



TENNEY-LAPHAM NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION

NEWSLETTER

AUTUMN 1993

BLOCK CAPTAINS START FALL MEMBERSHIP DRIVE

Last year TLNA established a Block Captain system in order to keep in closer touch with the neighborhood—on a block by block basis. About a dozen people volunteered to help the Neighborhood Council members cover every block in the neighborhood. Each Block Captain covers an area around their own house, so that they can

start with the people they know best—right next door.

Block captains are responsible for collecting annual membership dues (\$2/adult, \$1/seniors, \$5/business) and donations to our nonprofit Parks & Schools Fund, delivering flyers once in a while for social events or public forums, and gathering

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ANNUAL MEETING & SPAGHETTI DINNER

Thu., Sept. 23, 5:30-7pm
CPC Fellowship Hall
944 E. Gorham

Meet some new neighbors, and enjoy all the spaghetti you can eat (veggie or meat sauce). Please bring a side dish to pass (A-L: dessert; M-Z: salad). Juice, milk, and coffee will be provided. Admission: adults \$2.50, children (up to 12) \$1.

GARDEN TOUR

Sat., Sept. 18, 11am-3pm
Lapham School, 1045 E. Dayton
(Mifflin St. parking lot)

This year's tour will feature the gardens in the east half of the neighborhood—full of vegetables and vivid fall colors. Adults \$2.50, children (up to 12) \$1.

Lapham School Events

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OPEN HOUSE
Tues. Oct. 19, 7:00 pm

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See the story on page 3 for information about opportunities and amenities available in the Tenney-Lapham neighborhood—for new residents and old.

1993 TLNA NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL

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ELECTED GOVERNMENT REPRESENTATIVES

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|----------------|------------------|--------------------------------|----------|
| City Council | David Wallner | 419 Jean St. | 256-2958 |
| County Board | Judy Wilcox | 620 E. Dayton St. #10 | 255-8913 |
| State Assembly | Tammy Baldwin | 100 N. Hamilton #314 | 266-8570 |
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| | P.O. Box 7882 | Madison, WI 53707 | |
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| | Russell Feingold | 8383 Greenway, Middleton 53562 | 828-1200 |

The Newsletter of the Tenney-Lapham Neighborhood Association is published quarterly and distributed without charge to all households in the Tenney-Lapham Neighborhood (delineated by Lake Mendota, North Livingston Street, East Washington Avenue, and the Yahara River). Requests for information regarding submissions and advertising may be directed to: TLNA, P.O. Box 703, Madison, WI 53701; or call Publicity Chair listed above.

NEIGHBORHOOD INFO

WELCOME TO THE NEIGHBORHOOD!

The Tenney-Lapham Neighborhood Association would like to welcome our newest neighbors to the neighborhood. Once the dust has settled from the great trauma of moving, new residents—both renters and owners—might appreciate some reflections on the nature of our little corner of the Madison community.

We hope that you will take advantage of the many unique opportunities for recreation and enrichment that our neighborhood offers, while being careful to respect each other's peace of mind. Since our community is composed of a healthy, heterogeneous mix of students and non-students, families with children and some without, as well as older, longtime residents, we all need to stay aware of and sensitive to the differing needs of our neighbors.

We are fortunate enough to have several good-sized parks in the neighborhood: Tenney, Reynolds, and Giddings. Tenney Park, the biggest and best known, offers a variety of facilities for sports and other family activities. Recent improvements include new playground equipment and a butterfly garden planted and maintained by the neighborhood. Upcoming developments include a paved, wheelchair-accessible path weaving around the entire park.

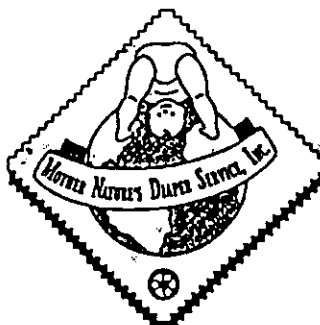
Reynolds Park, between Dayton and Mifflin in the 800 block, has large open spaces, backstops, and goals for softball and soccer. One of the best-kept secrets in town is the fact that there are four tennis courts hiding on top of the water tank brick building at the west end of the park. The view of downtown and the Capitol is pretty nice, too. Giddings Park, at the end of Brearly Street, is a nice, quiet park with a new wheelchair, accessible pier. You can always

find a devoted clan of sunset worshippers down here on a fine summer night.

