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February 26, 2001

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WHEREAS: James was the beloved husband of the late Reed Champion Pfeufer; and

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WHEREAS: James was the head of the Department of Graphics Design at the Rhode Island School of Design; and

WHEREAS: At the age of 65, James taught printmaking at the Cape Cod Vocational Technical High School; and

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WHEREAS: James will be sorely missed by all he touched and loved; now therefore be it

RESOLVED: That this City Council go on record extending its deepest sympathy to the family of James Ferdinand Pfeufer at this time of such personal loss; and be it further

RESOLVED: That the City Clerk be and hereby is requested to forward a suitably engrossed copy of this resolution to the Pfeufer family on behalf of the entire City Council.

In City Council February 26, 2001.
Adopted by the affirmative vote of nine members.
Attest:- D. Margaret Drury, City Clerk.

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Wired for RCN

City could be a month away from deal

By Ryan Thompson
STAFF WRITER

The average Cantabrigian television is on almost 50 hours a week. With cable rates on the rise lately, this TV fetish could cost residents more than their minds.

But in a year or two, a new cable provider could be coming to a TV set near you, and competition with AT&T could prevent rising cable costs.

The city is in the final stages of negotiations with RCN and hopes to grant the cable company a license in the next few months, according to Lisa Peterson, assistant to the city manager and coordinator of the city cable franchising. Once given a license, it could take about two years for RCN to construct a system that would deliver cable television throughout the city.

"I feel like we're very close, and we would hope to have a second license in the city in the next couple of months," Peterson said.

AT&T is the sole cable provider in Cambridge now, and rates have recently risen. Peterson said that competition between AT&T and RCN could improve cable service and level cable rates.

The cost of standard cable service, which is the most popular service, rose 5 percent on Feb. 1 — from $34.28 to $35.99. Basic service, which is the simplest package and offers about 20 channels, costs the same as it did before — $6.89.

Two other types of basic-service packages were eliminated by AT&T. AT&T Broadband's Northeastern regional spokesperson Jennifer Khoury said it is part of an effort to standardize service. These packages were unpopular, and fewer than 5 percent of AT&T Broadband subscribers ordered them, she said.

Khoury said the reason for the increased rates is due to AT&T's increased costs.

"We've increased prices the minimum that we could," she said. "Essentially, programming costs have gone up [10 percent] this year."

But Khoury hastened to add that Cambridge customers are getting the maximum value for their money.

"It's good to live in Cambridge if you want the best broadband services," she said. "Cambridge had these services long before many other communities in the country had them."

As far as RCN coming in and competing, Khoury said AT&T is aware of it and takes it into consideration. However, Khoury said RCN competes with AT&T in several other communities, and that didn't stop the rate increase.

"We treat those communities just like we treat any community," she said.

According to Khoury, Newton, which has both AT&T and RCN as cable service providers, also saw a 5 percent increase in cable rates on Feb. 1.

The increased rates in Cambridge — and around the country — could be a result of the federal Telecommunications Act of 1996, which deregulated cable rates.

"Now we can certainly charge whatever we wanted," Khoury said.

In Fall River, the City Council blamed the Telecommunications Act for that city's rising rates, and voted unanimously to adopt a resolution that called for the federal government to re-regulate cable television rates.

Reportedly, Fall River has little chance of recruiting a second cable provider. For Cambridge, this doesn't seem to be a problem.

According to Peterson, the city manager advertised and sent cable television providers issuing authority reports a couple years ago. RCN was the only company to respond.

"We have been talking to RCN for over a year and a half," Peterson said.

According to her, RCN filed a form of intention and desire to obtain a cable license. At last week's City Council meeting, City Manager Bob Healy reported that the city is still negotiating with RCN, and RCN is still interested.

"The city has been in active negotiations with RCN that hopefully will conclude in the spring," Healy wrote to the council.

Once negotiations have finished, RCN is expected to begin an extensive construction project to route cable throughout the city and into the residents' homes. This build-out will entail underground construction as well as utility pole work.

"It's a very complicated build-out in a community like Cambridge," Peterson said.

Finishing the build-out in two years is the goal, she said.

In a past interview, Peterson said she believes that having RCN here to compete with AT&T will result in the best cable viewing experience for Cambridge. This could mean that residents will get the highly demanded Food Channel, which AT&T now refuses to air despite a City Council request and a petition initiated by super chef Julia Child.

AROUND TOWN

Arts meet media

Deborah Henson-Conant will kick off the Cambridge Center for Adult Education's "Arts and the Media" from 8:30 a.m. to 6 p.m., on Saturday, March 24, This conference for artists and cultural organizations provides artists, arts administrators and media representatives an opportunity to learn what the "other" needs to do their job in covering and/or presenting the arts.

The full-day rate is $60; morning only is $35. Group discounts are available. To register, call 547-6979, ext. 1 or register online at www.ccae.org.

Pages and pages of art

Cambridge Artists' Cooperative will present its biennial book show, "Book Arts: Images and Words," during March. The show will feature one-of-a-kind and limited-edition books in contemporary and traditional formats. An extensive variety of techniques and materials are represented in the collection. This show is for the serious collector of book arts and those who have an interest in knowing more about this unique art form. A reception will be held from 5:30 to 7 p.m., Thursday, March 1.

The show and reception will take place at Cambridge Artists' Cooperative, 59A Church St., Harvard Square. Admission is free. For more information, call Susan Denio at 868-4434.

Seeking a top for 'Turtle'

"Turtle Song," a short "indie" film about a boy and a family in crisis, is looking for a 7-year-old boy to play the lead. He should be curious, open, with a tenderness that makes him special.

"It's a great story with a strong, Emmy-winning creative team," said Tim Grafft of the Mass. Film Office.

The international producer and director team has over 20 years each of experience, making independent films, documentaries for network television, and corporate videos. Producer Mimi Kelly has an Emmy for a child-centered documentary, "Why Johnny Don't Know." The film would shoot in April.

Parents interested in auditioning their son for the part should call 867-5993.

Get in the swim of things

The Department of Environmental Management and the Metropolitan District Commission is looking for lifeguards, clerks and summer workers and laborers to staff swimming pools, campgrounds and picnic and swimming areas this summer. Applications must be filed by Friday, March 30. For more information, call state Rep. Alice Wolf's office at 722-2070.

Three centuries of piano tunes

Pianist Donald Berman will present a concert at 8 p.m. Feb. 23, at the John Knowles Paine Concert Hall, Harvard University Music Building.

He says the concert "emphasizes the common ground between five contemporary and classical cornerstones, representing four distinct epochs in pianism, each being roughly 75 years apart. The program spans a total of three centuries."

The concert, which is free, is sponsored by Pforzheimer House Music Society. The hall is wheelchair accessible. For more information, call the Paine Hall Concert Line at 496-6013.

You got a fast car?

The American Cancer Society is seeking volunteers from the Cambridge area to drive cancer patients to their treatment appointments. If you have a car and some time available between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m., you can make a difference in someone's life by becoming a volunteer driver.

A cancer patient receiving radiation therapy or chemotherapy often feels too sick to drive, and that's where Road to Recovery comes in.

Volunteer drivers receive training from ACS and are asked to volunteer for one or two mornings or afternoons each month. Drivers' availability is matched with the needs of patients who call. ACS provides limited reimbursement for parking, tolls and mileage.

To volunteer or for more information, call the American Cancer Society at 556-7400.

Portuguese support groups

The Cambridge Guidance Center is forming two Portuguese-speaking support groups that will meet at the Somerville office of the Massachusetts Alliance of Portuguese Speakers. The groups will include: Maes em Acao (Mothers in Action), for mothers that have lived with domestic problems; and Criancas em Acao (Children in Action), for children that have witnessed domestic problems. Both groups will meet Mondays from 5:30 to 6:45 p.m. at the MAPS Office at 92 Union Square, beginning in late January. For more information or to join a group, call Suzana Da Silva at 354-2275.

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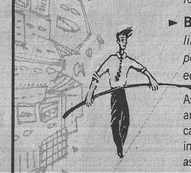
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Wilhelmina C. Brignolia

Homemaker

Wilhelmina C. "Willa" (Brown) died Feb. 5, 2001, at Winchester Nursing Center. She was 88.

Mrs. Brignolia was born in Brookline and was a resident of Winchester, formerly of Cambridge. She was a homemaker. Her late husband, Lawrence G. Brignolia, was a professional boxer in the 1920s and 1930s, and her late father-in-law, Lawrence J. Brignolia, was the winner of the Boston Marathon in 1899.

Mrs. Brignolia is survived by three daughters, Barbara B. O'Connell and her husband, Ed, of Winchester, Loretta P. Nagle and her husband, Joseph, of Framingham, and Lorna C. Brignolia of McLean, Va.; a brother, Joseph Brown of Cambridge; 10 grandchildren; 15 great-grandchildren; her late grandson Lawrence G. O'Connell's widow, Maria Isabel, and their son, Philip.

Donations in Mrs. Brignolia's memory may be made to the Philip A. O'Connell Scholarship Fund, c/o 25 Arlington St., Winchester, MA 01890.

Helen J. Geis Kille

Former Cambridge Police Department employee

Helen J. Geis Kille died Feb. 19, 2001, in Long Beach, Calif. She was 87.

Mrs. Kille was born in Cambridge and educated in the Cambridge schools. She was employed by the Cambridge Police Department in communications and was active in the Historical Society of Cambridge. The park on the Simplex site was named in her honor — Helen J. Geis Park in Cambridge.

She was the wife of the late Joseph F. Geis; and mother of the late Paul and Leonard Kille. She is survived by several grandchildren; a brother, Arthur O'Brien of Arlington; a nephew, Skip Ciccarelli of Cambridge; Juliann Ciccarelli of Cambridge; and Carolann Courtney of Arlington.

A funeral Mass will be held Feb. 23 at St. Mary's Church in Cambridge, with burial at Cambridge Cemetery.

Linda J. Langan

Registered nurse/case manager

Linda J. (Hafner) Langan died Feb. 13, 2001, at home in Burlington. She was 54.

Mrs. Langan was born in Cambridge and had been a resident of Burlington for 23 years. She graduated from Cambridge High and Latin School and Mt. Auburn School of Nursing and worked as a registered nurse/case manager for Macipa at Mt. Auburn Hospital in Cambridge. She had also worked at New England Rehab in Woburn.

She was the wife of Richard G. Langan of Burlington; mother of Jamie E. McHugh of Wakefield and Eric M. Langan of Winchester; sister of Lisa Hanlon of New Hampshire and Scott Sudant of Everett; and daughter-in-law of David Langan of Watertown.

Funeral services were held Feb. 16 at St. Mark's Episcopal Church in Burlington, with burial at Pine Haven Cemetery in Burlington. Arrangements were made by the Doyle-Lane Funeral Home in Burlington.

Donations in Mrs. Langan's memory may be made to VNA Care Hospice, 150 Coolidge Ave., Watertown, MA 02472.

Mary M. Murphy

Homemaker

Mary M. (Kealty) Murphy died Feb. 14, 2001, at Somerset Medical Center in New Jersey. She was 93.

Mrs. Murphy was born in County Mayo, Ireland, daughter of the late Martin and Mary (O'Hara) Kealty, and was a longtime resident of Cambridge before moving to New Jersey to live with her daughter about a year ago. She was a homemaker.

She was the wife of the late Daniel Murphy; and mother of Daniel Murphy of Connecticut and Ann Fennelly of New Jersey. She is also survived by eight grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren.

A funeral Mass was held Feb. 20 at St. John's Church, with burial at Cambridge Catholic Cemetery. Arrangements were made by the Keefe Funeral Home in Cambridge.

James F. Pfeufer

Former Cambridge resident

James Ferdinand Pfeufer, a longtime resident of Cambridge and Boston, died Feb. 6, 2001, at home in Brewster. He was 88.

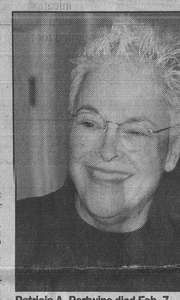
He was the husband of the late Reed Champion Pfeufer and is survived by a daughter, Martha Tanner of Rhode Island, and sons Joachim Pfeufer of France and Eric Pfeufer of Cambridge. He is also survived by 16 grandchildren, 15 great-grandchildren, and one great-great-grandchild.

