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City of Cambridge

Agenda # 22
IN CITY COUNCIL
July 30, 1990

WHEREAS:

There exists in Cambridge a severe shortage of decent housing affordable to low and moderate income residents of Cambridge; and

WHEREAS:

The City Council desires to increase the opportunities, now and in the future, for low and moderate income residents of Cambridge to reside in decent, affordable housing; and

WHEREAS:

By Section 15A of Chapter 40 of the General Laws, as amended, it is provided that the City Council may by a two-thirds vote transfer municipal land to another board or officer of the City for another specific municipal purpose; and

WHEREAS:

By Section 15 of Chapter 40 of the General Laws, as amended, it is provided that the City Council may by a two-thirds vote authorize the conveyance of land taken by eminent domain and specify the minimum amount to be paid for such conveyance and other such terms as the City Council may deem proper; and

WHEREAS:

The City of Cambridge presently owns a certain parcel of land situated in Cambridge, Middlesex County, Massachusetts at 65-69 Columbia Street, bounded and described as follows:

A certain parcel of land situated in Cambridge, Middlesex County, Massachusetts, at 65-69 Columbia Street, bounded and described as follows:

Southeasterly, by said Columbia Street, sixty (60) feet;

Southwesterly, by land now or formerly of Paige, one hundred ninety-five (195) feet, three (3) inches;

Northwesterly, by land now or formerly of Fisk, sixty (60) feet more, or less;

Northeasterly, by land now or formerly of Osborn and of Marvin, one hundred seventy-nine (179) feet, four (4) inches

This parcel contains 11,084 square feet more or less.

WHEREAS:

The land at 65-69 Columbia Street was acquired by the City of Cambridge in 1984 by eminent domain for the purpose of public parking and the Director of Traffic and Parking has determined that the land at 65-69 columbia Street is no longer needed for public parking; and

WHEREAS:

On February 6, 1989 by the affirmative vote of nine members, the City Council ordered that the City Manager be requested to take the appropriate steps to transfer said land for the purpose of making available the development of low and moderate income housing for Cambridge residents; and

WHEREAS:

On June 11, 1990, the City Council referred the question of the disposition of the land at 65-69 Columbia Street as affordable housing to the Planning Board for its consideration and recommendation; and

WHEREAS:

Pursuant to a request for proposals promulgated by the Community Development Department in compliance with M.G.L. Ch. 30B, the Uniform Procurement Act, Homeowner's Rehab, Inc., a non-profit corporation located at 678 Massachusetts Avenue, Cambridge proposes to construct six townhouse units for low and moderate income families on the land at 65-69 Columbia Street; and

WHEREAS:

The Planning Board considered the development of affordable housing at 65-69 Columbia Street at its July 17, 1990 meeting and recommends that the City transfer the land at 65-69 Columbia Street to the Affordable Housing Trust for conveyance to Homeowner's Rehab, Inc. to build six townhouse units, with limited equity restrictions for 99 years, for low and moderate income families;

NOW, THEREFORE, be it

ORDERED:

That the City Manager is authorized and directed to convey the land, at 65-69 Columbia Street to the Affordable Housing Trust for conveyance to Homeowner's Rehab, Inc., for consideration of One Dollar ($1.00) and other valuable consideration for the construction of six townhouse units which shall be affordable to low-and moderate-income families for 99 years; and be it further

ORDERED:

That the City Manager is hereby authorized and directed to execute and deliver to the Affordable Housing Trust, in the name of and on behalf of the City of Cambridge in such form as the City Manager shall approve (such approval to be conclusively evidenced by such execution and delivery) such documents, instruments, agreements, deeds, warranties, indemnifications, releases or certificates, or amendments thereto, required by the Affordable Housing Trust, as the City Manager may deem necessary, desirable or appropriate to enable the Affordable Housing Trust to convey the land at 65-69 Columbia Street to Homeowner's Rehab, Inc. to accommodate the intent of the foregoing resolutions; and be it further

ORDERED:

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

In City Council July 30, 1990.
Adopted by a yea and nay vote:-
Yeas 7; Nays 2; Absent 0
Attest:- Joseph E. Connarton, City Clerk.

A true copy;

ATTEST:-

Joseph E. Connarton, City Clerk.

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City of Cambridge

MASSACHUSETTS

Agenda # 22 Order on the disposition of City-owned land at the premises numbered 65-69 Columbia Street. In City Council July 30 1990

	YEA	NAY	ABSENT	PRESENT	
Mr. Ed Cyr	✓				
Mr. Francis H. Duehay	✓				
Mr. Jonathan S. Myers	✓				
Mr. Kenneth E. Reeves	✓				
Mrs. Sheila T. Russell	✓				
Mr. Walter J. Sullivan					
Mr. Timothy J. Toomey, Jr.					
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July 17, 1990

City Council's Office
Attention: City Councillors
795 Massachusetts Avenue
Cambridge, Massachusetts 02139

Gentlepeople:

I am in receipt of a notice from the City Clerk in which a hearing is scheduled for July 30, 1990 on a petition to sell city-owned land on the premises #65-69 Columbia Street for the development of affordable housing. As a general partner for the adjoining property, Cast, I support the petition with the one reservation of a trash problem mentioned below. First, however, let me point out that Cast I is a 42 unit, MHFA financed, low and moderate income housing development located adjacent to the subject site and contains units from 1-5 bedrooms, some of which are leased to the Cambridge Housing Authority. Cast was rehabilitated in conjunction with active city support and has been fully occupied ever since.

We have experienced a long term problem with the actual placement of the dumpster within the property due to restricted moveability of the dump truck. This problem could be alleviated if Cast I could purchase a small portion of the subject property so that we could erect a dumpster pad in a location convenient to the residents as well as allowing the dumpster truck access from the 65-69 Columbia Street curb cut.

I am hopeful that the Council will look favorably on this request. I pledge my best efforts to work with the residents and neighbors to come up with a mutually acceptable solution.

Sincerely,

Edwin D. Abrams
Partner - Cast I Associates

cc: Anne Marie MacPherson - MHFA
Eleanor White - MHFA
C. Lansing Fair - General Partner of Cast II Assoc.
Michael Rosenberg - Asst. Director, City of Cambridge

Comm. from Edwin D. Abrams, Partner, Cast I Associates, in support of the petition to sell city-owned land at the premises numbered 65-69 Columbia St. for the development of affordable housing.

In City Council,

July 30, 1990

Referred to the petition

ROLL CALL

House and Senate

Following are the votes of local lawmakers on key roll calls involving both houses of the state legislature June 30 and July 7:

Firefighters' health costs — The House approved, 148-0, and Senate approved, 31-4, a bill that would establish a presumption that illnesses of firefighters suffering from certain fatal or disabling conditions are job related. Sens. Barrett, Kraus and LoPresti and Reps. Vellucci, Thompson and Flaherty all voted in favor of the bill.

Tax increase — The House approved, 80-76, and Senate approved, 21-16, a House-Senate conference committee version of the $1.2 billion tax package. The plan would extend the 5 percent sales tax to several areas of professional services, including legal, financial, architecture, and engineering fees; auto and computer repairs; entertainment tickets over $30; and to business purchases of electricity, gas, heating fuel and building repairs. Other provisions include an increase in the income tax to 5.95 percent, retroactive to Jan. 1, a boost to 6.25 percent in 1991 and a drop to 5.95 percent in 1992 and after; an increase in the capital gains tax from 5 percent to 6 percent; and an immediate 6 cent per gallon increase in the gasoline tax, followed by a 4 cent increase in January. Sens. Barrett, Kraus and LoPresti and Reps. Vellucci, Thompson and Flaherty all voted in favor of the package.

In the House

Other key roll calls in the state House of Representatives between June 30 and July 7 included:

Deficiency budget and "workfare" — The House gave initial approval, 87-56, to an $8.7 million deficiency budget, including a controversial "workfare" proposal that would allow state officials to implement a program requiring certain welfare recipients to accept public-sector jobs or lose their benefits. Reps. Vellucci and Flaherty voted in favor of the bill; Thompson voted against it.

"Workfare" amendment — The House rejected, 119-25, an amendent to the deficiency budget bill that would have stricken the workfare proposal and replaced it with a study of the welfare system. Reps. Flaherty and Vellucci voted against the amendment; Thompson voted for it.

In the Senate

Other key roll calls in the state Senate June 30-July 6:

1991 budget — The Senate gave near final approval, 28-9, to its own $13.68 billion version of the fiscal 1991 budget. Sens. Barrett and LoPresti voted for the bill; Kraus opposed it.

Amendment on police — The Senate rejected, 20-18, an amendment that would have consolidated the capitol, MDC, state and registry police. All three local senators voted against the measure.

Gay foster care amendment — The Senate rejected, 25-14, an amendment that would have prohibited the Department of Social Services from allowing adoption, guardianship or foster care of a child by any person whose sexual orientation is an obstacle to the well being of the child. Barrett, Kraus and LoPresti all opposed the amendment.

Second gay foster care amendment — The Senate approved, 30-9, a foster care amendment similar to the one it rejected previously, but deleting a sentence that said gay or bisexual orientation was considered an obstacle to a child's well being. Barrett and LoPresti both voted against the measure; Kraus voted in favor of it.

Universal health care — The Senate approved, 20-16, an amendment that would delay until 1994 provisions of the state's universal health care law which require employers to provide health insurance to their workers by 1992 or be required to pay into a state fund. Barrett, Kraus and LoPresti all voted against the amendment.

Automatic spending cuts — The Senate rejected, 24-14, an amendment that would have required automatic spending cuts when the state budget is out of balance and the legislature and governor do not make cuts or raise revenue to fill the gap. Barrett voted in favor of the amendment; Kraus and LoPresti opposed it.

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COMMUNITY NEWS

Unitarian committee moves to Central Sq.

The Unitarian Universalist Service Committee, a human rights and international development agency, has moved from its longtime headquarters on Beacon Hill in Boston to 130 Prospect St. in Central Square.

The committee, founded in 1939 and committed to human rights education, brings a staff of 39 to the renovated former school building. "It's great to be so close to the diversity of the Central Square area," said Dr. Richard S. Scobie, the committee's executive director.

Besides its commitment to human rights education, the committee supports 45 self-help projects addressing educational, agricultural, health and human rights needs in 16 countries. And it is active in debates over U.S. foreign policy.

Haitian elders program to begin

The Cambridge Council on Aging and the Cambridge Haitian-American Association are sponsoring a new activity program for Haitian elders beginning Thursday, July 19, from 10 am to 1:30 pm at the Willis David Moore Youth Center on Gilmore Street, off Western Avenue.

The programs will continue weekly on Thursdays from 10 am to 1:30 pm, offering older Haitians an opportunity to meet others, participate in activities, get information on health care and other issues and have a hot meal. Free child care and transportation are available. A $1 donation is asked for the meal.

The opening program on July 19 will include speeches by city officials and information about activities the weekly program plans to offer. For more information, call the Council on Aging at 498-9039.

Pool opens

The Metropolitan District Commission's Veterans Memorial Pool in Cambridge has opened for the season. Hours are 10 am to 6 pm daily. For more information, call the MDC recreation office at 727-9547.



NEW VAN AT NEVILLE MANOR — Hugh McGuirk (left), accompanied by volunteer Mary McDermott, enjoys the first ride recently in Neville Manor's new wheelchair van, purchased after more than two years of fund-raising. The residents thanked all the donors and Joseph W. Mannix, one of the residents, who located and arranged for conversion of the school bus.

Support for epileptics

A support group for Cambridge and Somerville people with epilepsy or other seizure-related disorders will begin Wednesday, July 18, at 6 pm in the Harvard Community Health Center on Holland Street in Davis Square, Somerville. The group plans to meet every other week at the center, which is near the Davis Square station of the T.

For more information, call the Epilepsy Association of Massachusetts, 542-2292, or Bill Burke at 623-2832.

Rotary inducts officers

The Rotary Club of Cambridge recently inducted the following officers for 1990-91:

President Rudolph R. Russo, President-elect Richard A. Foot, Vice President M. Wyllis Bibbins, Secretary Daniel M. O'Neill, Assistant Secretary Burdette A. Johnson, Treasurer Clifton Collier, Assistant Treasurer William McGilvreay, Sergeant-at-Arms Gerald W. Oldach and bulletin editor Peter L. Neville.

VFW convention

Area residents recently attended the state Veterans of Foreign Wars convention in Springfield June 14-17.

Leading the group were Stanley Burrell, commander of Isaac Wilson Taylor Post 2443, and Leora Littleton, president of the ladies auxiliary. Barbara Rice was appointed State Banner Bearer and Ruth Ward was appointed State Flag Bearer.

Summer camp offered

The Cambridge Salvation Army is registering children between the ages of 7 and 12 for a one-week overnight camp at the Salvation Army's Camp Wonderland in Sharon, Mass.

Dates are July 31 through Aug. 6 and the cost is $25 per child, with additional children from the same family at reduced rates. All fees are, however, negotiable. For more information call 547-3400 or pick up an application at The Salvation Army, 402 Mass. Ave.

Day care center wins national award

The U.S. Administration on Aging recently conferred a 1990 Community Achievement Award on the Stride Rite Intergenerational Day Care Center in Cambridge for its service to senior citizens.

The Stride Rite Center evolved from a partnership among Somerville-Cambridge Elder Services, Stride Rite Corp. and Wheelock College.

The award is given to oustanding public-private partnerships that support elders. Part of the award includes a $40,000 grant that will be used to launch a statewide elder care initiative designed by the state Executive Office of Elder Affairs to extend elder care efforts throughout the state.

Health survey underway

Middlesex County residents will be among those surveyed in a nationwide study of health and nutritional status being conducted by the federal Department of Health and Human Services National Center for Health Statistics.

Through Aug. 26, residents who volunteer for the study after being randomly selected will have the opportunity to undergo physical examinations and answer questions on health issues.

"The third National Health and Nutrition Examination Survey is an important source of information on the health of all Americans," said Dr. Manning Feinleib, director of the center for health statistics. "The survey is the cornerstone of our efforts to evaluate the progress in promoting good health and preventing disease in this country.

Farmer's market

The Cambridge farmer's market in Central Square continues on Monday, July 16, with a full complement of farmers expected after a low turnout last week.

Organizers said a late growing season and trucking mishaps limited the number of farmers who attended last week, leading to an early closing when farmers sold out early. The market will continue Mondays from noon to 6 pm all summer in the parking lot at Bishop Allen Drive and Norfolk Street.

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Tenants' complaints prompt inspections

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tenants have erected crude partitions, sharing the small apartments to help pay the rent and to offer housing to friends and relatives.

Rothman said none of his employees, including the property manager, speaks Kreyol, although he indicated that he would attempt to find Kreyol-speaking "liaisons" in both buildings in the future.

A common complaint among tenants are the sanitary conditions, which Layn St. Louis, a tenant advocate who works for CEOC, calls "despicable." Carpeting in both buildings is dirty and the stairways, cleaned recently as a result of the inspections, are used as bathrooms by people who walk into the buildings off the street, he said. In addition, the city has received numerous complaints of trash piling up in hallways, water leaks in the ceilings and through windows, and rat and roach infestation.

Some of the trash and debris has already been removed from the buildings, and electricians were replacing hall fixtures on Tuesday. Tenants, however, remain skeptical that conditions will improve.

"This has happened many times in the past and nothing has been done," said Jocelyn Vatey, a tenant at 580 Mass. Ave. for three years, who was feeding an infant in the hallway as he spoke through an interpreter.

