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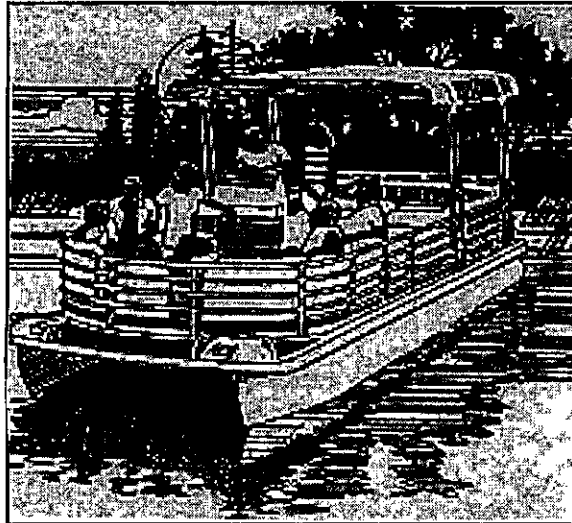
Take a Ride on the Lakes

Are your out-of-town relatives coming to Madison and you can't think of anything new to do? How about taking them for a pontoon ride on the Madison Lakes?

The Madison School-Community Recreation Department is again sponsoring rides on pontoon boats on Lakes Monona and Mendota. And best of all for Tenney-Lapham residents, the pick up and drop off site is at Tenney Park, on the northeast side of the Yahara River, just below the Dane County locks.

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Carl's Paddlin' Moves to the Yahara

Carl's Paddlin', a canoe and kayak store, has moved to our neighborhood from Willy Street. The proximity to the Yahara River is a key reason why Carl Busjahn, the owner, chose the 110 North Thornton location which is also home to Great Big Pictures and a wine importing business.

The big move took place on June 5 when Carl and friends paddled the boats over from Lake Monona. Carl said the Yahara River is perfect for buyers test-

ing the canoes and kayaks because of its usual placid state. Currently potential buyers walk over the old railroad bridge and then use an old dock on the eastern side of the river to test the canoe or kayak.

Carl got his start in the business at the young age of 16 when he went canoeing on the Kickapoo River in southwestern Wisconsin. He was using a clunker of a canoe when somebody let

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The schedule for public dropin rides through September 2 is:

Tuesdays and Thursdays, 5-6:30 pm and 6:45-8:15 pm; Sundays, 7-8:30 am and 8:45-10:15 am. There also will be special Moonlight Cruises from 8:30-

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Tenney-Lapham Neighborhood Association Newsletter

There's a Bad Cake on the Rise

I just put what threatens to be one of a long series of bad cakes in the oven and here I sit keying in as if I don't have to deliver said cake to "Teacher Appreciation Day" at my son's school in exactly one hour. Now I know people say there are no bad cakes, only bad bakers, but I'm here to tell you that the two can and do coexist in the selfsame space-just as can two dogs, a big dog and a small dog, if one of them is neutered or spayed.

Before we continue toward that kennel of fish, I would like to stop here and unmix my metaphors a bit - ah, that feels better. So, I had already called in to Chris Powers' Mud Acres Bluegrass Show on WORT that morning to ask for some Norwegian bluegrass, but really to try to horn in on his act by telling him my new Norwegian Independence Day joke: "Some of da fellers will be runnin' in de Settendemai, but I thought I might celebrate by "setten onda mai butt."

One should always read clear to the

end of anything one is going to read before one begins, I think. For instance, a cake recipe should never be read from the top down, but rather from the bottom up. In the case of my bad cake, for example, which I hope is on the rise, I didn't follow my own good advice and I was three-quarters through when I counted up the number of bowls required to mix the separate elements and found the number no less than six.

This presented a panic, for I have not done dishes since last Settendemai, resulting in the fact that I had only two containers-the mixer bowl, already full of eggy mixture, and an empty five-pound coffee can. So I transferred the eggy stuff to the coffee can just ahead of realizing, as it slid all in, that there were some ground-coffee bits still in the bottom which look for all the world just like mouse doots. Now, I love my son and can only imagine what his teachers might say about a mom who brings a cake containing what looks for all the world like mouse dooty in it. That's when I deter-

mined I had to add poppy seeds to the batter. Then my mixer bowl had a power surge and flang egg-whites-"beaten to within an inch of their lives" all over my outfit, which I had already nearly ruined by trying to take out a nasty chocolate stain at the neckline with pure bleach (it's a pink blouse) and succeeded in making a giant blue stain, which I had cleverly covered with a pin.

So here I sit waiting for the inevitable bad cake to come out of the oven just in time for me to slide into said son's school and present the Mouse Doot and Poppyseed Bad Cake, which I hope is on the rise. Now, what I want to know is, how many of you actually went right here to the end of this and read it backwards when I told you to? Aha!

-Norma Gay Prewett

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Let's Get the Buses Off Baldwin Street

Policies are made. Routines are set. Time goes by. Things change. Policies need to be rethought. I'm sure that most Madison residents can think of something that they'd like changed about the way that the city manages their neighborhood services. And with almost every issue brought up, some would take one side and some would take the other. Some may not give it much thought. A large number of residents in the Tenney Park area are now working to have the buses that run on North Baldwin Street rerouted to Fordem Avenue.

