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One of Our Neighbors

J and J Gray, Park and Transportation Chairs OMPNA

There are approximately 10 social service agencies who have offices or facilities within our neighborhood. Some of them are well-known, while others operate in relative obscurity. To foster a better understanding and appreciation of the services provided to the community by each of these, we plan to visit them in the coming months and report on their functions and duties.

The Salvation Army moved to its current location at 630 E. Washington Avenue in 1977, after its previous headquarters on East Wilson Street burned to ground leaving only its banner with the words "Holiness unto the Lord" uncharred. The building housed St. Patrick's School, before becoming the headquarters for the Salvation Army. Many of you may have encountered the Salvation Army as the location of the polling place for our ward.

The Salvation Army has served the community of Madison in times of need and crisis for 100 years. It provides emergency assistance for food, counseling, housing placement assistance, transportation and baby needs to both walk-in and referred clients, operates a soup kitchen, a day care center, a food pantry, a single women's shelter, and an emergency canteen, and coordinates an extensive Christmas assistance program for the needy. The staff of 45 to 50 employees; approximately 40% of who are part-time, operate these programs with a budget of \$1.7 million. Approximately one-half of this budget comes from private donations including legacies and wills. The United Way is a major contributor to the Salvation Army, as is Dane County. Some funds come the State of Wisconsin while lesser amounts come from the federal government.

The Salvation Army currently provides emergency shelter to families (women and children) for up to 30 days. During the time the families are in the shelter, the children are enrolled in the Day Care Center or in the After School Program. During the summer the children participate in the Summer Day Camp. The staff provides the families with counseling, and the mothers are assisted in searching for a job or in completing their education either by attaining a GED or through additional schooling at MATC. The staff also assists the mothers in finding permanent shelter. On site meals are provided to the families and a free medical clinic, staffed by volunteers from UW

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One of Our Neighbors

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Hospital, is provided one day a week for all shelter residents. Currently, the maximum number of families that can be accommodated is 8; however, this will increase to 18 in the near future due to increased need as well as the closing of another shelter.

The staff of the Salvation Army also coordinate a single women's shelter for homeless women. Clients are provided counseling, referrals, and case work. They are fed breakfast and provided with showers and laundry service. The single women's shelter can accommodate a maximum of 15 persons but usually has 8 to 10. Women may receive this service for a maximum of 60 nights a year.

The Day Care Center provides care not only for the children of families in the emergency shelter but also is open to the children of other community members as well. The Center staff consists of four full-time employees in addition to the day care director and four part-time employees. A maximum of 35 children can be cared for by the Center. Currently, there are approximately 20 children in the center. The cost of enrolling a child in the center is \$80 per week.

The Salvation Army operates a food pantry which is available to all low income families on request.

Every Saturday evening the Salvation Army

provides a free hot meal for walk-in clients from 5 to 6 p.m. The entire community is welcome to participate in this program.

The Salvation Army has recently acquired an emergency canteen vehicle which is used to help fill the needs of victims and rescue workers during disasters such as those caused by floods and tornadoes. This vehicle may also be used as a "Mobile Soup Kitchen" to feed the hungry in Madison.

In addition to the above services, the Salvation Army coordinates a number of programs centered around Christmas. These include the Seniors Christmas Dinner, a free meal of senior citizens at Christmas time, the Christmas assistance program, which provides low income people with groceries for up to a week's worth of meals at Christmas time, and the Toy Shop, which allows low income parents to choose a new toy for each child under the age of 13. During the Christmas season, the Salvation Army also visits the elderly in nursing homes and the V.A. Hospital and leaves a personal gift with each patient. The Prison Toy Lift program provides imprisoned parents with assistance in sending a gift to each of their children under the age of 13.

Finally, the Adopt-A-Family program matches low-income families with those who are more fortunate to provide for the Christmas needs of the families. This

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TLNA President

Richard Linster, TLNA President

Dear Neighbors,

Our recent Annual meeting and Spaghetti dinner was a great success. Thanks are due to all who made it one by your work and attendance. I would also like to commend the following outgoing Council members for their services to the neighborhood; Rob Latousek, Joe Brogan, Deb Meyer, Tim Olsen, Gay Davidson-Zielske and Pat Fields. Your efforts are greatly appreciated and we have benefited from them.

Our new Council will, I hope, take the time to reflect on and review the work of the recent past. How we can spend our time over the coming year in ways that will realize the goals of our neighborhood plan will be our challenge. It will be worth our time to perfect coordination between our committees to strengthen our organization and the neighborhood. It will also be necessary to look beyond our boundaries to see that we are not an island to ourselves, that the same and similar issues exist nearby and that our chances to successfully confront them increase when we cooperate with others to solve them.

