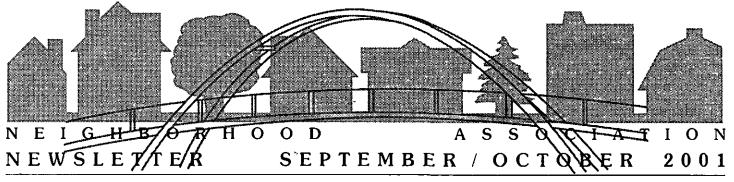
TENNEY-LAPHAM



A Rare Visitor To The Neighborhood

It's a

male

Pipevine Swallowtail

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hile listening to the radio show "To the Best of Our Knowledge" this past Sunday, I learned about coyotes in the Bronx, peregrine falcons nesting on skyscrapers in our big cities, and other manifestations of nature in the cities. I could have added my own story of nature in Madison - the appearance on my front porch in the Tenney-Lapham neighborhood of the pipevine swallowtail butterfly. Here's my account:

About fifteen years ago I planted a Dutchman's pipe vine (Aristolochia macrophylla) near my front porch. The vine is a native to the southeastern U.S. and was much

planted earlier in the century as a larva fast growing screen for large porches. But it gradually lost

gradually lost favor and is not widely planted anymore. It has huge heart-shaped leaves and easily climbs to the top of my two-story house. In the spring it has a neat little flower in the shape of a pipe, hence its name. The vine covers the side of my house and envelops my front porch - I like it.

Earlier this summer a friend came over and saw about twenty quarter-inch caterpillars crawling on one of the leaves of the vine. John knew the vine was a pipe vine and that the pipevine swallow-tail caterpillar only eats the leaves of the genus Aristolochia. So he wondered if

these were pipevine swallowtail caterpillars.

Wisconsin does have some swallowtail butterflies, e.g., black swallowtails and eastern tiger swallowtails. However, the pipevine swallowtail butterfly is not native to Wisconsin since there are no native plants of Aristolochia for it to feed on. It has been recorded as a rare

stray in Wisconsin.
large butterfly,
mainly very dark
and almost iridescent blue.

So John took a few of the caterpillars and I took the rest and raised

> them in an old aquarium. It's easy raising caterpillars -

get an old yogurt container, fill it with water, put a hole in the lid, and stick a leaf of the preferred food source for the caterpillar to eat. After a few days, the caterpillars took on the characteristic look of the pipevine swallowtail caterpillar - there are large thick fleshy spikes that cover their body and look pretty ferocious compared to most caterpillars.

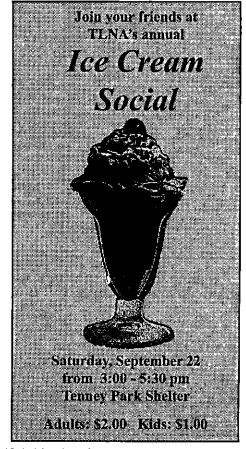
After a few weeks they changed to the chrysalis stage. Most of the chrysalises were camouflage brown but a couple were iridescent green. I was curious as to the color variation in the chrysalises and even posted a message to a butterfly listserve. By this time you can see I was really getting into this.

(see Butterflies on page 4)

Campaign Spending Doubles

Prenda Konkel and Rex Loehe, who opposed each other for the 2nd district aldermanic race on April 3, have filed their final list of campaign contributors with the city clerk's office. The complete results can be seen at http://www.ci.madison.wi.us/clerk/clerk.html. Loehe spent \$11,546 in his losing battle for the seat vacated by Barbara Vedder. Konkel spent \$7,969. In the election Konkel received 1001 votes to Loehe's 802 votes.

(see Campaign Spending on page 4)



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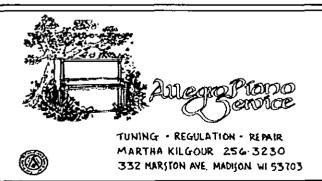
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Local Group Remembers Victims Of Nuclear Weapons

On the evening of August 6, a small but earnst group of people, young and old, gathered at the Tenney Park shelter to tell stories, write postcards, hear music, fold paper cranes and make peace lanterns. The Lanterns for Peace gathering was sponsored by the Dane County Peace Coalition to remember the victims of the atomic bombings of Hiroshima and Nagasaki 51 years ago.

