Girls sports: going beyond jacks and jump rope
by Carol Polisky
"I tried to join Little League seven years ago. I went down with some boys to the stadium where tryouts were held. The guy down there laughed at me and said, 'Go home and play with your dolls. You don't belong here.' I went home crying."

So remember Mara D'Amelio, an East Boston High student. If Mara went down today, she might find "the guys" still feel the same way. But now they'd have to let her try out. And if she returns to the project for seven years. She's had the hassle of fields because the girls teams at the high school get only half the time in the gym that the boys do, and far fewer coaches. Jerilyn Ouimette, a gym teacher at Eastie for six years and now a counselor there, says of the girls' sports program, "Our sports are not very expensive. The main cost is refs for basketball. And for a couple of years, I was the only coach for most sports."

Chickie Cipriani, one of the original organizers of the softball league and now a team manager said, "We have the hassle of fields because the" (Girls' SPORTS, continued on page 11)

Meeting here April 2
School plan details still unclear
A special public meeting has been called here to discuss how the latest school desegregation plan will affect East Boston. The meeting will be held this week, April 2, at the Social Center, 68 Central Square, at 7:30 p.m.

The new plan to desegregate Boston schools this September may have a completely unexpected effect on East Boston.

Details of the plan haven't been released yet, and at least two weeks of hearings are scheduled before the federal court makes any decision. But should the plan be adopted relatively unchanged, East Boston will experience considerably less forced busing than had been expected.

The proposed plan calls for the busing of 300 East Boston students, all ninth graders, to a school in the Back Bay. No East Boston grammar school children would be bused in 1975.

Another surprise in the plan is that East Boston High would adopt a special technical program over the next two years that emphasizes environmental studies and aviation maintenance. The plan designates MIT and Massport to help develop this program, but several people have questioned the extent that these groups will be involved.

Because so little is known about the proposed plan, the meeting will try to better determine exactly how East Boston might be affected. The meeting is sponsored by East Boston for Quality Education (EBQUE). All East Boston residents are invited to attend.
Jobless protest low benefits at State House hearing

from the People’s Rights Group

Everybody knows unemployment is soaring in Massachusetts. It’s tripled (to over 300,000) in the past year alone. But not everyone knows how hard it is to wait in long lines for meager unemployment benefits that don’t provide enough for a family to live on. And not everyone knows that state, including residents of East Boston and members of the People’s Rights Group, testified at the unemployment hearings at the State House last Thursday.

Legislators were given example after example of how this state and the Division of Employment Security (DES) fails its workers, especially when they are unemployed. The present benefit rate of 51 per cent — slightly more than half of one’s previous income — is a severe hardship on people who cannot work. It’s like taking nearly a 50 per cent cut in pay, without any medical of fringe benefits.

One woman from Somerville has four children to support. Her $64 check is not even enough to pay for food and rent, not to mention utility bills and children’s clothing. A father of three called our office saying he is out of money. He used to make $180 a week, but now he gets only $93 from unemployment. He can’t pay his bills for rent, gas, or electricity and he can’t find work. Other people we know of are in danger of losing their homes because they can’t meet their mortgage payments.

Maxine Teixeira Mark

Bailiffs from Brantwyn Village said there were people there who couldn’t pay their rent because they are unemployed.

People are treated unfairly by DES in other ways too. Maria DaLomba, a Portuguese speaking woman from East Boston, told the legislators she quit her job because hot wax was burning her hands and the machinery was causing pains in her arm. DES disqualified her for quitting without good cause. Then DES wouldn’t let her appeal her case because regulations allow only seven days for an appeal. Maria appealed on the twelfth day because she couldn’t read the DES notice written in English. The case is being taken to the State Supreme Court.

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Chelsea typesetters strike for jobs

by Joe Conason

Six long-time typesetters at the Chelsea Record are on strike to save their union and jobs. The typesetters, who set type and composed the paper for all their working lives, are in danger of being replaced by new technology and un-skilled, low-paid labor.

Last January, the six strikers, members of Boston Typographical Union local 13, walked out after Record publisher Robert J. Hancock announced that their jobs were to be abolished for the introduction of a new printing process. Since then, the paper has been printed at Control Publications in Winchester.

The Record typesetters (and those at many other printing facilities) are traditionally operated linotype machines, which cast type by pouring lead into molds. The new trend in printing is "cold composition," using special typewriters to break unions and fire the older, higher-paid typographers' situation. The result, according to

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OFFICE OF PUBLICATION

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Landlord's neglect ends in fire
by Carol Polsky

Two weeks ago fire destroyed three Paris Street houses. The families left homeless by the blaze were not surprised. They'd been expecting it for the last two years.