As TLNA President I would like to invite **you** to participate in the work of the association. Attend our meetings, and social forums. There is always room for you on our committees. Let us hear from you directly on the issues that concern you and what we can do to help!

As required by the bylaws- It is the recommendation of the TLNA Nominating committee that a Safety Committee be created.

One of Our Neighbors

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method of helping at Christmas provides a means of direct contact between the two parties. Last year 137 families received this assistance.

For those interested in sports during the long Wisconsin winters or even hot Wisconsin summers, the Salvation Army gym is available for rent to groups or organizations who wish to use it for basketball or volleyball.

We spoke with Barbara Lindsay, the Director of Human Services, and Milana Cox, the executive assistant, while sitting in the sparkling clean cafeteria on a warm day in early summer. We asked Barbara about relations between the Salvation Army and the neighborhood (OMPNA). She told us that the neighborhood has always been "friendly and understanding." She also told us that she is "proud to be a part of a community where it is not okay to have homeless kids on the streets." She asks that community members let the Salvation Army know immediately of any problems which may have been encountered with their clients.

To conclude our interview, we asked what members of our neighborhood could do to help the Salvation Army in its endeavors.

Barbara and Milana told us that volunteers are always needed. If you would like to help with the soup kitchen, be a bell ringer, sort food, clothing or toys, take inventory, answer the phone, baby sit or help with the disaster canteen, get in touch with the Salvation Army (256-2321). Or if you are interested in more direct contact with families in need, you are invited to participate in the Adopt-A-Family program.



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Ilse Hecht, President OMPNA

For those of you who have missed some of our meetings, you may be interested in learning what your Association Board has been up to. The meetings are fun, informative and open to all; they take place every second Thursday of the month at the Collins House Bed & Breakfast at 704 E. Gorham, from 7 to 8:30 pm (we are pretty good at punctuality). Come join us.

—We need to form a new publicity committee. T.J. Sullivan has done an outstanding job in the last few years of publishing, editing, seeking ads., encouraging people to write interesting articles and distributing our Newsletter. (This besides going to school, serving on the Tenney-Lapham Assn. Council and being an active member on the Transportation Task force of TL-OMP Neighborhood plan...how do you do it, T.J?) It's time to give him a break. If you have some experience and/or are interested in any aspect of putting out the Newsletter, please get in touch with us: Ilse at 283-6000 or T.J. at 258-9781

—Do you have concerns about safety issues in your neighborhood? Are you afraid to walk down the block after dark? Have you seen suspicious activities on your street? If so, you may want to join the Safety sub-committee whose main goal is to work towards making our neighborhoods safe: A public forum, titled **DEALING WITH VIOLENCE IN OUR NEIGHBORHOODS**, will take place Tuesday,

November 7 at 7 PM at the South Madison Neighborhood Center, 2001 Taft St. . It is sponsored by Madison Urban Ministry.

—Having enjoyed the wonderful days of Indian Summer the week of October 9, we have to face the reality of winter, snow shoveling, icy sidewalks, etc., in the near future. We will be working closely with the city's Public Works Dept. and our alderperson to make the 1995-96 winter, which may be harsh, as safe and comfortable as possible. Please let me know if you have suggestions or concerns about snow removal, icy corners, etc., so we can bring them to the attention of the appropriate people.

—Are you a frustrated gardener who lacks a piece of soil to plant? We have just the thing for you. The Parks Dept. of the city would like to see someone start and maintain a garden in the large (front) planter of the bath house (shelter) at James Madison Park. The city and the association will help with plants, soil, etc. Contact Julia Grey at 251-3849.

HOLIDAY PARTY!!! Start the Christmas season with neighborhood friends. This year, we are joining our neighbors of the Capitol Neighborhood Assn. for a **POTLUCK** supper on **DECEMBER 6, 7 PM** at The Argus 123 E. Main St.

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Neighborhood News

Update On 1118 East Gorham Street

George Hanks of City Building Inspection signed off on the interior building code violations at 1118 East Gorham Street at the end of September. The interior is now up to code. The exterior repairs have to be completed before the end of October. A new family has moved into the residence and seems to be doing well. Thanks to City Building Inspection and caring neighbors for working together to keep neighborhood properties up to code and safe for their residents. If you have any questions about a property you live in or one around you, you can call the City at 266-4551.

Holiday Hints For The Neighborhood

Once again, Light Up! Inexpensive mini-lights, available for as little as \$2.99 for one hundred at Shopko are low wattage and relatively inexpensive to run. By decorating your outdoor shrubs and trees this holiday season, you not only spread cheer, you make the Neighborhood a safer and more beautiful place for all of us.

