I am still an honest person, who cares for others. If I did not care, I would have answering your eviction notice in this manner or send you a personal card of thanks.

Your tenant,
Mrs. Mary Southern

Filton alumnae banquet planned

Filton’s Notre Dame Alumnae will hold its Seventieth Annual Banquet Tuesday evening, May 25 in Pitaro Hall. Tickets are $5.00. Contact Sister Elinor Rose, S.N.D., 567-8690 or Rena Lopilato, 569-0676, before May 19. Reservations are a must. Jean’s of Milford will cater a complete chicken dinner. Special entertainment will be the Massachusetts College of Sweet Adelines an International organization of Women’s barbershopping groups. All alums and friends are invited.

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Sallese may sue for bond-holders list

"The Father is going to sue us," announced Massachusetts Port Authority (MPA) Chairman, John Larkin Thompson at the April 29 board meeting. Thompson was referring to action sought by MPA board member Rev. Albert Sallese in an attempt to get access to information about airport expansion plans and about the bondholders.

The suit has not yet been filed but Sallese, frustrated by repeated attempts to get the information has retained attorney Joseph Oteri.

In a letter sent to MPA secretary-treasurer Edward Hanley and director Edward King, Oteri requests that a number of materials be turned over to Sallese, as he first requested one year ago.

Among the documents asked for are: 1) a list of all MPA bondholders; 2) A copy of the first Logan Airport master plan prepared by the Airport Management Board; and 3) A copy of the map prepared by the present management under Edward Kennedy which indicated all presently projected future expansion of Logan Airport and development of the areas adjacent to it.

The letter states, "Without free access to such information no member of the board of directors of the Authority can satisfy the obligations of his office. There is no question that denial of access to such records frustrates the public policy of the Commonwealth and places arbitrary and unprecedented roadblocks to Father Sallese’s efforts to fulfill his corporate and public responsibility as defined by the laws of this state...We are hopeful that we will not have to resort to the courts in order to gain compliance with the laws of the Commonwealth."

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Koff also said that the FAA would be paying for a "loaded" study, a study designed to justify airport expansion.

"Of the $166,000 to be spent, only $5,000 is planned to consider alternatives to expansion of the airport. All the rest will be used to prove their (MPA) case," said Koff.

Koff said city officials were not consulted by the MPA on their expansion plans.

He was asked what would happen if the city was successful in its attempts to prevent the FAA from providing funds for the MPA’s report.

"Let the FAA pay for their own study," he said.

At the last MPA board meeting on April 29, board members voted to accept the FAA money and go ahead with the project. The application for the grant had been sent to the FAA on April 16, before the board meeting took place.

At the meeting, board member Rev. Albert Sallese asked if the environmental study presented at the last hearing was rejected by the FAA. MPA Executive Director, Edward King said it was not rejected. He did not elaborate.

"We are spending three times as much money on this statement as what was spent on the first statement," Sallese pointed out to the rest of the board.

King replied, "It is in our own best interest to do the job as thoroughly as possible."

De Falco: "Shoddy report!"

Board member Anthony De Falco commented that the study presented by the MPA at the last hearing was a "shoddy report." De Falco asked if the same consultants were being used for the second hearing. King said that the same firm, Landrum and Brown, would be employed to do the study.

John Vitagliano, Director of the Massachusetts Air Pollution and Noise Abatement Committee (MAPNAC), in a recent development has prevailed on engineers to cancel the June 26 public hearing for the proposed new parallel runway and runway extensions.

In a letter written to Colonel Frank P. Bane of the Army Corps Vitagliano asserts that the money the FAA would be granting the MPA is for a "justification" statement and not an environmental impact statement.

The letter points out that the FAA can support environmental statements that "are weighted so that the contents will not be misconstrued as being merely a rationalization for a predetermined objective."

The letter continues, "Even a cursory analysis of the Port Authority work proposal that accompanied their request for Federal funds will show that it is solely an intent to prove the case for the runway."

Vitagliano has also written to Transportation Secretary John A. Volpe who has executive powers over the FAA to intervene in the matter and prevent "blatant misuse of Federal funds."