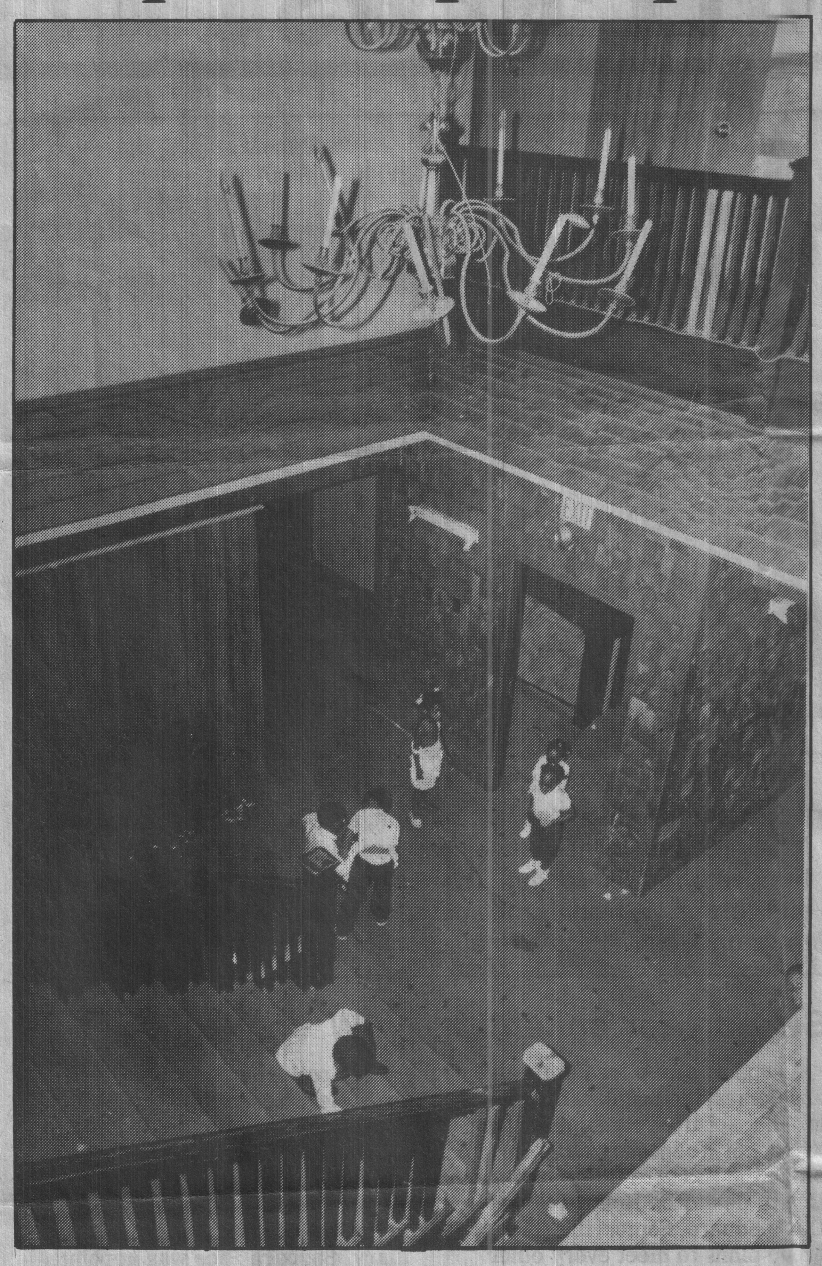
"Everything is still the same way."

Other tenants interviewed on Tuesday were more than willing to show examples of neglect and disrepair, including buckling ceilings and floors, windows that would not lock, and leaking kitchen and bathroom fixtures.

Tenants also say security in the building is almost non-existent. A lock on the wooden front door opposite the Central Square bus stop at 580 Mass. Ave. is constantly broken, tenants say, and some have reported incidents in which people have entered the building and demanded money from them while they are in their apartments. A rear entrance to 580 Mass. Ave. from Green Street also serves as access to the premises and is often open.

Rothman said many problems can be traced to tenants, including the broken locks, which he said are often broken the day they are installed. He also said the condition of the carpets could have been prevented with better care by tenants. He said there were children riding their bicycles through the halls when he visited recently, and that the carpets were defaced with magic markers.

Tenants claim the carpets haven't been replaced in years and are beginning to rot because of water leaks, although Rothman said the carpets were replaced a year ago. Rothman did say Stu-Lin would begin replacing them, however.



CHILDREN PLAY IN A LOBBY at 580 Mass. Ave. in Central Square, where residents have complained recently about deteriorating conditions. (Staff photo by Cheryl Miller)

"It's their responsibility as well as my responsibility on the housekeeping," Rothman said. He estimated Stu-Lin has spent $500,000 on capital improvements in the two buildings. He did not say how much it would cost to correct all the violations cited by the city and said he would challenge some of the citations.

A broader issue

Paul Collier, a lawyer representing the tenants, called Rothman's attempt to lay the blame on tenants inappropriate.

"He has insisted that all of these problems are caused by the tenants," Collier said. "These are problems that simply cannot be caused by the tenants."

"It's mind-boggling for (Rothman) to state that the problems are caused by overcrowding. They can get away with treating Haitians as non-citizens, and they have," said St. Louis, who disputed Rothman's claim that CEOC is conducting an unfair media campaign against him.

"Let people visit the building and see if we're picking a fight," he said. "People need to visit these buildings to see what conditions they are living in. There's a broader cause here, a broader issue. People's basic human rights are being denied."

Both St. Louis and Collier criticized the city for being too lenient on Stu-Lin and failing to ensure that violations are corrected properly.

"Inspections have been incomplete," Collier said. "This has been an ongoing problem in these buildings for over a year." He said there were disagreements with inspectors over what constituted violations and charged that some were either reluctant to cite Stu-Lin or did not feel that certain problems could be cited by the city.

A call for changes

Vice Mayor Kenneth Reeves joined in the criticism and said "remedial action" is necessary in the inspectional services department.

"It's very clear to me that we need at least one full-time attorney," Reeves said. "We literally have people going out to do inspections who don't know the code."

Joseph Cellucci, commissioner of inspectional services for the city, defended his department and said that any lapse in enforcement was caused by a lack of staff and funding. He also said the city has taken Stu-Lin to court on numerous occasions to correct building and sanitary violations.

"This is not a process that moves quickly," Cellucci said. "It's a slow process to get compliance."

Cellucci expressed frustration at the ongoing complaints about the two buildings. "I don't have the answer," he said when asked how the city could improve conditions in the buildings.

Cellucci said the buildings were cited for numerous violations although he would not comment on them specifically until he received all the reports from the inspectors. He did, however, issue a citation himself because a rear emergency exit was blocked with debris, a recurring complaint from tenants in both buildings.

"The (exit) patterns were lousy in both buildings," Cellucci said. "It disturbed me. You're dealing with a serious safety deficiency. (Rothman) has some serious problems and we're going to follow up on him. If these things are not corrected or if there's a Band-Aid approach we'll be back in court with them."

While Cellucci said some of the problems in the buildings were caused by lack of maintenance by tenants, he said the city has received more complaints about the Stu-Lin buildings "than any other properties in the city."

Rothman this week agreed to meet with tenants and city officials and said Stu-Lin would begin immediately to address the problems, particularly those regarding security.

"I'm listening to tenants all the time and we try as much as possible to respond to their complaints," he said. "We're going to do things that we weren't even written up about. We're going to do our part."

St. Paul AME hosts African Heritage Festival this weekend

The African Cultural Society of St. Paul African Methodist Episcopal Church in Cambridge, whose goal is to bridge the gap between Africans and Americans, will hold an African Heritage Celebration today, July 12, through Sunday, July 15.

The festival includes a lecture tonight at 7 pm on African culture by Andrea Rushing of Amherst College, an African music festival on Friday at 7 pm, a cultural bazaar on Saturday from 10 am to 6 pm, an African rap session on Saturday at 7 pm, and a worship service and dinner on Sunday.

Catherine Queen, president of the African Cultural Society and a former producer of the gospel tent at the Cambridge River Festival, said the society is working hard to bridge the gap between Africans and Americans.

"We want to see the entire city of Cambridge come out to the African Heritage Celebration and learn about the other side of Africa," Queen said.

"We feel that people do not understand about Africa and its people. We have been victims of National Geographic, demeaning television programs, such as Tarzan, and we have only seen the starving of Africa and have only heard and seen the political games being played," she said.

All programs except Sunday's services will be held at the St. Paul AME Christian Life Center, 85 Bishop Allen Drive. The service will be held in the church, 37 Bishop Allen Drive.

The schedule:

Thursday, July 12, 7 pm — Andrea Rushing, professor of black studies and English at Amherst College, will talk about African culture and display photographs and other cultural materials from Africa.

Friday, July 13, 7 pm — African Music Festival, with Mackie Burnett and the Panorama Steel Band, Cross Current African dancers, African storytelling, African fashions by Meh International and guest designer Angy Bell of West Africa. Donation is $5.

Saturday, July 14, 10 am-6 pm — Cultural bazaar with vendors offering a variety of African and American items; bazaar space available by calling 894-5208 or 661-1110.

Saturday, July 14, 7 pm — African rap session led by Doyin Bandoh; topic will be pre-conceived notions that Americans have of Africa, and vice-versa.

Sunday, July 15, 10:45 am — Worship services, 8 and 10:45 am, open to the public; the African Cultural Society invites people to dress in African attire; dinner to follow the 10:45 am service.

For more information about the African Heritage Festival, call 894-5208, 354-6905 or 661-1110.

Summer concerts begin tonight at Hoyt Field

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to Consider, described as a "jazz, rock and roll, soul and gospel revue;" the reggae band Ambassa; and Avitar Blue, a rhythm and blues band.

"It should be quite an evening," said Roy-Alan Hanson, deputy director of the Cambridge Arts Council. "This series is going to be a nice way to spend a Thursday evening in the summer. It's a major undertaking and I'm glad to see it starting."

The programming for the three remaining concerts, all on Thursday evenings in July and August, is equally diverse. At Glacken Field on July 26, Dreamers Inc. will return, along with Hogs on Ice, a band formed by a Cambridgeport resident, and the local rap group Adidas P. and M.C. Royalty.



REEVES

On Aug. 9 at Glacken Field, Dreamers Inc. will perform again, along with Diversity and the I-Tones, both reggae and calypso bands. The final show is Aug. 23 at Donnelly Field in East Cambridge with acts to be announced.

"The community in Cambridge is producing some wonderful talent," Reeves said. "Getting this out to people is one of the things I really want to be a part of doing. Quality of life is an important thing for government to improve and one of the ways it can do that is to help people learn about each other, discover the variety in the city, and also to learn about themselves."

For more information about the concerts, call the Cambridge Arts Council at 498-9033.

— ZACHARY GAULKIN

Lawyer says squatting tenants trespass

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bridge's full-occupancy ordinance requires that no rent-controlled apartment be left vacant for more than 120 days.

Madden said that although he has had two conversations with Steve Meacham of the Cambridge Economic Opportunity Commission, who worked closely with the Eviction Free Zone on the action, no meeting has been planned. Madden said that he and McAdams hope to make a decision by the end of next week on how to approach the situation.

McAdams currently faces criminal charges of violating the full-occupancy ordinance, and could face fines of up to $2,000 a day in addition to other civil and criminal penalties, including a possible jail sentence.

Meacham, the Eviction Free Zone, and other community organizations have said that they would urge that the charges be dropped if McAdams accepts rent checks from the four families who have moved into the apartments.



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City of Cambridge

PUBLIC HEARING

The Cambridge City Council will conduct a public hearing on Monday, July 30, 1990 at 7:00 P.M. in the Sullivan Chamber, City Hall, Cambridge, Massachusetts on communication from the City Manager to sell City-owned land located at 65-69 Columbia Street for the development of affordable housing.

All persons interested in this matter may appear at this time and be heard.

By Order of the City Council.

ATTEST: Joseph E. Connarton
City Clerk

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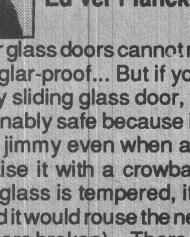

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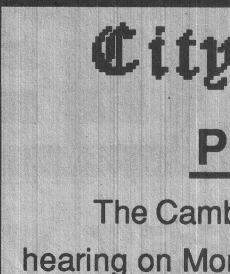

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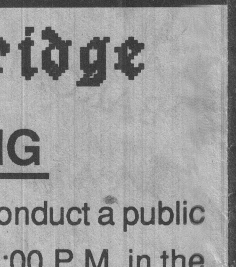

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ROLL CALL

House and Senate

Following are the votes of local lawmakers on key roll calls involving both houses of the state legislature June 30 and July 7:

Firefighters' health costs — The House approved, 148-0, and Senate approved, 31-4, a bill that would establish a presumption that illnesses of firefighters suffering from certain fatal or disabling conditions are job related. Sens. Barrett, Kraus and LoPresti and Reps. Vellucci, Thompson and Flaherty all voted in favor of the bill.

Tax increase — The House approved, 80-76, and Senate approved, 21-16, a House-Senate conference committee version of the $1.2 billion tax package. The plan would extend the 5 percent sales tax to several areas of professional services, including legal, financial, architecture, and engineering fees; auto and computer repairs; entertainment tickets over $30; and to business purchases of electricity, gas, heating fuel and building repairs. Other provisions include an increase in the income tax to 5.95 percent, retroactive to Jan. 1, a boost to 6.25 percent in 1991 and a drop to 5.95 percent in 1992 and after; an increase in the capital gains tax from 5 percent to 6 percent; and an immediate 6 cent per gallon increase in the gasoline tax, followed by a 4 cent increase in January. Sens. Barrett, Kraus and LoPresti and Reps. Vellucci, Thompson and Flaherty all voted in favor of the package.

In the House

Other key roll calls in the state House of Representatives between June 30 and July 7 included:

Deficiency budget and "workfare" — The House gave initial approval, 87-56, to an $8.7 million deficiency budget, including a controversial "workfare" proposal that would allow state officials to implement a program requiring certain welfare recipients to accept public-sector jobs or lose their benefits. Reps. Vellucci and Flaherty voted in favor of the bill; Thompson voted against it.

"Workfare" amendment — The House rejected, 119-25, an amendent to the deficiency budget bill that would have stricken the workfare proposal and replaced it with a study of the welfare system. Reps. Flaherty and Vellucci voted against the amendment; Thompson voted for it.

In the Senate

Other key roll calls in the state Senate June 30-July 6:

1991 budget — The Senate gave near final approval, 28-9, to its own $13.68 billion version of the fiscal 1991 budget. Sens. Barrett and LoPresti voted for the bill; Kraus opposed it.

Amendment on police — The Senate rejected, 20-18, an amendment that would have consolidated the capitol, MDC, state and registry police. All three local senators voted against the measure.

Gay foster care amendment — The Senate rejected, 25-14, an amendment that would have prohibited the Department of Social Services from allowing adoption, guardianship or foster care of a child by any person whose sexual orientation is an obstacle to the well being of the child. Barrett, Kraus and LoPresti all opposed the amendment.

Second gay foster care amendment — The Senate approved, 30-9, a foster care amendment similar to the one it rejected previously, but deleting a sentence that said gay or bisexual orientation was considered an obstacle to a child's well being. Barrett and LoPresti both voted against the measure; Kraus voted in favor of it.

Universal health care — The Senate approved, 20-16, an amendment that would delay until 1994 provisions of the state's universal health care law which require employers to provide health insurance to their workers by 1992 or be required to pay into a state fund. Barrett, Kraus and LoPresti all voted against the amendment.

Automatic spending cuts — The Senate rejected, 24-14, an amendment that would have required automatic spending cuts when the state budget is out of balance and the legislature and governor do not make cuts or raise revenue to fill the gap. Barrett voted in favor of the amendment; Kraus and LoPresti opposed it.

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COMMUNITY NEWS

Unitarian committee moves to Central Sq.

The Unitarian Universalist Service Committee, a human rights and international development agency, has moved from its longtime headquarters on Beacon Hill in Boston to 130 Prospect St. in Central Square.

The committee, founded in 1939 and committed to human rights education, brings a staff of 39 to the renovated former school building. "It's great to be so close to the diversity of the Central Square area," said Dr. Richard S. Scobie, the committee's executive director.

Besides its commitment to human rights education, the committee supports 45 self-help projects addressing educational, agricultural, health and human rights needs in 16 countries. And it is active in debates over U.S. foreign policy.

Haitian elders program to begin

The Cambridge Council on Aging and the Cambridge Haitian-American Association are sponsoring a new activity program for Haitian elders beginning Thursday, July 19, from 10 am to 1:30 pm at the Willis David Moore Youth Center on Gilmore Street, off Western Avenue.

The programs will continue weekly on Thursdays from 10 am to 1:30 pm, offering older Haitians an opportunity to meet others, participate in activities, get information on health care and other issues and have a hot meal. Free child care and transportation are available. A $1 donation is asked for the meal.

The opening program on July 19 will include speeches by city officials and information about activities the weekly program plans to offer. For more information, call the Council on Aging at 498-9039.

Pool opens

The Metropolitan District Commission's Veterans Memorial Pool in Cambridge has opened for the season. Hours are 10 am to 6 pm daily. For more information, call the MDC recreation office at 727-9547.



NEW VAN AT NEVILLE MANOR — Hugh McGuirk (left), accompanied by volunteer Mary McDermott, enjoys the first ride recently in Neville Manor's new wheelchair van, purchased after more than two years of fund-raising. The residents thanked all the donors and Joseph W. Mannix, one of the residents, who located and arranged for conversion of the school bus.

Support for epileptics

A support group for Cambridge and Somerville people with epilepsy or other seizure-related disorders will begin Wednesday, July 18, at 6 pm in the Harvard Community Health Center on Holland Street in Davis Square, Somerville. The group plans to meet every other week at the center, which is near the Davis Square station of the T.

For more information, call the Epilepsy Association of Massachusetts, 542-2292, or Bill Burke at 623-2832.

Rotary inducts officers

The Rotary Club of Cambridge recently inducted the following officers for 1990-91:

President Rudolph R. Russo, President-elect Richard A. Foot, Vice President M. Wyllis Bibbins, Secretary Daniel M. O'Neill, Assistant Secretary Burdette A. Johnson, Treasurer Clifton Collier, Assistant Treasurer William McGilvreay, Sergeant-at-Arms Gerald W. Oldach and bulletin editor Peter L. Neville.