Since WPS closed its Tenney park office building, there are no longer enough riders along this route to warrant having buses run through an already busy residential street that is home to many young children.

Bus drivers that navigate this route have said that they feel it is dangerous. Cars backing out of driveways have trouble seeing oncoming traffic because the view is blocked by the cars parked along both sides of the street. Many of the driveways on North Baldwin are shared between two homes, keeping the drive from being used for parking space. During the winter months, snow builds up at the curbs causing the cars parking on the street to encroach more and more into the driving lanes. Eventually there is not enough room left for cars and buses to pass each other. This sets up unevenly matched games of chicken, forcing cars to duck into openings to the side of the road to allow the buses to pass.

Going between North Sherman Avenue and Johnson Street, Fordem Avenue is shorter, wider, less congested, and quicker. Anyone who presently catches the bus along the Baldwin Street route has only two blocks at most to walk to Fordem or Johnson Street. For those who can't walk, Metro Plus and paratransit are available.

To some, the buses may be a symbol of urban convenience. The bus picks them up near their doorstep, whisks them through the city landscape to the front door of their workplace to fulfill eight hours of duty before shuttling back home for the evening. Wouldn't it be great, they think, to have everyone take the bus and get rid of all of these cars causing congestion on the isthmus?

But to others of us the buses have their drawbacks. They're noisy, smoky, and shake our houses when they pass by. One house on Baldwin Street with a bus stop in front of it has an unusually high owner turnover rate. Buyers have gone to the open houses on Sundays when it's quieter than usual. They saw the bus stop, but didn't think that it would be much of a problem. After moving in they soon found that they would have to put up with trespassing, garbage in their yard, vandalism, and foul language on a regular basis. Persons waiting for buses have asked to use the phone and toilet. Some very nice families have moved into and out of that house.

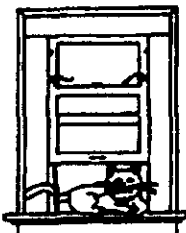
Many have tried using the buses out

of a sense of obligation to the environment. But, after meandering through neighborhoods on their way to some transfer point before catching another bus and meandering through more neighborhoods before finally getting to where they wanted to go, most soon realized that the bus just doesn't work out for them. We don't drive our cars out of spite for the environment, or ignorance, but because it's what works.

And for those who have found the bus system useful, are a couple of blocks too far to walk to catch a bus? If the buses' routes were simplified a bit then maybe they'd get around a little quicker and more of us would find them useful. Keep the buses on the bigger streets, and maybe even cut down the number of stops on those routes. If there were fewer stops with more people using each stop then maybe someone could actually get around the city in a reasonable amount of time, and the bus system would be less expensive to operate.

What's wrong with someone having to walk a couple of blocks? Only in America could someone feel more environmental than thou while at the same time demanding that they be picked up and dropped off within their own block. Most of us could use the exercise.

My wife takes the bus to and from work each day. She often takes the bus from work to our daughter's school and walks with her about six blocks to home. They have done this through rain, sleet, and snow, but they just bring umbrellas or dress warmly if necessary. They found




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Buses (from previous page)

that they actually enjoy it.

I drive a car each day, dropping our four-year-old at daycare on the way to work and picking him up on the way home. I also need the car for work during the day. Our family does rely on the bus system, as do many other supporters of this viewpoint. We really do hope to make things better for everyone in our neighborhood.

We know that there are many others in the neighborhood fighting to improve our situation in other ways, including increased enforcement of traffic laws, cleaning up the lakes and parks, sprucing up the Johnson Street business district, etc. This is a great neighborhood, and we all want to do everything we can to keep it that way, or to make it even better.

We all have our own opinion of what "quality of life" means. We understand that living in a city means dealing with quite a bit of noise and congestion. But we see an opportunity for less noise and congestion, and for more safety, simplicity and peace of mind.

Please support us in getting the buses off of our street!

- Mike & Kelley Cory

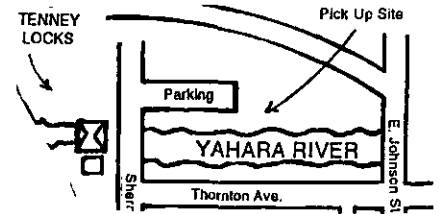
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Pontoon Boats (from page 1)

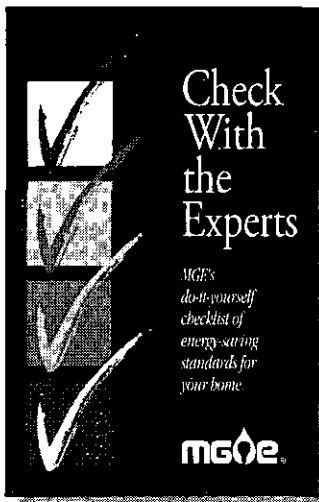
10:30 pm on July 8th and 22nd, and August 12th and 26th.