Those in attendance that evening had

the opportunity to hear a number of people talk about their feelings regard-

ing the conabout the ence of ons in socigues tevening Hirayama,



cerns they have continued presnuclear weapety. A special speaker of the was Motoo the director of

the Grass Roots Movement To Remove U.S. Bases From Okinawa/Japan. Mr.

Hirayama urged everyone to work for peace and taught the audience the Japanese word for peace, "Heiwa."

The evening's activities were culminated when the participants each took a peace lantern to the lagoon shore, lit the candle inside and set the lanterns afloat.

-David Mandehr

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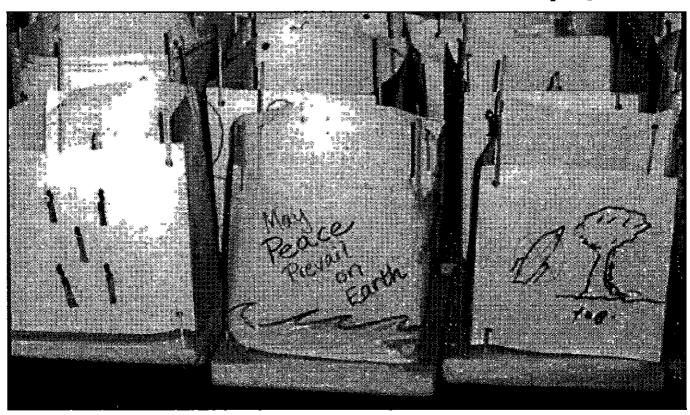


Photo by David Mandehr

Peace lanterns lined up, waiting to be lit and set afloat by the participants of The Lanterns For Peace gathering.





School Activities

September

- 3 Labor Day no school (all schools)
- 4 PTG @ 6:30 pm (Marquette)
- 5 PTG @ 6:45 pm (P'Keeffe)
- 10-12 Picture Day (East)
- 11 School pictures (Marquette)
- 11 Music Fundraiser begins(O'Keeffe)
- Open House @ 6:30 pm (Marquette)
- 12 Open House @ 7:00 9:00 pm (O'Keeffe)
- 20 Open House @ 6:00 7:00 pm (Lapham^o
- 24 Back To School Night @ 7:00 pm (East)
- 25 Inservice no school (O'Keeffe & East)
- 29 Homecoming Dance (East)

October

- 1 Grade 9 Network Meeting @7:00 pm (East)
- 3 PTG @ 6:45 pm (O'Keeffe)
- 8 Grade 9 Parent Night @ 6:30 pm (O'Keeffe & East)
- 9 PTG @ 6:30 pm (Marquette)
- 12 Class pictures (Lapham)
- 15 Staff Development pm only no school (East)
- 16 PSAT Testing (East)
- 16 TEP Information Meeting @ 6:30 pm (O'Keeffe)
- 18 Choir Concert (East)
- 22 Grade 12 Parent Night @ 6:30 pm (East)
- Orchestra Concert @ 7:30 pm (East)
- Halloween Dance @ 8:00 pm (East)
- 24 Fall Dance (O'Keeffe)
- 25/26 WEAC Convention no school (all schools)

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

Butterflies (from page 1)

Eventually most of them emerged from the chrysalises and flew away. I would see them gathering nectar from plants in my garden and making an occasional foray around the Dutchman's pipe vine to lay eggs.

Dave Fallows, who gives bird and butterfly walks in the Madison area and gives a nature report on WORT Tuesday mornings, heard about the butterflies and came over and saw one. He said it was the first pipevine swallowtail he had seen in Wisconsin in the over twenty years he has lived here. Les Ferge, a local entomologist, also heard about the butterflies and emailed me: "this is a very interesting and important sighting, as the Pipevine Swallowtail has historically been reported only a few times in Wisconsin. It is regarded as a rarely-occurring stray, and breeding populations would be most unusual."