After you take down your Christmas tree, why not "plant" it in the snow and recycle it as a bird and wildlife feeder? String apple slices and popcorn on heavy duty string with blunt darning needles available at all craft stores. The whole family can participate. Other ideas for your outdoor tree: Orange slices interspersed with chunks of pineapple, pine cones covered with peanut butter and bird seed. Don't forget bright red ribbons. Recycle ribbons from your holiday packages or drape red crepe paper streamers around the tree. Cheap and daring! **Happy Holidays!**

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The Old Market Place Board encourages everyone to bring as many canned and packaged food items as they possible to donate to the homeless program at Christ Presbyterian Church. The donations will be received at the party. If we buy one extra item everytime we buy groceries for ourselves from now until the party, we, as a neighborhood will have a nice package to help out those that may be less fortunate then ourselves.

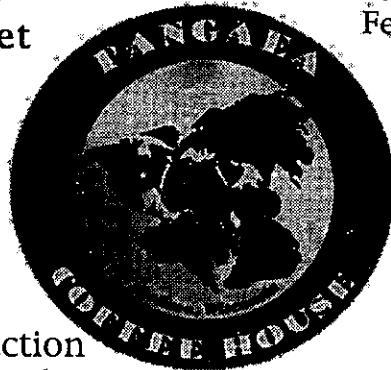


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Business on East Johnson Street

Teena Browder, TLNA Business Chair

With the arrival of fall and the approaching holidays, business swings into full gear on East Johnson Street. The big news this fall was the opening of Sophia's Bakery and Cafe in the Begonia location. Sophia Barbas is a native of Hungary and worked as a baker for Cafe Europa and Elegant Edibles before opening her own shop. She offers a delicious mix of pastries, breads, cookies and soups and serves brunch on weekends. The Isthmus gave her a great review, ending with this endorsement of the bill of fare on Johnson Street: "Now, with Sophia's, Mildred's Sandwich Shop, and the Pangaea Coffee House all within a few doors of each other, East Johnson's 800 block is a magnet for light dining on the east side. But to tell the truth, Sophia's is really worth a trip across town." Shortly after the opening of Sophia's, the Video Hut prepared to occupy the vacant candle shop space in the 800 block, adding video rentals to the variety of services available in the neighborhood.

Several shops are planning an Open House before the holidays. Hopkins & Crocker Arts and Antiques

will kick things off on November 18th. Spruce Tree Music & Repair will hold a 15th Anniversary celebration on Sunday, December 3rd hosted by Will and Julie and Zephyr (the most handsome golden retriever on East Johnson St.) The Weaving Workshop Open House will also happen on December 3rd with refreshments and a special 10% discount on merchandise. Watch for an Open House date for Florilegium Antiques and Needleart, and check out Gretchen's expanded line of needlepoint and embroidery supplies. Classes are planned for ribbon embroidery and many ribbons are available by the yard for gift wrapping.

We all enjoyed the Aardvark Art Glass Halloween window filled with a colony of totally charming and affordable glass bugs. Aardvark also has a large selection of jewelry. The U-Frame-It window on the corner is always an eye catcher. It changes monthly to display the work of their artist of the month. They offer a variety of original art in all media and a great selection of greeting cards. Scarborough Faire is great for gift buying with herb products, teas, candles and dried

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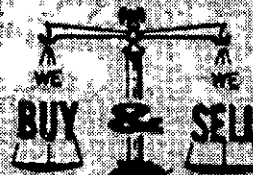


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florals. No visit to East Johnson Street is complete without a visit to Burnie's Rock Shop, our anchor on the corner of Johnson and Paterson Streets.

The Cork 'n Bottle is celebrating its 35th Anniversary this year and working hard to keep up with the explosion of popularity in the world of micro-breweries. New beers appear almost weekly and the seasonal holiday beers are beginning to arrive. Watch for the Cork 'n Bottle's 35th Anniversary photographic retrospective.

Positive Images, located in the 700 block of East Johnson, offers a wide variety of African-American art, lithographs and collectibles. Along with the best selection of greeting cards, ornaments and Kwanza figurines, Positive Images also does framing. If you are unsure about how to have your art work framed, come in and talk to Jim Thomas. He'll walk you through the process showing different options fitting your budget and needs.

If you haven't noticed, Studio 924 has doubled its size. We hope that it is a sign of the future of all the businesses on East Johnson Street. There are three different hair salons on the block, Hair F/X at 705, Hair and You behind Burnie's on Paterson, and Studio 924 at

924 East Johnson. If you would like to have a new hair style for the holidays, there are plenty of options available right here in your own neighborhood.