Of course, along with the pleasures of the parks comes responsible use. Pet owners should note that none of these parks is open to dogs. Elsewhere in the neighborhood, dogs must be on leashes, and dog walkers are responsible for bringing solid waste back home with them for disposal.

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public hygiene, we should mention that garbage and recycling pickup occurs early Thursday morning for Gorham Street and areas south of it, Friday morning for the area north of Gorham. City ordinances require that garbage be placed at the curb no earlier than 24 hours before pickup and empty containers should be removed within 24 hours after pickup. The city's recycling program picks up bound newspapers and flattened cardboard (no more than 6" thick), as well as glass bottles, tin/steel cans, and plastic bottles (milk, soda, water, and laundry-

type only) placed in the distinctive "MadisonPride" clear plastic bags. There are seasonal pickups of brush, leaves, and yard waste which are announced in the daily newspapers. You can call the Eastside office of the Dept. of Streets and Sanitation (246-4532) for more information about any of these services.

We hope that you take as much pride in your new homes as we do in the neighborhood. If renters have any problems with their landlords, they can always call the Tenant Resource Center (257-0143) for assistance. For other problems that might arise involving city services or possible ordinance infractions, our alder, David Wallner (256-2958), is very accessible and helpful.

Before you go driving off to the malls and supermarkets, be sure to check out the nice variety of goods available within walking distance, including everyday basics, like food and drink. Many who live in the

neighborhood also work here, either in shops or out of their homes. Check the pages of this quarterly newsletter for their advertisements and feature stories on them, and show them that you appreciate the good old-fashioned notion of shopping close to home. (It's also one way to discourage urban sprawl!)

Finally, we hope to meet you at one of the frequent neighborhood social events sponsored by TLNA. There is usually a fall spaghetti dinner (see cover), a winter potluck, a spring pancake supper, and a summer ice cream social—as well as an annual tour of neighborhood gardens! Most of these events are held at either Lapham School (1045 E. Dayton) or the Fellowship Hall at Christ Presbyterian Church (944 E. Gorham). Everyone is encouraged to join TLNA, get involved, and get to know your neighbors. It's one surefire way to feel right at home! (See membership form and info on page 5.)

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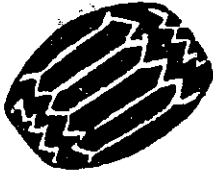
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MEMBERSHIP

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ideas for neighborhood improvement.

This year the Block Captains decided it would be best to coordinate a major membership drive in August and September, when the weather is best and many new people have just moved in. So you can expect a visit from your Block Captain sometime soon—if you haven't seen them already. You can always save some time (especially if you are out a lot) by mailing in the membership form in this newsletter or paying your dues at the Annual Meeting & Spaghetti Dinner.

If you would like to volunteer as a Block Captain yourself or if you need to know who your Block Captain is, you can call Ed Jepsen (255-4845) or Rob Latousek (255-6979).

JOIN TLNA!

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Scientific studies have shown that valerian is an effective sleep-aid and daytime anti-anxiety agent. In one sleep study, 54% of those

studied reported better and more satisfying sleep. There weren't any sleep "hangovers" the morning after either. Another study looked at students taking driving tests. The group, as a whole, was tense and nervous. Those that took valerian made far fewer mistakes than the placebo group.

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Landlords must give you a copy of the lease and all rules before you sign or pay any money. Bring the lease to the Tenant Resource Center. A housing counselor will help translate it into plain English. We'll review the lease with you and point out the following:

- Clauses that violate state rental regulations or city rental laws.
- Clauses that are not illegal but may diminish your rights.
- Clauses relating to security deposits, and whether they are in the proper form.
- Any clause that you have questions about.