When landlord Richard Nicoletti of Stoneham bought the houses two years ago, twelve families lived in the apartments, and the property was well maintained. At the time of the fire, all but three families had moved out. Inspectors had been called in at least four times after tenants complained of bad conditions.

Said one tenant of Nicoletti, "He wouldn't do anything. He wouldn't even give us enough garbage cans, and there was trash in the back yard. Sewage was backing up in one apartment and we cleaned it up and limed it. But the landlord wouldn't pay a few dollars for Roter Rooter and it backed up again."

Other serious complaints included leaky roofs, broken back porches, rubbish stored in the hallways, and at one point, no hot water.

The day after the fire, East Boston building inspector Vinnie Maria ordered the gutted building torn down. Boston Housing Court notified Nicoletti of Maria's order. Such orders usually don't make it to Court for several months, but Maria personally sped up the process because the houses were so dangerous.

Hit with $30 hike

Brandywyne fights for rent control

by Eren Goknar

Two weeks ago, 385 Brandywyne tenants were ordered into court by First Realty, their landlord. Max and William Kargman, First Realty presidents, want still more money.

Brandywyne tenants were hit with an $18 a month rent increase just last February. Now First Realty has received federal approval for an additional $30 a month rent increase.

Only "a handful" of tenants are paying the first $18 increase, according to Brandywyne Tenant's Union member Lucille Roberts. Tenants will continue to fight the hikes, but things may get a lot tougher.

Housing like Brandywyne is subsidized by the federal government for low and middle income people. Brandywyne is also covered by a Boston Rent Control law, but the feds in Washington are trying to get this coverage stopped. Without rent control, First Realty could raise rents with little or no trouble.

RENT CONTROL HEARINGS

Hearings at the state house are going on right now to decide if rent control for housing like Brandywyne should be continued. Tenants groups from all over Boston have been at the hearings speaking in favor of rent control.

At sessions last week, two tenants who came to fight for continued rent control ended up fighting the tactical police instead. A man and a woman were beaten and removed from Gardner Auditorium after hanging a banner from a balcony.

A loud strategy for the microphone broke out among angry tenants demanding the release of the arrested tenants. "It was quite an exhibition," said Ms. Roberts of Brandywyne. "The woman fractured her arm and shoulder."

One of those who got a chance to speak at the hearing was Boston lawyer Mark Stern. He said Washington "had no business" trying to override state and local rent control regulations.

Some tenants voiced the fear they may be kicked out into the streets if rent control is lifted. Brandywyne Whitman told the committee: "I'm unemployed. I don't know what that means to you people, I'm only one of the vast numbers. But I have this worry: what's my landlord going to do to me, put me out on the streets?"

Without rent control, many tenants feared, they would fall into the hands of landlords. Emily Achtenberg, of Tenants' First Coalition, told the committee that a decision to stop rent control would leave tenants with no protection against evictions. The Rent Control Board now monitors all landlord demands.

Achtenberg said that Washington has a vested interest in its privately owned apartments. One of the ways by which the Federal Housing Authority attracts developers is by promising profits. If rent control were lifted, landlords like Kargman could charge higher rents to make even more profits.

A representative from Mayor White's office said the Mayor favored rent control, adding that because of it evictions in Boston are rare.

When Brandywyne tenants go to court at the end of this month, the judge will demand they pay rent increases. But union members say they are already planning an appeal.
AROUND TOWN

Eastie isn't an airport

A Bicentennial exhibit entitled, "East Boston Is Not An Airport," officially opens April 12 at the East Boston Branch Library, 276 Meridian St.

"East Boston Is Not An Airport" reflects the origins and growth of East Boston as a community through graphic displays, artifacts, and memorabilia researched and collected by the Boston 200 East Boston Exhibit Committee.

The exhibit, designed by Edward Porzio, and developed with the assistance of the Boston Architectural Center, will be open to all East Boston residents throughout the Bicentennial.

Gypsy to open at EB high

Theater goers in East Boston have a treat this weekend when the curtain goes up on the latest production of the East Boston Community Players: GYPSY, starring Mary Ann Sorrentino as Gypsy and Sheila Savini as her mother, Rose.

Gypsy opens at the high school on Friday evening, April 4 and will continue Saturday, April 5 and Sunday, April 6. Curtain is at 7:30 p.m.

For only $2.50, one can spend two and one half hours in the world of Gypsy Rose Lee.

The East Boston Community Players is an active theater group under the able direction of Joseph Cinelli, founder/director. Anyone can become a part of this group. The only requirement is that one must be a resident of East Boston.