His grandfather was a member of the German Freethinker movement who escaped persecution in Germany and settled in Texas in 1848. Historical records indicate the anti-slavery Freethinkers may have fled Texas for Mexico during the pogroms and massacres of Freethinkers by the Confederacy in 1863. His mother and father and several brothers later fled the Mexican Revolution and returned to Texas where he was born in 1912. They later moved to Harlem in New York City where he played in Keith's Boys Band, which practiced in the Apollo Theater. He graduated as class valedictorian from high school and attended New York City College. He later set type for the New York Daily News, was president of Boston Writers and Artists Union under the Works Projects Administration, marched in Washington DC for social security, and marched against Nazi anti-Semitism before the outbreak of World War II.

During the war he designed easy-to-understand instruction manuals for the use of military equipment for the U.S. Navy. He taught shop at Shady Hill School in Cambridge, developed the glass designer program for Steuben Glass in Corning, NY, and later was head of the Department of Graphic Design at the Rhode Island School of Design. He was art director for Pilgrim Press/United Church Press of the United Church of Christ during the 1960s and supported the publication of the works of liberation theologians and anti-war activists including the Berrigan brothers, Harvey Cox and Sister Corita as well as numerous children's books. The Movement Toward a New America, a collage of writings about the ongoing American revolution by Mitch Goodman, received an American Institute of Graphic Arts "50 Best Books Award" in 1970.

After the age of 65, he taught printmaking at the Cape Cod Vocational Technical High School in Harwich and printmaking and lithography at the Cape Cod Conservatory. During his lifetime he provided support and inspiration for artists, writers, thinkers, poets and musicians, and held in high esteem laborers, humanists and young people.

Donations in Mr. Pfeufer's memory may be made to Elder Services of Cape Cod and the Islands, 68 Route 134, South Dennis, MA 02660 and Cape Cod Palliative Care and Hospice.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Employed at WGBH

Patricia A. Portwine died Feb. 7, 2001. She was 59.

Ms. Portwine was born in Keene, NH, daughter of Celia of Keene and the late Ralph, and lived her adulthood in Cambridge and Somerville. Most recently she was employed at WGBH.

She is survived by her companion and partner of 20 years, Ginger Burr of Somerville; her sister, Pamela of Keene and Ft. Lauderdale, Fla.; her mother-in-law, Gladys of Agawam; and many friends.

Donations in Ms. Portwine's memory may be made to the Alliance for Animals, South Boston, MA or VNA Care Hospice Inc. of Worcester.

George L. Powers

Wallpaper hanger

George L. Powers of Malden died Feb. 10, 2001, at Massachusetts General Hospital.

Mr. Powers was born in Saugus, son of the late James M. and Ella (Mullay) Powers, and attended Melrose schools. He was a veteran of World War II, having served with the U.S. Navy, and was a member of the Belmont VFW. In his younger years he had been employed with Flaherty Oil Company of Waltham and Quincy Frozen Foods, and retired as an interior wallpaper hanger. He was also a traffic supervisor for the Malden School Department and an employee of the Stop and Shop in Malden.

He was the husband of Helen (Maher) Powers of Malden; father of Maureen T. Van Stry of Cambridge, Kathleen A. Plocharczyk of Watertown and Christine M. Coutoumas of Cambridge; and brother of Daniel and Paul Powers of Florida, Louise Crawford of Florida and Anne. He is also survived by six grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

Frank P. Ricchio

Former Cambridge resident

Frank P. Ricchio died Feb. 9, 2001. He was 81.

Mr. Ricchio was born in Watertown, son of the late Vincenzo and Catherine (Voci) Ricchio, and was a resident of Cambridge and Medford before moving to Belmont. He attended Rindge Technical High School in Cambridge and worked for the U.S. Postal Service before entering the U.S. Army.

He was a World War II veteran training at Cape Cod and Fort Ord, Calif. He joined the Amphibious Second Engineer Special Brigade where he saw action in Australia and the Southwest Pacific area from the outset to the duration of the war. He was a member of the Belmont Retired Men's Association, Warren Pals of Cambridge and the Mystic Valley Gold Star Chapter 21, Disabled American Veterans.

He was an employee of the Francis Bitter National Magnet Laboratory at MIT working in research and development, retiring in 1983 after 33 years of service. He was a member of the Quarter Century Club.

He was the brother of Mary Ricchio and Joseph and his wife Lucia (Pantalone) Ricchio, all of Belmont, and the late Angelina, Arthur and Albert Ricchio. He is also survived by many nieces and nephews.

Donations in Mr. Ricchio's memory may be made to the Alzheimer's Association, 36 Cameron Ave., Cambridge, MA 02140 or to a charity of choice.

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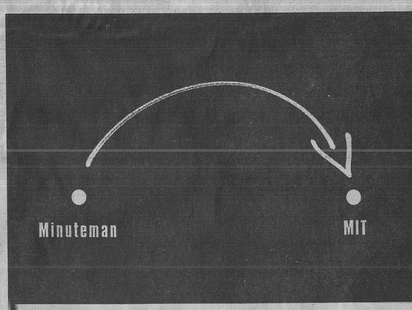

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
The Planning Board of the City of Cambridge will hold a public hearing on Tuesday, March 6, 2001 at 7:40 p.m., at the Central Square Senior Center, 806 Massachusetts Avenue, Cambridge, Massachusetts on a petition by City Council to amend the Zoning Map of the City of Cambridge by rezoning from the existing Office 2 District to Office 1 District, that area located generally south of the Concord Turnpike and north of Little River. Such rezoning may include the creation of a Planned Unit Development or other Special District.
Copies of this petition are on file in the Office of the City Clerk, City Hall, Cambridge, Massachusetts. Questions concerning the petition may be addressed to Liza Paden at 617-349-4647, TTY: 617-349-4621, or email at lpaden@ci.cambridge.ma.us.
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SECTION 11.500
LEGAL NOTICE
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
The Planning Board of the City of Cambridge will hold a public hearing on Tuesday, March 6, 2001 at 8:30 p.m., at the Central Square Senior Center, 806 Massachusetts Avenue, Cambridge, Massachusetts on a petition by Moot, et al amending existing **Section 11.500 the Planning Overlay Permit, also known as POP.** The amendment would delete the existing date of "Monday, February 12, 2001" and substitute the date "Monday, October 15, 2001, inclusive".
Copies of this petition are on file in the Office of the City Clerk, City Hall, Cambridge, Massachusetts. Questions concerning the petition may be addressed to Liza Paden at 617-349-4647, TTY: 617-349-4621, or email at lpaden@ci.cambridge.ma.us.
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SHEPARD LAND COURT-unit 1
LEGAL NOTICE
THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
LAND COURT
DEPARTMENT OF THE TRIAL COURT
Case No. 269155
To: Lisa E. Shepard Stephen K. Shepard and to all persons entitled to the benefit of the Soldiers' and Sailors' Civil Relief Act of 1940 as amended: Wells Fargo Bank Minnesota, National Association, as Trustee, without recourse claiming to be the holder of mortgage covering real property in Cambridge, numbered Unit 1, 66 Walden Street Condominium, 66 Walden Street, given by Lisa E. Shepard and Stephen K. Shepard to Option One Mortgage Corporation, dated July 21, 2000, recorded at Middlesex County (Southern District) Registry of Deeds in Book 31643, Page 163, now held by the Plaintiff by assignment, has filed with said court a complaint for authority to foreclose said mortgage in the manner following: by entry and possession and exercise of power of sale.
If you are entitled to the benefits of the Soldiers' and Sailors' Civil Relief Act of 1940 as amended and you object to such foreclosure you or your attorney should file a written appearance and answer in said court at Boston on or before the 19 day of March 2001, or you may be forever barred from claiming that such foreclosure is invalid under said act.
Witness, PETER W. KILBORN, Chief Justice of said Court this 30 day of January, 2001.
Charles W. Trombly, Jr.
Recorder
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SIDNEY, WAVERLY, BROOKLINE ST.
LEGAL NOTICE
THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT
NOTICE OF A PUBLIC HEARING
A Design Public Hearing will be held by the Massachusetts Highway Department to discuss the proposed roadway improvements and traffic circulation pattern changes proposed for Sidney Street, Waverly Street and Brookline Street, in the City of Cambridge. The improvements are being designed by the City of Cambridge and will be constructed by the Massachusetts Highway Department.
WHERE: Morse School - Cafeteria 40 Granite Street, Cambridge, MA
WHEN: Thursday, March 1, 2001 at 7:00 PM
PURPOSE: The purpose of this hearing is to provide the public with the opportunity to become fully acquainted with the proposed roadway improvements and traffic circulation pattern changes that are part of the Cambridgeport Roadways Project. All views and comments made at the hearing will be reviewed and considered to the maximum extent practicable.
PROPOSAL: The proposed project includes the preparation of final design documents for the roadway reconstruction on portions of Brookline Street, Sidney Street and Waverly Street and the installation of a new traffic signal at the Brookline Street/Granite Street intersection. Traffic circulation patterns will be changed to make Sidney Street one-way southbound (south of Pacific Street) and Waverly Street one-way northbound. New roadway connectors are proposed to connect Sidney Street and Waverly Street directly to Brookline Street at Granite Street. This will allow traffic direct access to commercial areas in eastern Cambridgeport and to mitigate the impact of this traffic on neighborhood streets. A new connection from Waverly Street to Albany Street will also be constructed. The project will include design measures including curb extensions to reduce vehicle speeds on these streets. Pedestrian and bicycle facilities as well as pavement markings and signing will be provided throughout. The geometric improvements encroach beyond the existing right-of-way, requiring land takings.
This project will require land acquisitions, in fee, and or permanent or temporary easements for its implementation. The City of Cambridge is responsible for acquiring any necessary rights in private or public lands. The Department's policy regarding land acquisitions will be discussed at the hearing.
Written views received by the Department subsequent to the date of this notice and up to five (5) days prior to the date of the hearing shall be displayed for public inspection and copying at the time and date listed above.
Written statements and other exhibits in place of, or in addition to, oral statements made at the public hearing regarding the proposed undertaking, are to be submitted to Thomas F. Broderick, P.E., Chief Engineer, Massachusetts Highway Department, Ten Park Plaza, Boston, Massachusetts 02116. Such submissions will also be accepted at the hearing. The final date for receipt of these statements and exhibits will be ten (10) days after the public hearing.
Plans will be on display for one half hour before the hearing, with an Engineer in attendance to answer questions regarding this project.
MATTHEW J. AMORELLO, COMMISSIONER
Boston, Massachusetts
THOMAS F. BRODERICK, P.E.
CHIEF ENGINEER
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ZBA HEARING 3/8/01
LEGAL NOTICE
The Board of Zoning Appeal will hold a Public Meeting **THURSDAY, MARCH 8, 2001,** at the Senior Center, 806 Massachusetts Ave., First Floor, Cambridge, Massachusetts. The following cases will be heard.
7:45 P.M. CASE NO. 8196
32-34 MT. PLEASANT STREET - Residence C-1 Zone
HENRY H. LEITNER & CATALINA LASERNA
Variance: To replace deck, which was removed during re-roofing and reconstruct existing exits with bays. Art. 5.000, Sec. 5.31 (Table of Dimensional Requirements).
8:00 P.M. CASE NO. 8276
1350 MASS AVENUE - Business B Zone - Harvard Sq. Overlay District
WORLDCOM BROADBAND SOLUTIONS - ROBERT C. TENTEN
Special Permit: Installation of wireless antennas and accessory electrical equipment. Art. 4.000, Sec. 4.32.G.1 (Telecommunication Uses).
8:15 P.M. CASE NO. 8277
102 HOLWORTHY STREET - Residence B Zone
CAROLYN FANTASIA
Variance: To build a dormer on the front building at 102 Holworthy Street. Art. 5.000, Sec. 5.31 (Table of Dimensional Requirements).
8:30 P.M. CASE NO. 8278
57 STANDISH STREET - Residence B Zone
PATRICK POWDERMAKER
Variance: To build a roof deck on top of an existing triple-decker. Art. 5.000, Sec. 5.31 (Table of Dimensional Requirements).
8:45 P.M. CASE NO. 8279
1168-1174 MASS AVENUE - Residence C-2B Zone
ALEX M. STEINBERGH, GENERAL PARTNER
Variance: To build 2-story residential addition over existing structure, to construct a porch and modify dormers. Art. 5.000, Sec. 5.31 (Table of Dimensional Requirements).
9:00 P.M. CASE NO. 8280
116 SCIARAPPA STREET - Residence C-1 Zone
ROCCO DIRENZO
Variance: To construct new 2 1/2-story single-family home. Art. 5.000, Sec. 5.31 (Table of Dimensional Requirements).
9:15 P.M. CASE NO. 8281
114 1/2, 116 1/2, 118 1/2, 120 1/2 BERKSHIRE STREET - Residence C-1 Zone
MANUEL COSTA - JAMES J. RAFFERTY, ESQ.
Variance: To subdivide existing property containing a 6-family dwelling into 2 properties each with a 3-family dwelling. Art. 5.000, Sec. 5.31 (Table of Dimensional Requirements). Sec. 5.15 (Subdivision).
9:30 P.M. CASE NO. 8282
2067 MASS AVENUE - Business A-2 Zone
JAMES J. RAFFERTY, ESQ.
Variance: To install banners on existing building above the second-floor window-sill-containing numbers of street addresses. Art. 7.000, Sec. 7.16.22 (Signs).
COPIES OF THIS PETITION ARE ON FILE IN THE OFFICE OF THE CITY CLERK, CITY HALL, CAMBRIDGE, MA. CASES CAN BE REVIEWED AT INSPECTIONAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT, LOCATED AT 831 MASS. AVENUE. **CONTINUED CASES ARE NOT ADVERTISED BUT POSTED IN THE OFFICE BOARD AT CITY CLERK'S OFFICE, CITY HALL.** INTERESTED PERSONS MAY PROVIDE COMMENTS TO THE BOARD OF ZONING APPEAL BY APPEARING IN PERSON AT THE HEARING OR MAY PROVIDE WRITTEN COMMENTS FOR THE BOARD'S CONSIDERATION BY SENDING OR FAXING THEM TO THE ATTENTION OF THE SECRETARY (BOARD OF ZONING APPEAL), 831 MASSACHUSETTS AVENUE, 02139/FAX 349-6183. COMMENTS MUST BE SUBMITTED PRIOR TO THE HEARING AND INCLUDE THE CASE NUMBER.
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60 OXFORD ST.
LEGAL NOTICE
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
The Planning Board of the City of Cambridge will hold a public hearing on Tuesday, March 6, 2001 at 9:00 p.m., at the Central Square Senior Center, 806 Massachusetts Avenue, Cambridge, Massachusetts on an application for a Special Permit (#190) by Harvard Planning and Real Estate on behalf of the President and Fellows of Harvard College, applicant, for a development at 60 Oxford Street for a 73,100 square foot data center, computer labs and office space for Harvard University. The Special Permit is required under Section 19.20 - Project Review Special Permit of the Ordinances. A Special Permit is requested waiving the provisions of Section 19.50, should the project be found to be out of compliance with any provisions of that Section. The proposal is located in the Residence C-3 district and would be subject to the proposed Hammond and Gorham Streets Transition Overlay District should the proposed district be adopted. The building would be approximately 35 feet tall in the overlay district, and 60 feet tall fronting on Oxford Street.
Copies of this petition are on file in the Office of the City Clerk, City Hall, Cambridge, Massachusetts and at the Community Development Department, 57 Inman Street. Questions concerning the petition may be addressed to Liza Paden at 617-349-4647, TTY: 617-349-4621, or email at lpaden@ci.cambridge.ma.us.
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OPINION

