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The key feature of the proposed ordinance is public accountability. The Cambridge City Council knows first-hand that such accountability does not yet exist. The council instructed the Cambridge Animal Commission to determine the number of laboratories conducting animal research within Cambridge and the types of this research. The commission found that even such a basic assessment was impossible, owing to lack of public information and lack of cooperation by certain research institutions, among other reasons. The commission's recommendations served as the basis for the proposed ordinance.

The ordinance would create a Cambridge Animal Experimentation Review Board (CAERB) to oversee animal experimentation city-wide. The brief history of the CAERB is strikingly similar to that of the Institutional Review Boards (IRBs), which

oversee research on human subjects. The impetus to create both types of review boards was a series of scandals. Also, the proposal for a CAERB is eliciting the same types of unwarranted criticism that scientists initially leveled against IRBs. Although difficult to believe today, clinicians claimed that IRBs would bring clinical research to a halt, that non-scientists cannot and should not participate in evaluating clinical research, that IRBs would create an unnecessary bureaucracy, and that scientists were already safeguarding the interests of human subjects. These fears had more to do with the scientists' aversion to public scrutiny than with the merits of the issues at hand.

Of course, the creation of IRBs did not stop clinical research. It is widely agreed that IRBs are fulfilling their mandate to protect human subjects and are functioning with a minimum of interference to research. Moreover, they have also (incidentally) improved the quality of human research.

The experience with IRBs suggests that if the proposed ordinance concerning animal research passes, the current adversarial positions of interested parties will give way to a more harmonious working relationship. The people and animals of Cambridge deserve no less.

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## Clear the walks

The failure to clear sidewalks of snow and ice is a serious problem in Cambridge and the Boston area in general. It is not only the cause of great inconvenience, but a tremendous safety hazard. Recently, while walking several blocks to the Central Square T-station, I slipped on the ice, and sustained a severe compound ankle fracture, which required surgery. While in the hospital, I learned my case was not unique; many doctors and nurses remarked to me about the record-breaking number of fractures due to falls on the ice this winter.

In Cambridge, as well as the general metropolitan area, there are ordinances requiring homeowners and businesspeople to clear their sidewalks. I am now on crutches, and the icy condition of my street, treacherous enough under normal circumstances, is now an extreme hardship. Despite the illegality of such negligence, shovelling sidewalks seems to be the exception rather than the rule.

Why are the snow removal ordinances not strictly enforced? And why, in a matter so crucial to public safety, are so few individuals willing to do their part? I intend to sue the responsible party, but should it be necessary to take such drastic measures? If everyone would pitch in to help prevent this hazardous situation, not only would getting around in winter be easier, but much needless injury, suffering, and hardship could be avoided.

Marion Shore  
Somerville

## Politalks

### Dems meet

The Democratic City Committee will meet on Thursday, May 5, at 7:30 pm at the Stephen James House, Porter Square. The informal part of the meeting is set for 7:30 pm with roll call set for 8. Guest speaker will be former Berkeley, California, Mayor Gus Newport. Committee Chair Clifford Truesdell will briefly discuss the impact of the redrawn ward lines on members of the 11 ward committees.

### Hearts & flowers

State Sen. Michael LoPresti Jr. played host to more than 200 Cambridge senior citizens at a Valentine's Day dinner on Feb. 10 at the Knights of Columbus Hall, Prospect street. Also on hand were Mayor

Walter Sullivan, Democratic City Committee Chair Clifford Truesdell, standing in for his State House boss, State Rep. Peter Vellucci, and School Committee Member Fred Fantini.

### Priorities

State Rep. Sandra Graham has targeted four bills in her 1987 legislative package for priority attention. One bill would "severely limit" the ability of state agencies to do business with firms with any economic ties to South Africa. A second bill targets vocational education programs in high unemployment, urban areas for increased funding.

Graham has also filed a child care "linkage" bill, modeled on a San Francisco ordinance, requiring developers of large commercial and industrial buildings to provide on-site

child care facilities or contribute to a fund for affordable child care.

Finally, Graham has filed a bill enabling judges to find "rehabilitative" alternatives to prison terms for nonviolent, youthful offenders.

### Home caring

State Sen. Michael Barrett urged quick action this week by the Dukakis Administration in sending to the legislature a supplemental budget request for continued home care services to the elderly. State home care providers are projecting a \$6.1 million shortfall this year.

The program enables many elders to remain in their homes with services such as personal care, transportation and light housekeeping, provided by agencies such as Somerville-Cambridge Elder Services.

Wrote Barrett in a letter to Administration and Finance Secretary Frank Keefe: "Homemaker care protects some of my most vulnerable constituents. My office has received dozens of calls from home care clients concerned about cutbacks in service. Frail senior citizens shouldn't be subjected to this uncertainty."

### Tip-off

Jonathan Myers will announce his city council candidacy at a March 21 party at the Stephen James House. Planning the affair are Washington Elms Tenant Council Chair James Biggs, former Dukakis budget analyst and former state senate candidate Olivia Golden, Celtics star Bill Walton, former attorney general candidate JoAnn Shotwell and peace activist Paul Walker.

## 'Leave it lay'

George Saver's letter (February 12) recalling Mayor Lyons' snow-removal comment of fifty years ago that "God brought it and God will take it away" prompted me to recall (with less than verbatim accuracy) David McCord's classic quatrain: "In Boston when it snows at night, It's swept away by candlelight. In Cambridge quite the other way, There, they simply leave it lay."

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# Crime beat

## Assaults

On Feb. 13, a Melrose woman, after getting into her car in the Bread and Circus parking lot, was approached by a young male, who opened her car door and ordered her out. She refused, and he kept striking her around the face as she tried to get her car in gear. She continued fighting with suspect, as he tried pulling her out of the car. Finally, witnesses came to her aid and the suspect fled towards Harvard street.

