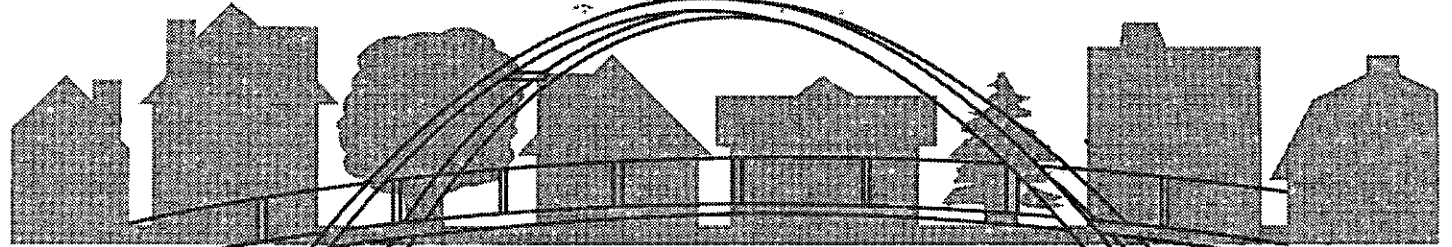


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## A Plethora of Gardens Await Us

*Editor's Note: See garden location map at the end of the article.*

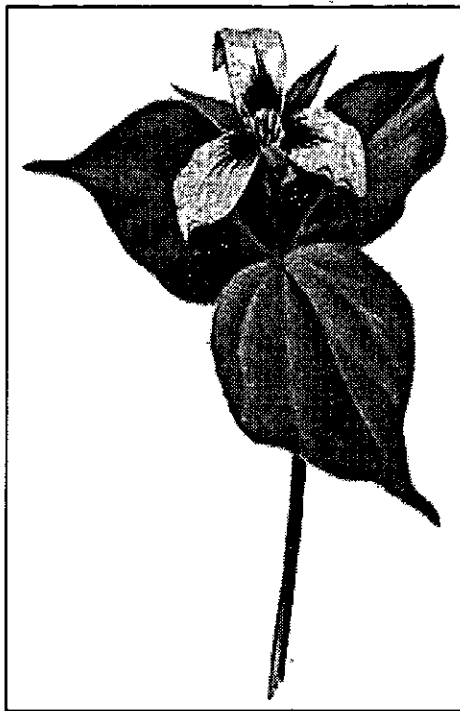
Now that spring has arrived, take some time to enjoy the efforts a number of Tenney-Lapham gardeners have put in to provide public gardens for your enjoyment.

The following eight gardens were all proposed and are maintained by neighborhood volunteers and will make a nice leisurely evening stroll.

1) The Butterfly Garden in Tenney Park was the first public garden in the neighborhood. It's at the corner of East Johnson and Marston Streets and was developed and is still maintained by Allan and Karen Crossley. Included in the plantings to attract butterflies

are asters, purple coneflowers, butterfly weed, goldenrod, and coreopsis.

2) At the intersection of East Johnson and E. Gorham Streets is the Tenney-Lapham Welcome Garden with Mary Jo Schiovani being the caretaker. Shrubs in the back include a Japanese tree lilac along with an American highbush cranberry. Mary Jo has plans to renovate the garden this spring to provide more color in the front.



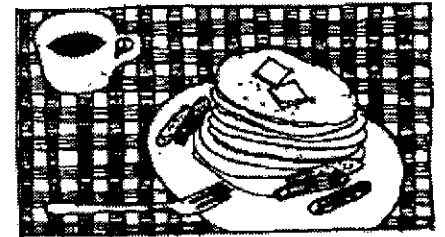
3) Heading west on E. Gorham Street, at the corner of N. Brearly and E. Gorham, you will find the Giddings Park Flower Garden. Brian McCormick and Rob Latousek planted this garden in 1995 to showcase native plants of the

Midwest. There are continuous blooms during the growing season, from prairie smoke in the spring to native asters in the fall.