EDITORIAL

Gov. Cellucci sets agenda for housing

Gov. Paul Cellucci's latest response to the state's worsening shortage of affordable housing is far from perfect. But it's an improvement over the proposal he pushed last year and, more important, it's a real initiative with the prospect of producing real housing. Last year, the Democrats who run the Legislature shrugged off Cellucci's housing proposals without offering up an alternative. If they've got a better idea this year, they ought to get it on the table.

The best part of Cellucci's initiative is his offer to free up nearly 1,000 acres of surplus state land for developers who include affordable housing in their plans. One reason there's a shortage of affordable housing, especially in areas like MetroWest, is that land is so expensive that it's difficult to make a profit building for moderate-income families.

Once he clears a hurdle for developers, Cellucci must clear one for communities, whose leaders have come to understand that any new housing costs more in services than it contributes in taxes. The governor proposes a new $25 million local aid fund to be distributed to communities that welcome new affordable housing.

It's a good idea, and it's about time state leaders took seriously the plight of municipalities struggling with the cost of new housing. But Cellucci proposes funding his program out of what he calls ``excess'' lottery receipts. That money isn't excess at all, the Mass. Municipal Association responded, but a much needed revenue stream already committed to local aid. Much as high-growth communities need more state aid, it shouldn't be diverted from other cities and towns.

Lawmakers should consider seriously Cellucci's proposals, which also include a $460 million housing bond bill to maintain the supply of public housing and stimulate housing investment. They should also act on federally-subsidized housing projects whose commitments to keep rents affordable are expiring. It would be far less expensive for the state to purchase the development rights for these units than it would be to replace them. Legislation encouraging the creation of ``accessory apartments'' - also known as in-law apartments - as part of single-family homes would be an inexpensive way to improve the supply and diversity of the state's housing stock.

The shortage of affordable housing in Massachusetts has become a critical issue for moderate income families and, by extension, the companies they work for. Cellucci's proposals deserve a fair hearing, and Bay State families deserve some action.

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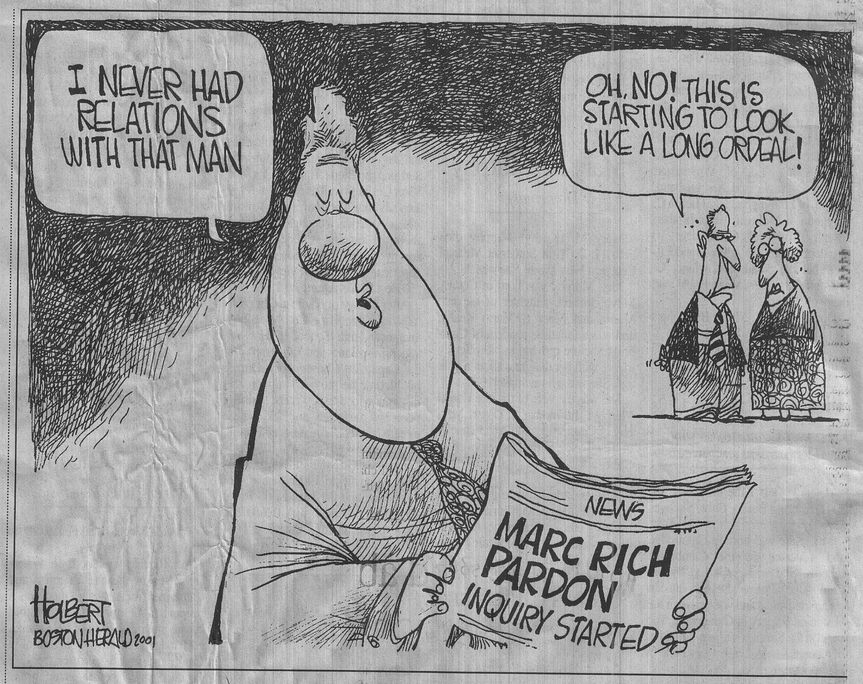

US must address politics of El Salvador quake

By Daniel R. Faber

President Bush has barely had time to learn his way around the White House since Inauguration Day and already his administration is being called upon to address a number of domestic and international emergencies, ranging from the energy crisis in California to the catastrophic earthquakes in El Salvador and now India. At least 25,000 people are dead and tens of thousands injured as a result of a 7.9-magnitude earthquake that hit western India last Friday. India's Defense Minister George Fernandes stated earlier this week that he fears the death toll could be as high as 100,000 people.

In El Salvador, searches continue for the more than 2,000 people reported missing and feared buried under collapsed buildings and landslides triggered by a 7.6-magnitude quake which hit 13 days prior to the India quake. More than 200,000 homes have been destroyed or severely damaged, resulting in the displacement of over one million Salvadorans.

The Salvadoran earthquake is just one in a long-line of natural disasters to have impacted Central America in recent years. It was just 26 months ago when Hurricane Mitch barreled into the region, killing more than 11,000 people, destroying the homes of three million more, and inflicting over $8.5 billion in damage. The economies of Nicaragua and Honduras were left in ruins. A previous earthquake in October of 1986 killed 1,110 Salvadorans, injured another 8,000, and displaced tens of thousands.

Although these tragedies are commonly referred to as "natural disasters," a more careful examination of the political ecology of developing countries reveals that government policy often plays a central role in magnifying the deadly and destructive impacts of these natural phenomena. Earthquakes, hurricanes, flash floods, landslides, and forest fires are becoming more deadly not because they are more intense, but because government policy has made people increasingly vulnerable to their fury. This is particularly true in El Salvador, where the government has pursued a model of unsustainable economic development since the 1960s which favors export production for U.S. and international markets over production for local needs. Given the profound economic inequality, ecological degradation, and improper land uses which have emerged from this approach, there were warning signs that a landscape ripe for disaster had been created. These warnings were largely ignored.

In the middle-class community of Las Colinas in Santa Tecla, for instance, a landslide set off by the earthquake buried 500 houses and killed 315 people, with hundreds more currently missing and feared dead beneath the rubble. For years, residents of Santa Tecla, environmentalists, and the municipal government had tried to stop a luxury housing development on the steep slopes above the community, as well as further development at the base of the hill. Their concerns were that the roads and deforestation would destabilize the hillside and create a slide in heavy rains or an earthquake.

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Appeals to the Salvadoran Congress and Supreme Court to stop the development were denied. Luxury homes were built, and it was precisely in this area that the landslide occurred. In essence, this was a manmade disaster that could very well have been prevented, and in fact, was predicted.

In recent years, the United States government has worked in concert with the World Bank and International Monetary Fund to promote a "structural adjustment" and liberalization of the Salvadoran economy. In addition to cutbacks in social services in favor of servicing the external debt, the impact of these policies has been to reduce wages and increase natural resource extraction in order to boost export earnings. As a result, poverty and ecological degradation have intensified. Today, El Salvador is perhaps the most environmentally degraded country in the hemisphere. More than 95 percent of the country has been deforested. More than 40 percent of the land designated as ecologically fragile has been developed. Because of such improper land uses, more than 77 percent of the country suffers serious soil erosion, and is prone to landslides and flash flooding. This deforestation, in many cases promoted by collaboration between the Salvadoran government and business elites, has contributed to the landslides that have destroyed many communities and paralyzed transportation throughout the country.

More than 50 percent of the Salvadoran population now lives in poverty, unable to meet basic needs of food, housing, and health care. Lacking access to good agricultural lands, many are forced to live in substandard housing located in ecologically precarious or dangerous areas. Such homes located atop the "soft" soil structures of steep hillsides and flood plains are particularly vulnerable to the disintegrative effects of earthquakes and heavy rains. Yet, because a mere 2 percent of the population owns 60 percent of the land, these "disaster prone" areas are often the only lands available to the poor. As a result, the poorest segments of society are most severely impacted. In 1982, the deforestation of Monte Bello by poor family farmers outside San Salvador resulted in a massive landslide which killed more than 1,000 of their fellow villagers residing at the bottom of the mountain.

The Bush administration can play a pivotal role in assisting El Salvador during this crisis by working with Congress and the U.S. Agency for International Development to secure substantial emergency and long-term funds for the relief effort. More immediately, the administration should leverage its influence to inhibit the abuse of such assistance by corrupt government officials — a long-standing practice by U.S.-backed Central American politicians — which could have a destabilizing effect on the fragile peace in the country. When the Nicaraguan dictator Anastasio Somoza Debayle diverted international relief aid into his own bank accounts following the 1972 earthquake — which killed up to 20,000 people and caused $772 million in property damage — a popular opposition developed which eventually toppled the government. In El Salvador, the Christian Democratic government in power during the 1986 earthquake corruptly mismanaged large sums of international relief aid, with much of the money going into the pockets of key government officials and supporters. Furthermore, after tropical storm Mitch devastated El Salvador in November of 1998, many of the communities most affected by the disaster did not receive aid from the ruling National Republican Alliance (ARENA) government, which instead utilized funds for party-building purposes. Today, there is fear in El Salvador that relief money will once again be used to reward ARENA supporters and punish opponents, particularly since the National Association of Private Enterprise (ANEP) is coordinating current relief efforts. Robert Murray Meza, a possible ARENA presidential candidate in 2004, is in charge of the ANEP program. If there is a widespread impression of government misconduct, then a return to the violence of the 1980s might erupt.

