# TENNEY-LAPHAM NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION

# Brenda Konkel and Rex Loehe Vie for Second District Alder's Seat

MARCH/AP

(Editor's Note: Each candidate for the 2nd District was asked to respond to four questions pertaining to their candidacy. Below are each of their responses. The election is April 3.)

#### **Brenda Konkel**

#### 1. Why do you think you are the best candidate for this seat?

My experience and knowledge of the issues will allow me to step in and represent the district with a very small learning curve. Many first-time alders spend their first term learning the process and procedures of the Common Council before they are able to effectively represent their district.

I've attended over 80% of the Common Council meetings in the past two years (unpaid), have participated in discussions in over 25 different committees/boards/commissions, been appointed by Mayor Soglin and Bauman to various City Committees (Backyard Parking

#### 1. Why do you think you are the best candidate for the seat?

I have been active in the Madison community since first stepping foot on the UW campus in 1980. As a student government activist, I chaired the Wisconsin Student Association's Segregated University Fees Allocation Committee and served as delegate to the United Council of UW Student Governments.

While still an undergraduate student, I began my professional career in the state legislature. What had begun as a legislative internship to a Democratic State Representative through the UW political science department, subse-

Implementation Committee, Arrest & Conviction Record Task Force, Equal Opportunities Housing Committee) and am familiar with community leaders and activists, as well as city staff and I will be able to hit the ground running. I have already had a huge impact on City policy regarding the TIF policy, electronic filing of campaign finance reports, lobbyist registration policies, opening up the process for public participants, countless tenant/landlord ordinances and the affordable housing discussions.

All this means I can instantly step in and make sure the needs and concerns of the second district are heard. Neighborhood input is crucial in city policy making, and I will constantly seek the input and feedback of 2nd district residents to guide my work on the Council. I've lived here in the district for 9 years as a homeowner and as a renter. I know the issues that impact our neighborhoods and I talk regularly with folks from throughout the district. In short, serving as your Alder will allow me to continue working on neighborhood issues, just as I have for the past 5 years in the Old Marketplace Neighborhood Association, including being the immediate past president.

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I've worked hard to make sure WE (see Brenda Konkel on page 5)

#### **Rex Loehe**

quently became a career when I was offered a full-time position as a legislative aide. I have now more than 12 years of professional experience working for the Wisconsin State Legislature, as both an Assembly Democratic legislative aide, and as a legislative research analyst in the Senate Democratic Caucus. Currently, I am working for Democrat State Representative Tim Carpenter.

Professionally, I have also worked as the campaign coordinator for Citizens for Dane County's Future, a group organized to elect progressives to the Dane County Board of Supervisors, and as an Administrative Assistant for Dane County Head Start.

As a long-time community activist, I am currently actively involved in the Tenney-Lapham Neighborhood Association (TLNA) as the Chair of the Association's Social Committee and have previously served as the Chair of the TLNA Transportation Committee. Further, I've been active in the LGBT community as a volunteer for both OutReach and the New Harvest Foundation and have also joined the efforts of the Friends, Stewards and Volunteers of the Yahara River Parkway.

I believe that my strong and varied (see **Rex Loehe** on page 11)



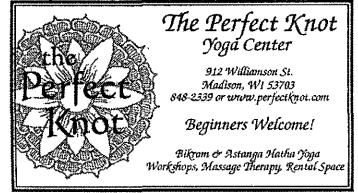
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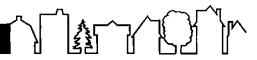
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# MORNINGS WITH MO AND CURLY: The Modern Family in Action

Supposedly, if you fold a large piece of paper in half again and again for fifty times, you get the world's largest spitball. Nah, you supposedly get a folded paper that would reach to the moon. I cannot imagine how that can be so, but it's supposed to be an illustration of geometric progression and I read it in a hardcover book, so it must be true.

The book is called The Tipping Point, and it is written by Malcolm Gladwell. It describes how ideas spread through our society in a viral manner. Fascinating stuff, but just a casual brain exercise until I witnessed the Tipping Point in my own home.

Here's what happened-Mo (my son) and Curly (my husband) and I (Larry, I guess) suddenly achieved bathroom/ dressing room/kitchen gridlock on the same morning. See, until Ken (Curly) got a job in town (and I'm not complaining about that, mind you), Mo and I had a kind of beautiful routine worked out. I would awaken, write a few lines in my journal while overlooking the garden and being overlooked by a four-leaf clover. Nah, being overlooked by a budding sunrise. My golden hair tumbling gently over my velvet apron, I would then sweetly awaken the softly-sleeping Mo by shaking the bamboo stakes which he has installed around his compound. (Part of that sentence is true; can you find and circle the parts that are NOT?) While the little prince performed his morning ablutions, I would cook him a nutritious and well-presented balanced breakfast, saving just the smallest bowl of gruel for myself because I am the Long-Suffering and Martyred Mother.

He would arrive downstairs handsomely and warmly arrayed in the clothing he and I had selected and laid out the night before on the gleaming oak dressing table. Beaming, he would eat, carefully placing his folded damask napkin next to his soiled plate very near the sink when finished, and delivering a sweet kiss to my flawless cheek as I readied his scholarly materials. Then, with a flourish befitting a young Liberace, or maybe even Eminem, he would begin to play lovely classical piano compositions for me until I rang a tiny silver-throated bell and we proceeded to our Pathfinder chariot, which I had prewarmed against the morning

All that was possible because Curly (Ken) had already risen hours before and quietly stolen all the bagels..nah, quietly stolen away into the predawn chill, leaving only a sweet note of morning greeting behind on the armoire.

We-e-ell, let me tell you about yesterday morning now.

The dressing room light is positioned so it just clears the French doors which afford access to our boudoir. My Curly is a regularly sensitive guy-he generally either secures the doors or douses the light before it can blast me like the morning express train from my slumber. But

this day-because our new "shedule" is not perfected-nay not even close-, Curly cruelly crucified my frontal lobe by flinging apart the aforementioned doors and shouting, to my astonished ears, "What color are my PANTS?" I could not fathom the light, thinking maybe I had been raptured up into a bad place, and could certainly not fathom the question. "Are they GREEN?" he demanded to know.

"Yes, green," I managed, and off he went like the White Rabbit down the rabbithole.

I was just drifting back into the arms of slumber when once again he burst upon the scene.

"What color is this shirt?" he cried, distraught. "Does it clash?"

I gazed upon a shirt that rivaled Joseph's many-colored dreamcoat.

"Perfect," I pronounced and off he dashed.

