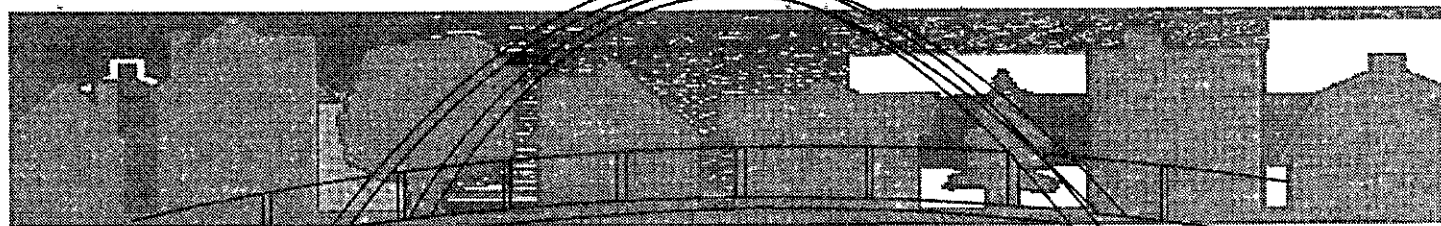


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NEWSLETTER

JANUARY/FEBRUARY 2000

## Purple Martin Houses Proposed for Tenney Park

**L**ate last summer a number of Tenney-Lapham residents would go to Burr Jones Field to observe thousands of purple martins roosting.

Dave Fallows, a local birder, sent an email to several purple martin enthusiasts describing what he saw: "Again this year, especially July through early September, four to five thousand Purple Martins roosted each night in the box elders behind Burr-Jones Field. They were all in the box elders between the railroad bridge and that huge

cottonwood. This is at least the fifth year I've seen them roosting there, so they are obviously finding something about the site — the



location, the insects, the box elders themselves — to their liking. There may be others, but this is the only Martin roost I'm aware of in the Madison area."

Jim Sturm, a Tenney-Lapham resident, added his comments on what he saw: "Let me just add a superlative to Dave's description of the roost. It's awesome! About 2

(see *Martins* on page 15)

## Winter Potluck

**TUESDAY, JANUARY 18**

**5:30 - 8 PM**

Christ Presbyterian Church  
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Join your neighbors at TLNA's annual winter potluck. Plates, cups, and utensils will be provided along with tea, coffee, milk, and apple cider. Adults - \$1.00, Children (under 12) - Free.

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A - G Dessert

H - Q Main Course

R - Z Soup or Salad

## Sherman Avenue Traffic Calming Meeting

**Tuesday January 25 7 PM**

Christ Presbyterian Church  
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**Agenda:**

Recent Survey Results  
General Discussion  
Next Step

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## TLNA Council Responds to Lead Question

**T**he Tenney Lapham Neighborhood Association (TLNA) council has recently put forth a response to the Mayor's office and the Water Utility on how to address the lead pipe problem. The council believes that, while replacement is in the best interest of the citizens of the city, the water utility has at least ten years to address this issue. They also feel prudent planning could provide several cost effective and equitable means of minimizing the burden on homeowners and water utility customers.

The TLNA council has proposed the following recommendations:

1. Recommend reimbursement rates of 100% for all homeowners and consideration of reimbursement for water service to non-profit facilities, e.g., community centers. If a general reimbursement rate of less than 100% is set by ordinance, a 100% rate should be available in cases where significant hardship may be involved, e.g., seniors

(see *Lead* on page 5)



## TLNA Neighborhood Council

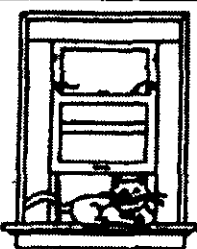
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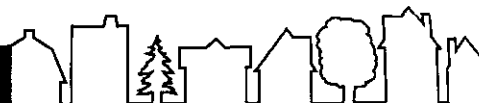
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## Thoughts on that Tax Rebate

Were you as disappointed as I was with the recent state budgeting process? Yes, we did get a budget, but at what cost? Of course I like lower taxes. But I won't be going to Hawaii, adding on to the house or significantly padding my retirement with the rebate check. When I consider the size of the proposed check compared to the important health, education and environmental issues we face I'm not sure I'm getting much of a bargain. The modest amount I'm getting looks rather like lost opportunities to me. Want some examples?