Two very visible improvements to the streetscape are the kiosk next to U-Frame-It and especially the new mural at Norris Court Grocery. We hope to add bicycle racks soon. The East Johnson Street Business Association has also become a member of the Metropolitan Business District Council which meets monthly at the Chamber of Commerce. As always, we all enjoy doing business in the neighborhood.

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Neighborhood Plan Update

Gigi Holland

Our neighborhoods are recipients of approximately \$200,000 in HUD funds for 1995-96 as a result of the planning process and directions from the Block Grant Commission.

The Steering Committee determined that a portion of the First years funds would go towards the purchase of two houses for resale to qualified buyers under the Land Trust model. This will both increase owner occupancy and the availability of affordable housing in our neighborhood. The remainder of the 1995 funds will be available to low to moderate income owners and renters for repair, safety and accessibility projects through Project Home and Independent Living.

The Tenney-Lapham and Old Market Place Neighborhood Plan has recently been published. It's layout, graphics and content set a new higher standard for neighborhood plans in the City of Madison. A focal point of the plan is the development of the Yahara River Parkway; work has already begun to acquaint residents of the scope and direction of the plan.

We have identified two properties for the Land Trust Project and are looking for more candidates for future projects. If you know of a property that may be for sale let us know! If you'd like to own a Land Trust Home phone us for more information: North Isthmus Housing Services office is at the Livery and the phone is 255-8685 ask for Gigi Holland or Joe Brogan. Project Home and Independent Living will be leafleting the neighborhood describing their services.

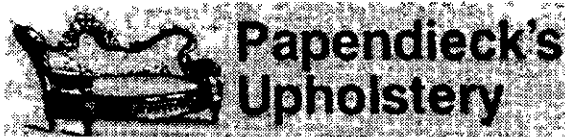
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enforcement to deal with deteriorating housing stock were met with requests from the City to have the neighborhood residents organize a reporting system for minor code violations. These would be conditions visible from the street or sidewalk. To cope with unsafe and poor inside conditions, tenants should call code at 266-4551, Tenant Resource Center at 257-0006, UW Student Tenant Union at 263-6699, TLNA Housing Chair, Jay Weiss, at 256-4988, or Old Marketplace Housing Chair, Cliff Fisher, at 258-8261.

Our historic neighborhood once called "Fourth Lake Ridge" will have its own walking tour brochure in the Spring of 1996. The writing, pictures, editing and printing costs are being organized and grant proposals written.

There are many aspects of the neighborhood plan that need continued interest and support from you, the resident. Call your neighborhood officers and committee chairpersons to lend a hand.

The Tenney-Lapham/Old Market Place Neighborhood Plan has been released in its published form, as of October 10, 1995. Copies were distributed at the TLNA Annual Meeting (& Spaghetti Dinner) and the October OMPNA Meeting. They will also be available for pickup at the following locations: Lapham School (1045 E. Dayton), the Livery office at the Reservoir Apts. (200 N. Blount), Cork & Bottle (855 E. Johnson), the Camelot Leasing Office (1614 Fordem), or the Madison Planning Dept. office (215 Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd., Room G-100). If you have difficulty acquiring one from these sources, you may call Richard Linster, TLNA President (251-1937), or Jule Stroick Neighborhood Planner for the city (267-8744).



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Tammy Baldwin, 78th District Representative

Our recently completed four week September/October floor period was frustrating and emotional for progressive citizens and lawmakers alike. Prior to the 1995-1996 session, I had always allocated most of my political time and energy to advancing ideas and policies. This session, I have struggled with a new role — the role of nay-sayer. Day after day, I returned to the floor of the Assembly to participate in the debate concerning bills that I oppose.

During that four week period, the Assembly passed two bills that erode a woman's reproductive freedom (AB 146 and AB 441); the Brewers stadium funding package (SS AB 1); a bill which prevents municipalities from enacting gun control ordinances that are more restrictive than state law (AB 69); a bill which weakens Wisconsin's strong open records law (AB 207); and a transportation budget which decimates Madison's mass transit system (AB 557).

The Legislature will reconvene for a two week floor period in November before adjourning for the holidays. The November floor period may prove to be as contentious as the September/October floor period. The Republicans have yet to announce what matters they will schedule for consideration, however, a number of controversial bills are advancing through Assembly or Senate Committees at this time.

Among the more controversial measures on the horizon are: a welfare reform bill known as W-2; a bill to bring Alabama-style chain gangs to Wisconsin prisons; a proposal which guts Wisconsin's landmark Family and Medical Leave Act; a "Takings" bill that is intended to discourage strong environmental protection; a bill to reinstate the Death Penalty in Wisconsin; a bill to permit the carrying of concealed firearms; and a public school choice measure. Additionally, I anticipate that the Governor will introduce a budget-repair bill, as is frequently the case in off-budget years.