But minutes later crashing sounds issued from the bath. BEEPING and moaning too horrible to speculate upon. Then the shower sound-shrieking and moaning from Curly as Mo (Alex) arose to make ready from school. You know the problem-one bathroom and only one. Anyone running cold water anywhere can lobsterize anybody else anywhere else in the house. Come on, you do so know. You lived in such a house.

I lay abed and imagined Mo in our past Golden Mornings-playing my fa-

(see Mornings on page 13)



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#### **School Activities**

#### **March**

- 7 PTG 6:45 pm (O'Keeffe)
- 5 Kindergarten Registration (Lapham)
- 12 Staff Development no school pm (O'Keeffe)
- 13 PTG 6:30 pm (Marquette)
- 13 All Middle School "Battle of The Books" 1 4:00 pm (O'Keeffe)
- ·14 Band Concert 7:00 pm (O'Keeffe)
- Awards Assembly 1:00 pm (Lapham)
- 24 All City Strings Festival
- 29 O'Keeffe Talent Show 6:30 pm @ The Barrymore Theater

#### **April**

- 3 PTG 6:30 pm (Lapham)
- 4 PTG 6:45 pm (O'Keeffe)
- 9-16 Spring Break (All schools)
- 25 Marquette Drama Performance 9:15 am (Lapham)
- 27 2nd Grade Science Conference (Lapham)

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

#### MARK YOUR CALENDARS! Lapham-Marquette Family Fun Night

Date: Friday, March 30th Place: Lapham School Time: 5:30 pm - 8:30 pm

The night's activities will include amazing talents in the auditorium, pizza, popcorn, sweets, arts & crafts, and the ever popular art & merchandise auction.

Plan to dance in the gym to tunes spun by our own Laurie Mlatawou! This is one of the PTG's biggest fundraisers.

With the additional needs our schools will have next school year, we are hoping you can all come out and show your generous support.

Volunteers are still needed so call one of the coordinators listed below if you would like to share your talents too! Contact Ann Halbach at 255-6883 or amhalbach@facstaff.wisc.edu.

#### -Ann Katz

Activities:	Place:	Time:	Coordinator:
Talent Show	Auditorium	5:30-6:30 pm.	Peggy Moore 245-1686
Food	Cafeteria	5:30-7:30 pm.	Cheryl Parzych 256-0157
Tickets	Hallway	5:30-8:00 pm	Shannon Dolan/Galen Strebe
			244-7365
DJ Dance	Gym	6:00 8:00 pm	Jeannette Deloya 255-5409
Art &	Hallway	5:30-7:45 pm	SallyBehr 255-7333
Merchandise Auction			Jolene Steinhorst 257-6123
Art Activities	Art Room	5:30-8:00 pm	Laura Meddaugh 249-8399
Bake Sale	Office	5:30-8:00 pm	DonnaKirschenman 250-0458
Clean Up			Kelly Kearns 249-0619

# Mark your calendars O'Keeffe students are preparing to make you say, "WOW!" The singing, the music, the dancing, the fun are all coming to. The Barrymore Theater March 29, 6:30 PM Make sure you plan to come and set 'em Doors open at six pm and it costs a buck ' Come bring us good luck!!

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#### Brenda Konkel (from page 1)

I've worked hard to make sure WE have a voice in city policy decisions and I will continue to do so. I will be an activist Common Council member and continue to have my passion for making good policy that supports a vision for City of Madison where everyone can afford to live and participate in a meaningful way in our local government.

#### 2) What are the main city-wide issues you would work on?

Affordable housing, campaign finance reform (including walking the walk on campaign reform by self-imposing several spending and fundraising limits on my campaign, see my pledge at www.brendakonkel.org), and open and accessible government are city wide issues that are on the top of my list. Madison metro and city budget issues in general aren't far behind. Please also see my web page.

Regarding the city budget: I favor using the room tax to go to social infrastructure, not glossy ads to promote tourism that is already flowing to our city. I'm concerned about talk of a sales tax and would only support it if it doesn't apply to essentials such as food, clothing, shelter costs.

I'd support a wheel tax or tax on parking lot spaces. I'm concerned about the growing user fees in areas such as parks facilities, Monona Terrace, Warner Park, and our libraries that make using public facilities cost prohibitive for the community. I'm against further privatization of city functions unless the wages paid

to the lowest paid workers are reasonable - exceeding the living wage in cases where it is necessary. Consolidation of services with the county should be explored, but have to be done in a way in which the City Services continue to be a high quality service.

#### 3) What are the main 2nd district issues you would focus on?

The most important issue for the second district is how it develops over the next five to ten years. Major decisions related to redevelopment of the East Washington Avenue corridor, the Yahara River Parkway and rail planning will all be made in the next term. I will make sure the people who live in the second district play a major role in determining how these projects affect our neighborhoods.

I'll work with my constituents to make sure new planning and development results in neighborhoods that foster community where both homeowners and tenants can enjoy a high quality of life.

We need to make sure the Yahara River Parkway plan is funded and fully implemented, and I will push for a safer way for pedestrians and bicyclists to cross East Washington Avenue. During reconstruction of the East Washington corridor, neighborhoods need to be heard throughout the process. The BUILD commission plan has welcomed neighborhood input and they listened to our concerns. I think the final recommendations will enhance our neighbor-

hoods as well as the corridor. Next we need to be sure that neighborhoods are respected during actual reconstruction, especially when it comes to diverting traffic through the district. First and foremost we need to keep our residential streets

safe for pedestrians.

No matter how you feel about highspeed rail, we can all agree that the process has been horribly flawed. I will continue to seek the opinions of residents throughout the district and, if elected, will demand that the second district be informed and heard throughout thedecision-making process.

And as we head into the contentious redistricting process we need to set partisan squabbling aside and do our best to keep neighborhoods together and fully represented.

#### 4) Is there anything else you would like to say?

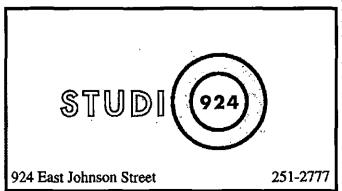
I think my experience and my effectiveness, as evidenced by the things I've accomplished on city policy by working with everyone, even those with whom I don't always agree will make me a very effective representative of the second district.

