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 (MPA) 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 MPA to provide a more detailed report on the impact of the project on the environment. Subsequently, the FAA received an application from the MPA 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 development 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.
MPA board argues over lobbyists, home-buying, planning

by Dorothy Brickman

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

DeFalco emphasized that all plans require a vote of the board of directors. He said that he didn't approve it.

The board meeting, 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. But he added, "There's one parallel that I don't think should ever be built. The community should know exactly where the homes in high noise areas of Winthrop and Beachmont as relief to homeowners. They were told that a decision would be made within thirty days after that meeting. That's the way I want to vote for Logan Airport.

Home-buying discussion

The issue of home-purchasing brought up other disagreements among the board members.

The MPA is considering buying homes in high noise areas of Winthrop and Beachmont as relief to homeowners. A motion was made and passed that the master plan be presented at the next meeting. Director of Aviation, Richard E. Mooney, was asked to include any revisions in the plan.

"The items you want to vote for were decided prior to 1985," said Thompson.

Board member Edward G. 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. Mooney, was asked to include any revisions in the plan.

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1,940 turn out at polls to elect new APAC board
by Eileen Kuzieja

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 186 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 Molly 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.

The following candidates were elected in the Orient Heights area: Mary Ann Martines with 194 votes; Jacqueline Hamlet 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, 402 votes; R. Magaletta, 180 votes; R. Iacono, 145 votes; D. Knox, 180 votes; B. Iacono, 135 votes; and M. Serino, 85 votes; M. Serrino, 85 votes; and E. Simon.

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."

Martha 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," she 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."

From Joe's side

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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 site 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.

Area residents express support for Immigrants Home housing project
by Sue Devins

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 Tontodonato.

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

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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 in Revere, Mass.

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 was rundown, now I have some respect back, I don't look 'high' and I don't have to worry about my next fix. 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 alcoholics, 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 (self-help program located on Maverick Street) are more truthful, because those kids are drug free."

"I say if a person really wants to stop drugs, he should go to Bridge-water 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 reject me, but I think I'd feel worse if they stuck us on some little side street. We're not animals."

"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."

General views from the group

In the few days that followed the personal interviews, I had occasion to sit and talk informally with several members of the Drug Clinic.

They expressed great concern over the fact that clinic members who were on a "maintenance dose" could not take part in programs offered at the storefront run by the Drug Action Council.

"We get blamed for everything"...call 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 take care of the place and see someone 'high' two blocks away, it's the same thing."

When the subject arose about the merchants complaining about the number of "breaks" in the square area, all agreed when one person said, "That's not a lot of balls when you've seen halfway houses run by addicts and seen halfway houses run by addicts and plain thieves and never take 'junk'. We always get blamed for everything."

A controversy discussion followed when "halfway houses" were mentioned. The group was in agreement that they were needed, but differences of opinion were stated in the management of them.

Most agreed that professional and domestic help should be employed. A doctor or nurse should be there "in case anyone got sick while drawing." "I could make my own bed and keep my room clean," said one voice, "but someone would have to keep the sheets clean, cook and make sure no 'stuff' was being brought in."

An opposing voice stated, "I've seen halfway houses run by addicts and ex-addicts. They took shifts and everyone did their own cooking and cleaning. Those that were too sick couldn't, but their turn came when they were drug free."

The drug scene is a complex one. The emotions, ideas, and problems of the "junkie" are hidden behind the doors of rap sessions. The uninvolved can only make evaluations from rumor and hearsay."

"Sure, the methadone program is great from the standpoint of the person who is really ready to stop, but for the other junkie, it's just a place to hold him for the day."

"The methadone program is more for the really ready-to-stop man. The really ready-to-stop man is a different person. He's going to suffer. He's going to be tormented. He's going to have to fight all the way through and I wish them luck because they're not fighting for themselves but for the junkie, the junkie who is going to just break his back and have another go."

