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Neighborhood news:

■ After reading my report Wednesday about the closing of the AT&T Corp. call center in Fairhaven, Governor Mitt Romney called Linda Teoli, the president of union Local 1051 of the Communication Workers of America, and more importantly AT&T. The result: AT&T agreed to keep the facility open an extra two months to give the 185 workers more time to find new jobs, AT&T and the governor's office said. The state is also committing \$100,000 for worker retraining. Said Teoli, who had trouble getting a call back from the governor's office: "I'm happy he called me personally . . . He did make a good faith effort."

■ New kids on the block: Brennan, Dain, Le Ray & Wiest, a new Boston real estate development and litigation firm. The partners are Robert Brennan, Daniel Dain, and Charles Le Ray, all from Goodwin Procter, and Donald Wiest, a lawyer from the Boston Redevelopment Authority. Unlike so many of these splits, everyone parted as friends.

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