Here's a bit more about my experience:

Community organizations and political affiliations: Social Justice Center Board Member, Community Shares of Wisconsin Board Member, Old Market Place Neighborhood Association (5 years board member, immediate past president, chair Development Committee) Affordable Housing Action Alliance co-founder, HOMES, Dane County Affordable Housing Coalition, NAACP, Lucha, Community Gardener, Progressive Dane (co-chair, policy, housing, clean government, elections, leadership, steering, supervisory committees), Wisconsin Green Party Member, Dane County Democrat Party member, Nader WI Steering Committee

Former Memberships: Wisconsin Housing Coalition, Wisconsin Coalition to End Homelessness, Dane County Coalition to End Homelessness, Renters Services Committee.

Committee Appointments: Backyard (see Brenda Konkel on page 8)



#### **Elder House Volunteer News**

he Volunteer News section of the I Tenny Lapham Neighborhood Association will serve as a new bimonthly communications vehicle for Elder Care volunteers. We will highlight volunteer activities and accomplishments. Additionally, we will review upcoming events and programs from the Volunteer Services. I look forward to a volunteer prosperous and exciting new year.

My goal is to enhance the quality of life of our participants and meet the needs of our volunteers. It is my hope to accomplish this by offering challenging, meaningful and rewarding experiences that will reflect Elder Care of Dane County's 25 years of distinction.

Volunteers are...Valuable Original Lovely Unique Necessary Tremendous Energetic Enthusiastic Reliable and Sensational

- by Felita Y. Singleton

#### A.D.A.P.T. to D.C. October 2000

This is the story of my third trip to Washington D.C. to fight for the rights of people living with disabilities. I am getting experience now and beginning to settle into the long hard work of trying to make changes for people. I have to battle with the mood changes that come with my own disability and how that affects my interactions with people. I felt depressed this time and didn't bear up as well on the long marches from the hotel to the target action areas. The great joy and will and stamina of the five or six hundred people who make the trip and all the effort is incredible. They are so patient and enduring through the long march with not knowing where we are going. The spot for each day's action must be kept secret from all of us to prevent Law Enforcement from finding out and foiling our plans. It usually works quite well. Folks moving along in wheel chairs and attendants patiently walking with them. The tireless volunteers guiding the long ragged line along and working with the color leaders and the day leaders. We have quite an organization. A central staff of leaders organizes the people into five or six color groups with their leaders and day leaders to guide the whole procession. The veterans do the organizing and try to get people fired up. They set up everything from the financing and hotels to the food and the legal procedures. The people fight hard on the line and are well taken care of. People duct tape their wheel chairs together, pool their resources for vans and other means of transportation and come

from all over the country to converge at the action site.

We went to the White House on the first day. We arrayed ourselves along that long black fence and many used hand cuffs to attach themselves to it. I heard later that protests here are illegal but they didn't arrest us. That would have been some task for them! We are angry about the billion dollars that went back to the nursing home industry instead of being invested into community based care. During the day a press conference was held at the White House for another reason and we got good publicity. We were able to get Americans Disabled for Attendant Program Today people into the White House and have the President's chief of staff make a written promise to meet with our leaders. These are the immediate victories we fight for. Sometimes the promises are not kept and we have to keep fighting harder. Accountability is something we must get from our politicians. Almost all of our effort has been (see ADAPT on next page)

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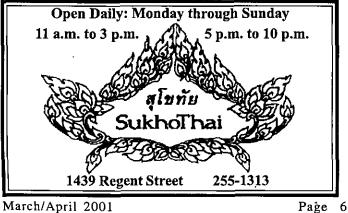
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#### ADAPT (from page 6)

spent on trying to break this barrier. Moneyed interests have to be fought. During our long day we watched bored but heavily armed guards on the White House lawn, many tourist and little semipermanent protest booths set up in neutral areas across the boulevard for various causes. There was a heavy regular police presence along with the White House guard. Police cars and motorcycles were lined up in an ominous manner but we kept cheerfully about our business. We had two instances on the way there where police officers rammed power wheel chairs with their big Harley Davidsons but no one was hurt. We kept our line going and moved along peacefully.

There was a large rally on the Capital Mall the second day. Many groups besides ours attended. We heard the Reverend Jesse Jackson and Dick Gregory speak among others. There was music as well. It is greatly empowering to see diverse groups of people get together and share information and enthusiasm. The rally was peaceful and fun. Then the whole crowd of about four thousand left and many went to the Supreme Court building for some protest there. After that A. D.A. P.T. leadership came up with a surprise action and we split off and were led to the Republican National Committee building. We surrounded the building and got inside the parking garage. We are good at getting in and surrounding a building by sur-

prise and infiltrating inside. This is great for five or six hundred people who are disabled and need a great deal of help to live and get around. We always manage to surprise Law Enforcement and they don't like it! Anyway the people inside the Republican National Committee building were kept from leaving for a fund raising dinner they had planned. But they wouldn't talk with us. They eventually figured out a way to leave the building and we left after being threat-ened with arrest. We had done a good days work.

The final day saw the group head for the A.A.R.P. building. We swarmed into the beautiful marble lobby early. Another good strike. We had lunch delivered to us while we were there. Support from leadership is so well planned and helpful. After about an hour or so the A.A.R.P. leaders came down and talked with our people. They were supportive and agreed to a meeting. This was a good day too. By now I am getting to know the regulars at these actions, the old hands. And what a cast of characters they are! There is Spitfire, a spunky little gal who is energetic and friendly and runs around just raising hell in general. Scott, a slender thoughtful man who always dresses in surplus woolens whatever the weather. Very kind, a swarthy pale face and heavy frame glasses. Nadina, a pretty New Yorker who exudes class and grace from her manual chair. She is charming with her curls and dark eyes.

Kyle, a teen age hero who spoke at the Democratic national convention with his computer sound board! He shows how you can do anything! When I think of him my self doubts dissipate, my confidence soars! Carlos, with his Cuban accent and fatigues and perennial black beret. He makes us all feel like real revolutionaries. He's got attitude to match his looks, let me tell you. Gets us fired up. Tex, a giant of a man in a big power chair, very strong but quiet and gentle. Big cowboy hat, you know where he hails from. Jim, able bodied and friendly and always helping everyone, always making you feel important and useful. He is one of our dedicated leaders. And Steve, the state A.D.A.P.T coordinator from our own Wisconsin, who looks sort of like a Willy Nelson on wheels! He provides tireless energy and support at home and in the leaders circle at actions. Really everyone is so incredible and unique and strong to be at the actions. I love them all. I think many veterans of the actions will readily recognize the few I have described. There are many more equally dedicated people, be they new or old hands. We are going to have to keep fighting for a long time before the physical and social barriers are knocked down in our communities and we can live like everyone else.