Let's talk about the environment. The recent "Great Addition" purchase of 32,000 acres in northern Wisconsin by the state was wonderful. My thanks to all involved! How about a "Great Addition" for southern Wisconsin?! The amount of funding for the Stewardship Fund was increased this year. Unfortunately, in my opinion, the increase was not enough to keep pace with the rapidly escalating land prices we now pay for parkland. Will we have enough funds to buy a Great Addition in the south? I would gladly have left a few extra dollars in the till for increased park purchases. I know the greenspace left for my children and the beauty and diversity of a wild Wisconsin would

be compensation enough for me.

Hey how about those schools! Many of us supported the recent referendum issues, but I keep hearing our schools are strapped for cash. What about that supposed state commitment to fund special education needs at a substantially higher rate than is actually provided? How come our talented and gifted programs go wanting in so many ways? I don't know about you, but I would slice my rebate check a bit thinner to fund these programs.

While we're on this subject I remember discussions about education and the W2 program. It wouldn't be fair to send W2 participants to school while so many of the working poor don't qualify for these benefits. Excellent point! Please someone take my check....I wouldn't mind if my rebate were reduced just a bit more so funds could be made available for W2 folks and the working poor to get a better education. Thanks I feel better already!

Oh yes, health care. The new Badger Care program for the poor is a step in the right direction. And what are we going to do with all those millions that a privatized Blue Cross wants to give

the state medical schools?

Hmmm... It seems to me low cost, community based accessible health care is still an issue for many low income and elderly. Perhaps some of that Blue Cross money, and while you're at it, use a little more of my rebate to provide additional physical and mental health benefits to those in need.

Well there you have it. I pretty much spent my rebate check and I didn't spend a dime on mass transit, political campaign finance reform, affordable housing or lead pipe replacement!

If you're interested in spending your rebate check creatively give me a call and let's talk about how maybe we can do things as neighbors on some of these issues. Or come to the next TLNA council meeting or the winter meeting on January 18 and share ideas. It might even be fun. See you there!

-Ed Jepsen

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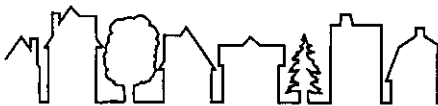
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## School Activities

*Editor's Note: This issue marks the beginning of a regular listing of nonathletic school activities that should be of interest to the Tenney-Lapham Neighborhood community.*

### January

- 14 No School PM (All schools)
- 20 Drama performance @ Lapham @ 6:45 pm (O'Keefe)
- 25 7th Grade Choral Music Concert @ East High (O'Keefe)

### February

- 2 All school Spelling Bee @ 10:20 - 11:15 am (Marquette)  
Invention Convention (O'Keefe)
- 4 All school Spelling Bee @ 2pm (O'Keefe)
- 7 Early release @ 11:45 am (O'Keefe)
- 10 Choir performance @ 7 pm (Lapham)
- 14 Jump Team performance @ Falk, Hawthorne, Emerson (Marquette)

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

**The next meeting dates for the Tenney-Lapham Neighborhood Association Council are Tuesday, January 18 at Christ Presbyterian Church at 7 pm and Thursday, February 17 at 7 pm in the community room of the Tenney Park Apartments, 302 N. Baldwin Street. You are welcome to attend and discuss any issues of concern to you. For further information, call Tim Olsen at 255-9358.**

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## Math Phobia, Part II

O'Keefe Middle School reminds parents and interested neighbors that Math Nightmare for 8th Grade Parents, Part 2 will begin in January. Classes will run from 6:30 - 7:30 pm and occur on Tuesday January 11, 18, 25 and February 1, 2000 in Room 301. The classes will cover algebraic concepts used on the 8th grade curriculum. Rob Hetzel will conduct the classes. Class participants are asked to use the Spaight and Thornton Street entrance.



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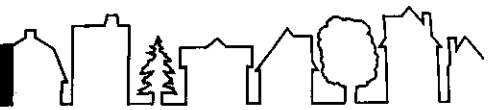
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## Some Ides For Those Old Boathouses

What would you think of a new boathouse or boathouses along the river in Burr Jones Park? It just may happen. A meeting was recently held by Parks staff regarding boat storage and access along the Yahara River on the east side of the river south of the E. Johnson Street bridge. This is the area where the city removed several old Trachte style boathouses in 1995. These buildings had compartments which were rented to individuals for indoor boat storage. The lone remaining structure at the site belongs to the UW crew team and is strictly used as storage for practice shells (shells are the long, thin crew boats) and some equipment because the building is in such poor condition.