VFW convention

Area residents recently attended the state Veterans of Foreign Wars convention in Springfield June 14-17.

Leading the group were Stanley Burrell, commander of Isaac Wilson Taylor Post 2443, and Leora Littleton, president of the ladies auxiliary. Barbara Rice was appointed State Banner Bearer and Ruth Ward was appointed State Flag Bearer.

Summer camp offered

The Cambridge Salvation Army is registering children between the ages of 7 and 12 for a one-week overnight camp at the Salvation Army's Camp Wonderland in Sharon, Mass.

Dates are July 31 through Aug. 6 and the cost is $25 per child, with additional children from the same family at reduced rates. All fees are, however, negotiable. For more information call 547-3400 or pick up an application at The Salvation Army, 402 Mass. Ave.

Day care center wins national award

The U.S. Administration on Aging recently conferred a 1990 Community Achievement Award on the Stride Rite Intergenerational Day Care Center in Cambridge for its service to senior citizens.

The Stride Rite Center evolved from a partnership among Somerville-Cambridge Elder Services, Stride Rite Corp. and Wheelock College.

The award is given to oustanding public-private partnerships that support elders. Part of the award includes a $40,000 grant that will be used to launch a statewide elder care initiative designed by the state Executive Office of Elder Affairs to extend elder care efforts throughout the state.

Health survey underway

Middlesex County residents will be among those surveyed in a nationwide study of health and nutritional status being conducted by the federal Department of Health and Human Services National Center for Health Statistics.

Through Aug. 26, residents who volunteer for the study after being randomly selected will have the opportunity to undergo physical examinations and answer questions on health issues.

"The third National Health and Nutrition Examination Survey is an important source of information on the health of all Americans," said Dr. Manning Feinleib, director of the center for health statistics. "The survey is the cornerstone of our efforts to evaluate the progress in promoting good health and preventing disease in this country.

Farmer's market

The Cambridge farmer's market in Central Square continues on Monday, July 16, with a full complement of farmers expected after a low turnout last week.

Organizers said a late growing season and trucking mishaps limited the number of farmers who attended last week, leading to an early closing when farmers sold out early. The market will continue Mondays from noon to 6 pm all summer in the parking lot at Bishop Allen Drive and Norfolk Street.

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Tenants' complaints prompt inspections

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tenants have erected crude partitions, sharing the small apartments to help pay the rent and to offer housing to friends and relatives.

Rothman said none of his employees, including the property manager, speaks Kreyol, although he indicated that he would attempt to find Kreyol-speaking "liaisons" in both buildings in the future.

A common complaint among tenants are the sanitary conditions, which Layn St. Louis, a tenant advocate who works for CEOC, calls "despicable." Carpeting in both buildings is dirty and the stairways, cleaned recently as a result of the inspections, are used as bathrooms by people who walk into the buildings off the street, he said. In addition, the city has received numerous complaints of trash piling up in hallways, water leaks in the ceilings and through windows, and rat and roach infestation.

Some of the trash and debris has already been removed from the buildings, and electricians were replacing hall fixtures on Tuesday. Tenants, however, remain skeptical that conditions will improve.

"This has happened many times in the past and nothing has been done," said Jocelyn Vatey, a tenant at 580 Mass. Ave. for three years, who was feeding an infant in the hallway as he spoke through an interpreter.

"Everything is still the same way."

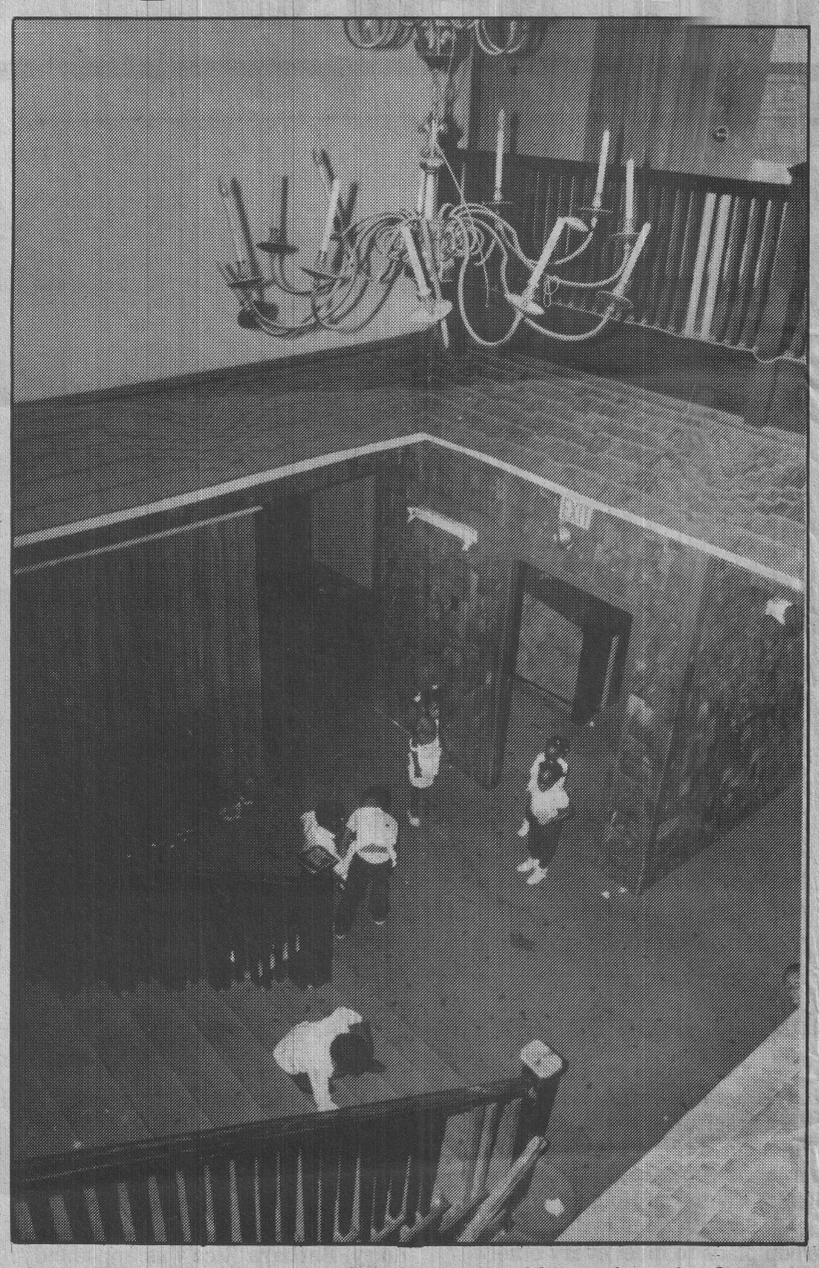
Other tenants interviewed on Tuesday were more than willing to show examples of neglect and disrepair, including buckling ceilings and floors, windows that would not lock, and leaking kitchen and bathroom fixtures.

Tenants also say security in the building is almost non-existent. A lock on the wooden front door opposite the Central Square bus stop at 580 Mass. Ave. is constantly broken, tenants say, and some have reported incidents in which people have entered the building and demanded money from them while they are in their apartments. A rear entrance to 580 Mass. Ave. from Green Street also serves as access to the premises and is often open.

Rothman said many problems can be traced to tenants, including the broken locks, which he said are often broken the day they are installed. He also said the condition of the carpets could have been prevented with better care by tenants. He said there were children riding their bicycles through the halls when he visited recently, and that the carpets were defaced with magic markers.

Tenants claim the carpets haven't been replaced in years and are beginning to rot because of water leaks, although Rothman said the carpets were replaced a year ago. Rothman did say Stu-Lin would begin replacing them, however.

"It's their responsibility as well as my responsibility on the housekeeping," Rothman said. He estimated Stu-Lin has spent $500,000 on capital improvements in the two buildings. He did not say how much it would cost to correct all the violations cited by the city and said he would challenge some of the citations.



CHILDREN PLAY IN A LOBBY at 580 Mass. Ave. in Central Square, where residents have complained recently about deteriorating conditions. (Staff photo by Cheryl Miller)

A broader issue

Paul Collier, a lawyer representing the tenants, called Rothman's attempt to lay the blame on tenants inappropriate.

"He has insisted that all of these problems are caused by the tenants," Collier said. "These are problems that simply cannot be caused by the tenants."

"It's mind-boggling for (Rothman) to state that the problems are caused by overcrowding. They can get away with treating Haitians as non-citizens, and they have," said St. Louis, who disputed Rothman's claim that CEOC is conducting an unfair media campaign against him.

"Let people visit the building and see if we're picking a fight," he said. "People need to visit these buildings to see what conditions they are living in. There's a broader cause here, a broader issue. People's basic human rights are being denied."

Both St. Louis and Collier criticized the city for being too lenient on Stu-Lin and failing to ensure that violations are corrected properly.

"Inspections have been incomplete," Collier said. "This has been an ongoing problem in these buildings for over a year." He said there were disagreements with inspectors over what constituted violations and charged that some were either reluctant to cite Stu-Lin or did not feel that certain problems could be cited by the city.

A call for changes

Vice Mayor Kenneth Reeves joined in the criticism and said "remedial action" is necessary in the inspectional services department.

"It's very clear to me that we need at least one full-time attorney," Reeves said. "We literally have people going out to do inspections who don't know the code."

Joseph Cellucci, commissioner of inspectional services for the city, defended his department and said that any lapse in enforcement was caused by a lack of staff and funding. He also said the city has taken Stu-Lin to court on numerous occasions to correct building and sanitary violations.

"This is not a process that moves quickly," Cellucci said. "It's a slow process to get compliance."

Cellucci expressed frustration at the ongoing complaints about the two buildings. "I don't have the answer," he said when asked how the city could improve conditions in the buildings.

Cellucci said the buildings were cited for numerous violations although he would not comment on them specifically until he received all the reports from the inspectors. He did, however, issue a citation himself because a rear emergency exit was blocked with debris, a recurring complaint from tenants in both buildings.

"The (exit) patterns were lousy in both buildings," Cellucci said. "It disturbed me. You're dealing with a serious safety deficiency. (Rothman) has some serious problems and we're going to follow up on him. If these things are not corrected or if there's a Band-Aid approach we'll be back in court with them."

While Cellucci said some of the problems in the buildings were caused by lack of maintenance by tenants, he said the city has received more complaints about the Stu-Lin buildings "than any other properties in the city."

Rothman this week agreed to meet with tenants and city officials and said Stu-Lin would begin immediately to address the problems, particularly those regarding security.

"I'm listening to tenants all the time and we try as much as possible to respond to their complaints," he said. "We're going to do things that we weren't even written up about. We're going to do our part."

St. Paul AME hosts African Heritage Festival this weekend

The African Cultural Society of St. Paul African Methodist Episcopal Church in Cambridge, whose goal is to bridge the gap between Africans and Americans, will hold an African Heritage Celebration today, July 12, through Sunday, July 15.

The festival includes a lecture tonight at 7 pm on African culture by Andrea Rushing of Amherst College, an African music festival on Friday at 7 pm, a cultural bazaar on Saturday from 10 am to 6 pm, an African rap session on Saturday at 7 pm, and a worship service and dinner on Sunday.

Catherine Queen, president of the African Cultural Society and a former producer of the gospel tent at the Cambridge River Festival, said the society is working hard to bridge the gap between Africans and Americans.

"We want to see the entire city of Cambridge come out to the African Heritage Celebration and learn about the other side of Africa," Queen said.

"We feel that people do not understand about Africa and its people. We have been victims of National Geographic, demeaning television programs, such as Tarzan, and we have only seen the starving of Africa and have only heard and seen the political games being played," she said.

All programs except Sunday's services will be held at the St. Paul AME Christian Life Center, 85 Bishop Allen Drive. The service will be held in the church, 37 Bishop Allen Drive.

The schedule:

Thursday, July 12, 7 pm — Andrea Rushing, professor of black studies and English at Amherst College, will talk about African culture and display photographs and other cultural materials from Africa.

Friday, July 13, 7 pm — African Music Festival, with Mackie Burnett and the Panorama Steel Band, Cross Current African dancers, African storytelling, African fashions by Meh International and guest designer Angy Bell of West Africa. Donation is $5.

Saturday, July 14, 10 am-6 pm — Cultural bazaar with vendors offering a variety of African and American items; bazaar space available by calling 894-5208 or 661-1110.

Saturday, July 14, 7 pm — African rap session led by Doyin Bandoh; topic will be pre-conceived notions that Americans have of Africa, and vice-versa.

Sunday, July 15, 10:45 am — Worship services, 8 and 10:45 am, open to the public; the African Cultural Society invites people to dress in African attire; dinner to follow the 10:45 am service.

For more information about the African Heritage Festival, call 894-5208, 354-6905 or 661-1110.

Summer concerts begin tonight at Hoyt Field

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to Consider, described as a "jazz, rock and roll, soul and gospel revue;" the reggae band Ambassa; and Avitar Blue, a rhythm and blues band.

"It should be quite an evening," said Roy-Alan Hanson, deputy director of the Cambridge Arts Council. "This series is going to be a nice way to spend a Thursday evening in the summer. It's a major undertaking and I'm glad to see it starting."

The programming for the three remaining concerts, all on Thursday evenings in July and August, is equally diverse. At Glacken Field on July 26, Dreamers Inc. will return, along with Hogs on Ice, a band formed by a Cambridgeport resident, and the local rap group Adidas P. and M.C. Royalty.



REEVES

On Aug. 9 at Glacken Field, Dreamers Inc. will perform again, along with Diversity and the I-Tones, both reggae and calypso bands. The final show is Aug. 23 at Donnelly Field in East Cambridge with acts to be announced.

"The community in Cambridge is producing some wonderful talent," Reeves said. "Getting this out to people is one of the things I really want to be a part of doing. Quality of life is an important thing for government to improve and one of the ways it can do that is to help people learn about each other, discover the variety in the city, and also to learn about themselves."

For more information about the concerts, call the Cambridge Arts Council at 498-9033.

— ZACHARY GAULKIN

Lawyer says squatting tenants trespass

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bridge's full-occupancy ordinance requires that no rent-controlled apartment be left vacant for more than 120 days.

Madden said that although he has had two conversations with Steve Meacham of the Cambridge Economic Opportunity Commission, who worked closely with the Eviction Free Zone on the action, no meeting has been planned. Madden said that he and McAdams hope to make a decision by the end of next week on how to approach the situation.

McAdams currently faces criminal charges of violating the full-occupancy ordinance, and could face fines of up to $2,000 a day in addition to other civil and criminal penalties, including a possible jail sentence.

Meacham, the Eviction Free Zone, and other community organizations have said that they would urge that the charges be dropped if McAdams accepts rent checks from the four families who have moved into the apartments.



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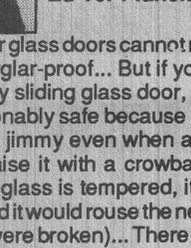

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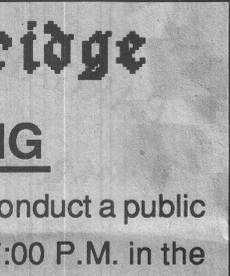

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EDITORIAL

Information please

Here's a last-ditch plea for responses to the 1990 Census. Employees of the census bureau are continuing their door-to-door canvassing this month in an attempt to obtain information from households that haven't returned forms. In addition, the census bureau is offering help filling out the forms at walk-in centers at two locations in the city, city hall and the Cambridge Economic Opportunity Commission on Inman Street. On Page 10 of the Chronicle this week, there's complete information about these and other late census efforts, as well as a quick-response form for those who think they've been missed. Clip it, fill it out and send it. Everyone's response is needed to ensure the census is as accurate as possible. As census officials point out, they're numbers we'll have to live with for a decade.

LETTERS

Activists make city Beirut on the Charles

The Chronicle reached a new low in its spineless editorial position regarding the breaking and entering case on 292-298 Broadway, (editorial, July 5). First, you use a cute description of the action stating that "it may not be exactly legal," never mind that your reporter quotes Mayor Wolf categorically describing it as illegal (news story, July 5). Then, when cornered in the second half of your editorial into having to admit the possibility of a crime, you resort to the oldest trick in the book: Blame the victim. What more? Your genius finally comes up with a solution: Let the victim accept the fait-accompli, let him take the trespassers as legal tenants. This is almost as outrageous as the advice of a Texas politician to rape victims: "Close your eyes and enjoy it."

Even the title of your editorial sounds biased. Laws (plural) against law should be the correct title. It does not take a law scholar to suspect that a half-dozen laws may have been broken by the Rainbow warriors. The assertion that "the apartments were not secured" is too self-serving to be believed without independent confirmation. Moreover, in addition to possible breaking and entering, there is certainly a case for trespassing, malicious destruction of property, and of course conspiracy to perform all of the above. In fact, from your paper's description, the action appears so well planned that one cannot help but wonder if it is not time to call a RICO lawyer.

There are two different issues which have to be examined in this case. First, did the owner really break the law? And second, is a roadside justice of the kind administered by the Cambridge Economic Opportunity Committee a reasonable solution?