4) On the western side of Christ Presbyterian Church, up the hill on Castle Place, is a perennial garden sponsored by Angela Viticenda. The major theme for the garden is to incorporate hardy perennials

native to Wisconsin or the American prairie. A variety of colors and textures in the form of flowers and grasses are used, with emphasis on providing plants of importance to birds, butterflies, and beneficial insects.

5) Heading west on E. Gorham and turning south on Paterson Street, you will come to the Reynolds Park Corner Garden at the intersection of N. Paterson and E. Dayton Streets. You can stop



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and rest your legs and sit on the benches at this popular spot. Over thirty different kinds of perennials and annuals are planted here. Included among the perennials are gas plant, Joe Pye Weed, globe thistle, sedum, and coral bells. Bob Shaw maintains this garden.

6) Also in Reynolds Park and maintained by Bob Shaw is the Reynolds Park Vine Garden along the chain link fence on the East Mifflin Street side. Over thirty different kinds of perennial and annual vines can be seen, with each 10 foot section sporting a different kind of annual and perennial vine. Perennial vines include Kentucky wisteria, akebia, several different kinds of honeysuckle and clematis, and a thornless climbing rose. Among the annual vines are variegated Japanese hops, Mt. Fuji

(see *Gardens* on page 4)



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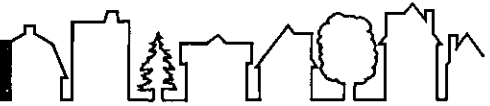
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## School Activities

### May

- 1 Board of Education @ BOE Building @ 7:15 PM (Meets 1st Monday of every month)

### June

- 2 8th Grade Graduation Brunch 10:30AM - 1:00 PM & Ceremony @ 1:30 PM (O'Keeffe)
- 7-13 Teacher Appreciation Week
- 8 Board of Education @ BOE Building @ 7:15 PM

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

## Lapham Playground Upgrade

Lapham Elementary School is the heart and soul of the Tenney-Lapham community. Small, friendly, accessible, Lapham serves a diverse population of 300+ K-2 students from both sides of the near east side Isthmus area. The neighborhood rejoiced when Lapham reopened in 1989 after ten long years. Its presence brings stability and vitality to the neighborhood, establishes a strong foundation for learning in the neighborhood's youngest elementary school students. The presence of this community-based school helps make the Tenney neighborhood one of the most desirable in the city, as is evidenced by the growing numbers of families with children in the neighborhood.

Lapham's playground serves as the neighborhood playground for many of the children of the Tenney-Lapham neighborhood, particularly those who live close to the school and/or who are not able to get to Tenney Park on a regular basis.

Lapham has been in desperate need of new playground equipment for years. The wooden structures that take up the majority of the playground space are splintering, cracking, and just plain falling-apart, making playing there very unsafe for our children. Sloping pavement in many areas of the playground creates dangerous, large, puddles — actually, small lakes anytime it rains, making much of the playground unfit to use for play.

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## Gardens (from page 1)

morning glory, and moonvine. In June, labels will be placed in the upper right corner of each section.

7) Heading east on E. Dayton Street, at the corner of B'rearly and E. Dayton, you will come across the newest garden, the Lapham School Community Garden. Planted last year with the help of Lapham teachers and neighborhood volunteers, it provides small garden plots to neighborhood residents along with a teaching component for the kids of the neighborhood.

8) Behind the Avenue Bar on East Washington is a small one-block long street called Curtis Court. Jeff Reincke and Karen Banaszak led a neighborhood

effort a few years ago to plant trees, shrubs, and flowers along the south side of Curtis Court. Along the block are linden trees, spireas, potentillas, an amelanchier, and a small perennial and vegetable garden.

Some other gardening related developments in the neighborhood include the Reynold's Homestead Community Gardens which will be developed in the 600 block of E. Mifflin Street this summer. Although not technically in the Tenney-Lapham neighborhood, these gardens will be used by many TLNA residents.

