



Tenney-Lapham newsletter

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EMS: Whom Will It Serve?

By Shaun Abshere

Six months and more than \$1.2 million in city expenditures from now, a city social worker will send the first of many homeless men to Madison's new 75-bed Emergency Men's Shelter, a rehabilitated warehouse at 1001 E. Washington Avenue.

According to Mary Charnitz of the city's Division of Social Services, the man will be at least 18 years old, single and not a student, nor will he be one of the community's Chronically Mentally Ill. He likely will be a Madison public assistance client or one of the transient poor. If not, he might be employed or receiving disability income, but he will have earned less than \$265 during the previous month. He will be down and out.

Robert Hintz, director of Catholic Social Services for the Madison Diocese, believes it won't be unusual for the city to send 15 men per day to the shelter. His estimate was confirmed by Marcus McCoy, resident services director at the Central YMCA, site of the current shelter facility.

The shelter's manager, an employee of CSS,

will explain its rules to the new resident. According to Hintz, those rules will include:

- * the resident must share his room with one or more other men;
- * he cannot possess or use drugs or alcohol in the EMS;
- * women cannot visit him in his room; and
- * he must find long-term housing within the next 30 days.

Assigned a room and bed on one of the EMS' two floors, the new resident will next meet that floor's residential assistant (another CSS employee) who will help him settle in and adjust to his fellow residents and monitor his compliance with EMS rules.

Though now temporarily sheltered and fed, this man remains either a poor person passing through Madison (one of five shelter residents at the Center Y is a transient), unemployed, on

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Campaign Note

It is the policy of TLNA not to endorse or support any candidate for public office.

In the recent campaign for District 2 alderperson, our membership list was inadvertently made available to one of the candidates. In fairness, our Executive Council decided that the other candidate should be able to share this information.

We regret this occurrence and will make every effort to avoid its happening again.

T-L Rummage Sale

It's time again to sort through your basement, attic and closets for all those toys, games, books, appliances and other items that you'll never use again.

The Tenney-Lapham Neighborhood Association will hold its annual rummage sale at Christ Presbyterian Church, at 944 E. Gorham, on Saturday, April 27.

Items for sale should be delivered to the church between 8 and 9 am on the 27th. Each item should be priced by the seller and should have the seller's name attached.

Three-fourths of the proceeds will go to the seller. The remainder will help TLNA to fund the newsletter and contribute to neighborhood activities.

Please call Ann Rulseh at 257-8695 for an instruction sheet.

TLNA Buys Engraving Tools

TLNA has purchased a pair of engraving tools for participants in the Neighborhood Watch program.

The engravers are available from David Mandehr of 455 Few St. at 256-5882. Neighborhood Watch members can use the tools to engrave their appliances, bicycles and other personal property with their driver's license, Social Security or other identifying number.

Richard Linster of 432 Sidney St., who is acting chair of the TLNA Neighborhood Watch

Committee, led a meeting of some 30 neighborhood residents on December 20 at Lapham School to discuss the program. Also at the meeting were Madison Police Officer Gary Smith and Mayor Joseph Sensenbrenner.

To establish a neighborhood watch, half the residents of the length of a block must agree to participate in crime reporting and the engraving of their property.

A police representative will then meet with watch members to answer any remaining questions and give them tips on how to report detailed information regarding a possible crime to the police. The representative also will issue stickers for front and back doors identifying those households as participants in a recognized watch program.

"They're not asking people to sit out with a pair of binoculars to look for trouble," Linster explained. "They just want people to keep their eyes open."

"They'd rather have too many calls or some false alarms than to deal with a crime after it's been committed."

Police records show that for the first 11 months of last year, Tenney-Lapham had six sexual assaults, 36 home burglaries and one child enticement. For the month of February this year, the neighborhood had two reported thefts from a car or residence and one from a residence, one sexual assault and five burglaries.

Linster urges residents to become involved to organize their block and welcomes calls about the watch program at 251-1937.

