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New Garden to Emerge This Spring at Reynolds Park

An unusual kind of public garden - a 190 foot garden of vines - is being planned for Reynolds Park. A mosaic of perennial and annual vines will be planted this spring along the entire length of the chain link fence on the East Mifflin Street side of Reynolds Park between Paterson and Livingston streets.

The garden will be a volunteer effort led by Bob Shaw who takes care of the other garden in Reynolds Park, the triangular garden at the corner of E. Dayton and Paterson streets. The vine garden has been approved by the Tenney-Lapham Neighborhood Association, alder Barbara Vedder, and the city park's department.

The fence is about six feet high and consists of nineteen ten foot sections. An eighteen inch strip of grass will be removed along the entire length. The area will then be planted with vines and mulched to preserve moisture and keep the weeds down.

"I'm really excited about creating this garden," said Shaw. "I think vines are an under-utilized component of gardening, especially in areas like the Isthmus where gardens tend to be small and space is at a premium. This garden will showcase the diversity of vines." He went on to say that it would be a great garden for the handicapped and the elderly since the sidewalk abuts the fence and the plants will be at eye level (Sam

Oakey excepted).

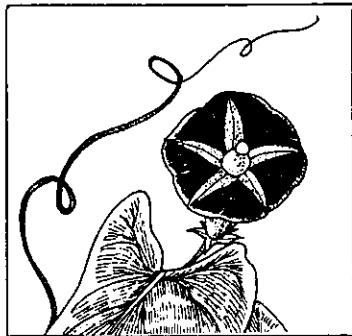
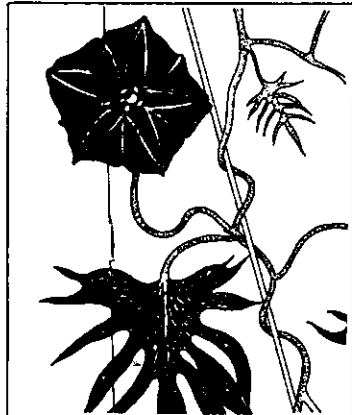
Perennial vines to be planted include Virginia creeper, several kinds of climbing honeysuckle and clematis, five-finger akebia, trumpet creeper, climbing hydrangea, kiwi, and Oriental bitter-sweet. Annual vines include several kinds of morning glory, canary creeper, cypress vine, cardinal climber, scarlet runner bean, lablab vine, moonflower, crimson star glory, love-in-a-puff, Chilean glory

flower, variegated Japanese hops, and moonflower. Because perennial vines take a couple of years to reach their full height, the annual vines will dominate this first year.

A fund raising drive is currently underway to raise \$250 for the plants, mulch, and signs. That amount will be matched on a dollar to dollar basis by the city's People for Parks Matching Fund Program. If you would like to contribute, please send a check made out to City Treasurer to: Reynolds Park Vine Garden, Tenney-Lapham Neighborhood Association, P.O. Box 703, Madison, WI 53701. Contributions are tax

deductible.

In the middle of May a work party will take place on a weekend day. Watch the next newsletter for details.



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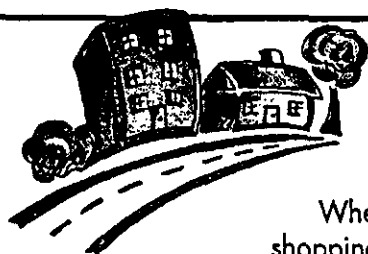
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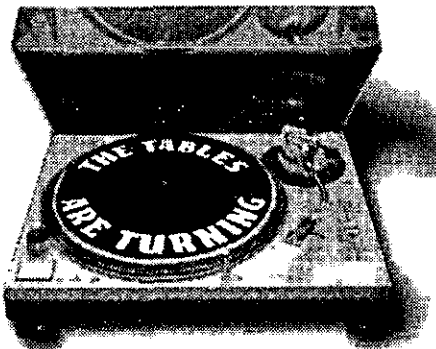
The April 7 election is almost upon us. In order to help us all inform ourselves about the candidates, TLNA addressed the following questions to the candidates for School Board and County Supervisor-2nd District. Their responses are on pages 4-7.

1) What previous experience of yours has prepared you for conducting the work of this office?

2) What are the three current issues which you consider most important for the Second District (Madison Metropolitan School District)?

3) Incumbent: Describe two accomplishments you are most proud of during your work to date in this office. OR

Challenger: Describe how you would have handled two issues differently from the incumbent.



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County Supervisor - District 2

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Richard Greene
(Challenger)

(1) Previous Experience

I am a 54 year old teacher and auctioneer. I have taught school in the Madison system since 1967. I have a B.A. degree in English and geography. I am certified in ropes course and work with problem students. I own and operate Black Horse Auction & Appraisal Service. I have lived in the Second District for 30 years. I, therefore, have experience in both the business world and in the school system.

(2) Current Issues

1. Vision 20/20
2. Community rail system
3. Merging city and county health services.

(3) Past Issues

Although not a county issue, the incumbent supports the city's plan for "infill" for the city center. I feel that the Second District is "filled" beyond what is desirable. Areas such as the 600 block of East Mifflin Street should not simply be filled with housing because they are empty. Gardens or recreation areas would make this part of the District more people friendly.

