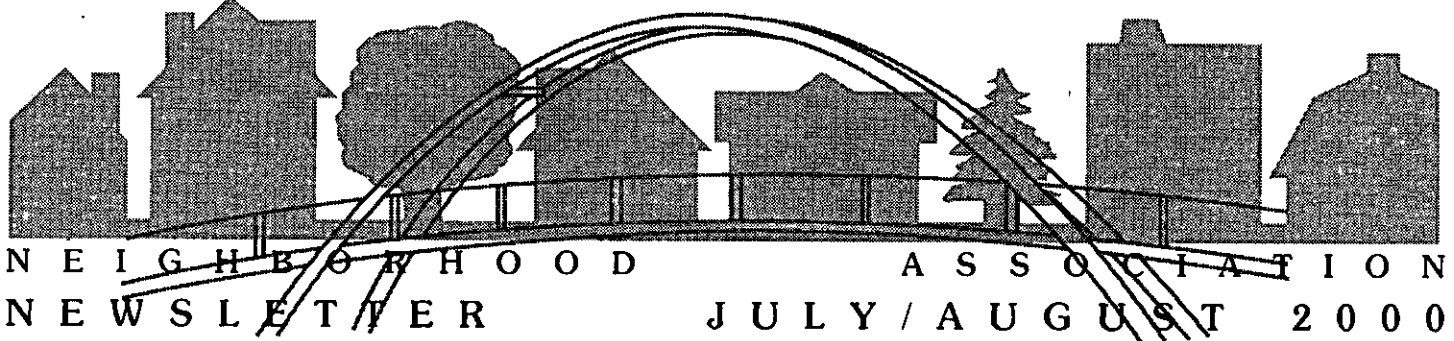


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Take a Ride on the Lakes

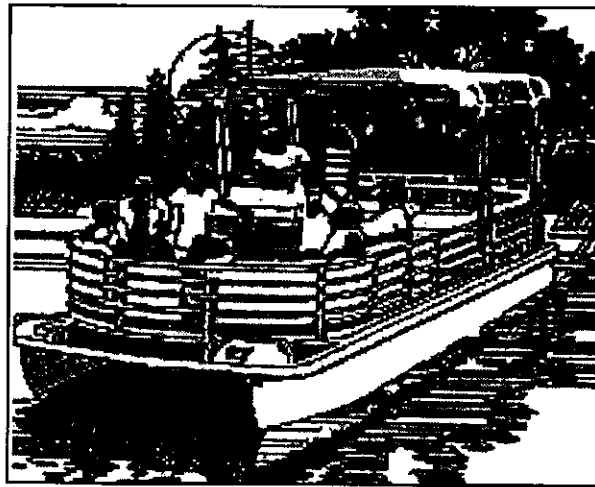
Editor's Note: This updated article was taken from a previous newsletter issue.

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.

MSCR has three boats approximately 28 feet in length and 8 feet wide with 40 and 45 horse Mariner and Mercury mo-

tors. Each boat is equipped with life jackets (all sizes), deck chairs, safety



equipment, and a canopy. Boat capacity is 15 people.

Public rides are open to the general public on a first come first served basis

through September 30th. No reservations are needed. A donation of \$3.00 per person is recommended at the site. The boat will tour either Lake Mendota or Monona, depending on weather and group preference. Three boats are available each time period.

The schedule for public drop in rides through September 30th is: Tuesdays and Thursdays, 5:30-7:00 pm and 7:15-8:45 pm; Sundays, 7-8:30 am and 8:45-10:15 am. There also will be special Moonlight Cruises from 9:00-10:30 pm on July 13th (Thursday), 18th (Tuesday) and 27th (Thursday), and August 10th (Thursday), 15th (Tuesday) and 26th (Thursday).

The pontoon boats are available for
(see Take a Ride on page 4)

Mother Nature Pours On Tenney Lapham

Here I am, sitting at my Macintosh clone, glancing out the window over at the Tenney Lagoon. Yo! Do I be seeing what I be seeing? Geee-zeses, maan! That be more rain I see out that window.

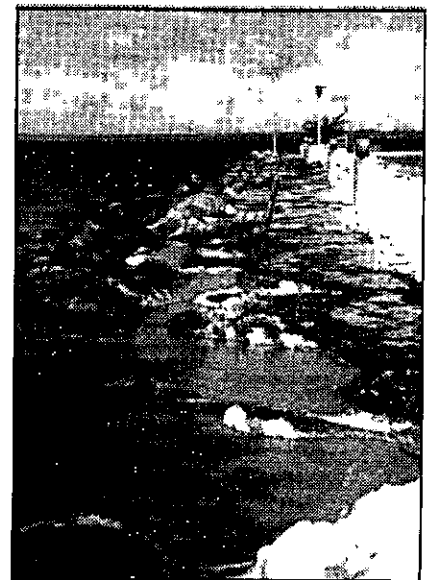
You know, every time I bike by the river, along the bike path in front of Frank's Place (as I call Monona Terrace), or glance out over the barricaded Tenney beach, I recall that last big flood that etched its image deep into my gray matter. Was it '63 or '65? I can't always remember. But I do remember those spring days in LaCrosse when mother nature became the focal point of all our

conversations. Just like a REAL big chunk of our conversations now. Nuthin' like a flood or high water to raise that excitement level.