The pontoon boats are available for private rentals through September 30th for non-profit organizations, persons with disabilities, seniors (50 years of age and over) and persons of low income. The charges for a three hour time period range from \$20.00 to \$45.00. ~~60.00~~

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Conference Participants Enthusiastic about the Parkway

Tenney Park and the Yahara River Parkway were among the 20 tour sites available to participants attending the National Neighborhoods Conference this past May. We had an enthusiastic group of thirty visitors who started their tour from the Convention Center with a bus ride through the Marquette neighborhood. Rick Bernstein (former TLNA council member and current MNA resident) described the MNA area to our guests and then led them up the fabled Yahara River along Thornton Avenue.

Rick and Geri Weinstein (Urban Open Space Foundation) then led the troupe on a one hour pontoon cruise down the river and out into Lake Monona for a duck's-eye view of the Convention Center. Our guests received a great overview of the current land uses and recreational activities occurring along the river. Many were impressed with the current parkway, but all thought the proposed changes would really benefit the neighborhoods and the river/

parkway.

TLNA sponsored a picnic style dinner at the Tenney Park shelter house with food contributions from many families (Thank You All!). A very large set of thanks to Susan Duren for her food organizing efforts, Richard Linster for his fantastic noodle dish and a really big high five for Gigi Holland for her beer/onion boiled brats (Wow!). Many of our guests wanted the recipes for the noodle dish and the brats, so you know it must have been delicious!

Special thanks to Jacobsen Brothers for the brat donation and Cork 'n Bottle for the wide selection of beverages (Go Connie and Tina!).

After dinner, Rick led a number of folks on a land based tour of Tenney Park. After that we just milled around the shelter talking and getting to know one another. As the sun was setting in a gorgeous display over The Lake, I escorted our guests through the rich fragrance of blooming lilacs in our TLNA

and Old Market neighborhoods. It was a grand tour and all of our guests appreciated the hospitality and vitality of our neighborhoods.

The best parts of the tour for me as event coordinator were mingling with our national neighbors, a delicious meal with interesting and concerned people, a chance to showcase our Isthmus neighborhoods, and an opportunity to share our neighborhood's warmth and enthusiasm with others.

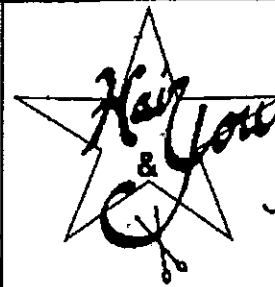
I also found our guests most appreciative of the fine parks and their relative abundance in our fair city. Secondly, even though I have my differences with city staff, it sounds like our employees and citizen involvement processes are a cut above many other municipalities. I guess that's why we're number one.....in some magazines and minds anyway.

- Ed Jepsen

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23 Condos Proposed for Old Reynolds Property

First of all, I want to thank everyone who has been contributing to the beauty of the neighborhood with the improvements they've made on the appearance of their housing, including landscaping and the colorful flowering terraces which are appearing everywhere. Also, a special note of thanks to those who are helping to maintain the public gardens, like those in Tenney, Reynolds and Giddings Parks.

New changes are about to be developed in the Tenney Lapham area. The formerly owned Reynolds property in the 600 block of East Dayton/Mifflin Streets is in its final stage of becoming a reality for new owner-occupied housing. After two years' work with full public input, the Reynolds Surplus Property Committee selected a proposal named Coachyard Square, LLC to acquire and develop this property. After lengthy consideration by the committee for three very good proposals, this one was chosen and recently was overwhelmingly approved by the city's Community Development authority (CDA) Commission which at present owns the land. It received the highest scored rankings by all five Criteria committee members.

I'm sure the next newsletter will go into greater detail about the project once it's finalized by the Common council. One hundred percent of the units will be available for owner occupancy. The Committee also looked at the design of

the architecture blending well with the surrounding neighborhood, with landscaped front yards and front porches. All three structures are two-story with a total of 23 condominium units. There will be no less than 10,000 square feet of green space, including a common open space planned for one area within the property. The income range needed for ownership is a good mix of higher, lower, and in-between, providing some great opportunities for affordability while additionally having seven of the units be fully accessible. This is especially deserving merit since the City has recognized the tremendous need for affordable and accessible housing, with great emphasis happening during this past year. The developer, Wisconsin Partnership for Housing Development, hopes to start construction this coming fall.

Soon in July, the Board of Public Works will be having a meeting regarding the establishment of a Streets Improvement District which would create a cul-de-sac at the intersection of North Thornton Avenue and East Johnson Streets while improving Thornton Avenue itself, looking specifically at the area between East Dayton Street and East Johnson Street. This is included in the Tenney Lapham Neighborhood Plan, the Yahara Parkway Plan, and has been identified as a desire of residents living along that area.

I hope everyone enjoyed their Fourth

of July celebration. Let's all enjoy summer while we can! Please feel free to contact me at district2@council.ci.madison.wi.us or 249-8428 regarding any issues that come up.

- Alder Barbara Vedder

The Tenney-Lapham Neighborhood Association Council meets in the community room of the Tenney Park Apartments, 302 N. Baldwin Street on the third Thursday of each month at 7:00 p.m. You are welcome to attend and discuss an issue of concern to you. For further information call Tim Olsen at 255-9358.