The Parks staff is trying to determine what interest if any there is in improving boat storage and launching, particularly at this location. The UW Crew staff members (mens' and womens' teams) were there as well as members of the Mendota Rowing Club and the Madison School Recreation. Madison School Rec provides pontoon boat rides from a slip on the east side of the river in Tenney Park. All of the above programs have some need for either improved or expanded storage and use facilities. The possibility of an improved joint facility for these interest groups is a possibility.

The neighborhood was represented by Tim Olsen, Ald. Barb Vedder and Ed Jepsen and we indicated we were concerned that any new structures complement the historic parkway, enhance our neighborhood and serve a broader segment of potential parkway users if feasible. We also wanted the discussion of options to consider alternate sites off the parkway to allow us to create more greenspace along the river.

Opportunities exist to create an attractive, functional water focused facility which may allow us to work with groups like the Urban Open Space Foundation to enhance the east shore of the river in Tenney Park. An improved launching area might also be a benefit to Carl's Paddling which recently relocated right across the river in the refurbished warehouse now owned by Great Pictures.

Don't expect much to happen very soon. It is early in the process yet, but please share any ideas or concerns you might have with Tim, Ald. Vedder, Sue Bauman-Duren (our parks chair) or myself. Happy Y2K!

-Ed Jepsen

Lead (from page 1)

on fixed incomes.

2. Recommend low or no cost loans through city funding sources be made available to qualifying homeowners.
3. Recommend replacement activities be coordinated so homeowners/utility customers pay the lowest possible cost associated with lead pipe replacement.
4. Recommend individual homeowners not be required by ordinance to replace lead pipes at the sale of their home.
5. Recommend reimbursement rates apply to lead pipe replacements occurring from 1992 to the present.
6. Recommend the city contact our US Senate and House of Representatives and state elected officials to seek program changes to encourage regulatory

(see Lead on page 6)


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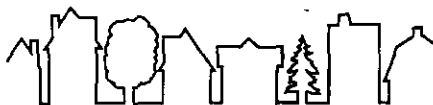
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## Make Mine the House Blend

Have you walked by the old laundromat on the 900 block of East Johnson Street the last few months and wondered if it would ever be occupied again? Well, never fear, on March 1 a new coffeehouse/cybercafe will open up.

Melanie Tower, the new proprietor, said that she has enjoyed the eclectic mix of the East Johnson street businesses for many years and when she saw that empty spot, she jumped at it. She has experience in the hospitality industry as a chef in Delaware.

Ancora organic coffee, organic tea and cocoa, sandwiches, soups, vegetarian chili and baked goods will be available for your eating pleasure. Melanie also plans on selling jewelry, art glass,

handmade candles, and Indian crafts.

A wide variety of activities are also being planned, including poetry slams, acoustic music, board games, and a paperback exchange. There will be three

public computer terminals available. Current work in progress includes

stripping the maple floors and restoring the original tin ceiling. Tentative hours for the store are 6:30 a.m. to midnight seven days a week.

A "Name the Coffeehouse" contest is being run until January 15 with entries available at Cork 'n Bottle and other neighborhood stores. Stay tuned for more information on this exciting new addition to Johnson Street.

-Bob Shaw

### Name That Coffeehouse Ends January 15

Lead (from page 5)

flexibility and federal/state dollars to aid in cost sharing and/or loan programs.

6. Recommend city staff re-evaluate the street replacement and repair programs to focus on areas of the city where significant numbers of pipe replacements are likely to occur. This may help reduce the cost for both activities.

Action on the proposed lead pipe removal ordinance and amendments are scheduled for the January 4, 2000 Common Council Meeting. The ordinance will require removal of all lead water pipes in the water utility district by the year 2010 and a proposed amendment to this ordinance would reimbursement homeowners at a rate of 50%, up to a maximum of \$1,000.

-Ed Jepsen

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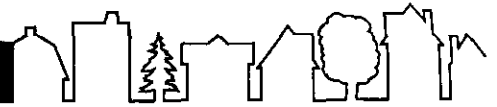
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## Blue Bead Returns As Jade Mountain

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They were in business at that location until 1995 when they relocated to Monroe Street to consolidate two stores. After a couple of years on Monroe Street they experienced burnout and moved to Arizona where Ramsey studied history.