"Man, is the river higher today than it was yesterday? You know, I don't remember the water covering this much of the shoreline here!" Wait! Wait!

It's REALLY pouring now. That view out the window at the bridge over the lagoon going to the shelter is just white from all the rain coming down! Give me a minute here, I've got to go look out the window to see if Johnson Street is flooding. . . The traffic is mov-

(see Mother Nature on page 9)



(Photo by David Mandehr)

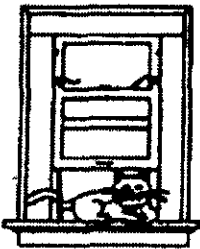


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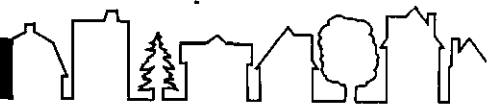
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An Oasis In Our Midst

The Yahara River Parkway: What an Oasis for Birds!

night heron who spent a lot of time on the island.

nest in high branches overhanging Marston Avenue.

•A northern oriole calling in its clear,

Hearing the mellifluous warble of a warbling vireo also in the trees over Marston Avenue

•Palm warblers, in the vanguard of the big warbler migration, signaling their identity by wagging their tails

•A prothonotary warbler lighting up the bushes overhanging the lagoon near the bridge on Thornton Avenue.

•A northern waterthrush, skulking through dry, dead leaves next to the lagoon.

•A flock of migrating warblers—blackburnian, yellow, black-throated green, magnolia everywhere we looked in the thornapple trees that used to border Marston Avenue.

•Yellow warblers feeding their young in a nest near the lagoon.

•Phoebes, wagging theirs.

•Peewee singing its Pe-a-wee song.

•Kingbirds flashing their white-bordered tails as they fly out to catch a flying insect, and then returning to their perch to watch for more.

•Tree swallows flying low
(see *Oasis* on page 4)

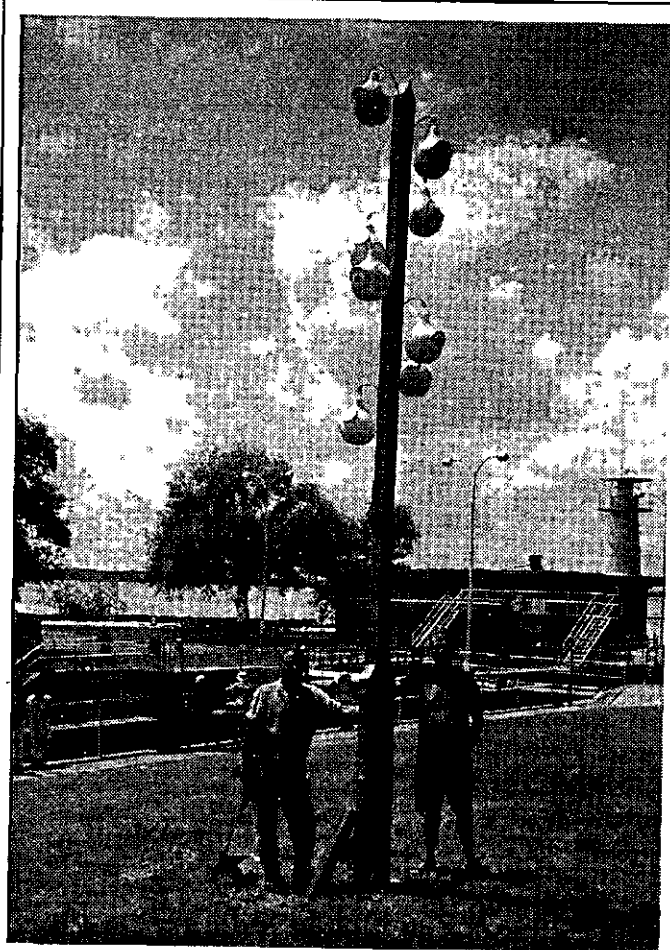
Having lived by Tenney Park for much of my life, I have memories of many commonly-seen and some unusual birds that I have seen or heard while walking in the park and along the river. Here are some of the birds. Can you add to these?

We need your help. The Friends of Yahara River Parkway is putting together a checklist of birds of the parkway, and we need your input to make it as complete as possible. Please contact me at kilgourmb@aol.com, or by phone at 255-4947. Tell me about your sightings, and (if you leave a message) leave a way for me to contact you back.

•A Great Blue Heron stalking along the lagoon, looking for its food in the shallows.

•A little Green Heron also stalking along the lagoon, and freezing into position when it sees our canoe.

•Hearing the evening "qwawk" of a fluty whistle, and building its hanging



Jim Sturm and Bob Shaw pose after erecting the new martin houses near the Tenney locks.

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(Please check with schools for exact times, locations and any last minute changes)

Oasis (from page 3)

over the lagoon to catch the first insects in the spring.

•Purple martins in the martin house near the locks, and later sitting on the telephone wires in August before their migration.