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-Joe Brewer



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#### Friends of The Yahara Issue A Call!

O ver a century ago a great transformation was taking place on the isthmus. People saw a need and took control. Folks from all walks of life came together to transform a landscape and build a park for the common man. We know and love this landscape as Tenney Park today.

Some of the same people came together a few years later and within a remarkably short period the major outlines of the Yahara River Parkway were in place. Obviously they must have skipped the sub-committees approach and they probably weren't bothered by pesky permits either. In any case we can call this wonderful cross section of 1900's Madison residents the first Friends of the Yahara!

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and carry on the tradition. Your parks need you! Be a Friend of the Yahara circa 2001.

Why? A signature feature of these parks was the use of native plant materials in dense plantings that accentuated the horizontal character of our Midwest landscape. This style became known as the Prairie School and our parks were excellent examples. Unfortunately, most of the original plantings have been out competed by weeds, died more or less natural deaths or have been affected by other activities too numerous to mention. We want to return our landscapes to the splendor and beauty they once possessed. To do that the current dedicated core of Friends of the Yahara, the Urban Open Space Foundation, the city Parks Department and many neighbors on a more sporadic basis have stepped up and the restoration is now underway.

We need you to attend the Urban Open Space Foundation sponsored stewardship workshops this spring. They will begin the morning of March 10, when Professor Arnold Alanen of the UW Madison Department of Landscape Architecture will present a slide show and lecture on the history of the Yahara River Parkway and its design. This is a great show!

We will hold additional introductory workshops on March 17, April 7, April 21 and May 5th. The location for the indoor workshops is yet to be determined, but it will be in a convenient location on the isthmus. We will take a walking tour of the Parkway, visit the sites of current and future projects, learn more about plant identification and tool selection and maintenance, and undertake our first work projects in conjunction with the graduates of last year's program. In the summer, we will be inviting additional experts to work alongside us and contribute to our planning and evaluation work. These sessions are informative, fun and stress the hands on approach. And if you're like me and

love to wrassle with a hefty invasive honeysuckle every once and awhile we have a few sites for you!

The workshops are designed to prepare you to become a Yahara River Parkway Landscape Steward. Landscape Stewards are in the field restoring the parkway twice a month (please come early and often, but we know life may occasionally offer another more tempting distraction.) This year our projects will include plantings near our new canoe/kayak access point near Riverside and Williamson Street, continued work on wetland and other plantings along the river, general weed removal and additional plantings in Tenney Park. Our work has been funded by the generous support of the Urban Open Space Foundation and done in cooperation with the Madison Parks Department.

The workshops are free, and participants who complete the workshops willgain access to the tools and expertise necessary to undertake various projects in keeping with the historic plans for this park land. However, registration is required! To register, or for additional information please call Margaret Bergamini at 257-5718 or contact her via email at mmb@chorus.net.

#### Brenda Konkel (from page 5)

Parking Implementation Committee, EOC Housing Task Force, Arrest and Conviction Record Task Force, WI Department of Agriculture Trade and Consumer Protection Ad Hoc Committee on Residential Rental Practices, Ad Hoc Committee on Mobile Home Rental Practices and Ad Hoc Committee on Carpet Cleaning Regulations.

-Brenda Konkel

# **Urban Open Space Foundation Sponsors Stewardship Workshops**

(Editor's Note: The following article is from Friends of The Yahara)

Friends of the Yahara is happy to announce the dates, locations and topics for our Spring 2001 Stewardship Training.

Stewardship Training will give you the tools you need to join the Yahara River Parkway Stewards as a volunteer. You'll learn about the history of the Parkway and why we are working to manage and restore the more than 40 acres that make up this treasured park in the heart of Madison's East side. We'll teach you the skills you'll need to identify trees and shrubs, and how to prune and plant them. You'll have the opportunity to join in on current projects, and to develop your own as well.

You are all invited to attend any or all of these workshops; however registration is required. Please see the bottom of this article for information on how to register.

For those interested in joining the Stewardship Program, attendance at all the workshops is strongly recommended, and we also ask that you be willing to make a committment to working with us on a regular basis for a minimum of a year. In exchange you gain access to tools, expertise, resources, and comraderie with a great group of folks dedicated to the Yahara River Parkway. (Oh, and we have a lot of fun, too.)

Workshop 1: Project Introduction Saturday, March 10th, 2001 9:30 AM to Noon

Our introductory workshop will give everyone a chance to meet and to catch up on what has been happening along the river in the past few years. We will be joined by Arne Alanen of the UW Department of Landscape Architecture, who will present a slide show on the original landscape design for the Yahara River Parkway and answer your questions.

Workshop 2: The Landscape, Design Objectives and Environmental Management

Saturday, March 17 9:30 AM-Noon

This day we will talk about the art and science of managing landscapes, and take a walking tour of the Parkway and our ongoing projects. We will also update you on this year,s plan. Our leaders for the day will be Geri Weinstein-Breunig from the Urban Open Space Foundation and Cultural Waters, Inc., and graduates of last year's Stewardship Training. Rain or shine, please come dressed for the weather, as we will be outside for about 2 hours.

Workshop 3: Our First Workday Tools and Plant Identification Saturday, April 7 9:00 AM-Noon

Please come dressed for the weather as we will be outside for about 3 hours, working on a site to be arranged.

Workshop 4: Earth Day Saturday, April 21, 2000 8 AM-Noon permits many volunteers to join us. Meet at 8:00 today, and plan on working until noon. New stewards will pair up with last year,s graduates to help supervise today's volunteers.

Workshop 5: Working as a Group Saturday, May 5 9:30 AM-Noon

For our last indoor workshop we will learn more about the role of the Parks Department, the Urban Open Space Foundation, and the Friends of the Yahara River Parkway and others in the restoration of the parkway, and talk about what kinds of projects we want to work on over the next few years. Here, sa chance to explore your special interests in the project, and for us all to learn more about how we can work together and what we want to accomplish.

If you are interested in registering or have any questions, please email or call Margaret Bergamini at mmb@chorus.net or 257-5718.

These workshops are made possible by the generous support of the Urban Open Space Foundation, The Madison Community Foundation, The Madison Parks Department, and the voluntary efforts of many people like you!

O n Earth Day, we work on a project such as pulling garlic mustard, that people ofall ages can enjoy, one that

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# Sweeping Campaign Finance Reform To Be Introduced By Representative Pocan

Today's campaign finance system is in need of reform. 84% of Wisconsin citizens who voted on November 7, 2000 agree. Special interests and wealthy donors have too much hold over our legislature. Races are becoming increasingly expensive.