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Return Local Authority on Gun Control

I continue to be extremely busy and thoroughly enjoy the time I have spent in the State Assembly. I have heard from many of you on a variety of issues. I appreciate the time you have taken to share your opinions with me.

Here is a synopsis of some of the issues that I have been dealing with since the last article:

Return Local Authority on Gun Control:

I am a co-sponsor of a bill authored by Senator Boyle (D-Superior) and Senator Jauch (D-Poplar) which would repeal a 1995 state law that bans communities from enacting gun laws more stringent than the state's.

The recent shooting of our neighbor, Shaina Davenport, and the shooting at Littleton, CO illustrate the need for smarter controls on guns, especially when it comes to the availability to children. This bill allows local communities the option of creating stricter controls.

This bill is supported by all of Madison's state representatives and Senator Fred Risser (D-Madison) as well as Attorney General James Doyle.

Although recent events have focused the nation's attention on gun control I am not confident that with the current make-up of the legislature that this bill will succeed. I am hopeful that, at the very least, it will create spirited debate as we continue to try to find answers to this very complex problem.

Taxpayers Alliance Exposed:

The Wisconsin Taxpayers Alliance officially states that it is a non-profit, non-partisan organization that provides consulting on tax issues to public officials, the news media, and various groups.

In the five months that I have been in the State Assembly, this organization has clearly offered only a partisan bent to their analysis. I believe it's time that the people of Wisconsin realize that the Wisconsin Taxpayers Alliance is not

looking out for them, but rather for the special interests of the Republican Party.

To demonstrate the Republican leanings of the Wisconsin Taxpayers Alliance, I researched five years of campaign contributions for the 15 people who sit on their Board of Directors. Of the \$137,000 these 15 people donated to campaigns, over \$134,000 went to Republican candidates, or 98% of total contributions.

The Board of Directors of the Wisconsin Taxpayers Alliance also seems to share a close relationship to the overtly partisan organization, Wisconsin Manufacturers and Commerce. Six members (40%) of the Wisconsin Taxpayers Alliance's board are past or current board members of WMC, including three past chairs of WMC

Now when newspapers and politicians use analysis provided by the Taxpayers Alliance they can no longer claim that the group is non-partisan. It is my hope that a truly non-profit, non-partisan organization like the state's Fiscal Bureau will be created to provide true objective information to the public.

The Budget Process:

The governor's proposed budget continues to move slowly through the legislature. The Joint Committee on Finance is currently deliberating the proposed budget. Once the Committee is finished it will go to the Assembly and then to the Senate for debate. After both houses have passed their rendition it will be sent to a conference committee to iron out the differences. Finally it will be sent to the governor where he will most likely utilize his line item veto authority.

If you have any specific issues or concerns regarding the budget please feel free to contact my office.


Democrats Gain One in Special Election:

In January Republican Assemblyman

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Capital View (from previous page)

Tom Ourada resigned his seat in the 35th district, which includes the Tomahawk, Merrill and Antigo area of Wisconsin. A special election was called for the seat this past April.

The governor called a special election for the seat which had never been held by a Democrat. With a lot of hard work by the candidate, Sarah Waukau, and a team of volunteers, the Democrats took over the seat by only 214 votes. I personally spent a great deal of time working on this race, as the best chance to get progressive reform through the legislature is by electing like-minded in-

dividuals.

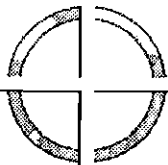
This is an important step in the Democrats taking back control of the Assembly, which is currently held with a five vote majority by the Republicans.

I mentioned in the last issue that I would share more information on the prison issue bills that I have introduced. Because of space constraints I will update you as the bills progress. In the meantime feel free to call with any questions.

I wish you all a happy and safe summer. Again, please feel free to contact me with any issues or concerns you may have regarding state government.

-State Representative Mark Pocan

Recently Nan Thepboriruk treated TLNA council members and guests to a delicious meal at her restaurant Sukho Thai. Nan is a former resident and long time supporter of the neighborhood. We appreciate her generous hospitality. A fine time was had by all.



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This summer we offer an extensive Christian education program for all ages. We begin at 8:45-9:00 a.m. with a family sing time in the Chapel. From 9:00-9:45 a.m. is our education time. Worship follows at 10:00 a.m. in the Sanctuary.

- Adults meet in the Chapel for a different speaker each week. We've invited some of our best-loved speakers to come and give us their "best shot". They have permission to talk to us about whatever subject is on their mind.
- For upcoming 9th graders to college students we will hear a different faith story each week. Adults share how their faith developed and what their life is like.
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Carl's Paddlin' (from page 1)

him use a high-end canoe and he was hooked! He said that he called the company and asked if he could buy a canoe and they said that they didn't have a dealer in the area and he would have to buy a minimum of four canoes. Well, he talked three friends into buying canoes and a business was started. Then he talked his father into going down to the bank to co-sign a loan to buy twelve more canoes (with the canoe company still not knowing he was 16) and he hasn't looked back.

