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## Madison Water Utility Responds To Lead Questions

*Editor's Note: The following is a response from the Madison Water Utility to questions pertaining to an article in the last issue of the newsletter.*

Mayor Bauman has requested that I respond to questions on her behalf. I will respond to each issue below, in the order they were presented.

1. How do you distinguish galvanized iron or steel pipes from lead? Galvanized steel pipe and lead can look similar, especially when they are corroded. Both will have a gray color. The easiest way to tell the difference is to hold a refrigerator magnet against the metal. The magnet will be attracted to galvanized steel, but will not attract to lead. In addition, lead pipe bends easily and thus it will have no angle joints or connectors. With galvanized steel, each angle change in the pipe will beat

an angle joint with a joint connector.

2. Has anyone considered cooperation to reduce the cost of replacing their old water supply pipe?

Cooperative bidding of services in a neighborhood would very likely be beneficial. The Water Utility will take that into consideration when it develops its schedules for lead service replacements. The schedules will group properties in areas and neighborhoods, so that neighbors may take advantage of group bidding if they wish.

3. It should be cheaper if construction is scheduled during nice weather or slow periods for the local construction industry.

Unfortunately, nice weather and slow periods for the local construction industry may be mutually exclusive. In order to address this issue, the Water Utility

intends to schedule lead service replacements over a ten year period so that the workload can be spread out as evenly as possible. This will hopefully allow the available pool of contractors to replace all the lead service lines within the time period mandated by law. We will also provide sufficient notice to property owners of the deadlines for lead line replacement on their property so that they will not be forced to replace a lead service during winter conditions. The proposed ordinance provides for deadlines to be deferred December through March on the basis of weather constraints.

4. Does this proposed ordinance change only require replacing lead pipes that are buried outside? . . .

The proposed ordinance only addresses the lead service line from the water meter (usually located in the basement of a home) to the shut off valve near the property line (usually between the sidewalk and the curb). Other pipes, solders and fixtures inside the home are not affected. (Our studies have shown that these are minor contributors of lead in tap water and that replacing the lead service lines will resolve the problem.) Lead pipes or solder on the wastewater side of the system are not a concern.

5. Has anyone considered fighting their own fires or supplying their own drinking water if the electricity goes off for more than one day, during January?

In conjunction with a program offered by MG&E, the Water Utility is in  
*(see Lead on page 16)*

### CORRECTION

In the September/October issue the name of the Wisconsin Partnership for Housing Development project scheduled for the Reynold's property was mistakenly identified as Courtyard Square. The correct name is Coachyard Square. Partnership staff members pointed out that while the average unit price is \$110,000, the range of prices will be \$80,000 to \$135,000. We regret any confusion that this mis information may have caused.

(d. mandehr- editor)

### East Johnson Street Business District Holiday Open House

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## It's For the Birds

As the folk song goes, "All God's creatures got a place in the choir" and I agree with that. The next line goes "some sing lower and some sing higher." Of those that sing higher, we have to count our friends the birds.

Right now there are flocks of winged things dotting our skies and resting in our backyard havens. We promise to leave the light on at our makeshift Motel 6 and they show up and delight us—at least until the three housecats next door make their dramatic entrance.

Yes, they are God's creatures too, and yes, in a natural world they would not be clipped and neutered and spayed and made to roam behind glass. But guess what? This is not a natural world we live in. And their high voices,

yowling at night while they make like Jesse Ventura with other roaming animals, are the kind that make neighbors chuck shoes at them. (Then they move ten feet and start up again. If you haven't heard it, drop by some moonlight night for a chorus of yowling love songs.)

Let me establish my credentials, though, as a felix domesticus fan, lest you leap to the conclusion that I'm a cat hater. I love cats as a species and have owned them since I was a wee thing, sitting next to the coal-burning stove in the kitchen in a flannel gown cuddling a heat-seeking feline on my lap. Grey Boy (renamed Grey Girl the next year when she returned to have a batch of kittens in the potato bin in the cellar), Frisky, Furball, Fernando J. Subgum (who saw me through more bad relationships than

men ever saw me through bad cats) and now Anthony and Cleopatra, (whom we also call "Get offa the Table" and "Stop That") So I dig cats, okay? But I also have discovered a fascination with birds—and after a doomed indoor debacle between our poor canary, Erika Snowball (don't ask; Alex named her) and Get Offa and Stop That—I think cats need to stay INDOORS and birds have to be OUT.

But don't take my word for it—here are some recent facts and stats from the recent Cats Indoors Press Release, compiled by Linda Winter, Director, forwarded to me by Dave Fallow, local bird expert and leader of fearless birding jaunts.

People who care about birds, please take note...