Ordinance 966 section 1-b-V states that "the existence of a vacancy for 120 days or more without a good cause shall constitute removal." The key words here are "good cause." Many of us, small property owners, consider the mere fact that these apartments were allowed a maximum rent of less that $100 up until January 1990 may be a good cause not to bother renting them. The owner here cites high costs of repair for code violations as a good reason for him not to carry on. He may or may not be right; however, the rent board seems to leave the door open for an inspection by the building department in at least one of the apartments. Thus, the case does not seem to be as clear cut as the crusaders would have us believe. Moreover, in these United States, this type of conflict where reasonable persons can disagree is to be resolved in court. A failure to appear for one hearing cannot be the end of it. Remember due process? How about the presumption of innocence?

It is really apalling the warriors from the taxpayer funded CEOC chose to trample on due process in the same week when we celebrated the birth of this country and all it stands for. One main thing we stand for is that you cannot wrap yourself with any cause, no matter how noble, to embark on vigilante actions. Otherwise, the possibilities are endless. Today it is housing, tomorrow crime, and then drugs. And even if limited to housing, one can conceivably see this crusade extending to houses left by their owners to go on vacation or sabbatical, in-laws apartments left vacant in expectation of an au-pair, ordinanced condos, and even rented apartments which are vacated by their tenants for some reason while keeping the lease. Should all of these properties be occupied by force by some of the 4,000 families on waiting list for housing? Should the apartments vacated by the three families who moved into 292-298 Broadway be forcefully occupied by someone else? After all, isn't it a crime to leave them vacant? If property rights are violated with impunity in one place, they may be violated anywhere else in the city.

Mr. Editor, for one who grew up in a troubled region of the world, the events of last week bring back fearsome memories. The sight of a radical group occupying a property, cheered on by Councilors Cyr and Myers, and under the eyes of a politically paralyzed police, all remind me of revolutionary guards, prodded on by fanatic mullahs or self-righteous politicians occupying a "spy nest" in a state where the government became impotent. After all, they all, use the same terminology: liberated zone.

Friends, we are beyond social activism. This is anarchy. Welcome to CCA land, welcome to Beirut on the Charles.

Salim Kabawat
Bishop Allen Drive

Why doesn't city punish tenants?

Cambridge's tenant lobby has taken the law into its own hands and, with the city's blessing, has taken over four illegally vacant rent-control apartments (news story, July 5). The landlord says the $144 to $192 a month rents are too low to correct major code violations in the apartments. So, he refuses to rent them. In Cambridge, that's a crime, subject to $500-a-day fines and jail. A warrant is out for the landlord's arrest.

Tenants violate the law with impunity. They live in our apartments without paying rent. They collect large rewards for renting our apartments. They sub-let our apartments for more than the legal maximum rent. We've never seen a criminal action brought against a tenant.

Cambridge is pushing its rent-controlled landlords further and further into a corner. We MUST rent our units. We canNOT remodel our units. We canNot sell our units as condos. We canNOT evict a tenant to move in a family member. We canNOT get rent increases unless we pay through the nose for a lawyer. And we canNOT pass our legal costs through in our rents.

Tenants can take the law into their own hands. Tenants can take over our buildings if they decide we're breaking the law. Can we landlords take the law into our own hands? When a tenant falls behind in the rent, can we remove his belongings from the apartment and change the locks?

This latest escalation of Cambridge's war against landlords is setting a very dangerous precedent. A majority cannot oppress and exploit a minority forever. Eventually, the minority will have no choice but to fight back.

Lenore Schloming
Inman Street

Thanks for action on street light

EDITOR'S NOTE: Because of a typesetting error, this letter was incorrect in last week's Chronicle. We reprint it in full.

We would like to thank the present city council for their attention given to us when we brought up the matter of a petition that was originally presented to the council in 1983. We were told that it was approved and waited years for it: that is, a pedestrian light at the corners of Harvard and Windsor Streets. But, it never happened. After a few appearances at the present city council meetings and new petitions presented to this council, the city manager decided that the traffic at these corners did merit a pedestrian light. He allocated the funds for it in the FY 1990-91 budget. We truly appreciate the action taken in this matter.

Barbara Hayes
Prospect Street
Cathy Burke
Broadway
Dotty Santiago
Harvard Street

Editorial got facts wrong

As to the distress which you feel and expressed in your June 28 editorial about my proposed council resolution in favor of a constitutional amendment which would prohibit physical desecration of the American flag, I am distressed and every reader of the Chronicle should be intensely distressed by the hit you gave to journalistic truth-in-packaging by the manner in which that editorial was crafted.

To assault the beliefs of Councilors Russell, Sullivan and Toomey was not enough. The editorial went on to claim that, "The war against freedom of thought and ideas, cloaked as it was in Walsh's order in the otherwise noble ideals of patriotism and family values." The truth which Chronicle readers have a right to know is that in the specific resolution in question, neither the phrase "family values" nor reference to family values was made.

To craft an editorial on the basis of facts is an editor's right and obligation. To do so on the basis of an editor's own self-fashioned fiction, as was done here, is not.

William H. Walsh
City Councilor

Grateful for quick action on fire

I manage, and I am one of the owners of, a building in Central Square. Recently, a fire started on the second floor. I know most of us, from time to time, grumble about city services. However, would like to give credit where credit is due.

I would like to thank the Cambridge fire department for its prompt response and professional handling of this fire, so that what could have been a disaster was avoided. Not only did the firefighters quickly control the fire, but by their professionalism, they prevented serious water damage to the first floor stores, many of whose owners had no insurance. We tend to forget what a thickly built city surrounds us. We are all in great need of the type of service that the fire department provides.

George M. Herlihy
Arlington

Praise for golf course employee

This will be my first letter to any newspaper. I mention this only so as to let you know how impressed I along with other Fresh Pond Golf Club members are with the magnificent efforts of the greenskeeper, George Brazil Jr. in maintaining the grounds. This transformation has made playing the course a sheer delight. This golf course can compete with any public course in the commonwealth. Again, congratulations to Mr. Brazil and Mr. Cusick, manager, in addition to all the staff at Fresh Pond Golf Club.

Joseph J. DiVico
Watertown

Letters policy

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POLITALKS

Dixon on the artery

Republican **Vince Dixon**, who is challenging state Sen. **Michael LoPresti Jr.**, said last week he opposes aspects of the Central Artery/Third Harbor Tunnel Project and the expansion of Logan Airport, and he presented several proposals he said would improve mass transit system.

Dixon proposes that "all major Central Artery project surfaces should be placed underground, emerging at or above ground level already on the north side of the Charles River, linked in plane and direction to the destination roadway the driver has selected. Thereby the massive exposed 18-lane 'Spaghetti Loop' at North Point would be scrapped." Dixon said that he is committed to "protecting the citizens of the district from the negative environmental effects of the Artery Tunnel project and the problems surrounding its financing."

Dixon also announced that if elected, he would "use every legislative means possible to prevent the expansion of Logan Airport," favoring instead the transfer of part of Logan's commuter airline traffic to Hanscom Airport and some of Logan's national flights to Worcester.

In outlining his many suggestions for the improvement of the area's mass transit system, Dixon proposed an underground rail link between North and South Stations, an underground loop off of the T's Blue Line to service Logan's terminals, a link between the T's Red and Blue lines under Park Street Station, and a 25-cent increase of the gas tax over three years, which would fund increases in mass transit.

Kennedy comes through

Three miles off Kailua-Kona, Hawaii, U.S. Rep. **Joseph Kennedy** last week helped in a daring rescue of a couple whose boat had overturned. The Boston Herald reported that Kennedy and his twin sons were on a fishing trip with U.S. Rep. **Bart Gordon** (D-Tennessee), Houston Oilers football player **Colin Scott**, and ex-Washington Redskin **John Wilbur** on July 1, when they spotted the capsized boat and raced to its rescue. Kennedy and Scott jumped in the water and swam about 40 feet to help the couple to safety. It turned out the boat had been capsized by a 483-pound Marlin, still hooked to a fishing pole in the boat, which Wilbur proceeded to land, the Herald reported.



REP. JOSEPH KENNEDY

Barrett backs recycling

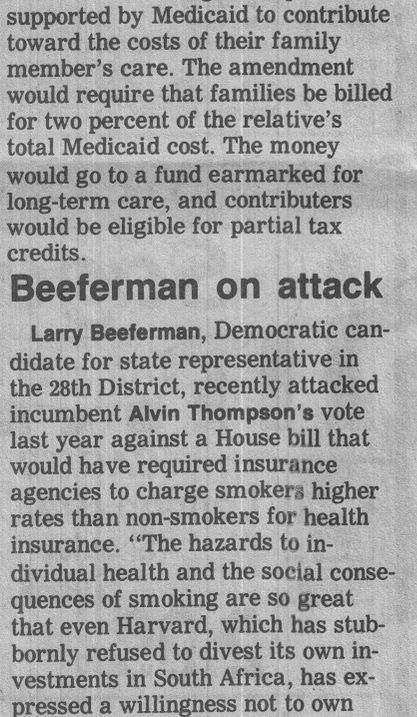
State Sen. **Michael Barrett**, calling recycling an "environmental obligation" of the state, has endorsed two statewide recycling initiatives. The first is the plan released by the Dukakis administration in early June, which would ensure every city and town in Massachusetts access to a recycling facility or program. The second is an initiative petition to be placed on the ballot in September, which would mandate that all product packaging be recyclable, reusable, or made from recycled materials.

Barrett said, "Instituting a mandatory recycling program would be a smart move for the state. Besides being environmentally sound and safer than the current method of burning or incinerating reash, it would save money on disposal and transportation costs, for which the state presently pays a bundle."

In other news, Barrett said he had offered an amendment to the state budget to save money in the Medicaid account. The amendment, which was adopted, calls for relatives of nursing home patients supported by Medicaid to contribute toward the costs of their family member's care. The amendment would require that families be billed for two percent of the relative's total Medicaid cost. The money would go to a fund earmarked for long-term care, and contributers would be eligible for partial tax credits.

Beeferman on attack

Larry Beeferman, Democratic candidate for state representative in the 28th District, recently attacked incumbent **Alvin Thompson's** vote last year against a House bill that would have required insurance agencies to charge smokers higher rates than non-smokers for health insurance. "The hazards to individual health and the social consequences of smoking are so great that even Harvard, which has stubbornly refused to divest its own investments in South Africa, has expressed a willingness not to own stock in the tabacco industry. The governor has also advocated a policy for the state not making similar investments. I support that. Yet voters would gasp to know that last year my opponent was among a majority to defeat legislation in the House requiring insurance companies to provide lower rates to nonsmokers," said Beeferman.



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Delegation returns from El Salvador

A delegation of seven Boston area residents returned June 29 from 10 days in El Salvador, with reports of Salvadoran army actions against the residents of Cambridge's sister city of San Jose Las Flores.

"Residents told us that the army had been occupying villages in the area off and on since January," said Julia Wallace, a teacher and Cambridge resident. "At one point, they fired into the air to disrupt a community ceremony inaugurating a bridge that the villagers had repaired. It was pretty unnerving."

Cambridge has had a sister city relationship since 1987 with the village, which is in the north-central province of Chalatenango. The village was resettled with war refugees four years ago, in June 1986.

The local delegation, which left June 16, brought $6,000 worth of food, money and medical supplies to the village.

Members of the group will give a public report and slide show on their visit to Las Flores on Thursday, July 19, at 7 pm in St. Mary's Church, 134 Norfolk St. near Central Square. For more information, call 876-4545.

Later liquor sales proposed in Central Sq.

The Cambridge License Commission, at the urging of the Central Square business association and residents, has proposed rolling back the opening times for bars and package stores from 8 am to 11 am. The proposal was made to cut early morning drinking in the area.

Business owners and residents have complained recently of a growing number of people, many of them homeless, who congregate in the square in the early morning to wait for bars and liquor stores to open at 8 am and then remain in the square. They say the drinking has created a public nuisance because of fights, harassment of residents and shoppers, and public urination.

But bar and liquor store owners don't like the idea, saying they will lose between 15 and 20 percent of their business, including elderly residents and night workers who do not create a public disturbance. The change could affect 46 liquor license holders in Central Square.

James McDavitt, director of the license commission, said the new rules are aimed at the "actively drinking alcoholic." The proposal, along with alternatives such as a 90-day trial period, will be voted on at a meeting of the license commission on July 24.

City competes for $100,000 grant

The Work Force Unemployment Prevention Program administered by the Cambridge Housing Authority was named last month as a finalist in the 1990 Innovations in State Government Awards program and will compete in September for a $100,000 grant.

The Work Force program combines after-school classes, held in public housing developments, with paid "tryout" jobs in local businesses and public agencies. The program serves teenagers from 13 to 19 who are attending school.

Work Force is one of 25 finalists cited this year by the Innovations program. Ten outstanding state and local projects drawn from the finalists each will receive $100,000 from the Ford Foundation when the winners are announced in September.

Public meetings

Thursday, July 12 — City council's public safety and civil and human rights committees hold joint hearing on new rules for minority civil service promotions. Sullivan Chamber, City Hall, 795 Mass. Ave., 5:30 pm.

Board of zoning appeals public hearings on applications for special permits and variances beginning at 7 pm, Room 200, City Hall, 795 Mass. Ave.

Monday, July 16 — License commission subcommittee public hearing on handicap access rules for bar owners. Sullivan Chamber, City Hall, 795 Mass. Ave., 10 am.

Tuesday, July 17 — Planning board will discuss the Cambridgeport and East Cambridge rezoning proposals, project plans for Alewife Brook Parkway, and housing on Columbia Street. 57 Inman St., third floor, 7:30 pm.

Wednesday, July 18 — Rent control board public hearing on the annual general adjustment of rents and other policy questions. Sullivan Chamber, City Hall, 795 Mass. Ave., 6 pm.

Thursday, July 19 — City council's civil and human rights commitee public meeting to discuss affirmative action hiring practices. Sullivan Chamber, City Hall, 795 Mass. Ave., 5:30 pm.



LET'S HAVE A PARADE — Participants line up with an assortment of vehicles for the annual doll carriage and bike parade July 4 at Glacken Field. (Photo by Berta A. Daniels)

Freeze should be tougher, group says

Enforcement of the commercial parking freeze should be tougher, according to the Conservation Law Foundation, a non-profit environmental advocacy organization based in New England.

In a letter to Mayor Alice K. Wolf, the foundation criticized a proposed agreement between federal, state and local officials on how to enforce the existing freeze.

Stephanie Pollack, an attorney for the foundation, said the agreement is flawed because it does not include a cap on the total number of spaces the city can allow. She also criticized the proposal to allow a 2,200-car garage at the Galleria mall in East Cambridge.

The parking freeze, established in 1973 under the Clean Air Act, is aimed at reducing the amount of traffic and air pollution in the city by limiting the number of cars entering the city. A group of residents has challenged the city in court, claiming the freeze has not been enforced.

Pollack said the foundation would consider legal action of its own if the proposed agreement is signed without any changes. She said officials at the state Executive Office of Environmental Affairs have responded to the letter but did not indicate whether the agreement would be changed. The city council is expected to vote on the agreement at a special meeting on July 30.

Food Pantry questions city's commitment

In a 35-page report released last month, the Cambridge Food Pantry Network praised new summer food programs, but questioned the city's commitment to feeding those who go hungry in the city.

"In a city where long hours are spent before the city council discussing animal commissioners, impacts on the ozone layer, sister cities and street musician ordinances, Cambridge continues to move toward a city divided sharply between the rich and the poor where the crisis of hunger is an object of charitable response rather than a crisis which must be solved by public policy solutions built on justice," said Gerald Bergman, coordinator of the Food Pantry Network.

Bergman said that summer food programs, many of which are paid in full by federal funds, do not reach all those who are most in need. Bergman also said that Cambridge loses money not spent on feeding programs, which reverts back to the federal government.

For more information about the Summer Food Service Program for Children and locations in the city, contact the Cambridge Economic Opportunity Committee at 868-2900.

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Harvard committee seeks a president

Harvard University last week announced the formation of a search committee to select a president to succeed Derek Bok, who will step down on June 30, 1991. Bok, who is 60, was the dean of Harvard Law School before becoming the 25th president of Harvard when he took office in 1971.

Members of the nine-person search committee are Harvard Corp. members Charles P. Slichter, Robert G. Stone Jr., Colman M. Mockler Jr., Henry Rosovsky, Judith R. Hope and D. Ronald Daniel. In addition, three members of the Board of Overseers were chosen: John C. Whitehead, Hanna H. Gray, and Wesley S. Williams Jr. Slichter will be chairman of the committee.

The Harvard Corp. has the primary responsibility for choosing a president, along with the Board of Overseers, which must give consent to the corporation's selection. The search committee will recommend one or more candidates to the corporation. Slichter said the committee will consult widely throughout the university and beyond.