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LETTERS

- "Protected, supported existence drives women to welfare"

To the staff:

I was certainly surprised at how little the people who were interviewed by the inquiring reporter seemed to know about one of the issues of liberation. Even if the men are indifferent, the women of East Boston ought to inquire more about something that affects them so.

I just thought I would point out a few interesting facts available to me as a social worker for the Department of Public Welfare.

Just about half of my General Relief case load are women who are over forty-five years of age and are widowed, divorced, legally separated, or the men are too old and are forced to become too ill to continue supporting their families. If these women have held jobs since they were married, they are reaching the age where an employer no longer wants them because they don't have the energy or health of a younger girl. On the other hand, the kind of jobs they have held, experience does not make them a more valuable employee than youth.

But most of these women have not worked since they married, because they were raised to believe, and their husbands had to believe, that a woman's place is in the home. So when they suddenly are faced with the end of this protected, supported existence and attempt to go to work, they discover no employer wants them. They are not only older and therefore less energetic and adaptable; they are unskilled or too rusty in what skill they once did have.

Therefore they are forced to the last resort: welfare. And to that category of assistance, if their children are grown, as they are likely to be by age 45, which provides the barest, meanest support. This category is specifically designed to make life tough; to push people back to work out of necessity. The department recognizes that the amount of money allowed does not meet a person's total basic living expenses. The category is designed to tide a person over a brief crisis.

Yet half of the people on this assistance, these women, are not very likely to get off this program until they turn 65. If the employer does not want them now because they are no longer young and spry, he isn't going to want them tomorrow when they are even less young.

So these women are forced to live under these oppressive conditions, trying to force the money to meet their bills, living day by day with financial stress eating away at their sense of physical and mental well being.

And when the state gets in financial trouble and needs to cut the budget, here is the first category that gets cut.

I ask, as a woman, that parents encourage their daughters to get the training, education, and work experience that will enable them to take care of themselves. If they should choose, after gaining all this, to let somebody else take care of them, that is their choice. But at least they have the choice. And for those who choose, though married, to continue to work, please - don't make life hard for them. Husbands, think how much better off they will be if anything should happen to them.

But the main point is that too few people know what women's liberation is all about. There is much publicity, but little of it really looks at the issues which concern the movement. But there is much information available which is really good, some of it available at book stores around Boston. Why not read some of it?

Adrienne Amirian

Brookline

- Relief Station service "terrible"

To the staff:

On Friday, May 7, at about 8 p.m. I called the East Boston Relief Station and asked if they could help my husband, who had a ring stuck on a swollen finger. A woman said yes they could. So we went down.

When we got there the building seemed empty. In one room there was a television on but no one was in the room. We called out and no one answered. We did not enter the examining room because of the medical supplies it contained, but we stood in the doorway.

After a while we went outside and ask a assistant standing by an ambulance driver stationed in front. He came back in with us and started looking around. He followed him into the examining room and there was a doctor sitting in the corner reading a magazine. It is my opinion he had just ignored our calls.

My husband told him about his finger. The doctor replied, "What did you come here for?" and "What do you expect me to do?" Then he said we'd have to wait for the nurse to return. He sat down with his magazine and ignored us.

After waiting a short while we decided we'd seek help somewhere else. As we were walking away the driver of the ambulance called us over and apologized for this terrible service. He also asked for our name and address, saying he wanted to report the incident. We didn't ask who he would report it to, and I'm sorry to say we didn't find out his name.

And in all honesty, we were just going to forget about the whole thing. After thinking about this, I've decided it's had to have this attitude. No resident of this city should be treated in this manner. I would really like to know if this kind of thing has happened to anyone else seeking medical help there. And if it has, please let it be known, so that something can be done to improve this community's Relief Station.

Elizabeth Bouvier
East Boston

Boston Evening School holds open house

by Sally Verstein

The Boston Evening School Center, located in the Barnes Jr. High School, celebrated its annual open house last Wednesday evening, May 5.

On exhibit were items hand-crafted in various evening classes. Such items included elaborately decorated cakes, ceramic dishes and knack-knacks, and knitted clothing.

Of particular interest were the paintings and drawings included in the art exhibit. Portraits, still life pictures and landscapes were displayed.

Director of the evening art class, Mr. LaCedra, said his students include beginners as well as experienced artists. He also said all his students receive individual instruction and are encouraged to "do their own thing."