•Kingfishers diving headfirst into the lagoon like blue arrows.

•A redwing defending his nesting territory by dive-bombing human "in-

truders".

•A kettle of about 1000 rough-legged hawks looking like a river in the sky over the park.

•Cardinals sitting in snowy bushes.
•Families of chickadees calling their name to each other as they flit through the high trees.

•Goldeneyes—a male and a female—swimming in the little bit of open water by the Sherman Avenue inlet while the rest of the lagoon is still ice-

Take a Ride (from page 1)

private rentals through September 30, 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 \$60.00.

For further information about the pontoon rides, call MSCR Reservations/General Information at 266-6255.

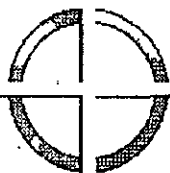
-Bob Shaw covered.

•Pied-billed grebes, coots, sandpipers.

•Wood ducks, shovellers, black ducks, pintails, blue-winged and green-winged teals, scaups.

•Red-headed woodpecker, red-bellied woodpecker, yellow-bellied sapsucker.

-Martha Kilgour



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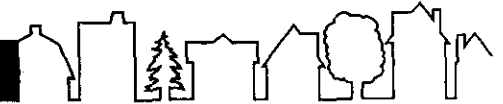
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New Games and Hints for the Car Weary

For the very wealthy who can afford to buy gasoline for a driving summer vacation, I have invented some new games to pass the time. First, a few comments about the traditional car games.

Everybody knows about how long a zippy game of "state license plates" lasts—just until your whiny kid in the backseat discovers that nobody drives from Alaska to anywhere and that the Alabama people are pretty scarce too.

Arkansas drivers use homemade plates with backwards "s's" and draw scary rattlesnakes around the outside in charcoal. So, if you can't get past the "A"-state plates, it doesn't look good for finding Wyoming.

Then, of course, you might resort to the old standby The Alphabet Game, in which one competes with everyone else

in the car EXCEPT THE DRIVER who has to CONCENTRATE, blast it, and is at a disadvantage. Boy, drivers sure hate to lose games. The object of this, as everybody knows, is to know the alphabet and to find the letters in order before anybody else does and then sing out at the top of your lungs "J-Mart! I saw J-Mart first! My "J"! There's no such thing as a "J-Mart" of course, but if the sighter is younger than 12, it's bad form to point that obvious fact out. The alphabet game causes a family to splinter and get broody and mean spirited. It makes kids beg to turn the car around so one can prove there was SO a "Z" in the word "Passing Lane," which should have been "Passing Zone" if the dumb state sign makers knew anything at all.

But I suggest a dumbed-down ver-

sion of "Botticelli," which is way too hard in its original form for anybody but dang geniuses and makes people with poor memories look bad. So my game is called "Kevin Bacon," and all it requires is that you be able to make death-defying mental leaps in word association.

For example, somebody says "Kevin Bacon" and I say "Piglet," and then somebody else says "Hamlet," and somebody says "Green Eggs and Hamlet," and somebody else says "Mama Cass." (The fact that she didn't really die by choking on a ham sandwich notwithstanding. What care we for mere facts when we have urban legend and provisional facts?) To challenge, a person has to show that there is no connec-

(see *New Games* on page 8)

Prairie Plant Perils

Because of my strange experience with the 757 Brownie Troop prairie planting episode which occurred in May, 1998, I thought it prudent to warn certain parents by describing the multi-traumas. You may also, in like circumstance, suffer personality and social-demeanor disorders.

Never having been, or considering myself to be a navigator, I drove in random patterns until finally locating Libby road. Buckets in hand, Shana and I triumphantly approached the shrieking girl scout gathering. Since it was windy, a swirling periphery of cups, potato-chips, and sundry items, swept about the pic-

nic tables, accompanied by spastic lunges of those who unwisely decided to fight the elements, rather than simply enjoying the ever-shifting patterns of debris.


Splattered with wind driven gatoraid, we assembled in a long queue and trudged resolutely to the churned-up sediments on the planting site.

I was, to say the least, shocked when a gentle-seeming lady, the prairie guide-volunteer, brandished a bright orange, thin, tapered object, plunged it into the innocent soil and proceeded to whirl it in a savage, roto-rooter fashion. This device she entitled a "dibble." I don't


know what imagery seized me at that moment or whether it was latter-day dyslexia, but I began to confuse the bb's with dd's. In forthright circumspectness I rejected the use of this tool, tainted in my mind as it were. The bulb planter worked much better anyway. I began to excavate in manic-fashion, barely controlling myself, but hissing and buffing when the girls kicked dirt back into my precious holes.

Soon I began putting in the prairie plants, discovering that guttural grunts really help one in the final, lunging-downward, dirt-packing-process, al-

(see *Perils* on page 10)

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Thefts and Vandalism in the Neighborhood

We've received reports of thefts and vandalism in our neighborhood. A home on Gorham Street has had plants uprooted and thrown at their home. This home has had a brick thrown through a window. The white picket fence has been broken in areas as well.

A home on N. Baldwin Street has had lawn ornaments stolen on two different occasions. Halloween decorations have been taken and yard ornaments in the back yard were taken on a different occasion.