The Bush administration can help insure that all relief aid is properly utilized by urging the Salvadoran government to create a specific Relief Fund, which would be administered by a commission that represents all sectors of Salvadoran civil society: labor unions, churches, non-governmental organizations, women's associations, community and business groups. The commission would work in open and transparent fashion to avoid corruption and insure that relief assistance reaches those communities truly in need. The Bush administration not only owes it to the Salvadoran people, but also to American citizens to insure that our donations and tax dollars are being properly utilized. Conversion of the Salvadoran economy to the U.S. dollar should also be suspended, as the $435 million in foreign currency reserves allotted for the purchase of dollars could better be redirected to reconstruction efforts.

In the meantime, U.S. citizens can support the relief effort by donating resources to reputable non-governmental organizations operating in El Salvador. Oxfam International is working with the Red Cross and also supporting the work of 13 other major partners in the distribution of food and other basic needs. U.S.-El Salvador Sister Cities, in partnership with Communities for the Rural Development of El Salvador (CRIPDES), has years of experience working with the Salvadoran people in times of crisis and knows the landscape. U.S.- El Salvador Sister Cities and ten other non-governmental organizations have teamed up again this year to coordinate relief efforts in the wake of this national disaster. People wanting to contribute can contact U.S.-El Salvador Sister Cities Emergency Fund, 11 Cambridge Rd., Kendall Park, NJ 08824, or the Committee in Solidarity with the People of El Salvador (CISPES) at www.cispes.org.

El Salvador urgently needs our help. But in addition to the immediate requirements for humanitarian assistance, the Bush administration cannot ignore the larger structural crisis in El Salvador. What is required to comprehensively address problems of poverty, social injustice, and environmental destruction in El Salvador is a new development path oriented to raising the living standards for all citizens. In this respect, President Bush has an opportunity to establish a new model of disaster relief which can make a lasting difference.

— Daniel R. Faber is an Associate Professor of Sociology at Northeastern University.

The Super Bowl of high school jazz

On Saturday, Feb. 24, more than 2,000 student musicians from the northeastern United States, and from as far away of Wisconsin, will arrive in Boston for Berklee College of Music's annual High School Jazz Festival. Big bands, combos and vocal jazz groups will compete for trophies, citation plaques and tuition scholarships totaling $100,000 at the largest festival of its kind in the United States. The day's events are free and open to the public.

The high school groups will perform and compete at the Hynes Convention Center, 900 Boylston St., from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. From 7:30 to 11:30 p.m., the 10 top big bands will perform in the final competition at the Hynes Grand Ballroom. Also performing in the Grand Ballroom will be three Berklee bands featuring the college's finest student instrumentalists. The Berklee Rainbow Band, directed by Phil Wilson, will play contemporary jazz originals and standards from 12:45 to 1:30 p.m. The Tower of Power Ensemble, led by Wayne Naus, will perform music from the famed funk band's repertoire from 2:30 to 3:15 p.m. The Berklee Concert Jazz Orchestra, directed by Greg Hopkins, will perform from 4:15 to 5:15 p.m.

New to this year's festival will be performances by the Berklee City Music Saturday and After-School Program, a year-round community music program for Boston, Cambridge and Somerville high school students directed by faculty member Robert Doezema. The CMSA Vocal Ensemble, directed by Darcel Williams, will perform at noon in Room 100 with special guest, jazz vocalist and educator Semenya McCord. On the faculty at the University of Massachusetts at Dartmouth, Tufts University, the New England Conservatory and the Longy School of Music, McCord, who has recorded with Archie Shepp, is the recipient of numerous prestigious awards and last year released her first CD, "Good For Me!"

The CMSA Instrumental Jazz Ensemble, directed by Herman Hampton, will perform at 12:30 p.m. in Room 100 with special guest trumpeter/composer/educator and Berklee alumnus Stanton Davis Jr.

Between competitive events at the Hynes, Berklee High School Jazz Festival participants and attendees can visit booths hosted by industry exhibitors. Musicians will be able to take part in jam sessions at the Rising Star Club in the Hynes.

Other activities of the festival include student-led tours of the college that will visit Berklee's recording studios, film-scoring labs, the Stan Getz Media Center and Library, practice facilities, recital halls and more. The tours will last approximately one hour and depart at 10 a.m., noon, 1 p.m. and 3 p.m. from the admissions table located outside the storage area at the Hynes.

An admissions information session will be held from 12:30 to 1 p.m. in Room 304 where students, parents and educators can learn about admission and scholarship procedures, as well as the programs offered at Berklee. Also, in Boylston Street Hall on the Hynes' third level, Berklee's Performance Division Dean Matt Marvuglio and several department chairs and faculty will be on hand to answer questions about Berklee's performance and instrumental programs.

The following day, Sunday, Feb. 25, Berklee will present the Music Career Expo and Job Fair 2001 at the Hynes from 11:30 a.m. to 10 p.m. The day begins with a keynote address by Donald Passman, music attorney and author of "All You Need To Know About The Music Business," and continues with panels, workshops, a music showcase, and an exhibition hall featuring music and arts organizations.

For more information, visit www.berklee.edu.

COMMUNITY NOTES

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cal Donna at 496-8414.

Make a difference with children

Cimbridge Family and Children's Service is looking for volunteers to help serve children and families in its community most in need. Mentors are sought to work with at-risk children, teen mothers, and formerly homeless families. Companions and case managers are needed to work with children and adults with develpmental disabilities.

Other volunteer openings include presenters for skill building and career advocacy workshops, research assistants, project coordinators, office workers, and volunteers interested in helping out with special events. If you have a few hours a week to spare and would like to make use of your time and energy to make a real difference in someone's life, call 876-4210.

A movie released

A release party celebrating the new blockbuster release of the locally-filmed "Autumn Heart" starring Ally Sheedy and Tyne Daly will be held from 5 to 7 p.m., Wednesday, Feb. 2, at Blockbuster Video, 545 Massachusetts Ave., Central Square.

Davidlee Willson, whose family was the inspiration for his writing of the screenplay and who also acts in the film, will be on hand to discuss the behind-the-scenes action, how he was able to get a movie produced locally, and to autograph movie posters and other Blockbuster prize giveaways. Other film cellar partners will be on location at Blockbuster as well.

Pschiatric fraud reporting

Members of an international psychiatri watchdog group will flood Cambridge and Somerville with fliers and posters this weekend to show townspeople how to effectively report psychiatric fraud and abuse.

Citizens Commission on Human Rights is concerned about Cambridge and Somerville due to local complaints they have received from these two cities about children and families being harmed by social services and psychiatrists.

"We are campaigning to teach more people how to report psychiatric crime and abuse internationally," said CCHR spokesperson Chris Garrison. "CCHR can help victims, who feel betrayed by the mental health system, to communicate with government officials in a manner that the abuse is fully understood and, therefore, acted upon."

CCHR has been outspoken for two decades against the psychiatry's drugging of children and their stigmatizing mental illness labels. Recently, they have uncovered documents showing that every child removed from families by the Department of Social Services was treated for at least one mental illness last year. CCHR also documented incidents of public school personnel illegally suggesting children be put on psychiatric drugs. The group has recently filed complaints on very dangerous straight practices in mental institutions.

CCHR is running its flier and poster campaign worldwide. The fliers show what type of information is needed on a complaint for authorities to take action. CCHR, which was established over 30 years ago by the Church of Scientology to investigate psychiatric violations of human rights, has 130 chapters in 31 countries. To report psychiatric fraud and abuse locally, call 761-5012 or visit www.cchr.org.

Starting up alternative families

Alternative Family Matters and Harvard Vanguard Medical Associates in Cambridge are offering a seminar for lesbians, gay men, bisexual and transgender people who are thinking about having children. The 10-week group helps participants determine if and how they will have children by talking with LGBT parent speakers who became parents in a variety of ways, and by enabling participants to explore their plans, thoughts and concerns with group members who share their interest in parenting. By talking with professionals who have helped LGBTs have children in various ways, the group helps participants move forward in their plans to parent.

Beginning Feb. 27, the group, facilitated by alternative family and parenting expert Jenifer Firestone, will meet Tuesdays from 7 to 9 p.m. at Harvard Vanguard Medical Associates, 1611 Cambridge St., Cambridge. The fee is $200 for individuals and $300 for couples. To register or for more information, call Firestone at 576-6788.

Cambridgeport roadways

A community meeting/25 percent design hearing on the Cambridgeport roadways project will be held at 7 p.m., Thursday, March 1, in the cafeteria at the Morse School, 40 Granite St., Cambridge.

The Massachusetts Highway Department and the Cambridge Community Development Department are hosting this meeting to solicit comments on these proposed roadway changes in eastern Cambridgeport prior to moving into final design of the project. The primary goal of the proposed plan is to reduce traffic on primarily residential streets by providing direct access to commercial areas in eastern Cambridgeport. The plan includes both changing Sidney Street to one-way southbound and Waverly Street to one-way northbound and constructing new connector roadways from those streets to a new intersection on Brookline Street at Granite Street, where a traffic signal will be installed. In addition, the intersection of Waverly/Erie/Albany streets will be reconstructed. All streets included in the project will have new sidewalks with curb extensions, landscaping and bicycle lanes, as well as parking.

For more information, call Bill Deignan at the Community Development Department, 349-4632, or e-mail wdeignan@ci.cambridge.ma.us.

Drop off your bulbs

The Recycling Drop-off Center is accepting fluorescent light bulbs, mercury thermometers and mercury thermostats. The drop-off center is located in the Public Works yard at 147 Hampshire St. and is open Tuesdays and Thursdays from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. and Saturdays from 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Bulbs should be brought in original packaging; do not tape bulbs together; do not crush bulbs (mercury will escape).

For an informational pamphlet with details about fluorescent bulb recycling, contact the recycling office at 349-4815 or jnolan@ci.cambridge.ma.us.

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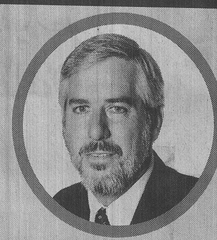

Come talk to Robert Ellis Smith!

Robert Ellis Smith is the publisher of Privacy Journal. He is an internationally renowned expert on privacy issues, and has written several books on the subject. As a Town Online regular chat guest, he will be available to discuss how technology has made it possible for retailers to surreptitiously gather personal information about consumers, the dissemination of your medical information, government regulation of personal information and the impact of technology on privacy rights.

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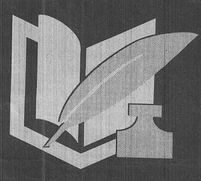

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CITY NOTES

Oxford Street sewer work nearly done

The repairs on the Oxford Street sewer system are nearly done, and the Department of Public Works plans to reopen the street in late February. The reasons for the street closure last September were the structural condition of the sewer pipes in the area and concern for public safety. Sections of the century-old pipe system were collapsing, causing sinkholes in the street. Since closing the street, the DPW has surveyed the pipes and underground condition, and construction crews have excavated and replaced sections of the collapsed pipe. Over the next weeks, various sections of the sewers will be reconstructed by inserting a lining into the existing old pipe, thereby creating a strong, new jointless pipe. Oxford Street will be reopened upon completion of the pipe lining. Once the street is reopened, normal two-way traffic will resume.

The city extends its appreciation to the Agassiz neighborhood for putting up with the inconveniences of the construction and traffic detours. For more information on the project, call Owen O'Riordan, city engineer, at 349-4845.

Grants will help homebuyers

The Cellucci-Swift administration recently delivered $100,000 to the city of Cambridge to assist low- and moderate-income first-time home buyers with down-payment and closing costs and lead paint removal. The funds will provide purchasing assistance of approximately $10,000 for 10 income-eligible first-time homebuyers in Cambridge.

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"These grants are wonderful tools in making the dream of homeownership a reality for families all across the commonwealth," said DHCD Director Jane Wallis Gumble.

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The Pole and Conduit Commission will meet at 10 a.m., Thursday, March 8, in the Michael J. Lombardi Building, 831 Massachusetts Ave., basement conference room, for the final discussion of the review of companies who submitted a five-year forecast for all work to be done in the city. This discussion is continued from Feb. 15. For more information, call 349-6140.

A hearing, generally

The Cambridge License Commission will hold a general hearing at 6 p.m., Tuesday, Feb. 27, in the Michael J. Lombardi Municipal Building, 831 Massachusetts Ave., basement conference room. For more information, call 349-6140.