Most evening classes at the Barns are small enough to allow the instructors to give individual attention to their students.

The open house program also included a fashion show produced by the sewing and knitting classes and various musical and dance recitals.

The Boston Evening School Center (at the Barnes School) offers the following programs:

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Soccer team loses by close score

by Rosario Casocio

Eastie lost its first game of the season against the Boston International with a score of 4-3. Eastie started the game with a fast pace as usual and soon led the game 1-0 on Silvano Pezzano's goal.

Because this was the first time Eastie's team experienced playing on astro turf and because the Boston Internationals were better organized, two goals were scored by Eastie to make the score 2-1 at the half.

In the second half two more goals were scored by the Internationals. In the last fifteen minutes George Lo Grassio scored two goals for Eastie to end the game in a close 4-3 score.

Eastie's soccer team won its third game by forfeit since the Gloucester soccer club did not show up. Therefore, the Massachusetts State Soccer League assigned Eastie two points for a win.

Our next game will be played at the East Boston Stadium next Sunday at 3:00 p.m. against the General Electric soccer club.

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Little League openers plagued by rain

After an opening day postponement and a second game shortened by rain, the South Little League in Jeffries Point got into full swing last week with Rapino’s Cubs and Santarpio’s Mets each winning 2 games.

On May 4, the Cubs beat the Pirates 11-3 behind plenty of hitting. On May 6 Bob DiRoberto smashed his first home run of the season to lead the Cubs over the Astros, 5-1. The Mets won their first game of the year, 7-6 over the Angels, as Salvatore, Lewis, and Amoroso had at least 2 hits a-piece. The Mets beat the Pirates, also by a 7-4 score, as the Mets came from behind in the 6th inning to win it.

Robert Ferrandini wants to re-build parts of East Boston. He has completed a series of drawings showing his plans for various projects throughout the city.

"A city is a living breathing thing," he says, quoting architect Frank Lloyd Wright.

In line with this thought his first proposal is for a giant air pump to be located near the tunnels. Ferrandini is 22 years old. He graduated East Boston High School in 1969 and is presently a junior at Massachusetts College of Art. His drawings, free-form architectural sketches, are somewhat like poems because of the ideas they represent.

Future issues of this paper will show more of Ferrandini’s work including plans for a cultural center with a theatre, a “new” Wood Island Park and low-income housing projects.

In the Central Minor League all games were rained out except one as the Cardinals beat the Braves, 7-3.

Central League standings Week ending May 8, 1971

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Design for a new East Boston

252' PUMP

Giant bicycle-type pump conceived by artist Robert Ferrandini as both a practical and symbolic approach to the pollution problem in East Boston.
Camera dei Deputati approva la MPA "liberazione di commercio"

Un disegno di legge presentato alla Massachusetts Port Authority concernente la creazione di una zona libera di commercio nello stato Massachusetts è stato inizialmente approvato il 20 Aprile. È un voto della Camera dei Deputati statali.

La tale proposta diventerà legge, il MPA avrà il diritto di operare una libera zona di commercio in East Boston.

Il direttore del MPA, Edward King, ha dichiarato in una intervista che tale liberalizzazione di commercio avrebbe una vasta impresa nelle prossime aeroporti.

Il Rappresentante Minnie Pitaro, che ha vantato a favore di tale proposta, ha affermato che tale zona sarà con ogni probabilità stabilita, considerando il fatto che non si tratta di un'importante opposizione a questo disegno di legge.

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by Paolo Pollastrone

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L'East Boston Soccer Club vince la terza partita e perde la quarta

by Rosario Cascio

Boston 5/27/71. L'Eastie vince la terza partita di campionato per 2-0 a tempo supplementare, per il ritiro della squadra di Gloucester.

Boston 5/9/71. L'East Boston perde l'intera partita a Boston University Stadium contro l'internazionale per quattro reti a tre.

La partita ha inizio alle ore 4:30 sotto una pioggia insistente e per la prima volta su un campo artificiale (turf).

L'Eastie ha comunque iniziato la partita molto veloce e al 15° segna la prima rete con Silvano Pezzano. Ha subito dopo cominciato a perdere l'incisività sotto la pressione di una squadra più organizzata e di un campo artificiale, dove nuovi metodi devono essere applicati, così che al 35° l'internazionale pareggia e al 43° raddoppia.