City to enforce rules on rubbish

On Aug. 1, the city public works department will begin enforcing city ordinances on refuse collection and litter, with emphasis on Section 8.24.090 which requires that no rubbish receptacle shall be placed on the sidewalk before 6 PM on the day before collection. Fine is $25.

Correction

■ A news story in the July 5 Chronicle incorrectly stated the results of a court case involving Peter Valentine, a Blanche Street resident who protested the demolition by MIT of two buildings near his home. Valentine was charged with trespassing, disorderly conduct, and assault and battery on a police officer. The court continued the case without a finding on the trespassing and disorderly conduct charges and Valentine was cleared of the charges of assault.

CAMBRIDGE TV3 PROGRAM SCHEDULE

PM	THURSDAY 7/12/90	FRIDAY 7/13/90	SUNDAY 7/15/90
1:00			
2:00	Cambridge: InsideOut	off air	off air
2:30	Cambridge: InsideOut	off air	off air
3:00	Radcliffe Series: Women's Political Leadership	off air	off air
3:30	Radcliffe Series: Women's Political Leadership	off air	off air
4:00	Radcliffe Series: Women's Political Leadership	Crystal Rose Garden	off air
4:30	Health & Home Report	RnR-TV	off air
5:00	TBA	Cable Cuisine	off air
5:30	Cable Cuisine	Forever Baseball	off air
6:00	Acoustic Cafe	Party at Mike's Tree House	off air
6:30	Local Focus	Party at Mike's Tree House	off air
7:00	Mass. Environmental News	Your Mother's on the Roof	off air
7:30	Cambridge: InsideOut	Your Mother's on the Roof	Healthnet
8:00	Health & Home Report	Video Visions	Healthnet
8:30	Personally Speaking II	Video Visions	Video Visions
9:00	off air	off air	Video Visions
9:30	off air	off air	off air

PM	MONDAY 7/16/90	TUESDAY 7/17/90	WEDNESDAY 7/18/90
4:00	Cable Cuisine	The Forum: Bernadette Devlin	Healthnet: Family Planning Counseling
4:30	Mass. Environmental News	The Forum: Bernadette Devlin	Healthnet: Family Planning Counseling
5:00	Health & Home Report	The Forum: Bernadette Devlin	Fair Taxes: Where Do They Go
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6:00	The Forum: Bernadette Devlin	Forever Baseball	Fair Taxes: Where Do They Go
6:30	The Forum: Bernadette Devlin	Party at Mike's Tree House	Fair Taxes: Where Do They Go
7:00	Personal Perspectives	Party at Mike's Tree House	The Africans: Global Africa
7:30	Mixed Signals	Cambridge: InsideOut	The Africans: Global Africa
8:00	Mixed Signals	Mass Environmental News	Crack USA: Country Under Siege
8:30	Mass. Environmental News	Health and Home Report	Crack USA: Country Under Siege
9:00	off air	off air	off air
9:30	off air	off air	off air

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ROLL CALL

House and Senate

Following are the votes of local lawmakers on key roll calls involving both houses of the state legislature June 30 and July 7:

Firefighters' health costs — The House approved, 148-0, and Senate approved, 31-4, a bill that would establish a presumption that illnesses of firefighters suffering from certain fatal or disabling conditions are job related. Sens. Barrett, Kraus and LoPresti and Reps. Vellucci, Thompson and Flaherty all voted in favor of the bill.

Tax increase — The House approved, 80-76, and Senate approved, 21-16, a House-Senate conference committee version of the $1.2 billion tax package. The plan would extend the 5 percent sales tax to several areas of professional services, including legal, financial, architecture, and engineering fees; auto and computer repairs; entertainment tickets over $30; and to business purchases of electricity, gas, heating fuel and building repairs. Other provisions include an increase in the income tax to 5.95 percent, retroactive to Jan. 1, a boost to 6.25 percent in 1991 and a drop to 5.95 percent in 1992 and after; an increase in the capital gains tax from 5 percent to 6 percent; and an immediate 6 cent per gallon increase in the gasoline tax, followed by a 4 cent increase in January. Sens. Barrett, Kraus and LoPresti and Reps. Vellucci, Thompson and Flaherty all voted in favor of the package.

In the House

Other key roll calls in the state House of Representatives between June 30 and July 7 included:

Deficiency budget and "workfare" — The House gave initial approval, 87-56, to an $8.7 million deficiency budget, including a controversial "workfare" proposal that would allow state officials to implement a program requiring certain welfare recipients to accept public-sector jobs or lose their benefits. Reps. Vellucci and Flaherty voted in favor of the bill; Thompson voted against it.

"Workfare" amendment — The House rejected, 119-25, an amendent to the deficiency budget bill that would have stricken the workfare proposal and replaced it with a study of the welfare system. Reps. Flaherty and Vellucci voted against the amendment; Thompson voted for it.

In the Senate

Other key roll calls in the state Senate June 30-July 6:

1991 budget — The Senate gave near final approval, 28-9, to its own $13.68 billion version of the fiscal 1991 budget. Sens. Barrett and LoPresti voted for the bill; Kraus opposed it.

Amendment on police — The Senate rejected, 20-18, an amendment that would have consolidated the capitol, MDC, state and registry police. All three local senators voted against the measure.

Gay foster care amendment — The Senate rejected, 25-14, an amendment that would have prohibited the Department of Social Services from allowing adoption, guardianship or foster care of a child by any person whose sexual orientation is an obstacle to the well being of the child. Barrett, Kraus and LoPresti all opposed the amendment.

Second gay foster care amendment — The Senate approved, 30-9, a foster care amendment similar to the one it rejected previously, but deleting a sentence that said gay or bisexual orientation was considered an obstacle to a child's well being. Barrett and LoPresti both voted against the measure; Kraus voted in favor of it.

Universal health care — The Senate approved, 20-16, an amendment that would delay until 1994 provisions of the state's universal health care law which require employers to provide health insurance to their workers by 1992 or be required to pay into a state fund. Barrett, Kraus and LoPresti all voted against the amendment.

Automatic spending cuts — The Senate rejected, 24-14, an amendment that would have required automatic spending cuts when the state budget is out of balance and the legislature and governor do not make cuts or raise revenue to fill the gap. Barrett voted in favor of the amendment; Kraus and LoPresti opposed it.

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COMMUNITY NEWS

Unitarian committee moves to Central Sq.

The Unitarian Universalist Service Committee, a human rights and international development agency, has moved from its longtime headquarters on Beacon Hill in Boston to 130 Prospect St. in Central Square.

The committee, founded in 1939 and committed to human rights education, brings a staff of 39 to the renovated former school building. "It's great to be so close to the diversity of the Central Square area," said Dr. Richard S. Scobie, the committee's executive director.

Besides its commitment to human rights education, the committee supports 45 self-help projects addressing educational, agricultural, health and human rights needs in 16 countries. And it is active in debates over U.S. foreign policy.

Haitian elders program to begin

The Cambridge Council on Aging and the Cambridge Haitian-American Association are sponsoring a new activity program for Haitian elders beginning Thursday, July 19, from 10 am to 1:30 pm at the Willis David Moore Youth Center on Gilmore Street, off Western Avenue.

The programs will continue weekly on Thursdays from 10 am to 1:30 pm, offering older Haitians an opportunity to meet others, participate in activities, get information on health care and other issues and have a hot meal. Free child care and transportation are available. A $1 donation is asked for the meal.

The opening program on July 19 will include speeches by city officials and information about activities the weekly program plans to offer. For more information, call the Council on Aging at 498-9039.

Pool opens

The Metropolitan District Commission's Veterans Memorial Pool in Cambridge has opened for the season. Hours are 10 am to 6 pm daily. For more information, call the MDC recreation office at 727-9547.



NEW VAN AT NEVILLE MANOR — Hugh McGuirk (left), accompanied by volunteer Mary McDermott, enjoys the first ride recently in Neville Manor's new wheelchair van, purchased after more than two years of fund-raising. The residents thanked all the donors and Joseph W. Mannix, one of the residents, who located and arranged for conversion of the school bus.

Support for epileptics

A support group for Cambridge and Somerville people with epilepsy or other seizure-related disorders will begin Wednesday, July 18, at 6 pm in the Harvard Community Health Center on Holland Street in Davis Square, Somerville. The group plans to meet every other week at the center, which is near the Davis Square station of the T.

For more information, call the Epilepsy Association of Massachusetts, 542-2292, or Bill Burke at 623-2832.

Rotary inducts officers

The Rotary Club of Cambridge recently inducted the following officers for 1990-91:

President Rudolph R. Russo, President-elect Richard A. Foot, Vice President M. Wyllis Bibbins, Secretary Daniel M. O'Neill, Assistant Secretary Burdette A. Johnson, Treasurer Clifton Collier, Assistant Treasurer William McGilvreay, Sergeant-at-Arms Gerald W. Oldach and bulletin editor Peter L. Neville.

VFW convention

Area residents recently attended the state Veterans of Foreign Wars convention in Springfield June 14-17.

Leading the group were Stanley Burrell, commander of Isaac Wilson Taylor Post 2443, and Leora Littleton, president of the ladies auxiliary. Barbara Rice was appointed State Banner Bearer and Ruth Ward was appointed State Flag Bearer.

Summer camp offered

The Cambridge Salvation Army is registering children between the ages of 7 and 12 for a one-week overnight camp at the Salvation Army's Camp Wonderland in Sharon, Mass.

Dates are July 31 through Aug. 6 and the cost is $25 per child, with additional children from the same family at reduced rates. All fees are, however, negotiable. For more information call 547-3400 or pick up an application at The Salvation Army, 402 Mass. Ave.

Day care center wins national award

The U.S. Administration on Aging recently conferred a 1990 Community Achievement Award on the Stride Rite Intergenerational Day Care Center in Cambridge for its service to senior citizens.

The Stride Rite Center evolved from a partnership among Somerville-Cambridge Elder Services, Stride Rite Corp. and Wheelock College.

The award is given to oustanding public-private partnerships that support elders. Part of the award includes a $40,000 grant that will be used to launch a statewide elder care initiative designed by the state Executive Office of Elder Affairs to extend elder care efforts throughout the state.

Health survey underway

Middlesex County residents will be among those surveyed in a nationwide study of health and nutritional status being conducted by the federal Department of Health and Human Services National Center for Health Statistics.

Through Aug. 26, residents who volunteer for the study after being randomly selected will have the opportunity to undergo physical examinations and answer questions on health issues.

"The third National Health and Nutrition Examination Survey is an important source of information on the health of all Americans," said Dr. Manning Feinleib, director of the center for health statistics. "The survey is the cornerstone of our efforts to evaluate the progress in promoting good health and preventing disease in this country.

Farmer's market

The Cambridge farmer's market in Central Square continues on Monday, July 16, with a full complement of farmers expected after a low turnout last week.

Organizers said a late growing season and trucking mishaps limited the number of farmers who attended last week, leading to an early closing when farmers sold out early. The market will continue Mondays from noon to 6 pm all summer in the parking lot at Bishop Allen Drive and Norfolk Street.

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Tenants' complaints prompt inspections

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tenants have erected crude partitions, sharing the small apartments to help pay the rent and to offer housing to friends and relatives.

Rothman said none of his employees, including the property manager, speaks Kreyol, although he indicated that he would attempt to find Kreyol-speaking "liaisons" in both buildings in the future.

A common complaint among tenants are the sanitary conditions, which Layn St. Louis, a tenant advocate who works for CEOC, calls "despicable." Carpeting in both buildings is dirty and the stairways, cleaned recently as a result of the inspections, are used as bathrooms by people who walk into the buildings off the street, he said. In addition, the city has received numerous complaints of trash piling up in hallways, water leaks in the ceilings and through windows, and rat and roach infestation.

Some of the trash and debris has already been removed from the buildings, and electricians were replacing hall fixtures on Tuesday. Tenants, however, remain skeptical that conditions will improve.

"This has happened many times in the past and nothing has been done," said Jocelyn Vatey, a tenant at 580 Mass. Ave. for three years, who was feeding an infant in the hallway as he spoke through an interpreter.

"Everything is still the same way."

Other tenants interviewed on Tuesday were more than willing to show examples of neglect and disrepair, including buckling ceilings and floors, windows that would not lock, and leaking kitchen and bathroom fixtures.

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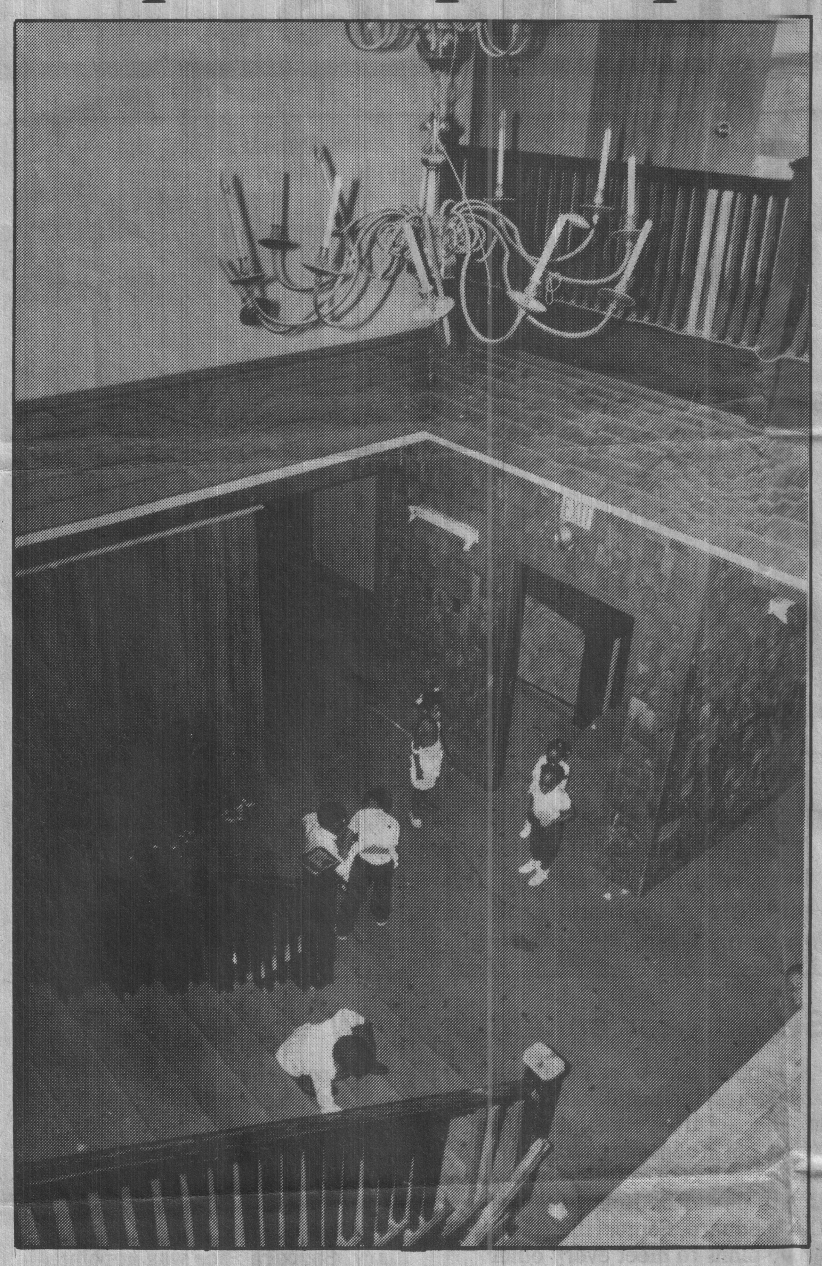

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Catherine Queen, president of the African Cultural Society and a former producer of the gospel tent at the Cambridge River Festival, said the society is working hard to bridge the gap between Africans and Americans.

"We want to see the entire city of Cambridge come out to the African Heritage Celebration and learn about the other side of Africa," Queen said.

"We feel that people do not understand about Africa and its people. We have been victims of National Geographic, demeaning television programs, such as Tarzan, and we have only seen the starving of Africa and have only heard and seen the political games being played," she said.

All programs except Sunday's services will be held at the St. Paul AME Christian Life Center, 85 Bishop Allen Drive. The service will be held in the church, 37 Bishop Allen Drive.

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"It should be quite an evening," said Roy-Alan Hanson, deputy director of the Cambridge Arts Council. "This series is going to be a nice way to spend a Thursday evening in the summer. It's a major undertaking and I'm glad to see it starting."

The programming for the three remaining concerts, all on Thursday evenings in July and August, is equally diverse. At Glacken Field on July 26, Dreamers Inc. will return, along with Hogs on Ice, a band formed by a Cambridgeport resident, and the local rap group Adidas P. and M.C. Royalty.



REEVES

On Aug. 9 at Glacken Field, Dreamers Inc. will perform again, along with Diversity and the I-Tones, both reggae and calypso bands. The final show is Aug. 23 at Donnelly Field in East Cambridge with acts to be announced.