"I believe this doesn't work for the junkie. The junkie needs to make the decision and the junkie needs a program and someone loaning him help, and not a program loaning him help."
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News commentary

One problem that may re-unite community

by Marie Di Flumeri

There was a time I can remember when East Boston was "all together." Everyone knew his neighbor up and down the street. The airport was a nice little municipal landing strip, posing no threat to the community. There was no MPA, ODO, QRS or EUN. Almost everyone stayed within the community limits and gathered at Wood Island Park on weekends.

But during the post war years, it seems everyone was too busy to gather, to feel, to communicate. Their main concern was to support their families, supplement the needed family income, suppress their basic feelings of love and unity - all of which was essential in the struggle to survive.

The offspring of this era, the "late twenties" group, were the most to suffer from this turmoil. The problems which could not be faced, much more effort was needed to split an already divided community. Many social service agencies and neighborhood groups have been constantly trying to tie up the loose ends and re-unite East Boston. But everyone agreed to fight the enlarge expansion of Logan Airport. Not everyone is against a third tunnel. Not everyone agrees with the Little City Hall program or even Summiting. However, there is one issue that directly or indirectly affects every East Boston, and may someday re-unite the community in a concerted effort to stem and control it - drug abuse.

The unborn child is affected by drugs. If the mother is addicted, the school age child is affected as more and more "pills" infiltrate our elementary schools. The teenagers are affected by constantly being in a concentrated drug environment. Parents are affected as they worry about influenza spreading to their children's lives. Grandparents are affected as fears arise from misconceived rumors. All others are either involved in drug programs or agencies giving support to them.

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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 these local, state and federal agencies which in the long run, only added to the community's frustration. They continued to split an already divided community. Many social service agencies and neighborhood groups have been constantly trying to tie up the loose ends and re-unite East Boston. But everyone agreed to fight the expansion of Logan Airport. Not everyone is against a third tunnel. Not everyone agrees with the Little City Hall program or even Summiting. However, there is one issue that directly or indirectly affects every East Boston, and may someday re-unite the community in a concerted effort to stem and control it - drug abuse.

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Piano recital planned

On Saturday evening, May 22 at 8:15, concert pianist William T. Smiddy will hold a piano recital at St. Anthony's Hall on Frankfort St. for the benefit of the Mount Carmel School in East Boston.

William Smiddy began formal study of the piano at age 6 with Mme. Toma-sina Santoro. He has held many recitals in the greater Boston area, and makes radio appearances.

The program will include works of Scriabin, Chopin, Beethoven, Schumann, and Smiddy.

Donations are $1.00 and can also be paid at the door.

Meeting for parents and teachers

East Boston Parents & Teachers
Who Care will hold their next monthly meeting on Wednesday evening, May 19, 7:45 p.m., in the Joseph H. Barnes School Library.

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Half-way house -- the first step back

by Eileen Kuzeja

In East Boston Jim Curto has been working with alcoholics since he started an Alcoholics 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 obtained by the residents wherever they could find it. A large stove in the kitchen was donated by Father Salise 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 come 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 man 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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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 he still sincerely wants 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. He has to 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 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 which are 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 sub-committee 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.
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 teased 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 the other way, laughing and giggling.

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. The tension on the parks and searching for the earth, but

to look down on the powdery clouds, to rip through a cloudy day not to see the earth, but hanging in space;

How many numbers can we live?

Numbers, numbers to be a brother

Count the numbers to be a husband

Count the numbers to be a father

How many numbers can I live?

Home improvement contest set

Elliott H. Stone, treasurer of the Noddle Island Credit Union, has been named chairman of the East Boston Chamber of Commerce’s annual home improvement contest, Chamber of Commerce President John Sylvester announced recently.

Application forms for the contest are being distributed throughout East Boston, according to Sylvester. All applications should be submitted to Ted Dell’Orfano at Deleo. He and Frank Cavaretta of Cavaret Realty will visit every home and store that enters. Other committee members are Joe Sciortino, Dick DeMarco, John Tirone and Jack Fine.

The contest is open to any person who improves, repairs or alters his home or store in East Boston between May 1 and Columbus Day.

Scarpa attends drug conference

Carmen J. Scarpa, head football coach at East Boston High School, was one of the selected Massachusetts residents asked to participate in a statewide conference in recent days in conjunction with PROJECT DECISION of the Mass. Dept. of Education.

