



Tenney-Lapham newsletter

January, 1985

Where to put Emergency shelter?

Where in central Madison to house and feed as many as 75 homeless, unemployed single men--sheltering each for up to 30 days--is a problem that Madison, Dane County and the United Way must solve by June 1.

After that date, the Central YMCA will not provide its facilities and staff. Based on decisions made so far, the city likely will locate this new emergency shelter (or shelters) on the near east side, within 11 blocks of the Capitol.

By mid-January an Emergency Shelter Committee was to recommend to the city, county and United Way a shelter site, a site developer and an emergency shelter operator. The committee already has selected the shelter operator--Catholic Social Services. Further, if the shelter is a single, 75 bed site, the committee has narrowed the alternative sites to four locations (listed from the most preferred to least preferred): 1001 E. Washington, 303 S. Paterson St., 100 S. Baldwin St., and 1049 E. Washington.

Prior to a Jan. 2 public hearing on these four sites, the committee was not considering a multiple-site solution. At that hearing, most of the 27 speakers opposed not only the proposed

sites, but also the shelter's size. The committee also was surprised to learn that County Executive Jonathan Barry might support a multiple-site shelter. Following the hearing, the committee decided to compare the costs and benefits of single versus multiple sites.

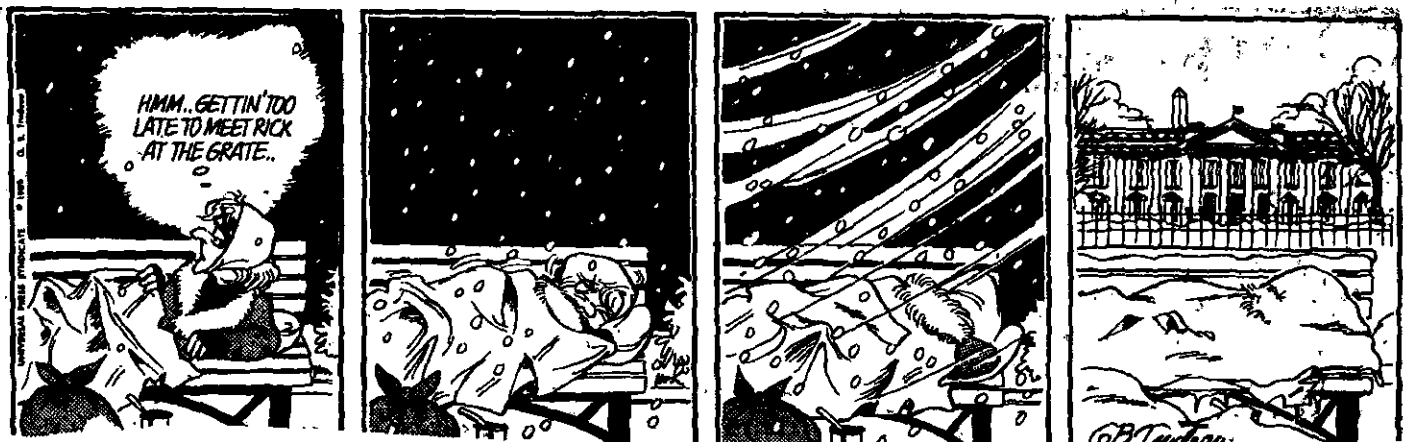
At the Jan. 2 hearing, I spoke for TLNA. I said that we neither supported nor opposed the proposed sites because we have not had sufficient information or time to evaluate their impact on our neighborhoods. I asked the committee to request that the city and county seek an interim shelter as well as grant the committee more time to develop its alternatives and seek greater neighborhood input to their work.

Whatever the committee's recommendations, the Common Council, County Board and the United Way Board must act to fund and implement them. Given the apparent rush to judgement on the emergency shelter problem, if TLNA decides to oppose (or seek changes in) the final site location recommendation, we likely will have to concentrate on these three governing bodies, rather than through the Emergency Shelter Committee.

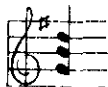
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BY GARRY TRUDEAU



A Few Street Notes



Those #!#?/? parking tickets!

There they were, 3 of them, scattered like new leaves lying in the gutter: the first wave of tickets for drivers along Few St. who forgot about the first night of the alternate side parking requirement. And not a snowflake in sight.

Of course, there's a reason for the ordinance. When the drifts mount up, city snowplows have to get through to clear the way; and yes, we may get snow anytime from Nov. 15, to April 10, the time span when the ordinance is in effect.