Invited guests for the dress rehearsal will be residents of Meridian House and The Beginners, a small theater group from Newton.

Women's rights rally

An equal rights rally will be held Wednesday, April 9, at noon in Faneuil Hall to support passage of the Massachusetts equal rights amendment, (H.5319) to the State Constitution.

The Massachusetts ERA, if ratified, would have particular impact on discrimination in employment education and family law by insuring equal treatment under the law regardless of "sex, race, color, creed, or national origins."

To be adopted by the State, ERA must first be passed by two sessions of the Massachusetts Legislature, then approved by referendum vote. The State ERA has already passed one session of the legislature.

Health care for women

A conference on women and health will be held April 4 through April 7 at the Harvard Medical area, the Boston Latin School and Simmons College.

At the conference, specific projects and proposals for the improvement of health care and health care delivery for women will be developed for presentation to legislatures, hospitals and community organizations.

Admission is free. For further information and registration forms, please call 232-4777.

Undersea film at Library

A family film program featuring the fabulous undersea world of Jacques Cousteau will be presented at the East Boston Branch Library on Monday, April 7 at 6 p.m. Two films of the famous sea explorer will be shown: Coral Jungle and SEALS. Admission is free.

Business School banquet

The annual banquet and meeting of Boston Business School will be held at the 57 Restaurant, Central Square, on Wednesday, April 6.

There will be a social hour at 5 p.m. and dinner will be served at 7 p.m. The cost will be $9. This includes $8 for dinner and $1 for alumni dues.

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Dance for Friendship Club

A new East Boston group called the Friendship Club will hold a Barn Dance at the Social Centers every Monday and Friday night at 8 p.m. The weekly meetings are for singles over age 50. The Barn Dance is open to everyone.

Rotary meets Thursday

The Rotary Club of East Boston will meet this Thursday at 12 noon at Restaurant 76, Logan Airport.
Economy got you down? Join the group

from the People's Rights Group

Proposed cut-backs in next year's welfare budget spell hard times for all residents of Massachusetts, recipients and wage-earners alike.

In response to the Governor's budget proposal, the "Coalition to Fight the Cut-Backs" has formed to oppose reductions in human services and welfare benefits. The new organization has a broad membership, including welfare recipients and social workers, day care parents and day care workers, lawyers, tenants, trade unionists, unemployed people and many others around the state. Here in East Boston, the People's Rights Group is organizing those who would like to work with us and the Coalition.

The Coalition plans to push for programs to provide full employment, increased medical services, day care for all who need it, and a guaranteed income for everyone.

The present standards of welfare grants are not enough in view of today's inflated prices. In the past five years, the cost of living in the US has risen 35 per cent. while public assistance grants have increased no more than 8 per cent. As a result, recipients are unable to pay for even the most basic necessities such as food, fuel and housing. Even with a 12 per cent cost-of-living increase, which Dukakis wants to cut out, the average budget for a welfare recipient would be substantially lower than the "low-level" income as defined by the US Department of Labor.

WE ARE NOT TO BLAME Welfare recipients and working people are being penalized for an economic situation we did not create. The Coalition feels it is wrong for all of us working class people—always to suffer first when the state or federal government faces financial problems while, at the same time, corporate profits are at an all-time high.

The Coalition to Fight the Cut-Backs plans to organize people in different communities to put pressure on our elected representatives. Here in East Boston, People's Rights needs the help of local residents who can make phone calls and encourage their friends to join in the effort to oppose the cut-backs on promised funds. We are also urging people to attend hearings at the State House in Boston later this Spring, when legislators will hear our complaints. In the meantime, it is important that the representatives of East Boston and other communities get feedback on this issue from their constituents.

To be most effective, the Coalition needs as much support as possible from individuals and community groups around the state. We hope for endorsements from East Boston organizations. Membership in the Coalition is open to everyone.

If you have been helped by People's Rights in the past, and feel that you have the time to work with us now, please get in touch with us. If you want to learn more about the cut-backs and/or how to work against them, call us at 569-0591, or drop by the People's Rights office in Maverick Square, 28 Paris Street.

CDC wants info on employment, job problems

from the Manpower and Human Development Program

Beginning next week, East Boston residents will be asked to fill out a job questionnaire. The questionnaire is part of a survey planned by the Community Development Corporation's Manpower and Human Development Program in order to gather specific information on employment-related problems in East Boston. The survey contains 16 questions and will be published in the next editions of the local newspapers. The information which respondents furnish will be used to assess the current job situation and manpower training services available to local residents. Information furnished by respondents will be kept anonymous.