While space limitations prohibit me from detailing all of these pending matters, I thought I'd highlight just one of the upcoming proposals. W-2 or Wisconsin Works

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(AB 591) is the Governor's latest welfare reform proposal. The W-2 program is intended to replace the current AFDC program. Unlike AFDC, it is not an entitlement program. W-2 participants will be placed in one of four levels of work experience. They are: W-2 Transitions - compensated at 70% of the minimum wage; Community Service jobs - compensated at 75% of the minimum wage; Trial Jobs (subsidized employment) - compensated at the minimum wage; or unsubsidized employment - compensated at market wages. Most participants will not be eligible for unemployment compensation, nor will they be covered by employment discrimination laws. Many participants also will not be eligible for the Earned Income Tax Credit.

A mother will be required to participate when her youngest child reaches 12 weeks of age. (Currently, an AFDC jobs program participant may remain full time at home with her child until that child reaches the age of one year.) Unlike AFDC, a W-2 participant may not pursue higher education as a part of the program. This is true despite the fact that education is the most effective way to permanently lift families out of poverty. Child care and health care are available to W-2 participants with a mandatory co-pay. Other child care provisions cut off child care subsidies when a child reaches the age of 10, even though it is considered neglect to leave a child under the age of 13 unsupervised.

The bill, as drafted, leaves many questions unanswered and has drawn much criticism. Child care advocates have asked: What happens to a W-2 participant who cannot locate safe child care? Who pays if the state allocates insufficient funding for child care? Low-

income families have asked: Why were poor families not invited to participate in the formulation of this program? What safety net exists for children if adults in the family are not able to meet the W-2 requirements?

I have participated in several neighborhood meetings on W-2. And I am especially pleased that citizens are organizing around this issue. It is my sincere hope that the proponents of W-2 will listen to the people most intimately affected by welfare reform policies and will adequately address their questions and concerns before advancing the bill.

Please feel free to keep in touch with me on these issues or any others. You can reach me by phone at 266-8570 (w) or 241-6675 (h); by E-mail at uswlsa78@ibmmail.com; or drop by our office in Room 412 - North at the State Capitol.

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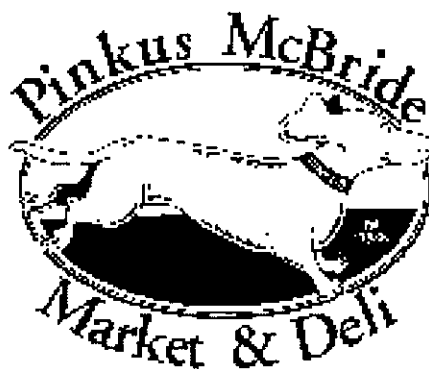
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Making The Neighborhood Stronger

Deborah Jackson Klein, Capitol Neighborhoods VP

Members of area neighborhood associations recently met to discuss the creation of an Isthmus Neighborhood Council (INC). Although the emergence of INC is not a new idea, area council members felt that a fresh start was needed -one that focused on the strengths and desired of the community rather than dictations by city officials. Members agreed, however, that participation by city alderpersons was key to INC's success.

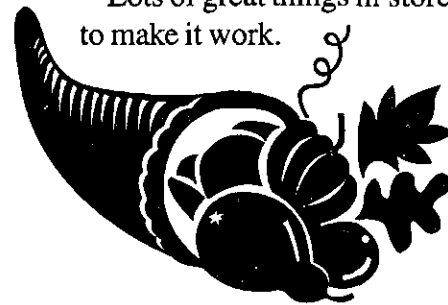
The purpose of INC is ultimately to provide a forum for area neighborhood associations to work in partnership with one another by sharing ideas and knowledge which can be mutually beneficial in solving problems faced by citizens of the Greater Isthmus Area. The boundaries for this group are roughly defined as the Isthmus proper. Representatives from Capitol Neighborhoods, Old Market Place, Tenney-Lapham and Marquette are encouraged to attend.

Members agreed that our first task was to tackle a meaningful, yet manageable problem. Although Indian Summer is upon us, thoughts of sleet and snow

dominated the conversation. It is never far from one's mind that snow removal and parking are not compatible terms during the winter months. Even with new city changes there are a plethora of questions which fall with those winter flakes. How do we know if it is really three inches? Where can I park? For how long? These are real and frustrating issues that face many of us from December through April.