Scarpa participated in a series of important sessions which will prepare five teams in the Commonwealth to assist school districts and local communities to develop sound programs for the state in the area of drug education.

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Glass in the grass

You know?

It’s really great to fly; to ride on a cloudy day 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 clime; 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 Hossik Hacobian

My Son

How old is eighteen? Sixteen days to nineteen

How old is eighteen to die?

How many numbers can we live?

Home improvement contest set

Elliott H. Stone, treasurer of the Noddle Island Credit Union, has been named chairman of the East Boston Chamber of Commerce’s annual home improvement contest, Chamber of Commerce President John Sylvester announced recently.

Application forms for the contest are being distributed throughout East Boston, according to Sylvester. All applications should be submitted to Ted Dell’Orfano at Deleo. He and Frank Cavaretta of Cavaret Realty will visit every home and store that enters. Other committee members are Joe Sciortino, Dick DeMarco, John Tirone and Jack Fine.

The contest is open to any person who improves, repairs or alters his home or store in East Boston between May 1 and Columbus Day.

Scarpa attends drug conference

Carmen J. Scarpa, head football coach at East Boston High School, was one of the selected Massachusetts residents asked to participate in a statewide conference in recent days in conjunction with PROJECT DECISION of the Mass. Dept. of Education.

Scarpa participated in a series of important sessions which will prepare five teams in the Commonwealth to assist school districts and local communities to develop sound programs for the state in the area of drug education.
East Boston's street sports
by Ed Gotgart

To some who read this article, memories of Dubble 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 most have 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 peculiar 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 broom stick 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 curbstone). The ball is then bounced off the stairs (the better players prefer the bottom two stairs) and caught on one bounce for ten points. If the ball strikes a point on the stairs and the player catches the ball before it hits the sidewalk, that counts 100 points. A player's turn ends if: the ball takes more than one bounce; the player loses too far over and touches the sidewalk before catching the ball; if the ball caroms onto the front porch; if the ball never makes it back to the player.

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.

Halfball is also similar to halfball, the major differences being that a wall is used instead of a catcher, three strikes constitutes a strikeout, and fielders get to turn errors important part of the game. Also the field, of necessity, is much larger than a halfball field since a whole ball will exit on and a knowledge of the hazards of the playing surface such as sewers, manhole covers, potholes and parked cars.

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 block to field a decent baseball team, 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.

Steps, Errors, Wholeball
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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 a comment on the letter. The landlord claimed in East Boston District Court that the apartment was rented under the pretense 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 to me is only a 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 daughter in school and must consider their education. I can’t be raised.

May this letter put a &endash; processes of law. Where is your victory? What have you done for your children. You have a real bonus in helping us to find another place that is safe and free of harasses, from you all the time. It will also be warm and the rent will not be raised.

Have you seen 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 answered your eviction notice in this manner or send you a personal card of thanks.

Your tenant,
Mrs. Mary Southern

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 Massachusetts Port Authority and Johnson 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."

• FAA FUNDS (continued from page 1)

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 MPA 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 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 requested the 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 asserted 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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"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 the issue of women's 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 caseload are women who are over 45 years of age and are widowed, divorced, legally separated, or the women are over 20 and 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 and health of a younger girl. 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 to instill, 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 had.

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, meager 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 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, mental and emotional well being, and when the state gets in financial trouble and needs to cut the budget, this 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 it 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 Amiran
Brookline

Relief Service station "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 asked a man who was an ambulance driver stationed in front. He came back in with us and started looking around. We 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 Vetschin

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 and sold in various evening classes. Such items included elaborately decorated cakes, ceramic dishes and knick-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 Barnes 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:

Recreational: Cooking, Sewing, Knitting, Cake Decorating, Art, Dance and Tap, Handicrafts, Teenage Club, Women's Club, Youth Activities.


Soccer team loses by close score

by Rosario Cascio

Eastie lost its first game of the season against the Boston Internationals by a score of 4-3. Eastie started the game with a fast pace as usual and soon led the game 1-0 on Silvano Pazzano'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 against 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 Grasso 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, 7-0 over the Angels, as Salvatore, Lewis, and Amoroso had at least 2 hits apiece.