Candidates with the talent for the office but not the financial resources decide not to run. People are becoming disillusioned by the process and many don't vote. The system, frankly, is becoming dangerously close to legalized bribery. So this session, I will be introducing a bill that would give Wisconsin voluntary 100% public financing of state elections.

Maine already has a voluntary 100% public funding for state elections. They call this system clean money elections. To qualify for the public funding, candidates need to collect a set number of \$5 dollar contributions from registered voters in their district. They also must agree to accept no other private donations. Then they are given a grant from the state to run their election. Special interests and political action committees can not give to the campaign of a clean candidate. Individuals only contribute during the qualifying process when they give \$5 dollars to the candidate. They can still donate to a traditional candidate. And in order to allow clean candidates to compete with traditional candidates, there are dollar-for-dollar matching

funds. A clean candidate can receive matching funds as their opponent's spending increases past the amount of the initial public grant. This matching is capped at double the amount initially granted. There is also a mechanism that allows for matching funds to be allocated when independent expenditures are involved. If a clean candidate is the target of a negative ad or his/ her opponent is praised in one, the clean candidate receives funds that allow them to respond to that ad.

The benefits of 100% public financing of state elections are many. This campaign financing system takes the money out of politics. It levels the playing field and allows for more competition. In Maine, there were 40% more contested primaries in 2000 than in 1998. The system has bipartisan support. 63% of clean candidates in Maine were Democrats and 34% Republican. It focuses on voter contact rather than fundraising. Candidates can focus on talking to citizens about issues not worry about fundraising. Legislators are held accountable to taxpayers, not special interests.

Some people don't like the idea of taxpayers paying for campaigns. But they already do through corporate welfare such as tax breaks, subsidies, and loopholes. Wisconsin Electric employees gave Governor Thompson \$28,170. In "return", they received a \$9 million

low-cost loan. Quad Graphics employees gave Thompson \$27,798 and received \$3.3 million in "incentives". Special interests' "incentives" cost taxpayers money. Offering a campaign finance system that excludes special interests and takes the money out of campaigns is a beneficial and important thing to do. We need to restore our democracy and allow elections to fulfill the purpose eloquently put by James Madison in Federalist #57. The purpose of elections is to give us " men who possess most wisdom to discern and most virtue to pursue the common good of society." The voluntary 100% public campaign financing system I will be introducing early this session will help do just that.

As always, you can reach me at (phone) 266-8570, (e-mail) mark.pocan@legis.state.wi.us or you may write to P.O. Box 8953 Madison, WI 53708.

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#### Rex Loehe(from page 1)

professional background coupled with my long history of public and community service provides me with the necessary experience that will be needed to work with neighborhood associations and other organized and diverse groups of individuals to resolve contentious public policy concerns. My hands-on participation in the legislative process has taught me the importance of issue consensus and has further provided me with the practical skills that will be necessary to forge strong alliances on salient questions of concern to the 2nd Aldermanic District in a highly charged political environment.

#### 2. What are the main city-wide issues you would work on?

The main citywide issue that I will work to address is the pending city fiscal crises and its impact on local property taxes. In the past year the City of Madison has been hit hard by escalating fuel costs, rising employee health insurance premiums, and yes, the December 2000 record snowfall.

These additional and unpredicted expenditures have added considerably to the cost of providing basic city services, including mass transit, police and fire protection, garbage and leaf collections, snow plowing, and the maintenance and preservation of our parks.

Added to the equation, is Madison's ongoing financial commitment to other initiatives such as childcare, youth programming, providing affordable housing for senior citizens and support for community-gardens.

No doubt the Madison's 2001 budget forced difficult decisions within the scope of state spending controls. Indeed, the decisions that will be made during the next budget-go-round will be no less difficult under the current shared revenue system.

If elected to the City Council I will make improving Madison Metro and increasing transportation options a top budget priority. In addition, I will work to ensure that adequate funding is provided for the expansion and up keep of our parks.

Other citywide issues include ensuring open government, promoting and welcoming citizen participation and public access to government records and proceedings. If elected, I will keep in touch with district residents through periodic town hall meetings, newsletters, a web site and door-to-door visits throughout my term in office.

Finally, with the completion of the decennial census, redistricting also looms on the horizon as a major issue for the next city council. Ten years ago, I was appointed to fill one of the two

staff positions allotted to Senate Democrats to assist with redistricting. I was deeply involved in the drawing of Assembly and Senate districts and participated in negotiations with legislative leadership in both houses of the legislature throughout the redistricting process. From this experience, I was exposed to the federal requirements and court rulings pertaining to the redistricting process. If elected to the City Council, I will use my experience to work to ensure that our neighborhoods are maintained as communities of interest in the redistricting process.

#### 3. What are the main 2nd district issues you would focus on?

A single-issue candidate cannot meet needs of the 2nd District, due to the diverse nature of our community. Therefore, I will focus on the quality of life issues that affect all of the residents of the 2nd District. These issues include (but are not limited to) the following:

Affordable quality housing: As a means to stave off the gentrification of our neighborhoods and the downtown, I will support and work for policies that will guarantee affordable housing units in all new housing developments. I support the current proposal to set aside 10% of all funds generated from Tax In-

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#### Rex Loehe (from page 11)

cremental Funding (TIF) for affordable housing. I will also work directly with housing advocates and landlords to resolve the complicated social and economic issues associated with Section 8 housing and will work as an advocate for individuals with Section 8 vouchers. I will also work with the Mayor and other Council members to try to address the underlying causes of homelessness and pursue progressive polices that will help people get back on their feet.

Relief from neighborhood traffic congestion: I will serve as a conduit between our neighborhood associations and the city traffic department to find solutions to ease traffic congestion and to slow traffic down through our neighborhoods. I will also prioritize working with eastside residents and the city to develop a strategy to manage the influx of spillover traffic through our residential neighborhoods as a result of the East Washington Reconstruction project.

Perhaps the most contentious transportation issue facing the 2nd Aldermanic District is that of high speed passenger rail which would link Madison to Minneapolis and Milwaukee (and from Milwaukee to Chicago). Should Congress decide to go ahead and approve the rail legislation that was omitted from the budget deal recently ratified by the previous Congress, the Midwest would be in line for approximately \$10 billion the federal government would borrow for Amtrak projects under the High Speed Rail Investment Act. This could mean that work could begin on the 110-mile line by 2002 and service could begin by 2003.