The Urban Open Space Foundation is continuing to do native plant restora-

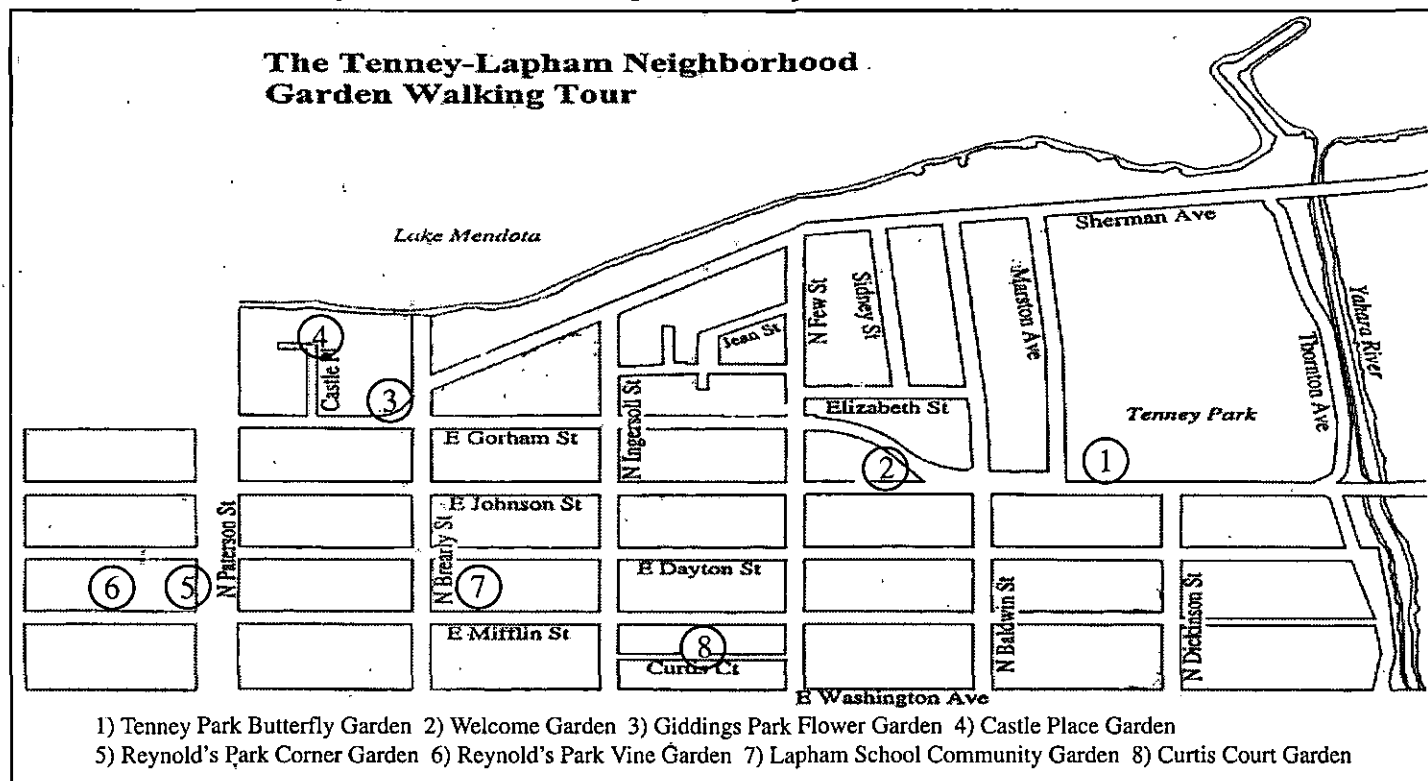
tion in Tenney Park. Stroll along the Yahara River to see the many new plantings from last year and this year.

And I would personally like to acknowledge another unsung plant hero in the neighborhood - Jay Huemmer. For several years now Jay has provided money for trees in many Isthmus parks including the ginkgos, aspens and horse chestnuts in Reynold's Park. I consider Jay to be TLNA's Johnny Appleseed.

Enjoy the walk.