The Mets beat the Pirates, also by a 7-4 score, as the Mets came from behind in the 6th inning to win it. The game featured a triple play by the Pirates and a homer by Amoroso.

The league personnel extends its thanks to the people who attended the games and hopes the people will support the league in the future.

**South League Standings**

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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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Robert Ferrandini wants to rebuild 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 theater, a "new" Wood Island Park and low-income housing projects by Robert Ferrandini

I have been an inhabitant of East Boston for 20 years now. There exists in me a need to express my emotions about the constant turmoil in this city. I am an artist and my true spirit is expressed through my work. I have chosen architectural proposals because architecture is the grandest of arts.

It is a reflection of the society. My art reflects the greatness of the East Boston society to come.

My first proposal is for a huge monument to represent the concern in the community for air pollution. It is in the form of an old bicycle pump. It will stand 252 feet high and 36 feet wide. The location should be at the abandoned lot on the corner of Liverpool and Decatur Streets.

The pump's purposes are: 1) to be viewed by cars coming to and from the tunnels. 2) to be viewed by boats coming in and out of the harbor. 3) to be viewed by East Bostonians all over the city. 4) a filling station for bikes and basketballs provided for at the base.

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PERSONAL - Ronald Izzo and Mark Lino received confirmation April 30, 1971 at Sacred Heart Church.
Camera dei Deputati approva la MPA "liberazione di commercio"

Un disegno di legge presentato dalla Massachusetts Port Authority concernente la creazione di una zona libera di commercio nello stato Massachusetts è stato inizialmente approvato da allievi, 20 Aprile 35, in un voto della Camera dei Deputati statali.

Il disegno proposto 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 liberazione di commercio è stata una proposta che è stata presentata per la prima volta in East Boston Stadium alle ore 3:00 pm.

Una libera zona di commercio costituita in una area dove viene importata merce nazionale ed internazionale esente dalle leggi doganali degli Stati Uniti. Questa merce può essere esposta per la produzione di manufatti entro tale zona senza essere soggetta alle solite tariffe. Gli articoli verranno tassati solamente quando sarebbero esportati fuori della zona.

Il Rappresentante Pitaro ha avuto successo nell'allegerare due riserve a tale proposta di legge. Una è stato il diritto di operare una area con una doppia quota di guardia, mentre il resto della squadra protesa all'attacco, questa mossa chiude col puntaggio di 4-3.

Il Rappresentante Minde Pitaro, che ha favore a tale proposta, ha affermato che tale zona sarà con ogni probabilità stabilita, considerando il fatto che non vi sono obiezioni da parte del MPA alla proposta.

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

by Rosario Cacchio

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

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

Il piccolo City Hall da aiuto ai consumatori

Per educare e proteggere i consumatori di Boston, il sindaco White ha assunto un rappresentante di ogni piccolo City Hall in Boston per essere educato e dare aiuto legale ai consumatori. Per spiegazioni potete chiedere il piccolo City Hall al seguente numero telefonico: 567-6460.

Sal Venezia ha preso questo corso

Tre professori di legge del College di Boston hanno condotto un corso di legge per i consumatori. Mr. Sal Venezia rappresentava East Boston. Sal ora è a disposizione dei residenti di East Boston e cercherà di aiutare tutti coloro che hanno lagnanze o questioni da fare riguardante le comprate che hanno intensione di fare.

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Società Gaetano Bruno Giovellire cerca member

by Paolo Pollastrone

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I negozianti si lagnano col sindaco per la Drug Clinic

Il sindaco di Boston, Kevin White, lunedì 26 Aprile, fu in East Boston per presentare alla nostra comunità nuovi poliziotti.

Durante il corso di una informale riunione, a titolo di conoscerci meglio, il sindaco ha detto che essi hanno paura dell'aumento della criminalità. Mr. Ladd ha aggiunto che ogni negoziante in questi mesi passati ha subito diverse robberie e che lo stesso suo negozio ha perso nel suo commercio a venderi la sera.

Il Direttore difende la clinica per i drogati

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

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