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Tenney-Lapham Neighborhood Assn:s

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Martha Gordon to Coordinate Chore Service

Martha Gordon, 441 Sidney St., has been named coordinator of chore services for the neighborhood's elderly and handicapped.

Martha, former president of TLNA, will coordinate workers and regidents for such tasks as storm window removal, leaf raking and lawn work for the late summer and fall and with snow shovelling for the winter. The original starting date for the one-year pilot project was May 31, but unavoidable delays moved the date up to the end of June.

Besed at the office of the Near East Side Coalition of Older Adults in the Lapham School Building, the project is funded by the Bessett Compassion Fund and administered through NESCOA.

Martha, who is a past and current education chairperson of the neighborhood association, will resign her position as vice president of the NESCOA board but will remain a member of the coalition's program committee. As chore service coordinator she is a paid staff member of NESCOA.

The chore service, Martha said, is probably unique among Madison's social outreach projects in combining the efforts of three groups: TLNA, which

wrote the grant application; Christ Presbyterian Church, which administers the Bassett Compassion Fund; and NESCOA, which agreed to supervise the program.

If you have questions about the project, call NESCOA at 257-3322.

Traffic Problems?

Is there too much traffic on your street? Is it a day-long problem or only at certain hours?

I am working to convince the city to take steps to discourage excess traffic on some of our neighborhood streets. To do this we must know when and where the problems are. If traffic is bothering you, please call and let we know. In return, I may ask you to spend a few hours counting the vehicles passing your home.

And if you have any ideas for reducing traffic flow, I'd be glad to hear your suggestions.

> Ruth Cadoret 256-4027

Keeping Lapham Reopening an Active Issue

Many families in the Tenney-Laphan neighborhood have an interest in the possible reopening of Lapham TLNA Vice President Jim Sturm, 1416 E. Dayton Street, has been working with a coalition of residents from the Marquette, Capitol Area and Old Market Place neighborhood associations to keep the Lapham reopening a matter of serious consideration by the Madison

school administration.

That administration, by Sturm's account, tends to operate only from year to year and would not likely plan any action as costly as a school reopening until the need has been undeniable for at least a year. The suggestion to reopen Lapham was actually presented to School Board a couple of years ago by the Isthmus School Planning Council. If there was any impact from that presentation, said Sturm, it may have been increased caution in contracting with groups who have rented space in the Lapham School building.

Overcrowding of the Marquette schools is a reality. Options to resolve this problem include: 1) extensive redistricting with busing of students to suburban schools with lower enrollments; 2) reopening an existing facility; and 3) building a new school. While achool reopening would support the neighborhood and community structure, it would not be the least expensive solution. Personnel to administer an additional facility would have to be hired, and in the case of Lapham School, possible asbestos removal and the loss of rental income could also figure into the overell cost.

Membership Snippets

Thanks to all who have recently rejoined TLNA or joined it for the first time. Our latest membership drive has been a success, with 55 new members and a total association membership of 290. We're now working on new contacts, so expect a visit from us. My apologies to anyone I might have met at a bad time.

Another article in this newsletter concerns the possible reopening of Lapham School. Some time ago the Isthmus School Planning Council took a census of the pre-school population in the neighborhood. results were to be communicated to the school administration to help them in their planning. projections had been done with historical data, but an update might be a good selling point in our contention that the neighborhood's school population is growing and a school is needed in the Tenney-Lapham ares.

I will be Marquette Elementary's representative to the Parents Curriculum Advisory Committee beginning this fall. Feel free to contact me with your concerns. Also, I am chairing the Marquette resale this fall, so please keep this in mind when you do your summer or fall cleaning.

Richard Linster

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Despite the costliness of such a decision, it may well be the best course of action. Newly elected School Board Member Jerry Smith, who is recognized as a fiscal conservative, has requested a meeting with the committee. Mayor Sensenbrenner, recognizing the value of neighborhood schools to attract young families, recently spoke in favor of reopening Lapham as an important part of downtown revitalization.

Sturm emphasizes that there is a broad base of community support for reopening Lapham. He encouraged by the Mayor's statement and by a school board member outreach from neighborhoods coalition. The upcoming appointment of a new board to replace Nikki Smith could bring increased support for this proposal.

