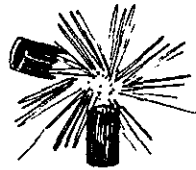




Tenney-Lapham newsletter

April/May 1984

Rays of hope, change shine on Johnson street



The TLNA devoted its March meeting to the business community of the 800 and 900 blocks of East Johnson, to focus attention on that area's future growth and stability.

Representatives of Burnie's Rock Shop, Cork 'n Bottle, James Cheeks' Mercedes Benz Service Shop, Mildred's Sandwich Shop, Spruce Tree Music and Repair, The Weaving Workshop, and Whole Earth Natural Foods met with the neighborhood Board, Ald. Pam Wrzeski, and Mark Koppelkam from the Tenney-Lapham Corporation.

The meeting provided a forum for strategies for maintaining the diversity and quality of services provided by the business community. The discussion covered a wide array of topics, including future space needs, more parking, physical improvements along the street such as bike racks, better garbage pick-up, ice-free sidewalks and new sidewalk construction, night-time safety and especially the need to work together on specific concerns.

Several business representatives expressed the need for more space to expand, without having to leave the neighborhood. As a result of the meeting, some viable possibilities are already being discussed, and future meetings are in the works.

Thank you are in order for the TLNA Board, Ald. Wrzeski, and Mark Koppelkam for their encouragement and help in getting us organized and on the road to keeping the business community a vital and exciting part of the neighborhood.

Teena Browder

New trees, lagoon dredging on tap at Tenney Park

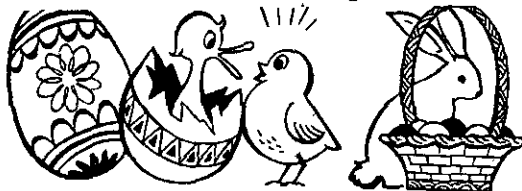
In January, 1984, the city Parks department began removing the dead trees (about 40) from Tenney Park. The tree stumps will be removed during the summer. It is hoped that a tree replacement plan will be developed in the near future.

There is \$1,000 in the 1984 park landscaping budget that could be used for 12 tree plantings, to be placed in areas where some of the trees were moved.

The lagoon level will be lowered 4 inches this spring and the lagoon will be dredged this summer to further lower water levels. It is important for the remaining trees to be out of the water, to prevent damage to the root systems. If neighbors see trees standing in water after the lower water level has been established, please call Ald. Pam Wrzeski (266-4071).

Anyone interested in joining a tour of Tenney Lapham Park with Ms. Wrzeski and park officials to develop a long range plan for replanting of trees should call Pam at the above number.

Georgette Horne



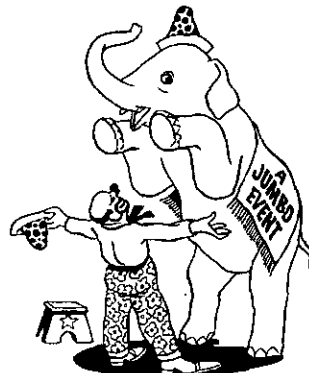
PIZZA! PIZZA!

PIZZA SALE BEGINS APRIL 8

The Tenney-Lapham Annual Pizza Sale, the major fund-raising event for the TLNA, will run through April 21.

Twelve-inch cheese pizzas will go for \$2.50, while 12-inch cheese and sausage or cheese and pepperoni pizzas will sell for \$2.75. Volunteers will blanket the neighborhood, taking orders and collecting pizza money at the time of ordering. Pizzas will be delivered, weather permitting, on April 28. Checks are payable to the TLNA. Delivery is tentatively set for the morning of the 28th, a Saturday.

For further information or to order pizzas, contact Judy Jones (257-1218), Ann Rulseh (257-8695) or Bob Park (256-7280). And don't forget to make room in your refrigerator



A Few Street Notes



BOOKS?? Let them eat videos!

"Free The Madison Public Library!"

So who's holding it captive? It's tempting to blame it on the new cost-conscious director, who recently proposed a series of user fees for certain books, film check-out, and services formerly provided free to branch libraries around the county. (Praise the Lord, a public outcry, especially in the small towns, put an end to most of these ideas.)