Since it is a relatively small store, Carl is selective about what he carries. He said he only carries canoes and kayaks that paddle well. Brand names include Bell, Source River, Merrimac, and Marathon along with others. A full line of accessories is available. Rental and used kayaks and canoes are available along with lessons.

Store hours are 10-6 weekdays, 10-5 Saturdays, and noon-5 on Sundays. Parking is available on the north side of the building. The phone number for the store is 284-0300 and the web site is paddlin.com.

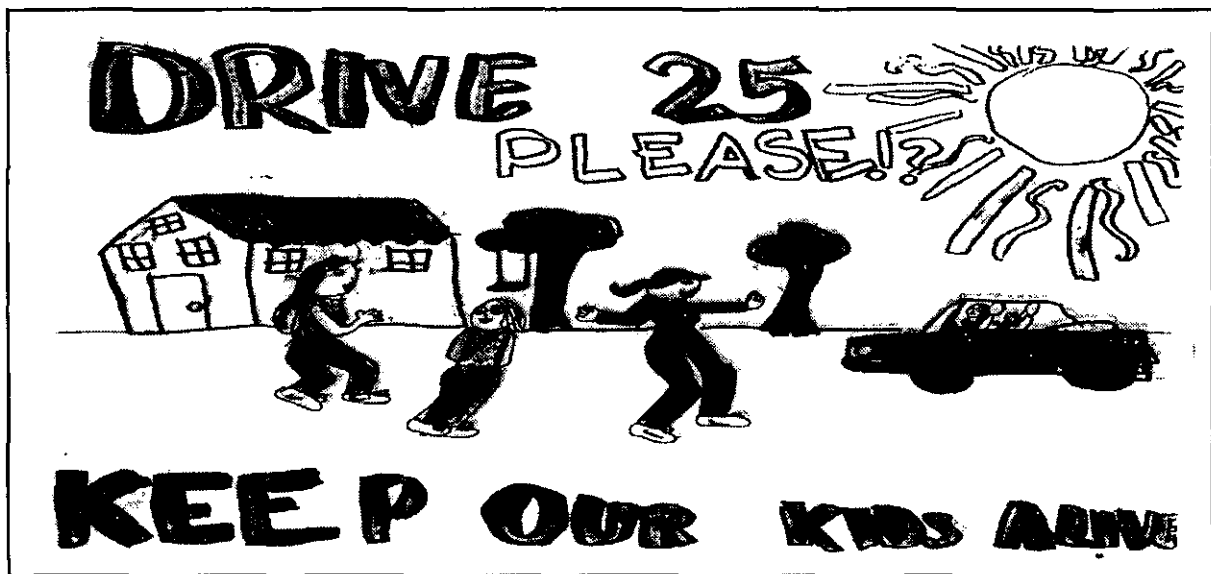
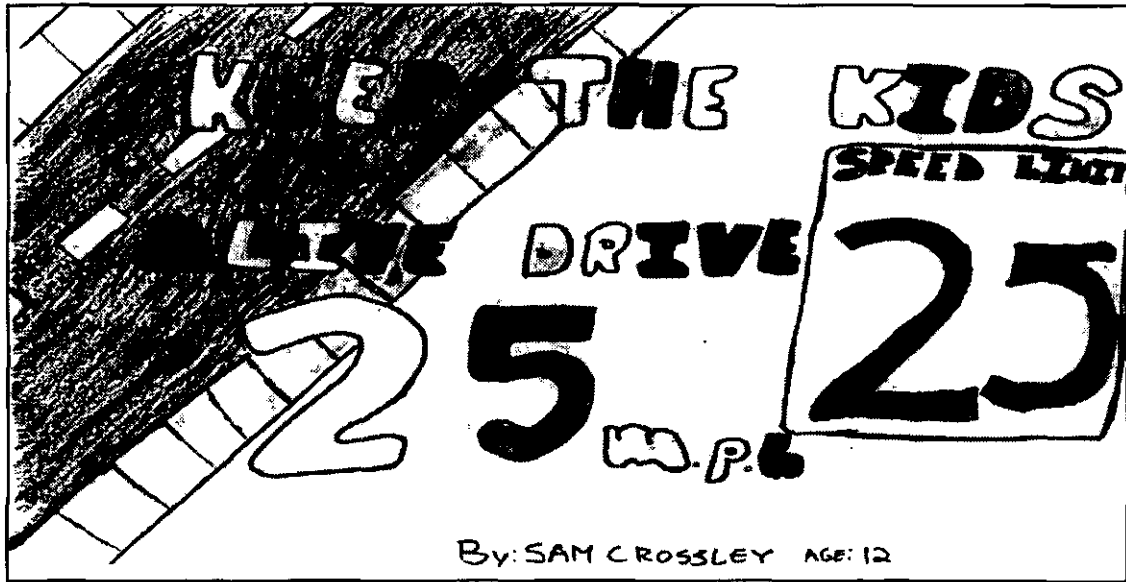
If you are ever in the vicinity of the store Wednesday evenings, check out "deadfish polo". After work on Wednesdays store employees and friends go out to the Yahara to engage in some friendly competition. Deadfish polo is a paddling skills game that began as the rude toss of a fish using the blade of the paddle and got "civilized" by using sponges or balls. The goal of this game is to score on an opponent by picking up a floating sponge using only the paddle and flipping it into an opponent's canoe (or kayak). The style is rough and tumble and can be compared to picnic volleyball as compared to rules intensive competitive volleyball.