As yet there is no definite proposal under consideration. Lapham could reopen as a K-3, K-5 or It could regain its original middle school. boundaries or share enrollment with the Marquette district.

Just as there is no plan, there is no operating timetable for any possible reopening of Lapham School as an effective and attractive means of dealing with the area's increasing student enrollment.

> Lauren Bern 423 Sidney St







APIDARY · MINERAL SETTINGS





Fertilizers and Weed Control Chemicals

Lawn, Garden and Lake Care

Careful application of fertilizer and weed control chemicals on our lawns and gardens can minimize their potential harm to the city's lakes.

The Madison Department of Public Health notes that runoff of fertilizer promotes the growth of water weedsa and algae, which reduces the aesthetic value of our waterways. The discharge of weed control chemicals may also be harmful to aquatic life.

The health department recommends the use of fertilizing and weed control chemicals in the spring and early fall — the times of the year when lawn grasses and weeds are actively growing. Estimate how may square feet of lawn you'll treat and buy only as much of these chemicals as you need. Pay strict attention to the precautionary statements on product

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labels and inform your neighbors before you apply fertilizer or weed control chemicals. Some people, especially small children, may be sensitive to the chemicals and could have unfavorable reactions, such as skin rashes.

Users should apply the chemicals before expected rains and water their lawn or garden according to label directions. There may be some benefit to watering your lawn after applying certain types of fertilizers during dry weather conditions. However, rain or lawn watering within 24 hours will wash off the chemicals applied to control weeds and reduce their effectiveness. And don't apply the chemicals when weather conditions may cause drift from the intended area of application. Heavy rain or high winds may cause the fertilizer or weed control chemicals to travel to areas where they may have harmful effects.

The health department also recommends the use of a calibrated spreader, which not only permits uniform distribution of the chemicals but helps to control excessive use of them. Do not sweep or wash any chemicals that may have spilled or spread on walks or driveways into the gutter, since they would wash into the storm drainage systems which flow into the lakes and streams,

It is illegal to deposit fertilizer or other potentially polluting substances on sidewalks, driveways and roadways. It is likewise illegal to put grass clippings, leaves and dog droppings on roadways and sidewalks. These latter materials may add more nutrients and be more polluting than the fertilizers and weed control chemicals.

Store the chemicals away from children and pets, and promptly dispose of empty containers according to label directions. Try to avoid disposing of unneeded chemicals by giving them to a friend, or contact the health department for disposal information.

Soil tests are a practical way of telling whether fertilizers are needed and for determining what quantities should be applied to get the most benefit. Representative soil samples should be taken and submitted to a soil testing laboratory. The University Soil Testing Laboratory is located at 5711 Mineral Point Road. The fee for routine lawn or garden soil test is \$4 per sample.

Instructions and methods of sampling lawns and gardens for soil tests and assistance interpreting soil test results may be obtained from the Dene County Extension Office at the Dane County Fairgrounds, 266-4271, or the Agricultural Bulletin Building, 1535 Observatory Drive, 262-3346.

The health department has inexpensive bulletins available on the subjects of lawn weed prevention and control, sampling lawn and garden soils, lawn fertilization and garden fertilization. The health department is located in Room 507 of the City County Building, 266-4835.



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Men's Shelter Update

During May and June, members of the Dane County's Board of Social Services looked at how to make the Tellurian Men's Shelter program and facility more cost-effective for the county.

Three proposals kept the shelter at 15 S. Brearly

Street:

 Allow men eligible for Supplemental Security Income to use the shelter for a reduced daily cost;

Move the Drop-In Shelter from Grace Episcopal Church to the Men's Shelter:

 Move the county's Alcohol Detoxification Unit from 1954 E. Washington Ave., to 15 S. Brearly.

Two proposals either converted or closed the

facility:

4. Move the Men's Shelter to 1954 E. Washington and convert the Brearly Street facility to other county uses;

5. Close the Men's Shelter on December 31 and use vouchers to provide housing for eligible men in Beltline motels.

On June 25, the board combined proposals 3 and 4 into one recommendation: that the County Board of Supervisors locate the Detox Unit and the Men's Shelter in one facility at either the East Washington or South Brearly site.