## Arrests

On Feb. 13, Philip J. Wright, 1 Woodville St., Roxbury, was arrested on Mass. avenue and Essex street for assault and battery with a dangerous weapon, to wit: shod foot, and possession of a dangerous weapon, 12-inch knife. A fight ensued on an MBTA bus, when the defendant shoved a victim, causing him to drop bundles in the scuffle. When the victim bent over to retrieve them, the defendant kicked him in the face. Defendant had knife in his waistband at the time of the arrest.

On Feb. 13, Nathan Stanford, 120 Harvard St., OUI.

On Feb. 13, Ethel Paris, 26 Lincoln St., Somerville, for larceny from person at Grendel's Den.

On Feb. 14, John Cardinal, 420 Medford St., Somerville, OUI.

On Feb. 15, Eric Morales, 1 Putnam Gardens, for assault and battery with a dangerous weapon, a knife.

On Feb. 15, Luis Rivera, 5 Columbia Terr. for assault and battery with a dangerous weapon, a knife.

On Feb. 16, Curtis Thompson, 10 Suffolk St., OUI.

On Feb. 16, Robert McFarland, 25 Roosevelt Towers, for disorderly conduct.

On Feb. 16, Jeffrey Walker, 6 Jackson Gardens, for disorderly conduct.

On Feb. 16, Rafael Huertas, 100 Memorial Dr., for larceny of a motor vehicle.

On Feb. 16, David H. Breedy, 4 Riverside Pl., for shoplifting.

On Feb. 17, Robert Smith, 15 Corcoran Pk, on warrants.

On Feb. 18, Edward M. Nehley, 89 Grant St., Waltham, ejected from MBTA bus for being unruly. Suspect then became violent and a struggle ensued.

On Feb. 18, Dennis Dottin, 15 Lincoln Way, possession of Class D substance.

On Feb. 19, Alan Seifer, 56 Dorcar Rd., Newton, OUI.

On Feb. 19, John Donofrio, 11 Walters Terr., Somerville.

On Feb. 19, Joseph Rodemacher, 80 Jackson Cir., Scott Arakian, 78 Jackson Cir., Steven Picard, 124 Jackson Pl., for breaking and entering a motor vehicle.

On Feb. 19, John Mendes, 11 Walden Sq., for shoplifting.

On Feb. 19, George Richler, "street person" for smashing a windshield.

On Feb. 19, Robert Graham, 245 Cambridge St., OUI.

On Feb. 20, Carl W. Griffin, Jr., 3 Lincoln Way, OUI.

## Miscellaneous

On Feb. 16, a Market street child was attacked by a pit bull, owned by a Windsor street man.

On Feb. 18, a Lee street man reported that while parked on Mass. avenue, another car tried to back in and double park. When he asked the driver what he was doing, the suspect drove over the victim's foot and left the scene.

## Robberies

On Feb. 13, a Cambridge woman reported that while walking on Bradford street, a man approached from behind and demanded money. He said he had a gun and took \$30.

A Cambridge man reported on Feb. 14 that a group of ten black males punched him in the face while he was on Columbia street, demanding money. He handed over \$10 and the youths fled.

On Feb. 15, a Brighton woman

reported while at a coffee house on Dunster street, a couple sitting next to her left. She then noticed her burgundy wallet with \$30 in cash, credit cards and personal papers was missing.

A Dorchester woman reported on Feb. 16 while walking on Harvard and Prospect streets, a man came out from behind some bushes. He forced her to give him her purse using a handgun.

On Feb. 18, a Lee street woman, shopping at the Fresh Pond Stop and Shop, reported unknown persons took her checkbook, money market book, and \$90 in cash.

A female resident of Powder House boulevard reported on Feb. 18 that an unknown person removed her small purse from a larger bag with a BayBank card and \$150.

## Break-ins

On Feb. 14, a Trowbridge street man reported when he returned home, he found his bedroom window open. His dresser drawers were open and turned upside down. Missing was silverware and jewelry.

On the same day, an employee of the Computer and Medicine Company reported that sometime on Feb. 12 an unknown person entered a locked room, removed seven paintings, which were valued at \$5,000 to \$6,000.

A male resident of Pleasant street reported on Feb. 15 that between 6:30 and 7:30, an unknown person forced the front door to his basement apartment and removed a JVC turntable, valued at \$150.

On Feb. 16, a female resident of Mass. avenue reported a person entered through her bathroom window and removed a jewelry box.

A female resident of Jackson street reported on Feb. 16 that an unknown person entered her apartment, forcing the rear door. Missing is a Quasar organ valued at \$150.

On Feb. 17, a male resident of Hurley street reported that someone removed a 10-inch table saw from his home valued at \$450.

Also on Feb. 17, a Montgomery street woman reported an unknown person ransacked her house and took a Fisher stereo system.

A woman from Everett reported on Feb. 18, while at the Lutheran Church on Winthrop street, someone removed her coat which was hanging on a door. It was later recovered in the men's room, minus \$10 in cash and credit cards.



SHORTER DAYS mean more ice time for these kids who practiced their hockey skills on a homemade ice rink at Donnelly Field last week. (Staff photo by Carolyn Hine)

## Spirit of the city

# Karmu's healed 200,000

By Matthew Kopka  
Special to the Chronicle

(Cambridge, possessed of vast ethnic and cultural richness, is also the home to an equally splendid array of religious organizations. The following article is part of a series which will examine various religious institutions in the city.)

"Healing Church of Karmu. Services daily. Edgar Warner, Officiate," says the sign on the house at Green street. "Come in, come in!" someone shouts.

It is clearly the voice of the "Karmu" we spoke to on the telephone, discovered in a search through a ten-year old guide to the (ever-dawning) "New Age" at the Cambridge Public Library. It takes a little longer to establish that Edgar Warner, the middle-aged black man who greets us, and the Karmu who claims he has healed over 200,000 people in the last 75 years, are one and the same.

Just how old is he? "Eighty," he says, all traces of suspicion suddenly gone, and eager to talk. "I've got a son who's 54. My father was Rabbi Sabu. He was 128 when he died. My mother was 103."