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public assistance or recently released from a public institution. To help him, the city will assign a social worker. If he resides or intends to reside in Madison, the social worker will help him find long-term housing. If he is unemployed, the social worker will help him find a job.

Hintz said that to avoid duplicating city services, the nine EMS staff members (a manager and two residential assistants for each of three eight-hour shifts daily) will concentrate on helping their new client abide by the rules and with other residents. The staff will emphasize to the residents that they must regard the shelter as a brief midpoint between no housing and long-term housing in the community.

If time and budget permit, Hintz added, the EMS staff may help residents gain access to food pantries, food stamps and assistance for emotional, medical and financial problems. According to the Y's McCoy and his coworker, Resident Manager Gary Bauer, these are services which the city's overextended social workers are hard-pressed to provide but which are essential to a resident's successful transition to long-term housing. (The Central Y now provides these services at an additional contract cost paid by the city and the United Way. The Y's decision to close its shelter forced the city to provide an alternate facility.)

Last September, Madison Community Resources Coordinator Bruce Newton sent to 36 local organizations a request for proposal for an emergency men's shelter. The next month, an emergency shelter committee of city, county and United Way representatives was formed to review the proposals that had been submitted and recommend a site, developer and facility operator.

In March the city's Common Council selected the EMS site development proposal submitted by Jerome J. Mullins and Associates, 401 N. Carroll St. To operate the shelter for the next five years, the council selected Catholic Social Services, 2702 International Lane. Both decisions enacted the recommendations submitted in March by the emergency shelter committee.

According to Newton, the city is now appraising the East Washington site to decide whether to purchase or acquire a long-term lease on the property. If the city buys the property, its rehabilitation must be put out for bid, which would likely delay completion until after June 1. If the city leases the site, developer

Mullins can avoid a lengthy bid process and deliver a rehabilitated facility sooner.

Having won the Common Council's approval in principle, CSS must now negotiate with the city's Department of Social Services on the details of its contract and budget. The agreements they reach must then be enacted by the Common Council.

CSS must also negotiate with Mullins on the details of the EMS design. In particular, Hintz wants to air-condition the entire shelter, rather than just the congregate rooms (dining hall, recreation room, etc.). His reason: when hot weather settles on Madison, he wants EMS residents to have a strong incentive to come into the cool, rather than seeking it in the streets, parks and taverns of the local neighborhoods.

Regardless of how Hintz and Mullins resolve this and other design issues, Hintz believes the EMS opening will be postponed until August 15 or later.

Hintz, Mayor Joseph Sensenbrenner and the Common Council agree that an EMS advisory committee must be formed. Hintz suggests that its membership should include the 2nd and 6th District alderpersons as well as representatives from both the Marquette-Williamson and Tenney-Lapham Neighborhood Associations, Madison Police Community Relations, CSS, DSS and other interested groups.

Shelter Recommendations

I think we should press the mayor to form an EMS advisory committee as soon as possible. Important decisions that will determine the success and neighborhood impact of the EMS are being negotiated without our direct input.

We should press the mayor to add funds to the CSS operating budget to provide additional social services at the EMS. Both McCoy and Bauer at the Central YMCA believe such services will increase client success and reduce any problems in our neighborhoods.

Also, we should press the mayor to study the feasibility of air-conditioning the entire EMS.

And last, I believe we should postpone our judgment and quell our prejudices against housing the poor among us. Those who know and work among these people agree that most seek not trouble but a better life. Those who know and work among us would say the same about us. Surely we should not so quickly fear men with whom we hold that desire in common.

Shaun Abshere

Tenney Park Improvements

Tree planting, a volleyball court and more trash containers are planned for Tenney Park this year. Madison Parks Superintendent Daniel R. Stapay outlined the improvements in a recent letter to TLNA President Martha Gordon. His remarks were in response to a letter from Tibi Light of 1225 E. Dayton St. with questions, concerns and suggestions about the park from herself and other neighborhood residents.