We'll review a lease before or after you sign. You can make an appointment or just bring the lease in during normal office hours (10am-4pm weekdays and 5-8pm Mon/Tue). For more information or to schedule an appointment, call the Tenant Resource Center at 257-0006. Please note that our new address is 122 State St. # 507A.

ADMISSION PRICE INCREASES AT MADISON CHILDREN'S MUSEUM

As of July 1, 1993, admission at the Madison Children's Museum increases to \$3.00 per person for adults and children two years and older. This needed increase reflects the museum's commitment to offer families, schools, and youth organizations the most educational, artistic, and professional exhibits and programs possible.

The Madison Children's Museum is a private, nonprofit museum and does not receive any federal, state, or local funding. General admissions provide a substantial portion of the museum's annual operating budget.

Family memberships remain only \$30.00, and membership programs for family day cares also exist. The group rate remains at \$1.00 per person for groups of 10 or more people with advance reservations. The first Sunday of every month continues to be a free admission day.

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The purpose of Central City Family Day Care System is to provide high-quality child care in private family day care homes in central or near eastside Madison. To accomplish this purpose the System certifies that family day care provider members meet the City of Madison Certification Standards. These standards address issues of quality care that are not covered by state licensing or county registration.

The System also offers a number of services to providers, designed to raise the level of job satisfaction for care givers and to enhance the quality of the program they offer. These services include: large equipment loans (high chairs, cribs, double strollers, cots, etc.), large motor equipment and curriculum kits that rotate among providers, training, technical assistance, and referrals. System staff work with providers to help them meet and maintain the City Standards and to provide a regular relief time for providers every three weeks.

It has been Central City's experience that

caregivers affiliated with a family day care system tend to offer higher quality and more dependable care over a longer period of time than many unaffiliated providers. The System offers a **supportive network** for providers and helps to break the isolation many caregivers feel.

Parents also benefit from System affiliation. Parents using Central City Providers are assured that professional staff are in the providers' homes on a regular basis and that providers are consistently meeting the City Standards. Providers' programs are enhanced through use of a wide variety of System equipment and curriculum kits. Central City also gives referrals of providers who have current openings that fit the age of the child and the child care schedule needs of the parent(s). Central City staff are available to parents to discuss child care or parenting issues.

Currently, there is a very high demand for quality infant care. Sixty to seventy percent of requests for referrals each month are for children under twelve months of age. New providers just starting out can almost guarantee filling all their day care spaces if they are doing infant care. There has also been an increased trend in part-time care for infants. Central City now receives more calls from parents needing part-time care for children under two years old than from parents needing full-time care.

Family day care providers interested in System affiliation and parents in need of child care referrals can call Central City Family Day Care System at 251-1388.

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EDUCATION

On August 16-17 the staff, parents, and community members met to discuss 1993-94 School Improvement Planning for Lapham Elementary School. A mission statement was forged by the group, and outcomes in terms of achievement, participation, attitude, and climate were explored. Results are to be measureable, observable, and demonstrable.

The written record will be made available at a later date. I would mention that discussion was free-ranging, thought-provoking, eminently practical, and visionary. Our sessions were ably facilitated by Cathy Caro-Bruce, and to a remarkable degree all were heard. We will be looking for an enhancement of the school program and environment with greater participation of all and a partnership of school, family, and community.

There will be an Ice Cream Social held at Lapham School, September 14, 6:30 pm, and an Open House, October 19, 7:00 pm. Everyone is welcome to stop by and visit your school.

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LETTERS

In his Alder's Report in the Summer TLNA Newsletter, Mr. Wallner wrote:

"And in case you missed it, the Parks Commission agreed to preserve the two historic homes in the park."

The Parks Commission voted on April 14, 1993, to preserve both 640 and 646 E. Gorham on their sites, agreeing with the coalition of neighbors, preservation groups, and concerned citizens. The Parks Commission rejected the recommendation of the subcommittee which had been proposed by Ald. Wallner.

At the final meeting of the subcommittee on March 29, 1993, Mr. Wallner made the motion to:

- 1) seek buyers for either or both houses who would move them out of the park, and
- 2) if there were no acceptable proposals within a four-month timeframe, the city would continue to own and rent the houses.