The incumbent has supported the widely rejected Vision 20/20 plan. I support the idea of having a plan. But the plan must be a framework that can be bent and twisted to accommodate the different conditions in the local areas. The accepted plan is now a logjam.

Judy Wilcox
(Incumbent)

(1) Previous Experience

I believe my many years of experience in local government have prepared me for conducting the work of this office. Please note the following:

- Dane County resident, thirty years, Second District since 1989
- First woman elected to Stoughton City Council, (1976-1985)
- Dane County Board 1992-present
- Long Term Care Redesign and Aging Commissions
- Health and Human Needs (Chair), Long Term Support, Information Resource Management, and W2 Steering Committees.
- Affordable Housing Council (Chair)
- Developed housing for elderly and disabled persons (1972-1993)
- Peace Corps Volunteer, (1987-1989).
- Member of Old Marketplace and Tenney/Lapham Neighborhood Associations
- State Homeless Programs Coordinator
- Three daughters and two grandchildren

(2) Current Issues

Land use and the implementation of the Vision 2020 plan
Implementation of W2 and the Long Term Care Redesign
Continued effort to achieve a living wage for individuals who work for county purchase of service agencies.

(3) Past Issues

Passing the county budget in record time. A budget that increased funding for parks, seniors, law enforcement, and the lowest paid workers in contract agencies, while holding the line on overall spending. This budget provided funds for youth resource centers, the BUILD program, increased staff for planning and zoning, repaired sirens and cut the county debt by \$4 million.

I successfully mounted a local campaign to reverse the federal decision to eliminate SSI payments for legal immigrants. I introduced a resolution that was passed by the County Board and then went to our state legislative representatives and our Congressional representatives to advocate for the continuation of SSI benefits particularly for the Southeast Asian population who fought on the side of the USA during the Vietnam Conflict.



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School Board - Seat 3

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Joann Elder
(Challenger)

(1) Previous Experience

My longstanding interest in public schools is indicated by completing a Secondary Education degree at U.W. Madison in 1968. I did not take a teaching position in the public schools, but I did advise students going into high school teaching and kept in close touch with teaching requirements and standards. I have been active in community affairs since moving to Madison in 1961. I am trained in research methods and will be thorough in examining data and reviewing issues. I served on the League of Women Voters education committee. Our three children are products of Madison public schools.

(2) Current Issues

a) I want to see that we maintain our high scholastic standards and help all the children in our system reach these standards.

b) We must address the shortfall in the budget for school maintenance. There is a plan to set priorities for maintenance, but the current budget is not adequate to meet critical needs, and a referendum will be needed. We must not add to property taxes to fix this problem, but look for the broadest community base to fill this need, for the good of the community.

c) I want to eliminate harassment and make all children feel valued and secure in our schools. We have growing diversity in our community. That should make us proud of our differences and of the fact we are one human family - different colors, language backgrounds, orientations, family structures, etc. We must have the best library resources and curriculum materials to promote understanding of differences.

(3) Past Issues

a) I would have supported the teachers more quickly in the last contract, and would have been more open to compromise to have averted that too-long contract negotiation.

b) I would not have agreed to a referendum until I had total leadership from the Board. My opponent opposed the last referendum. It failed. Today there is a maintenance crisis.

Mary Jan Rosenak
(Incumbent)

(1) Previous Experience

I am a financial analyst. I am an attorney. I am a parent of young children who attend Madison's schools.

Our biggest issue is resource allocation, we must manage within a budget. I have the education and the experience to deal with a \$240 million budget. My three year record on the board speaks for itself. I have always applied cost saving measures to our budget. I believe in fiscal restraint. I have consistently moved money into maintenance from our operating budget.

(2) Current Issues

Safety in our schools. I have zero tolerance for violence or weapons in our schools. I have supported increases in the security budget each year.

Benchmark and standards. I want MMSD to be a world class learning institution. Our students must be prepared to compete in the world economy or any higher learning institution.

Adequate maintenance funding within the budget. The community expects us to use our money wisely. They expect us to budget for routine maintenance. Safe, clean, and maintained schools are an important element of creating a learning environment

(3) Past Issues

I have supported the Standards, Benchmarks, and Assessment initiative. The math standards are currently the most complete. If you have a kindergartner through fifth grader, you should have gotten the math standards in back pack mail. They are clear and coherent.

I have supported the annual increase in maintenance dollars from the Operating Budget. Each year we have committed to increase maintenance by \$500,000. Progress is slower than we would like, but if maintenance is ever to be caught up, we have to stop thinking that maintenance gets only what is left over.

Ray Allen
(Incumbent)

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Kaleem Caire
(Challenger)

(1) Previous Experience

I have a B.A. degree in Journalism and M.S. degree in Management. I have held positions in both the public and private sectors as a manager in the area of marketing and finance. I also have served on the Madison Area Technical College Board as Chair. I am currently Chair of the TEACH Wisconsin Board which sets standards and awards grants in the area of technology to school districts around the state.