And to what does he attribute such epic vitality? "The ability not to take yourself serious," he says thoughtfully. Then he strikes himself a thunderous blow upon the chest and says, "We waken the sleeping God within." He peers up mischievously, making sure this has had its intended effect, and declares, "And the body starts to sing!"

"I was born right down the street," he says. "I was healing at three months of age. I walked on water at seven. My parents were healers, too. I was a middle-weight fighter, but I don't talk too much about that. Yes, and I was an auto mechanic. I was a great dancer, too, used to dance for money right down the street there. I'm a C.C. — a colorful character. Five movies have been made about me. I just returned from Mexico, where I healed 500 people."

We are somewhat prepared for this verbal ambush — on the phone the man made some pretty extravagant claims. But we are less prepared for the mountain of evidence he now produces to back them up, from newspapers as varied as the Globe and Phoenix to the less traditional publications one usually finds in the supermarkets ("Faith Healer To The Docs!" one proclaims). All attest to Karmu's prowess as a healer. One calls him a "true shaman." A Harvard psychologist says he has seen



KARMU demonstrates his healing techniques on Gabriella Britton, while her daughter, Khadijah, looks on. (Staff photo by Carolyn Hine)

Warner cure everything from muscular dystrophy to ulcers, schizophrenia, venereal disease, depression and the common cold. A doctor at Boston University says he saw Warner cure a woman of hepatitis in four days — the records are at Mass General Hospital. He also says he personally watched Warner apply healing herbs and cure a woman with lymph cancer.

He offers us his "Karmu Healer," a book "to serve as a companion in time of sickness and health, based on the teachings of Christ's Good Samaritan, Karmu." It contains a number of "healing histories", along with exercises, spiritual advice and "Simple Tips for Long Life" ("eat only what one can hold in the palm of the hand"). There are notarized statements as well as affidavits from physicians of "miraculously" cured cancers. There is a prayer for Karmu's students by Tibetan leader Kalu Rimpoche, and photographs of him healing both Baba Ram Dass (of "Be Here Now" fame) and an automobile. As we look over this pile, Karmu recounts the cases of the famous and not-so famous people he has cured.

"People gave me wisdom," he says. "I heal through metal. I teach healing. I'm a T.C., a 'Total Citizen'."

He produces a scrap book, with pictures of people he has helped, including a small girl with brain damage he says he healed in two days. "I used to do 10 to 15 people a day," he says. "But it takes a lot out of you."

"I also make people successful," he says. "I penetrate your subconscious, shock you into a sense of well-being."

Karmu says he has "a 90-95 percent average," (an "A" in anyone's book) and has cured over 200,000 people. "And now I'm healing hundreds of thousands more because my students are healing," he tells us. "How can we lose with the system we use?"

Where is the Church? "Downstairs." What happens there? "We form healing circles of prayer. There is an African healer who comes. Recently we had a visitor from Greece."

He provides us with a medicinal drink. There are raisins, snakeroot, peanuts, cocunut, pineapple, ginseng, aloes, "Kasuvoo weed", prunes, garlic, "the good earth", and "everlasting light and other herbs" in it. What is it for? "Frees you up. Helps you develop your powers of mental association and balance. Gives you clarity." He also donates a bottle of his "Blue Solution", along with a manual for the preparation of everything from sassafras tea to valerian root, traditional cures for everything from hysteria to measles. The drink has made us feel quite euphoric.

"I was told I had to heal the world," he says gravely, then brightens and laughs. We are completely won over. Again he slaps himself across the midriff, so hard the room shakes. "Not bad for a guy 77, huh? I rest my case."

## Local civics program to be featured at confab

Social Studies programs in Cambridge Schools will be among the featured activities at the 18th Annual Northeast Regional Social Studies Convention set for Boston on March 5.

Cambridge Social Studies coordinator Carol Chaet said students and teachers from the Tobin, King, Agassiz, Harrington and Fletcher Schools will demonstrate teaching techniques that have proven effective in Cambridge that may be adopted in other systems across the nation.

"The theme of the convention celebrates the bicentennial of the

U.S. Constitution and is titled "Toward a More Perfect Union," noted Chaet.

In keeping with this, Tobin teachers Nanzetta Merriman and Carolyn Turk will direct 45 seventh and eighth grade students in a mock trial based on the Brown v. Board of Education case.

King and Agassiz Schools staff developer Anna Roelofs will demonstrate a creative approach to teaching about Central America. Joining Roelofs will be Harrington School colleague Elizabeth Cori-Jones. Their technique unfolds the life of a Quiche-Mayan child based on

evidence found in Central America.

Program for teaching about China, developed by Fletcher School teacher Kathleen Travers in conjunction with Marie Kalat and Elizabeth Hoemann of Learning Connections, Inc., focus on the physical and cultural geography of China and will be among the convention's highlights.

How computers may be used to teach history and social activities will be presented by Tobin teacher Phyllis Kalowski in her demonstration of "The Voyage of the Mimi," a computerized electronic lesson.

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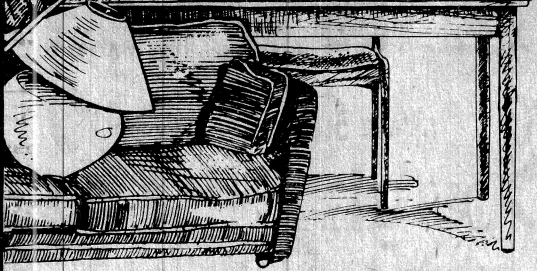
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The key feature of the proposed ordinance is public accountability. The Cambridge City Council knows first-hand that such accountability does not yet exist. The council instructed the Cambridge Animal Commission to determine the number of laboratories conducting animal research within Cambridge and the types of this research. The commission found that even such a basic assessment was impossible, owing to lack of public information and lack of cooperation by certain research institutions, among other reasons. The commission's recommendations served as the basis for the proposed ordinance.