But there's got to be a better way than random ticketing. With all the tasks local police must deal with, and the growing concerns about budget cuts and allocation of tax dollars, we would hope that the city can find a more equitable and sensible solution to this annoying problem. Tickets when the snow flies? No complaint here. But when the winter skies are cold and clear, and there's no snow in sight? Give us a break!

The City Inspection Unit reminds property owners in the City of Madison that city ordinance requires property owners to remove all snow and ice from sidewalks bordering their properties by noon of the day following each snow fall. In addition, owners are required to sprinkle the sidewalk with sand or salt to eliminate icy or slippery conditions. By complying with the ordinance, property owners will provide safe pathways for pedestrians.

Property owners who violate this ordinance are subject to fines issued by inspection officers of up to \$34.50 for failing to keep their sidewalks in safe condition. Property owners should also be aware that the City will remove snow and ice accumulation if the property owner fails to do so. Ordinances allow a \$30 administrative fee plus actual costs for removing snow and ice accumulation, to be charged to the property owner. Fines and removal costs can be expensive.

Sidewalk inspectors will concentrate this year on high traffic sidewalks, especially in areas of bus routes, schools, hospitals and shopping centers. Complaints need not be received for property owners to receive citations for failure to keep their sidewalks in safe condition.

People who find a pink tag on their door knob will receive a citation in the mail and should immediately take steps to have their sidewalk properly maintained to avoid additional costs.

The Madison School-Community Recreation Department, in cooperation with LaFollette High School, 702 Pflaum Road, is offering an indoor run/jog/walk winter fitness program early mornings from 6-7 a.m., Monday through Fridays, Jan 7 through March 28. There will be NO fee and the program is open to the public. Shower room facilities are available. Use the building entrance located at the far end of the LaFollette High School parking lot, closest to Monona Golf Course. Call 266-6077 for further information.

Hark, a Letter!! And one to cheer the coldest corners of any Editor McScrooge's heart. And I quote:

"Dear David Wallner, Thank you for serving on the TLNA Council as the person in charge of the publicity/newsletter. You are doing a great job.

"I would just like to point out to you that it 'shows' that you are either very young or a new guy when you tell us that Bill Stokes is a former Milwaukee Journal reporter. He is much more than that! Ask the little old person next door or down the block to tell you about 'Stokes Pokes' sometime!! Thank you."

A Fan

Dear Fan Down the Block:

On these grey Wisconsin mornings, as I approach my 36th birthday, I don't always feel "very young," but I sure do appreciate the thought! And true, I am a "new guy" in Wisconsin, having lived here just 10 years. But I've always been a big Bill Stokes fan, and rue the day that he left for Chicago's newspaper land.

And although I've got a lot to learn about "Stokes' Pokes," I'm doing my best to pass on his nuggets of wisdom and beauty about life in Wisconsin. At this very moment, there are 30 copies of his book sitting in my high school classroom, and you can bet I'll pull them out for my students during this holiday season. (At 50 cents a piece this spring when I visited the Journal for a tour with some students, I couldn't resist grabbing a boxful.)

Thanks again for the friendly letter. I'm anxious to get a phone call from you to hear all that I don't yet know about "Old Bill."

Editor D.L. Wallner

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Madison School-Community Recreation will continue to provide diversified aquatics programs at all four Madison high school pools and the warm (90°) Lapham Therapeutic Pool throughout winter and spring 1985. Beginning Jan. 7, adult and family swims will be offered from 7:00 to 8:30 p.m. Mondays at LaFollette, Tuesdays at Memorial, Wednesdays at East, Thursdays at West and at both East and Memorial Fridays. Infant and Preschool Open Swim for parents and children 6 months through 6 years of age, conducted Mondays from 4:40 to 6:00 p.m., and Fridays from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m., will begin the same week at Lapham. The fee for both types of programs is 75¢ adults, 50¢ children or discount tickets.

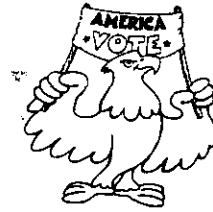
Advance registration for Youth Swim Instructions conducted Saturdays at all four high school pools will be Jan. 26, from 8:30 to 10:00 a.m. at each pool. Instructions include all Red Cross levels, plus Adaptive Aquatics and Diving, for children 5 years through 8th grade. A new class for students shorter than the standard 48 inch (46 inch at LaFollette) height requirement has been added. Classes begin at East, Memorial and West February 2 and at LaFollette February 9. The fee for Madison residents is \$8. Non-residents can register the first day of classes for twice the residents fee.

