At the request of the Agassiz Community Schools Council, the Agassiz Planning Group and the PTA, Mr. George Teso, Director of Traffic and Parking Dept. will be at the March 27 Council meeting to speak about the present and future traffic and parking problems that affect our neighborhood. The letter requesting Mr. Teso to come outlined several concerns that have been brought up at neighborhood meetings. These concerns include the following: converting the present flashing light on the corner of Oxford and Sacramento Streets to a working stop light with a pedestrian phase, four-way stop signs on Oxford and Garfield Streets and on Oxford and Wendell Streets, changing Sacramento St. from a through street into a dead-end at Oxford St. to allow the expansion of the school yard across to the present tot-lot, and the impact this community will feel from the proposed housing development on Norton's Woods and the extension of the Red Line up Mass. Ave.

All of the above concerns represent needs that are vital to you as a resident of the Agassiz area. This council meeting with Mr. Teso can be the start of this neighborhood looking not only at the present but the future and having a say in that future as it affects Agassiz. Come with your questions and let's plan together.

The council meeting will be held on Wednesday, March 27 at 8:00 PM in the Agassiz School Library. All are welcome.

HARVARD AND THE COMMUNITY

Harvard is once again rumbling around in the Agassiz Area with the usual questionable results. They are in the process of closing a real estate deal that will net them four buildings on Gorham St. and Museum St. Harvard has also decided that the house at 21 Sacramento St. is structurally unsound and must come down. The question in both cases is what is to follow.

When the Agassiz Planning Group was appraised of the Sacramento St. situation the initial reuse for the land as Harvard saw it was a parking lot. Further negotiation brought a temporary halt to this idea in lieu of the community coming up with an alternative plan.

The Museum/Gorham St. situation is similar but with a much larger piece of property. Three of the four (cont. on next page)
buildings that Harvard is purchasing were damaged by fire and probably the present plans call for their demolition. This raises the question of what will go there if anything and the ability of this neighborhood to have any say in this matter.

There will be a meeting of the Agassiz Planning Group on Thursday March 21 at the Agassiz School to discuss possible alternatives to the above mentioned situations along with a look to the future and this community's relationship to Harvard. If we are to survive as a community and neighborhood we must save the remaining family dwellings from the parking lot, dormitory, and office use that seem to be spreading in this area and fix our sights on more rehabilitation of older houses and families rather than institutions buying those houses that come on the market.

If you see a future in the Agassiz area than come and work with your neighbors this Thursday on planning rather than wishing.

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AFTER-SCHOOL PROGRAM

GYMNASTICS - Mondays - 2:30-4:00
1st - 8th grades - Grades 1-2
will leave at 3:15 -- Grades 3-8 will stay until 4:00

CARPENTRY - Mondays 6:00-7:30
We will be starting a carpentry class for kids in a few weeks. We will build things for the school and individual projects. If you are interested talk to Janet. You Must sign up in advance.

Cooking- We will start cooking classes as soon as the electrician puts in the wiring for our new stove and refrigerator. It will meet on Tuesdays from 3:00-5:00. If you are interested you must sign up in advance.

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

The inclosed calendar of events for North Cambridge is a first effort towards joint programs by the agencies listed. What do you think of the idea?

DRUG EDUCATION FOR PARENTS AND TEACHERS

The Agassiz Community Schools Program has contracted with Sanctuary, a non-profit social service organization that has done drug education programs in many of the school systems around Cambridge, to conduct a series of seven workshops on the subject of drugs. This series will be for teachers in the Agassiz School and parents in the Agassiz area. If you would like to participate in this program please get in touch with Ken or Janet before March 22. The course is limited to 15 participants and will be filled on a first come first served basis. The first class will be held on Tuesday, March 26 in the school from 7:30-9:30 There is no cost involved.

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SINGLE PARENTS GROUP

We are thinking about starting a discussion group for single parents to talk about problems of bringing up children alone, resources available and ways to answer the special needs of single parents. If you are interested, contact Janet at Community Schools 876-9268

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PLANT WORKSHOP

Spring is here and so are the thoughts about plants and gardens. Agassiz is conducting a series of plant workshops that will cover the basics of indoor plants, window boxes, planting with children, and outdoor gardening and landscaping. The hope is that those taking the workshops will share the information with the rest of the school and help to make Agassiz a greenhouse both inside and out. The first session will be Monday night April 8 at the school from 7:30-9:00. You must sign up in advance at the Community Schools Room or call 876-9268