This survey will help us focus on the specific job needs of East Boston. State and local funds are now available for employment programs, but we simply do not have enough local figures needed for these programs. The only employment statistics available are for the entire city of Boston. Your support in completing the questionnaire will give us the kind of information needed to bring more employment services to East Boston.
News policy or political campaigns

The mayoral primary is just a few months away, and campaigning has already begun. The following is a policy which the Community News has adopted for its campaign coverage:

1. No political ads accepted. We've done this since the paper began in 1970, and we think the reasons are still good:
   a. Political advertising gives a candidate with lots of money an unfair advantage over someone with limited funds.
   b. Political ads don't tell a voter much. They tend to be long on puffery and short on hard facts.
   c. Political ads tempt a publisher or editor to say to the contrary.

2. Campaign announcements. Every candidate will be allowed to run a short (75 words) announcement of his or her candidacy.

3. Interviews. Every candidate will be asked for an interview. Questions asked and information published will be determined by the Community News Staff.

4. Where they stand. Candidates will be asked to fill out a standard questionnaire outlining where they stand on specific issues. Everyone's responses will be printed exactly as they are given.

5. Free news space. In addition to providing space for announcements of candidacy, the Community News will allow each candidate space to write a short (250 words) statement of his or her own choosing in our last issue before the election. The staff reserves the right to edit for errors in fact. No changes will be made without a candidate's approval.

No endorsements. The staff as a whole takes no editorial stance, although individual staff members may write commentaries on any issue. Articles and letters from readers are always welcome.

There are two reasons for this campaign coverage policy. First, candidates shouldn't have to pay to get their message across. Space should be provided equally and it should be free. Second, time campaigning became more than just a lot of hot air. When hard facts are clearly presented, voters will be able to make better choices.

We think this policy is fair to everyone, both our readers and the candidates themselves. Hopefully, similar policies will be adopted by other newspapers.

Community News Staff

Business pushed 'forced busing'

We won't get good schools unless we fight

(Founder's note: This is the first of a two-part series on busing by a group of East Boston residents called the Busing Articles Group. For more information about busing and the group, write B.A.G., P. O. Box 374, Emmanuel College, 300 Brookline Ave., Boston, 02115)

By the Busing Articles Group.

The Boston School System has been deteriorating, ask any parent, teacher or student. Most any improvements in the conditions of our schools have come about because concerned people, including teachers, Parents and Teachers Who Care, a pressure group that came into existence in 1967-68, won milk coolers, screens for the classroom, better teachers, and put broken windows fixed. Black parents and their supporters have also (e.g. East Boston schools had twice the normal absent rate on one of the boycott days). Parents meetings, demonstrations and frustrating meetings with the School Committee were also held. Some parents banded together to form Operation Exodus in an effort to bus children to less crowded schools.

The Exodus parents would have preferred local schools of better quality, but saw little chance for this possibility. "I don't particularly care to have my child bused, but if it means a good education I'd have him bused to California. I don't want him bused to get him to Hyde Park but to get him out of basement classrooms," said one of the Exodus parents.

Superintendent Oshenberg had proposed a one-way busing plan to deal with overcrowding, but Louise Day Hicks and the School Committee majority refused to approve the plan. They declared that to spend the City's money for the busing of Negro children would be discriminatory.

It would have cost between $40,000 and $60,000 yearly to alleviate the overcrowding at the Endicott and Greenwood schools. However, they voted to keep black and white apart by purchasing an old building which cost $190,000 to buy and $100,000 per year to operate, where the poor conditions for blacks would be reproduced.

Anger among progressive black and other people was growing. On the day following the second school boycott in 1964, the State Board of Education announced it would undertake a study of "racial imbalance" in Massachusetts schools. The Kiernan Commission (a group of educators and ministers, including influential members of the financial and business community of Boston) was appointed to undertake the study.

The Kiernan Report demonstrates how the business and finance community of Boston is now taking a direct part in restructuring its institutions like the schools, and to have them better serve business and finance interests. Only poor and working people whose lives are directly affected by these changes have no say in them, and are often not even informed about them.

Included in the Kiernan Report were a series of essays. These served as the ideological basis for the cross transfer of children to achieve racial balance, which this report recommends as a distorted answer to the legitimate demands of minority parents.

"The absence of contact with whites constitutes a major factor contributing to their (negro's) lower status in life. Consequently, upgrading of negro schools cannot serve as an adequate remedy."

The second element of the problem cannot be
LETTERS

CDC charged with overspending, mismanagement

Staff, Community News,

For three years now the Community Develop­ment Corporation has been telling us that it will make East Boston a better place to live in. We all bought stock in the CDC because we believed it would do just that. I think it’s time to ask them if it’s time to ask them if they can create a better place to live in.