But the lure of friends and family in the Madison area brought them back this spring. They weren't planning on opening another bead shop because they had sold the Blue Bead store to somebody else who had

moved it to Winnebago Street. But that store closed this spring, so Ramsey and Ellyn jumped at the opportunity to get back into the bead business.

They chose the current location (where Whole Earth and Flashback used to be) because they know the neighborhood and many residents from their previous business. Ramsey commented that he is pleased at the new look of E. Johnson Street, from the street improvements to the new stores.

If you haven't been in the store, you are missing a real treat. There is a fresh open look to the store from the newly painted walls to the aesthetically pleasing display of the merchandise.

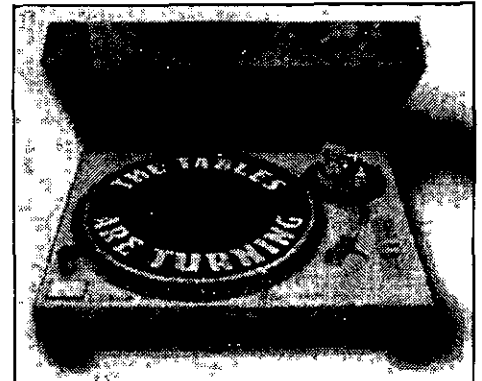
Hundreds of different kinds of beads are available along with bead paraphernalia. They have a special interest in antique and ethnic beads. Ramsey and Ellyn plan on carrying more finished jewelry than what they had in their previous stores.

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## Sales Tax Rebate Explained

Several people have contacted me with questions regarding the sales tax rebate. Here is the information that we have received from the Department of Revenue at the time of this writing:

1. *When will the rebate checks be mailed out?*

If you do not receive your rebate check by January 31, 2000, and you believe you qualify for a rebate, contact the Wisconsin Department of Revenue at P.O. Box 8937 Madison, WI 53708-8937

2. *I was a Wisconsin resident in 1998 and filed a 1998 Wisconsin income tax return or homestead credit claim by October 15, 1999. Do I need to do anything to get my rebate?*

If you filed your 1998 Wisconsin income tax return or homestead credit claim on or before October 15, 1999, your rebate check should automatically be issued. If you did not file by October

15, 1999, you will need to file an Application for Sales Tax Rebate with the Department of Revenue no later than June 30, 2000.

3. *I was a Wisconsin resident in 1998, but I did not file a 1998 Wisconsin income tax return or homestead credit claim. Do I need to do anything to get my rebate?*

Yes. You must file an Application for Sales Tax Rebate with the Department of Revenue no later than June 30, 2000.

4. *How can I get an application form for the sales tax rebate?*

Call the Department of Revenue at (608) 266-2772 or (608) 267-9420.

5. *I filed a joint return with my spouse. Will we each get a check for the amount shown in your rebate calculator?*

No. You will get only one check

based on the combined income you reported on your joint return.

6. *I worked and paid taxes in 1998, but my parents claimed me as a dependent on their 1998 federal income tax return. Do I qualify for a rebate?*

If you were claimed as a dependent on another person's 1998 federal income tax return, but you had 1998 Wisconsin adjusted gross income of at least \$5,000 and paid at least \$1 of Wisconsin income tax, you may be eligible for a rebate.

If you were claimed as a dependent on another person's federal income tax return in 1998, and your Wisconsin adjusted gross income was less than \$5,000 or you did not owe any Wisconsin tax, you are not eligible for a rebate. This is true even if you are no longer a dependent.

7. *Will the rebate be taxable income*

(see *Capital View* on page 14)



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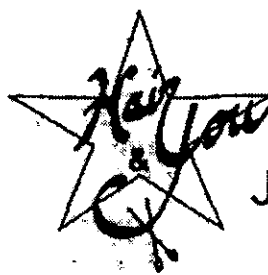
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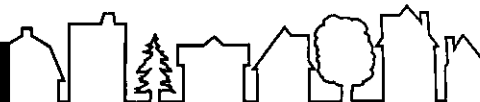


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## Sherman Avenue To Receive Some Respect

Some exciting news for numerous residents of the Tenney-Lapham area: NTMP is coming to Sherman Avenue! The Neighborhood Traffic Management Plan (NTMP) ranked the number one project chosen

by Traffic Engineering staff and approved by the Pedestrian Bicycle Motor Vehicle Commission. What this means is that during the year 2000, Sherman Avenue between Tenney Park and Marston Avenue will be studied by city staff, the neighborhood and myself in determining what types of traffic-calming measures could be developed to make Sherman Avenue a safer, more neighborhood and park friendly travel zone for all, pedestrians, bicyclists and motorists alike. North Baldwin Street between East Johnson Street and East Washington Avenue, slated for reconstruction in 2000, will also be scrutinized because of its reconstruction. If you want to become involved, contact Kathy Rideout, TLNA Traffic Chair, or myself (check second page of the newsletter for contact numbers).