-Bob Shaw

(see Marguerite Pohle on next page)



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## Marguerite Pohle

Many of the gardens on this garden walk were funded by a bequest from Marguerite Pohle who left money in her estate for flowers to be planted in Madison Parks. According to her obituary, Miss Pohle was born December 1, 1892, in Bloomington, Wisconsin and passed away on November 24, 1985 at the age of 92. She was a lifelong teacher, having received her B.A. and M.A. in Latin from the University of Wisconsin. She also attended the University of Chicago; Columbia University in New York; the American Academy in Rome; and Heidelberg University in Germany. In addition to the bequest received by the Madison Parks Division, a number of other area organizations were recipients of her generosity.

-Bob Shaw

## Lapham Playground (from page 3)

practice good sportsmanship. Safe, accessible, and thoughtfully-designed playground equipment, made to challenge, interest, and educate children, enables these emerging spirits to blossom.

The school district has identified the Lapham playground as unsafe and not compliant with Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) standards, and has proposed a significant upgrade of the facilities. New, state of the art, vandal-resistant, accessible structures will replace all of the wooden structures currently in place; in addition, the sloping areas of the playground will be corrected and made more level. The school district will pay the estimated \$27,000 cost associated with the new structure, which is scheduled for completion this coming summer.

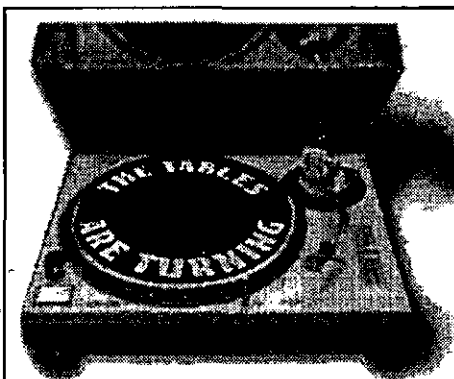
As a Lapham parent, a long-time

resident of the neighborhood, and a former member of the TLNA Board of Directors, I am thrilled that this long-awaited and badly-needed upgrade is finally going to take place. This project will make the playground safe and exciting for all of the school's students and the kids of the neighborhood.

-Anne Katz

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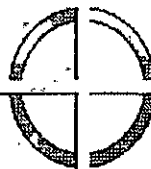


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Our summer worship schedule runs from June 4th to September 3rd. Call the church office if you have any questions. We'd love for you to join us as we wrestle with some of our hardest questions!

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### Legislative Review

The final week of March marked the conclusion of the legislature's regular floor session, and there was a last-minute rush to get as much of the people's business completed as possible. Action on some of the major unresolved issues is likely to be completed in April or May.

Some of the proposals I supported that received final Assembly approval last week are listed below.

**Elections:**

If you were disappointed that Wisconsin voters didn't have a real voice in this year's presidential primary, you're not alone. That's why the Assembly easily passed a measure that would move our presidential primary date forward from the first Tuesday in April to the third Tuesday in February.

The Assembly has already passed a resolution calling for Congress to set up a regional primary system so that all states have an opportunity to have a voice in the presidential primary process.

**Privacy:**

The Assembly approved two measures

that will help protect personal privacy in the Information Age. The first measure requires that a "privacy impact statement" be prepared for each new piece of legislation introduced by the legislature. These statements, similar to the fiscal estimates prepared to indicate the financial impact of a proposal, will help legislators make intelligent decisions about proposals that will impact our personal privacy.

The second measure prevents private colleges and universities from using Social Security numbers as student identification numbers. Social Security numbers are the "keys" to many types of fraud and identity theft, and should not be used for identification purposes which might put them at risk.

**Health care:**

Personal care services would get a funding increase under a measure that won Assembly approval. The measure would provide a \$1 an hour pay increase for badly-underpaid personal care workers. These workers help disabled individuals perform basic daily tasks such as cooking and cleaning. The Assembly-passed measure must now

be reconciled with a different proposal passed by the senate. More money should be added to the program and I am hopeful that a more reasonable living wage will come out of the negotiations between the houses.


A measure to provide leaves of absence for state workers to donate organs or bone marrow passed both houses and now awaits the Governor's signature.

Under the proposal, a state employee could receive a 5-day leave to donate bone marrow and a 30-day leave to donate an organ. Although this measure only applies to state employees, hopefully private sector organizations will follow the state's lead on this initiative.