Come together on sewer separation

The Massachusetts Water Resources Authority, together with the city of Cambridge, will sponsor a follow-up public meeting on the revised plan for Alewife Brook CSO Control/Cambridge Sewer Separation Project from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m., on Thursday, March 8, at the Best Western Homestead Inn, 220 Alewife Brook Parkway, at Fresh Pond Rotary.

This is the fourth and final public meeting prior to filing the Notice of Project Change with MEPA. Project staff will update participants on the evaluations of potential impacts and proposed mitigation measures; provide a preview of the Notice of Project Change; and review the upcoming MEPA public review process and schedule.

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Nonprofit group taking over the Brattle Theatre

Marianne Lampke and Connie White, co-owners of Running Arts at the Brattle Theatre, say they will not renew the lease to the historic Harvard Square theater.

Along with building owners Brattle Square Associates, they are ushering in the Brattle Film Foundation, a newly formed nonprofit group, to operate and program the Brattle. The Brattle Film Foundation is spearheaded by Ned Hinkle and Ivy Moylan, both of whom have worked closely with Lampke and White as key employees at their two sister companies, Running Arts and Beacon Cinema Group.

Hinkle and Moylan bring several years experience to the Brattle. Since 1996, Hinkle has worked for Running Arts and Beacon Cinema Group in the role as assistant to the directors, providing administrative support and Web site/graphic design. Moylan was the operations manager at the Brattle for two years from 1996 to 1998. Both helped Lampke and White continue to establish and refine operational support systems for the theater.

The transition will take place March 2. Running Arts' current Brattle repertory calendar ends with a retrospective of the films of French New Wave director Eric Rohmer ("My Night at Maud's" and "Claire's Knee"). The March/April calendar will be the first official program of the Brattle Film Foundation. It opens with a one-week run of the reissue of Henri-Georges Clouzot's 1956 classic, "The Mystery of Picasso," and closes with a one-week engagement of Agnes Varda's newest feature, "The Gleaners and I." Also in April is the annual Boston International Festival of Women's Cinema, which will continue to be produced and programmed by Lampke and White.

Lampke and White have been programming and operating the Brattle for the past 15 years. They took the lease over in 1986 when the theater had gone dark from the previous proprietor's bankruptcy, and have rebuilt the business as an internationally leading repertory movie house. Under their direction, the Brattle became one of the highest-grossing screens in the country, and their programming has received more than 40 awards from the Boston Society of Film Critics and recognition in several national publications. This past year Lampke and White were presented with the prestigious Vision of Excellence award from Women in Film/Video New England. In 1996, they established a sister company, Beacon Cinema Group, and have extended their work to the Coolidge Corner Theater in Brookline, the Boston International Festival of Women's Cinema (which they founded in 1993), and the Provincetown International Film Festival (launched in 1999).

For more information on the organization or the upcoming Brattle programming, call 354-0021.

Grand jury indicts father on murder charge

By Ryan Thompson
STAFF WRITER

A man who allegedly shook his baby daughter to death last month was indicted last week by a Middlesex Grand Jury.

John Forbes, 30, of Roxbury, was arraigned Jan. 9 and pled not guilty to murder. He was ordered held without bail after the prosecution revealed Forbes' lengthy criminal history.

On the afternoon of Jan. 6, Cambridge police and fire crews responded to Jefferson Park in North Cambridge after receiving a 911 call from Forbes. Forbes reported that one of his 11-month-old baby daughters was choking on a piece of an orange.

It was Forbes' 30th birthday, and he was babysitting the twins.

The infant, Jalecya Coleman, was taken to the hospital, where she died the next day. After conducting an autopsy, the state medical examiner's office ruled her death was a homicide.

On Jan. 8, detectives waited for Forbes to return to his girlfriend's residence at 2 Jefferson Park, Apt. 11, where the murder allegedly took place, and arrested him. Authorities believe Forbes inflicted Coleman's fatal injuries, which were consistent with shaken baby syndrome.

Forbes' other twin daughter, Janetta, was not injured.

Young lads near you need a Big Brother

Organizers say group needs volunteers

By Barbara Forester
CORRESPONDENT

When 11-year-old John Antonelli needed a friend, 25-year-old Frank Simonetti was there to help. They met for lunch, played sports in the park or did chores. Sometimes they'd visit the photography studio where Frank worked, but mostly they hung out together. The friendship that started in 1949 was one of the first Big Brother/Little Brother matches in the Boston area lasted for several years.

Gradually, however, the two lost touch. But last year, after more than three decades Antonelli found his Big Brother again. When Antonelli's mother died last year, Simonetti called and left a message but the number was misplaced. Determined to reconnect, the persistent Little Brother, now a hardy 63 years old, discovered a number in the back of an old phone book and took a chance. The number was correct. "It was as if we were never apart, he says with a broad smile Now the pair talk regularly and plan more get-togethers. The only difference is a slight role reversal. "I told Frank that if he or Lucy [his wife] needed anything, they should call my house," says Antonelli.

Andrew Schaad, marketing coordinator for Big Brothers of Massachusetts Bay, isn't surprised that the two still feel connected. "Mentors have an influence on a boy's entire life, not just a couple hours a week," he says.

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Big Brothers
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Seventy-six-year-old Simonetti, who lives in Ashland and volunteers at a nearby hospital, agrees. "I think the chances of communicating this way are a lot better than working in big groups, he says.

In fact, for Simonetti, the Big Brothers one-on-one approach tipped the scales in favor of the organization. Just out of the service, he met men who were already volunteers and was intrigued with the program.

How the program works

Founded in 1904, Big Brothers has programs in all 50 states. Big Brothers of Massachusetts Bay started in 1949, covers 110 towns and neighborhoods, and is the largest

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STAFF PHOTO BY REY BANOGON

Colleen Jezersek and her husband George have decided not to have children. She said they know no one else who shares these feelings, so she has decided to join No Kidding!, an area support group for people who do not have children.

No kids? No problem

Support group calls to childless people

By Meir Rinde
STAFF WRITER

Colleen Jezersek is 37 years old, married, and the owner of a house in Watertown and a successful public relations firm in Woburn.

But at times she still feels like society expects more from her than she wants to give: for Jezersek and her husband George have no children, and aren't interested in becoming parents.

It's not that she does not like kids well enough, she says. Most likely she could have some of her own if she wanted them. But in the last two years, the couple has decided never to test that out.

Now if only the rest of the world would let her be.

"We just decided, you know. I have nieces and nephews, and I love kids, but it's not for us. And it's frustrating for us because we don't know anyone else who feels that way. They all have them, or are trying to have them," Jezersek said.

"I have nieces and nephews, and I love kids, but it's not for us. And it's frustrating for us because we don't know anyone else who feels that way."
Colleen Jezersek,
Watertown resident

So last week when she found a website for an international organization called No Kidding!, she was elated. She looked at the Boston chapter's monthly calendar — upcoming events include dinner at Sepal Restaurant on Nichols Ave, an Indian brunch in Cambridge, and the Samual Adams Brewery tour, all without children or much discussion of them — and immediately planned to start attending.

"I know they're having a dinner Saturday night, and I'm thinking we might go. I wonder if it's a lot of singles, or married people? I haven't really done anything with them yet — I just know they exist. It's a way you can meet folks without kids who are in their 30s," she said.

Without realizing it, Jezersek had stumbled onto one wing of a movement that has begun raising its voice in the last few years, demanding that it be recog-

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Neighbor concerned about Harvard U.

By Meir Rinde
STAFF WRITER

Harvard University's prospective purchase of the Arsenal on the Charles office park in Watertown could end up costing that town millions of dollars in lost property taxes.

But town councilors are scrambling to see that that doesn't happen, and are asking the university to enter into a payment in lieu of taxes (PILOT) agreement if the property is used by tax-exempt entities.

The site had been expected to yield the town at least $2.5 million to $3 million in annual taxes.

The town sold the Arsenal property to O'Neill Properties in 1998 for $24 million, with the new sale expected to cost Harvard between $175 million and $180 million.

Some town councilors say they are concerned by black spots on the university's record of real estate dealings, and by Harvard's secrecy of its intentions for the property.

The university already leases 112,000 square feet at the Arsenal complex, and was guaranteed the right of first offer to purchase the complex when Harvard Business School Publishing signed its lease in 1998.

Some town councilors say they are concerned by black spots on the university's record of real estate dealings, and by Harvard's secrecy of its intentions for the property. A university spokesman would not say whether the school would maintain the commercial office park or use the space for classrooms, research or other tax-exempt purposes.

The 30-acre site has 20 tenants, including HBS Publishing, Watertown Savings Bank and Arthur D. Little, which leases space to other companies.

University negotiators have told the Watertown Arsenal Development Corporation that they will not finalize the purchase without

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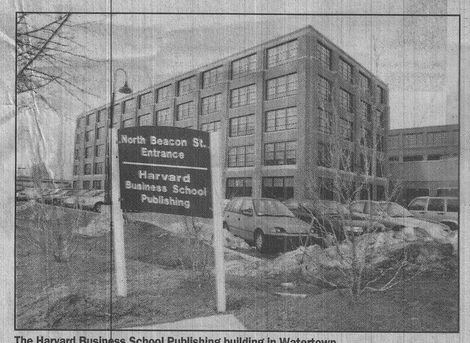

The Harvard Business School Publishing building in Watertown.

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nized at a time when the needs of children and parents are at the top of the national agenda. Just in the last year, via articles in the New York Times and on National Public Radio, and through a book by Elinor Burkett advocating the rights of childless workers, the grievances of countless nonreproducing Americans have seeped into the culture.

Robert Brown, who started the 40-member local branch of No Kidding! a year ago, said the Vancouver-based organization gives anyone who does not have children, for any reason, a place to socialize undistracted. He encourages adults without brood to check out the website at www.nokidding.boston.ma.us, or phone in at (617)499-8690, to find like-minded people in the metro area.

"Statistics are showing that more and more people are not having children. So it may be that the members are just attracted to this idea. Especially with this pro-family thing going on generally — it's in their face more," Brown said with a laugh.

Watertown had about 11,300 childless households in 1990, out of a total of 14,000 households, according to the U.S. Census. The number of children in the other 2,519 households varied. Of the townís 33,300 residents, 4400 were under 18.

In almost all cities, parents set the tone for the social atmosphere, ìchildfreeî activists say. Those parents can unwittingly drive away people who donít have kids, and set them on the course to join groups like No Kidding!, Brown said.

"It's partly because some of these people have become alienated with their friends who have children and don't have enough time to spend with other adults. I've heard that a lot. I've heard some say they feel unwelcome at events because they don't have children to bring along," he said.

Even before she joined the group's Internet discussion group, Jezersek's complaints about the bias against the childfree (or CF, as message-writers call themselves) matched those of many activists in the movement.

"My husband and I talk about it a lot. When you're in your late 30s, I think society is like, what's wrong with her? Can she not have children? Oh, the poor thing. Does she hate them?" she said.

"I'm just constantly running into groups of mothers who talk constantly about their children. I'm sitting there thinking, they have nothing else to talk about. I get fed up that people are willing to give up most of their personality and concentrate only on their children."

Jezersek said she has good friends who she has barely been able to see since their first babies were born.

"We're friends with a couple in Watertown who don't have kids, and they're the only people we go out with," she said.

As a business owner, Jezersek said she's found that her own employees with children have many more excuses for leaving the office than those without, a point made by Burkett in her book.

"It's easy to leave when you have to take your kid to the doctor with a strep throat. It's fine, but the rest of us are sitting here on a Friday at 4:30 p.m. stuffing envelopes," she said.

Burkett's book, "The Baby Boon: How Family-Friendly America Cheats the Childless," has been criticized as selfish and militant, with opponents saying raising children is everyone's responsibility. But it has also been described as the harbinger of an important social phenomenon. Brown said about half his group's members agree strongly with her, while some think she is too extreme. Others simply don't have the workplace problems she describes, he said.

Jezersek said she doubts the social pressure to have kids, and the idea that every woman should, will ever go away.

"It truly goes back to the earliest, earliest days of human nature. And I really don't know how that could change. It's so ingrained," she said.

But she said society can still learn to understand its members who are childless by choice.

"It's just a matter of being tolerant of other people," she said.

Little Brothers need watching

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chapter in the country in terms of the numbers of volunteers and kids served. An average of a thousand men volunteer each year. "Unfortunately though, we still have a large waiting list, adds Schaad.