-Gay Davidson-Zielske

### AMERICAN BIRD CONSERVANCY APPLAUDS NEW PET TRESPASSING LAW

Washington, DC— Cat owners in Montgomery County, MD have a new incentive to keep their cats indoors, on a leash, or confined to their property. Under a new law, owners of all types of pets, including domestic cats, may not allow their pet to enter other private property without the property owner's permission. Violations of the new law could result in the issuance of a \$100 fine. Second offenses or offenses committed after a warning could increase the fine to \$500. In ad-

dition, private property owners legally have the right to humanely trap or capture trespassing animals and bring them to the County's animal shelter. Dogs and unaltered cats must be leashed when off their own property.


Linda Winter, director of American Bird Conservancy's (ABC) Cats Indoors! Campaign stated, "People write or call me every day wondering what they can do about their neighbor's cats in their yard. They are sick and tired of watching other people's cats kill birds at their feeders, or bird baths, defecate in their gardens, or create a health risk in their children's sandboxes. If owners of outdoor cats respected other people's property rights, this legislation would not be

needed." The city of Newport News, Virginia is considering similar legislation. "ABC's Cats Indoors! Campaign seeks to educate cat owners and the general public that the nation's estimated 100 million free-roaming cats kill hundreds of millions of birds each year in the U.S.," said ABC president Dr. George Fenwick. "Outdoor cats often suffer and die prematurely, and can transmit diseases and parasites to people, such as cat-scratch fever, toxoplasmosis, and rabies. Montgomery County has set an excellent standard to promote responsible pet ownership that will help protect cats, wildlife and people. We encourage other counties and municipalities (see **ABC Pet Law** on page 16)



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# November Referendum Question Explained

*Editor's Note: The following article is a press release from Citizens for Investing in Madison Schools.*

On Tuesday, November 9th Madison polling places will be opened to ask those served by Madison schools to consider three referenda. Here's a description of each question and reasons that Citizens for Investing in Madison Schools, a group of homeowners, parents and neighbors like yourself, believe these questions deserve your support.

**Question 1 - Building System Replacement** - Most of Madison's schools are older buildings. Inspections showed that many city school buildings need upgrades to provide adequate electrical supply, air ventilation, fire alarms, energy conservation and emergency lighting. Some schools need to replace roofs and aging furnaces. Although the schools are well maintained, they are getting older. Only one school has been built in the last 20 years, and two schools still use heating systems built around 1914. With your approval, these repairs can be made without any additional

taxes.

How? Bonds used to pay off debt from past borrowing start expiring this year. If voters approve continued use of these funds, the district can dedicate \$20 million over the next five years toward school maintenance projects. Just like your home, schools must be maintained to remain safe and healthy. Moreover, strong schools protect the value of your property by ensuring that your neighborhood school is a safe, well-maintained place for learning.

**Question 2 - New Neighborhood Elementary School** - A new school is proposed on Madison's southwest side near a developing neighborhood centered at Highway PD and Maple Grove Road. New home construction in this Cross Country Neighborhood will add approximately 600 elementary school students to Madison schools over the next few years. Current southwest schools are already full due to continued development of private homes and apartments in this sprawling area. The new school is estimated to cost \$11 million, which would cost the average taxpayer about \$11 a year in taxes.

Without a new school, school boundaries across many parts of the district would have to shift repeatedly to accommodate the influx of new students. An estimated 2,300 students would be shifted to new neighborhood schools and classes would grow substantially larger. School boundary changes and large class sizes are not conducive to the quality education or sense of local neighborhoods Madison strives for.

**Question 3 - Operating costs for the new school** - This proposal seeks \$340,000 to operate the new southwest school. It would cost taxpayers about \$6 a year to provide electricity, water, and staff like a principal, librarian, clerks, teachers, and custodians for the new school. The amount reflects out-of-pocket expenses as well as losses in state aid that occur because the state school

*(see Referendum on page 16)*



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# Relief For That Math Phobia

O'Keffe Middle School announces its first Math Nightmare School for 8th Grade Parents (and anyone else interested). The class begins on Tuesday November 2 from 6:30 - 7:30 pm. The focus of the first five classes will be the Math 8 curriculum offered at O'Keffe. In January, five sessions on the Accelerated Algebra curriculum will be offered in January. Rob Hetzel, an O'Keffe 8th grade math teacher, will be leading the classes.

Dates and Topics are:

**November 2: Variables and Patterns and Moving Straight Ahead - In-**

roduction to Algebra and Linear Relationships: variables, tables, graphs and symbols as representations.

**November 9: Thinking With Mathematical Models -** Introduction to functions and modeling.

**November 16: Growing, Growing, Growing -** Exponential growth.

**November 30: Frogs, Fleas and Painted Cubes -** Quadratic growth.

**December 7: Topics from the 1st quarter Geometry Unit -** Constructions.

Topics to be covered during the Accelerated Algebra sessions will include:

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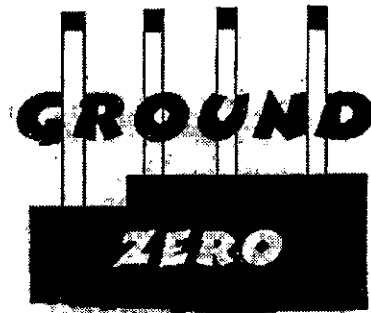
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The next meeting dates for the Tenney-Lapham Neighborhood Association Council are Thursday, November 16 and Thursday, December 16 at 7 pm in the community room of the Tenney Park Apartments, 302 N. Baldwin Street. You are welcome to attend and discuss any issues of concern to you. For further information, call Tim Olsen at 255-9358.