As my first legislative session wraps up I want to thank you once again for the honor and opportunity to serve you as your State Legislator. It has been a fun and exciting experience.

As always, you can reach me at 266-8570. You may write me at Representative Mark Pocan, P.O. Box 8953 Madison, WI 53708. Send you e-mail me to: mark.pocan@legis.state.wi.us.

-Mark Pocan



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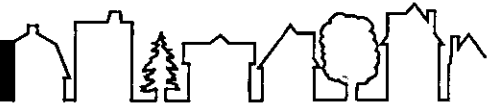
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**President's Report**

Your private property tax assessments are increasing at among the fastest rates anywhere in the City of Madison; whether you are a renter, landlord or homeowner. The City average rate increase was 6.1%; which contrasts with the assessment districts included in our neighborhood that increased at 7.5%, 8.4% and 13%; for Tenney Park, Lapham School-Breese Stevens and Lakeshore- Isthmus respectively - so says an April 8 Wisconsin State Journal article. While the article and City seemingly celebrated the increase in commercial assessments as witness to Madison,s booming economy, listing these increases first as "Highlights"; closer reading again notes that you as a renter, landlord or homeowner still foot the bill for the majority of the tax value — over 60% of 11.9 Billion dollars. The short of it may be that you are getting the short of it.

Furthermore, the majority of our neighborhood residents are renters who, no thanks to the State Legislature, no longer receive any property tax rental credit at all for their indirect and

very substantial contributions.

And TIFs, remember those million dollar subsidies we are providing to developers, to spur on economic development? A TIF is money in the bank for those that receive them and it is your money that subsidizes the mortgage. Seen any TIF in the near vicinity of the near East Side? And the E. Washington Corridor redevelopment, some 48 million dollars almost entirely supported by your federal and state taxes (City of Madison planned contribution is less than 5%) - the project designed to beautify and improve the Eastside "Gateway to the State Capitol"? Collaboratively designed with neighborhoods to not increase the number of lanes since increases in traffic volume decrease quality of life and neighborhood property values? That project is now getting further away instead of closer. The start time is now 2004. Remember when the E. Wash-Yahara Bridge was planned for 1999? Oh, and reconstructing streets to divert traffic from E. Johnson-Gorham to E. Washington planned in 1978 that was catalyzed by the

(see *President's Report* on page 9)

**Wendy Cooper Gallery Presents:**

The Wendy Cooper Gallery announces a new show of paintings and prints from May 20 - June 17. Paintings by Mary McDonnell will be in the main gallery and prints by Ruth Lauer in the side gallery.

The opening reception is Saturday, May 20th, from 6 - 8pm. Mary McDonnell will be in attendance from New York. The paintings are minimal abstractions inspired by the light, atmosphere and color of the landscape. Layers and layers of paint are combined to reveal colors beneath and above one another.

The prints by Ruth Lauer are minimalistic, black and white prints which appear abstract, but are made with ritualistic dots and lines representing a chandelier, skirts, waves, architectural elements (to name a few) and have a feeling of spirituality about them.

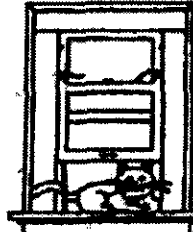
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# "If you want to make God laugh, "

"If you want to make God laugh, tell Him your plans." (Old Proverb)

Mine is a quirky, playful deity-more like an eleven-year-old boy than a wise and thoughtful old White man. Not so much Zeus, a lot more Pan. For example, a couple of weeks ago, I had begged a deadline extension from a person running a radio play contest. This kind anonymous stranger cheerfully gave me two weeks more in which to hang myself, to touch every one of the thousands of stored pieces of paper I own, to empty file drawers that contained student essays from 1901 or so.

I even had the audacity to beleague Michàel Feldman (of "Whaddaya Know?")-actually to bug his producer for a copy of the play I had tried to slip him over the transom that summer. I'm sure THAT was filed in the "round-file" before the Great One ever cast his eye upon it, but his producer was very nice in trying to find it. Meanwhile, in my colorful imagination, the lost play assumed gigantic proportions of excellence. My memory of it was that it was "taut and brilliant," though apparently not so brilliant that I could recall enough to rewrite it.