Mr. Wallner's motion passed by a vote of 4-2. It was this recommendation that the Parks Commission declined to accept.

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ALDER'S REPORT

There it was again—on page one of the local newspapers: "Madison Ranks in Top 10 Among U.S. Cities for Quality of Life." Those of us who have lived here for a time may have felt a surge of pride, then shrugged, "But of course."

No, Madison isn't really Paradise. We've got our problems, and they require constant attention. But year in, year out, our little bit of turf earns its recognition as a very decent place to live. The surveyers and pollsters speak highly of our safe streets, our strong public schools, our beautiful parks and lakes, our excellent university, and our funky street life and arts scene. The naysayers might pick over the details ("Beautiful lakes??!! Look at those slimey lake weeds!"), but the big picture proves otherwise.

So take a small, humble bow, Madison. But let's not forget that this "quality of life" stuff doesn't just happen. It takes a lot of citizens who care enough about this city to make it work and shine and stay fit and healthy. Here are a few personal suggestions for nurturing our fair city:

- **Be a True Neighbor.** Join your neighborhood association. Volunteer to help in your kid's school. Throw a block party or neighborly picnic. Answer a Help Line phone a few hours a month. Pick up a few pop cans and litter in your neighborhood park.

- **Be a Watchful Eye.** Care about your neighbor's kids. Stroll around the block at night. Keep an eye open for vandals in our parks. Sponsor a

Neighborhood Crime Watch meeting. Keep a front porch light on at night. And never say, "Let the police do it. That's what we pay them for."

PARK NEWS— About three dozen new trees were planted by Parks staff in Tenney Park this summer, and a new berm was created to keep

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back the high water from the lake. The berm will be seeded this fall and used as a new walking path along the shore. New soccer goal posts are on tap for the Tenney island later this fall. The new accessible path on the island may have to wait till next spring because high water levels are preventing construction. Vandals have been damaging the historic Zimmerman Bridge off Sherman Ave. The police have been notified, and the bridge should be repaired in September. Contact the police department if you see any late-night bridge demolition in the park.

In other parks news, city engineering staff and the DNR are close to finalizing long-range plans for dealing with Demetral Field. That park was built over a former landfill, and new safety requirements mandated by the state may lead to a new clay cap and additional gas and water monitoring by the city. Similar efforts are occurring at other former landfill sites around the city, with a future price tag ranging in the millions. I

plan to sponsor a neighborhood meeting on this topic later this fall once the negotiations with the DNR are completed.

And finally, a word of thanks to Jay Huemmer of 211 N. Ingersoll. Jay has donated money to the city's People for Parks fund to plant two new trees in Reynolds Park along North Paterson Street. If you're interested in making a donation to add new trees, benches, or playground equipment in your favorite park, give me a call.

CIVIC RECOGNITION AWARDS—During my term as City Council President this past year, I initiated a new Common Council Civic Recognition Awards program. Alderpeople will nominate Madison residents who have made a special civic contribution through volunteer work in schools, neighborhood associations, or non-profit groups. Businesspeople and property owners may also qualify for making significant improve

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ALDER'S REPORT

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ments to aging buildings or by improving a neighborhood eyesore. I have nominated the following 2nd District residents for an award based on their neighborhood volunteer efforts:

- Ed Jepsen, Richard Linster, and Rob Latousek for their years of service with the Tenney-Lapham Neighborhood Association.

- Dolly Harman and Brian Goldsworthy for their outstanding work with the Old Market Place Neighborhood Association.

Congratulations to these five individuals, who have put in countless hours of work to make their neighborhoods a better place to live.

TRAFFIC SAFETY—I've spent several days

this summer working with Traffic Engineering staff on three issues.

1. Bicycle and Pedestrian Safety Coordinator Arthur Ross and I inspected the First St.—E. Johnson corner and the Fordem—E. Johnson intersection to try make those busy crossings safer for pedestrians and bikers. Options under consideration include new crosswalk markings and longer crossing time, especially at the First St.—E. Johnson corner. Final recommendations should be completed by this fall.