One could make a case against "hard times" or blame it all on "governmental inefficiency." Or merely say, as the Wisconsin State Journal did in a recent editorial, that taxes are already too high, so let users foot the bill for the needed \$26,000 (Or was it \$25,000?).

Geez, poor old Andy Carnegie would be rolling over in his grave if he heard such talk. Five years down the road, picture him looking down from his heavenly estate. "What??!! They're charging the kids a quarter to check out Winnie the Pooh??? And billing the Bag Ladies a dime to read the newspapers??!! Outrageous!!"

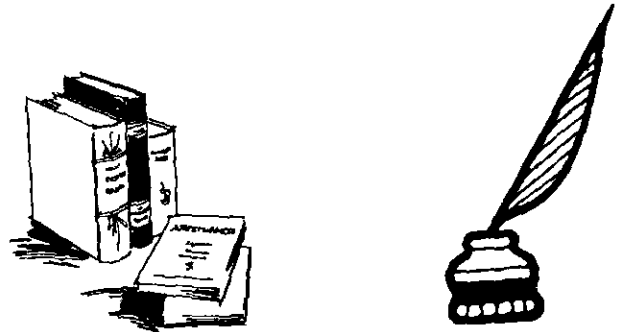
Yes Andrew, we heartily agree. After seeing the Bookmobile service gutted a few years back, and branch libraries open only on a limited basis, and the Main Library close its doors on Thursday and Friday nights, and.....

So what's going on here?? Is this really the Athens of the Midwest, which prides itself on its literate, informed, socially-aware citizenry? Are we ready to see a highly-respected library system gutted in the name of "Fiscal Responsibility"? So that we can save a few bucks a year in taxes, then pick up a Betamax video recorder out at TV Lenny's?

Not I, says Shakespeare. And Dante. And Faulkner. And Remingway. And Tolstoy. And Camus. And Whitman. And Proust. And not I, says me.

Do a little quick math. \$25,000? Holy Gosh, that's about 40 cents per household for Madison taxpayers. A can of Coke. A bottle of cheap beer. A package of gum.

Such a deal.




"Hello, Hello. This is Few Street calling. Is anyone out there? Hello, Hello..."

All right, so they did it better from Lawrence, Kansas, in "The Day After." But a plea's still a plea. Are any of you out there? And do any of you read this newsletter? Our staff of faithful workers, including assistant editor Bob Kann, typist Paul Fieber, and myself still await our first human contact on how we're doing. (Aside from a few pats on the back from the TLNA council members). We're still waiting for our year's first letter to the editor, or bristling complaint about something dumb we've done, or a misspelled name. ANYTHING! How about a few cute jokes for the Kid's Page? Or outrageous puns?

While trying to convince a local merchant to re-up on his ad, he grumbled something about, "Is it worth it? Do people read it? If they did, why don't they support local businesses more faithfully?" I assured him, as best I could, that yes, the ad was worth the small cost. And of course people read our newsletter. But I got stuck on that last one. I guess we all feel unloved, from time to time.

David Wallner

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And now a word from the president



We're pleased to be supporting and encouraging the efforts of Cork 'n Bottles' Teena Browder and others to organize the businesses in the 800-900 blocks of East Johnson. Keep up the good work.

Here's a welcome, in advance, to the first Tenney-Lapham Tulip, wherever it should spring up. Not long now!

Other events to watch for - TLNA will hold a Rummage Sale on the second Saturday in June. See the next Newsletter for exact time and place. Items should be in fairly good condition, and should be priced and labeled.

We're keeping an eye on the overcrowding situation at Marquette School, and we'll keep you posted on developments. Let me know if you would like to be actively involved, either as a parent or as a concerned citizen. For those of us who protested against the closing of Lapham five years ago, the irony is not lost.