Stapay agreed with Light that the park's tree population is dwindling. "We are attempting to regrade the entire park on most of the really low area over the period of a year," he wrote. "We have \$10,000 this year for that area, and it will be replanted. We had to wait for the lagoon rip-rapping along the shore to be completed before we return with the replanting addition."

Since his letter Stapay has told Gordon that the city has sufficient funding for a volleyball court in the park. The site of the court will be decided after his staff meets with a representative of the neighborhood.

More refuse containers will be placed in the park, and the city's maintenance sections will continue to empty all barrels on a daily basis, Stapay said. Repair and painting of the children's play equipment are scheduled for this spring and summer. Stapay said the city has an agreement with the county public works department to harvest lake weeds three times each season of weed growth. It was his understanding that the city could not expect additional cuttings.

Light had suggested that the backboard be moved outside the park's tennis courts to allow people to use it when the courts are in use.

Stapay said the backboard, which was built last year at a cost of \$5,000, cannot now be moved, and moving the wall would cost more than building a new backboard.

"There is some concern whether there would be room for a practice board outside the tennis court," Stapay said. "Also, more money would be needed for resurfacing and lights."

Stapay suggested his department's planning staff meet with Gordon at Tenney Beach to study the problem of rocks in the swimming area. According to John Bell of 423 Sidney St., who was a lifeguard at the beach for the past three summers, the rocks are an inherent problem of the site and will continue to work their way to the top of the lakebed as beach sand is washed out into the lake. Adding more sand to the rocky areas—a measure which the state's Department of Natural Resources opposes for ecological reasons—would only be a temporary solution. Bell suggests beach users avoid the middle section of the beach, where rock concentration is greatest.

A Note to Older Residents

The Madison School/Community Recreation Department has a new list of programs for older adults. Activities include card games, enrichment programs, movies, tours and exercise classes. For more information, call Wilbur Johnson at the Madison Community Center, 266-623, or Martha Gordon at 257-7061.

Copies of the booklet "Over Sixty," with lists of activities and services and special discounts for Dane County senior citizens, are still available from Roberta Paterson of the Near East Side Coalition for Older Adults at 257-3322 or by calling Martha Gordon.

The booklet is a valuable resource, and if you have a copy, please tell your friends about it.



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Tenney-Lapham shoppers with an eye for something different needn't look far. Vision d'Afrique at 708 E. Johnson St., offers a wide selection of unusual hand-crafted goods from Africa.

Items for sale include framed pictures and designs from the Central African Republic made entirely of butterfly wings; woven baskets from Botswana; leather goods from Morocco and Nigeria; dresses from Senegal; handbags from Kenya; fabrics and carvings from Tanzania; and "talking" drums, carvings, sandals, dresses and fabrics from Togo and the Ivory Coast.

The store also sells shagari hats from Nigeria, jewelry, dashikis, sweaters, cook books of African recipes, steel drums, wooden flutes and hand-painted plant holders.

Vision d'Afrique also carries a selection of record albums from Africa and the Caribbean.

The store is run by Pierre Gbedey, a native of Togo on the southern coast of West Africa, who guarantees the authenticity of his merchandise. He opened the store in March, 1981, at 2609 E. Johnson St., and moved to its present location the next year.

Despite suggestions that he move the store to South Madison or some other more potentially

profitable location, Gbedey (pronounced "bay-day") says he's happy where he is. His compliment to the East Johnson business district comes from someone who's spent a good part of his life in transit.

Gbedey attended high school in Cannes and the University of Nice on the French Riviera and played professional soccer for six years with the Dynamos of Nice.

In 1961 he returned to Togo to work in its finance ministry as a tax officer, leaving some five years later when a coup d'etat toppled the country's government.

Gbedey settled in Madison in 1973. In the mid-70's he coached soccer at East High School, and currently he coaches three teams in the Madison Capital League for adult players. A back room of the store serves as both a business and coach's office. On a wall of the office hangs a poster of the legendary Pele, whom Gbedey considers a good friend. Gbedey played against Pele and the Brazilian Santos team twice in 1971 in Marseilles as a member of an African all-star team.