Il secondo tempo sul 2-2 è ancora l'internazionale a segnare il pallo, più balordi che si possa vedere entrare in rete, la pallo rotola letteralmente col portiere che la guarda all'ultimo senza cercare di fermala, e al 30° l'internazionale passa ancora.

A questo punto l'Eastie cambia Carlo Cutillo prende il posto di centromediano col solo aiuto di Tony Rano mentre nel resto della squadra è protesa all'attacco, questa mossa dà all'Eastie due gol e la partita si chiude col punteggio di 4-3.

L'East Boston giocherà la prossima partita a East Boston Stadium alle ore 3:00 p.m. contro la General Electric.

Una libera zona di commercio consiste in un'area con servizi postali è internazionalmente esente dalle leggi doganali degli Stati Uniti. Questa meticolosamente organizzata area per la produzione di manufatti entro tale zona senza essere soggetta alle solite tariffe. Gli articoli verrebbero tassati solamente quando sarebbero esportati fuori dalla zona.

Il Rappresentante Pitaro ha avuto successo nell'allegerare due riserve a tale proposta di legge. Carlo Giovorelli ha richiesto un particolare stato di Commissione sui trasporti, ha affermato che con queste due modificazioni, il disegno di legge si presentava ben accetto. Le riserve sono: 1) che tale zona abbia il beneficio della comunità. 2) che la proprietà sia soggetta alle tasse di Ricchezza immobiliare.

I negozianti si lagnano col sindaco per la Drug Clinic

Il sindaco di Boston, Kevin White, lunedì 26 Aprile, ha in East Boston per presentare alla nostra comunità delle novità poliziesche.

Durante il corso di una informale riunione, a titolo di conoscerci meglio, ci siamo trovati a discutere dei problemi che la nostra comunità ha affrontato.

Il Signor Jack Fino dice che il crimine è salito al 75 per cento dall'estato a causa delle droghe. Ha aggiunto che ogni negoziante in East Boston ha detto che essi hanno paura dell' aumento della criminalità. Mr. Ladd ha aggiunto che ogni negoziante in questi mesi passati ha subito diverse robeerie e che lo stesso suo negozio ha perduto il 60 per cento del suo commercio a venerdì sera.

Il Direttore difende la clinica per i drogati.

Mr. Harold Ladd, anche lui negoziante, è d'accordo col Signor Fino. Mr. Ladd in un'altra intervista disse che egli aveva parlato con altri negoziante in Bennington Street e tutti hanno detto che essi hanno paura dell' aumento della criminalità. Mr. Ladd ha aggiunto che ogni negoziante in questi mesi passati ha subito diverse robeerie e che lo stesso suo negozio ha perso il 60 per cento del suo commercio.

Il piccolo City Hall da aiuto ai consumatori

Per educare e proteggere i consumatori di Boston, il sindaco White ha scelto un rappresentante di ogni piccolo City Hall in Boston per essere educato e dare aiuto legale ai consumatori.

Il Dottore, Alan Fisch, direttore della clinica, ha raggiunto tutte le accuse dei negoziante alla riunione col sindaco. Egli disse che due terzi dei suoi pazienti hanno il lavoro e che nessuno dei suoi pazienti è stato arrestato a causa delle droghe.

La Twin Bakery

Pane italiano Torte di gelato Paste italiane Baked Alaska Donuts Pizza Torte per Sposali e per compleanni Specialità fresche di ogni giorno

Salvucci nutre del dubbio

Fred Salvucci dell'ufficio del Sindaco, a riguardo di tale disegno di legge ha fatto la seguente dichiarazione, "La città di Boston non accetta favorevolmente l'idea d'una giurisdizione assoluta del MPA sulle libere zone di commercio." Egli ha messo in risalto che la rivendicazione di tale zona da parte della comunità è molto importante poiché in questo modo la città potrebbe esercitare un certo controllo giuridico su tale progetto.

Salvucci inoltre ha affermato, "East Boston non è un posto idoneo per la creazione di tale zona. Una libera zona di commercio ha delle vaste possibilità dal punto di vista dei profiti e può essere soggetta inoltre a notevoli espansioni."