The ordinance would create a Cambridge Animal Experimentation Review Board (CAERB) to oversee animal experimentation city-wide. The brief history of the CAERB is strikingly similar to that of the Institutional Review Boards (IRBs), which

oversee research on human subjects. The impetus to create both types of review boards was a series of scandals. Also, the proposal for a CAERB is eliciting the same types of unwarranted criticism that scientists initially leveled against IRBs. Although difficult to believe today, clinicians claimed that IRBs would bring clinical research to a halt, that non-scientists cannot and should not participate in evaluating clinical research, that IRBs would create an unnecessary bureaucracy, and that scientists were already safeguarding the interests of human subjects. These fears had more to do with the scientists' aversion to public scrutiny than with the merits of the issues at hand.

Of course, the creation of IRBs did not stop clinical research. It is widely agreed that IRBs are fulfilling their mandate to protect human subjects and are functioning with a minimum of interference to research. Moreover, they have also (incidentally) improved the quality of human research.

The experience with IRBs suggests that if the proposed ordinance concerning animal research passes, the current adversarial positions of interested parties will give way to a more harmonious working relationship. The people and animals of Cambridge deserve no less.

The HSUS urges you to support the ordinance.

John A. Hoyt  
Humane Society of the United States  
Washington, DC

## Clear the walks

The failure to clear sidewalks of snow and ice is a serious problem in Cambridge and the Boston area in general. It is not only the cause of great inconvenience, but a tremendous safety hazard. Recently, while walking several blocks to the Central Square T-station, I slipped on the ice, and sustained a severe compound ankle fracture, which required surgery. While in the hospital, I learned my case was not unique; many doctors and nurses remarked to me about the record-breaking number of fractures due to falls on the ice this winter.

In Cambridge, as well as the general metropolitan area, there are ordinances requiring homeowners and businesspeople to clear their sidewalks. I am now on crutches, and the icy condition of my street, treacherous enough under normal circumstances, is now an extreme hardship. Despite the illegality of such negligence, shovelling sidewalks seems to be the exception rather than the rule.

Why are the snow removal ordinances not strictly enforced? And why, in a matter so crucial to public safety, are so few individuals willing to do their part? I intend to sue the responsible party, but should it be necessary to take such drastic measures? If everyone would pitch in to help prevent this hazardous situation, not only would getting around in winter be easier, but much needless injury, suffering, and hardship could be avoided.

Marion Shore  
Somerville

## Politalks

### Dems meet

The Democratic City Committee will meet on Thursday, May 5, at 7:30 pm at the Stephen James House, Porter Square. The informal part of the meeting is set for 7:30 pm with roll call set for 8. Guest speaker will be former Berkeley, California, Mayor Gus Newport. Committee Chair Clifford Truesdell will briefly discuss the impact of the redrawn ward lines on members of the 11 ward committees.

### Hearts & flowers

State Sen. Michael LoPresti Jr. played host to more than 200 Cambridge senior citizens at a Valentine's Day dinner on Feb. 10 at the Knights of Columbus Hall, Prospect street. Also on hand were Mayor

Walter Sullivan, Democratic City Committee Chair Clifford Truesdell, standing in for his State House boss, State Rep. Peter Vellucci, and School Committee Member Fred Fantini.

### Priorities

State Rep. Sandra Graham has targeted four bills in her 1987 legislative package for priority attention. One bill would "severely limit" the ability of state agencies to do business with firms with any economic ties to South Africa. A second bill targets vocational education programs in high unemployment, urban areas for increased funding.

Graham has also filed a child care "linkage" bill, modeled on a San Francisco ordinance, requiring developers of large commercial and industrial buildings to provide on-site

child care facilities or contribute to a fund for affordable child care.

Finally, Graham has filed a bill enabling judges to find "rehabilitative" alternatives to prison terms for nonviolent, youthful offenders.

### Home caring

State Sen. Michael Barrett urged quick action this week by the Dukakis Administration in sending to the legislature a supplemental budget request for continued home care services to the elderly. State home care providers are projecting a \$6.1 million shortfall this year.

The program enables many elders to remain in their homes with services such as personal care, transportation and light housekeeping, provided by agencies such as Somerville-Cambridge Elder Services.

Wrote Barrett in a letter to Administration and Finance Secretary Frank Keefe: "Homemaker care protects some of my most vulnerable constituents. My office has received dozens of calls from home care clients concerned about cutbacks in service. Frail senior citizens shouldn't be subjected to this uncertainty."

### Tip-off

Jonathan Myers will announce his city council candidacy at a March 21 party at the Stephen James House. Planning the affair are Washington Elms Tenant Council Chair James Biggs, former Dukakis budget analyst and former state senate candidate Olivia Golden, Celtics star Bill Walton, former attorney general candidate JoAnn Shotwell and peace activist Paul Walker.

## 'Leave it lay'

George Saver's letter (February 12) recalling Mayor Lyons' snow-removal comment of fifty years ago that "God brought it and God will take it away" prompted me to recall (with less than verbatim accuracy) David McCord's classic quatrain: "In Boston when it snows at night, It's swept away by candlelight. In Cambridge quite the other way, There, they simply leave it lay."

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# Crime beat

## Assaults

On Feb. 13, a Melrose woman, after getting into her car in the Bread and Circus parking lot, was approached by a young male, who opened her car door and ordered her out. She refused, and he kept striking her around the face as she tried to get her car in gear. She continued fighting with suspect, as he tried pulling her out of the car. Finally, witnesses came to her aid and the suspect fled towards Harvard street.

## Arrests

On Feb. 13, Philip J. Wright, 1 Woodville St., Roxbury, was arrested on Mass. avenue and Essex street for assault and battery with a dangerous weapon, to wit: shod foot, and possession of a dangerous weapon, 12-inch knife. A fight ensued on an MBTA bus, when the defendant shoved a victim, causing him to drop bundles in the scuffle. When the victim bent over to retrieve them, the defendant kicked him in the face. Defendant had knife in his waistband at the time of the arrest.