I am completing my first term on the Madison School Board, having served as chair of the Budget Committee and the Partnership Committee. I also served on the State Standards Committee which established academic standards for local school districts.

(2) Current Issues

Maintaining the overall quality of education. As resources shrink, and demographics change, the district faces a major challenge of enhancing the quality of education.

Addressing the labor/management relationship between the union and the administration. Each side will have to reach common ground if we are to maintain an equitable and excellent educational system.

We must make the maintenance of our facilities a top priority and bring this issue to resolution. We must focus on developing a community acceptable plan to meet ongoing maintenance needs.

(3) Past Issues

My leadership in getting the Board to focus on and develop a plan to direct operating funds to address maintenance on a continuing basis. This has lead to an additional \$500,000 per year directed to facilities maintenance each year.

Support for the establishment of academic standards and Summit on Minority Achievement which have lead to the Equity Diversity Advocacy Audit Committee.

I believe these standards will raise the bar for the whole student population. The EDA study will focus on the area of minority achievement. This information will provide a valuable resource to improve the quality of education for all children.

(1) Previous Experience

As a native Madisonian and a graduate of West High School, I feel I understand Madison; the quality of our public schools; the changes that have impacted our young people in our city; and what it will take to maintain high quality public education amidst shrinking school budgets. I have also supported our schools through volunteering, and helping create opportunities such as the comprehensive tutorial program/partnership between the UW-Madison and Midvale-Lincoln School which has brought over 40 "trained" tutors into our schools. In addition, my work in the schools, at the State Department of Public Instruction, and on several State and local education committees will bring a needed perspective to the board.

(2) Current Issues

Three current issues that are very important are State-imposed revenue limits, school safety and improving the academic achievement of "minority" students. The revenue limits are already putting a strain on our school district's ability to meet both its building maintenance, and school staffing and program needs. We are already nearly \$10 million behind in meeting our maintenance needs. To avoid drastic budget cuts, our school district will likely have to go to referendum. In doing so, our district will have to prioritize its needs, distinguish need from want, and effectively communicate these issues to the public.

(3) Past Issues

I would have been forthright about my role in the domestic partnership insurance issue. My opponent was responsible for expanding the policy to include "anyone" in a domestic partnership, but then pretended he had no role. Also, I would have not allowed the school district to increase its budget by \$1.1 million dollars for administrative expenses earlier this month, after it claimed it could not cover \$1 million of the teachers contract in December. Having experience and training in education, I recognize that money is better spent in the classroom.

School Board - Seat 5

Norris Carden
(Challenger)

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Ruth Robarts
(Incumbent)

(1) Previous Experience

As a journalist, I covered dozens of school boards and other government bodies. I learned to investigate all sides of an issue and present relevant facts. When elected, I will make sure the public is both informed and involved. I will vote in the best interest of the students, public and staff.

(2) Current Issues

Most important is educating all students. Since 1991, third grade reading scores and four-year graduation rates are under the state average...and minority achievement is exceptionally troubling. Students who aren't meeting basic standards must be tutored to catch up, not given an excuse to fall further behind. We must measure individual student achievement, hold teachers accountable and reward excellent teachers. We should raise graduation requirements and eliminate any program that encourages low achievement.

Our schools must be upgraded so future graduates are qualified for jobs in the next millennium. We need teachers who understand how to integrate technology into their classrooms to reinforce the basic skills that motivate people to become lifelong learners.

Madison spends more per student than most school systems. I will not ask for more of your money unless I am absolutely convinced every dollar is already spent as efficiently as possible. Voters should demand all of the education we're paying for.

(3) Past Issues

First, I would never push an extremist agenda on taxpayers, hide behind an illegal gag order or make uninformed votes. Ruth Robarts forced taxpayers to extend family health benefits to non-families...voted to deny public debate on the MTI contract...and voted for a Coke contract which she recently admitted she didn't understand.

Second, I would never sacrifice the safety of Madison's children. Ruth Robarts proposed "that we eliminate funding for middle school security guards" to pay for field trips.

Visit <http://userpages.itis.com/voteapr7> for more information.

(1) Previous Experience

For ten years, I worked at Malcolm Shabazz City High School and the Work and Learn Center as a teacher and principal. My daughter attended Madison schools. I have lived in Madison for twenty-five years. I hold a law degree, a master's degree in educational administration and a certificate from Harvard in labor relations. I have served on the Board for ten months.

(2) Current Issues

The critical issues facing us are inter-related: *increasing revenues for our schools, increasing community support for schools and improving the relationship between the Board and teachers.*

We need more revenues because the natural growth in staffing costs and the special expenses of repairing and remodeling our aging schools cannot be accommodated under the revenue limits imposed by state law on our budget. Until we raise more revenues through a referendum, we will not be able to decrease class sizes sufficiently to increase student achievement and will continue to manage building problems on a crisis basis.

We need to increase our credibility on financial issues before we can propose a referendum. To do so, we must eliminate unnecessary administrative and consulting expenses, identify which buildings have truly critical needs, and go slowly on spending for new technology.

