news roundup

Nation

Anderson to get liberal line in New York — The 36-member policy committee of the New York Liberal Party endorsed presidential candidate John Anderson last week, rejecting the candidate chosen by the Democratic party for the first time in its 36-year history. Aides of President Carter reiterated the endorsement to the wire services, noting that he was "in broad agreement" with Liberal party policy. The endorsement could cost Carter New York's 41 electoral votes in the November election.

Carter incompetent? — According to an ABC-News-Louis Harris survey released yesterday, 75 percent of those people surveyed agree that "we wonder if Carter has the basic competence to do the job." A 66 percent majority agree that Carter "does not inspire confidence as a President should." The 66 percent negative rating is the lowest confidence rating for a US president in the history of the survey.

Muskie ready to talk — The United States is ready for "technical and preparatory talks" with the Soviet Union on limiting medium-range nuclear weapons in Europe, Secretary of State Edmund Muskie announced on the CBS-TV news program "Face the Nation." In addition, Muskie said he supports the presidential directive outlining a targeting plan in case of nuclear war with the Soviets, saying that the strategy of a limited nuclear war "makes sense" since "this kind of flexibility is necessary."

Col. Sanders 90 — Colonel Harland Sanders, the creator of the Kentucky Fried Chicken chain, celebrated his 90th birthday today. Sanders, who is suffering from leukemia and diabetes, has vowed to beat both diseases and retire when he reaches 100.

By Bob Hunt and John Lienstein.

Weather

Mostly sunny and pleasant today, with some increasing cloudiness this afternoon. A chilly morning temperature will warm up to the 70s by late afternoon. For tonight, cloudy, showery and mild. lows 60-64. Rain will break out overnight and continue during Wednesday morning, probably accompanied by moderate breezes and cooler temperatures. Highs only 70-74. Much cooler Wednesday night with lows 52-56. Chance of rain is 30 percent this afternoon, 70 percent tonight. 50 percent Wednesday morning.

By James Franklin

Peter Vellucci on the Issues

Community activist Peter Vellucci is waging a strong issue-oriented campaign against a 16-year incumbent in the September 16 Democratic primary. Vellucci seeks to represent a diverse district which includes East Cambridge, M.I.T., and most of the Central Square area. Vellucci's well-thought-out positions offer a refreshing change from the usual State House political games.

Public Transportation

Everyone in Cambridge needs the MBTA. The problem is that it is both inefficient and costly. Peter Vellucci strongly supports public transportation. He will give a high priority to enhancing its efficiency through improved productivity standards and management systems. He will also work to achieve the financing of the T so that Cambridge does not continue to bear an unfair share of its costs.

Rent Control

One of the most impressive aspects of Cambridge life is its heterogeneity. Without rent control, the unique flavor of our community would soon disappear. Families would be unable to maintain basic housing standards. Responsible rent control measures must be continued. Peter Vellucci will work to protect and improve rent control by: eliminating conditions for conversions; speeding up the processing of complaints by the rent control board; more effectively enforcing the rent control ordinance, the condominium ordinance, and the health code; opposing legislative efforts to water down Cambridge's system of tenant protection.

The Dog Law

The behavior of pets often affects others, especially in public areas such as parks, playgrounds, bus stops, and business districts. It is incumbent on dog owners to keep their pets on leashes and to clean up after them. Peter Vellucci would support the enforcement of the law and obligate dog owners to the general public must be clearly spelled out—and the rules must be enforced.

The Bottle Bill

Anyone who cares about the environment recognizes the pressing need for an effective Bottle deposit plan. Yet our incumbent representative has voted consistently against the Bottle Bill. The simple incentives contained in the Bottle Bill would eliminate an important source of pollution. Electing Peter Velluci would send a message to Beacon Hill that we want the Bottle Bill to become law now.