2. New yellow curb markings to improve visibility and new safety barrels should be installed at the S-curve on E. Gorham between Baldwin and Few Sts. And I've also contacted property owners about trimming back their trees and hedges at the Few St. crossing of E. Gorham, which is a dangerous corner for motorists and pedestrians alike. *(continued on next page)*

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3. A new overhanging stop sign will be installed on N. Brearly at E. Mifflin. Several people have called me about this corner, which is complicated by trucks parked while waiting to enter the dairy parking lot.

These changes should make these streets and intersections safer in the future.

PROPERTY IMPROVEMENTS—I've toured most of the district this summer on foot, in order to talk to constituents and to pinpoint building code problems that need correcting. Most of the housing stock in our 2nd District neighborhoods is in good shape, thanks to the hardwork and care of property owners. However, I did spot many buildings, especially those owned by absentee landlords, that need exterior work. I've also contacted the Engineering Dept. about needed sidewalk repairs. Many sidewalks on N. Hancock, Butler, Livingston, Blair, and Franklin need special attention. For the elderly and people with physical disabilities major cracks and bumps in sidewalks pose a real hazard, especially during the winter months.

MADISON METRO MEETING—Madison Metro staff are beginning a major study to overhaul routes and to improve service within the next year. In order to get user input, I'm scheduling an important district-wide meeting later in September. I've invited 12th District Al-

der Dorothy Borchardt and 6th District Alder Bert Zipperer to participate, so that we get a wide cross section of Eastside residents to attend. The date and location will be announced in the local newspapers and with flyers made available by Metro staff. Give me a call if you're interested in attending.

And speaking of bus service, Ald. Zipperer and I have discussed adding cross-Isthmus bus service to link up Marquette and Lapham school for parents and children trying to get between those two sites. I've also proposed starting a new service route for the Eastside, which would become part of the city's Localmotion system. We currently have two service routes—for the near Westside and the Southside—which use smaller, accessible buses that link up apartment complexes, health care sites, and shopping areas. These service routes are used frequently by the elderly as a substitute for Metro Plus service.

SENTRY CLOSING—Sentry is scheduled to leave the Fiore Shopping Center by late September, which leaves many Isthmus residents without a convenient grocery store. Many people in the Emerson and Tenney-Lapham neighborhoods use the Sentry store and have been able to walk or bike there for their groceries. Unfortunately, Sentry is following the trend of most chain grocery outlets in wanting to build much larger stores. I've talked to a representative of the Fiore company about getting a new grocery there, and they have made many contacts with other grocery outlets, but so far without success.

Letters and phone calls to the Fiore Company (255-5060) urging them to find a new grocer might help prove that there is strong neighborhood interest.

CITY BUDGET UPDATE—The Mayor's office and department heads are now working on the 1994 city budget. If you have suggestions about city services, street improvement needs, etc., give me a call at 256-2958.

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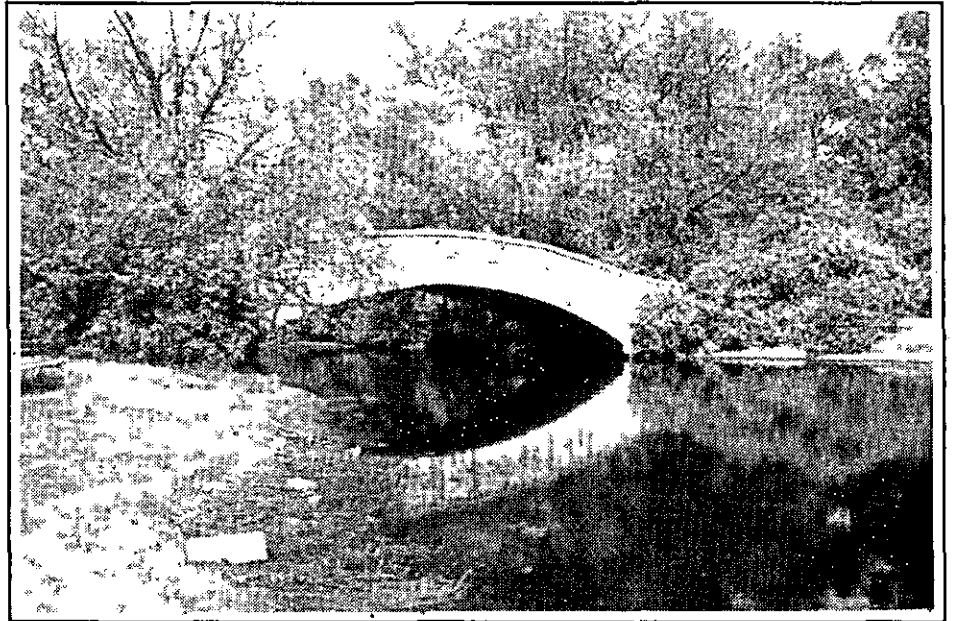
THE BRIDGES OF TENNEY PARK