So our first task at INC is to come up with some viable solutions and most importantly, to get the word out! But we need your help. Any interested individual should contact us immediately (Deborah Jackson Klein 257-9496 or Ilse Hecht 283-6000). We are also looking for volunteers to help put together a lecture series that would be of interest to downtown residents.

Lots of great things in store- but it takes people to make it work.



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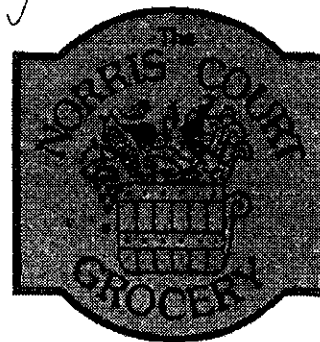
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We would also like to thank those officers spotted in the daytime and early evening doing paperwork and/or clocking speeders near Tenney Park Beach parking lot. It deters drug trafficking and makes our "hood" safer. Thanks!

The Crossleys would like to thank Jim, Jean, Emily and Logan Dunn for helping out once again when Karen suffered injuries in a bicycle accident on September 23, 1995. Karen Crossley describes the Dunns' as "great friends and neighbors and always willing to help out!" Karen's doing fine and would like to send a message to the Neighborhood..."Wear bicycle helmets! Beg, borrow, or buy them, but be sure to wear them!"

If you or someone you know has been a "victim of kindness" by someone in the neighborhood, call Kathi Bresnehan at 257-4110. We all like to hear about the good stuff, too!

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My Summer Trip

Ilse Hecht, OMPNA President

At five o'clock in the morning, Nha Trang wakes up to Vietnamese marching music coming from loudspeakers on lamp posts spread over the city every five or six blocks. It is time to go swimming and exercising before the heat of the day and the sun become too intense. On the lovely seven mile long beach, young girls are playing badminton; several groups of older men and women do moderate aerobic exercises directed by a younger coach; runners in bright suits leave their footprints on the soft sand; children play games in the warm, gentle waves. By six thirty the beach begins to empty as people return home to eat a breakfast of beef or chicken noodle soup and ready themselves for work.

Every morning I will join this happy crowd. Only the first week people approach me to talk and ask where I'm from. After that, I seem to be accepted and welcomed with a "good morning" smile.

I came to Nha Trang to coordinate a course in Nursing Administration offered to nursing supervisors and head nurses from provincial and district hospitals throughout the middle of Vietnam. There are 27 students in the course from nine different provinces; some have

traveled two days by train to attend. This was the last of a series of six courses offered in cooperation with the Vietnam Nurses Association and the Ministry of Health. They have been held in Hanoi in the north, Nha Trang in the middle and Ho Chi Minh city (Saigon) in the Southern part of Vietnam. They are sponsored by the Nursing program of the U.S. Committee for Scientific Cooperation with Vietnam, a non-governmental organization with headquarters at the University of Wisconsin, which has had programs in Vietnam for the past 15 years.

Nha Trang is the capital of the province (state) of Khanh Hoa with a population of 285,000. It is the first area of the country that greets the early sun every day, as it lies on the easternmost part of Vietnam, extending 100 miles along the eastern shore, looking out on the Pacific ocean. Mountains and hills stretch far to the seashore and combine with the numerous islands, small and big, to create magnificent views. From 1963 to 1970 the U.S. armed forces had a large base on Cam Ranh bay, at the Southeastern tip of the province.

Now that our country has normalized relations with Vietnam, it is as easy to travel there as it is to any other country. There are already several large resort hotels with excellent restaurants, most of them facing the ocean. Many smaller, less costly ones are being built further into the town, but within walking distance from the beach. Some of the most interesting sites I had the opportunity to visit were the natural aquarium on Hon Mieu island and the Institute of Oceanography where one can admire specimens of the rich and varied marine life in the area.

The Po Nagar Temple, an outstanding example of unique architectural work, was built and renovated through periods from the eighth through the twelfth

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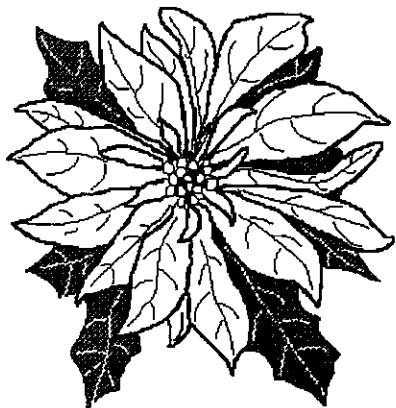
It was the national temple of the Cham kingdom originally dedicated to deities of Hinduism.