Thirty-minute instructional classes for parents and children 6 months through 6 years of age will be offered at the Lapham Therapeutic Pool on Tuesday and Thursday or Wednesday and Friday afternoons between 3:30 and 6:30 p.m., during three five-week sessions beginning January 29. Advance registration for Madison residents is January 19 from 9:00 to 10:00 a.m. in the Lapham auditorium. The resident fee is \$13 per five-week session. Non-residents can register the first day of classes for twice the resident fee.

Older Adult Aqua Activity classes will be offered at Lapham Mondays from 7:00 to 8:00 and 8:00 to 9:00 p.m., and Fridays from 1:30 to 2:30 and 2:30 to 3:30 p.m. The program will run from January 14 to March 1, 1985. New participants must register for either the Monday 8:00 p.m. or Friday 2:30 p.m. classes. The fee is \$4 for entire Monday, or \$4 for the entire Friday program.

To compliment the Madison recreation aquatic programs, Red Cross CPR and Infant Saver classes are conducted at the Lapham School CPR Learning Center Tuesday and Thursday evenings on a weekly basis. Participants learn how to respond effectively to emergency choking, breathing and cardiac (heart) arrest emergencies. The fee for the complete two night CPR course is \$12. The fee for the one night Infant Saver class is \$10 per person or \$15 per couple. Both meet from 6:00 to 10:00 p.m. Call 255-0012, extension 41, to register.

For further information on winter 1985 Aquatics programs, call 266-6077 weekdays between 8:00 and 4:00 p.m.



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Four candidates battle for 2nd District seat

Candidates for the 2nd Aldermanic District were asked to respond to two questions:

- 1) What in your experiences and background make you feel that you would be an effective alderperson? and...
- 2) What do you see as a pressing 2nd District concern and how would you propose to deal with it?

Four persons have filed for the 2nd District seat and their responses are below.

Richard Linster

1) I've recently ended a term as membership/social chair of the TLNA. Between April and November I recruited some 250 members for the Association. This was done by personal contact, letters, phone calls, and home visits. With the aid of Christ Presbyterian Church and my fellow board members, two successful socials have been held, reinforcing community spirit. I am currently involved as acting chair in attempt to establish a Neighborhood Watch program in the Tenney-Lapham area. I have made definite contributions where I have participated. I am persistent, solution oriented, and willing to put in the necessary time to see that tasks are accomplished. In addition I've attended numerous public hearings in an effort to make myself informed and to address the issues.

Other experience and background: Restaurant employ in all capacities including manager 1966-69, 72-74. Power Plant laborer 1969-72. Steward in 3 unions 1970-84. Shipping & Receiving and Textbook clerk 1974-78. Lunchroom and playground supervision Marquette Elementary 1978-83. Brownie Scout leader 1978-80. Househusband 1979-present. Part-time student MATC Associate Degree Program Accounting 1980-83. Bookkeeper for Friends of the Madison Public Library Friendship 1981-present. School Data Gathering Committee, Isthmus School Planning Council 1984.

2) The pressing concern for the 2nd District is taxation and the maintenance of services at current levels. Due to declining Federal and State aid we must

1) scrutinize the budget for any possible savings, 2) ask if our managers are keeping pace with the productivity demanded of our city workers, 3) eliminate those services which are being duplicated by the State or County or could be better provided by them. However unless an equitable method of raising revenue can be devised then cuts in services may be necessary. It should be the job of the residents to prioritize those services deemed indispensable and communicate this to their representatives. With their active aid and support those representatives will be in a position to effectively lobby for what their constituents want. Solid organization will reap an advantage in this process.

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Dear Neighbors,

My name is Richard Linster. I want to be your next alderperson. Among the issues I plan to address during the campaign are:

*TAXATION
MAINTENANCE OF SERVICES
and PERSONAL SAFETY.*

I would like to know what issues you consider important and be personally aware of your ideas and opinions on local matters and city government. During the next few months I will meet with as many of you as I can. I hope you will share your concerns with me. I would appreciate any assistance you can give.