"The community in Cambridge is producing some wonderful talent," Reeves said. "Getting this out to people is one of the things I really want to be a part of doing. Quality of life is an important thing for government to improve and one of the ways it can do that is to help people learn about each other, discover the variety in the city, and also to learn about themselves."

For more information about the concerts, call the Cambridge Arts Council at 498-9033.

— ZACHARY GAULKIN

Lawyer says squatting tenants trespass

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bridge's full-occupancy ordinance requires that no rent-controlled apartment be left vacant for more than 120 days.

Madden said that although he has had two conversations with Steve Meacham of the Cambridge Economic Opportunity Commission, who worked closely with the Eviction Free Zone on the action, no meeting has been planned. Madden said that he and McAdams hope to make a decision by the end of next week on how to approach the situation.

McAdams currently faces criminal charges of violating the full-occupancy ordinance, and could face fines of up to $2,000 a day in addition to other civil and criminal penalties, including a possible jail sentence.

Meacham, the Eviction Free Zone, and other community organizations have said that they would urge that the charges be dropped if McAdams accepts rent checks from the four families who have moved into the apartments.



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All persons interested in this matter may appear at this time and be heard.

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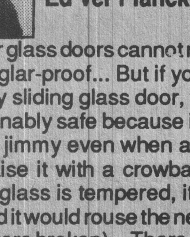

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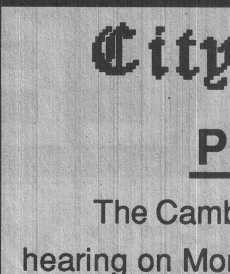

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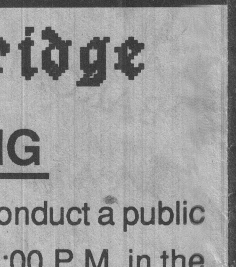

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ROLL CALL

House and Senate

Following are the votes of local lawmakers on key roll calls involving both houses of the state legislature June 30 and July 7:

Firefighters' health costs — The House approved, 148-0, and Senate approved, 31-4, a bill that would establish a presumption that illnesses of firefighters suffering from certain fatal or disabling conditions are job related. Sens. Barrett, Kraus and LoPresti and Reps. Vellucci, Thompson and Flaherty all voted in favor of the bill.

Tax increase — The House approved, 80-76, and Senate approved, 21-16, a House-Senate conference committee version of the $1.2 billion tax package. The plan would extend the 5 percent sales tax to several areas of professional services, including legal, financial, architecture, and engineering fees; auto and computer repairs; entertainment tickets over $30; and to business purchases of electricity, gas, heating fuel and building repairs. Other provisions include an increase in the income tax to 5.95 percent, retroactive to Jan. 1, a boost to 6.25 percent in 1991 and a drop to 5.95 percent in 1992 and after; an increase in the capital gains tax from 5 percent to 6 percent; and an immediate 6 cent per gallon increase in the gasoline tax, followed by a 4 cent increase in January. Sens. Barrett, Kraus and LoPresti and Reps. Vellucci, Thompson and Flaherty all voted in favor of the package.

In the House

Other key roll calls in the state House of Representatives between June 30 and July 7 included:

Deficiency budget and "workfare" — The House gave initial approval, 87-56, to an $8.7 million deficiency budget, including a controversial "workfare" proposal that would allow state officials to implement a program requiring certain welfare recipients to accept public-sector jobs or lose their benefits. Reps. Vellucci and Flaherty voted in favor of the bill; Thompson voted against it.

"Workfare" amendment — The House rejected, 119-25, an amendent to the deficiency budget bill that would have stricken the workfare proposal and replaced it with a study of the welfare system. Reps. Flaherty and Vellucci voted against the amendment; Thompson voted for it.

In the Senate

Other key roll calls in the state Senate June 30-July 6:

1991 budget — The Senate gave near final approval, 28-9, to its own $13.68 billion version of the fiscal 1991 budget. Sens. Barrett and LoPresti voted for the bill; Kraus opposed it.

Amendment on police — The Senate rejected, 20-18, an amendment that would have consolidated the capitol, MDC, state and registry police. All three local senators voted against the measure.

Gay foster care amendment — The Senate rejected, 25-14, an amendment that would have prohibited the Department of Social Services from allowing adoption, guardianship or foster care of a child by any person whose sexual orientation is an obstacle to the well being of the child. Barrett, Kraus and LoPresti all opposed the amendment.

Second gay foster care amendment — The Senate approved, 30-9, a foster care amendment similar to the one it rejected previously, but deleting a sentence that said gay or bisexual orientation was considered an obstacle to a child's well being. Barrett and LoPresti both voted against the measure; Kraus voted in favor of it.

Universal health care — The Senate approved, 20-16, an amendment that would delay until 1994 provisions of the state's universal health care law which require employers to provide health insurance to their workers by 1992 or be required to pay into a state fund. Barrett, Kraus and LoPresti all voted against the amendment.

Automatic spending cuts — The Senate rejected, 24-14, an amendment that would have required automatic spending cuts when the state budget is out of balance and the legislature and governor do not make cuts or raise revenue to fill the gap. Barrett voted in favor of the amendment; Kraus and LoPresti opposed it.

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COMMUNITY NEWS

Unitarian committee moves to Central Sq.

The Unitarian Universalist Service Committee, a human rights and international development agency, has moved from its longtime headquarters on Beacon Hill in Boston to 130 Prospect St. in Central Square.

The committee, founded in 1939 and committed to human rights education, brings a staff of 39 to the renovated former school building. "It's great to be so close to the diversity of the Central Square area," said Dr. Richard S. Scobie, the committee's executive director.

Besides its commitment to human rights education, the committee supports 45 self-help projects addressing educational, agricultural, health and human rights needs in 16 countries. And it is active in debates over U.S. foreign policy.

Haitian elders program to begin

The Cambridge Council on Aging and the Cambridge Haitian-American Association are sponsoring a new activity program for Haitian elders beginning Thursday, July 19, from 10 am to 1:30 pm at the Willis David Moore Youth Center on Gilmore Street, off Western Avenue.

The programs will continue weekly on Thursdays from 10 am to 1:30 pm, offering older Haitians an opportunity to meet others, participate in activities, get information on health care and other issues and have a hot meal. Free child care and transportation are available. A $1 donation is asked for the meal.

The opening program on July 19 will include speeches by city officials and information about activities the weekly program plans to offer. For more information, call the Council on Aging at 498-9039.

Pool opens

The Metropolitan District Commission's Veterans Memorial Pool in Cambridge has opened for the season. Hours are 10 am to 6 pm daily. For more information, call the MDC recreation office at 727-9547.



NEW VAN AT NEVILLE MANOR — Hugh McGuirk (left), accompanied by volunteer Mary McDermott, enjoys the first ride recently in Neville Manor's new wheelchair van, purchased after more than two years of fund-raising. The residents thanked all the donors and Joseph W. Mannix, one of the residents, who located and arranged for conversion of the school bus.

Support for epileptics

A support group for Cambridge and Somerville people with epilepsy or other seizure-related disorders will begin Wednesday, July 18, at 6 pm in the Harvard Community Health Center on Holland Street in Davis Square, Somerville. The group plans to meet every other week at the center, which is near the Davis Square station of the T.

For more information, call the Epilepsy Association of Massachusetts, 542-2292, or Bill Burke at 623-2832.

Rotary inducts officers

The Rotary Club of Cambridge recently inducted the following officers for 1990-91:

President Rudolph R. Russo, President-elect Richard A. Foot, Vice President M. Wyllis Bibbins, Secretary Daniel M. O'Neill, Assistant Secretary Burdette A. Johnson, Treasurer Clifton Collier, Assistant Treasurer William McGilvreay, Sergeant-at-Arms Gerald W. Oldach and bulletin editor Peter L. Neville.

VFW convention

Area residents recently attended the state Veterans of Foreign Wars convention in Springfield June 14-17.

Leading the group were Stanley Burrell, commander of Isaac Wilson Taylor Post 2443, and Leora Littleton, president of the ladies auxiliary. Barbara Rice was appointed State Banner Bearer and Ruth Ward was appointed State Flag Bearer.

Summer camp offered

The Cambridge Salvation Army is registering children between the ages of 7 and 12 for a one-week overnight camp at the Salvation Army's Camp Wonderland in Sharon, Mass.

Dates are July 31 through Aug. 6 and the cost is $25 per child, with additional children from the same family at reduced rates. All fees are, however, negotiable. For more information call 547-3400 or pick up an application at The Salvation Army, 402 Mass. Ave.

Day care center wins national award

The U.S. Administration on Aging recently conferred a 1990 Community Achievement Award on the Stride Rite Intergenerational Day Care Center in Cambridge for its service to senior citizens.

The Stride Rite Center evolved from a partnership among Somerville-Cambridge Elder Services, Stride Rite Corp. and Wheelock College.

The award is given to oustanding public-private partnerships that support elders. Part of the award includes a $40,000 grant that will be used to launch a statewide elder care initiative designed by the state Executive Office of Elder Affairs to extend elder care efforts throughout the state.

Health survey underway

Middlesex County residents will be among those surveyed in a nationwide study of health and nutritional status being conducted by the federal Department of Health and Human Services National Center for Health Statistics.

Through Aug. 26, residents who volunteer for the study after being randomly selected will have the opportunity to undergo physical examinations and answer questions on health issues.

"The third National Health and Nutrition Examination Survey is an important source of information on the health of all Americans," said Dr. Manning Feinleib, director of the center for health statistics. "The survey is the cornerstone of our efforts to evaluate the progress in promoting good health and preventing disease in this country.

Farmer's market

The Cambridge farmer's market in Central Square continues on Monday, July 16, with a full complement of farmers expected after a low turnout last week.

Organizers said a late growing season and trucking mishaps limited the number of farmers who attended last week, leading to an early closing when farmers sold out early. The market will continue Mondays from noon to 6 pm all summer in the parking lot at Bishop Allen Drive and Norfolk Street.

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Tenants' complaints prompt inspections

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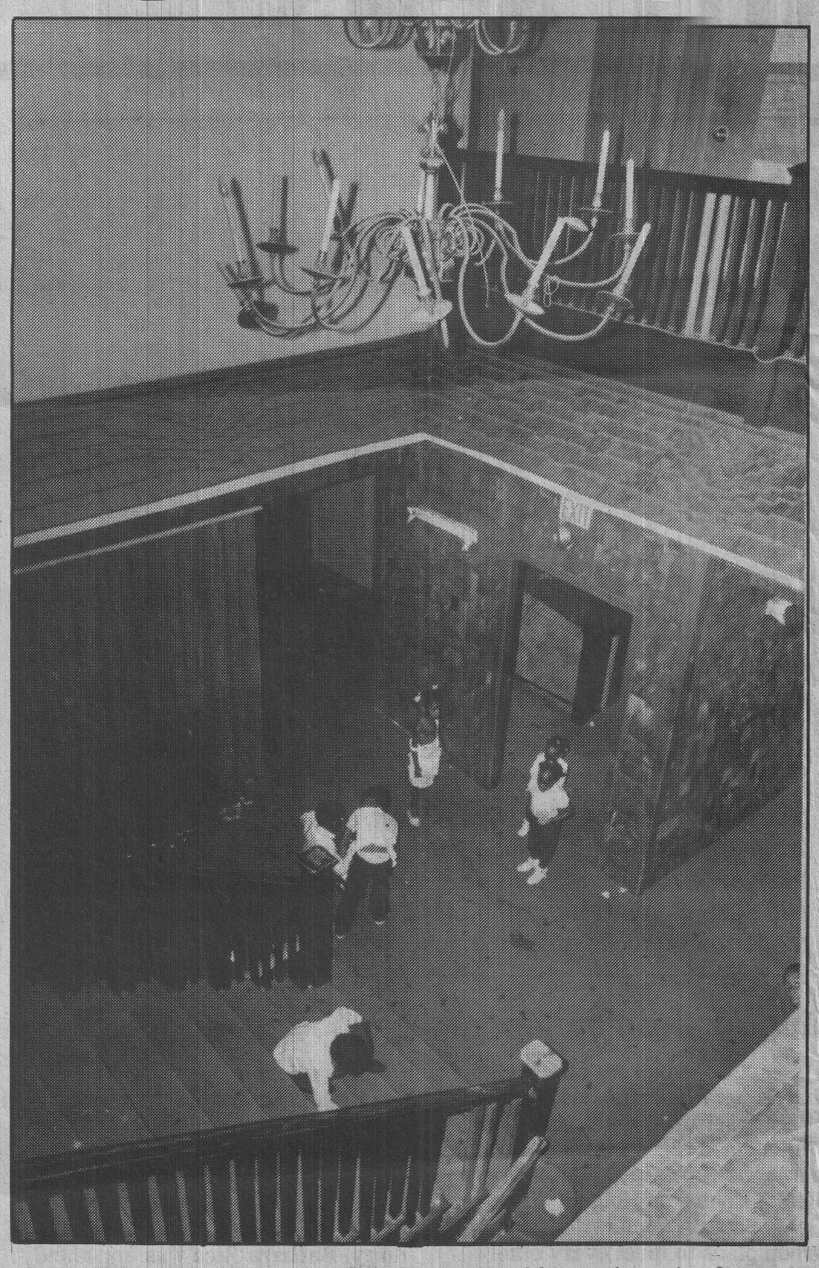

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The festival includes a lecture tonight at 7 pm on African culture by Andrea Rushing of Amherst College, an African music festival on Friday at 7 pm, a cultural bazaar on Saturday from 10 am to 6 pm, an African rap session on Saturday at 7 pm, and a worship service and dinner on Sunday.

Catherine Queen, president of the African Cultural Society and a former producer of the gospel tent at the Cambridge River Festival, said the society is working hard to bridge the gap between Africans and Americans.

"We want to see the entire city of Cambridge come out to the African Heritage Celebration and learn about the other side of Africa," Queen said.

"We feel that people do not understand about Africa and its people. We have been victims of National Geographic, demeaning television programs, such as Tarzan, and we have only seen the starving of Africa and have only heard and seen the political games being played," she said.

All programs except Sunday's services will be held at the St. Paul AME Christian Life Center, 85 Bishop Allen Drive. The service will be held in the church, 37 Bishop Allen Drive.

The schedule:

Thursday, July 12, 7 pm — Andrea Rushing, professor of black studies and English at Amherst College, will talk about African culture and display photographs and other cultural materials from Africa.

Friday, July 13, 7 pm — African Music Festival, with Mackie Burnett and the Panorama Steel Band, Cross Current African dancers, African storytelling, African fashions by Meh International and guest designer Angy Bell of West Africa. Donation is $5.

Saturday, July 14, 10 am-6 pm — Cultural bazaar with vendors offering a variety of African and American items; bazaar space available by calling 894-5208 or 661-1110.

Saturday, July 14, 7 pm — African rap session led by Doyin Bandoh; topic will be pre-conceived notions that Americans have of Africa, and vice-versa.

Sunday, July 15, 10:45 am — Worship services, 8 and 10:45 am, open to the public; the African Cultural Society invites people to dress in African attire; dinner to follow the 10:45 am service.

For more information about the African Heritage Festival, call 894-5208, 354-6905 or 661-1110.

Summer concerts begin tonight at Hoyt Field

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to Consider, described as a "jazz, rock and roll, soul and gospel revue;" the reggae band Ambassa; and Avitar Blue, a rhythm and blues band.

"It should be quite an evening," said Roy-Alan Hanson, deputy director of the Cambridge Arts Council. "This series is going to be a nice way to spend a Thursday evening in the summer. It's a major undertaking and I'm glad to see it starting."

The programming for the three remaining concerts, all on Thursday evenings in July and August, is equally diverse. At Glacken Field on July 26, Dreamers Inc. will return, along with Hogs on Ice, a band formed by a Cambridgeport resident, and the local rap group Adidas P. and M.C. Royalty.



REEVES

On Aug. 9 at Glacken Field, Dreamers Inc. will perform again, along with Diversity and the I-Tones, both reggae and calypso bands. The final show is Aug. 23 at Donnelly Field in East Cambridge with acts to be announced.

"The community in Cambridge is producing some wonderful talent," Reeves said. "Getting this out to people is one of the things I really want to be a part of doing. Quality of life is an important thing for government to improve and one of the ways it can do that is to help people learn about each other, discover the variety in the city, and also to learn about themselves."

For more information about the concerts, call the Cambridge Arts Council at 498-9033.

— ZACHARY GAULKIN

Lawyer says squatting tenants trespass

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bridge's full-occupancy ordinance requires that no rent-controlled apartment be left vacant for more than 120 days.

Madden said that although he has had two conversations with Steve Meacham of the Cambridge Economic Opportunity Commission, who worked closely with the Eviction Free Zone on the action, no meeting has been planned. Madden said that he and McAdams hope to make a decision by the end of next week on how to approach the situation.

McAdams currently faces criminal charges of violating the full-occupancy ordinance, and could face fines of up to $2,000 a day in addition to other civil and criminal penalties, including a possible jail sentence.

Meacham, the Eviction Free Zone, and other community organizations have said that they would urge that the charges be dropped if McAdams accepts rent checks from the four families who have moved into the apartments.