Finally, we must recognize the contributions of our teachers and support staff to the excellence of our schools, develop an equal, mutually respectful relationship with Madison Teachers, Inc., and work together on issues of common concern.

(3) Past Issues

In my ten months on the Board, I have taken the initiative in several areas. One is working with high school students to create a proposal for student representation on the Board, which I expect will be implemented. I have also worked hard to build a good relationship with our teaching staff, before, during and after our recent contract negotiations.

Public Input Needed for the Yahara River Parkway

The draft Yahara River Parkway Conceptual Master Plan is available for public review and comment.....finally! You can obtain a copy of this scintillating and much awaited report from the city Planning Department, alder Barb Vedder, a neighbor representative on the Task Force (Ed Jepsen or Allison Mader) or the TLNA president Richard Linster. This mother of all reports is the culmination of way too many meetings, public input....uh-huh, plenty of opinions and some facts here and there.

This page turner of a report was given two thumbs up for content and style. The graphics are outstanding in their field and are being considered for Academy Award status in the F/X creative fiction category. I state my reputation ...that if you pick up this report, you won't put it down until you're done!

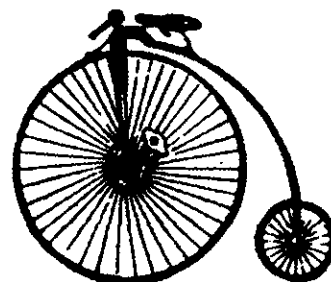
Your input is critical....really! If you believe in this project and the benefits the paths, potential private redevelopments and enhanced greenspace will have for our Isthmus neighborhoods....

run, don't walk to the nearest purveyor of this document. Read it, take a walk down by the river and get your comments back to the Task Force members, Alder Barb and/or the Mayor's office.

A public meeting will be held on April 4 at Marquette School to take your comments on the proposed Yahara Parkway plan. The meeting will be held from 10 am until 2 pm followed by pontoon rides and river walks, weather permitting. The plan proposes bike and pedestrian paths along the river, underpasses at the E. Washington and E. Johnson Street bridges, landscape restoration on the parklands and much more. The sponsors of the meeting are the Yahara Parkway Ad Hoc Committee, City of Madison Planning Department, and the Parks Department. For more information, please call Ed Jepsen (255-2845), Archie Nicolette (267-8741), or Si Widstrand (266-4711).

Thank you for your cooperation!
-Ed Jepsen

The Urban Open Space Foundation in collaboration with the Forum Design Team will sponsor a Yahara River Parkway Public Forum on Saturday, April 18th from 8:30 am - 4:00 pm at Trinity Lutheran Church, 1904 Winnebago Street. The Forum is designed to welcome input from citizens of all ages. We hope this Forum will mobilize citizens to participate in the landscape restoration and management of the Yahara River Parkway and to reclaim this historic landscape as part of our cultural heritage. Space is limited. To register call the Urban Open Space Foundation at 255-9877 by April 10. Lunch and Forum materials (maps, photos, and fact sheets) will be provided.



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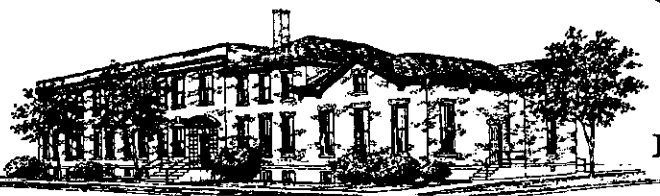
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President's Report

City Aims to Strengthen Neighborhoods

Dear Neighbors:

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This book is highly recommended for those who want to know how to go about in the most effective way to develop mutually beneficial partnerships with the City and their neighbors. *Building Blocks* is available at a cost of \$9.50 plus tax from Planning and Development, Room LL-100, 215 Martin Luther King, Jr. Blvd.

Currently plans are being laid for the upcoming Neighborhood Conference this October. TLNA Council member Tim Olsen represented us at the recent planning session. Neighborhood resident Cheryl Wittke is serving as Conference Coordinator. It is my hope we will be able to provide more detailed information both before and after the conference in future issues of the newsletter.

Since the middle of October a committee (R-2 Zoning code Advisory Committee) appointed by the Mayor has been

meeting to provide input regarding standards and the process of granting variances and to consider possible amendments to the Zoning code. The work of this group may have far reaching effects on older neighborhoods, such as ours. Couple this with the selection of a new director for the City Building Inspection Unit and the potential for real positive change is strong! Further, the City has out a RFP for a consultant to study the delivery of inspection services. The goal is to improve the code enforcement system to accomplish what neighborhoods and businesses want, work with the City Neighborhood Resource Teams, and to include but not be limited to a study of the issue of consolidation of Fire and Building Inspection services. The Neighborhood Association will closely follow this process and will provide an account in these columns.

In parting - as the weather improves I should be able to see more of you in my role as chair of the membership committee. Please take the time to fill out your forms and get them back to me. Your courtesy on this saves me the time that I can then use to see others so their dues can be renewed in a timely fashion and we can recruit new members. Your participation both monetarily and by your chosen activity benefits the entire neighborhood.