There are currently 4 locations for a high speed rail station in Madison being proposed by the Wisconsin Department of Transportation (DOT): Heopker Road in Sun Prairie, the Dane County Airport, the West Washington Station, and Penn Station located on Fordem

Avenue near Pennsylvania Avenue. Many transportation planners are advocating the Penn Station location, which due to its logistics would have a significant impact on the 2nd District, Reasons for the Penn Station site include the fact that it would not require any new track, only track upgrades, and that it would not require the development of new corridors, the existing rail corridor along Main Street to Fordem Avenue and crossing East Washington Avenue would be used. There are, however, several negative aspects to the Penn Station location which would include closing down Division Street and Southerland and Powers Avenues to automobile and pedestrian traffic, and requiring the construction of a five foot fence along the railroad right-of-way except at certain crossings.

Should federal funding be approved and the Wisconsin DOT decide to go ahead with the rail project, I want to see that the concerns of 2nd District residents, especially those regarding noise and safety, are heard and duly addressed by transportation officials. In addition, if the Penn Station location is ultimately the location of choice by transportation officials, I will work hard to see that 2nd District residents have input into the design of the station to ensure that it will fit the architectural integrity of the neighborhood. The construction of some esthetically ugly or bland station would only serve to legitimize concerns arising over the introduction of more graffiti and crime to the area, as the station would ultimately only serve as a departure and arrival point. Instead, I would propose working with developers to obtain Tax Incremental Financing (TIF) from the city to design a station that'll enhance the neighborhood and add to the economic development of the area by serving as the hub of a larger project that would include needed in-fill housing and shops.

Overall, I would like to see a more

visionary approach to Madison's transportation problems. Therefore, if the federal government and the Wisconsin DOT commence with the introduction of high speed passenger rail, I would like. to see a system implemented that could be eventually improved to accommodate commuter rail working in conjunction with Madison Metro to serve Madison and the outlying suburbs. There is no question that our roads and highways are becoming more congested with each passing day. When it comes to roads, the adage "build it and they will come" is a definite truism. And make no mistake about it, with these roads comes a huge and ever-expanding price tag. This year alone, Madison's total road expenditures including plowing and maintenance cost taxpayers \$20.2 million. We as a society need to begin to address the wisdom of continuing to have property taxpayers subsidize the automobile and (see Rex Loehe on next page)

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#### Rex Loehe (from page 12)

the other associated costs to cities that arise from the subsequent urban sprawl and the need for the expansion of basic services to outlying communities.

Clean lakes and park space: As well as striving to secure adequate city funding for the City Parks Department, I will continue to work with the Friends. Stewards and Volunteers of the Yahara River Parkway and the Urban Open Space Foundation, for alternative financial solutions to our growing greenspace needs. Furthermore, I will work with city officials and local developers to try to craft a program that would encourage developers as "good corporate citizens" to contribute a percentage of the profits ascertained from city approved developments to help fill the void in the park's department budget. I would also work with city staff to secure state Stewardship funding for those parks projects meeting the established criterion.

Small business development and retention: I will personally meet with 2nd District small business owners to assess what can be done at the local

level to help small businesses succeed and thrive in our community.

Responsiveness to constituent needs and concerns: In my work as a legislative aide, I know well the importance of responding to the needs and concerns of citizens in an effective and timely matter. As technology continues to advance and replace humans as a costsaving approach to providing services, government agencies are becoming less and less personalized and citizens are often finding government less responsive to their needs and concerns. If elected. I will use my vast professional experience to help citizens cut through the bureaucratic red tape and get answers to their questions. Furthermore, I will work hard to bring government directly to residents of the 2nd District through periodic town hall meetings, newsletters, a web site and door-to-door visits throughout my term in office.

#### 4. Is there anything else you would like to say?

The 2nd District has a long tradition

of embracing progressive values. What has been lacking has been our ability to implement those progressive ideals as policy initiatives at the city level. I believe that my progressive philosophy coupled with my broad base of po-

litical/activist experience will enable me to make certain the shared values of the 2nd District are reflected and implemented in city policy and the pursuit of social justice.

For more information on these and other issues, please refer to my website at www.voterex.com.

#### -Rex Loehe

#### Mornings (from page 3)

vorite, a piece we came to call "Furry Lisa," or the Hirsuit Girl. (It was months before I read the title on the musical arrangement and found it was really "Fer Elisa.") But, you see, what makes this a modern tale is that I have a job as well.

I won't bore you with the gruesome details, but somewhere in there I had to have a shower too-a very chilly shower. And breakfast has now become Poptarts and Coca Cola-nah, but it does perhaps lack at least one major angle of the food triangle-the one that calls for edible substances in the food. And getting out the door, well, just peruse the following dialogue:

Curly: Where are my keys?

Me: They are on the keyrack.

Curly: Where is my Palm Pilott?

(Note to readers: when I typed "PalmPilot," a freaky little message just popped up on my computer screen suggesting a "Pilot Desktop Icon"! It's the same annoying little noodge that pops up when I start to type a dang letter-a

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#### **Safety Committee**

In chairing the Safety Committee for the TLNA, we are keeping a list of concerns expressed to us. We recently had the opportunity of speaking with a number of our neighbors in preparation for the March 15 meeting with the Madison Police at the TLNA Meeting.

While the concerns cover a range of issues, it is important not to dismiss any of them out of hand. The variety of problems is a symptom of some of the larger influences on the neighborhood, and it is important to monitor them as we find solutions. It is also important not to minimize any problems that may not affect individuals directly and, at bottom, not to accept any crimes and illegal behavior as inevitable.

The main issues are as follows:

Vandalism, including vandalism to private property and vandalism to businesses.

Damage to cars, including car burnings and the theft of attached plows.

Tagging and graffiti on both public and private surfaces.

Speeding on East Gorham and East Johnson.

Speeding by city vehicles and busses

Disregard for pedestrians at cross-walks and near schools.

Noisy parties.

Illegal parking, including parking that blocks intersections and crosswalks.

Lack of enforcement for speeding, vandalism, and other illegal activities.