The Avenue restaurant/bar is about to have a new facelift. The

outside of their building will undergo improvements without losing its present character. The main discussion points brought up at a

meeting of a couple Curtis Court residents, Lois Oddo (Housing Chair) and myself

with the owners of the establishment involved the dumpster location and lighting. Changes are being made to improve the quality of life of affected neighbors. Soon there may be changes made to improve the entire parking lot situation and I'm also looking into whether more greenspace can be developed along more of Curtis Court.

### In brief:

There will be a public hearing regarding lead pipe replacement at 4:30 pm in the City Council Chambers, Room 201 on January 4, 2000. City staff and several alders, including myself, are supporting the shared investment by the entire Madison community, costing \$10 extra/water billing for the duration of ten years. We would otherwise be using chemical treatment costing all residents the same amount but on a permanent basis. The chemical treatment would also adversely affect

the quality of our lakes (see last newsletter). You may consider contacting the Council as a whole at [council@ci.madison.wi.us](mailto:council@ci.madison.wi.us) or attend the public hearing.

The shoreline along the westside of the Yahara River in Tenney Park between Sherman Avenue and East Johnson will undergo improvements to prevent further erosion and make it more aesthetically pleasing.

The East Isthmus Neighborhood Planning Council is in its formative stage. This group collaborates issues of similar interest or concern amongst several neighborhoods in the East Isthmus area. If you're interested in becoming involved, contact Randy Glysch or myself.

Three issues to watch carefully in the media in the immediate future: East Washington Avenue reconstruction plan coming before several city committees, preparation and input on the development of Overture Foundation's Art District, and a harsher truancy ordinance impacting all students under 18 and their parents.

-Alder Babara Vedder



### Papendieck's Upholstery

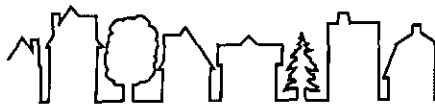
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## Balausters and Butter

Interest in the 30 balusters from old East Main Street Bridge over the Yahara River continues to run high. The great news is that so many people deeply care about the fate of the balusters as historic artifacts of our neighborhood. Suggestions for the balusters include public use ideas such as sculpture, benches along the Yahara, bus benches, a historic marker, or landscaping enclosures in park space. Private use options include "pulling names out of a hat" and giving them away, raffling them off, or auctioning them off. There are also proposals for a combination of public and private use, and proposals that any funds raised be used for specific neighborhood projects. Note that if we decide to distribute them to individuals in any way, we also need to decide who is eligible to participate. (You may also remember that equal numbers of bridge balusters were originally distributed to three neighborhoods; Wilmar, Emerson East and ours.) If public use is decided, we need committee volunteers to help guide the process.

To participate in deciding their ultimate fate, we invite everyone to come to the TLNA Potluck Dinner at Christ Presbyterian Church, 944 E. Gorham St. on Tuesday, January 18. The doors will open at 5:00 PM. At 6:00, we will have a slide show of

Madison from the 20's and 30's presented by the Historic Society. Following that, we will have time for people to advocate options for the balusters and a vote on how they should be used. Finally, we plan to hold our regular monthly Council Meeting at 7:00 PM to 8:00 PM. As always, the public is invited but not obligated to attend the monthly meeting.

If you are able, please offer a ride to the Potluck to your less mobile neighbors who might enjoy the potluck, slides and some warm neighborliness with you. Many of our more senior residents might especially appreciate a ride. And certainly, we would relish the chance to hear more about the history of our neighborhood and city from them.