If the Board of Supervisors follows this recommendation, then we'll see either a doubling of the services that Tellurian UCAN provides at 15 S. Brearly, or we'll see a new set of to-be-named county

enants

If the Detox Unit moves to Brearly Street, I think it will be little noticed by our neighborhood. Kathleen Nichols, our county supervisor, thinks highly of its operator (again, Tellurian) which has turned the Detox Unit from her number one constituent complaint into a good neighbor. I think the Men's Shelter also has proved to be a good and quiet neighbor.

If the Men's Shelter moves to 1954 E. Washington, we won't notice a change. I live two blocks from the shelter and I'd never know it was there if not for

serving on its Advisory Committee.

After six months of operation, the Shelter, in my opinion, is doing a very good job. Its staff has found permanent housing for more than 150 men. Shelter workers also have come to provide services that are much needed by their clients: housing and job assistance; health and nutrition counseling; recreational advice; and psychological evaluation.



In addition, the shelter staff has organized an Alcoholics Anonymous meeting for our area. Mestings are held every Tuesday at 7 p.m. at the shelter, and they are open to all, not just shelter residents.

I think we can be proud of the Men's Shelter. It surprises me to say it, but I'd regret to see the shelter leave the neighborhood. It's special in how well it meets the needs of its clients.

But apart from my feelings, be sure to let Kathleen Nichols (telephone 256-7619) know your thoughts on this matter.

Shaun Abshere

Garden Fund Donation

TLNA has provided its annual \$50 donation to the garden fund of the Tenney Park Apartments.

Lorraine Hoffman, treasurer of the apartments' residents association, said the money will be used to purchase perennials for the main garden on North Baldwin Street and for the borders around the apartment buildings. This year's garden is another credit to the residents and a pleasure to Tenney-Lapham neighbors.

We are sorry to hear of the illness of Tenney Park Apartments Co-Chairperson Dorothy Wilson. We wish her a speedy recovery and join in thanking her

for all the good work she has done.

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The new shop features deli items, subs, corned beef and other cold sandwiches, soft drinks, juices and slushes, home-made soups and hot entrees.

The shop is the work of Gary Hanson, who has twelve years' experience at such restaurants as White Horse, Harper's and Poole's, mostly as a chef. Kokoko Joe's hours are 8:30 to 9 weekdays and 10 to 9 Saturdays.

Next six-week sessions of aerobic dance exercise classes will start July 21 at two near Bastside locations.

Jan's Body Dynamics classes from 5:30 to 6:30 Monday and Wednesday evenings are held at the WilMar Neighborhood Center, 953 Jenifer St., and cost \$30. The Monday, Wednesday and Friday classes from 9:15 to 10:15 a.m. are held at the Tap-It Dance Studio, 1959 Winnebago St. Babysitting is available for these classes, which cost \$36.

Instructor Jan Tucciniardi has six years' experience in leading fitness classes. Her phone number is 233-1217.

Along East Johnson Street, Pierre Gbedey of Vision d'Afrique is host of "Tropical Rhythms," a program of music from Africa, the Caribbean and other Third World cultures from 2:30 to 4:00 p.m. Sundays on WORT-FM. Most of the selections are taken from recordings on sale at the shop.

At Whole Earth Foods, Carla Raushenbush has taken

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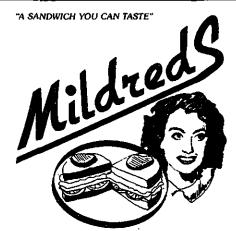
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over the duties of produce manager since the May departure of Jackie Ashley. Helen Chantler is working part-time at the store this summer.

Portulaca flowers festoon the planter box outside The Butcher Shop, which now carries preservative-free sausages, spicey Cajun smoked sausage and ham, breakfast sausages made with dried fruits and turkey bratwurst.

Two guitars valued together at \$1,200 were stolen May 28 from Spruce Tree Music.

Police were notified at 2:50 a.m. by a neighbor who heard the breaking glass of the shop's front window. Shop owner Wil Bremser said he has published nationally the serial numbers of the Gibson semi-hollow body electric instruments. Police had no solid leads in the case.



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Wanted: Lake Weed Busters

Dan Wehrman of 20 Sherman Terrace has an idea... and he needs some help to make it work. Dan would like to form a corps of Lake Weed Busters to help clean up Tenney Lagoon and the shoreline in the park. With a few rakes, a rowboat or canoes, a dumpster and some volunteer muscle, Dan would like to clean up the lagoon weeds and debris that the county's weedcutter or city park staff don't get to. It's a great idea. Give him a call at 241-4820.