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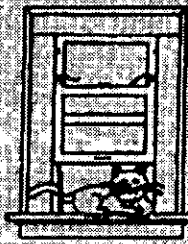
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## Willy Street Coop Grows Again

*Editor's Note: The following is an edited news release from Willy Street Coop.*

Twenty-five years ago who would have thought the Willy Street Co-op would grow to be as large as it is today? Way back those so many years ago in 1974, Willy Street Co-op was a small, cramped grocery store that shared its space with Nature's Bakery at 1101 Williamson Street. The Co-op's inventory was very limited and consisted mostly of produce which was, as it is today, the best in town.

In August 1974, Willy Street Co-op signed a lease to rent 1014 Williamson. With 900 square feet of retail space and a small amount of storage area, this new location allowed Willy Street Co-op to offer expanded selections of bulk goods, produce and a limited amount of packaged goods and convenience items. From the very start, the Co-op's goal was to provide natural foods and products for the neighborhood it served.

Willy Street Co-op's grow in popularity and sales over the next 10 years. The store at 1014 Williamson St. soon became unable to meet the needs of the Co-op's members and the hunt for a new site was on. By September of 1977, the Co-op signed

a new lease for 1202 Williamson which has been our home the last 22 years. The site effectively doubled the Co-op's retail space and allowed for increased storage and office space. It also allowed for the addition of frozen meat and fish, ethnic foods, convenience items, health and beauty products, and bulk bins to the Co-op's inventory.

Continued growth in sales and inventory grew the need for additional staff. Originally a collective where all employees shared in the decision making process on matters concerning Willy Street Co-op, this system proved to be very problematic. Reach a consensus

would hold up proposals for indefinite periods of time; poorly defined jobs with little accountability allowed for work to be left undone which created new tensions between staff members; and in early 1980, Willy Street Co-op lost money for the first time in its history. In September of 1982, a restructuring process was finalized for working conditions, pay and benefit policies, decision making authority, and all positions, including one for Willy Street Co-op's first general manager, Ann Graham.

By 1983, membership was at

(see *Willy St. Coop* on page 16)

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## Wisconsin Income Equity Act Introduced

I would like to take this opportunity to review some of the issues and legislation that I have introduced this session and share some information on upcoming legislation and activities.

### Income Equity Act:

The Wisconsin Income Equity Act (WIEA) was introduced earlier in the year. The WIEA would limit the corporate tax deduction for executive compensation from \$1,000,000 under current law to a deduction of 25 times the company's lowest paid full-time employee's wage. For example, if the lowest paid employee at a company is paid \$15,000 per year, the corporate deduction could be \$375,000 for executive pay rather than the current million-dollar deduction. Currently we all subsidize this corporate tax break. Our goal is to raise the pay of the lowest paid

workers by sending a strong message to a company. If you want to receive large tax deductions for executive pay, then pay your workers well. The people on the factory floor are as important to the company as those who work in the corporate suite.

This bill is currently a part of the Senate Democratic version of the state budget and I am hopeful that it will be signed into law when the budget is passed. It will bring the State of Wisconsin an additional \$19.6 million over the biennium that can be used to pay for our schools, recycling programs, etc.

### Resolution To Close The School Of Americas:

I introduced a resolution to urge congress to close the School of Americas. This institution is one of the bigger wastes of taxpayer dollars at the federal

level. It is responsible for the training of foreign military officers associated with high profile massacres, killings, kidnappings and tortures in Central and South America.

I have seen firsthand the effects of the bloodshed caused by those trained by the School of Americas in both El Salvador and Colombia on Sister City visits. The cost in human and financial terms is significant. Many religious and human rights organizations support its closure.

The Committee on Veteran's Affairs held a hearing on this issue in mid-September. Over 30 people spoke and or registered in favor of the

resolution. No one opposed it. I have sent a request to the Chair of the Committee asking for a vote on the resolution. I hope the resolution will be voted on and move to the Assembly floor soon.

### Domestic Partnership Legislation:


I soon will be introducing Domestic Partnership legislation. This bill creates a domestic partnership registry in each county of the state. Once a couple meets the requirements and registers with their County they will receive the similar benefits, rights and responsibilities that are granted to married couples under Wisconsin State Statute 765.

Realistically I understand that this legislation will most likely not get a vote during this session. However, I believe it is time that we begin to introduce positive legislation dealing with equal rights as opposed to simply fighting the negative-legislation being proposed.

### Other Legislation:

I am also a sponsor of a variety of legislation pending hearings in the Assembly, from raising the minimum wage to providing contraceptive coverage under insurance policies to real campaign finance reform. We will keep you posted on their progress.