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PUBLIC HEARING

The Cambridge City Council will conduct a public hearing on Monday, July 30, 1990 at 7:00 P.M. in the Sullivan Chamber, City Hall, Cambridge, Massachusetts on communication from the City Manager to sell City-owned land located at 65-69 Columbia Street for the development of affordable housing.

All persons interested in this matter may appear at this time and be heard.

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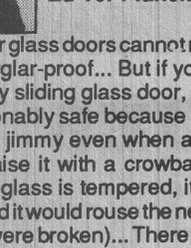

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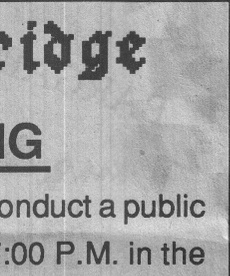

DAN SILVA

It's OK to Ask Questions

Most people are not at their best when they're sitting at a settlement table. They're signing their lives away for a mortgage they're certain they can't afford, feeling a little nervous, intimidated and confused as they fight off that last attack of buyer's remorse.

While you may be inclined to just sign the papers and move in, it's a good idea to check over the paperwork and ask any questions you might have. If you'll be signing a mortgage or deed of trust, make certain that your name is correct, and double check the property address and other blanks that are typed into the documents. It's especially important to look over the deed that is used to convey title to you from the seller to ensure the accuracy of the entries. A lot of the paperwork is prepared on short notice by clerks at the lenders who often really are overworked, underpaid and under a lot of pressure, and once in a while there are mistakes. They're usually easier to fix while you're still at the settlement office, so don't be shy about questioning what you are signing.

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EDITORIAL

Information please

Here's a last-ditch plea for responses to the 1990 Census. Employees of the census bureau are continuing their door-to-door canvassing this month in an attempt to obtain information from households that haven't returned forms. In addition, the census bureau is offering help filling out the forms at walk-in centers at two locations in the city, city hall and the Cambridge Economic Opportunity Commission on Inman Street. On Page 10 of the Chronicle this week, there's complete information about these and other late census efforts, as well as a quick-response form for those who think they've been missed. Clip it, fill it out and send it. Everyone's response is needed to ensure the census is as accurate as possible. As census officials point out, they're numbers we'll have to live with for a decade.

LETTERS

Activists make city Beirut on the Charles

The Chronicle reached a new low in its spineless editorial position regarding the breaking and entering case on 292-298 Broadway, (editorial, July 5). First, you use a cute description of the action stating that "it may not be exactly legal," never mind that your reporter quotes Mayor Wolf categorically describing it as illegal (news story, July 5). Then, when cornered in the second half of your editorial into having to admit the possibility of a crime, you resort to the oldest trick in the book: Blame the victim. What more? Your genius finally comes up with a solution: Let the victim accept the fait-accompli, let him take the trespassers as legal tenants. This is almost as outrageous as the advice of a Texas politician to rape victims: "Close your eyes and enjoy it."

Even the title of your editorial sounds biased. Laws (plural) against law should be the correct title. It does not take a law scholar to suspect that a half-dozen laws may have been broken by the Rainbow warriors. The assertion that "the apartments were not secured" is too self-serving to be believed without independent confirmation. Moreover, in addition to possible breaking and entering, there is certainly a case for trespassing, malicious destruction of property, and of course conspiracy to perform all of the above. In fact, from your paper's description, the action appears so well planned that one cannot help but wonder if it is not time to call a RICO lawyer.

There are two different issues which have to be examined in this case. First, did the owner really break the law? And second, is a roadside justice of the kind administered by the Cambridge Economic Opportunity Committee a reasonable solution?

Ordinance 966 section 1-b-V states that "the existence of a vacancy for 120 days or more without a good cause shall constitute removal." The key words here are "good cause." Many of us, small property owners, consider the mere fact that these apartments were allowed a maximum rent of less that $100 up until January 1990 may be a good cause not to bother renting them. The owner here cites high costs of repair for code violations as a good reason for him not to carry on. He may or may not be right; however, the rent board seems to leave the door open for an inspection by the building department in at least one of the apartments. Thus, the case does not seem to be as clear cut as the crusaders would have us believe. Moreover, in these United States, this type of conflict where reasonable persons can disagree is to be resolved in court. A failure to appear for one hearing cannot be the end of it. Remember due process? How about the presumption of innocence?

It is really apalling the warriors from the taxpayer funded CEOC chose to trample on due process in the same week when we celebrated the birth of this country and all it stands for. One main thing we stand for is that you cannot wrap yourself with any cause, no matter how noble, to embark on vigilante actions. Otherwise, the possibilities are endless. Today it is housing, tomorrow crime, and then drugs. And even if limited to housing, one can conceivably see this crusade extending to houses left by their owners to go on vacation or sabbatical, in-laws apartments left vacant in expectation of an au-pair, ordinanced condos, and even rented apartments which are vacated by their tenants for some reason while keeping the lease. Should all of these properties be occupied by force by some of the 4,000 families on waiting list for housing? Should the apartments vacated by the three families who moved into 292-298 Broadway be forcefully occupied by someone else? After all, isn't it a crime to leave them vacant? If property rights are violated with impunity in one place, they may be violated anywhere else in the city.

Mr. Editor, for one who grew up in a troubled region of the world, the events of last week bring back fearsome memories. The sight of a radical group occupying a property, cheered on by Councilors Cyr and Myers, and under the eyes of a politically paralyzed police, all remind me of revolutionary guards, prodded on by fanatic mullahs or self-righteous politicians occupying a "spy nest" in a state where the government became impotent. After all, they all, use the same terminology: liberated zone.

Friends, we are beyond social activism. This is anarchy. Welcome to CCA land, welcome to Beirut on the Charles.

Salim Kabawat
Bishop Allen Drive

Why doesn't city punish tenants?

Cambridge's tenant lobby has taken the law into its own hands and, with the city's blessing, has taken over four illegally vacant rent-control apartments (news story, July 5). The landlord says the $144 to $192 a month rents are too low to correct major code violations in the apartments. So, he refuses to rent them. In Cambridge, that's a crime, subject to $500-a-day fines and jail. A warrant is out for the landlord's arrest.

Tenants violate the law with impunity. They live in our apartments without paying rent. They collect large rewards for renting our apartments. They sub-let our apartments for more than the legal maximum rent. We've never seen a criminal action brought against a tenant.

Cambridge is pushing its rent-controlled landlords further and further into a corner. We MUST rent our units. We canNOT remodel our units. We canNot sell our units as condos. We canNOT evict a tenant to move in a family member. We canNOT get rent increases unless we pay through the nose for a lawyer. And we canNOT pass our legal costs through in our rents.

Tenants can take the law into their own hands. Tenants can take over our buildings if they decide we're breaking the law. Can we landlords take the law into our own hands? When a tenant falls behind in the rent, can we remove his belongings from the apartment and change the locks?

This latest escalation of Cambridge's war against landlords is setting a very dangerous precedent. A majority cannot oppress and exploit a minority forever. Eventually, the minority will have no choice but to fight back.

Lenore Schloming
Inman Street

Thanks for action on street light

EDITOR'S NOTE: Because of a typesetting error, this letter was incorrect in last week's Chronicle. We reprint it in full.

We would like to thank the present city council for their attention given to us when we brought up the matter of a petition that was originally presented to the council in 1983. We were told that it was approved and waited years for it: that is, a pedestrian light at the corners of Harvard and Windsor Streets. But, it never happened. After a few appearances at the present city council meetings and new petitions presented to this council, the city manager decided that the traffic at these corners did merit a pedestrian light. He allocated the funds for it in the FY 1990-91 budget. We truly appreciate the action taken in this matter.

Barbara Hayes
Prospect Street
Cathy Burke
Broadway
Dotty Santiago
Harvard Street

Editorial got facts wrong

As to the distress which you feel and expressed in your June 28 editorial about my proposed council resolution in favor of a constitutional amendment which would prohibit physical desecration of the American flag, I am distressed and every reader of the Chronicle should be intensely distressed by the hit you gave to journalistic truth-in-packaging by the manner in which that editorial was crafted.

To assault the beliefs of Councilors Russell, Sullivan and Toomey was not enough. The editorial went on to claim that, "The war against freedom of thought and ideas, cloaked as it was in Walsh's order in the otherwise noble ideals of patriotism and family values." The truth which Chronicle readers have a right to know is that in the specific resolution in question, neither the phrase "family values" nor reference to family values was made.

To craft an editorial on the basis of facts is an editor's right and obligation. To do so on the basis of an editor's own self-fashioned fiction, as was done here, is not.

William H. Walsh
City Councilor

Grateful for quick action on fire

I manage, and I am one of the owners of, a building in Central Square. Recently, a fire started on the second floor. I know most of us, from time to time, grumble about city services. However, would like to give credit where credit is due.

I would like to thank the Cambridge fire department for its prompt response and professional handling of this fire, so that what could have been a disaster was avoided. Not only did the firefighters quickly control the fire, but by their professionalism, they prevented serious water damage to the first floor stores, many of whose owners had no insurance. We tend to forget what a thickly built city surrounds us. We are all in great need of the type of service that the fire department provides.

George M. Herlihy
Arlington

Praise for golf course employee

This will be my first letter to any newspaper. I mention this only so as to let you know how impressed I along with other Fresh Pond Golf Club members are with the magnificent efforts of the greenskeeper, George Brazil Jr. in maintaining the grounds. This transformation has made playing the course a sheer delight. This golf course can compete with any public course in the commonwealth. Again, congratulations to Mr. Brazil and Mr. Cusick, manager, in addition to all the staff at Fresh Pond Golf Club.

Joseph J. DiVico
Watertown

Letters policy

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POLITALKS

Dixon on the artery

Republican **Vince Dixon**, who is challenging state Sen. **Michael LoPresti Jr.**, said last week he opposes aspects of the Central Artery/Third Harbor Tunnel Project and the expansion of Logan Airport, and he presented several proposals he said would improve mass transit system.

Dixon proposes that "all major Central Artery project surfaces should be placed underground, emerging at or above ground level already on the north side of the Charles River, linked in plane and direction to the destination roadway the driver has selected. Thereby the massive exposed 18-lane 'Spaghetti Loop' at North Point would be scrapped." Dixon said that he is committed to "protecting the citizens of the district from the negative environmental effects of the Artery Tunnel project and the problems surrounding its financing."

Dixon also announced that if elected, he would "use every legislative means possible to prevent the expansion of Logan Airport," favoring instead the transfer of part of Logan's commuter airline traffic to Hanscom Airport and some of Logan's national flights to Worcester.

In outlining his many suggestions for the improvement of the area's mass transit system, Dixon proposed an underground rail link between North and South Stations, an underground loop off of the T's Blue Line to service Logan's terminals, a link between the T's Red and Blue lines under Park Street Station, and a 25-cent increase of the gas tax over three years, which would fund increases in mass transit.

Kennedy comes through

Three miles off Kailua-Kona, Hawaii, U.S. Rep. **Joseph Kennedy** last week helped in a daring rescue of a couple whose boat had overturned. The Boston Herald reported that Kennedy and his twin sons were on a fishing trip with U.S. Rep. **Bart Gordon** (D-Tennessee), Houston Oilers football player **Colin Scott**, and ex-Washington Redskin **John Wilbur** on July 1, when they spotted the capsized boat and raced to its rescue. Kennedy and Scott jumped in the water and swam about 40 feet to help the couple to safety. It turned out the boat had been capsized by a 483-pound Marlin, still hooked to a fishing pole in the boat, which Wilbur proceeded to land, the Herald reported.



REP. JOSEPH KENNEDY

Barrett backs recycling

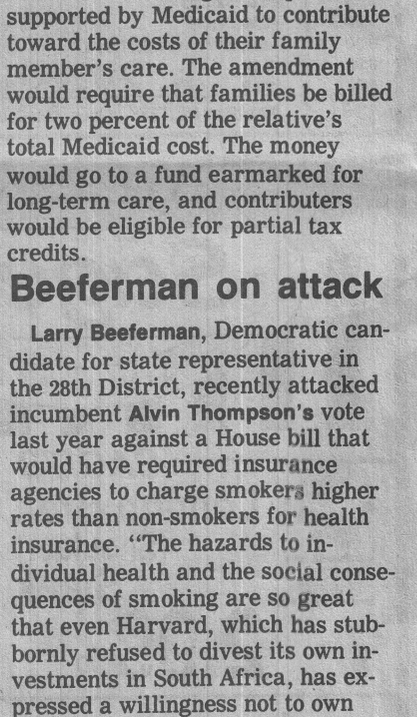
State Sen. **Michael Barrett**, calling recycling an "environmental obligation" of the state, has endorsed two statewide recycling initiatives. The first is the plan released by the Dukakis administration in early June, which would ensure every city and town in Massachusetts access to a recycling facility or program. The second is an initiative petition to be placed on the ballot in September, which would mandate that all product packaging be recyclable, reusable, or made from recycled materials.

Barrett said, "Instituting a mandatory recycling program would be a smart move for the state. Besides being environmentally sound and safer than the current method of burning or incinerating reash, it would save money on disposal and transportation costs, for which the state presently pays a bundle."

In other news, Barrett said he had offered an amendment to the state budget to save money in the Medicaid account. The amendment, which was adopted, calls for relatives of nursing home patients supported by Medicaid to contribute toward the costs of their family member's care. The amendment would require that families be billed for two percent of the relative's total Medicaid cost. The money would go to a fund earmarked for long-term care, and contributers would be eligible for partial tax credits.

Beeferman on attack

Larry Beeferman, Democratic candidate for state representative in the 28th District, recently attacked incumbent **Alvin Thompson's** vote last year against a House bill that would have required insurance agencies to charge smokers higher rates than non-smokers for health insurance. "The hazards to individual health and the social consequences of smoking are so great that even Harvard, which has stubbornly refused to divest its own investments in South Africa, has expressed a willingness not to own stock in the tabacco industry. The governor has also advocated a policy for the state not making similar investments. I support that. Yet voters would gasp to know that last year my opponent was among a majority to defeat legislation in the House requiring insurance companies to provide lower rates to nonsmokers," said Beeferman.



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CITYSIDE

Delegation returns from El Salvador

A delegation of seven Boston area residents returned June 29 from 10 days in El Salvador, with reports of Salvadoran army actions against the residents of Cambridge's sister city of San Jose Las Flores.

"Residents told us that the army had been occupying villages in the area off and on since January," said Julia Wallace, a teacher and Cambridge resident. "At one point, they fired into the air to disrupt a community ceremony inaugurating a bridge that the villagers had repaired. It was pretty unnerving."

Cambridge has had a sister city relationship since 1987 with the village, which is in the north-central province of Chalatenango. The village was resettled with war refugees four years ago, in June 1986.

The local delegation, which left June 16, brought $6,000 worth of food, money and medical supplies to the village.

Members of the group will give a public report and slide show on their visit to Las Flores on Thursday, July 19, at 7 pm in St. Mary's Church, 134 Norfolk St. near Central Square. For more information, call 876-4545.

Later liquor sales proposed in Central Sq.

The Cambridge License Commission, at the urging of the Central Square business association and residents, has proposed rolling back the opening times for bars and package stores from 8 am to 11 am. The proposal was made to cut early morning drinking in the area.

Business owners and residents have complained recently of a growing number of people, many of them homeless, who congregate in the square in the early morning to wait for bars and liquor stores to open at 8 am and then remain in the square. They say the drinking has created a public nuisance because of fights, harassment of residents and shoppers, and public urination.

But bar and liquor store owners don't like the idea, saying they will lose between 15 and 20 percent of their business, including elderly residents and night workers who do not create a public disturbance. The change could affect 46 liquor license holders in Central Square.

James McDavitt, director of the license commission, said the new rules are aimed at the "actively drinking alcoholic." The proposal, along with alternatives such as a 90-day trial period, will be voted on at a meeting of the license commission on July 24.

City competes for $100,000 grant

The Work Force Unemployment Prevention Program administered by the Cambridge Housing Authority was named last month as a finalist in the 1990 Innovations in State Government Awards program and will compete in September for a $100,000 grant.

The Work Force program combines after-school classes, held in public housing developments, with paid "tryout" jobs in local businesses and public agencies. The program serves teenagers from 13 to 19 who are attending school.

Work Force is one of 25 finalists cited this year by the Innovations program. Ten outstanding state and local projects drawn from the finalists each will receive $100,000 from the Ford Foundation when the winners are announced in September.

Public meetings

Thursday, July 12 — City council's public safety and civil and human rights committees hold joint hearing on new rules for minority civil service promotions. Sullivan Chamber, City Hall, 795 Mass. Ave., 5:30 pm.

Board of zoning appeals public hearings on applications for special permits and variances beginning at 7 pm, Room 200, City Hall, 795 Mass. Ave.

Monday, July 16 — License commission subcommittee public hearing on handicap access rules for bar owners. Sullivan Chamber, City Hall, 795 Mass. Ave., 10 am.