While we're on the subject of parks, I recently called the County about getting additional barrels along the jetty near the locks. The county will also cut three times this summer in the lagoon, but the weed crop is expected to be as bad or worse than last year.

And, if you're a volleyball fan, the new volleyball court along the Sherman side of the park should be in use by late June. TLNA was instrumental in pushing for this new park addition.

If you're a Madison Metro fan, check out the new W Line, a limited stop service along E. Washington. The service runs only in the morning and late afternoon during rush hours, and will stop at the Fiore Shopping Center, E. Washington and the railroad tracks, and at B. Washington and Ingersoll. It will provide service to the Square and the campus area. Call 266-5921 or pick up a schedule for exact times.

E.Washington Improvements

Plans for improving the appearance of E. Washington move along. Contracts will be let this summer for removal of old concrete terraces and for seeding of those new green spaces. The new trees are also on order, and hopefully the first new varieties will be put in later this fall, from Webster down at least to Paterson. Phase Two should occur next year, from Paterson east towards First Street.

On a different note, the weekend-night traffic problems along East Washington have triggered a flood of complaints this past month. Many area residents and business people have called me or the Police Department about speeding, drunk driving, noise complaints, trespassing and other obnoxious behavior. The street scene along the boulevard, which used to be an infrequent summer-night happening, has turned into a regular event. Stop lights have been run over, dozens of traffic citations issued, and many injury-related accidents have occurred this spring. I met recently with the Police Department and traffic engineers, and we agreed to post most of the boulevard with signs saying "No Parking: 9 p.m. to 6 a.m." This will be on a 90-day trial basis, to try to cut down on the number of cars and party-goers attracted to the area. Police have also increased enforcement to prevent the situation from getting worse.

Although I'm sympathetic to true car buffs who want a place to show off their fancy cars, most of



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FOR THE OFFICE, HOME, & RESTAURANT Greg Papendieck, Owner those attracted to the boulevard in the last year or two seem to have other motives in mind.

Fordem & Johnson

The busy intersection of Fordem/Johnson received the dubious honor of being number two last year on the city's list of hazardous corners. But some relief may be in sight. Working with Traffic Engineering and Nancy Leszer of the Mayor's Office, we may have a stop light at that corner within the next few months. We're working on how to fit it into the budget, and order the needed equipment will take some time. It's a complicated traffic problem, according to Traffic Engineering, because of the railroad trucks and merging traffic patterns. But keep your fingers crossed.

Downtown Convention Center?

I've been appointed to a City Council Committee set up to explore the idea of building a major convention center in the Downtown. The committee will meet this summer to study various sites, costs, etc. Such a facility could be a big boost for encouraging visitors to the Downtown and a major stimulus to revitalizing the Square. Let me know what you think of this major project.

Gorham St. Reconstruction

The harsh winter left many city streets looking like a patch of moonscape, and Gorham Street was one of the bumplest. City crews have done a decent job of pothole filling this spring, but the big job lies ahead: reconstruction of the street. I've discussed this major project with City Engineering and the Mayor's Office. and I can now report that Gorham is high on the list of streets for reconstruction next year. If the City Engineering budget is adopted, Gorham would be reconstructed from Brearly to Hamilton.

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TLNA President's Report

First off, the fun things.

By the looks of the activity over near the beach, we appear to be gatting our long promised volleyball court in that area. I was also told that we will be getting a temporary court on the island; this will consist of just the two standards that a net can be attached to. Sometime near the end of August, the Parks Department will begin the raising of the island. Six inches of new fill will be placed over the entire island and reseeded. When that is complete, we will get our permanent "grass court" volleyball court. Let's see?!?

I just recently received a letter from the president of Old Market Place Neighborhood Association. I understand that a number of the residences, i.e. people along the 800 blocks of some of the streets in the area request to participate in the OMPNA activities. Because the council boundary is at Paterson Street, they felt that it would be natural to carry the same boundaries over to the neighborhood association. I would be interested to hear from

people on this issue. Again, my phone is 256-5882. Question: Can hot roddin', loud music and often disruptive gatherings of people be compatible with the goals and interests of our neighborhood? It appears that the Friday and Saturday night activities along East Washington Street are creating an atmosphere that of our neighborhood residents find

2 New Crime Watch Streets

A majority of the residents of both Washburn and Prospect Places have agreed to engrave their personal property as participants in the Neighborhood Crime Watch program.