- State Representative Mark Pocan



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## Lead in drinking water on its way out

Lead in drinking water in Madison is on its way out. Probably most of you are aware of the issue of proposed lead pipe replacement, highlighted in the last TLNA newsletter. By the time of this writing I will have held two district-wide meetings since the entire district, including the Tenney Lapham area, could be affected as the installation of lead pipes ended in 1928. Controversy exists regarding this issue since its health effects are difficult to gauge here. However, the city is required by federal and state laws to take action, either by lead pipe replacement or chemical means and the only chemical treatment that has proved effective in Madison is adding orthophosphate to the water. City Water Utility isn't recommending this approach for two reasons: orthophosphate would have detrimental effects on both sewage

treatment operations and our lakes.

Orthophosphate would cause an average 338 additional pounds/day into our sewage treatment plants, rendering our new biological phosphorous removal system ineffective. It would cause other serious operational and sludge handling problems with additional treatment costs passed on to city residents. In our local surface waters, an additional 5-10 tons/year of phosphorous would enter, promoting algal growth, pond scum, and anaerobic conditions created; the lake would begin to smell and water and aquatic life quality would decrease. This would counter local efforts to reduce phosphorous in our lakes and be contradictory to our three area watershed plans. Although some home filter systems are effective in removing lead as well as running

water from the tap before usage, federal and state regulations mandate treatment which is verifiable, enforceable and permanent and thus prohibit the utility from using either of these options.

The cost for the affected property owner is quite significant, normally \$1500 to \$2000. I'm very concerned about this and am working with city staff and other alders to address this. \$300 rebates as well as low-interest bank loans will be available. There is also a proposed provision to have the city pay for half of the expenses up to \$1000, and making it retroactive to houses who have already made the improvements beginning in 1993 when the federal laws went into effect. This would cost all city residents \$10 more/water billing. We're still working on additional ways to aid lower-income households.

The ordinance will be introduced to the City Council probably towards the end of November and will then move forward to different city committees. These are open public meetings and the groundwork will be laid for Council action during this period. If you're interested, I strongly urge you to keep abreast of what's happening through the media, by contacting myself or David Denig-Chakroff of Water Utility staff and following city committee meetings.

\_ Alder Barbara Vedder

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# Excitement Flies In Tenny Park

Some preschoolers jumped up and down with joy, others covered their ears and a few just huddled tight against their parent's knees as the jet engines roared and the whirling blades of the Med Flight helicopter thwipped through the air and then settled down next to Sherman Ave. in Tenney Park. The rotor blast blew right by the firefighters holding the flares marking the corners of the landing area and sent a big rolling plume right out into Lake Mendota. Most of the elementary school kids from Marquette and Lapham just grinned the whole time. Lots of us wished for a ride. It was pretty great to have a four million dollar machine show up in the neighborhood to support community efforts to make roads safer for people. Having the UW helicopter fly in without having anyone ride out the hard way was especially wonderful.

Even better, the helicopter came because of what people in the neighborhood and beyond were doing to make our communities better places to live in. In the wee hours of the morning, more than a hundred signs reminding drivers to Slow Down in the Pedestrian Zone were placed along streets by numerous volunteers including Gigi Holland and Gene Becker. The Kids Parade to the Park started early in the morning at Cathi Bresnehan's house with the squeal of helium balloons being blown up and tied off by Alan, Richard and Bridgett. Many parents, kids, wagons and strollers joined the parade along the way teach-

ing children to be safe and drivers to be careful. Ms. Galarneault's and Ms. Gross' class from Marquette had worked for days on perfecting their scientific methods for measuring distance and timing to calculate the speed of cars. They then put on impressive display of technique in tracking speeding cars and clapping for responsible drivers along Sherman Ave. Students also did a fine job of explaining the purposes of their math/science/civic project to reporters from WISC TV-3, the Cap Times and WTDY. Kelley Cory clearly articulated both problem and solutions when her interview showed up on the news at noon, five o'clock, six o'clock and ten. Residents young and old walked their talk for quieter, more walkable residential neighborhoods. More residents set up the Speed Board that has a radar detector and display to show drivers their speeds.

The Madison Fire Dept. brought a big fire truck and an ambulance. Police officers came from the City of Madison and Dane County. We had a great showing from the police Traffic Enforcement and Safety Team led by Steve Carderella and our own Central District Police Captain George Silverwood.

Thanks to everybody who helped make our day of the Pedestrian Zone/Drive 25/Walk Your Child to School Week such a great success; including Mark Hanson and the rest of the UW Med Flight Helicopter Trauma Team and Cheryl Wittke of the Greater Madison Safe Communities Coalition. Working together to prevent tragedies before they occur; before some of

these same people have to show up for entirely different reasons was just one of many demonstrations of the outstanding qualities of people in our neighborhood, the City of Madison and beyond. After all, our efforts on October 8 were just one of five days of demonstrations spanning from Crestwood to Emerson, Sun Prairie to Stoughton, Verona to Belleville and Vilas to Tenney-Lapham. Let's keep making the neighborhood better and better in every way we know how.