Until the next issue,
Richard Linster

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New Language Being Tested for Housing Code Violations

I think most of us agree that we'd like to live in a neighborhood which is friendly, safe, and clean. There are other qualities which could be added, including buildings which are well-kept and aesthetically attractive. For the last quality mentioned, the Building Inspection Unit has its place, among other responsibilities, in the functioning of the city.

Because of neighbors' persistent complaints about certain areas of the Tenney-Lapham neighborhood, I've been consulting and working with the Housing section of the Department of Planning and Development. As a result of that effort, the housing section is currently testing new language for use in issuing official notices requiring the correction of code violations in rental property. The expectation is that by tightening the language used to write an order, the department will be in a better position to refuse to accept poor quality, unsightly repairs. We'll know better by this summer if possible changes in the language can help to improve chronic problem areas.

Linda Grubb, Neighborhood Preservation Supervisor, is also planning on targeting some problem areas, using the same inspection criteria that is used for the fraternity inspection program. In this fraternity program, all buildings are

inspected the first year. The second year only those buildings having had significant violations the first year are inspected. The inspections continue yearly for problem buildings until the number of housing violations found falls to an acceptable level.

Obviously, this is only one example of a broader citywide issue, one which affects many neighborhoods across Madison. Decent housing is a basic need and right and there are many ways to look and address different aspects of it.

There's more work that can be done in this area and I'm in the process of looking further. I welcome any input you might have as well. You can contact me at district2@ci.madison.wi.us or 249-8428.

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Baldwin Stands Firm on Mining Issue

As this article goes to press, a bill creating a moratorium on sulfide mining activities in the state of Wisconsin sits on Governor Thompson's desk, awaiting his signature. The mining moratorium (Senate Bill 3) is the product of many years of effort, coalition building, grass roots activism and political struggle. I am proud to be a co-author of the bill.

Many concerned citizens have followed the progress of this bill carefully and know that in recent weeks, last minute political maneuvering almost resulted in stripping the measure of all its muscle. While the bill was being debated in the state Assembly, several eleventh hour amendments were offered at the behest of Exxon corporation. One of the Exxon amendments (Assembly amendment 4) actually passed in the Assembly, throwing environmentally conscientious legislators and citizen activists across the state into action.

The Exxon amendment would have redefined the word "pollution" in such a way that the very mining activities that the bill was intended to address would

probably have been exempted. The Exxon amendment gutted the bill. Senate Bill 3 would no longer have provided protection to the citizens of the state.

Fortunately the action to weaken the bill resulted in an overwhelming public outcry. Several legislators reported receiving in excess of 250 telephone calls in the days following the Assembly vote. The citizen activism got results. The state Senate acted to correct the damage and ultimately both houses passed a bill that is a true moratorium. Now the same level of activism is needed to persuade the Governor to sign Senate Bill 3 into law.

You may wonder why we need a sulfide mining moratorium in Wisconsin. Mining for metals such as zinc or copper produces a byproduct waste (sulfuric acid). Unacceptably high levels of this waste enter our lakes and rivers, polluting our drinking water supply and damaging our environment. Mining corporations such as Exxon and its business partner Rio Algom claim that they now have technology that enables them to mine without polluting the water. The

moratorium bill simply says prove that the technology works somewhere else first before you mine in Wisconsin. Exxon and Rio Algom have long had their sights set on a large mine near Crandon Wisconsin, at the headwaters of the Wolf river. The mining moratorium bill has had a long and arduous path through the Legislature because so many wealthy interests were involved in attempting to derail or gut the bill. The passage of Senate Bill 3 is a real victory for the people of the state who stood up to these enormously powerful interests and won.

I appreciate all the thoughtful communications I received on SB 3. Please feel free to stay in touch with me on the Mining Moratorium Bill or any other issues of interest. You can reach me at 266-8570 (voice) or 266-8463 (fax) or by writing me at P.O. Box 8952, Madison, WI 53708-8952. You may also E-mail me at tammy.baldwin@legis.state.wi.us or visit my web site at <http://www.legis.state.wi.us/assembly/asm78/news/index.htm>.

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What's New at WESCO?

On the 16th of February, remodeling work began on the old WESCO building, located at 110 N. Thornton Avenue, to provide new warehouse and light manufacturing space for Great Big Pictures. In a phone conversation with Mary Chandler, co-owner of Great Big Pictures, she stated that her business was making the necessary modifications to the WESCO building to allow them to move their operations to that facility around the middle of March. Ms. Chandler said that her business would occupy most of the space but that in the not too distant future, they would like to lease the remaining warehouse and office space to compatible businesses. She said that if there were businesses who were interested in any space that they should contact her. One point that Ms. Chandler wanted to emphasize was that the new owners had commissioned an architect and were actively exploring the feasibility of putting residential development along the northern or East Dayton side of the property.