The engraving tool is available from Sharon Reddinger, 408 Washburn Place, who has led the effort to organize her neighbors into the program. hoped that other residents of those blocks will participate in the Crime Watch, at least to the extent of lighting their front entries - the easiest and most effective part of the program.

Another engraver is in use among members of the East Johnson Street merchants community, Tenney-Lapham Crime Watch Coordinator Richard Linster reports current organizing efforts of the 100 block of North Baldwin Street by Greg Heisig and Ernesto Martinez, and of the 1200 block of East Johnson by Jim Wachtendonk and Carol Shaber,

Residents interested in further details about the Crime Watch program should contact Linster, 432 Sidney St., at 251-1937.



objectionable. Here's another one to let me know your

fealings on.

Last month the Board had the opportunity to review a few ideas that the Fiore Companies have for removating the exterior of the Fiore Shopping Center. We felt that proposals had strong possibilities for upgrading the asthetics of that facility. The owners are also planning to redo the parking area to make it more functional and to complement the remodeling that will be taking place on the center. The owners have expressed interest in finding out what types of services or retail-type facilities that you feel would benefit both the center and our area. If you come up with a missing store or eating establishment that you feel would work well in the center, call me and tell me vour ideas.

Until next newsletter, have a nice summer.

Devid Mandahr

Crime Watch Bulletin

The Tenney-Lapham neighborhood had seven burglaries but no cases of sexual assault or child enticement in the months of March, April and May, figures from the Madison Police Department's Neighborhood Crime Watch Bulletin.

Police Officer Gary Smith reports that the incidence of burglaries, sexual assault and prowlers is higher during the summer months. The easiest way to protect yourself from burglars is to lock up. average burglar takes only three minutes to do his job, so it's important to lock up whenever you're out.

Don't rely on bug screens for security, Smith advises. Most sexual assaults that occurred in the home by strangers were made possible by the culprit

defeating a bug-type screen.

Lights eliminate dark secluded areas of the home where prowlers and peepers lurk. Smith recommends you leave outside lights on all night every night whether you're home or away and adds, "We are convinced that the benefits of light far outweigh the cost."

If you would like more information on lighting or home security, Smith will be happy to answer questions or set up a free home security survey. His phone numbers are 266-4145 and 266-4238.

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Waiting lists for housing for the elderly operated by the city's Community Development Authority are the shortest they have been in years, according to a recent notice from the Madison Housing Operations Service.

The CDA encourages eligible individuals to apply now for its elderly housing. An applicant for housing at Brittingham, Gay Braxton, Romnes, Tenney Park or Parkside Apartments could expect the CDA to contact him or her within four or five months.

To be eligible, an applicant must be at least 62 years of age or else disabled or handicapped. Annual income cannot exceed \$17,450 for one person or \$19,950 for a couple. There is no limitation on assets.

for a couple. There is no limitation on assets.

Rent is affordable — about 30 per cent of income— and includes stove, refrigerator, garbage disposer, off-street parking and all utilities. Laundry facilities are located on site, and several buildings have reduced-price noon meals.

Applications can be obtained by calling 266-4380 or by stopping in at the Madison Municipal Building, 215 Monona Avenue., Room 130.

TLNA Treasury Note

Nearly \$400 was added to the TLNA treasury from this spring's pancake supper and rummage sale at Christ Presbyterian Church.

The pencake supper April 18, raised \$69.38 and the resale April 26, \$317.24.

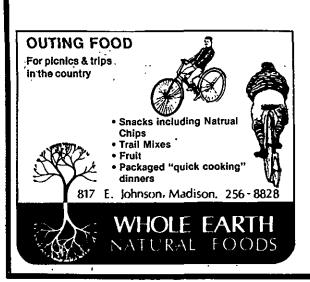
fund of Marquette Elementary School. Most of the

The current membership drive has brought in 55 new members and \$562.50. Recent donations from the neighborhood association are \$50 each to the garden fund of the Tenney Park Apartments and the playground

association's income is used to pay the printing costs of the newsletter.

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