According to the Christian Science Monitor, there are sixty new jobs that the Chairman Mr. Moscaritolo says are brought here through the CDC’s programs. That CDC has made.

Where are the sixty new jobs? The chairman says that they are not available.

As stockholders, we want action, not promises and press releases that talk about phantom positions that don’t exist.

The other company that the CDC has brought here employs 20 people according to Mr. Moscaritolo. How are they doing there now? They are still making $2.65 an hour. It’s non-union wages and it’s a company that pays its workers less than the average wage of the area.

With low paying jobs like that, the CDC should be ashamed of itself. Strangely enough, the jobs for CDC top staff are not low paying or below the average of comparable jobs in the Boston area. In fact, they pay far better, and now that the board of directors voted the staff a 20 per cent across the board raise, the director’s job pays almost $30,000, plus a car paid for by the CDC.

Of course, it’s all federal money, we shouldn’t be congratulating the board member on this. We want them to look at the CDC’s lack of performance.

The Federal government has a review team in East Boston this week. We the shareholders of the CDC want them to look at the lack of performance.

Don’t give us more two years of promises and hopes. We want action: no more words or press releases. If the board of directors can’t resolve these problems then they should resign.

Charlene Beede
Bob Beede
238 East Boston

The CDC replies: Mr. LoPresti never said 100 new jobs had been created, but that 100 new jobs were being the way for such employment. This is through the two indus­tries already established here, and others now in the negotiating stages. Within the next 18 months there will be 60 jobs available through Power Supply and Omegm. No one said they would be filled overnight.

These jobs will be of varied categories that re­spect to the labor skills of East Bostonians. In addition, the CDC will provide training for res­idents for these positions, to enhance career mo­bility.

The CDC operated under a board mandate for three years that gave priority to land development projects, not business ventures. This situation has changed, in line with the national economic trends, and we will be concentrating heavily in the immediate future to create more employ­ment.

In the meantime, we have the housing resou­rce program—112 apartments—which provide construction jobs, and the long-term benefits of better local dwellings. These housing projects also upgrade the esthetics and land values of the sur­rounding neighborhoods—a “comprehensive” benefit.

It is simply untrue that CDC staff salaries are higher than comparable wages in this area for com­parable positions. And a 15% administrative bud­get (which not only includes salaries, but all oper­ating costs and overhead) is in no way extrava­gant, or out of line with other similar corporations. This amount is necessary to support a program operating with $5 million.

However, if the CDC does not receive the anticipated amount of funding for programs, the administrative budget will be pared accordingly.

The CDC spends time and money on publicity to acquaint the public with our activities, and encourages response, and questions, particularly when issues of direct concern to us are involved.

Anyone is welcome to approach the offices for a detailed and factual account of the corporation, and to attend our board meetings.

Thanks for your tips

Staff, Community News,

The Committee that worked on the surprise testimonial to honor Anna DePozno, wishes to thank everyone in East Boston for helping to keep construction jobs, and the long-term benefit of better lowl dwellings.

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Belgianos’ thank nurses

Staff, Community News,

To all the nurses of the East Boston Health Cen­ter, especially Jean Neshitt, Sandi Buss and Mary Costello, the family of the late Alberiio Belgiano sincerely express their appreciation for the out­standing compassion, painstaking and personal care given to us during our time of need. These people are a credit to the medical profession. We are grateful.

We also wish to thank all those who paid their respects to the late Alberio Belgiano.

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Womacttacks rights amendment

Staff Community News

Despite all the talk about the Equal Rights A­mendment, neither men nor women, this amend­ment would mean nothing but trouble for women.

Among other things, it would mean having to face army induction, loss of tax exemption to schools having an all-boy or all-girl enrollment, loss of tax exemption to widows and no chance for divorce.

ERA would ruin your life, so, it’s imperative that we tell state officials to approve bill S-1694 to cancel ERA in Massachusetts.

Robertal Corvo
Revere

(Editors note: This letter makes some statements about ERA which are untrue.

1. Women would not be drafted because of the ERA. There is no draft. Presently, neither men nor women face forced army induction, although both are being actively recruited. Futhermore, under present law there is no guarantee that women wouldn’t be drafted if the draft were to return.

2. Widows would not necessarily lose tax ex­emptions. If a widow needs those tax-exemptions for financial reasons, so might a widower, and under ERA, he might get them also.

3. The ERA would not affect alimony in Mas­sachusetts because state law now makes no distinc­tion in who can receive alimony. The judge decides who receives alimony, child custody and child sup­port. The ERA would not abolish either alimony or child support. It would simply make them dependent on the individual case.)