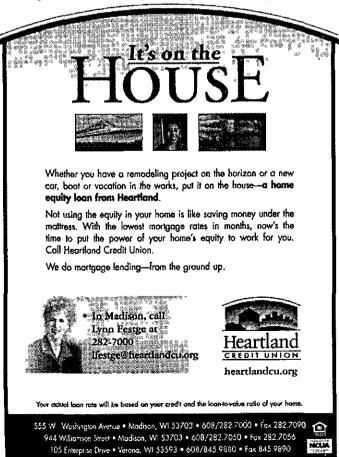
To address these and other concerns, we have invited Captain Cole, Lieutenant Stephanie Bradley Wilson and Licutenant John Davenport to the TLNA meeting on Thursday, March 15. We have already met with them at a meeting the Madison Police convened to discuss issues in the Central District of Madison, that is, police districts 401 to 410, which extend from the west end of campus, south to Meriter Hospital, and

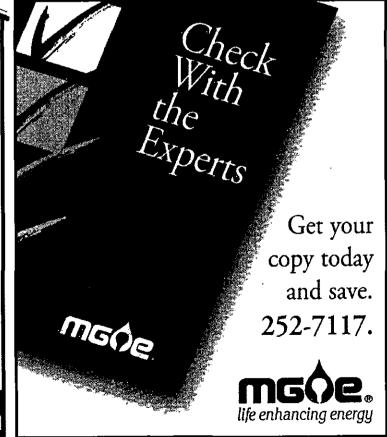
east to Atwood Avenue. In representing the TLNA at this meeting, we raised the issues listed above and discussed some of the challenges other areas are facing. While the police will discuss the issues in more detail, it became clear in the meeting that improvements will never occur without an awareness of the problems and citizen involvement in reporting issues to the police.

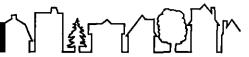
Again, call 255-2345 for non-emergency numbers. This number is staffed by individuals who are not police officers, who prioritize calls for the them.

If you do not receive a timely response, you should call again. Some calls, such as noise complaints, will disappear after an hour, and it is important to call back if the problem persists. Other complaints are, by necessity, prioritized differently. Of course, call 911 for any life-threatening emergencies.

The police need to know our concerns and issues. Please plan to attend the meeting on March 15 to learn about (see **Safety** Committee on next page)







#### Safety Committee (from page 12)

their initiatives and to discuss our neighborhood with the officers listed above.

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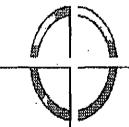
#### **Bad Movies for Guys**

Hey fellas ever want to go to a movie, but that significant person in your life looks down their nose at your suggestion. You know the kinda flick I'm talking about. Bad movies men have a vague interest in viewing occasionaly. I know "bad" is a rather suggestive term. I'm sure we have reasonably correct sensibilities so I'm not too worried about our selections.

These movies are often renowned for their one liners, action sequences and arrested character development. A neighborhood friend (the neighbor will remain nameless to protect his wife and two lovely children) and I went to one of these movies recently and we had a sporting good time. A beer before (or after) definitely enhances the experience. The \$2.50 end of run venue is preferred unless the big screen is essential.

If you're interested in attending a bad movie with me and my nameless friend give me a call. It's Ed at 244-8847. So strap on the nitro and I'll buy the first beer. The balcony is always open for the curious.

-Ed Jepsen



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All people are welcome to these and other events. For more information on these and other activities, come by the church office or call 257-4845. Website: www.cpcmadison.com

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#### Lead Pipes: The Continuing Saga

Are you one of the....oooh four thousand people or so.....who hasn't returned your lead pipe survey to the Madison Water Utility? Well, they are going to give you a second chance! Of the 12,000 surveys sent out about 8,100 surveys have been returned. The survey will help the Water Utility staff census the numbers and locations of the lead pipes on the private end of the distribution system.

Why bother? Well for one it will help you determine whether you should have a concern about lead in your drinking water. That might be useful information for you and your loved ones.

Second, lead pipe replacements on both the utility and customer sides of the water distribution system are estimated to cost \$30 million. Staff from several city agencies are trying to figure out the least expensive and most efficient way of getting the job done over the next ten years. One method they have been using is to time pipe replacement with road and sewer repairs as much as possible. For example, all

other things being equal a street with poor pavement conditions and high numbers of lead pipes will be given more emphasis than a byway with just poor pavement. Reporting lead pipe status may help us get a few more streets paved in the neighborhood. Think broadly friends; when we redo the pavement we get better streets, improved storm water drainage and the possibility of more traffic calming measures to slow the cars. That should make the neighborhood a bit more liveable. It's in our collective best interest to use the process to our advantage.

Third, there is a pesky matter of a fine, but let's not go there.

What do we know about the lead pipe census to date? Well with two thirds of the residents reporting citywide we know we have 548 lead pipes on the utility side of the distribution system and even more on the customer side in our neighborhood. The data is being placed on a GIS computer map and the number of pipes by street segment is being used to plan the replacement schedule. Only

a handful (less than ten) in our neighborhood currently fit the description of high priority, that is they are a day care or a facility serving the public. These homes/buildings will need to replace the lead pipes within the next three years. All lead pipes will need to be replaced by 2010.

Remember we will all be paying a small amount, several dollars per year, on our sewer bills to fund the reimbursement program. This program reimburses the property owner 50% of the lead pipe replacement cost up to a maximum \$1,000 per building. The reimbursement is retroactive to 1992 so hang on to those receipts.

So keep those cards coming folks!

-Ed Jepsen

#### Mornings (from page 13)

paperclip with Groucho Marx eyebrows that says in his dialogue bubble "It looks like you are typing a letter. Need help?"-it's darned unnerving if you ask me. Do I look stupid?)

Curly: Where is my Palm Pilot? (happened again.)

Me: Try your brief case. (A Palm Pilot organizes one's life. Do you see a problem?)

Curly: Have you seen my keys? So then Curly slams out the door.

Mo: Mo-oo-o-o-m? Have you seen my Math book? (I heard the dulcet sound of something "tipping.")

Me: Yes. It's very attractive.

Mo: Never mind. Have you seen my hat?

Me: Also nice looking.

Mo: Mo-o-o-o-om!!!! (with

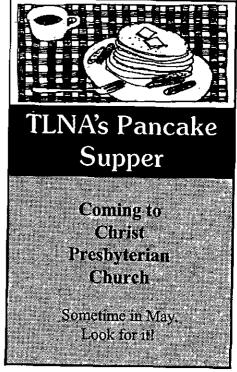
eyerolling and exasperation.)

Then, my world returns to normal as I watch Mo slip out the door-and I do mean slip-we use more salt than Jay's potato chip factory and still it's a rink out there.

Me: (to the cats) Where's my schoolbag?

So I don't know if I could fold a paper fifty times for any reason-that may indeed be the trick. In fact, I feel lucky to just have time to READ a paper these mornings. And about that shower gridlock. I know all about the shrieking and the boiling water bath-but I still don't know where the beeping came from.