Recent neighborhood concerns have led to more opportunities for collaboration in improving truck parking and traffic problems around the Madison Dairy across from Lapham Elementary School. The holiday season is a busy one in the butter and dairy business so there has been even more truck traffic than usual. The main problem is that some drivers of the big trucks are parking and driving on nearby residential streets and not staying within designated areas. Some drivers are considerate and act like guests in the neighborhood. For those who don't, changing their behavior is not a simple matter since the drivers and their

trucking companies are not directly employed by the dairy. Many are self employed. They come from all over the country and some have never been to Madison before.

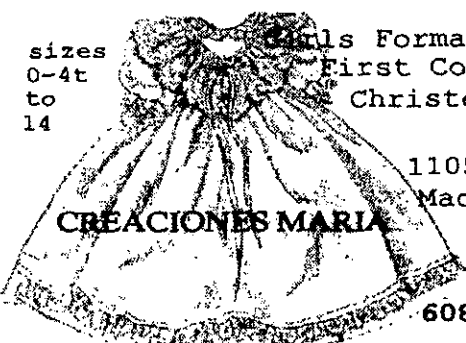
One of the outcomes of meetings a couple of years ago between neighbors, Madison Dairy owners and city officials was an effort to have drivers notified to call ahead before arriving at the Dairy. That way it would be possible for the drivers to wait elsewhere (like the Hwy. 51 — Interstate 94 truck stops) for their turn to load or unload. These efforts continue but a shortage of drivers and trucks has contributed towards the numbers of drivers who show up unannounced, park in the street and want immediate attention. If they are dissatisfied, they can actually leave and find another 'load' very easily. What to do now?

There are good short term and long term solutions to work on. Pressing problems can be best dealt with by first calling the Madison Dairy at 256-5561 day or night and asking for assistance. Owners Chuck and Gary Steinhauer are striving to get better cooperation from all drivers. Residents are also welcome to call the police non-emergency dispatch and to ask for parking

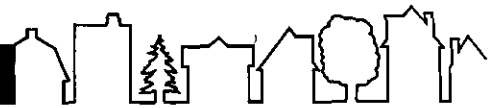
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## Do We Have Mail?

How many neighborhood residents know that nestled in behind the Stop & Go store on Winnebago Street and sharing a building with Deibel Laboratories is the US Postal Contract station located on South Second Street? For years, neighborhood residents have had the opportunity (or luxury, depending on who one talks to) of being able to take a healthy walk, comfortable bike ride or short car trip over to the US Postal Contract station.

In June of this year, after 18 years of operating the contract station, Mike Malec decided it was time for a change. Bob Yu, a resident of the Schenk Neighborhood, took over operation of the station from July until December. On December 6, the US Postal Service began operating the

station.

Bob Yu, the station's most recent operator, reported that the station is very busy. "That station serves many people who work in the area. I've seen checks from Waunakee, Verona, Cambridge; people who work in the area and have told me that they come here because the service was good and it's easy to get to," he said. Yu estimates that 40,000 people are served by the station.

In a phone call to Nancy O'Connell, the Second Street station supervisor, she stated that the Postal Service is presently soliciting proposals for the operation of the station. "We are very committed to keeping the station open," she said. "We plan to do remodeling work on

the space and expect to have a changeover this spring. Until then, the facility will be run with Postal Service personnel."

The postal contract station is located at 103 South Second Street. The hours are 8 am to 5 pm, Monday through Friday, 8 am to 12 pm, Saturdays.

- David Mandehr

### Balausters (from previous page)

enforcement at 255-2345. Note however, that the ability of police to respond does depend on the priority of calls; emergency situations come first. Motivated neighbors can work together with neighborhood, business and city representatives on longer-lasting solutions that can come from continued involvement and perseverance.

-Tim Olsen



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## A Wisconsin Winter Kite Festival

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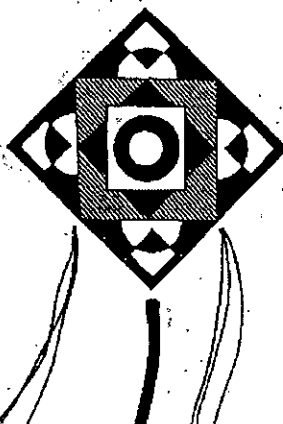
Madison Festival, Inc. another *Kites On Ice* to be held on the lake at Frank Lloyd Wright's Monona Terrace. On February 5th and 6th, 2,000, join thousands of other Madisonians on the lake and in the Convention Center for all of the festivities of this year's event.

View an array of beautiful kites from world renowned kitemakers who will display and fly their creations. Visit with kite makers and fliers from the United States, Canada, England, France and Germany.