CityWide Pet Clinic is Moving

On or about the second week of March, CityWide Pet Clinic should be in their new facility. The new space at 6009 Monona Drive, across from Water Tower Place, was the previous home for

Northwest Fabrics. CityWide said that they will be providing all the same services but that now they'll have more than twice the space to do it in. Their new number will be 222-VETS (8387).

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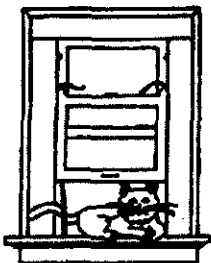


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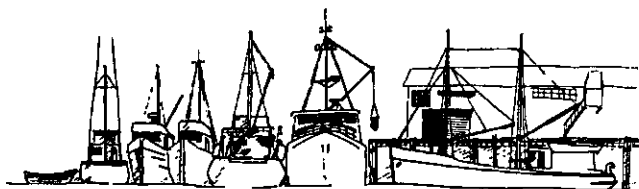
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Reynolds Property: Will It be Housing or Gardens?

That question was decided on Thursday, January 28 when the Reynolds Surplus Property Disposal Committee voted 3-2 to allocate 60%-75% of the site to housing and 25%-40% to gardens/open space.

While there are still outstanding elements that remain to be finalized before the "Request for Proposal" is made available to developers, the late January meeting marked a milestone in a process that has covered many years and numerous meetings. In the late 1970's, a preliminary concept plan was developed that would provide for new housing on numerous City-owned land parcels, including those in the Old Market Place Neighborhood. Critical to this development plan was the land owned by the Reynolds Transfer and Storage Company in the 600 Block of East Mifflin and East Dayton Streets. At this time it was deemed necessary to make an ex-

change of City-owned land in the 700 Block of East Mifflin Street for the Reynolds' property.

In 1983, the City began negotiations with Edward and David Reynolds for the exchange of the properties. In February 1987, a letter of agreement was signed by the Reynolds brothers agreeing to the exchange of Reynolds and City land. In September 1987, the Common Council adopted the "Reynolds Homestead Tax Increment Finance District #17" which would provide the financing for public improvements, land acquisitions and loans and grants for residential development and rehabilitation.

In April 1989, the "Reynolds Homestead Redevelopment Plan" received Common Council adoption. This action gave the Community Development Authority (CDA) the statutory right to begin land acquisition and movement toward the fulfillment of its goal of cen-

tral City revitalization through the creation of housing and promotion of housing rehabilitation "which will strengthen and stabilize an existing housing neighborhood." The Reynolds Company and City land exchange was cited as a key element of that Plan.

In June 1995, the "Tenney-Lapham/Old Market Place Neighborhood Plan", prepared by a Mayor-appointed neighborhood based steering committee, was adopted by the Common Council. The plan included the recommendation for the prompt development of "key neighborhood tracts" including the Reynolds Property.

During 1996, negotiations on the land exchange continued with the surfacing of a proposed resolution near the end of the year. On December 17, 1996, a resolution was introduced in the Common Council approving the exchange.

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Beginning in April of 1997, numerous events occurred that culminated in the property transfer. At the April meeting of the Old Market Place Neighborhood Association, the question of using the Reynolds Property for community gardens was raised. Over the next six months a number of steps were taken. First a substitute resolution was adopted that stated that the Reynolds Property City would be received and "converted from commercial property to residential or public use." Then, during the summer, the Reynolds Surplus Property Disposal Committee was formed, appointed and approved. At the August 5, 1997 Common Council meeting, a resolution conveying title of the Reynolds Property to the City of Madison was introduced. During the meeting, the resolution was referred to the Plan Commission with a request to hold a public hearing. After a lengthy September 8 public hearing, the Plan Commission approved the land transfer and voted to "reaffirm the existing plans recommending the development of housing for this property."

Following these actions, the Reynolds Surplus Property Disposal Committee convened and had its responsibilities for the disposal of the property identified. Part of that responsibility dealt with the need to respond to a resolution adopted by the Common Council when the property was transferred to the Community Development Authority (CDA). This resolution recommended

"a housing and/or public use development." At the completion of that first meeting, it was decided that public comment would be solicited through public hearings to be scheduled for the next two meetings on December 17, 1997 and January 14, 1998.

Early on in the hearing process, public support for both housing and gardens began to materialize and take sides. During the first public hearing three people registered to speak, one person each for housing, gardens, and housing and gardens on the site. At the second public hearing, the number of people representing either themselves or groups, who chose to speak for one of the three uses, increased significantly. In addition to the speakers, a number of information pieces from various community organizations relating to associated economic, technical & social issues were submitted to the committee for their consideration.

At the beginning of the most recent meeting, there appeared to be consensus among committee members that the site should accommodate both housing and gardens. As the meeting progressed, it became a question of how much of the site would be allocated to housing and how much to gardens. At the conclusion of the meeting, the question of how much of the Reynolds Property should be housing or gardens was answered but the more delicate concerns of building massing, architectural style and distribution of bedrooms per unit were left for another meeting.