Any recent visitor to Tenney Park has probably noticed the sad condition of the two older, masonry bridges in Tenney Park. The Marston Bridge, so named because it crosses the lagoon from Marston Avenue, was built sometime around 1915. It is probably the oldest bridge in Madison's oldest park. Although a simple, utilitarian structure, it may have been designed by the well-known Milwaukee firm of Ferry & Clas. It is one of only a few remaining elements of Tenney Park's original design and deserves to be restored. The north side of the bridge suffers from eighty years of freeze and thaw. The sun bakes the south side of

the bridge, causing the concrete to crack and crumble, exposing re-enforcement bar in places.

The stone A. G. Zimmerman Bridge was built in 1929 and

named after its benefactor Judge Arthur Zimmerman. It crosses the lagoon to the island from Sherman Avenue and has report-
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The Zimmerman bridge crosses the Tenney lagoon to Sherman Ave.



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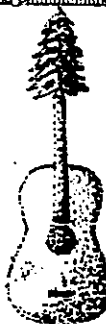
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edly been the target of gang vandalism. The bedding mortar of several coping stones to the eastern sidewall was substantially scraped away. Once the mortar was completely severed, some ten different limestone blocks were pushed off into the lagoon and nearby shore.

In my most recent walk over the bridge (August 19), I noticed that the bedding mortar to the coping stones of the western sidewall had now been substantially scraped away. It seems that whoever is at work here is diligently trying to repeat their accomplishments and push a whole new group of stones into the lagoon.

The Parks Dept. has responded to the urgings of the Tenney-Lapham Neighborhood Association and other individuals by amending an existing contract with the Wisconsin Restoration Co., who had recently been engaged to repoint the stone walls of Breese Stevens Field. The Parks Dept. responded quickly and issued a change order to include the restoration of the Zimmerman Bridge.

Vandalism to the Zimmerman Bridge remains a threat, however, despite efforts by both the Parks Dept. and the Police Dept. In an effort to make the bridge more visible to passers-by (including the police), some of the bushes around it have been removed. Perhaps, if area residents and park users keep their eyes on the bridge and reported anything suspicious to the police, we might be able to put a stop to these senseless acts of destruction.

In addition, the Parks Dept. will hopefully study the issue of restoring the Marston Bridge. At the very least, they should seal the south sidewall's many cracks to keep moisture from penetrating the structure, then freezing, thawing, and causing more damage. If you would like to see the Marston Bridge restored, please write to: Dan Stapay, Madison Parks Dept., 215 Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd., Madison, WI 53710.

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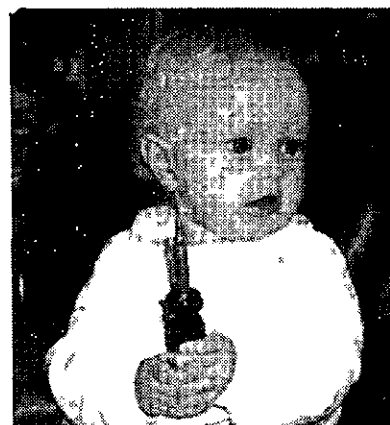
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