Believe it our not, Spring is just around the corner - and so is TLNA's Annual Pizza Sale. This is a major fundraising event for us, and helps to finance the various activities we sponsor throughout the year. The pizzas, delicious as always, can be eaten right away or kept frozen. What could be better to have on hand for a family or friends? This is a good chance to help your association and stock your refrigerator at the same time.

The Isthmus School Planning Council, representing parents and organizations in both the Tenney-Lapham and Marquette neighborhoods, met on March 15th to discuss the future of our neighborhood schools. We will keep you informed of developments.

Right now, we need to know how many pre-school children, born since 1979, are now living in the TLNA area, as an update to the most recent (1980) Census.

If a TLNA member has not contacted you personally, and if you have, or know of, any pre-schoolers on your block, please contact Judy Jones at 257-1218, or Martha Gordon at 257-7061.

The Tenney Nursery and Parent Center, at Lapham School, is planning a raffle to be held on Friday, June 1. The proceeds will be used to purchase and install playground equipment at Lapham. Tickets will cost \$1 and will be on sale later in the spring. Businesses and others are urged to donate prizes. Volunteers will also be needed to help with ticket sales. For more information, please call Ed Jepsen at 241-1652

Martha Gordon

Braille

volunteers needed

Volunteer Braillists will again be offering a 1-year course for the sighted to teach the transcription of print into Braille. We urge you to consider this worthwhile community service for the blind. If you are interested, please contact Marilyn Padley (249-5528) or Sue Clark, weekday mornings at our VBI office, 231-1966.

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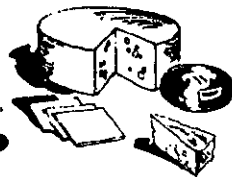
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A Capitol Idea



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Clarenbach pushes state health care coverage

March 1984

Our nation is still experiencing a serious economic crisis, and it is clear that one of the major contributors to our ever-escalating cost of living today is a health care system based largely on the profit motive.

America continues as one of the only major industrialized countries without a comprehensive health care system regulated or controlled by the state. If we ever hope to attain the goal of wellness in America, it will only be through a thoughtful and creative alternative, based on progressive principles, that health care is a right and not a privilege -- that access to proper health care shall not be based on one's ability to pay.

The poor and elderly, and now the unemployed, especially, are victims of the institutions that make up health care. Government, over the last several decades, has taken steps to fill this gap through public assistance programs like Medicare and Medicaid. Wisconsin acknowledged the cost burden for state employees by locking HMO's into the worker health insurance programs.

Yet, the Legislature must address the concept of health care for all -- regardless of wealth, or access to insurance, or standing in society. The principles of the state-run life insurance program should provide a model for our creating a comprehensive health system for Wisconsin citizens organized by the state.

I have proposed AJR 76 as the major interim study of such a plan. This resolution calls for the Legislative Council, the independent research arm of the Legislature, to study the feasibility of providing health care coverage to all state residents. Passage of this proposal is crucial if health care is to be considered a right rather than a luxury.

David Clarenbach
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Don't forget that you are all welcome to attend the TLNA's monthly board meetings. They are held on the second Thursday of the month, usually from 7-9 p.m. This month's meeting will be held on April 12 at the Christ Presbyterian Church, 944 East Gorham. The next meeting is set for May 10, but call a board member for exact location, or if you'd like a specific item put on the agenda.

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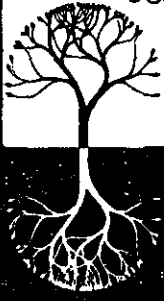
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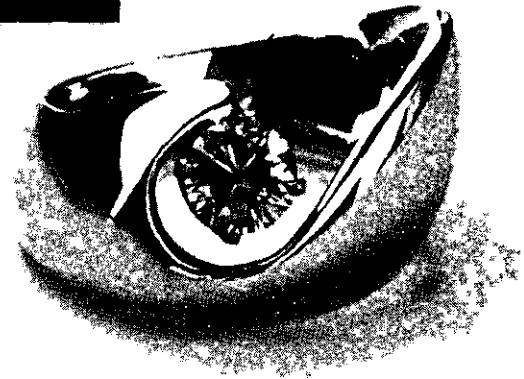


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