Let's welcome Carl's Paddlin' to our neighborhood.

-Bob Shaw

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Last year the Tenney-Lapham Neighborhood Association sponsored a safety poster contest. Here are two more of the winners: Sam Crossley (top) and Emilia Olsen.



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1228 Sherman Ave.	7	3.5	\$895,000

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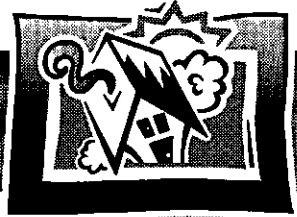
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633 E. Johnson St.	4	1	\$89,900
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1235 E. Mifflin St.	\$124,900	\$124,900	8
1014 E. Johnson St.	\$124,900	\$125,000	21
1051 E. Johnson St.	\$125,000	\$125,000	1
953 E. Johnson St.	\$169,900	\$168,000	9
815 E. Johnson St.	\$219,000	\$220,100	8
1331 E. Dayton St.	\$249,900	\$260,000	6
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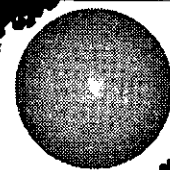


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They said it would be bad weather. Others said enough people just aren't going to show up. Some just shrugged. And then people came from inside our neighborhood, and from outside; and each one brought gifts of work, knowledge and commitment; and they all helped make Tenney-Lapham better and better.

Thank you. Your work warms our hearts. It makes us proud. It really does make a difference.

Now I'd like to ask you a question – what are some of the generous acts that you thought of as you read the above? There are acts that are large and well-publicized and many more that are small and unsung. Every single one contributes to quality of life in our neighborhood. We know they are out there. We would like to know about them and to thank more people here — just for their contribution alone if they would prefer to just leave their name out of it. Would you please take time to write to us and let us know about them?

Thanks to Mike Tuten and his Merry Band of Pancake Supper cooks, cleaners and assorted volunteers. Well over a hundred people came to the basement of Christ Presbyterian to eat, socialize and hear our State Assembly Rep. Mark Pocan speak. Thanks to the church letting us use their facilities and especially to the choir for their tolerance of the somewhat boisterous visitors down-

stairs.

On Earth Day Saturday, April 17 – 160 people showed up to plant trees and shrubs along both sides of the river in Tenney Park. 160. That was the State Journal's count. Channel 3 and Channel 15 filmed it. Hundreds of hours of volunteer time went into preparation alone. 'They' said rain, wind and snow. People said they would come anyway and they did. Every shrub was planted and every tree was nestled with care into its new home. They were watered and mulched and then watered again. Work time was planned from 9 to 3 and we finished before lunch. Now that's a problem in need of more, creative solutions. The trees and shrubs stand in testimony to the commitment of so many to making our green spaces a place that bring good habitat for people, animals and plants. So many from very young to quite senior can return to visit their investment and find it growing beautifully.

From within the neighborhood, we want to especially thank Susan Bauman-Duren, our Parks Chair, and the many neighbors who came and planted. Just a very few of the others include: Geri Weinstein-Breunig and Heather Mann of the Urban Open Space Foundation, Si Widstrand of the Parks Dept., Peggy Chung and our TLNA Special Projects-Yahara Parkway guy Ed Jepsen. These people have amazing qualifications for

doing work with parks, landscaping, horticulture and natural resources. All of them freely volunteered many hours of their work.

And now many people are going quietly, on their own, to fulfill the greatest need of the new landscapings – to water the new plantings and tenderly remove weeds that will come up to compete with them. As part of their daily walks along the river, you may see them carrying those big five-gallon buckets or hauling water from the lagoon. Or maybe as they wait for the fish to bite, or for the toddler to search for new bugs, or for a new bird to appear, they will pull out weeds from around the mulch. You probably won't see much of them. But when you do, say hello, thank them, shake their hand. If you would, please tell us about one or two who stand out for you.

One person I hoped to see on Saturday didn't show but that's ok. I want to thank Bill anyway. Thanks to Bill for doing a great job of removing dead sticks from some of the shrub thickets. Some of you who spend time at Tenney may know Bill – he clears out sticks and makes piles of them for the Parks workers to truck away. He used to throw them in the water to make ripples but now he has a new plan. From an ecological-habitat point of view, we know that his work removing dead branches can contribute to the vigor of shrubs and trees. We know that the Green Herons who

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regularly make at least one (secret) nest in one of the thickets don't seem to mind. Bill is pretty shy about talking with strangers but you can always say hi and thanks to a caregiver who accompanies him.