It had actually been a sleep-written play, as this essay is. I dreamed enough of it to get me started, then awoke at five am (the present time) to finish it. But, unlike some of my Edward Casey-type scribblings, this one actually kind of held up to the light of day and didn't stink too bad. Most of the time, listening to somebody recount her or his "re-

ally cool and weird dream" is like listening to somebody describe the great diet he found on the 'Net.

In the next few days, I searched disk after disk of old floppies-the giant kind. My husband had salvaged the most likely ones from the attic, but I had to run them on my office computer, which is the only one still in existence to even HAVE the kind of port they take. This took hours and was depressing. To demonstrate how long it had been since that drive was touched, when I ejected a disk, an actual dust bunny flew out along with it. So much dross, so little gold. Mountains of kilobyte typing, so few places to sled.


I finally gave up on the evening of the deadline. Called the contest woman and told her to take the piddly piece of junk I'd sent her (I even called it that, I think. PR was never my long suit.) I slept poorly. My friend in Maine, a wonderful writer who had read the piece and called it funny, slept poorly too, since I kept begging him to search his mountains of writing. We all came up empty. Dark and hidden, like a tulip bulb beneath the snow, the play became monumental-witty, warm, insightful, maybe the best thing written by anybody this century. (And I'm writing this on the very eve of the eve of the century turn also, so I should know.)

The next morning, I rolled over in bed and groped around for my glasses, tipping a glass of water,

sending the TV remote clattering to the floor, nudging the Vicks Vap-o-rub jar, and settling on a disk-labeled with the play's title. Now, I wrote this play at least ten years ago, directly on the computer I haven't had at home for at least seven of those years, and waves of detritus like lava have flown and rivered around that nightstand since. I bolted upright and shouted to Ken to wake up, that there had been a miracle. Miracles are rare in Ken's life, so he was groggily able to oblige me while I tremblingly slipped in the rare disk. Ken swore he hadn't put it on the nightstand, Alex was clueless, and the cats, Dumb and Dumber, would be more likely to bury it in the litter box than fetch it to me had they found it.

After some conversion and editing for computer-assisted gibberish, it WORKED, for one lousy page— of about a five page play. The rest was perdu-sent to perdition-unrecoverable-hopelessly, as the computer likes to judge things—"corrupt." As if that weren't bad enough, that one page was nothing like as gem-like as the one in my memory. (Though, of course, still a winner had I been able to recover the whole thing. Never mind that it was a day late on the second extension.) Now why did God do that?


And just now, to underscore His  
(see *Laugh* on next page)



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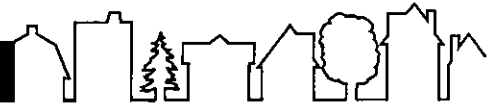
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### Laugh (from previous page)

or Her knavish power, He or She has awakened me from a terrifying nightmare in which I was being pursued by a hideous criminal with a face half Hannibal Lector and half a garage mechanic I relinquished my car to once. He was intent on murdering me and I had hidden in a shed with a young buffoon man and his wife and their child and we could hear Hannibal coming, thrashing and the buffoon asked me for a dollar bill, which I produced instantly from my purse. He rolled it up and stuffed it in the mouth of a wine bottle which contained a little wine and then demanded a match, which I said I didn't have. He said "of course you do. You have to." And so I plunged my hand into the black hole which is my purse and found one match left in a matchbook. He struck the match just as the madman burst through the door and the wine bottle blew up with a tiny "poot," hurling a little wine my way and thus pointing me out in the semi-gloom. Because

we realized that we outnumbered him and he was on the ground, we piled onto him, pushing his head into a convenient hole under which flowed a river of molten lava (so uncreative are my dreams that it was easy to incorporate this bit from the Nova show I had watched on volcanoes that evening)

When I awoke we were holding him down by force and the baby had had an accident in her pants- she was sitting right on his head too. There were police sirens in the distance. Then I REALLY awoke to write this piece about how my God is a real cut-up. Gives me a Molotov cocktail and then makes it blow up with all the force of a party tooter. Speaking of which, a party tooter is what I'll be blowing if I can make it until midnight night after tomorrow night-seeing what kind of prankster God will be mine in the 21st Century. I suppose the new God will be Soupy Sales. (Sorry about recounting my cool and weird dream-I only did it to show you by example how banal most dreams

are.)