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Tenney Lapham Corp. News

Mildred's Reopening May 1

Mildred's Sandwich Shop, part of an extensive redevelopment of the 827-835 section of E. Johnson Street by the Tenney-Lapham Corporation, plans to reopen May 1.

The shop, at 827 E. Johnson, now has almost three times its former seating space. New tables, booths and kitchen equipment will be installed soon, and plans have been made for outdoor dining at the rear of the shop during the summer.

Kathy Keil and Nels Nelson opened the shop in 1977, naming it after a 1944 movie with Joan Crawford about the owner of a chain of restaurants. Jim Glueck of 1315 E. Dayton St., working through Design Coalition, provided architectural services for the remodeling, and the shop will be accessible to the handicapped.

The \$60,000 remodeling also created two, one-bedroom apartments on the upper floor of the building. The rear apartment has already been

rented. Anyone interested in renting the other unit should call Mark Koppelkam, executive director of TLC, at 258-9060.

Koppelkam paid special mention to Georgette Horne, Richard Linster and Stan Wrzeski for their help in insulating the building on November 3. Wrzeski put in a 10-hour day "doing the toughest work of all--the same thing he does every day," and provided his attic insulation truck and materials at cost plus 10 percent.

The Tenney-Lapham Corporation, a neighborhood-owned, non-profit organization, spent about \$9,000 this fall in the renovation of the duplex apartments at 835 E. Johnson St. Improvements included rebuilt bathrooms, floor sanding, the installation of new carpeting and kitchen flooring and interior painting.

The building was bought in mid-September and rented two months later. Koppelkam said the four tenants have contributed substantially in the improvement of their apartments.

TLC had considered building a parking lot on the empty lot between Mildred's and the duplex. But studies with the city showed the metered spaces stood little chance of paying for the \$62,000 cost of the project.

Instead, the corporation plans to build a structure similar to 827 E. Johnson, a two-story, wood-frame building with commercial space on the ground floor and apartments upstairs. Koppelkam said TLC has made a tentative agreement with a developer for such a building, and the corporation's board will make a decision on those plans within the next month.

President's Notes

Ah, spring! Imagine doubting that it would ever come. Time to wash some windows, rake the yard, re-pot some depressed house plants . . . even clean the basement and shake out some carpets and find out what is in those eight boxes in the storage cupboard that haven't been looked at for years.

Rummage sale coming up. Gather together all those saleable odds and ends (and call the city, nervously, to find out how much trash they can handle at once). This leaves space for the winter boots and parkas and the collection of single mittens.

Making spring job lists is like making New Year's resolutions. When the list is written out, there's such a feeling of accomplishment that a rewarding break is in order.

So, out to sit in the sun, listen to the birds and watch the leaves unfolding. Greet old neighbors and meet new ones. Jobs? Maybe next weekend.

Martha Gordon

New 7 Week Session Starts April 11

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Lapham Playground

Last year the parents of Tenney Nursery and Parent Center (TNPC) at Lapham School decided the school's playground needed improvement. In May they raised \$1,500 in a sale of raffle tickets, many of them to neighborhood residents who are not members of the nursery center. The money they raised was matched by the Shaw Co., managers of the school building.

In five weekends last fall TNPC parents and neighborhood volunteers shoveled dirt, asphalt, wood chips and sand; built a tunnel, sand box and slide; and planted sod in the first phase of building a new playground at the school.

In February, the city's Day Care Unit awarded TNPC \$1,300 to build a play structure on the site. With additional money from the nursery, that project should be completed during a weekend in early May.

The Tenney-Lapham Neighborhood Association recently pledged money to build a swing area at the playground. The money will come from various TLNA fund raising efforts, including the recent pancake supper and the planned sale of t-shirts with the neighborhood's logo. Tenney-Lapham families interested in helping to build the play structure or swing area should call Vicki Abshere at 255-1734 and watch the newsletter for an update on the project.