Take the opportunity to see a wonderful and historic exhibit from the Garber/Alexander Braham Bell

Foundation. Enjoy the beauty of aerial ballet. Visit one of the many workshops, build a kite of your own, or buy a festival kite. Fly along with members of U.S. kite clubs.

For more information on the festival details and events and a review of the '99 festival, visit the festival website at: [www.madfest.org](http://www.madfest.org)



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## An Art Show for All of US

**W**endy Cooper Gallery announces a new January event that Ms. Cooper says should appeal to a broad spectrum of tastes. Ms. Cooper states that, "It's an art show for the typical art viewer."

The EVENT: "Feast your EYES, all you can SEE art party"  
Works on paper from the Wendy Cooper Gallery collection

The DATE; Friday, January 14 - Saturday, January 29  
Reception: Saturday, January 15, 1 - 5 pm

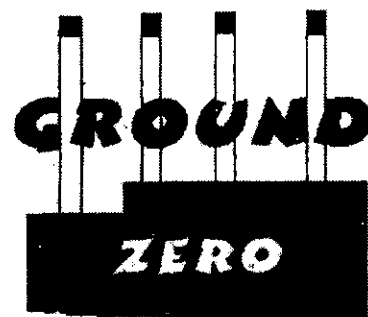
The GALLERY HOURS: 11 am - 5 pm, Wednesday through Saturday

The LOCATION: Wendy Cooper Gallery  
824 E. Johnson Street

The CONTACT: WENDY COOPER  
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## Seasonal Verse

### These Little Lights

In these scratched and snaky bulbs,  
discovered this morning from their hidey hole,  
marked X-mas in your hand, half-capitals,  
half not, I can see way back.

Past cotton fields where you grew round  
until you were laid up with the bad back  
or lay down with child

By these little lights, I am led  
to the eventual textile mill, the plant  
that, as a child, I mistook for a living thing.

In my mind, Mama, these memories are mixed,  
tangled worse than closet haunts can do  
with the Bible song you had me sing,  
trembling, before the Baptist congregation.

### "This little light of mineÖ."

This milky blue has a burn eye  
like the mule you said Dad rode  
to court you. It now fetches you again.

Each year we tried them, a child at  
every third connection to keep them off the floor.  
As they snarl on my carpet, with only me now  
to hold up my corner of tradition, I hear your angry litany:

This string won't make it another year, resolved  
as one loose red or green would short the set;  
that found, another,  
Despite your murderous threats, Mother,  
none of us was scared.  
Even then, we knew you didn't curse X-mas.

And I know this year I'll find  
the loose connection.  
For by these little lights  
I finally see your heart.  
And by your light of your ailing heart, I live.

### Grape Jellying at the End of the Twentieth Century

Never will the grape be as sweet, the juice as hot  
My hands will never stain and sting like this again  
Everything I put by today, this whistling yellow-winded

Leaf-twirling day, will last until the change.

I must sustain my grip on this scalding bag  
And wring the sweetness quite from the matted grapes.  
And think, at the beginning of this last hundred years,  
Women did not jelly for pleasure. Their wild currants  
And tiny blue-black grapes had to last, to help keep  
A family over four dark months out here on the plain.

They must have boiled until they could not stir down  
While babies ran barefoot, picking up burrs and brambles  
Had to sometimes drop the spoon from skimming  
The froth that is the wild grape's last retort  
And run to counter snakebite or aid the neighbor's birthing

There will never be a Fall again this century,  
Never one exactly like this ever,  
I taste history and future in this tangy sweet  
Grandmother and great-great-grandchild together.  
The jellying may never be this clear again.

-Gay Davidson-Zielske (aka Norma Gay Prewett)

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## Capital View (from page 8)

on my 1999 federal income tax return?

It is the Department of Revenue's expectation that the 1999 sales tax rebate will not be taxable. However, the Internal Revenue Service makes the final determination on these issues.

8. *I was a full-year or part-year resident of Wisconsin in 1998. I filed my 1998 Wisconsin income tax return by October 15, 1999. How can I estimate the amount of my rebate?*

Select your filing status from your 1998 return.

The rebate amount shown is only an estimate. Your actual rebate may vary.