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James Minnich

I have worked effectively with members of the Wisconsin State Legislature for the past years, being able to get legislation amended, passed, and signed. I have particularly been able to get minds changed and political activity in motion to get property taxes down, in order to avoid the drift to a "Proposition 13" mentality that was driving people out of their homes. I have been able to work for changes in Government so that we have more consent of the governed and consultation among levels of government -- city and county and state. I have worked for equal rights for all. I have worked to encourage private and charitable services that can really meet the needs of entire families that are larger and often distinct from the money-only assistance that city governments and other governments give. When I ran for 78th Assembly District of the State of WI I received a respectable share of the vote, and the Mayor said that he found merit in my idea to de-magnetize Madison as a welfare magnet. There is also merit in my idea to make Madison de-magnetized in that disabled people are able to be served well anywhere in Wisconsin, not just in Madison.

I see the State-mandated, only partially-funded, programs as a pressing concern. The property tax relief that was written into law in 1982 needs to be restored, especially if there are hundreds of millions of dollars of surplus in the State treasury in this coming biennium. Others have proposed to simply keep the many millions of excess dollars in the State treasury with a view to the Government simply becoming larger, but I oppose that. I want orderly property tax decrease, and adequate aid for schools, and workfare rather than welfare for those who receive it. I want, importantly, positive mental attitude about development, with respect for the past achievements and a valid belief that we can peacefully and constructively help the city work well and be a safe and good place to live and work and play.

Voters Forum set for Feb. 7



The 2nd District candidates will be invited to a Voters Forum at 7 p.m. on Thursday, Feb. 7. All area residents are invited to attend.

As many of you may know, Pam Wrzeski will not be seeking another term as Alderperson for the 2nd District. TLNA speaks, I think, for the neighborhood in thanking Pam for a job excellently and energetically done. We will miss not only her expertise, but also her genuine caring and concern for our neighborhood.

At this writing there are four candidates for the 2nd District Aldermanic seat. They are Richard Linster, James Minnich, James Sturm, and David Wallner. Linster and Wallner, both 1984 TLNA Council members, have withdrawn from this Council for the duration of the campaign.

We wish all four of the candidates the best of luck. Each deserves a fair hearing, and your considered vote will be important. The TLNA is sponsoring a voters forum at 7 p.m., Thursday, Feb. 7 at Lapham School. Area voters are urged to attend to meet the district's candidates.

Martha Gordon

James Sturm

1) I have always believed in the basic tenets of justice and fairness in social and environmental interaction from working with groups like the Madison Sustaining Fund and the Community Law Office in the 60's and 70's to working with Red Caboose Day Care Center and Marquette School as a parent in the 80's. As an attorney and a member of various communities, I have worked as a representative or advocate in courts and before governmental agencies. I have worked closely with individuals seeking not only representation but assistance in representing themselves. As a VISTA attorney in Baltimore, I represented people in housing courts and on the laws defining the rights of tenants and landlords. As a partner in a neighborhood law office I worked with Women Pro Se, a self-help association dedicated to helping people help themselves in family law matters. I have represented and worked with battered women's groups, co-ops, student legal clinics, labor and environmental groups. My experience coupled

with commitment reflects both the style and substance needed to represent the 2nd District.

2) In studying the issues affecting the 2nd District (traffic, economic development, neighborhood planning, property assessment and taxes, crime, housing, possible plant closings, school overcrowding, etc.) one is constantly aware of the diversity of the district upon which these issues impact and the need to assess and balance the needs of all the constituents of the District.

One issue is the difficulty in routing vehicular traffic through the Isthmus and our District is certainly the most adversely affected by traffic congestion. Long and exhausting hours of study and planning have gone into the resolution or some alleviation of the problem. The process demonstrates the difficulty in weighing the current impact and potential impact of conditions and proposed changes. Currently, plans exist for an initial phase of an adjustment in traffic patterns that need budgetary allocations. I will certainly work to implement that funding as well as continue to work towards additional plans to take more of the pressure off Johnson and Gorham Streets and onto less residential areas. This can be done through advocacy, energy and a familiarity with the processes. Deliberation, sensitivity and commitment don't hurt either. There are a lot of committed people in our District who provide the base for a representative to perform on and knowing how to draw and rely on those resources is the foundation upon which to deal with all the issues.