On Feb. 13, Nathan Stanford, 120 Harvard St., OUI.

On Feb. 13, Ethel Paris, 26 Lincoln St., Somerville, for larceny from person at Grendel's Den.

On Feb. 14, John Cardinal, 420 Medford St., Somerville, OUI.

On Feb. 15, Eric Morales, 1 Putnam Gardens, for assault and battery with a dangerous weapon, a knife.

On Feb. 15, Luis Rivera, 5 Columbia Terr. for assault and battery with a dangerous weapon, a knife.

On Feb. 16, Curtis Thompson, 10 Suffolk St., OUI.

On Feb. 16, Robert McFarland, 25 Roosevelt Towers, for disorderly conduct.

On Feb. 16, Jeffrey Walker, 6 Jackson Gardens, for disorderly conduct.

On Feb. 16, Rafael Huertas, 100 Memorial Dr., for larceny of a motor vehicle.

On Feb. 16, David H. Breedy, 4 Riverside Pl., for shoplifting.

On Feb. 17, Robert Smith, 15 Corcoran Pk, on warrants.

On Feb. 18, Edward M. Nehley, 89 Grant St., Waltham, ejected from MBTA bus for being unruly. Suspect then became violent and a struggle ensued.

On Feb. 18, Dennis Dottin, 15 Lincoln Way, possession of Class D substance.

On Feb. 19, Alan Seifer, 56 Dorcar Rd., Newton, OUI.

On Feb. 19, John Donofrio, 11 Walters Terr., Somerville.

On Feb. 19, Joseph Rodemacher, 80 Jackson Cir., Scott Arakian, 78 Jackson Cir., Steven Picard, 124 Jackson Pl., for breaking and entering a motor vehicle.

On Feb. 19, John Mendes, 11 Walden Sq., for shoplifting.

On Feb. 19, George Richler, "street person" for smashing a windshield.

On Feb. 19, Robert Graham, 245 Cambridge St., OUI.

On Feb. 20, Carl W. Griffin, Jr., 3 Lincoln Way, OUI.

## Miscellaneous

On Feb. 16, a Market street child was attacked by a pit bull, owned by a Windsor street man.

On Feb. 18, a Lee street man reported that while parked on Mass. avenue, another car tried to back in and double park. When he asked the driver what he was doing, the suspect drove over the victim's foot and left the scene.

## Robberies

On Feb. 13, a Cambridge woman reported that while walking on Bradford street, a man approached from behind and demanded money. He said he had a gun and took \$30.

A Cambridge man reported on Feb. 14 that a group of ten black males punched him in the face while he was on Columbia street, demanding money. He handed over \$10 and the youths fled.

On Feb. 15, a Brighton woman

reported while at a coffee house on Dunster street, a couple sitting next to her left. She then noticed her burgundy wallet with \$30 in cash, credit cards and personal papers was missing.

A Dorchester woman reported on Feb. 16 while walking on Harvard and Prospect streets, a man came out from behind some bushes. He forced her to give him her purse using a handgun.

On Feb. 18, a Lee street woman, shopping at the Fresh Pond Stop and Shop, reported unknown persons took her checkbook, money market book, and \$90 in cash.

A female resident of Powder House boulevard reported on Feb. 18 that an unknown person removed her small purse from a larger bag with a BayBank card and \$150.

## Break-ins

On Feb. 14, a Trowbridge street man reported when he returned home, he found his bedroom window open. His dresser drawers were open and turned upside down. Missing was silverware and jewelry.

On the same day, an employee of the Computer and Medicine Company reported that sometime on Feb. 12 an unknown person entered a locked room, removed seven paintings, which were valued at \$5,000 to \$6,000.

A male resident of Pleasant street reported on Feb. 15 that between 6:30 and 7:30, an unknown person forced the front door to his basement apartment and removed a JVC turntable, valued at \$150.

On Feb. 16, a female resident of Mass. avenue reported a person entered through her bathroom window and removed a jewelry box.

A female resident of Jackson street reported on Feb. 16 that an unknown person entered her apartment, forcing the rear door. Missing is a Quasar organ valued at \$150.

On Feb. 17, a male resident of Hurley street reported that someone removed a 10-inch table saw from his home valued at \$450.

Also on Feb. 17, a Montgomery street woman reported an unknown person ransacked her house and took a Fisher stereo system.

A woman from Everett reported on Feb. 18, while at the Lutheran Church on Winthrop street, someone removed her coat which was hanging on a door. It was later recovered in the men's room, minus \$10 in cash and credit cards.



SHORTER DAYS mean more ice time for these kids who practiced their hockey skills on a homemade ice rink at Donnelly Field last week. (Staff photo by Carolyn Hine)

## Spirit of the city

# Karmu's healed 200,000

By Matthew Kopka  
Special to the Chronicle

(Cambridge, possessed of vast ethnic and cultural richness, is also the home to an equally splendid array of religious organizations. The following article is part of a series which will examine various religious institutions in the city.)

"Healing Church of Karmu. Services daily. Edgar Warner, Officiate," says the sign on the house at Green street. "Come in, come in!" someone shouts.