On a related matter, the Old Market Neighborhood Association invited Tom Neujhar, of Urban Land Interests, to speak about the development potential of the Reynolds Property at their February 10 meeting. Early in his comments, Mr. Neujhar stated that he felt that the future of the city center, meaning the Square, is tied to the surrounding neighborhoods. "The neighborhood is essential to retaining the commercial component" of that center he stated. Regarding the Reynolds Property, Mr. Neujhar said that the proposed development should match the same density as the surrounding area. He said the architecture need not be historic but "it should have elements showing that it belongs." When asked what he felt would make the project "affordable", he replied that the affordability equals the quantity of space and levels of finish of each unit. The biggest limitation that Mr. Neujhar saw to the project would be creating parking.

-David Mandehr

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That Meatless Summer of Juniper Berry Compote

by Gay Davidson-Zielske

I was grazing the recipes of this week's New York Times Magazine, which explained how someone named Debbie, evidently famous, had done things with vegetables that would make a confirmed carnivore ashamed of his habit.

"Hey, wanna go vegetarian this summer?" I yelled to my husband, who was doing the taxes and in no mood for trivial gastronomic planning. As usual, Ken didn't grace my silly inquiry with a response, so I kept on marketing my idea, suggesting that since we're already members of a farming cooperative, it would be best to start in the summer when veggies are plentiful and we already get this heaping box of cool things we've never seen before and how sometimes those Martiany green tenacled things sort of sat in the fridge until they shrank to nothingness and that was really a waste of MONEY and he sat up straight at that word, but still didn't respond.

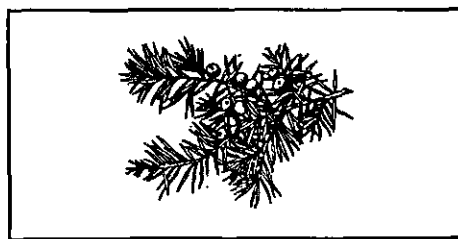
As usual, I didn't really care whether he responded because I was already well into thinking how good "that first meatless summer" would sound as a chapter in my memoirs, which I am hard at work writing, having decided to skip the distasteful step of getting famous first so that anybody would want to read my memoirs.

Then, I decided to check out the ingredients in one of the recipes. Near the top of the list was the item "juniper berries," stated as matter-of-factly as one might write "salt," (which by the way I have noticed in these recipes is nearly

never "salt" but rather "kosher dill cranapple diced salt.")

"Juniper berries!" I snorted. Ken said "huh?" and I waited for his follow up, which never came.

It's difficult to pique the interest of a man who's up to his armpits in non-deductibles. Also, my last pre-tax conversational bid concerned trying to find out from him whether he's ever heard of people piercing their pets' append-



ages. I was idly examining the beautiful silken tip of our cat's ear and the thought popped into my head that somebody somewhere would think scarification, piercing, and tattooing animals would be just fine and a neat fashion statement. And my head, as everybody knows, is a great gumball machine. Whatever thought tumbles down out of my cranium is immediately shot out my mouth.

Since it was clear Ken wasn't sharing my interest in my random musings, I began to imagine myself hopping off to the corner grocery for a packet of juniper berries, how the clerks at Norris Court would look at me when I requested help finding them on the shelf.

Now, I like Norris Court. One St.

Patrick's day, the owner, Kathy Newport, was more than wonderful about stocking me with tons of Blackstrap Molasses. We even shared black bread recipes. They are very accommodating there and a great asset to our community. I like the young man with the little boy who kids with me a lot. But sometimes I can't find even fairly normal stuff there—like yeast and cottage cheese and marshmallow cream. So I doubt they stock "juniper berries" on any kind of regular basis.

But forgive me for being just a little disingenuous, (which is a euphemism favored by politicians and means "I'm lying my hiney off,") since Madison is pretty cosmopolitan when it comes to food. If Norris Court doesn't have juniper berries, there's still one of the many cooperatives which stock things like Royal Bee Jelly and pollen, which apparently somebody finds palatable.

Then I began to wonder how the "juniper berry" scene would play out in a really small town—say Steward, Illinois, population 200, mostly dead, where I was raised. I could just see myself, now grown up and having been forced by the witness relocation program to return to live in Steward for my own protection (which is the only way I would ever return to live in Steward.)

Though even the grocery store dried up there years ago, in my youth we had Haig's, which stocked the usual stuff—lots of corned beef hash and Campbell's soup and a few fresh things, though the fruit and vegetable bin was pretty much restricted to items nobody could or did

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grow in their gardens—a few oranges and some celery. The dusty ceiling fans turned in the pressed tin ceiling year round and the floors were wooden planks. The meat freezer always smelled a little off, but the milk was 100% butterfat and the bread was Sunbeam. We bought salty Sealtest ice cream in small cardboard-tasting cups and ate it with wooden spatula spoons which could leave slivers they were so crude, though it was worth the risk. Sealtest came in your choice of flavors as long as it was vanilla.