-Gay Davidson-Zielske



#### **Look Out - Interest Rates Are Falling!**

s most homeowners are aware, the interest rates on home mortgages have dropped significantly over the past few months to levels that have not been seen since early 1999. You may be missing out on significant savings if you are continuing to pay your mortgage at a higher interest rate. For example, if you borrowed \$150,000 to purchase your home last year using a fixed or adjustable rate mortgage, chances are your interest rate is over 8%. Right now, you could borrow that same \$150,000 at an interest rate around 7%. By refinancing your current mortgage, you could save over \$100 per month on your mortgage payment. This savings would more than pay for any closing costs that go along with refinancing your mortgage.

There are two types of refinancing that all homeowners should consider. The first kind is what is called a rate/term refinance, when you simply "pay off" your existing mortgage balance with a new mortgage at the lower interest rate. You also can use a rate/term refinance to shorten the term on your existing mortgage. For example, a 30-year fixed rate mortgage could be refinanced using a 15-year mortgage, a change that can often save you thousands of dollars in interest payments over the life of the loan.

The second type of refinance loan is the cash-out refinance, in which you, the homeowner, can essentially add on to your existing mortgage and finance a new, larger loan amount, receiving cash back in order to finance home improvements, consolidate debt, save for college tuition, pay for a new car, etc. Keep in mind, however, that most lenders will have limits on the amount of equity that you can use for this type of loan. Besides the monthly savings that can result from a cash-out refinance, the biggest advantage can often be the tax-deductibility. The interest that you pay on your mortgage is tax-deductible, so paying for the examples above will often

bring you a better tax benefit than dipping into your savings or investments to make the same purchases.

Clearly, refinancing your current mortgage can save you money, but you are probably wondering about what costs may be involved. Most of the closing costs (between \$800 and \$1,000 for a conventional loan program) are standard for all loans, with the one difference being the cost for title insurance, which can vary from loan to loan. Note that any loan that exceeds 80% of the current value of your house will usually require you to pay Private Mortgage Insurance (PMI), which will increase your monthly payment. However, some lenders have creative financing solutions that can help you avoid PMI.

At this point renters may be wondering how they can take advantage of the lower interest rates. Now may be the time to start looking for that first house before housing prices rise in the springtime. But before you go looking, there are a few things that you should know to make your search go smoothly. First, meet with a mortgage loan officer to get pre-qualified for a mortgage loan. By doing this, you will know what you can reasonably afford to spend on a mortgage payment; you can then narrow your search to those homes in your price

range. Second, ask questions and take notes! It's hard to remember everything about the mortgage loan process, especially when it's your first time purchasing a home. Ask questions about the loan programs offered to you by each lender you visit-the notes that you take during these meetings will help you to consider which mortgage option and which lender is the right one for you.

As a new resident of the

Tenney-Lapham neighborhood, I have seen first-hand the tight bond that exists in the neighborhood and its residents strong commitment to constant improvement. As a home mortgage consultant at Wells Fargo Home Mortgage, my goal is to form close relationships with my customers and display a commitment to helping them achieve their financial goals. Because of this shared goal of helping others, I would like the Tenney-Lapham Neighborhood Association to benefit as well. Therefore, I will donate to the TLNA \$100 for each loan processed for a current TLNA resident. This way, the neighborhood as a whole can reap the benefits as well. If anyone has any questions regarding refinancing their current mortgage or is interested in purchasing a home or investment property, please feel free to call Anthony Finarelli at Wells Fargo Home Mortgage at any of the following numbers-Work (221-5000), Mobile (513-6767) or Home (251-6767) any time. Or, just stop by 1145 Sherman Avenue if you are in the neighborhood.

-Anthony Finarelli



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#### Housing

#### **Active:**

Address:	Bedroom:	Bath:	Price:
816 E Johnson St	3	1	\$119,000
1036 E Gorham St	2 Unit	1	\$127,400
1038 E Gorham St	2 Unit	1 -	\$137,500
314 E Mifflin St	2 Unit	1	\$150,000
1209 E Mifflin St	2	1.25	\$155,000
1339 E Johnson St	3	2.75	\$189,900
441 N Baldwin St	3	1	\$214,900
844 E Gorham St	2 Unit	1-2	\$225,000
752 E Gorham St	4	6	\$859,900

#### **Pending:**

(Accepted Offers that have not yet closed)

Address:	<b>Bedrooms:</b>	Bath:	Price:
1238 E Dayton St	4	1.75	\$183,900
807 E Johnson St	7 Unit	1	\$485,000

#### Sold:

Address:	List Price:	Sale Price:	Days on Mkt:
108 N Baldwin St	\$108,900	\$108,900	8
23 N Baldwin St	\$134,900	\$130,000	18
429 Sidney St	\$158,000	\$152,000	24
309 N Baldwin St	\$159,900	\$154,900	19
1212 Sherman Ave	\$549,000	\$540,000	3
834 Prospect Pl	\$699,000	\$645,000	396

The above statistics were compiled by Shelly Sprinkman of Restaino Bunbury & Associates. If you have any questions as to what your home may be worth please call Shelly at 232-7737.

The next meeting dates for the Tenney-Lapham Neighborhood Association Council are Thursday, March 15 and Thursday, April 19 at 7 pm in the community room of the Tenney Park Apartments, 301 N. Baldwin Street. You are welcome to attend and discuss any issues of concern to you. For further information, call Susan Duren at 255-3625

#### Wanted!!

Neighborhood couple interested in staying close, but are looking to upgrade their housing situation. Please call Ed or Kristin (244-8847) if you are thinking of selling your home or know a friend doing the same.

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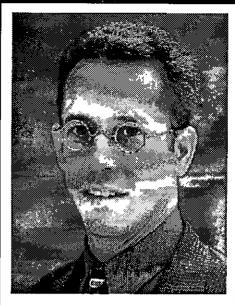
- ♦ 20 year resident of the Isthmus
- ▶ 1985 graduate, University of Wisconsin
- ♦ Over 12 years experience working in state and local politics
- Past Administrative Assistant for Dane County Head Start

#### **MEMBER:**

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### **VOTE APRIL 3RD**

I'm running for city council because I want the voice of second district residents heard, understood, and respected in city hall. I believe a big part of being effective is being available. That means responding immediately to your questions and concerns, keeping you up-to-date on city issues and keeping in constant contact with our three neighborhood associations. I am honored by the strong, early support in the Tenny Lapham Neighborhood. As we shift into high gear, I look forward to meeting you as I campaign neighborhood-to-neighborhood, door-to-door. I hope I can count on your support on April 3.

Brenda K Kuhul