On other occasions, garden flowers have been cut and stolen. Many residents work very hard to have gardens and yards look nice for all to enjoy. It is very disturbing when someone ruins hard work

or takes things that do not belong to them. If you happen to notice suspicious characters in your neighborhood or hear things that might be out of the ordinary, please call the Madison Police Department.

Another note:

With water in basements and rising lake waters, it would be nice if you could check on some of your elderly neighbors to make sure they are doing alright. They can tell you other stories of floods in years past. If you are going on vacation and leaving your home, remember to ask a neighbor to keep an eye on things.

-Kelley Cory, Safety Chair

East Side Citizen Forum

East Side Citizen Forum - a neighborhood-based forum convened by the East Isthmus Neighborhoods Planning Council.

Did You Know?There may soon be a high-speed rail line running through the East Side.

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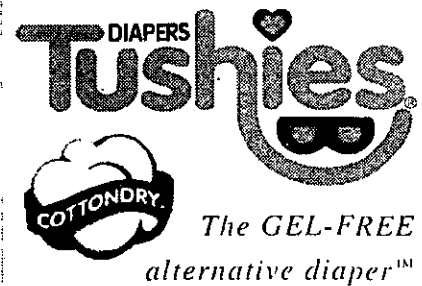
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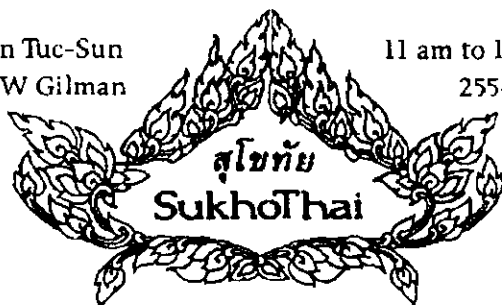


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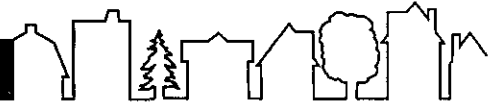


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Temporary Flightpath Change

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Raves, Anyone?

A resident on Gorham Street recently called to report that their rose bushes had been uprooted and destroyed. A Madison Police car was parked across the street from their home so one of the residents went over to talk to the officer. The officer told him that a series of RAVES had occurred in the Tenney Lapham neighborhood. The police officer told him that the kids get all drugged up and in the early morning hours go out and get very destructive. The police officer asked that residents on Gorham and in the Neighborhood be on the look out for further parties. The police are having a hard time finding where these parties are taking place and ask that we help out. The young people who go to these things get very drugged up and do not always know what they are doing. They can be dangerous to themselves and people in the community. If residents happen to hear any loud parties, they should contact the Madison Police Department immediately.

-Kelley Cory, Safety Chair

O'Hare, are backed up. So, if you drift off to sleep this summer and dream that you're flying to Hawaii....it may only be a really positive response to airport noise...

-Lisa Helmuth

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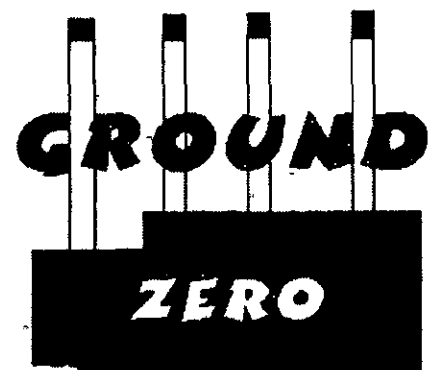
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River Rendezvous Is Taken Off The Calendar

Editor's Note: The following story is excerpted from a press release.

The River Rendezvous, a free outdoor concert in Tenney Park benefiting the Urban Open Space Foundation and starring the Wisconsin Chamber Orchestra, originally scheduled for August 12, has been canceled by Urban Open Space Foundation.

UOSF, the event organizer, reported that it was unable reach the threshold of support necessary to sponsor the event this year. The Foundation has recently undertaken and completed a comprehensive three-year strategic plan. The plan has prompted UOSF to refocus their mission on key Madison conservation initiatives-like the creation of a new 25-acre park in the city's East Rail Corridor.

They reported that tough decisions were made in strategic planning and programs not central to their mission needed to be shed. Unfortunately, River Rendezvous was one such program.

Urban Open Space Foundation stated that it remained steadfast in their message to their partners in The River Rendezvous (the Wisconsin Chamber Orchestra, Downtown Madison Inc., the Tenney Lapham Neighborhood Association and the City of Madison Parks Division). They believe a free outdoor concert in Tenney Park is a wonderful idea that has the potential to become an isthmus family tradition. While the Foundation stated that they are not in the position to spearhead this event, they encourage others to take the lead in hosting annual outdoor concerts.

-David Mandehr

New Games (from page 5)

tion at all of any kind and that the person responding is merely tossing out random nouns, such as "Duck Galoshes!," hoping for a sheer gut-it-out hit. You can actually get from Grandma Moses to Aunt Jemima if you're fast on your feet.