- TLNA President Tim Olson

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## Main Street Bridge Balusters Available

So what should we do with the 30, count 'em, 30 antique balusters from the old Main Street Bridge over the Yahara River?

Each baluster came from between the concrete railings of the old bridge, is about two feet high and 'vase-shaped'. The bridge was built in the 1920's and is now being replaced with an appropriate, approved by the City Landmark Commission, and structurally sound version that will complement the Yahara Parkway design; the same Yahara Parkway that together with Tenney Park is officially a National Register of Historic Places site. (Look downstream of E. Washington Ave. along the Yahara River to see the ongoing bridge reconstruction.) Those of you who attended the Annual Meeting and Spaghetti Dinner at Christ Presbyterian Church on October 14 had a chance to view one of the balusters.

The Neighborhood Council remains open to any and all ideas for what to do with the balusters. The two main concerns are that we want to give everyone a chance to participate in deciding on how to distrib-

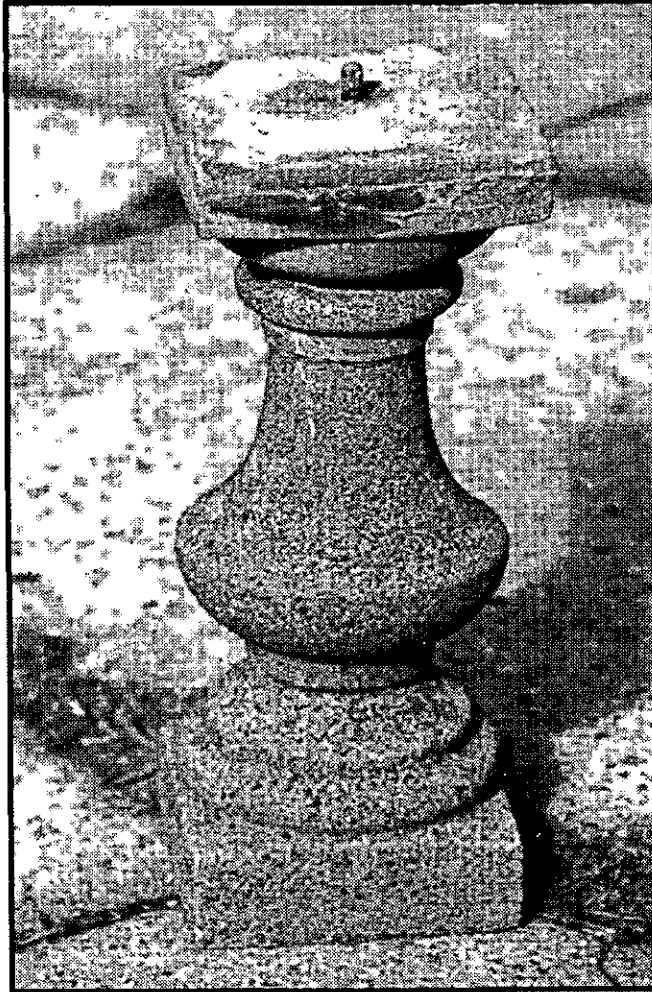
ute the balusters in the best and fairest manner, and that we do so publicly. If you are not a fan of antiques, or not in-

terested in souvenirs of an earlier historic period along the Isthmus, or more enthused about postmodern than the ro-

romantic, or are more keen to decrease the clutter in your life than collect a forty (?) pound memento - what happens to the balusters just doesn't matter. However, for the rest of you — many of whom moved into our older neighborhood because it is fairly overflowing with interesting character(s), quality and patinas of one kind or another - here is a chance to make the most of a one time opportunity.

Among the latter group, enthusiasm is running very high. Good suggestions came up at the last Council meeting but we all agreed not to bias anyone, and instead to make an open solicitation for more ideas. Here it is.

Send in your suggestions or come to the next TLNA Council meeting at 7 PM Thursday, November 18 at the Tenney Apartments, corner of Gorham and Baldwin. Suggestions can be sent to Baluster Brainstorms at 1331 E. Johnson St., Madison, WI 53703 or to [tpolsen@email.msn.com](mailto:tpolsen@email.msn.com).



*(Photo by David Mandehr)*

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sentiment



*(Photo by Tim Olson)*

## Tenney-Lapham Goes Sonic

The Downtown Arts District may become one of the best places for performing arts but Tenney-Lapham may be just beginning to realize its qualities for creating art. The former WPS property on Sherman Ave. has been leased by the owners to Sonic Foundry for 10 years with 10 years of options. Sonic Foundry is an up and coming music software company based on Willy Street and will join the many other businesses and individuals in realizing the potential of fertile ground for artistic expression right here in our own fruitful slice of the Isthmus.