Tuesday, July 17 — Planning board will discuss the Cambridgeport and East Cambridge rezoning proposals, project plans for Alewife Brook Parkway, and housing on Columbia Street. 57 Inman St., third floor, 7:30 pm.

Wednesday, July 18 — Rent control board public hearing on the annual general adjustment of rents and other policy questions. Sullivan Chamber, City Hall, 795 Mass. Ave., 6 pm.

Thursday, July 19 — City council's civil and human rights commitee public meeting to discuss affirmative action hiring practices. Sullivan Chamber, City Hall, 795 Mass. Ave., 5:30 pm.



LET'S HAVE A PARADE — Participants line up with an assortment of vehicles for the annual doll carriage and bike parade July 4 at Glacken Field. (Photo by Berta A. Daniels)

Freeze should be tougher, group says

Enforcement of the commercial parking freeze should be tougher, according to the Conservation Law Foundation, a non-profit environmental advocacy organization based in New England.

In a letter to Mayor Alice K. Wolf, the foundation criticized a proposed agreement between federal, state and local officials on how to enforce the existing freeze.

Stephanie Pollack, an attorney for the foundation, said the agreement is flawed because it does not include a cap on the total number of spaces the city can allow. She also criticized the proposal to allow a 2,200-car garage at the Galleria mall in East Cambridge.

The parking freeze, established in 1973 under the Clean Air Act, is aimed at reducing the amount of traffic and air pollution in the city by limiting the number of cars entering the city. A group of residents has challenged the city in court, claiming the freeze has not been enforced.

Pollack said the foundation would consider legal action of its own if the proposed agreement is signed without any changes. She said officials at the state Executive Office of Environmental Affairs have responded to the letter but did not indicate whether the agreement would be changed. The city council is expected to vote on the agreement at a special meeting on July 30.

Food Pantry questions city's commitment

In a 35-page report released last month, the Cambridge Food Pantry Network praised new summer food programs, but questioned the city's commitment to feeding those who go hungry in the city.

"In a city where long hours are spent before the city council discussing animal commissioners, impacts on the ozone layer, sister cities and street musician ordinances, Cambridge continues to move toward a city divided sharply between the rich and the poor where the crisis of hunger is an object of charitable response rather than a crisis which must be solved by public policy solutions built on justice," said Gerald Bergman, coordinator of the Food Pantry Network.

Bergman said that summer food programs, many of which are paid in full by federal funds, do not reach all those who are most in need. Bergman also said that Cambridge loses money not spent on feeding programs, which reverts back to the federal government.

For more information about the Summer Food Service Program for Children and locations in the city, contact the Cambridge Economic Opportunity Committee at 868-2900.

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Harvard committee seeks a president

Harvard University last week announced the formation of a search committee to select a president to succeed Derek Bok, who will step down on June 30, 1991. Bok, who is 60, was the dean of Harvard Law School before becoming the 25th president of Harvard when he took office in 1971.

Members of the nine-person search committee are Harvard Corp. members Charles P. Slichter, Robert G. Stone Jr., Colman M. Mockler Jr., Henry Rosovsky, Judith R. Hope and D. Ronald Daniel. In addition, three members of the Board of Overseers were chosen: John C. Whitehead, Hanna H. Gray, and Wesley S. Williams Jr. Slichter will be chairman of the committee.

The Harvard Corp. has the primary responsibility for choosing a president, along with the Board of Overseers, which must give consent to the corporation's selection. The search committee will recommend one or more candidates to the corporation. Slichter said the committee will consult widely throughout the university and beyond.

City to enforce rules on rubbish

On Aug. 1, the city public works department will begin enforcing city ordinances on refuse collection and litter, with emphasis on Section 8.24.090 which requires that no rubbish receptacle shall be placed on the sidewalk before 6 PM on the day before collection. Fine is $25.

Correction

■ A news story in the July 5 Chronicle incorrectly stated the results of a court case involving Peter Valentine, a Blanche Street resident who protested the demolition by MIT of two buildings near his home. Valentine was charged with trespassing, disorderly conduct, and assault and battery on a police officer. The court continued the case without a finding on the trespassing and disorderly conduct charges and Valentine was cleared of the charges of assault.

CAMBRIDGE TV3 PROGRAM SCHEDULE

PM	THURSDAY 7/12/90	FRIDAY 7/13/90	SUNDAY 7/15/90
1:00			
2:00	Cambridge: InsideOut	off air	off air
2:30	Cambridge: InsideOut	off air	off air
3:00	Radcliffe Series: Women's Political Leadership	off air	off air
3:30	Radcliffe Series: Women's Political Leadership	off air	off air
4:00	Radcliffe Series: Women's Political Leadership	Crystal Rose Garden	off air
4:30	Health & Home Report	RnR-TV	off air
5:00	TBA	Cable Cuisine	off air
5:30	Cable Cuisine	Forever Baseball	off air
6:00	Acoustic Cafe	Party at Mike's Tree House	off air
6:30	Local Focus	Party at Mike's Tree House	off air
7:00	Mass. Environmental News	Your Mother's on the Roof	off air
7:30	Cambridge: InsideOut	Your Mother's on the Roof	Healthnet
8:00	Health & Home Report	Video Visions	Healthnet
8:30	Personally Speaking II	Video Visions	Video Visions
9:00	off air	off air	Video Visions
9:30	off air	off air	off air

PM	MONDAY 7/16/90	TUESDAY 7/17/90	WEDNESDAY 7/18/90
4:00	Cable Cuisine	The Forum: Bernadette Devlin	Healthnet: Family Planning Counseling
4:30	Mass. Environmental News	The Forum: Bernadette Devlin	Healthnet: Family Planning Counseling
5:00	Health & Home Report	The Forum: Bernadette Devlin	Fair Taxes: Where Do They Go
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6:30	The Forum: Bernadette Devlin	Party at Mike's Tree House	Fair Taxes: Where Do They Go
7:00	Personal Perspectives	Party at Mike's Tree House	The Africans: Global Africa
7:30	Mixed Signals	Cambridge: InsideOut	The Africans: Global Africa
8:00	Mixed Signals	Mass Environmental News	Crack USA: Country Under Siege
8:30	Mass. Environmental News	Health and Home Report	Crack USA: Country Under Siege
9:00	off air	off air	off air
9:30	off air	off air	off air

PROGRAM HILITES: *"Crack USA: Country Under Siege" - A Special Presentation Wed. at 8:00 pm*



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Agenda # 22
IN CITY COUNCIL
July 30, 1990

WHEREAS:

There exists in Cambridge a severe shortage of decent housing affordable to low and moderate income residents of Cambridge; and

WHEREAS:

The City Council desires to increase the opportunities, now and in the future, for low and moderate income residents of Cambridge to reside in decent, affordable housing; and

WHEREAS:

By Section 15A of Chapter 40 of the General Laws, as amended, it is provided that the City Council may by a two-thirds vote transfer municipal land to another board or officer of the City for another specific municipal purpose; and

WHEREAS:

By Section 15 of Chapter 40 of the General Laws, as amended, it is provided that the City Council may by a two-thirds vote authorize the conveyance of land taken by eminent domain and specify the minimum amount to be paid for such conveyance and other such terms as the City Council may deem proper; and

WHEREAS:

The City of Cambridge presently owns a certain parcel of land situated in Cambridge, Middlesex County, Massachusetts at 65-69 Columbia Street, bounded and described as follows:

> A certain parcel of land situated in Cambridge, Middlesex County, Massachusetts, at 65-69 Columbia Street, bounded and described as follows:
>
> > Southeasterly, by said Columbia Street, sixty (60) feet;
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> > Southwesterly, by land now or formerly of Paige, one hundred ninety-five (195) feet, three (3) inches;
> >
> > Northwesterly, by land now or formerly of Fisk, sixty (60) feet more, or less;

NOW, THEREFORE, be it

ORDERED:

That the City Manager is authorized and directed to convey the land, at 65-69 Columbia Street to the Affordable Housing Trust for conveyance to Homeowner's Rehab, Inc., for consideration of One Dollar ($1.00) and other valuable consideration for the construction of six townhouse units which shall be affordable to low-and moderate-income families for 99 years; and be it further

ORDERED:

That the City Manager is hereby authorized and directed to execute and deliver to the Affordable Housing Trust, in the name of and on behalf of the City of Cambridge in such form as the City Manager shall approve (such approval to be conclusively evidenced by such execution and delivery) such documents, instruments, agreements, deeds, warranties, indemnifications, releases or certificates, or amendments thereto, required by the Affordable Housing Trust, as the City Manager may deem necessary, desirable or appropriate to enable the Affordable Housing Trust to convey the land at 65-69 Columbia Street to Homeowner's Rehab, Inc. to accommodate the intent of the foregoing resolutions; and be it further

ORDERED:

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

In City Council July 30, 1990.
Adopted by a yea and nay vote:-
Yeas 7; Nays 2; Absent 0
Attest:- Joseph E. Connarton, City Clerk.

A true copy;

ATTEST:- Joseph E. Connarton

Joseph E. Connarton, City Clerk.

	YEA	NAY	ABSENT	PRESENT
Mr. Cyr	✓			
Mr. Duehay	✓			
Mr. Myers	✓			
Mr. Reeves	✓			
Mrs. Russell	✓			
Mr. Sullivan		✓		
Mr. Toomey, Jr.	✓			
Mr. Walsh		✓		
Mayor Wolf	✓			

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Northeasterly, by land now or formerly of Osborn and of Marvin, one hundred seventy-nine (179) feet, four (4) inches

This parcel contains 11,084 square feet more or less.

WHEREAS:

The land at 65-69 Columbia Street was acquired by the City of Cambridge in 1984 by eminent domain for the purpose of public parking and the Director of Traffic and Parking has determined that the land at 65-69 columbia Street is no longer needed for public parking; and

WHEREAS:

On February 6, 1989 by the affirmative vote of nine members, the City Council ordered that the City Manager be requested to take the appropriate steps to transfer said land for the purpose of making available the development of low and moderate income housing for Cambridge residents; and

WHEREAS:

On June 11, 1990, the City Council referred the question of the disposition of the land at 65-69 Columbia Street as affordable housing to the Planning Board for its consideration and recommendation; and

WHEREAS:

Pursuant to a request for proposals promulgated by the Community Development Department in compliance with M.G.L. Ch. 30B, the Uniform Procurement Act, Homeowner's Rehab, Inc., a non-profit corporation located at 678 Massachusetts Avenue, Cambridge proposes to construct six townhouse units for low and moderate income families on the land at 65-69 Columbia Street; and

WHEREAS:

The Planning Board considered the development of affordable housing at 65-69 Columbia Street at its July 17, 1990 meeting and recommends that the City transfer the land at 65-69 Columbia Street to the Affordable Housing Trust for conveyance to Homeowner's Rehab, Inc. to build six townhouse units, with limited equity restrictions for 99 years, for low and moderate income families;

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CITY OF CAMBRIDGE

CAMBRIDGE, MASSACHUSETTS 02139
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EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT
ROBERT W. HEALY
City Manager

RICHARD C. ROSSI
Deputy City Manager

June 8, 1990

To the Honorable, the City Council:

In response to Council Orders related to the City owned lot located at 65-69 Columbia St., I am requesting the City Council begin the disposition process of this parcel to a non-profit developer for the use of affordable housing.

This lot has been vacant for a number of years and is considered a blighted area in the neighborhood. The lot is currently used for dumping and other illegal activities. The development of affordable housing on this parcel would not only provide housing opportunities for Cambridge families, but also assist in the stabilizing of the neighborhood. The Area 4 Coalition has also voted to support the development of affordable housing on this site.

The City is now soliciting proposals from non-profit housing developers in accordance with the process required by the Uniform Procurement Act. The selection of the developer will be at the end of June.

The following schedule would allow the non-profit developer to work with abutter and neighborhood groups, complete design work, assemble the necessary financing and subsidy, bid the job and begin construction in the fall:

June 11 - Request City Council refer disposition to Planning Board and schedule Public Hearing

June 19 - Informational meeting with Planning Board

June 29 - Non-profit developer selected

July 3 - Planning Board consideration and report

July 30 - Public Hearing and consideration by Council

August - Dispose of parcel to non-profit developer

In order to comply with this schedule it is recommended the City Council take the following actions:

1. Authorize the City Clerk to post the property in accordance with Ordinance Number 733;

2. Refer the disposition of 65-69 Columbia Street to the Planning Board for a report;

3. Hold a Public Hearing on July 30, 1990 to consider and act on this Proposal.

Very truly yours,

Robert W. Healy
City Manager

RWH/mev

Agenda # 14

Response to City Council Order related to the City owned lot located at 65-69 Columbia Street.

In City Council,

June 11, 1990

Referred to Hearing scheduled for July 30, 1990 at 7:00 P.M.

CITY OF CAMBRIDGE, MASSACHUSETTS

PLANNING BOARD

CITY HALL ANNEX, 57 INMAN STREET, CAMBRIDGE 02139

July 25, 1990

To the Honorable, the City Council:

Subject: Disposition of a Parcel of Land at 67-69 Columbia Street to the Affordable Housing Trust

At its regular July 17, 1990 meeting the Planning Board reviewed the above referenced disposition of City owned land to the Affordable Housing Trust to convey to Homeowner's Rehab, Inc. for the purpose of construction of six units of affordable housing.

The Planning Board recommends the conveyance as proposed and finds the development program appropriate and desirable. The site at 67-69 Columbia Street is well located across from a City park and near to Central Square. Its undeveloped status has imposed a burden on the neighborhood; the construction of affordable housing will significantly advance the City's long commitment to the provision of affordable housing while relieving the neighborhood of that burden.

Respectfully submitted for the Planning Board,

Paul Dietrich, Chairman

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EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT
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July 25, 1990

To the Honorable, the City Council:

Subject: Disposition of City-Owned Land at 65-69 Columbia Street

The parcel of City-owned land at 65-69 Columbia Street was referred to the Planning Board by the City Council on June 11, 1990, when the Council voted to begin the disposition process for this parcel to a nonprofit developer for use as affordable housing.

On July 17, 1990, the Planning Board met to consider a proposal by Homeowner's Rehab, Inc. (HRI), to develop six units of affordable housing on this parcel. The Planning Board's recommendation is that the City transfer the land to the Affordable Housing Trust for conveyance to HRI for $1.00. This sale price will facilitate the sale of the units to low and moderate income households.

This lot has been vacant for a number of years and is considered a blighted area in the neighborhood. The lot is currently used for dumping and other illegal activities. The development of affordable housing on this parcel would not only provide housing opportunities for Cambridge families, but also assist in the stabilizing of the neighborhood. Meetings with the neighborhood on the issue of constructing affordable housing on the site have occurred. The Area 4 Coalition has also voted to support the development of affordable housing on this site.

In accord with M.G.L. ch. 30B, the Uniform Procurement Act, the Community Development Department developed and advertised a request for proposals. The proposals were evaluated by a screening panel composed of members of the Project Review Committee of the Affordable Housing Trust. The criteria for evaluation were those established in the request for proposals, and included guarantees of affordability for the maximum feasible time, ability to design

a process to ensure meaningful neighborhood participation in design and other issues of neighborhood concern, prior experience in developing low and moderate income housing, demonstrated organizational stability and capacity to provide long term management and technical assistance.

Based on those criteria, the screening panel recommended to the Community Development Department that Homeowner's Rehab, Inc. be designated as developer for the parcel at 65-69 Columbia Street. The panel noted that, of the proposals submitted, the Homeowners Rehab, Inc. proposal provided housing for the lowest income group and provided for affordability for the longest period of time. Thus the HRI proposal provided for the greatest public benefit, and in disposing of municipal land, the public benefit is crucial. Additionally, the panel pointed out that only the HRI proposal evidenced experience in developing low and moderate income housing. That greater experience was in turn reflected in the proposals for neighborhood involvement, marketing and resident training. As a long-term community-based non profit, HRI is in a strong position to provide ongoing assistance to the project.

HRI plans to build six two and three bedroom townhouse units on the land at 65-69 Columbia Street. HRI will involve neighborhood people and instituitons which have expressed interest in issues of site design and other issues of neighborhood concern. The units will be affordable to families earning approximately $29,500, which, for a family of four, is less than 80% of median income. All units will go to families who earn no more than 80% of median income, adjusted for family size. Through limited equity restrictions, affordability of the units will be ensured for 99 years.

HRI expects to begin construction in late Fall of 1990, and to have units ready for occupancy by Spring of 1991. It is important to note, however, that this schedule depends on the Council voting on July 30, 1990 to transfer the land to the Affordable Housing Trust for conveyance to HRI. If HRI does not obtain site control until September, there is no possibility of beginning construction in 1990.

Very truly yours,

Robert W. Healy
City Manager

Agenda # 22 1367

Order on the disposition of city-owned land at the premises numbered 65-69 Columbia Street.

Display ad in Chronicle July 12, 1990.
Abutters notified 7/13/90 (AA)
Street posted 7/18/90 Jef

In City Council,

July 30, 1990

Order adopted
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