But enough of games. I'd like to give you some general travel hints: First, don't ever stop at Stuckey's for any reason. The peanut brittle you will inevitably buy contains some kind of Mexican jumping bean powder that makes children go ballistic after consuming a few shards. Also, don't make the mistake we did last summer on our way to the ocean. Trying to put ourselves in the mood, we bought an environmental tape called "Sailboat Journey" at a rest stop. Amid the creaking of ancient mooring lines and piers sounded the gentle slap of waves.

... and trickling water heading down the billibong or koshkonong or whatever they call the drain-hole in sailboats.

.. and before half a mile had elapsed everybody in the car had developed a terrific need to pass water.

... without a rest stop for twenty-five miles. Buy "Sounds of the Sahara" instead. No wait, that might make you thirsty. How about "Sounds of Corn Growing?"

Happy vacance!

-Norma Gay Prewett (Gay Davidson Zielske)

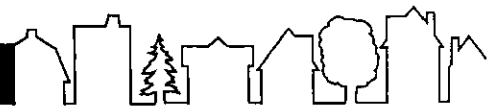
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The next meeting dates for the Tenney-Lapham Neighborhood Association Council are Thursday, July 13 at 7 pm and Thursday, August 17 at 7 pm in the community room of the Tenney Park Apartments, 302 N. Baldwin Street. You are welcome to attend and discuss any issues of concern to you. For further information, call Tim Olsen at 255-9358.



(Photo by David Mandehr)

With the Yahara River over its banks, the water fowl are now able to float into new feeding areas

Mother Nature (from page 1)

ing along at the speed limit now and the east bound traffic seems to be really throwing up the water as it goes by my view. Water must be gettin' high!

Ok, this is going to make things interesting. As I was saying earlier, it's going to be fun trying to figure out when the water level is going to rise and whether it's from today's rain OR because the locks were opened a bit more to relieve the pressure on them.

The fact that we're now living in a rain forest plus seeing all that high water frequently makes me wonder: "If I were still living in 'the big red house' on Few Street, as my daughter would

identify the old homestead in her early years, how much water would be in my basement right now?" People living in that part of the Neighborhood have been saying that it's been happening to them. From what I can ascertain from news stories, talking with people, or just following what happens to the lakes and river over the course of a couple days time, the water level of our lakes will be WAY high all summer long. Makes me think that the pontoon boats referred to in our cover story will be spending a WHOLE bunch of time on "dry dock" or at least stationary 'cause the last time I looked, the river was up over the banks

and all around them.

Well, at least it we'll have lots of water stories to share at our neighborhood pubs or clustered under the park shelter!

Stay dry!

-David Mandehr

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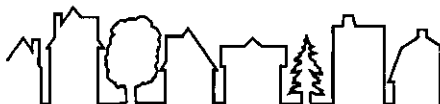
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Editor's Note: The following article is from the Good Neighbor Lighting Group.

If you look up the outdoor lighting proposed for the East Washington corridor in the final report, you'll notice contradictions. They were glaring enough to prompt the following letter to Charles H. Thompson, Secretary of the State Department of Transportation, from people in Madison's Good Neighbor Lighting Group. (You can read the report at Hawthorne library or at <http://www.ci.madison.wi.us> under Projects and Reports.)

Dear Secretary Thompson,

Two statements in the East Washington Avenue Corridor Study Final Report could create more attractive nights for residents and visitors in the corridor. They encourage outdoor lighting designed in favor of good visibility and efficiency. We look forward to the control of light pollution, glare, spill light, and other adverse effects of poor lighting.

Quality of life in corridor neighborhoods could improve as they disappear. I'll call these statements A and B.

A (page 50) "All exterior light fixtures shall have cut-off shielding that reflects light away from the street and adjacent properties. Light distribution should not spill over between adjacent parcels except into shared parking areas. All light shall be directed away from residences and public streets so bulbs are not visible off the subject property."

B (page 54) "All of the lighting along the corridor should be a "cut off" type fixture to avoid light spillage into residential neighborhoods and the evening sky."

Several benefits come with such well-designed lighting. Public welfare in general is better protected without the safety hazard of glaring spill-light. Since this neighborhood nuisance, as well as light pollution, usually indicate excess light, the fixtures designed to control them can use fewer watts. Along with electricity savings, better all around perception and starrer skies result when just enough light is directed where it's needed

But unfortunately, the globe and drop-lens designs in figure 12 and discussed on page 54 release light at use-

less angles, direct glare into people's eyes, spill light into adjacent neighborhoods and into the sky in direct contradiction of both statements A and B. Many efficient, attractive options are available to cover the street, bridge and pedestrian lighting these were chosen for.

And equally working against the public interest, pages 50 and 52 recommend up-lighting building facades, signs and trees using ground mounted fixtures. This will spill light into the sky in direct contradiction to statement A, and create glare in people's visual fields.

It is very important to our community that you take action to see that all the lighting in the East Washington corridor complies with statements A and B. With this action you could improve the ambience and safety in corridor neighborhoods and alleviate energy costs for everyone in Madison.

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Perils (from page 5)

though having a tendency to discourage the proximities of other people. As my planting-pace became more and more frenzied, I bonded with the little plants; felt their thirsty-pain, (much as our President would!) and began ululating, like Quasimodo: "waat-tur ... waat-tur ... waat-tur."