Big Brothers must be at least 18 but older men are encouraged to apply, too. "We have a volunteer who is 72, says Schaad. "Older men bring patience, wisdom, and experience.

"It's really the age of the boy inside the man that is important," adds President and CEO John Pearson.

Although family wishes are respected, Big Brothers of Massachusetts Bay does match across racial lines primarily because the number of children of color is greater than the number of non-white volunteers. "But we've found that cross-racial relationships equal or exceed the quality of same race matches," says Pearson. "Race is not a significant factor in a Big Brother relationship. It's the content of the character, not the color of skin, that counts."

Wanted: Men

Recruiting adults is time consuming and challenging. Little Brothers tend to self-refer — one satisfied customer tells his friends, etc. Big Brothers of Massachusetts Bay also receives referrals from guidance counselors as well as those simply interested in helping young people.

To find adults, however, BBMB relies on word-of-mouth and conducts speaking engagements wherever they are invited. Potential volunteers are screened thoroughly, including a complete criminal background check, and also must submit four references and participate in two interviews. "The average guy tends to hesitate because he knows this is a commitment and he is concerned about the amount of time involved — he doesn't want to fail the child, says Pearson. "But once the connection is made, time is no longer an issue.

Lack of experience with children, concern about creating meaningful relationships with children who are from different backgrounds, or even what to do are other fears. Once the match takes place, however, Big Brothers find that the task is easy and, fun. "Guys often tell me they feel guilty because they are having so much fun, says Pearson.

"John wanted to be helped so it was a rewarding experience to see this young man who was headed for a little bit of trouble get normalized," adds Simonetti.

But the former Little Brother has a slightly different perspective. "I don't remember what we talked about, but I do remember knowing that he was there if I needed him," says Antonelli. "It's very important to know that somebody cares."

Big Brothers are needed for local boys. For more information about Big Brother Mass Bay, call 617-956-0212 or visit their Web site at www.bbmb.org

Neighbor concerned about Harvard's intentions

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reaching an agreement with the town, according to WADC chairman John Airasian.

In past real estate dealings, including one in North Allston, the university has been criticized for hiding both its purchases and its intentions. Harvard drew heavy criticism in 1997 when it was discovered that the university had secretly purchased 52 acres in North Allston through a front company.

Harvard officials said they stayed mum on those acquisitions to prevent sellers from inflating their asking prices. The university now owns 271 acres in North Allston, a hefty portion of the small area across the river from Cambridge.

Earlier this month residents of the North Allston neighborhood met to discuss how they would oversee the university's conversion of its holdings into an "academic precinct." Like concerned citizens in Watertown, the residents say the school has not revealed its plans, increasing their anxiety over an apparent take-over by an institution they regard as untrustworthy.

"From day one, they used someone else's name. If they had come in the right way from day one, people wouldn't be as skeptical because people don't trust them any more," said homeowner Bertha Mejia at the meeting.

Neighborhood institutions in North Allston, such as WGBH and a community health center, are in danger of being forced to relocate.

Grant will help people, businesses with complaints

Attorney General Tom Reilly has announced that the Cambridge Consumers' Council has been awarded a grant of $23,500 to support efforts in helping Cambridge businesses and individuals with consumer problems and complaints.

Paul Schlaver and Benjamin Barnes received the grant on behalf of the program at Reilly's Local Consumer Program grant awards ceremony Friday, Jan. 26.

"Massachusetts consumers are very fortunate to have such a valuable consumer resource in the Local Consumer Programs," Reilly said. "Through the LCPs, our office has the ability to reach out to consumers, inform them of their rights, and mediate and negotiate problems when necessary."

The 19 Local Consumer Programs in Massachusetts will receive a total of $415,000 in grants from the Local Consumer Aid Fund this year. The LCPs work in conjunction with Reilly's Consumer Complaint and Information Section and serve all 351 cities and towns in Massachusetts.

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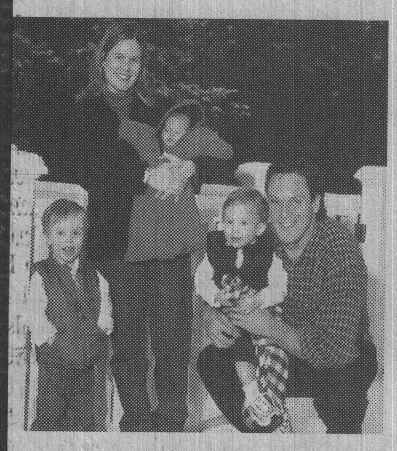

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THIRD SUNDAY PERFORMANCE — 3 p.m., New School of Music, 25 Lowell St., Cambridge. Second Wind, recorder duo. Free. For information, call 492-8105.

CUBAN EDUCATION FORUM — 6 p.m., Gutman Conference Center, 6 Appian Way, Cambridge. Panelists will compare education in Cuba and the United States. Free. For information, call the Office of International Education at 495-5903.

HARVARD BOOK STORE AUTHOR EVENT — 6 p.m., Sackler Museum, 485 Broadway, Cambridge. "The Biographer's Tale" and "A.S. Byatt on Histories and Stories" by A.S. Byatt. Free tickets available at Harvard Book Store, 1256 Massachusetts Ave.

INTER-COLLEGIATE COMEDY FESTIVAL — Feb. 23 and 24, 7:30 p.m. and 9:30 p.m., Agassiz Theatre, 10 Garden St., Cambridge. Harvard's Immediate Gratification Players host and perform along with a collage of college improv-comedy troupes. Free. For information, call 495-8675.

PIANIST DONALD BERMAN RECITAL — 8 p.m., John Knowles Paine Concert Hall, Harvard University Music Building. Free. For information, call the Paine Hall Concert Line at 496-6013.

MUSIC BY MIT FACULTY COMPOSERS — 8 p.m., Kresge Hall, MIT. SONOS of the Piano Quartet by MIT Senior Lecturer Edward Cohen. Free. For information, call 253-2826.

Saturday, Feb. 24

HENRY WADSWORTH LONGFELLOW BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION — 10 a.m.-noon, Mt. Auburn Cemetery, Story Chapel, 580 Mt. Auburn St., Cambridge. Free.

COMING OUT PEER SUPPORT GROUP — 11 a.m.-1 p.m., Women's Center, 46 Pleasant St., Cambridge. Free. For information, call 354-8807.

INTRODUCTION TO WINDOWS 98 — 1-4 p.m., CCTV Computer Center, 675 Massachusetts Ave., Central Square. Courses are $15-40 CCTV members/$25-60 non-members. Sign up at CCTV. For information, call 661-6900.

Sunday, Feb. 25

ETHICAL SOCIETY OF BOSTON MEETING — 10:30 a.m., 1 Follen St., Cambridge, near Harvard Square. "Handicap Discrimination" with speaker Rob Mantell, an attorney who litigates workplace issues. Admission and childcare are free. For information, call 739-9050.

FESTIVAL OF GYPSY AND HUNGARIAN FOLK MUSIC — 3 p.m., Somerville Theatre, 55 Davis Square. To charge tickets, call World Music at 876-4275 or TicketMaster at 931-2787. For information, call 876-4275.

MUSIC BY MIT FACULTY COMPOSERS — 3 p.m., Killian Hall, MIT. 60th birthday concert of music by Edward Cohen. Free. For information, call 253-2826.

Monday, Feb. 26

BOOK PARTY FOR NANCY F. COTT — 4:30 p.m., Schlesinger Library, Radcliffe Institute for Advanced Learning, 10 Garden St., Cambridge. Cott is the author of "Public Vows: A History of Marriage and the Nation." Free. For reservations, call 495-8647.

FEMINISMS AND SCIENCE IN CIVIL SOCIETY — 6 p.m., Radcliffe Institute for Advanced Study, Cronkhite Graduate Center, 6 Ash St., Cambridge. "Science, Power and Gender: How DNA Became the Book of Life" by Ruth Hubbard, professor emerita of biology, Harvard University. Free. For information, call 495-8600.

COLLINS BRANCH BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP — 6:30-7:30 p.m., 64 Aberdeen Ave., Cambridge. "I Cannot Get You Close Enough" by Ellen Gilchrist. Copies available at Collins branch. For information, call 349-4021 or TTY 349-4421.

LESBIAN RAP — 7:30-9 p.m., Women's Center, 46 Pleasant St., Cambridge. Topic is "First Crushes." Free. For information, call 354-8807.

WILLIAM BELDEN NOBLE LECTURES — 8 p.m., Memorial Church at Harvard University, Harvard Yard, Cambridge. "The Essential Sin of Sloth" with Kathleen Norris, author of "Amazing Grace" and "The Cloister Walk." Free. For information, call 495-5508.

Tuesday, Feb. 27

WORKING WOMAN'S WORKSHOP, TAKE CHARGE OF YOUR FINANCIAL FUTURE — 7 a.m., Royal Sonesta Hotel, Cambridge. Free. For reservations, call 1-800-649-3378.

CAMBRIDGE COLLABORATIVE SESSION I — 11:45 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., Radisson Hotel, 777 Memorial Drive, Cambridge. "Workforce Supply and Retention" with George Kaye, dean of the School of Management for Lesley University. Presented by the Cambridge Chamber of Commerce and Lesley University. For reservation information, call 876-4100.

BROWN BAG LUNCH SERIES — noon, Murray Research Center, Radcliffe Yard, Cambridge. "Patterns of Adolescent Smoking: A Seven-Year Longitudinal Grouping Analysis" by Stephen Soldz, senior research associate, Simmons College, Graduate School of Social Work.. Free.

INTERNET 101 CLASS — 2:30-4:30 p.m. Rotary Technology Learning Center, Central Square Branch Library, 45 Pearl St. For those who have never used the Internet before. Free. To register, call 349-4010.

CAMBRIDGE LICENSE COMMISSION GENERAL HEARING — 6 p.m., Michael J. Lombardi Municipal Building, 831 Massachusetts Ave., basement conference room. For information, call 349-6140.

INTRODUCTION TO PHOTOSHOP 5.5 PART II — 6:30-9:30 p.m., CCTV Computer Central, 675 Massachusetts Ave., Central Square. Courses are $15-40 CCTV members/$25-60 non-members. Sign up at CCTV. For information, call 661-6900.

KATHA POLLITT TO SPEAK AT MIT — 7 p.m., Building 6, Room 120, 77 Massachusetts Ave., Cambridge. "Feminism at the Millennium." Book signing will follow. For information, call 253-8844.

TOOLS FOR A POWERFUL LIFE WORKSHOP SERIES — 7-9 p.m., Cambridge YWCA. "Honoring Your Spiritual Well-Being" with life balance expert Erika Croteau. Participants will find ways to honor their higher selves. Bring a notebook or journal. To register or for information, call 491-6050.

WILLIAM BELDEN NOBLE LECTURES — 8 p.m., Memorial Church at Harvard University, Harvard Yard, Cambridge. "Carnival: A Feast of Language" with Kathleen Norris, author of "Amazing Grace" and "The Cloister Walk." Free. For information, call 495-5508.

GROLIER POETRY READING SERIES — 8 p.m., Adams House, 26 Plympton St., Harvard Square. Pimone Triplett will read from "Ruining the Picture." Donations is $2.50 at the door. For information, call Louisa Solano at 547-4648.

Wednesday, Feb. 28

W.E.B. DUBOIS INSTITUTE SPRING COLLOQUIUM SERIES — noon-2 p.m., Thompson Room, Barker Center, 12 Quincy St., first floor, Cambridge. "Understanding the Link Between Racial Identity and School Performance." Free. Bring a lunch. For information, call 496-8545 or 495-4113.

RADCLIFFE FELLOWS SPRING EVENT SERIES — 4 p.m., Cronkhite Graduate Center, 6 Ash St., Cambridge. "Tracking Religion: How This Protean Construct Shapes and Misshapes Our Ideas of Ethnicity, Christianity, Judaism, Sexuality, the Academy and More" by Denise Buell (religion) and Kathleen M. Sands (religion). Confirm event by calling 495-8212.

"AUTUMN HEART" BLOCKBUSTER RELEASE PARTY — 5-7 p.m., Blockbuster Video, 545 Massachusetts Ave., Central Square. A party celebrating the release of the locally filmed "Autumn Heart."

JOHN MERROW FORUM — 6 p.m., Gutman Conference Center, 6 Appian Way, Cambridge. Merrow will speak about his book, "Choosing Excellence: 'Good Enough' Schools Are Not Good Enough." Free. For information, call 495-0740.