Does characterizing our neighborhood as a cornucopia of creativity sound far fetched? Well, it did to me too in the beginning, but in spite of my own limitations (I peaked in my ability to play the cornet in fifth-grade band and just sort of lost touch after that), the idea is growing on me. Music-wise, we have for example: classical performers, bluegrass players, locally historic visits from the Red Hot Chili Peppers, Garbage, Marie Osmond etc. to our neighborhood

recording/mixing studio (so I have been told - any inaccuracies can be blamed on my illiterati status - but I did have a pretty good source about the Marie visit); Audio Depot with the equipment for performance music out on one end of the neighborhood, acoustic instruments in the middle, and now 'virtual instruments' at Sonic Foundry coming to the other end. We have a new bead store coming in, a framing shop with original art/photography, rock shop and jewelry production, several shops that were on this year's Gallery Night extravaganza, antiques, and furniture making. We also have writers, poets, watercolorists and architects. That's just what I know about to start out with. Maybe someone better in the know could write more for the next newsletter...

The plans for the former WPS building, according to partner John Schaefer of Tenney Development Place LLC are focused on making the most of the existing structure, parking lot and green space. Sonic Foundry plans to eventu-

ally have 130 people working in the building with future capacity for up to 300. The interior of the building will be largely rebuilt and include heating/air conditioning, electrical and computer networking renovations. The front entrance area will become a conference room meeting space. Windows will be added to the ends of the building. The main entrance will be at the back and be improved. The metal shed and garage will be removed from the back. James McFadden is the architect working with them on ideas for both the interior and exterior. An example of a nearby McFadden project renovating an old building is the Machinery Row Building next to Law Park where William Street Bicycles is located.

The increase in the amount of traffic in the neighborhood is likely to be less than there would have been with a higher density residential development of the 8.5 acre site. The parking lot will be resurfaced and parking island trees pruned. There are about 400 parking

(see *Sonic Foundry* on next page)

A new fabric store, Gayfeather Fabrics, has opened on Willy Street, and the proprietor, Virginia Lienhard, will be a familiar face to many Tenney-Lapham residents. For fourteen years, from 1984-1998, Virginia was the letter carrier in the area from Brearly to Sidney and Gorham to Sherman Avenue.

Virginia has a life-long interest in fabric and dreamed for many years of opening her own store. Since Material World Co-op closed about five years ago, she feels there has been a real void in the availability of fabric in Madison.

So when the storefront next to Hans

Sewing & Vacuum opened up this fall, Virginia decided to make her move. She said the location was perfect, being in the Isthmus on heavily trafficked Williamson Street and being located next to Hans, which provides a perfect

complement to the fabrics Gayfeather's carries.

Fabrics for all kinds of sewing will be available, including velvets, silks, rayon,

polarfleece, batiks, and cotton. Pattern making software along with many technologically advanced fabrics will also be available. Full-spectrum lighting will be installed in order to give patrons the true

(see *Gayfeather* on next page)





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## Gallery Adds To Neighborhood Diversity

From New York's Soho District to East Johnson Street, that has been the route that veteran art dealer, Wendy Cooper, has taken in her voyage to address unmet needs within the art marketplace. Whether led by the desire for more "edgy art" or a need to respond to what Cooper calls "an inspirational deficit" present in most galleries today, the Wendy Cooper Gallery was born on Friday, September 24, 1999 with a reception for Madison painter, Nancy Mladenoff. The following week, during Gallery Night, more than 300 showed up for the gallery's grand opening.

Wendy Cooper brings 20 years of art sales experience to the Madison community. In 1987, Cooper formed COOPER-SEEMAN Fine Art. As a consultant, she pioneered innovative strategies to sell and market artwork of contemporary art-

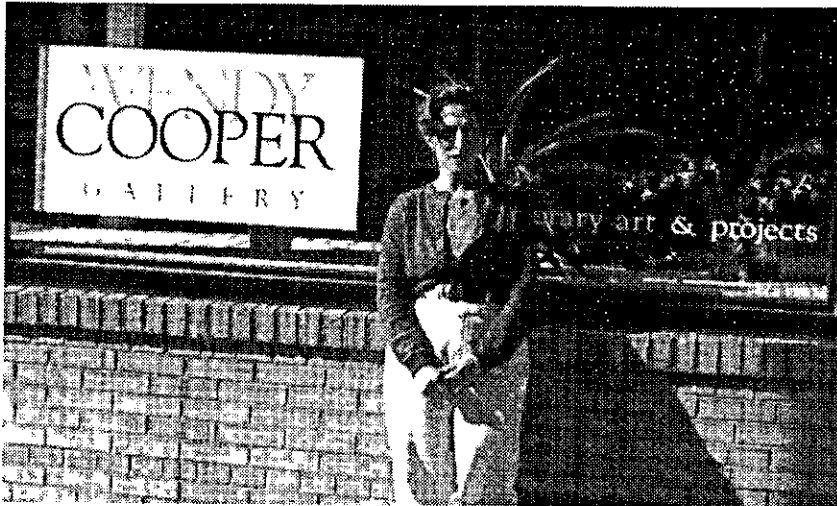
### **Sonic Foundry** (from previous page)

stalls in the extensive parking lot. Plantings in the front of the building will be cut back, replaced and added to. There are no current plans to work on pruning the forested areas of the site.