Ever wondered what happens to the ice skating ramp that connects the lagoon to the shelter during the summer time? Or why the same city employees who help to camouflage nesting sites sometimes need to do their pruning with a chain saw? Have you ever walked through our neighborhood parks, seen some change and wondered, "Now why in the heck did they do that?" Chances are that one excellent person to ask, and who can also supply the good reasoning behind it, is John Wilson. John is the on-the-ground coordinator/get-the-work-done-now person for Tenney and many of our other parks in this part of town. You'll find John and others out in the parks. You can also contact Bob Wittman who is a East Parks Foreman at 246-4510. You'll find that parks workers are making good decisions and making the most of resources that they have. Parks are now #9 on the city budget priority list, right below the Monona

Terrace. They deserve our support and encouragement.

I also want to thank some people who quietly, deliberately and sometimes courageously volunteer – anonymously and for good reasons. Our neighborhood is by no means perfect, and just like our very affluent counterparts (for example) we have some bad things that happen here as well. As Police Chief Williams points out – he depends on ordinary citizens to be the eyes and ears of the community to help the police do good work. Call them. Or if you're not sure where to start, call us. There are people in our neighborhood with considerable expertise and understanding covering a wide range from social work to social justice to community policing and enforcement. Everyone has a right to live in our neighborhood and to be respected as a person. No one has a right to behave in ways that are harmful and endanger others.

So there are just a few examples of people working for the good in our neighborhood. Send us more. Cheers, Tim Olsen

-TLNA President Tim Olsen

The nominating committee recommends to the general membership a change to the required quorum of the neighborhood council meetings to seven (7) members. A vote will be taken at the July Neighborhood Ice Cream Social.



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Adding Extra Lanes to East Washington Could Place Neighborhoods in Jeopardy

And the answer, according to the traffic engineers, is .. "24,000 CARS A DAY" The question would be, "How many more cars could pass through E. Washington Ave. if one more lane of traffic is added to each side of the street?"

And the rule everyone agrees on is, "MORE TRAFFIC IS BAD FOR NEIGHBORHOODS." So why would we subsidize traffic by adding more lanes and diminishing quality of life for neighbors and businesses who live on or near E. Washington? When are we developing Madison as a place To Live In as opposed to a place To Live Nearby?

Adding additional lanes of traffic on E. Washington Avenue could have far-reaching detrimental effects on much of our neighborhood. If you live or work within a block or two of E. Wash. you are already very familiar with how traffic affects qualities people look for in their businesses and how it affects housing values and occupancy characteristics. Where are the highest densities of starter homes/affordable housing in our neighborhood compared to the location of busy streets? Which houses are most likely to be rentals? Absentee landlord rentals? Poorly maintained? Rented with Section 8 vouchers? Group homes of some kind? Do people who rent, or qualify for subsidies or live on fixed incomes deserve to endure more traffic than others?

Will providing more lanes, more capacity and inevitably more traffic improve owner-occupancy rates? Did people who purchased more affordable houses on or near busier streets sign some contract with the city agreeing that they should put up with more traffic because they knew it was busy when they moved in? No and no would be the answer to both.

Here's the kicker. Increasing the capacity of E. Wash is like drilling a hole into the middle of a sponge so you can

pour water in even faster. Widening E. Wash will not make more traffic go through faster as much as it will make it possible to fill up the whole Isthmus with cars more quickly.

The idea of diverting traffic is one that tempts many to send more cars down the E. Wash. pipeline. After all, the #2 transportation goal listed in our Tenney-Lapham Neighborhood Plan is to divert traffic from the Johnson-Gorham pair. The first problem with traffic diversion is that some people win and some lose. In fact, I would be one of the people who would benefit the most of all, since I live on Johnson where traffic from both of the one-ways goes in front of my house; 37,000 cars a day. The second problem, if you don't care about the first, is even worse and almost poetically ironic. Traffic diversion provides only a temporary reprieve. As the number of cars and commuters continues to increase much faster than population, the road will inevitably fill up again.

But guess what, there is another way to improve the problems that traffic brings. Don't invite more traffic. Don't build it so they will come. In fact, it

would be best to actually decrease the vehicle-carrying capacity of roadways in our neighborhood.

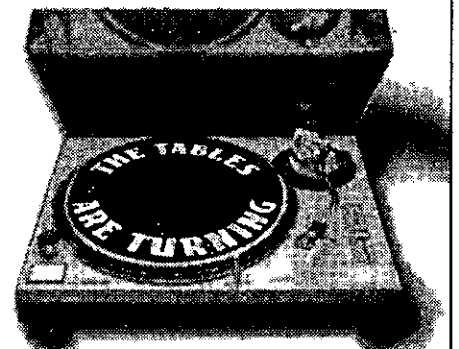
Does that sound like an outrageous proposal to you; too unrealistic to even consider? If it were so important to increase traffic capacity through the Isthmus, why don't state legislators and staff leap at the opportunity to remove their lane of parking from around the Capitol and open up the inner ring so people can drive quickly from E. Wash to W. Wash again? Why don't we put a shoreline drive along the edge of Lake Mendota and Maple Bluff? Milwaukee has a shoreline drive. So does Chicago. We could be more like them if we really want to be. In fact, we don't do those things because the people who live there, and the whole community (including our neighborhood) would suffer a decrease in our quality of life. More traffic di-



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But, you may say, actually reducing capacity is crazy. No one will stand for that.