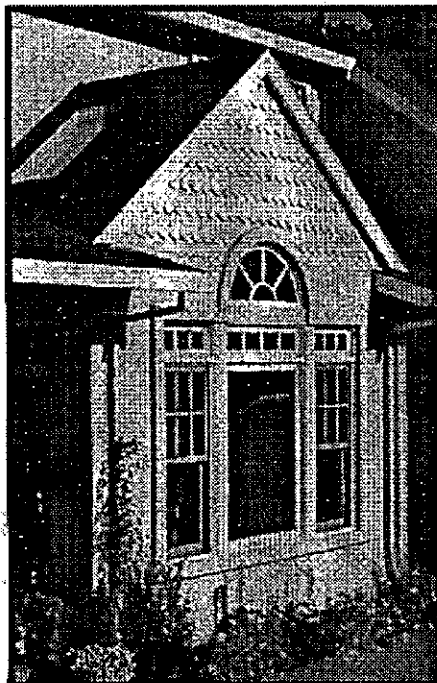
-Norma Gay Prewett, (Gay Davidson-Zielske) 5:30 am, Eve of New Year's Eve, 1999

### President's Report (from page 7)

formation of the TLNA. That never happened.

Recently someone asked me if there were two Tim Olsens in our neighborhood - because a City official related a story that did not reflect the personality of the positive, easy-going, collaborative one that they knew. Positive is always the first and best approach, and politically anger is only helpful when it is articulated sparingly and with deliberation. Here are two questions for City staff and elected officials that might be used sparingly and deliberately. How are our tax dollars distributed to equitably enhance neighborhoods throughout the City? and my favorite.. Who do you work for?

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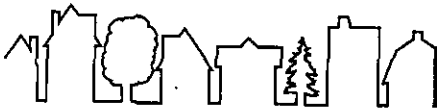
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### Gourds To Become Martin Homes

Purple martin houses will shortly be installed near the locks in Tenney Park thanks to a grant provided by the Tenney-Lapham Neighborhood Association Council and the City of Madison's People in the Parks Matching Grant Fund.

Bob Shaw and Jim Sturm are coordinating the project and have ordered twenty-four plastic gourds which will hang from two poles near the locks. The site should provide an ideal location for the purple martins which like access to water and large open areas.

Purple martins, the largest swallow in America, are neotropical migrants. They migrate north in the spring to breed in Mexico, the United States, and Canada. In the fall, they depart for their winter homes in Brazil.

Purple martins, like all swallows, are aerial insectivores. They eat only flying insects, which they catch in flight. Their diet is diverse, including dragonflies, dam-

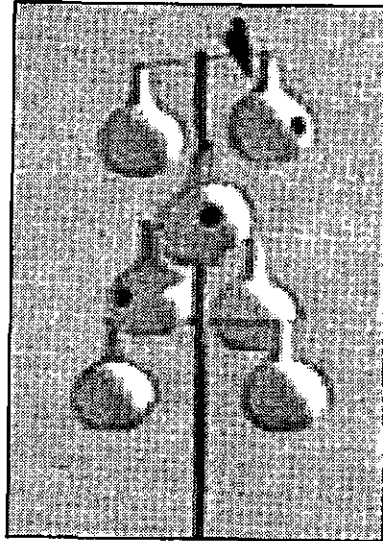
selfies, flies, midges, mayflies, stinkbugs, leafhoppers, Japanese beetles, June bugs, butterflies, moths, grasshoppers, cicadas,

mosquitoes rarely ever cross paths. Martins are daytime feeders, and feed high in the sky; mosquitoes, on the other hand, stay low in damp places during daylight hours, or only come out at night.