### Married Filing Joint Return

### Single, Married Filing Separately, and Head of Household

1998 Taxable Income	Sales Tax Rebate	1998 Taxable Income	Sales Tax Rebate
\$25,000 or less	\$360	\$25,000 or less	\$184
\$25,001 to \$50,000	\$368	\$25,001 to \$37,500	\$193
\$50,001 to \$75,000	\$385	\$37,501 to \$50,000	\$203
\$75,001 to \$100,000	\$405	\$50,001 to \$100,000	\$221
\$100,001 to \$200,000	\$442	\$100,001 to \$250,000	\$244
\$200,000 to \$500,000	\$487	Over \$250,000	\$267
Over \$500,000	\$534		

9. *What can I do if I disagree with the amount of my rebate or if my claim for rebate is denied?*

If, after checking the Wisconsin adjusted gross income reported on your 1998 Wisconsin income tax return and checking the Sales Tax Rebate Calculator or table, you disagree with the amount of rebate you received, you should send a letter stating your specific reasons for your disagreement to: Revenue Audit Bureau, P.O. Box 8906 Madison WI 53708-8906. Your letter of disagreement must be received by the Department of Revenue within 60 days of your receipt of the rebate.

### Please remember to return your survey:

You will soon receive a newsletter from our office, which will include a survey. I am very interested in hearing your thoughts on a variety of issues. I would be grateful if you would take the time fill out the survey and return it to my office.

### Wisconsin Retirement System Increased Multiplier:

At the time I am writing this article it is expected that the governor will sign into law an increase in the "multiplier" which is used to determine the pension benefits of state employees. Barring any legal challenges the new law

(see **Capital View** on next page)

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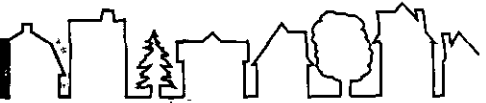
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20 N Blair St	3	1	\$99,900
645-647 E Dayton St	4	2	\$184,900

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<u>Address:</u>	<u>List Price</u>	<u>Sold Price</u>	<u>Days on Mkt:</u>
604 E Mifflin St	\$94,900	\$87,500	64
1037 Sherman Ave	\$175,000+	\$165,000	151
1212 Sherman Ave	\$450,000	\$400,000	41

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.

### Martins (from page 1)

hour before a midsummer sunset, purple martins begin to assemble on the power lines on Thornton Ave. as well as along Sherman between the beach and breakwater. Hundreds, then thousands can be counted. As the sun slowly descends, groups of 20 to 100 either lift off from the power lines or appear from elsewhere, swirl in holding patterns above the grove and a few at a time are released by some collective air traffic controller to dive into the canopy of box elders.

Occasionally, if there is a train in the area and it couples loudly, the birds will lift up from the trees and start a managed descent all over again. When most of the birds have joined the roost, a walk through the shaded trail along old railroad bed is a magical experience. It is dense, often humid

### Capital View (from previous page)

will mean an increase in benefits to over 390,000 current, active and retired state and local government workers. Please call our office with any questions.

### What's Next?

The next Assembly floor session will begin at the end of January. I expect us to address several important issues including several Democratic proposals such as a patients bill of rights, minimum wage increase and campaign finance reform, assuming the Republicans don't block these initiatives.

As always, you can reach me at (phone) 266-8570, (e-mail)

mark.pocan@legis.state.wi.us

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--State Representative Mark Pocan

and somewhat spooky as the chattering of thousands of unseen birds and a few small, flitting shadows join the twilight."

The purple martins at Burr Jones Field roost there in preparation for their fall migration after hatching and fledging their young at locations throughout the Madison area. Jim and another Tenney-Lapham resident, Bob Shaw, are organizing a committee this winter to develop plans for putting purple martin houses in Tenney Park as a neat tie-in to the activity at Burr Jones. They are looking for neighborhood residents who would like to get involved in planning for this. If you are interested, please call Jim at 255-6931 or Bob at 255-3486.

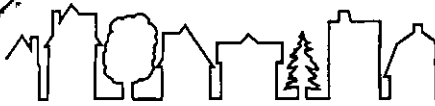
-Bob Shaw

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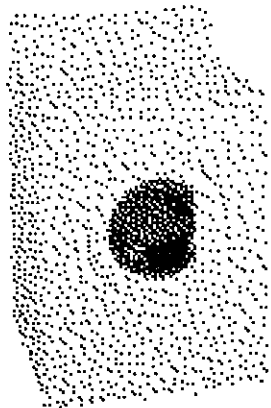
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