In Vietnam eighty percent of the population is Buddhist. The pagodas are the equivalent of our Christian churches and as abundant in every city and village. Of about twenty pagodas in Nhatrang, the Lon Son Tu pagoda is the largest and most beautiful. We had the good fortune to be welcomed by the principal monk, who gave us a tour of the building as well as the outstanding tropical garden surrounding the temple.

Finally we visited the tomb of Dr. Alexandre Yersin, the French scientist who discovered and isolated the bacillus causing bubonic plague; who founded the Pasteur Institutes of Biological research in Hanoi and Nhatrang (which continue to operate to this day); and made great contributions in the field of horticulture and oceanography.

He lived and traveled off and on throughout Vietnam from 1891 until his death in Nhatrang in 1943. The simple mausoleum erected at his tomb reflects the pride of the people in this adopted son.

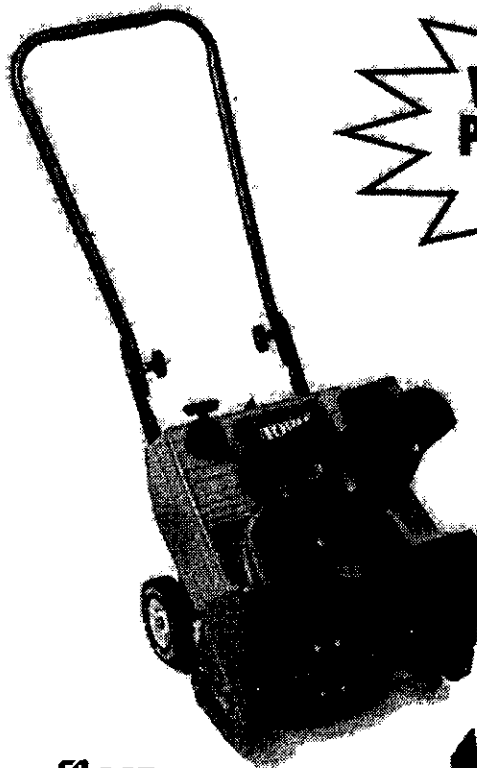
It won't be long before Nhatrang becomes a major tourist attraction for world travelers to Southeast Asia. If future plans in your life include a trip to the East, consider a visit to this beautiful resort town.



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Barbara Vedder, 2nd District Alderperson

The Common Council is now working on the proposed operating budget presented by the Mayor. Its initiatives include: three additional firefighters, six new police officers, enforcement of the snow emergency and street sweeping programs, continuation of graffiti removal, core costs for United Neighborhood Centers, elimination of the Director of Transportation, addition of a City Traffic Engineer and two Civil Engineers, a medical needle collection program, increase in hours for parks maintenance, staffing to enable public use of the City's Geographic Imaging System, and three staff positions for the Monona Convention Center.

The most devastating aspect of the budget are proposed changes in our mass transit system due to cuts in Federal and State aids. The State Assembly recently voted in a way which hurt Madison more than any other Wisconsin community. Madison's transit system is the only one in the State that will receive less State transit aid in 1996 than in 1995. Combined with Federal cuts, Madison Metro will receive \$1.5 million less in 1996. Some major implications on Madison Metro riders are: an adult cash fare increase from \$1 to \$1.50, commuter pass increase from \$28 to \$31, elimination of the monthly pass, paratransit (MetroPlus) fare increase from \$2 to \$3, the elimination of all holiday services, all Saturday and Sunday services, weekday services after 6 pm, elimination of paratransit services during these hours, and changing door-to-door to curb-to-curb service as well as other services for paratransit riders.


If you are concerned about Metro's very precarious situation, contact your Federal legislators and your State Senators. Also, on a more local level, a group working on this issue is the "Right to Ride" Coalition, of which I am a member. Feel free to call me at 249-8428. "It ain't over 'til it's over..."

The Yahara River Parkway project is now under way, with the official committee having been formed by the Mayor and approved by the Common Council. I was very happy to have a number of persons I recommended be placed on this committee: David Wallner, Ed Jepsen, Rick Bernstein, Alison Mader, and Sheri Rein. There are also people from the Marquette neighborhood involved. The concept of the project is to build a pedestrian-bicycle path along the Yahara Corridor and thus link Lakes Mendota and Monona. I think this is a wonderful and very exciting project which will create easier access from one side of the Isthmus to the other, especially for our children and those with mobility problems in crossing busy streets. It will also offer possibilities for access to and enhancement of the Yahara River's surroundings. The planning process is just beginning, nothing has been set in stone, and we want to have full input from the community-at-large. We will be holding a "charette" in the near future (no date has been set as yet), at which time all will be invited to participate with your ideas, concerns, or any other type of input you might have for the project. Keep you posted...