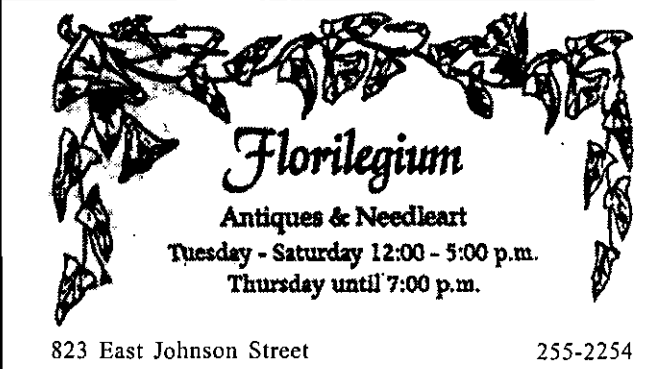
When it was all done and we were about to leave I could not, because there was a bucket that someone had left with "High-Noon" on the side, and I had hoped to see Gary Cooper, padded-shanks, wan countenance, Colt-Peace-maker and all. Realizing that this was only fantasy I checked in with the brownie counselor, who could no longer

keep a straight face in my presence.

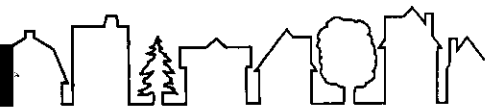
When my daughter was given a sash, I asked if 666, rather than 757, was available as I sometimes entertain vague premonitions of the millennium and the apocalypse. When this cryptic number was denied, I again worried when the brownie troop circled, chanted, and began arcane gestures and hand-slappings. I looked around for stem-faced and mysterious personages but was reassured that Wiccan ac-

tivities are not inculcated in the girl scout activities. I sighed in relief, and we left. But my dreams, for quite awhile, were fitful.

-Bob Heimerl



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Water welling up through the cracks in the basement floor in your house didn't come from my backyard, did it? The June Rains of 2000 may enter into the mythical lore of stories shared across the fence and over a cool drink on hot summer days for many years to come, but no one should blame my new screen porch. Well, then again..

The paint has yet to dry on this porch and it already calls us out of the house and into a luscious garden outdoors where the gentlest breeze gathers admirers, conveys the scent of flowering blooms, and passes through effortlessly where no mosquito can follow. As a fruit of the labor of local architects, builders and craftsman, it speaks to the values of folks who first built houses in Tenney-Lapham in styles inspired by the Arts and Crafts movement and by California bungalows. When sitting just so, the windows frame shimmering light, trembling shrubs, splashes of color and flowing trees into paintings that refresh themselves throughout the day and season. And, a glance in the other direction shows just how badly the garage needs work. Oh well, one project at a time. Nonetheless, we think that the porch will gather good neighbors, conversation and laughter for many years to come.

As much as a thunderstorm can be appreciated from the vantage of a porch join-

ing the best of indoors and out, the rains bring a certain disquiet to the porch these days. Frequent visits to the locks and dam on the Yahara at Tenney Park make the costs of our cumulative construction most apparent. City engineers, parks officials and the UW coastal engineering professor all agree that we are doing what we can by heightening the trail along the beach with gravel and plastic, and by installing temporary cement barricades to diminish the action of wind and waves. The fact is, there is no way to take water out of Mendota faster, and no simple way to slow the flow out of the watershed and into the lakes and rivers. The soil is saturated from above and filled up from beneath as water flows both over and through. The level of Lake Mendota, as many residents are all too painfully aware, is not only the highest in recorded history, it is much higher than many basements and even our yards.

My porch should share the blame. It's longer and wider than the old one that was just a slab, three posts and a roof. If the area of water-absorbing lawn and garden recently covered by concrete was an additional five feet by twenty feet, that is 100 square feet less sponge area to soak up the rain. If it rained six extra inches in a week, then an extra 50 cubic feet of water ran off towards the lakes, rivers and base-

ments. If your basement is 600 square feet, this water would cover it all to a depth of one inch.

A porch is very, very small in comparison to the area of parking lots that surround and expand from the East Towne Mall or in comparison to the acres of soil covered by new buildings at the American Center or whatever that is called out past East Towne on the way to Sun Prairie. Still the cumulative effect of all the new houses and even new additions to old houses in Madison and Dane County is stunning. We can watch it thunder over the Tenney Park Dam and lap at sandbags encircling all the Four Lakes Chain and beyond. We can see the nasty effects of fertilizer runoff and eroding soils that are swept along to fill in the lakes and grow weed and algae that carpet the water. We're flooding ourselves is the truth of the matter.

So what to do in our neighborhood, at our houses and in our yards? Here is the entreaty. Little and large we can make a difference. Grow a tree. One tree can transpire 75 to 100 gallons of water into the atmosphere in a day. Divert rain trough outflow from driveways and streets to lawns, gardens and our own little landscaped ponds and wetlands in yards. Let's make expanding the wetlands along the Yahara and creating a new park in the Central Rail Corridor on the other side of E. Washington happen. All of these efforts can soak up the rain and help to release it more slowly back into the lakes and rivers.