Thanks to all who are making this playground a reality! It's good to see the Shaw Co. and the two community groups--TNPC and TLNA--working on this together.

Vicki Abshere

TLNA Hosts Pancake Supper

Well over 100 neighborhood residents enjoyed a pancake-and-sausage supper March 15 at Christ Presbyterian Church.

The larger-than-expected turnout left TLNA with a \$125 profit on the event, according to Georgette Horne, chief organizer of the supper.

"The only real problem we had was that we couldn't keep up with enough pancakes," Horne added. "If this becomes an annual event, we'll try to get another grill."

Horne extends thanks to Pastor Jack Johnson and the members of his church who helped TLNA members in the kitchen and with floor service, money collection and dish washing.

Community Action to Hold Training Workshops

Madison's Community Action Commission will sponsor a series of community training workshops this month at Lapham School.

The free workshops, aimed at persons of low and moderate income, are designed to provide skills that will help people participate more fully in their communities and the political processes which affect them.

David West of the Wisconsin Action Coalition will lead the workshop on "Grassroots Fundraising" at 7-9 pm on April 11. A program on "Running Effective Meetings" will be held 9 am to 12:30 pm on April 20. The workshop, led by Sharon Black of the Community Action Commission, is designed to increase citizen participation in community groups by improving the group's internal effectiveness.

Two workshops on "Public Speaking" will be held 7-9 pm on April 24 and May 1. Rosanne Platt Harvey of the UW-Extension will work to increase people's skills in presenting ideas before a group.

Child care for the workshops will be provided. Registration forms for the 20-25 places in each workshop are available from the CAC office at Room 308 in Lapham School or by calling 266-9720.



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New Move for Cork 'n Bottle

February 1 marked the 23rd anniversary of the Cork 'n Bottle Liquor Store's move from 924 E. Johnson St. to 823 E. Johnson. To celebrate the event the store moved again--to 855 E. Johnson.

"We've been in our new store for a month now, and the response has been terrific," said proprietor Teena Kaeser Browder. Teena's husband Joe and the other Kaesers--parents Ernie and Claire and sister Connie--also run the adjoining Butcher Shop at the corner of Johnson and Paterson.

"Having the two stores together makes it easier for the proprietors to run two businesses at once," said Teena. "Don't be surprised if the butcher who sells you a chicken turns up behind the counter of the liquor store next door."

The family invites neighborhood residents to stop by the Cork 'n Bottle and see the changes they've made at its newest location.

T-L Business Notes

Due to the frenzy of moving preparations, the regular report on the neighborhood business activities never made it into the January newsletter.

Things are still rather hectic, but we can't miss this opportunity to express our thanks to retiring alderwoman Pam Wrzeski. Pam has always been accessible to our small business community on East Johnson Street, and we are especially grateful for the evenings she devoted to helping us form our organization. We applaud her perception of us as a valuable part of the neighborhood and hope this attitude continues with her successor. He will have some large shoes to fill.

Thanks, Pam, and good luck in your next endeavor.

Teena Browder

UW to Perform 'Peter Pan'

The University Theater and the Opera of UW will present "Peter Pan" on April 25-28.

Performances at the Wisconsin Union Theater will be given at 7:30 pm on April 25, 26 and 27, with shows at 2 pm on the 27th and 28th.

Tickets are available at the Vilas Hall Box Office at 262-1500.

Support Group Offers Help To Care-Givers of Elderly

Feelings of guilt and anger will be examined at the next meeting of a care-givers' support group April 11 at Christ Presbyterian Church, 944 E. Gorham St.

Sponsored by the Dane County Aging Program, the monthly meetings offer support to persons under stress as caregivers to victims of Alzheimer's disease, strokes and senility. The group currently has about eight members, and its size is kept small to encourage participants to deal with their feelings toward the people in their care.

More information about the group is available from Shirley Coffman, county director of lifelong learning and aging at 266-4296.

Recreation Brochures

Brochures of the Madison School/Community Recreation Department's summer programs will be mailed to Tenney-Lapham residents in the last weekend of April.

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