I still have a lot of questions about the appearance of the butterflies on my front porch? How did they get here? Since I haven't paid attention to them before this year, how many years have they been here? Could this be their first year here, having been blown here on a southern wind? And since Aristolochia is so rarely grown in Wisconsin, how did they find my house? Could they be escapees from the Olbrich Gardens butterfly exhibit

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--The Isthmus



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Campaign Spending (from page 1)

The total for both candidates was \$19,515. By contrast, in the 1999 2nd aldermanic district race, the incumbent and winner Barbara Vedder spent \$3,221 and her challenger Robert Gibbons spent \$5,940 for a total of \$9,161.

In the April election Konkel limited the amount any individual could contribute to \$100. Loehe received twentyfour contributions over \$100.

- Bob Shaw

which has pipevine swallowtails? Will the chrysalises be able to survive the winter?

One doesn't have to travel far to see the wonders of nature. We just have to open our eyes to what we have in our own backyards and the mysterious swallowtail butterflies taught me that lesson again this summer.

- Bob Shaw

A Little TLC Never Hurts

The Tenney-Lapham Corporation (TLC) is a separate entity from the Tenney-Lapham Neighborhood Association (TLNA), though their missions are very similar. TLNA is a political entity, since it lobbies the City Council in the interests of the neighborhood. TLC is a non-political entity holding "501-c-3" status with the IRS, which makes it a tax-exempt organization with the ability to accept tax-deductible donations, as well as federal funding, such as Community Development Block Grants.

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE (By-Laws, Article 2)

This corporation is organized for the following purposes:

a. to stimulate investment in and promote the well-being of the Tenney-Lapham Neighborhood in the City of Madison through programs involving a partnership of neighborhood residents, the business community, and representatives of local government, working together through a neighborhood-based, non-profit corporation.

b. to engage in any activity incidental or conducive to the attainment of the purposes of this corporation.

c. to engage in any activity that lawfully may be conducted to the attainment of the purposes of this corporation under Chapter 181 of the Wisconsin Statutes.

HISTORY

1979 -Incorporated May 1 as a taxexempt (501/c/3), non-profit corporation, after conclusion of the first Tenney-Lapham neighborhood planning process, which was funded by the City and CDBG (Community Development Block Grant) Commission, in order to facilitate acceptance of federal funding and implementation of neighborhood improvement projects (similar to Commonwealth Development Corp. in Marquette neighborhood).

1980 -First CDBG grant received (\$32,000); TLC Housing Services Pro-

gram office opened in Lapham School (after its closing in 1979); mission: 1) promote rehab through existing funding sources (public & private), 2) survey owners/tenants on status of housing conditions, 3) facilitate public and private incentive programs for building improvement and weatherization.

1983 -Second CDBG grant received (\$80,000) to establish Intervention Buying Program (IBP), providing low-interest, partial mortgage loans to renters purchasing their residence and making improvements; Tenney-Lapham loses CDBG target-area status due to 1980 census results which push it over average income-eligibility requirements. (CDBG funds could no longer be used for general neighborhood-wide projects, only those targeting income-eligible residents.)

1984 -Third CDBG grant received (\$67,000) to establish Commercial Re-

hab Program, which purchases and rehabs properties in East Johnson business district (total budget: \$180,000); 827-835 E. Johnson properties purchased under limited partnership known as Xenon's First with anonymous limited partner; 831 lot sold to Shimanski Realty for development (Begonia's-later Sophia's—Bakery and apartments); Mildred's Sandwich Shop (827) and apartments rehabbed completely; minor rehab on 835; Lapham office closed.

1990 -Commercial Rehab Program liquidated: 835 sold to owner-occupants; 827 sold to Midred's owner; loans paid off; remaining funds repaid to CDBG; Xenon's First partnership dissolved; last of IBP loans repaid and money returned to CDBG.

1991 -TLC becomes tax-exempt repository for Tenney-Lapham Parks & Schools Fund, accepting tax-deductible donations from members and distributing funds to schools in attendance area and "People for Parks" program (which receives matching funds from Madison Parks Div.) for park improvements (trees, benches, playgrounds).

