Dukakis leading Sears

By Tony Zamparotti

following former governor Mi-

chael S. Dukakis victory over

current Massachusetts governor Ed. King in the

democratic primary, much of the

attention has left the race for the

Massachusetts governor's of-

fice.

Dukakis holds a large lead

over Republican candidate John

Sears and other opponents; in a

poll taken last week for The

Globe, 53 percent of the voters

surveyed supported Dukakis, 25 percent

supported Sears, two percent sup-

ported indeendent candidate Paul

Rich, and less than one percent sup-

ported Libertarian Party candidate

Rebecca Seymour.

The main media event of the

week was a debate sponsored by the

League of Women Voters.

The League ruled Rich and

the lesser-known candidates did not participate in the
debate because they had not raised

a minimum $125,000 in the cam-

paign.

"I hope John Sears tonight will
tell us what he means when he

says he wants to bring the Rea-
gan revolution to Massachusetts," Dukakis said at the

beginning of the debate.

Sears repeatedly attacked Du-

kakis for raising taxes during his

administration, and branded him as a politician committed to high

taxation and large state budgets.

"I'm for cutting state spending

and taxes," Sears stressed.

At the end of the debate, Sears

tried to appeal to King supporters,

stressing his support of cap-

ital punishment, reduced taxes,

mandatory sentencing for drug

dealers, and a scandal-free ad-

ministration. "I agree with you

on crime, capital punishment,

spending, taxes, and welfare reform -- just as Ed King did."

Dukakis repeatedly empha-

sized his opponent's support for

the Reagan economic program

and counted Sears's economic

proposals would bring such a

plan to the state.

The government's first jobs in

Massachusetts is to change our

national economic course. Duka-

kis said. Sears and the next governor

should work with the state's con-

servative agenda. The current

governor claimed to have cut the

Commonwealth's unemployment rate in half and to have created

246,000 new jobs in Massachusetts.

Massachusetts business will

continue to expand if Dukakis is

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Kennedy, Shamie spar

By Barry S. Sarman

Republican Ray Shamie is car-

rying on a flamboyant campaign for the US Senate, challenging

20-year incumbent Democrat Ed-

ward Kennedy.

Shamie offered a $100,000 re-

ward to any person or group that

could arrange a debate for him

with Kennedy, who seemed un-

willing to debate. Kennedy ac-

cepted the challenger's offer, tell-

ing Shamie to make his check payable to the Cardinal Cushing

School and Training Center in

Hanover, Mass.

In the debate last weekend, Kennedy emphasized the Reagan economic

program as a partisan issue. "When I stood on the floor of the

United States Senate some 17 years ago there were less than 10 of us

that saw the Reagan economic program as ill-advised, ill-conceived,

unfair, and inequitable to the people of Massachu-

sets and this nation," he said.

"You're just running against

Ronald Reagan not yet," Shamie

countered. "You're running against Ray Shamie."

"I am not a Reagan rubber

stamp," the challenger claimed.

"I've been independent-minded

since I was sixteen years old and

I always will be." Kennedy wants to increase tax-

es by 10 percent. Shamie charged: "That's a very bad idea."

Shamie attacked Kennedy's

stance on a nuclear arms freeze, claiming the incumbent Senator

allows favor an immediate freeze fol-

lowed by arms control negotia-

tions. "We've got to understand

the Russians can't be trusted," Shamie

said.

Shamie said he supports a ne-

gotiated, verifiable nuclear freeze.

Kennedy responded that he

supports only a verifiable nuclear freeze with on-site inspection.

The United States and the So-

viet Union, Kennedy said, are

like "two individuals in a base-

ment standing up to their waist

in gasoline. One has eight much-

cher."

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McNamara: long shot vs. Tip

By Ron Norman and

Tony Frank

Frank H. McNamara, Jr., a

Rock Bay attorney, is currently

in the running to replace

incumbent Thomas P. "Tip"

O'Neill, Jr., Speaker of the

House, from the Congressional

seat he has held for thirty years.

McNamara had his first cam-

paign for public office, has been

pleaded with until his refusal to

debate with him, or even to ac-

knowledge him as a serious chal-

lenger.

"I'll debate him at the Dallas

headquarters of the petroleum in-

dustry," O'Neill joked earlier this

month while he was campaigning

for Representative Barney Frank

(D-Mass), the first Fourth Con-

gressional District. "He was put

into the contest by wealthy texan oil interests who wanted to

keep me at home so I couldn't run

for other Democrats for other Democrats across the country. Most of

his money is from oil interests in

Texas, Louisiana, and Califor-

nia.

O'Neill has spent much of his
time campaigning for other

Democrats. He occasionally

sponsors to represent himself against McNamara and he has even sent his son, MASSA-

CHUSETTS LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR THOMAS

P. O'NEILL III.

"I think the people are entitled
to a debate," McNamara de-

(please turn to page 11).

Heckler, Frank fights in 4th

By John J. Ying

The bitterly contested fight for

the newly created Fourth Con-

gressional District of Massachu-

setts pits a poplar eight-term incumbent, moderate Republican

Margaret Heckler against an

abusive single-term incumbent, liberal Democrat Barney Frank.

Since Massachusetts lost one of

its congressional seats in the

last census, the Democratic-con-

trolled legislature, responsible for redistricting, decided to throw the

contest in the incumbent's favor.

The four-month Fourth District

snakes from the affluent Suburbs of Newton and Brook-

line in the north to the struggling urban areas of the Attleboros

and Fall River in the south. Although

the district has over twice as many

Democrats as Republicans, Heckler retains 70 percent of her

old district.

Heckler is trying to portray herself as more level-headed, moderate, and trustworthy than

Frank; most importantly, she has been trying to distance herself from the Reagan administration as much as possible.

Heckler emphasizes her scrup-

ulous attention to constituent bread-and-butter problems and is

attacking Frank as a dangerous

left-winger who supports the le-

galization of pornography and "has voted consistently for the exhibi-

tion of pornographic literature and movies against my television."