WORDSWORTH BOOKS AUTHOR EVENT — 7 p.m., WordsWorth Books Reading Room, 30 Brattle St., Harvard Square. Featuring Adam Gopnik, author of "Paris to the Moon." Free. Book signing follows. For information, call 354-5201.

HTML II: DESIGNING A WEB PAGE, PART II — 7-9 p.m., CCTV Computer Center, 675 Massachusetts Ave., Central Square. Course continues March 7. Courses are $15-40 CCTV members/$25-60 non-members. Sign up at CCTV. For information, call 661-6900.

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Upcoming

THURSDAY MORNING LECTURE SERIES — March 1, 10:30 a.m., Cambridge Center for Adult Education, 56 Brattle St., Harvard Square. "The Art and Life of Diego Velazquez." Admission is $2/$1 seniors. For tickets, call 547-6789.

MIT CHAPEL CONCERT SERIES — March 1, noon, MIT Chapel, opposite 77 Massachusetts Ave. An all-Brazilian program featuring selections from Baden Powell's Afro-Sambas and music by Luiz Bonfa and Paulo Bellinati. Free. For information, call 253-4003.

BOOK ARTS: IMAGES AND WORDS OPENING RECEPTION — March 1, 5:30-7:30 p.m., Cambridge Artists' Cooperative, 59A Church St., Harvard Square. Show runs through April 1. Free. For information, call 868-4434.

BOOKS FOR BINGO — March 1, 6:30-8 p.m., CRLS Main Cafeteria. Sponsored by the Cambridge Title 1 Program.

WORDSWORTH BOOKS AUTHOR EVENT — March 1, 7 p.m., WordsWorth Books Reading Room, 30 Brattle St., Harvard Square. Featuring Marilyn Yalom, author of "A History of the Wife." Free. Book signing follows. For information, call 354-5201.

CRLS PARENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING — March 1, 7 p.m., CRLS Media Cafeteria. MCAS exams will be discussed. Parents/guardians of seventh-grade students welcome as well as CRLS students. For information, call JoAnne Ackman at 349-6660.

CREMATION WORKSHOP — March 3, 1 p.m., Mt. Auburn Cemetery, Bigelow Chapel, 580 Mt. Auburn St., Cambridge. Hosted by John P. Hynes, cremation manager. Free. For information, call 547-7105.

JOHN CATE/JANET FELD AT HOUSE OF BLUES — March 3, 1-3 p.m., 96 Winthrop St., Harvard Square. Free. For information, call 491-2583.

CABARET SERIES FEATURING SONGWRITERS AND SINGERS — March 3, 8 p.m., Cambridge Center for Adult Education, 56 Brattle St., Harvard Square. Tickets are $12/$10 BACA members. For information, call 547-6789, ext. 1.

THE NAMELESS COFFEEHOUSE — March 3, 8 p.m., 3 Church St., Cambridge. "The Power of Song" with Ben Tousley, Sue Kranz, Cindy Mapes, Jan Maier and Brett Frechette. Tickets are $6. For information, call 864-1630.

ETHICAL SOCIETY OF BOSTON MEETING — March 4, 10:30 a.m., 1 Follen St., near Harvard Square. "Is Electricity a Commodity or a Public Service?" with speaker Dr. Nichols. Admission and child care are free. For information, call 739-9050.

PERSON OF THE WEEK, BENJAMIN WATERHOUSE — March 4, 2 p.m., Mt. Auburn Cemetery, 580 Mt. Auburn St., Cambridge. A walk with the Friends of Mt. Auburn Cemetery. Free. Meet at the front gate. For information, call 547-7105.

WORLD MUSIC PRESENTS SOUTH AFRICA'S LADYSMITH BLACK MAMBAZO — March 4, 2 p.m., Sanders Theater, 45 Quincy St., Cambridge. Tickets are $30 and $22 at TicketMaster outlets and the Harvard Box Office. To charge tickets, call World Music at 876-4275 or the Harvard Box Office at 496-2222. For more information, call 876-4275.

WORLD MUSIC PRESENTS MASTERS OF PERSIAN MUSIC — March 4, 8 p.m., Sanders Theater, 45 Quincy St., Cambridge. Featuring Mohammad Reza Shajarian, Hossein Alizadeh and Kayhan Kalhor. Tickets are $35, $25 and $20 at TicketMaster outlets and the Harvard Box Office. To charge tickets, call World Music at 876-4275 or the Harvard Box Office at 496-2222. For more information, call 876-4275.

AUSTIN GRILL FIRST MONDAY EVENT — March 5, 5-10 p.m., 350 Massachusetts Ave., Cambridge. One-third of night's proceeds will support American Red Cross of Massachusetts Bay programs and services. For information, call 375-0700, ext. 277.

HENRY LOUIS GATES FORUM RESCHEDULED — March 5, 6 p.m., Longfellow Hall, Appian Way, Cambridge. "The African-American Century: How Black Americans Have Shaped Our Country." Sponsored by the Askwith Education Forum. Free. For information, call 496-1835.

BROWN BAG LUNCH SERIES — March 6, noon, Murray Research Center, Radcliffe Yard, Cambridge. "Predicting Language and Literacy Development in a Low-Income Population: Age 3 Through Seventh Grade" with Patton Tabors, research associate in education, Harvard Graduate School of Education.

CAMBRIDGE LICENSE COMMISSION GENERAL HEARING — March 6, 6 p.m., 831 Massachusetts Ave., Cambridge. For information, call 349-6140.

FELIX CANDELA ARCHITECTURE LECTURE — March 6, 6:30 p.m., MIT Room 10-250, enter at 77 Massachusetts Ave. "What Can Structure Do For Architecture?" Free. For information, call 253-7791.

MULTICULTURAL HAIR CARE, MAKEUP, SKINCARE AND ACCESSORIES — March 6, 7-9 p.m., Your Hair Salon in Cambridge (directions sent to registrants). Cost is $5. For tickets, call 547-6789, ext. 1.

MUSIC AND CULTURE WORKSHOP — March 6, 8-10 p.m., Cambridge Center for Adult Education, 56 Brattle St., Harvard Square. "Journey of the Gypsies." Tickets are $10/$8 CCAE and World Music members. For tickets, call 547-6789, ext. 1.

COLLOQUIUM SPRING SERIES — March 7, noon-2 p.m., Thompson Room, Barker Center, 12 Quincy St., Cambridge. "Madison's Constitution and Identity Politics" with Jennifer Hochschild. For information, call 495-4192.

RADCLIFFE FELLOW EVENTS SERIES — March 7, 4 p.m., Cronkhite Graduate Center, 6 Ash St., Cambridge. "Prison: Two Perspectives" with speakers Regina Kunzel and Tina Rathbone. Free. RSVP by calling 495-8647.

GLOBE CORNER BOOKSTORE ADVENTURE TRAVEL LECTURE SERIES — March 7, 6 p.m., First Parish in Cambridge, 3 Church St. David Gitlitz and Linda Davidson, "Pilgrimage to Santiago de Compostela." Reception/book signing follows at Globe Corner Bookstore. For information, call 1-800-358-6013, ext. 21.

CRLS EIGHTH-GRADE INFORMATION NIGHT — March 7, 6:30-9 p.m., CRLS Main Cafeteria. Tours and refreshments will be offered from 6:30-7:30 p.m.

TOOLS FOR A POWERFUL LIFE WORKSHOP SERIES — March 7, 7-9 p.m., Cambridge YWCA. "Building Your Own Personal Community" with Deirdre DuFour, personal coach. If you find yourself longing for more like-minded friends of colleagues, this workshop can help. Cost is $19. To register or for information, call Erin at 491-6050.

Ongoing

AFRICAN FILM FESTIVAL AT MIT — Feb. 23-25, 77 Massachusetts Ave., Room 4-237, Cambridge. Six films will be screened. Presented by the MIT Program in Women's Studies, African Students Association, Foreign Languages, Literatures, Center for Bilingual/Bicultural Studies and International Film Club. For information, call 253-8844.

AFTER-SCHOOL TUTORING — Harvard students are available Mondays and Wednesdays from 3 to 5 p.m. to tutor students in grades K-12 at the Cambridge Public Library children's room. Service is free. For information, call 349-4038.

ART OF LOVE — Through Feb. 29, University Place Gallery, 124 Mt. Auburn St., Cambridge. Exhibition of artwork by children and young adults from 12 area special needs schools. Presented by the Cambridge Art Association with support of the Cambridge Community Foundation, Clipper Ship Foundation, Gillette Foundation and Robbins-de Beaumont Foundation.

BEAUTY ON THE WING: THE DOUBLE LIVES OF BUTTERFLIES EXHIBIT — Through March 4, Harvard Museum of Natural History, 26 Oxford St. The museum is open daily from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. For information, call 495-3045.

BEING PRESENT WITH OUR CHILDREN — Parenting classes, workshops and one-on-one sessions held at 32 Howard St., Cambridge and Harvard Vanguard Medical Associates. For fall schedule, call 497-9669.

BOSTON AREA NANNY SUPPORT GROUP — Third Saturday of the month, noon-2 p.m., Central Square Library, 45 Pearl St., Cambridge. Led by Somerville resident Janice St. Clair. For information, call Jan at 628-5078.

BUSINESS CLINICS — First Tuesday and third Thursday of the month, by appointment, Cambridge Business Development Center, 675 Massachusetts Ave. Cost is $10. To register, call 349-4690.

CAMBRIDGE HEALTH ALLIANCE — Offers free health services including annual physical exams, Pap tests and mammograms at neighborhood health centers in Cambridge and Somerville and at Cambridge and Somerville hospitals. Low-income women 18 and older may qualify for some or all of these free services. To find out if you qualify, call 591-6920

CHINESE STORIES TOLD IN MADARIN — Wednesdays, 10 a.m., O'Connell Branch Library, 48 Sixth St. Non-Chinese speakers also welcome. For information, call 349-4019 or TTY 349-4421.

CODA — Fridays, 6:30-8 p.m., Women's Center, 46 Pleasant St., Cambridge. A 12-step group for women looking to recover from issues of co-dependency. Free. For information, call Cindy at 267-1667.

DANCE COMPLEX — Offers intermediate modern dance technique Mondays, 9:30-11 a.m., 536 Massachusetts Ave., Central Square. Taught by Rozann Kraus. Open and ongoing. Class fee is $8. For information, call 547-9363.

DANCES OF UNIVERSAL PEACE — First and third Fridays, 7:30-9:30 p.m., Cambridge Friends Meeting, 5 Longfellow Park. Dances are taught and accompanied by live music. Donation is $6-10. For information, call 776-5767.

EAST END HOUSE SENIOR DROP-IN CENTER'S SUNRISE CLUB — Open Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays, 10 a.m.-1 p.m., at 105 Spring St., East Cambridge. For information or a ride, call Florinda or Hena-Susha at 876-4444.

FOOD ADDICTS IN RECOVERY ANONYMOUS — A 12-step program for individuals recovering from overeating, bulimia and anorexia welcomes newcomers and meets Tuesdays from 7 to 8:30 p.m. at Cambridge Rindge and Latin School, 459 Broadway, Room R115, firs t floor. For information, call (781) 321-9118.

FREE BLOOD PRESSURE SCREENINGS — Offered by Cambridge Visiting Nurse Association every six weeks from 2-3 p.m. at North Cambridge Senior Center, 2050 Mass. Ave., and periodically at 150 Erie St., Cambridge from 1-2 p.m. Call Linda Bellofatto at 547-2620, ext. 3201.

FREE MAMMOGRAMS — Women 40 or older, uninsured, under insured, or who have Medicare/Medicaid are eligible. Appointments are available at various locations. For an appointment, call the American Cancer Society at 556-7400 or 1-800-ACS-2345.

FUEL ASSISTANCE APPLICATION HELP AVAILABLE — Through April 30 for Portuguese speakers by appointment. Applications available to low-income individuals that meet federal income guidelines. For information or an appointment, call MAPS at 864-7600.

GRUB STREET WRITERS — Workshops meet in Brookline, Boston and Cambridge. For information, call 482-8668 or visit www.grubstreet.com.

HEALING MOTION — Mondays, 6 p.m., Central Square. Therapeutic movement program connecting body and feelings for women survivors of sexual abuse. All levels of ability welcome. For information, call 547-2046.