Both the owners of the property and representatives of Sonic Foundry will be happy to meet with neighbors and neighborhood on plans and possibilities. Sonic Foundry is pleased that they are able to expand their business and still stay on the near East Side. Many of their employees live nearby and relish the opportunity to live and work in the surrounding neighborhoods. Lois Oddo of our TLNA Housing Committee will be organizing a meeting.

- Tim Olson

ists to corporations and private collectors. The exhibitions were curated in various public spaces to showcase undiscovered talent and broaden the



public's interest. While in New York, Cooper rented a Soho office with rental gallery space available for her use. But, the cost of the rental space plus the demands of a gallery were too much at that time, so she resumed staging exhibitions in alternating spaces.

Three years ago, Cooper followed her husband to Madison where he had recently secured a new job. After moving here, she continued to show and sell artwork in alternative spaces and homes

### **Gayfeather** (from previous page)

color brilliance of the fabric.

Virginia said her store will emphasize personal attention, size, and selection with each fabric being personally selected by her. She hopes the store will attract not only the sophisticated fabric connoisseur but also the novice fabric buyer who needs a little handholding in order to make the correct selection.

Virginia is an award winning fiber artist and has done all kinds of sewing, from costumes to family clothes to wearable art. She is going to be a busy woman as she will be opening her store each day after putting in a full eight hours on her letter carrier route which

and build her sales activity. During this time, an interest developed in serving first time buyers. She also cultivated an interest in moving into the local arts community. It was while searching for cheap commercial space to rent that she happened to find her present location at 824 E. Johnson Street, which she ended up purchasing.

"My mission is always the same wherever I go," said Cooper. "I want people to learn something new about themselves through art and to feel confident about the process."

From November 3 - November 27, the photogravures of Lothar Osterburg will be on display. An informal Artist Talk and Reception will be held Saturday, November 13 at 5:30 pm until 8:00 pm. The Wendy Cooper Gallery, located at 824 E. Johnson St., is open Wednesday through Saturday, 11 am - 5 pm, or by appointment. The gallery can be reached at 287-1100 or at [wcooper@mailbag.com](mailto:wcooper@mailbag.com).

is located just off the Square.

Gayfeather Fabrics is located at 1521 Williamson Street. Hours are Monday-Friday from 3-8, Saturday from 3-7, and Sunday from 11-6. The phone number is 294-7436.

The store opened in late October with the Grand Opening slated for Sunday, November 14 from 1-4 PM. Everybody is welcome at the Grand Opening; she said she would especially love to see all of her old friends from her days as a letter carrier in the Tenney-Lapham neighborhood.

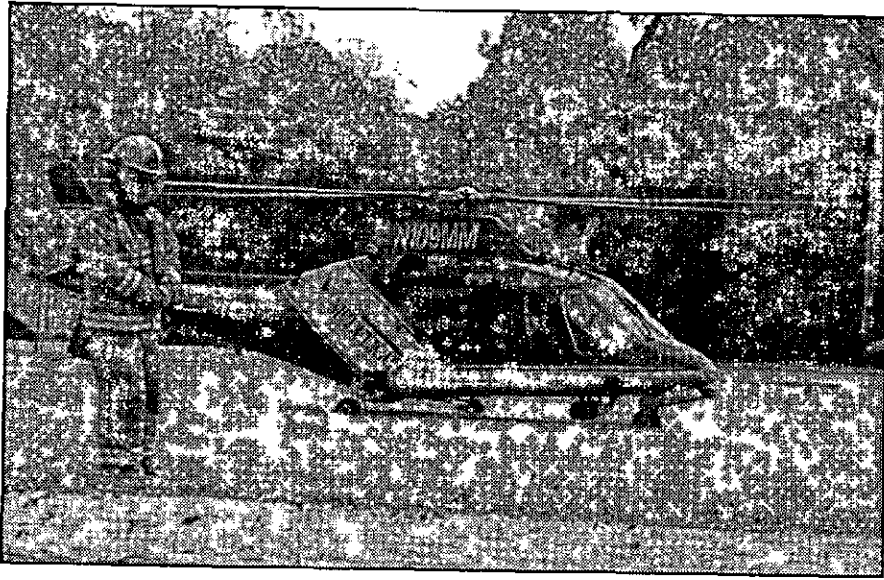
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-Bob Shaw