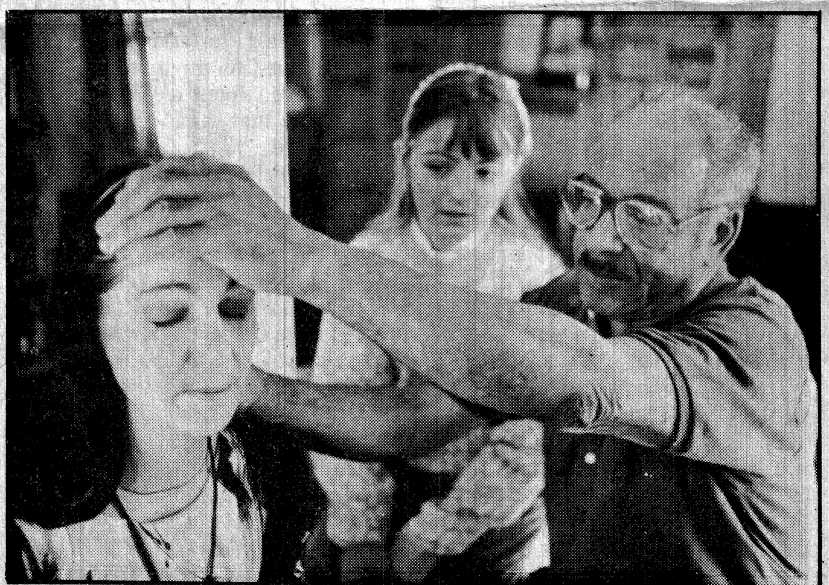
It is clearly the voice of the "Karmu" we spoke to on the telephone, discovered in a search through a ten-year old guide to the (ever-dawning) "New Age" at the Cambridge Public Library. It takes a little longer to establish that Edgar Warner, the middle-aged black man who greets us, and the Karmu who claims he has healed over 200,000 people in the last 75 years, are one and the same.

Just how old is he? "Eighty," he says, all traces of suspicion suddenly gone, and eager to talk. "I've got a son who's 54. My father was Rabbi Sabu. He was 128 when he died. My mother was 103."

And to what does he attribute such epic vitality? "The ability not to take yourself serious," he says thoughtfully. Then he strikes himself a thunderous blow upon the chest and says, "We waken the sleeping God within." He peers up mischievously, making sure this has had its intended effect, and declares, "And the body starts to sing!"

"I was born right down the street," he says. "I was healing at three months of age. I walked on water at seven. My parents were healers, too. I was a middle-weight fighter, but I don't talk too much about that. Yes, and I was an auto mechanic. I was a great dancer, too, used to dance for money right down the street there. I'm a C.C. — a colorful character. Five movies have been made about me. I just returned from Mexico, where I healed 500 people."

We are somewhat prepared for this verbal ambush — on the phone the man made some pretty extravagant claims. But we are less prepared for the mountain of evidence he now produces to back them up, from newspapers as varied as the Globe and Phoenix to the less traditional publications one usually finds in the supermarkets ("Faith Healer To The Docs!" one proclaims). All attest to Karmu's prowess as a healer. One calls him a "true shaman." A Harvard psychologist says he has seen



KARMU demonstrates his healing techniques on Gabriella Britton, while her daughter, Khadijah, looks on. (Staff photo by Carolyn Hine)

Warner cure everything from muscular dystrophy to ulcers, schizophrenia, venereal disease, depression and the common cold. A doctor at Boston University says he saw Warner cure a woman of hepatitis in four days — the records are at Mass General Hospital. He also says he personally watched Warner apply healing herbs and cure a woman with lymph cancer.

He offers us his "Karmu Healer," a book "to serve as a companion in time of sickness and health, based on the teachings of Christ's Good Samaritan, Karmu." It contains a number of "healing histories", along with exercises, spiritual advice and "Simple Tips for Long Life" ("eat only what one can hold in the palm of the hand"). There are notarized statements as well as affidavits from physicians of "miraculously" cured cancers. There is a prayer for Karmu's students by Tibetan leader Kalu Rimpoche, and photographs of him healing both Baba Ram Dass (of "Be Here Now" fame) and an automobile. As we look over this pile, Karmu recounts the cases of the famous and not-so famous people he has cured.

"People gave me wisdom," he says. "I heal through metal. I teach healing. I'm a T.C., a 'Total Citizen'."

He produces a scrap book, with pictures of people he has helped, including a small girl with brain damage he says he healed in two days. "I used to do 10 to 15 people a day," he says. "But it takes a lot out of you."

"I also make people successful," he says. "I penetrate your subconscious, shock you into a sense of well-being."

Karmu says he has "a 90-95 percent average," (an "A" in anyone's book) and has cured over 200,000 people. "And now I'm healing hundreds of thousands more because my students are healing," he tells us. "How can we lose with the system we use?"

Where is the Church? "Downstairs." What happens there? "We form healing circles of prayer. There is an African healer who comes. Recently we had a visitor from Greece."

He provides us with a medicinal drink. There are raisins, snakeroot, peanuts, cocunut, pineapple, ginseng, aloes, "Kasuvoo weed", prunes, garlic, "the good earth", and "everlasting light and other herbs" in it. What is it for? "Frees you up. Helps you develop your powers of mental association and balance. Gives you clarity." He also donates a bottle of his "Blue Solution", along with a manual for the preparation of everything from sassafras tea to valerian root, traditional cures for everything from hysteria to measles. The drink has made us feel quite euphoric.

"I was told I had to heal the world," he says gravely, then brightens and laughs. We are completely won over. Again he slaps himself across the midriff, so hard the room shakes. "Not bad for a guy 77, huh? I rest my case."

## Local civics program to be featured at confab

Social Studies programs in Cambridge Schools will be among the featured activities at the 18th Annual Northeast Regional Social Studies Convention set for Boston on March 5.

Cambridge Social Studies coordinator Carol Chaet said students and teachers from the Tobin, King, Agassiz, Harrington and Fletcher Schools will demonstrate teaching techniques that have proven effective in Cambridge that may be adopted in other systems across the nation.

"The theme of the convention celebrates the bicentennial of the

U.S. Constitution and is titled "Toward a More Perfect Union," noted Chaet.

In keeping with this, Tobin teachers Nanzetta Merriman and Carolyn Turk will direct 45 seventh and eighth grade students in a mock trial based on the Brown v. Board of Education case.

King and Agassiz Schools staff developer Anna Roelofs will demonstrate a creative approach to teaching about Central America. Joining Roelofs will be Harrington School colleague Elizabeth Cori-Jones. Their technique unfolds the life of a Quiche-Mayan child based on

evidence found in Central America.