Insult on injury for general reliefer

Staff, Community News

Last week a middle-aged woman came to our Executive Office seeking help. She couldn’t speak a word of English. I was fa­miliar with her case, so I volunteered to assist her. She was so happy because I could speak her language.

The woman had been to see her doctor and was given two prescriptions to be filled as soon as possible, because she has a heart condition and phle­bitis. We went to every drug store we went to refused to fill the prescription and treated us rudely because the poor woman is on General Relief. We were told that prescrip­

Missing daughter

A month ago today, my daughter Patricia left home with my consent, under the guise of a visit. I’ve asked myself a thousand times… why? Who can answer? I thought I knew my daughter, but like countless other parents trapped in this turmoil, I didn’t.

The place she was known to have been, the friends she had, and what she did on her own, all were new to me. I and my family have searched until I have no place left to go.

It is settling in. How can a fourteen year old girl with no money survive this long? Is she alive? Is she alright? The torrent of endless nights with endless calls of telephone calls only make my hope wane more with each one, if you hope will be taken, of leads which take you nowhere, of her friends who will not, talk, become a nightmare.

I am well and do not know of her where­abouts if you, Patricia, are reading this, call us, we are waiting, 567-5612.

R.G.
I happen to be very allergic to dust. My husband’s decorating touches amaze me. He is the only person I know who can take down an entire wall and leave the curtains up. After the wall was down to the beams he even put the pictures back. Looked kind of nice, if you like very early American-like log cabin.

Of course, with no inside wall, I don’t have to tell you that the Montreal Express last week made my house a little cold. We ran out for insulation so fast, I didn’t even check for a sale. Guess who is also allergic to fiberglass insulation

With all these allergies, I am a really big help. I put up wet sheets on the doorways, give him a mask and then go out, leaving a list of instructions on exactly what to vacuum when he is finished. I try very hard to keep quiet during his preparation of a room, because the real fun comes when we discuss how we want it to look when it’s finished. It’s easy to tell which rooms were my ideas. I can’t complain though, after all he did let me paint the bathroom ceiling lime green, to go with the yellow floor. He can’t wait to see what I’ll come up with for the bathroom walls.

The girl scout leaders of East Boston will be meeting April 15 at 7:30 p.m. to plan the May Day out of doors. Yola Pastore, her daughter Geri Nappa, and grandson Vincent were up visiting relatives and friends last week. They are residents of Florida now.

Attorney Mike Laurano just returned from a trip to London and Switzerland. Not a honeymoon but a business trip, to meet with various companies in the field of insurance. Miss Teixeira, who was also in London, came back on April 16, well rested. She will be returning to New York on April 21 for the Spring Meetings.

I know a lot of people and every now and then some- one says, “How come you never say anything about me in your column?” Well I am starting the “Nice Person of the Column Award”. From time to time, I will mention a few peoples names, just because they are nice people.

This week there are three. Vinnie Furfaro, Dick DeMarco and Carmen Giangregorio of the Noddle Island Credit Union. They are all very nice people and go out of their way to be helpful.

Belated birthday greetings to Madlyn Murphy. We’re thinking of you Madlyn.

A birthday supper in honor of the first birthday of Jennifer Picarello of Connecticut was held at the home of her grandparents, Clara and Bill Schwartz. Isobel Grillo wishes everyone a Happy Easter. Why do you get your hair done at Adam and Eve?

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—Kim Zirpolo, age 11

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Leaders in Cancer Crusade

Rose Marie Burgess, chairperson for the East Boston Cancer Crusade, recently named three local people to leadership positions in the Crusade. Robert Jennifer of Boston Edison will serve as business and industry chairperson. He will be seeking the support of corporation and business leaders in East Boston.

Michael Laurano III of 719 Bennington St. will serve as professional members chairperson. Mr. Laurano is an attorney and will be seeking support from fellow professionals in the area.

Elliott Stone of the Consumers Credit Union (formerly Noddle Island Credit Union) has been named treasurer for East Boston during the 1975 American Cancer Society Crusade.

Head Start thanks Liberty

from Maverick Head Start. The parents and staff of the Maverick Head Start Program want to thank the Liberty Markets for the space given to us for a cake sale.

Our thanks to Rick Hanson for drawing the winners of the afghan and cakes. Winner of the afghan was, Rose Cherry of Brockton. The winner of the bunny cake was Anthony Belmonte of Malden, and the winner of the piano cake was Donna DiRocco of East Boston.

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It was shapeless. Small sections had disappeared. Here and there were tiny pot-holes. Then—she saw the family cat complacently washing her face with her paw. Mildly was desperate. She had no choice but to rearrange the fish in the mold, smooth it with a spatula, and hope for the best.