JOHANNA WINTER-HARPER SHOW OF OIL PAINTINGS — Through Feb. 23, Sacramento Street Gallery, 20 Sacramento St., Cambridge. Free. For information, call 349-6287.

KATHA SEIDMAN: LOST REFUGE EXHIBITION — Through March 14, Dean's Gallery, MIT Sloan School of Management, 50 Memorial Drive, Cambridge. Free. For information, call 253-9455.

LEARN TO SKATE CLASSES — Saturdays, 4 p.m., Cambridge MDC Rink, Gore Street at Twin City Plaza. For children 5 and up and adults wearing figure or hockey skates. Offered by Bay State Skating School. Register on-line at www.iceskatingclasses.com or call (781) 890-8480.

LESBIAN AL-ANON — Wednesdays, 6:30-8 p.m., Women's Center, 46 Pleasant St., Cambridge. For information, call 354-8807.

LESBIAN RAP — Mondays, 7:30-9 p.m., Women's Center, 46 Pleasant St., Cambridge. Free weekly open discussions with topics. Wheelchair accessible. For information, call 354-8807.

MAPS SENIOR CENTER SERVES PORTUGUESE MEALS — Monday-Friday, 1046 Cambridge St., Cambridge. The center is open from 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Lunch is served at noon. For information, call 628-6065.

MASS. WOMEN, INFANTS AND CHILDREN PROGRAM — Provides free food and nutritional education to keep pregnant and nursing women, infants and children under 5 healthy. Families of four with total income of $31,543 are eligible. For information, call 591-6900.

MOTHER/DAUGHTER SELF-DEFENSE WORKSHOP — Saturdays through March 17 (no class Feb. 27), Tobin Community School, Vassal lane, Cambridge. For girls ages 8 -14 and their mothers. Free. For reservations or information, call Liz Lewis at 349-6300 or Mary Leno at 349-4697.

NAMI FAMILY EDUCATION COURSE — Tuesdays, 6:30-9 p.m., Central Square Branch Library, 45 Pearl St. For family members who have a relative with a major mental illness. Free. To register, call (781) 648-4318 or (781) 488-7554.

NANNY SUPPORT GROUP — Third Saturday of the month, noon-2 p.m., Central Square Branch Library, 45 Pearl St. Potluck lunch is optional or attendees can bring their own lunch. For information, call Jan St. Clair at 628-5078.

NEW COMMUNITY PROJECTS GATHERINGS — Second Friday of the month, 7-9 p.m., Christ Church, 0 Garden St., Harvard Square. To share common community interests and to network with new folks. All are welcome. For information, call Don at 864-9278.

PARENTS ANONYMOUS — Support group for parents meets Wednesday nights. Call 267-8077 or 800 882-1250 for counseling or more information.

POWER WHEELCHAIRS AVAILABLE — Miracle on Wheels makes power wheelchairs available to non-ambulatory senior citizens, 65 and up, usually at no out-of-pocket expense if they qualify. No deposit required. For information, call 800-749-8778.

SENIOR SUPPORT GROUP — Meets Thursdays, 11 a.m.-noon, at the Cambridge Senior Center, 806 Massachusetts Ave., third-floor conference room. All older adults welcome. For information, leave a message at 497-1004 for Cheyenne McCarter.

SOMERVILLE-CAMBRIDGE AGING NETWORK — Meets the fourth Monday of the month from 3-4:30 p.m. at Somerville-Cambridge Elder Services, 61 Medford St. Free. Call 628-2601, ext. 3119.

STORIES AND CRAFTS — Thursdays, 10:30 a.m., O'Connell Branch Library, 48 Sixth St. For information, call 349-4019 or TTY 349-4421.

SUBSTITUTE TEACHERS NEEDED — For Cambridge Public Schools. An undergraduate degree is required. For information, call Claire Murphy at 349-6086.

THIRTY-PLUS LESBIAN RAP — Thursdays, 7-8:30 p.m., Women's Center, 46 Pleasant St., Cambridge. Free weekly open discussions with topics. For information, call 354-8807.

TODDLER SING — Wednesdays, 11 a.m., O'Connell Branch Library, 49 Sixth St., Cambridge. For children through age 5. For information, call 349-4019 or TTY 349-4021.

U.S. CITIZENSHIP/ESOL CLASSES — Mondays and Wednesdays, 6-9 p.m., Community Learning Center, 19 Brookline St., Central Square. For information, call 349-6363.

VFW POST 299 "BACKROOM" — Thursdays, 9 p.m.-12:30 a.m., 288B Green St., Cambridge. Jazz jam session hosted by Larry Franquez Trio. For information, call 547-9320.

WOMEN'S CENTER OFFERS FREE GROUPS IN CAMBRIDGE — There are groups for women of color, trauma survivors, survivors of child sexual abuse, battered women, women with disabilities or chronic conditions and more. For information, call 354-8807.

WOMEN'S CENTER SUPPORT LINE FOR WOMEN — For those feeling lonely, sad and upset and need someone to talk to. Also for those looking for information on jobs, housing and health. Hours are Monday-Thursday, 10 a.m.-10 p.m.; Friday, 10 a.m.-8 p.m.; Saturday, 11 a.m.-4 p.m. Call 354-8807.

WORKING CAPITAL NETWORKING SESSIONS — Weekdays at 10 a.m. and first Wednesday of the month from 6:30-7:30 p.m., 99 Bishop Allen Drive, Central Square. For information, call 576-8620.

WRITING WOMEN'S LIVES — Saturdays, 1-3 p.m., Women's Center, 46 Pleasant St., Cambridge. Group focuses on participants experiences, thoughts and memories. Led by writer/writing teacher Bonnie Cunningham, Ph.D. Free. For information, call 354-8807.

YOGA CLASSES IN HARVARD SQUARE — Six classes weekly: regular group, prenatal and postnatal. Moderate, flowing style, held in the heart of Harvard Square. For information, call 864-9642.

Volunteer Opportunities

AARP TAX AIDE PROGRAM — Counselors, once certified, provide free tax assistance to elderly, low- and moderate-income taxpayers. Training and tax aide take place locally. For information, call 888-227-7669.

ADULT LITERACY PROGRAMS — The Eastern Massachusetts Literacy Council is looking for volunteers to tutor adults enrolled in English literacy programs. Call the EMLC office at (781) 862-3706.

AMERICAN CANCER SOCIETY — Road to Recovery volunteers needed to drive cancer patients to their treatment appointments. Drivers receive training and are asked to volunteer one or two mornings or afternoons a month. Reimbursement provided for parking, tolls and mileage. Call 556-7400.

AMERICAN CANCER SOCIETY — Volunteers needed to help sell, pack, sort or deliver daffodils during Daffodil Days, the week of March 26. For information, call 1-800-ACS-2345.

AMERICAN RED CROSS BLOOD SERVICES — Volunteers needed to register donors or provide refreshments at blood drives in the community. Training provided. Call Laura O'Neal at 800 448-3543.

CAMBRIDGE CARES ABOUT AIDS — Reception, data entry, needle exchange and various positions within the newly expanded Job Connections program. For information, call 661-3040.

CAMBRIDGE HEALTH ALLIANCE — Offers free health services including annual physical exams, Pap tests and mammograms at neighborhood health centers in Cambridge and Somerville and at Cambridge and Somerville hospitals. Low-income women 18 and older may qualify for some or all of these free services. To find out if you qualify, call 591-6920

CAMBRIDGE SCHOOL VOLUNTEERS — Volunteers needed in the Cambridge Public Schools in kindergarten through grade 12 for two hours a week between 7:30 a.m. and 4 p.m., Monday to Friday. For information, call 349-6794.

CAMBRIDGE SENIOR VOLUNTEER CLEARINGHOUSE — Senior volunteer opportunities include social service to computer work, consulting and more. For information, call 864-6688.

EAST END HOUSE — Volunteers are being recruited for child care, after-school, emergency food pantry, job training, senior activities, volunteer and evening classes. For information, call Hena-Susha at 876-4444.

GREATER BOSTON JEWISH COALITION FOR LITERACY — Volunteers needed to tutor young children in public schools in Cambridge. Training is provided. For information, call 457-8661.

HORIZONS INITIATIVE — Recruiting Playspace activity leaders to volunteer with children in homeless family shelters and battered women's shelters. Daytime and evening hours available. Commitment is two hours/week for six months. Training held monthly. For information, call 287-1900.

JUST A START HOUSE — Residential program for homeless teen mothers is looking for adult women to share skill knowledge and friendship in a one-to-one relationship with young mothers and pregnant teens. For information, call Megan McCabe at 776-8353.

MAPS SENIOR CENTER — Volunteers needed to help at the center, 1046 Cambridge St., Cambridge. The center is open Monday through Friday, 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Lunch is served at noon. For information, call 628-6065.

MASS. EYE AND EAR INFIRMARY — Volunteers will assist on the patient floors, work in the gift shop, do clerical work, and assist with the reception of patients in the Ambulatory Surgery Center. Volunteers should be 16 and receive a meal voucher and validated parking. For information, call Ruth Doyle at 573-3163.

MASS. SMOKERS QUITLINE — Telephone counselor and administrative support volunteers are needed. Training and supervision provided. For information, call Alice at 556-7400.

MATCH-UP INTERFAITH — Volunteers needed to assist isolated and homebound elders in the Boston area. No car is needed and hours are flexible. For information, call 536-3557.

RECORDING FOR BLIND AND DYSLEXIC — Volunteers needed to read educational texts on microphone, direct recording sessions and/or provide studio and editorial support. For information, call 577-1111.

16 arms to hold you



The Pablo Ablanedo Octet, An Evening of Original Music will be held at 8 p.m., Saturday, Feb. 24, at the Cambridge Multicultural Arts Center, 41 Second St. This event is a musical exploration and interpretation of jazz forms through South American styles and rhythm.

The octet includes: Pablo Ablanedo, piano; Olivier Manchon, violin; Dave Rezek, trumpet; Tim Mayer, tenor, soprano saxes and clarinet; Jason Hunter, tenor and soprano saxes; Juancho Herrera, guitars; Fernando Heurgo, bass; and Franco Pinna, drums and percussion. Special guest is Katie Viqueira, voice.

Tickets are $10/$8 students, seniors and CMAC members and can be reserved by calling 577-1400, ext. 10 up until 4 p.m. on the day of the performance. Tickets must be picked up and paid for, by cash or check only, one-half hour before the performance. For more information, call 577-1400.

RESOLVED: That the City Clerk be and hereby is requested to forward a suitably engrossed copy of this resolution to the Pfeufer family on behalf of the entire City Council.

In City Council February 26, 2001.
Adopted by the affirmative vote of nine members.
Attest:- D. Margaret Drury, City Clerk.

A true copy;

ATTEST:- D. Margaret Drury

D. Margaret Drury
City Clerk

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City of Cambridge

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IN CITY COUNCIL

February 26, 2001

COUNCILLOR DAVIS
MAYOR GALLUCCIO
COUNCILLOR BORN
COUNCILLOR BRAUDE
COUNCILLOR DECKER
VICE MAYOR MAHER
COUNCILLOR REEVES
COUNCILLOR SULLIVAN
COUNCILLOR TOOMEY

WHEREAS: This City Council was deeply saddened at learning of the death of James Ferdinand Pfeufer on February 6, 2001; and

WHEREAS: James was the beloved husband of the late Reed Champion Pfeufer; and

WHEREAS: James was born in 1912 in Texas and his family later moved to New York where he played in Keith's Boys Band; and

WHEREAS: James was the valedictorian of his high school and later attended New York City College; and

WHEREAS: James was President of the Boston Writers and Artist Union; and

WHEREAS: James taught shop at the Shady Hill School in Cambridge; and

WHEREAS: James was the head of the Department of Graphics Design at the Rhode Island School of Design; and

WHEREAS: At the age of 65, James taught printmaking at the Cape Cod Vocational Technical High School; and

WHEREAS: James's passing will leave a void in the lives of all his surviving family, his daughter Martha Tanner; his sons Joachim and Eric Pfeufer; and his sixteen grandchildren, fifteen great-grandchildren and one great great grandchild; and

WHEREAS: James will be sorely missed by all he touched and loved; now therefore be it

RESOLVED: That this City Council go on record extending its deepest sympathy to the family of James Ferdinand Pfeufer at this time of such personal loss; and be it further

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Resolution #56

Resolution on the death of James Ferdinand Pfeufer.

Councillor Davis, Mayor Galluccio and entire membership

In City Council February 26, 2001

ORDER ADOPTED