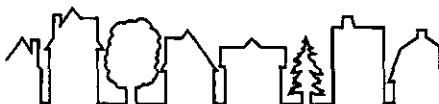
If staring at the rising water is more than enough to inspire you to help change our landscape for the better, that's great. If you're not sure where to start, give us a call. We have a cornucopia of people with expertise and opportunities and venues for change. We can meet on the porch and start from there.

-Tim Olson



(Photo by David Mandehr)

Tenney Park shoreline showing the effects of this summer's rains and high water.



With the legislative session coming to an end I would like to take this opportunity to review the positive and negative aspects of the past year and a half. It has been an honor and a privilege to represent you in the State Assembly.

Environment:

POSITIVE

Stewardship Program - The best thing that happened for the environment this session was the money in the budget for the Stewardship Program. I supported the \$460 million included in the budget for buying and preserving nature areas and improving state parks.

Recycling - The State's recycling program got a brief reprieve from disappearing thanks to additional money to fund the program. I will continue to fight for full funding.

NEGATIVE

Independent DNR Secretary - Despite overwhelming public support to return to the state's position that the DNR Secretary be appointed by the Natural Resources Board rather than the Governor, there is no movement on changing this back to a more independent process.

Public Intervenor - Again, a publicly supported state Public Intervenor, will not see the light of day. The Governor took away the position's powers and seems reluctant to change his view.

Education:

POSITIVE

Smaller class sizes - The Legislature expanded the SAGE program that allows for smaller class sizes in target schools from kindergarten to third grade.

An additional \$46.9 million was added in the budget. I will work to have this program fully funded next session to provide all children in Wisconsin with

smaller class sizes.

Tuition freeze passed for 2000-01 and Regent flexibility denied - After years of large increases in UW tuition, the legislature passed a tuition freeze for the 2000-01 school year at the UW system. Also, the idea of giving the Board of Regents the sole responsibility for setting tuition levels was dismissed. I will continue to be an active advocate for affordable tuition in Wisconsin.

NEGATIVE

Special Education Funding - One of the biggest disappointments in state government has been our lack of support to public schools for special education funding. While our target has always been to support this funding at a 63% level, we only provide local districts with closer to the low 30% levels.

Healthcare:

POSITIVE

HMO Appeal Bill - I was proud to be the lead Democratic sponsor in the Assembly for a bill which allows for an independent appeal process for decisions made by HMO's. While we still have much farther to go, including allowing individuals the right to sue their HMO's, this bill allows for patient's to have a say in their medical decision making.

NEGATIVE

Prescription Drugs - Due to Assembly Republican inaction, we were not able to seriously address a way to help seniors pay for pharmaceutical drugs. It

seems some find no problem with seniors spending a huge portion of their limited incomes on drugs and the potential that they will not properly take the drugs they need. I strongly supported the most aggressive plan offered. This is an embarrassment in the legislature.

Universal Health Care - There were no serious efforts to provide universal health coverage at the state level.

Taxes:

POSITIVE

Corporate Tax Cuts Rejected - Wisconsin has the second highest personal property tax rate in the nation, yet the second lowest corporate tax burden. Despite this, the Governor and Assembly Republican leadership proposed several corporate tax cuts. The largest was a \$100 million annual single sales factor tax break which would have benefited only 2 percent of all corporations in Wisconsin. While this corporate give-away passed in the Assembly (which I fought against on the floor of the Assembly), it died in the Senate.

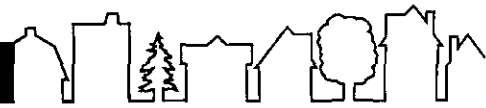
Property Tax Rent Credit restored - Despite the Governor's opposition to this working class tax break, the public prevailed and the credit was restored.

NEGATIVE

Property Tax Rent Credit vanished for this past tax year - While the legislature restored the PTRC for this tax year, the Governor vetoed it from the budget for last year. This cost many state tax-

(see Capital View on page 14)

The next meeting dates for the Tenney-Lapham Neighborhood Association Council are Thursday, July 13 at 7 pm and Thursday, August 17 at 7 pm in the community room of the Tenney Park Apartments, 302 N. Baldwin Street. You are welcome to attend and discuss any issues of concern to you. For further information, call Tim Olsen at 255-9358.



WATER, water, and more water! District 2, and the Tenney Lapham neighborhood especially, were hit very hard by the torrential rains we've been experiencing, as have many other areas in the city. I don't need to explain to anyone about what's occurred, but I'd like to give you some important information. If you haven't done so already, call or email Pete Munoz of the Mayor's office ASAP to provide him a rough estimate of your property damage, house, garage, belongings as well as any outdoor property. This can be only a rough estimate, but the sooner, the better since we're trying to provide information in attempts to receive Federal disaster funding. You can contact Peter at pmunoz@ci.madison.wi.us or 266-4611. It's unfortunate that the sewer project across Burr Jones Field hadn't been completed because that would've helped some problems including sanitary back-up. This has been an extremely rough time for you, our citizens, and I'm attempting again to see that the maximum be done to alleviate future destruction as I did with the last flooding, which led to the study and determination by the Engineering Department to do the N. Baldwin St. reconstruction last year and the Burr Jones-Thornton Avenue-E. Johnson project this season. I believe

an important issue is knowing the situation of your neighbors and being able to help each other, especially for those with special needs. Contact me if you aren't able to deal completely through the Engineering Department now or in the future.