Mr. and Mrs. Haig, knowing their clientele, specialized in penny candy—especially the suckers called SAF-T-POPS, the letters embossed on the surface and the handle a white string looped through the bottom. There were pastel wafers in pellucid waxed rolls and Bit O'Honey candy bars and Bazooka pink bubble gum. At Christmas, they brought in a few turkeys and hams, I guess, though I don't remember my family ever getting one.

But juniper berries? I doubt it seriously. In fact, it wouldn't surprise me if when the adult me even asked the question, the news of my request would ricochet through the seven streets of the town like news of an outbreak of anthrax so that by evening of the same day, the preacher of the First Methodist church would be trying to figure out how to quell the disturbance.

Public consternation would be even greater than the time a full-racked bull moose was found wandering around by the grain elevator one cold Sunday morning. The story might be bigger than the one about a talking mina bird that flew through Mrs. Cantrell's kitchen window, shat on her doily, and came to rest on the Philco. Maybe we'll not go vegetarian a la the New York Times Magazine. Maybe it's safer to start with a few bean sprouts and tofu and work our way up. I heard that one couple is eating whole wheat bread in Steward.

The rest of the town is waiting to see what will happen to them.

A "Thank You" from E. Gorham

During the summer of 1997 I had a chance to meet many of my immediate neighbors and others who live in the Tenney-Lapham vicinity. These encounters happened through my idea of giving away extra produce from a children's gardening project that I facilitated during the summer. The project is called "The Garden of Eating", and the children involved in the project are enrolled in the summer program of the Early Childhood Learning Center (ECLC).

It basically began with squash, too much squash that is, as anyone who has grown zucchini will understand! What to do with all the squash and the...beans...lettuce...tomatoes... I need not go on.

So arriving home one day tired and weary from working in our large vegetable garden I decided to set the veggies on a small table in front of the house. Along with the veggies I set out a sign encouraging passersby to help themselves and if they desired, to "leave a donation for the children who grew the food." My idea bore fruit as the veggies found a good home and we made quite a bit of money from those who donated very generously! Many of the people I met had questions about the project and so I want to not only say "thank you again", but to explain a little about our project.

The Garden of Eating project actually began in 1996 when I began working with the Children's Gardening Network (CGN) of Madison teaching children how to grow flowers and vegetables. We had a lot of fun and successfully grew a large garden. As in 1997, the children were participants in the ECLC summer program. So the plans for 1997 included a larger version of the first garden and a Children's Farmers Market at the South Park Bank located on S. Park St.

The children, ages eight to twelve, planted, hoed, picked, washed and sold the produce at the weekly sales. In the process they learned not only about

where food comes from, but how to deposit money in the bank, the rudiments of accounting, marketing techniques, customer relations and group cooperation. At the end of the summer we had a Harvest Fest dinner, were invited to be interviewed on WORT and the kids received their "paycheck" which was based on the summer long sales. It was an exciting, sometimes exhausting learning experience for all of us but I especially enjoyed meeting and chatting with so many of our "customers" on E. Gorham.

In case my neighbors are wondering if we plan to repeat our experience, "You bet we are!", only our garden will be much bigger in 1998. We will be working again with local CSA (community supported agriculture) farmers on Drumlin Farm which is located off Rimrock Road in Madison. The Drumlin folks are great supporters of the Garden of Eating and are letting us use about one-half acre of land on which to grow our veggies and flowers. We would like to attempt a mini-CSA ourselves this year so the children may become acquainted with this concept of marketing food. So even though the snow and temperatures continue to fall, the seed catalogs are rolling in and we are turning our thoughts towards spring!

If anyone is interested in connecting with CGN, which supports the numerous youth gardening projects all over Madison, they may call me at 257-1072. And again, a big "thank you" to our supporters.

-Pam Karstens

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Planning Begins for Lapham School Community Garden

The Lapham School Community Garden meeting has been set for Thursday, March 26 at Lapham Elementary School.

Organizers of the garden invite all interested community members to come learn and brainstorm about the possibilities of this joint Lapham School and University of Wisconsin School of Education venture. We are at the grant writing/fund soliciting stage of creating a garden space for Lapham students to use in interdisciplinary ways in spring, early summer (summer school session) and fall with community families/members taking over as cohorts/caretakers/co-reapers in the summer and into the fall. We want your ideas and involvement in this cooperative community project. Questions? Contact Ken Swift at Lapham School (266-6450) or at home (251-4738).

Join the Earth Day Challenge

On Saturday, April 18, rain or shine, the annual city-wide volunteer park clean-up event will be sponsored by the Parks Division. Parks Division staff members will be on hand to assist volunteer groups with projects, to deliver "thank you" bags, and an Earth Day Challenge garbage truck will pick up the trash on that day.

If you would like to organize a group in the Earth Day Challenge, please call Laura Prindle, Parks Outreach Coordi-

nator, at 266-5949 with the following information:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Publicity | <input type="checkbox"/> Education |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Safety | <input type="checkbox"/> Parks |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Social | <input type="checkbox"/> Membership |

I would like to volunteer to help maintain one of the neighborhood gardens:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Welcome Garden | <input type="checkbox"/> Gidding's Park |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Butterfly Garden | <input type="checkbox"/> Reynold's Park |