The dinner was enjoyable. The hostess was congratulated on her culinary skill and properly thanked. All the guests departed.

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When the eighth guest, the wag of the group, finally heard the story, he commented "No one remembered it was April Fool's Day." It truly was by the calendar—but that was only a coincidence.

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Easter is a time for girls and boys. Easter is a time for cheer and toys. Easter is the best time of the year.

If you have seen this girl, or know anyone who may have seen her, please call the Boston Police immediately.

FREE TAX HELP AT APAC

Can you use help preparing your 1974 tax returns?

The East Boston APAC, 21 Meridian St., has a free tax assistance program for neighborhood residents. Every Friday through April 11, from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Internal Revenue Service representative Rob McLaughlin will be at the APAC office to provide expert aid in completing your individual federal returns.

For the help you need, simply drop by the APAC office any Friday through April 11, and bring your W-2 forms and information on such deductible items as property taxes, gasoline tax, medical expenses and excise tax. Include too, the names and addresses of people who have received. For further information, call the East Boston APAC at 567-8867.

CORSIDISI GIRL MISSING

Angela Cordischi, 14, of Hayvre Street has been missing since Sunday, March 23.

She was last seen on the corner of Bennington and Marion Street at 7 p.m., wearing a beige coat with a hood, beige pants, beige and black boot top, and brown platform shoes. She is 4 ft. 11 inches, slimly built and has long brown hair and brown eyes.

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JUNE'S CHILDREN

Come and join the Creative Dramatics Group at the East Boston Branch Library (576 Meridian St.) Kids between the ages of 8 and 12 are welcome. Classes will begin April 13 at 3:30 p.m. and run for 10 weeks.
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AROUND EAGLE HILL
Women already know about getting hands dirty
by Carmela Magoun
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I CAN'T WAIT!
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"Psst, psst," said to no one in particular; "I want a story to hit the street, the man's message was something simple like "I washed diapers by hand for four months when my baby was born because we didn't have a washing machine. What he heck does he think women do all day? Eat chocolates and watch soap operas? Get my hands dirty, indeed."
I'll be announcing the night school open house soon. In the meantime the art class needs models (clothes on, please).
The Little Folks Day Care Center on Trenton Street needs baby furniture, so hold on to changing tables, playpens, cribs, etc., and give Little Folks a call at 567-0284 or 567-9100 and ask for Barbara or Carol.

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One day while we were all washing up after class and a high school boy who takes the course said to one of the girls, "A female in the machine shop?" I said "right on" and gave the clenched fist sign. He said, "How does it feel to get your hands dirty?" I flipped out.
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Girls' sports: going beyond jacks and jump rope

SPORTS from page 1

boys have monopolized them. We couldn't use Noyes Park, and it was too cold for field hockey. We went to the Little League and got the use of their fields. At first there was trouble, but the League Board finally understood.

The girls get to use the fields when the boys don't need them and some observers feel that this puts the girls in the position of "having to beg."

EQUIPMENT A PROBLEM
Finding enough equipment is hard too. Fran Testa, vice-president of the girls' softball league, said, "a lot of kid's parents can't afford equipment, so we take money out of our own pockets for it. The Department of Parks and Recreation doesn't give us nearly enough to get us what we need."

Few of the girls' parents are involved with the teams, and more volunteers are needed to coach and referee games.

Tony Marno, founder and coach of the Jets, feels that girls sports suffer from "male chauvinism." "Men can't stand to share anything with girls," he says. "Little League has dominated everything for 20 years. There's nothing left for the girls."

At the Paris Street gym, run by the Boston Department of Parks and Recreation, girls get two or six days a week. The gym is open and the modified schedule is used on those days by girls' gym classes from the high school and by girls playing basketball, volleyball, and track. There are also more "traditional" programs for girls like baton twirling and gymnastics classes.

But teams are not well organized and instruction seems limited to only a few sports. Edith DeAngelis of the Land Use Council, and a physical education teacher at Roxton State, said, "I'm sure Parks and Recreation will tell you they provide wholesome recreation to both boys and girls, but I'm also sure most emphasis in all programs is on the boys. That's true all over the country."

Girls' interest in sports seems to be on the increase. In the past the same few girls made up all the teams, but now gym teachers note an upswing in team participation. Despite growing enthusiasm, a lot of obstacles still must be overcome before girls sports can really take off. Many girls are not that interested in sports, often because of the common belief that sports are unfeminine and unattractive.

An Eastie student, Laurie Giarle, said, "Girls worry about what other people, especially their boyfriends, think and say. But I think that as long as they think that what they're doing is benefiting themselves, what does it matter what other people think?"