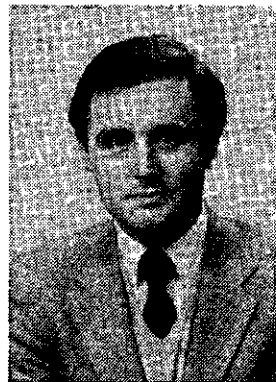
David Wallner

1) My name is David Wallner, and I have been a Madison resident for 12 years, and a Tenney-Lapham resident for 2 1/2 years.

I am a 1971 graduate from the Univ of Nebraska, where I received a bachelor's degree in political science and journalism. I also attended the Univ of Wisc Graduate School of Education from 1973-75, where I completed my certification as a secondary school teacher. I have taught journalism, history and English at Stoughton High School for 9 years. I also have several years of experience as a newspaper reporter and editor.

To be an effective City Council member requires years of experience in local and neighborhood issues, and I have such experience here in Madison. I have worked for 10 years with 3 neighborhood associations, on a wide range of important issues, and on many local political campaigns. I believe that I work effectively with a diverse mix of people, which would be a necessity in this diverse district.

As a neighborhood activist, I helped set up a neighborhood association in the downtown 4th District in 1973, then worked for 7 1/2 years, 1975-82, with the Dunn's Marsh Neighborhood Association. I was president of that effective neighborhood group for 3 years from 1976-78 and 1981-82. With that organization I edited a neighborhood newsletter for 5 years, and helped win 2 Orchid Awards from the Capital Community Citizens and a Governor's Commendation for our efforts to preserve Dunn's Marsh and the surrounding environmentally-sensi-



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tive area. In addition, I worked on several committees that lobbied effectively for improved mass transit and reasonable bus fares, for parks acquisition and development at the neighborhood level, for improved housing, especially for tenants and low-income families, for small business development, and environmental safeguards.

I have been on the TLNA Council for 1 1/2 years as newsletter editor. I am a firm believer in the importance of neighborhood groups working as an intermediary between residents and city government. For many citizens confronted by the maze of city agencies a neighborhood association provides important access to vital services. While on the TLNA Council I promoted establishing 2 new Council positions--one for parks/recreation, the other for small businesses in our area.

On a personal level, I have worked with many youth groups, including the YMCA, have tutored inner-city dropouts, and coached youth sports teams. A good teacher, like a good public servant, must be a good listener, and not just a

good talker. He must encourage people to learn, to work in their own best interests, but always within a community of others.

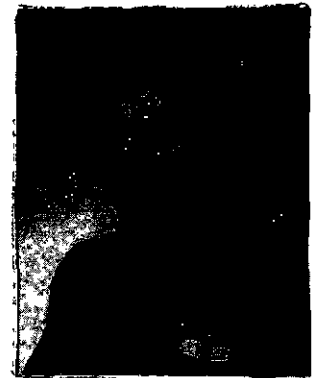
2) The alderperson for our district will face two difficult but vital tasks: first, he must strive to maintain key vital services for our district, such as mass transit, library services, parks maintenance and social services, in the face of tight fiscal conditions affecting the entire city. I will work to protect such key services from drastic cutbacks, but always doing so mindful of our current fiscal dilemma.

Secondly, our district must continue its revitalization by keeping families and small businesses in this area. Our housing stock must be maintained and upgraded, for property owners and tenants alike. We must strive to keep up the quality of life in our established neighborhoods. If elected, I will work actively to promote these two key goals: the maintenance of vital city services, and the revitalization of our area.

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"De-institutionalization"--a controversial word in some neighborhoods--means helping certain convicted persons become responsible community members, as an alternative to locking them up. TLNA visited one such facility, and came away better informed and very impressed.

ARC House, at 202 N. Paterson, is a busy, homey, comfortable place that has room for 10 women over age 18 and for a few of their children. I toured the house, met some of the women, and talked with several staff members.

ARC House offers a stable, supportive environment, and a trained counseling staff for women who need help sorting out their lives, getting jobs, going back to school, and in some cases handling problems with drug and alcohol abuse. Counselors and clients work together to confront and resolve problems that come up. ARC can also refer the women to a range of other agencies and services if needed.

The main goal is to help the women become self-supporting members of the community--in this case, our community. As their neighbors, we can help in a variety of ways, first, by understanding and welcoming this program as a truly positive alternative to jail for the women who are accepted.

ARC House, a private nonprofit corporation, also welcomes financial contributions and donations of clothing, craft supplies and the like, and volunteer time. Those interested in learning more should call Carol Moore at 257-3628.

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