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Bicycle Theft Update

Kathi Bresnehan, TLNA Secretary

I'd like to begin with good news, but the best I can do is pray for snow. It's much more difficult to ride away on a stolen bicycle in two or three feet of snow. Since a lot of people will be storing their bicycles for the winter, this is a good time to do routine maintenance to ready your bicycle for next spring AND to license your bicycle.

We appear to have a bicycle chop shop ring operating in the TL and OMP neighborhoods. Residents report that there are a groups of teenage boys in the 900 block of East Dayton, the 1200 block of East Mifflin and near O'Keefe/Marquette School with a proliferation of bicycle parts and bicycles. Even more gutsy is the fact that the young thieves often ask neighbors to lend them wrenches and screwdrivers so that they can exchange bike parts, making the "rehabbed" bicycles virtually untraceable. Police and neighborhood residents are stymied as to what to do. If you have any ideas, call Kathi Bresnehan at 251-7399, and keep reporting obvious illegal activity to the Madison Police Department. If you feel that you are not getting the kind of response you deserve, call Captain Jeff Frye at 266-4923.

New Winter Parking Rules in Effect for 1995/96

The Madison City Council enacted new winter parking rules. Most residents will see no change as a result of the new ordinance. The ordinance formalized the rules that were used on a pilot basis last year.

Winter parking restrictions will vary according to where you park. A special Snow Emergency Ordinance is in effect in the Downtown and Isthmus sections. This area is bounded by Park and Proudfit Streets on the West and the Yahara River on the East and it extends from Lake Mendota to Lake Monona.

If you park overnight in the Snow Emergency Zone, parking is restricted only during declared Snow Emergencies. A Snow Emergency is declared when it becomes necessary to plow residential streets, generally when snow accumulation exceeds 3" from a single storm or series of storms.

During a Snow Emergency, residents of the Snow Emergency Zone must follow alternate side parking restrictions. Between the hours of 1:00 to 7:00 AM, vehicles must be parked on the odd house numbered side of the street on odd numbered days and on the even house numbered side of the street on even numbered days. Violations of the Snow Emergency Zone Ordinance are subject to a fine of \$20 per night.

Residents of the Snow Emergency Zone should monitor the new media during snow storms to see if a
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Snow Emergency has been declared. The City has also established a special Snow Emergency Hotline at 261-9111. You can call the Hotline to receive recorded information on Snow Emergencies.

Residents are urged to find off street parking during Snow Emergencies whenever possible. Renters should check with their landlord about the availability of off street parking. When street parking is available, residents should park their vehicles on the proper side of the street over night. Do not block crosswalks, driveways, or fire hydrants.

Overnight parking is also available in the cashiered section of City parking ramps. The fee is \$1.00 on week nights between 6 PM and 5 AM and all day on Saturday and Sunday. Parkers who leave after 5 AM will also have to pay regular hourly rates from 5 AM until departure.

Under the new ordinance, most areas of Madison will be subject to the same alternate side parking rules that have been in place for many years. From December 1st through March 15th vehicles parked the street between the hours of 1 AM and 7 AM must be parked on the odd house numbered side of street on odd days and the even side on even days. *(Editor's note: The day is based on the hours of the parking curfew. So if you park your car at 8 PM on the 17th you should be parked*

on the even side of the street because the curfew on parking starts at 1 AM on the 18th. which is an even numbered day.)

Outside the Snow Emergency Zone, winter parking restrictions are in effect seven days a week, regardless of weather conditions. Violations of the Alternate Side Parking Ordinance are subject to a fine of \$5.00 per night outside of the Snow Emergency Zone.

The Alternate Side Parking Ordinance was enacted to allow city crews to remove snow efficiently and safely. This makes driving easier and allows emergency vehicles to get places where they are needed. Thanks to your cooperation last year, city plows were able to clear the streets faster and more effectively.

Residents who have questions about the Alternate Side Parking Regulations or snow removal can call: Snow Emergency Information 261-9111, Parking Enforcement Questions/Problems 266-4622, Parking Ramp Information 266-4761, Snow Plowing/Removal 246-4532.

November

(American Indian Heritage Month)

- 7 Election Day
- 14 Tenney-Lapham Board 7:30- 9 pm
- 16 Old Market Place Board 7-9 pm
- 18 Yahara River Planning Meeting
- 23 Thanksgiving Day

Seasons Greetings

December

- 6 OMPNA Holiday Party
- 12 Tenney-Lapham Board 7:30- 9 pm
- 14 Isthmus 2020 5-7 pm
Old Market Place Board 7-9 pm
- 15 Newsletter (Jan/Feb Issue) Deadline (5pm)
- 18 Hunukkah
- 25 Christmas

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