Program for teaching about China, developed by Fletcher School teacher Kathleen Travers in conjunction with Marie Kalat and Elizabeth Hoemann of Learning Connections, Inc., focus on the physical and cultural geography of China and will be among the convention's highlights.

How computers may be used to teach history and social activities will be presented by Tobin teacher Phyllis Kalowski in her demonstration of "The Voyage of the Mimi," a computerized electronic lesson.

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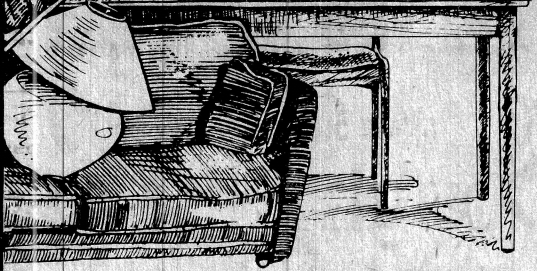
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# City of Cambridge

(Agenda Item No. 2)

## IN CITY COUNCIL

March 9, 1987

- WHEREAS:** There is a severe shortage of affordable housing for lower income families in Cambridge; and
- WHEREAS:** The City of Cambridge has acquired two parcels of land located at 32-44 Hayes Street and 29-31 Magee Street; and more particularly described in Exhibit A attached hereto (the Property); and
- WHEREAS:** Riverside Cambridgeport Community Corporation (RCCC), a non-profit community development corporation located at 217 Western Avenue, Cambridge, with the assistance of the Community Development Department proposes to construct five houses for lower-income families on land owned by the City of Cambridge located at Hayes Street and Magee Street described in Attachment A which excludes the portion utilized by the school for recreational purposes and is bounded by the existing fence; and
- WHEREAS:** The Cambridge City Council did on December 30, 1985, unanimously approve the application to the Massachusetts Executive Office of Communities and Development for \$140,000 in Community Development Action Grant funds for the following purposes:
1. To build a playground at the Martin Luther King School on a site located on Magee Street (Lots 119 and 120, Block 121);
  2. To leverage \$400,000 in private funds to build six units of affordable housing on a City-owned site adjacent to the school grounds located on Hayes Street and Magee Street described above as Parcel A.
  3. To declare the site a Blighted Open Area as defined by Section 1 of Chapter 121B of the Massachusetts General Laws; and
- WHEREAS:** The Massachusetts Executive Office of Communities and Development has awarded to the City of Cambridge \$140,000 in Community Development Action Grant funds for the above mentioned purposes; and

- WHEREAS: The Cambridge City Council has petitioned the General Court under Article 97 of the Amendments to the Constitution, Article XLIX, to enact the attached special law entitled "An Act to permit the development of property located at 32-44 Hayes Street and 29-31 Magee Street, Cambridge, described as Parcel A (description and plan attached) for low-and moderate-income housing by a non-profit community corporation"; and
- WHEREAS: The Great and General Court of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts on November 17, 1986 did enact said Home Rule Petition; and
- WHEREAS: This City Council desires to convey this property to Riverside Cambridgeport Community Corporation, subject to the restriction that Riverside Cambridgeport Community Corporation continue to coordinate the development process with the Cambridge Community Development Department to ensure that the purposes of the Home Rule Petition to provide homeownership opportunities for lower-income Cambridge residents are fully implemented; and
- WHEREAS: This City Council by virtue and in pursuance of the authority conferred by Ordinance No. 733 did cause a public hearing to be held to which the general public and abutters were invited to attend; the Planning Board submitted a recommendation and public notice was given; does hereby vote to sell the above-referenced property to the Riverside Cambridgeport Community Corporation;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT ORDERED:

That the City Manager is authorized to execute and deliver a Purchase and Sale Agreement concerning the Property by and between the City of Cambridge and Riverside Cambridgeport Community Corporation, in form acceptable to him and continuing such terms and conditions as he shall deem necessary. The City Manager is further authorized to execute and deliver any amendments or additions to said Purchase and Sale Agreement as he shall deem necessary. Notwithstanding the preceding two sentences, the City Manager shall not be required to enter into such Purchase and Sale Agreement if, in his sole discretion, he does not deem said Purchase and Sale Agreement to be necessary for the conveyance authorized below; and be it further

ORDERED:

That the City Manager is hereby authorized and directed to convey the Property and improvements thereon to Riverside Cambridgeport Community Corporation, for consideration of One Dollar (\$1.00) and other good and valuable considerations which are not monetary; and be it further

ORDERED:

That the City Manager is hereby authorized and directed to execute and deliver to Riverside Cambridgeport Community Corporation in the name of and on behalf of the City of Cambridge in such form as the City Manager shall approve (such approval to be conclusively evidenced by such execution and

delivery) such documents, instruments, agreements, deeds, warranties, indemnifications, releases or certificates, or amendments thereto, required by Riverside Cambridgeport Community Corporation, as the City Manager may deem necessary, desirable or appropriate to accommodate the intent of the foregoing resolutions; and be it further

**ORDERED:**

That the City Manager is hereby authorized to execute, accept and deliver such supplemental or ancillary documents as are reasonably necessary to implement the intent of these resolutions and to execute, accept and deliver amendments thereto.

In City Council March 9, 1987.  
Adopted by a yea and nay vote:-  
Yeas 6; Nays 3; Absent 0.  
Attest:- Joseph E. Connarton, City Clerk.

A true copy;

ATTEST:-

*Joseph E. Connarton*

Joseph E. Connarton, City Clerk.

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## LEGAL DESCRIPTION

PARCEL A, HAYES STREET

CITY OF CAMBRIDGE

A certain parcel of land situated on the southerly side of Hayes Street in Cambridge, Massachusetts, Middlesex County and being shown as Parcel "A" on a plan entitled "Subdivision Plan of Land in Cambridge, Massachusetts, Prepared for City of Cambridge, Scale 1"=20', October 8, 1986, Cullinan Engineering Co., Inc." being bounded and described as follows:

Beginning at a point on the southerly sideline of Hayes Street. Said Point of Beginning being N 60° 10' 04" W, 155.14 feet from the Westerly sideline intersection of Howard Street.