Sandy Shorr, a gym teacher at Eastie, feels that many girls on teams haven't learned the discipline and willingness to sacrifice that make athletes have. Others worry that many girls come into high school lacking basic sport skills.

EARLY TRAINING NEEDED
Most coaches agree that early sports training for girls is crucial if girls sports are to be widely successful.

Jerilyn Ouimette at East Boston High said, "A lot of movements you have to learn young. If you try and learn some new movements at 15, you'll get frustrated and you won't like it. The earlier girls are exposed to sports, the more they'll accept and like it.

In East Boston, there is almost nothing for young girls -- few teams, little instruction and little recognition. Boys have Little League, Pop Warner football, clubs like the Salesian Boys Club. Until three years ago, when declining funds made cutbacks necessary, the League had 500 boys in its teams. Now 640 boys play organized, well-equipped baseball. The Salesian Boys Club has programs and facilities for almost 400 boys. The

Club, affiliated with Boys Club of America, has year round team sports programs and classes in weight lifting, karate, and boxing. But because the boys use the club six days a week and a space is limited, girls can't even use the facilities.

Some claim that lack of interest in sports among girls is the reason for the limited sports outlets. But Edith DeAngelis notes, "If you had crackercrack-programs, facilities and leaders, I think girls would turn out. The softball group is an example. They've got a going group with alot of kids, and they're doing well."

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Eastie's Jerilyn Ouimette, "Mainly I'd like to see the girls given a little respect - by parents, boys teams, administration, everyone involved - even other girls. When we achieve that, we can do anything."

Kiwanis helps girls sports

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East Boston Kiwanis Club recently presented to the Girl's Athletic Association a set of equipment. This is the second set donated in the last few years in order to fully equip this worthwhile youth organization. The Association meets every Thursday night at 6:30 p.m. at Porazzo rink.

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return day of this citation. Witness, Mary C. Fitzpatrick,

First Judge of said Court, this 11th day of March, 1976.

James Heming, Jr., Register.
Big business pushed forced busing

solved by compensatory expenditures in existing negro districts. It can only be solved by more imaginative school policies which result in greater dispersal of negro students among whites. "Kiernan Report, pgs. 116-118.

This study blames the wretched conditions faced by black working people on lack of contact with whites, it directs our attention from the real cause of these conditions, the inequalities of the capitalist system and a government that serves the most wealthy. Instead of higher quality education through the building of new schools and upgrading of old ones, the equalizing and increase of expenditures for all schools, and making open enrollment really an alternative, they distorted the legitimate demand of black parents for equal and better education into a divisive formula "racial balance." "I would prefer to go to a school closer to my house if they could bring what they have in other schools into Roxbury. Don't force this on Mattapan... I enjoy meeting people on your own time. You can relate better. But when you're forced, people have different things on their mind... A lot of black parents have paid to bus (METCO) their kids to Charlestown and they haven't come up hurting. It's the forced busing," said a 17 year old black senior who is being bused to Hyde Park High School.

(The next article will talk about the Racial Imbalance Act and the Federal Court Order by Judge Arthur Garrity to desegregate the schools.)

Spring program at Salesian Club

from the Salesian Boys' Club

As the highly successful Winter program at the Salesian Boys' Club draws to a close, Brother Pat Logan, the Club's Program Director, has announced a new spring session.

The program will begin from April 1 until the last week of June. The Club will be running house leagues in a special four sport competition known as a Quadrathon. The quadrathon will include street hockey, football, basketball and volleyball. For the younger boys the quadrathon will be held on Saturdays. The program will run from April 1 to the last week of June. The quadrathon will include street hockey, football, basketball and volleyball. For the older boys, the quadrathon will include a special four sport competition known as a Quadrathon. For the older boys, the quadrathon will include a special four sport competition known as a Quadrathon.

Once again Salesian will be participating in the Northeast New England area program council competition against the other 22 charter member clubs throughout the state.

For the spring session, inter-club competition includes a softball tournament, ping-pong and chess tournaments, and a track and field olympics. Salesian will also be offering a progressive weightlifting course, beginners' karate and a basketball clinic for boys 13 and under. There will also be courses in ceramics, decopage techniques, and woodworking. The tutorial program, special educational projects, and leadership clubs begun in the Winter program will be continued throughout the Spring program.

There are several other events that will take place over the next few months-fun nites for the younger boys, award night featuring the Boy of Year award, and a special camping outing to New Hampshire. The award night for the Winter program will be held March 28 at 6:45 p.m. at the Boys' Club. Over 70 boys will be receiving various awards for special achievements.

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