Older residents will remember when the most popular roads to drive in and out of town on the Isthmus included Rutledge from the Southeast and Sherman from the Northeast. We changed that. We reduced their capacities. More recent reductions in capacity have been smaller efforts in the City of Madison. Five new four-way stops along Mills Street to reduce traffic and improve neighborhood near St. Mary's and the University. A traffic circle on Kendall St. in University Heights. New speed humps on the road that runs along the Nakoma golf course. 15 MPH speed limits along and through parks in McFarland, Monona, and Maple Bluff. People acting according to their values with will and commitment determine where traffic can and cannot go, not cars.

Just because there are more cars, and more commuters, does not mean that we should bow to their demands and prepare the way for them. There is no manifest traffic destiny.

One last thing. When the E. Wash consultants have so far proposed the "option" of a new lane on each side of the street, they have called it "Six Lanes

with a Multi-Use Lane"; not Eight Lanes. They say it could just be used by buses or only during rush hour, that there could be parking there the rest of the time. (Well, when it comes to First St. to Blair St. — only two hour parking, and not anywhere near intersections given the 35 MPH speed limit, and not over the Yahara River Bridge, and not near the rail crossings, and not in the designated long right turn lanes approaching the big signalized intersections and not at night from 9PM to 6 AM because all that already isn't allowed.) So, even though cars could drive down it, and they would have to widen the street a little more, and probably some trees would die given cutting off part of their root system and the winter-time salt spray, and that the multi-use lane would have stripes to separate it from the other lanes, — they don't ever INTEND for it to be a 24 hour lane that would allow 24,000 more cars a day to travel on the edge of our neighborhood SO it wouldn't really be eight lanes.

And truthfully, I actually believe them to be sincere in their intentions, but really. Please. Get a grip. That is not an explanation I ever care to defend when the children of our neighborhood have grown up — and moved away. Do you?

- Tim Olsen
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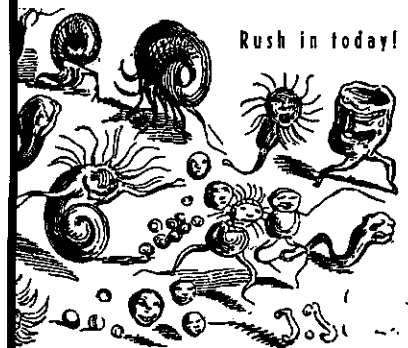
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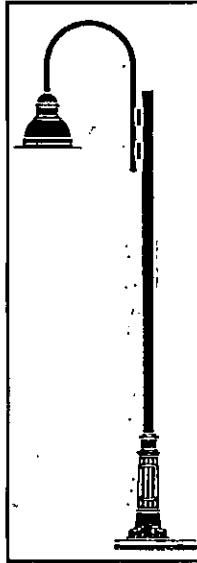
See the Stars from the Yahara River Parkway

Our Yahara Parkway could be a beautiful, extra starry, easy-to-see-in place at night depending on the lights used in and around it. Examples of appropriate designs for practical lights are in the parking area of Marquette/O'Keefe School and on the Isthmus Bike path from Thornton to Dickinson.

New dark-sky fixtures will replace the glaring "wall-packs" on the State Central Services Building this spring. Appreciation for this change goes out to John Marx of Building and Police Services and to Senator Fred Risser and his office staff. The new lights could compliment the vision-friendly ones on the bike path.

The city will replace the Parkway bridge and streetlights with historic gas or electric styles of full-cutoffs when we decide which kind to officially request. The gas lamp styles conceal their bulbs in the top and shine light down through clear panels. Electric styles house their bulbs in "bells" on "shepherd's crook" posts.

Inappropriate new examples went up last year at 18 South Thornton and on the Spaight Street side of the school. Poor designs like these wastefully and unnecessarily "steal the show" as they make it hard to watch over things. Those responsible have been contacted and happily, Dough Pearson of School Building Services promised new fixtures after July 1. Thank you Mr. Pearson. The



new lights will shine on the wall instead of away from it with the bulbs concealed from view.

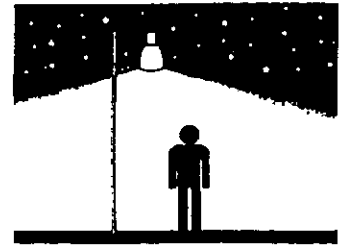
However, the plans call for nearly three times more light than a mid-block street light from each fixture! The objective is to discourage graffiti artists. But graffiti could re-

duce a lot of glare off a wall this bright. Neighbors just might do their own art.

I pointed out how trouble, graffiti too, is only stopped if someone sees it happening. That someone could easily be a neighbor gazing from a window. That

chance is cut with every window any kind of lighting makes "ungazable". Mr. Pearson is considering turning the present lights off for now.

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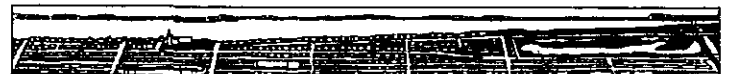
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