THENCE S 29° 49' 56" W by land of N/F William and Lillian Eng a distance of 75.00 feet;

THENCE N 60° 09' 46" W by land of N/F Gertrude L. Lynch and N/F Helen Flynn a distance of 52.08 feet;

THENCE S 12° 51' 00" W by land of N/F Helen Flynn a distance of 77.00 feet to the northerly sideline of Magee Street;

THENCE N 77° 09' 00" W along the northerly sideline of Magee Street a distance of 34.00 feet;

THENCE N 12° 51' 00" E by land of N/F Everton C. and Eugenie M. Johnson a distance of 83.00 feet;

THENCE N 70° 37' 51" W by land of N/F Everton C. and Eugenie M. Johnson a distance of 0.67 feet;

THENCE N 14° 27' 52" E along a chain link fence through land of the Grantor a distance of 8.47 feet to an angle point in the chain link fence;

THENCE N 24° 19' 09" E continuing along the chain link fence through land of the Grantor a distance 71.47 feet to the southerly sideline of Hayes Street;

THENCE S 60° 10' 04" E along the southerly sideline of Hayes Street a distance of 96.12 feet to the Point of Beginning.

Said Parcel A contains 9,733 square feet as shown on the above described plan.

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# City of Cambridge

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# CITY OF CAMBRIDGE

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February 26, 1987

Dear Property Owner:

Please be advised that pursuant to City Ordinance 733, the Cambridge City Council will conduct a public hearing on the proposed sale of a parcel of land located at 32-44 Hayes Street and 29-31 Magee Street.

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You are invited to attend at this time.

Sincerely yours,

Joseph E. Connarton  
City Clerk.

JEC/mh

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**CITY OF CAMBRIDGE**  
**INTEROFFICE CORRESPONDENCE**

**To** Joseph Connarton  
City Clerk

**Date** February 19, 1987

**From** Robert Reardon  
Chairman, Board of Assessors

**Reference**

**Subject**

The abutters for the properties located at 32-42 Hayes Street and 29-31 Magee Street are as follows:

46-48 Hayes Street William Eng and Lillian Eng 46 Hayes Street Cambridge, MA 02139-2906	Block 122/Lot 98
23 Magee Street Everton C. Johnson and Eugenia M. Johnson 27 Magee Street Cambridge, MA 02139-2915	Block 122/Lot 118
25 Magee Street Everton C. Johnson and Eugenia M. Johnson 27 Magee Street Cambridge, MA 02139-2915	Block 122/Lot 117
35 Magee Street Helen Flynn 37 Magee Street Cambridge, MA 02139-2915	Block 122/Lot 115
39 Magee Street Gertrude L. Lynch 39 Magee Street Cambridge, MA 02139-2915	Block 122/Lot 114
43 Magee Street Aubrey B. Layne and Christol L. Layne c/o Louise E. Layne 45 Magee Street Cambridge, MA 02139-2915	Block 122/Lot 113
98-116 Putnam Avenue City of Cambridge c/o School Department	Block 122/Lots 185, 186, 187, 190

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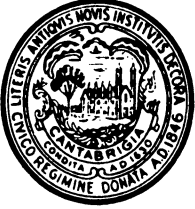
## NOTICE OF A PUBLIC HEARING

The Cambridge City Council pursuant to Ordinance No. 733 will conduct a public hearing on Monday, March 9, 1987 beginning at 6:00 P. M. in the Sullivan Chamber, City Hall, Cambridge, MA, for the purpose of discussing and acting upon the proposed sale of the parcels of land located at 32-44 Hayes Street and 29-31 Magee Street. The proposed sale of said land is to permit the development of low and moderate income housing by a non-profit community corporation.

All interested individuals are invited to attend at this time.

By Order of the City Council,

Joseph E. Connarton, City Clerk.



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EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT  
ROBERT W. HEALY  
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Deputy City Manager

February 9, 1987

To the Honorable, the City Council:

Last October, the City Council submitted a Home Rule Petition to the Massachusetts Legislature requesting the redesignation of a parcel of land at 32-44 Hayes Street, 29-31 Magee Street, to permit the development of low and moderate income housing by a non-profit community corporation. In December of 1986, the Legislature enacted the Home Rule Petition. Additionally, in December of 1985, the Massachusetts Executive Office of Communities and Development committed \$140,000 to the City for the purposes of building a playground behind the King School and leveraging the funding necessary to build five units of affordable housing.

Riverside Cambridgeport Community Corporation in consultation with the Community Development Department, is planning to develop a five-unit homeownership project on the Hayes/Magee Street parcel subject to the approval of the sale of land by the City Council. These units will be affordable to low and moderate income households.

To facilitate the timely disposition of the property, I request the City Council refer the proposed sale of the Hayes/Magee parcel to the Planning Board and schedule the public hearing for March 9, 1987.

Consistent with the purpose of the project to make homes affordable to low and moderate income households, it is recommended that the sale price of the parcel be set at \$1.00.

A more detailed description of the development proposal including information about proposed design, construction method, financing, community outreach and scheduling will be distributed prior to the Public Hearing.

Very truly yours,

Robert W. Healy  
City Manager

RWH/mbf

Re: scheduling a public hearing for March 9th, 1987 on the proposed sale of the parcel of land at 32-44 Hayes St. & 29-31 Magee St. to permit development of low & moderate income housing by a non-profit community corporation.

See copy of order adopted dated March 9, 1987 authorizing the sale of these properties. (copy within)  
Distributions to the City Mgr., Council Office, Assessors, Engineers, Community Development 4/6/87

In City Council,

February 9, 1987

property owners notified of the scheduling of this public hearing from list provided by Assessors Office 2/26/87md  
(see copy within)