RECONSTRUCTION: N. Baldwin St. on the south side of E. Johnson is undergoing work, involving replacement of both sanitary and stormwater pipes as well as the total reconstruction of curbs, gutters, drive aprons, sidewalks where needed and resurfacing of the street pavement. The project also includes the construction of median islands for traffic calming like the ones done on the northern end last year. Again, if you have any concerns after communicating with the construction company and/or City Engineering, please contact me.

Finally, we are now putting together **BUDGET** plans for the year 2001. We'll be experiencing an extremely tight budget due to many factors such as Metro concerns, fuel costs, flooding costs, the construction of a westside police station, and very large budgets for the Police and Fire Departments. Probable cuts in different city services are expected, as is already happening with Metro, while at the same time continuing to support large downtown developments. I have

concerns about what the future of city funding might be used for the proposed Downtown Arts District. I agree with some of the ideas for this project but have concerns regarding adverse impacts on local downtown businesses, the inclusivity of local artists and the local citizenry due to higher rents and higher ticket costs as well as the relocation of the New Loft. If anyone is interested in any of these types of issues, a community group is working on making the arts and arts district the most community-friendly possible. The Peoples' Arts District (PAD) can be contacted through their website <http://www.sit.wisc.edu/~pad/index.html> or by calling Roger Springman at 223-9548.

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Capital View (from page 12)

payers upwards of \$200 of lost revenue at a time of huge state surpluses.

Other:

POSITIVE

Retirement Bills Pass - Two retirement bills that I strongly supported

added \$4 billion to improve state pensions for 390,000 state and local government workers.

NEGATIVE

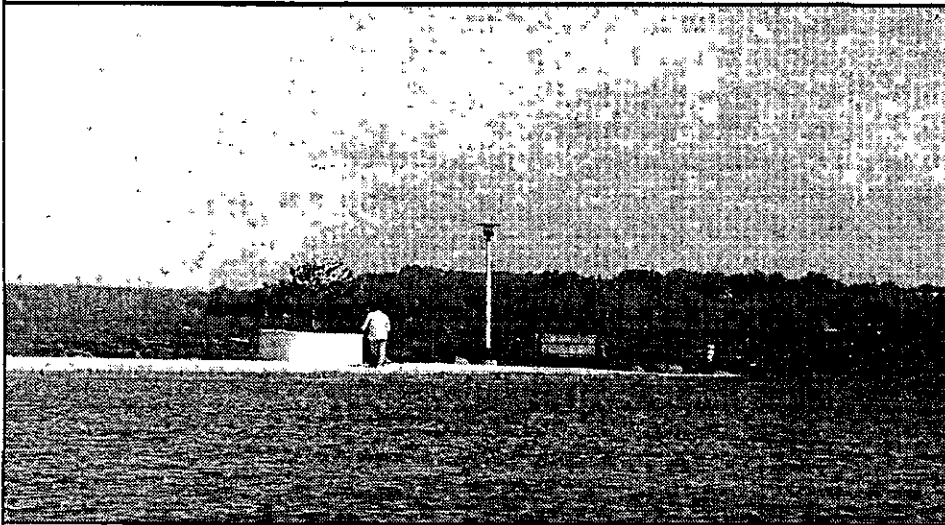
Domestic Partnership - While for the first time a truly positive bill to create a statewide domestic partnership statute

was introduced, it was not even allowed a hearing in the Republican-controlled assembly. I will reintroduce these civil rights bills in the next session.

Campaign Finance goes nowhere - Unfortunately there was no legislative will to pass meaningful (or for that matter even minor) campaign finance reform legislation. Several bills that I authored or co-sponsored to get us towards real reform died during the session.

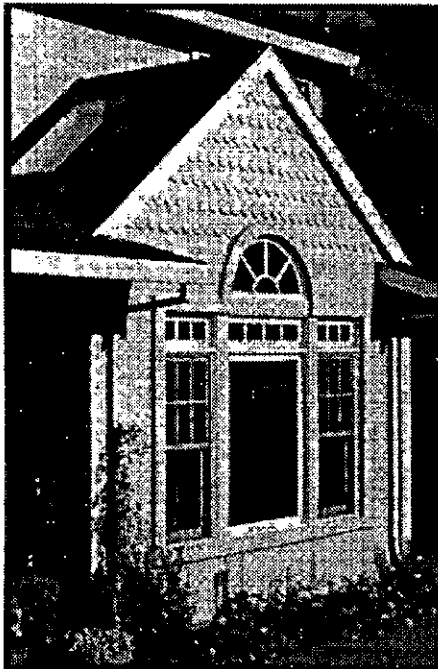
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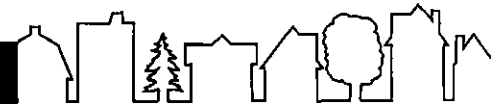


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