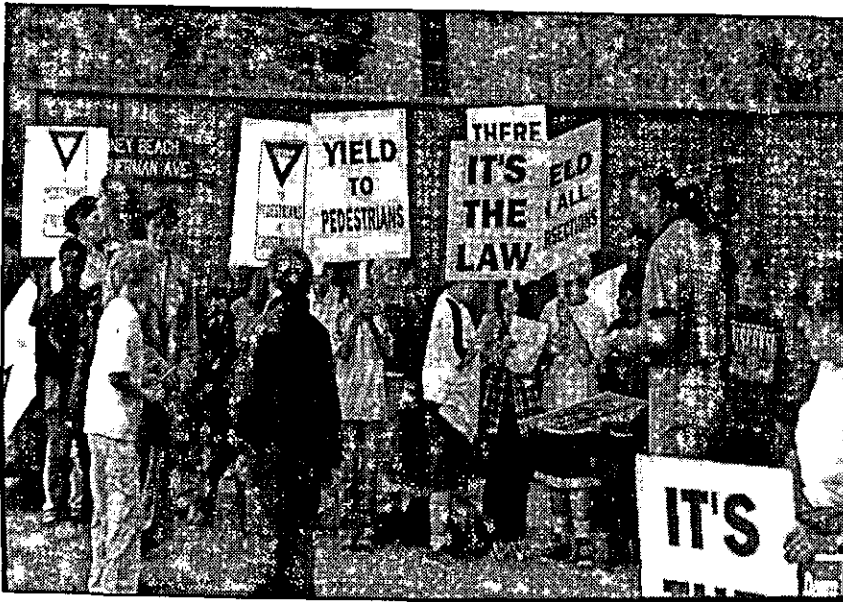
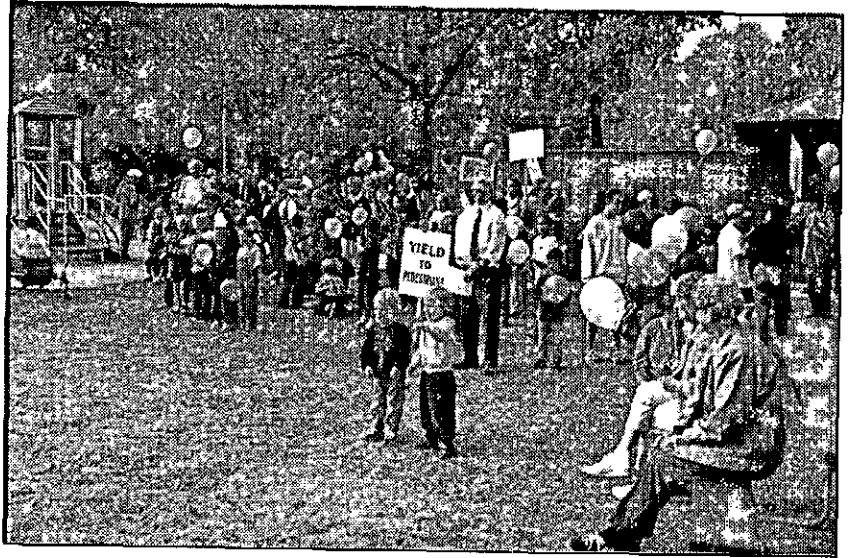
## Snapshots Of Neighborhood Concern

Neighbors gather in Tenney Park to express their concerns for the traffic conditions affecting their neighborhood and the community



Landing by MedFlight  
Helicopter

Neighbors gather at beach to  
hear invited speakers



Protest signs convey  
neighborhood sentiment

(All photos by Tim Olson)

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**ABC Pet Law** (from page 3)

ties to follow their example," said Fenwick.

"We encourage people to politely ask the cat's owner to control their cat. Besides just keeping the cat indoors, they can train the cat to go out on a leash, or build an outdoor enclosure or cat run. [This one wouldn't help me-the cats would be so close in our sardine-can isthmus backyards that they would still cause any birds to have heart attacks.] Cat-proof fencing is also available. [Maybe for MY yard?] We also have a fact sheet on how to make an outdoor cat a contented indoor pet," said Winter.

**Lead** (from page 1)

the process of installing nine generators at key unit wells throughout our system. These generators are expected to be in place and operational by the end of the year. This power backup system is designed to provide adequate water service throughout the system for fire protection and domestic use in the event of a major regional power outage.

I hope this answers your questions and responds to your concerns. If you would like additional clarification, feel free to contact me.

David Denig-Chakroff  
General Manager  
Madison Water Utility

So, while Madison already has a leash law that allows for fining irresponsible pet owners who let their pets roam, kill, bite, poop, and destroy other people's persons, pets, and things, we need to toughen up. Hold that tiger indoors, neighbors. To quote Emily Dickinson, "Hope is a thing with FEATHERSÖ." Let's not let a few creeps murder hope for the rest of us.

Campaign materials include a four-color brochure and poster, Keeping Cats Indoors Isn't Just For The Birds, an education kit with 13 fact sheets, and a new teacher's activity guide for grades K- 6. One of the fact sheets is titled, What Can

You Do About Your Neighbor's Cats In Your Yard? Campaign materials are also available on ABC's Web site at: [www.abcbirds.org](http://www.abcbirds.org).

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Linda Winter, Director Cats Indoors!  
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**Referendum** (from page 4)

aid formula penalizes the growing Madison community.

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