Purple martins use the trees near Burr Jones field just south of Tenney Park (where the railroad tracks cross the Yahara River) as a late summer roost in preparation for the fall migration. In August they descend upon the trees at dusk by the thousands.

Volunteers are needed to monitor the gourds. If you would like to get involved, please call Jim at 255-6931 or Bob at 255-3486.

-Bob Shaw



bees, wasps, flying ants, and ballooning spiders.

Martins are not, however, prodigious consumers of mosquitoes as is so often claimed. Purple martins and freshwater

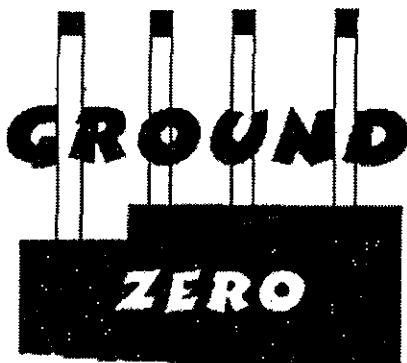
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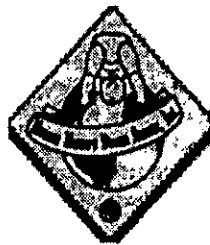
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645-647 E Dayton St	4	2	\$184,900

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.

## A Census of a Different Sort

The Madison Water Utility will be sending out a questionnaire to city residents in areas believed to have lead pipes. That means you if you live in the Tenney Lapham Neighborhood, especially if your house was built before 1928! The questionnaire will contain a form you need to return and information about how to test your pipes to determine if they are lead. You can have a plumber check if you are not comfortable checking the pipes. The Water Util-

ity will analyze these responses and determine, for the first time, where the lead pipes really reside in the city. Over the next three years the lead service for daycares, restaurants and other buildings serving the public. After that the Water Utility will be developing a strategy to finish off the remainder of the lead by 2010. Any Questions?

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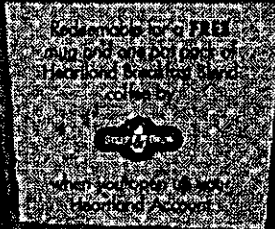




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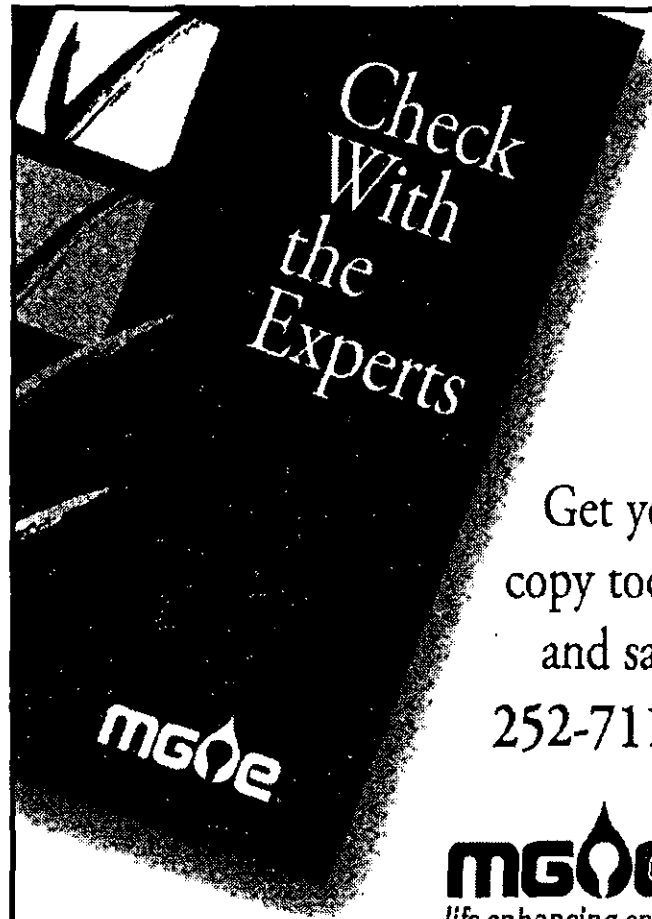
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