1993 -Tenney-Lapham neighborhood receives CDBG target-area status again, based on 1990 census results; TLNA applies for and receives "concentration neighborhood" funding for second CDBG planning process.

1994-96-Tenney-Lapham/Old Market Place (TLOMP) planning process undertaken in Census Tract 18 (North

(see TLC on page 8)



Positive Rewards Program

A s of August 2001, the Positive Re wards Program for Safe Drivers is underway, and it will continue through the early Fall or until funds are exhausted.

This program will involve the Madison Police Department, and is supported by funds from the Safe Community Coalition and also from the east-Madison Target store.

In this program, officers in Madison's TEST program (Traffic Engineering Safety Team) will identify those who drive safely through the Tenney-Lapham neighborhood. They will send the registered driver of such vehicles a \$10.00 gift certificate for Target.

Working with Stacey Vilas of the Madison Police, we have arrived at the following criteria for safe driving:

- 1. Obeying the speed limit.
- 2. Maintaining a safe-distance from other cars.
- 3. Using turn-signals (directionals) to change lanes.
 - 4. Yielding to pedestrians.
 - 5. Obeying the traffic signals
 - a. Not going through red lights.

- b. Not speeding through a yellow light.
- 6. Not yielding to pressure from other drivers.
- 7. Not blaring loud, throbbing music from the vehicle.
- 8. Not using the car phone while driving.

These criteria include elements of safe driving that should be generally observed and also include items brought up at various times by members of the Tenney-Lapham neighborhood. In discussing our goals with Officer Vilas, we mentioned intersections of particular concern to individuals in this area.

As of early August, the Madison Police Department has posted officers with radar devices on East Gorham St., and this has proven to be a means of calming traffic, if only for a few moments. We hope that the Positive Rewards Program would have a deeper effect. At best, those who receive one of the over 50 gift certificates offered will remember the good habits they practiced and continue to do so. Perhaps they will mention this to their friends and chil-

dren, so that others may realize that practicing safe driving has its rewards.

-Salvatore Calomino James Zychowicz



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Parties and Parking

s new tenants move into the neigh borhood, we would like to remind residents that safety involves following the rules for parking. While finding the perfect parking spot is sometimes difficult, not obeying the signs and regulations causes other problems.

We need to observe the regulations that prohibit parking in bus zones and near fire hydrants. Also, safety is compromised when drivers leave their cars took close to corners, and these are clearly designated as "no parking here to corner." When drivers insist on doing this, other drivers can neither see clearly to enter traffic nor move out of the way of other drivers who might approach them. These areas are clearly marked with signs or by yellow curbs,

and it is important to follow them. Madison's Parking Enforcement is aware of these problems in our neighborhood and patrols regularly to cite illegally parked vehicles or have them towed.

In addition, parking problems are often associated with house parties. Those hosting parties should urge their guests to follow the rules, since Traffic Enforcement operates at night and on weekends. The Madison Police Department has posted its guidelines for parties, and we summarize them below:

Guidelines for Party-givers...

1. Know everyone there.

Don't open up your party to the general public or people you don't know.

(see Parties on next page)

Parties (from page 6)

They do not always have your best interest in mind.

2. Keep the size of your party reasonable.

You have no way of monitoring the behavior of too many guests. Most of the time it is the behavior of the guests that attracts our attention.

3. Be a responsible host.

A host should maintain the ability to monitor the behavior, health, and safety of the guests and be able to identify and report emergencies.

4. Monitor the noise level.

Typically parties are called to our attention because of excessive noise. Keep music and voices at a reasonable volume. What is "reasonable" will be determined by us based on complaints, the volume of the noise, your proximity to others, and the time of day/night. It helps to talk to your neighbors before having a party, and plan to end it at a reasonable hour.

5. Don't become a bar.

If you are selling alcohol, or charging admission to enter your home to drink (selling cups to enter), you have become a bar and are selling/dispens-

Neighborhood Fair

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Christ Church Parking Lot 944 East Gorham Street



Food Games For Kids Dunk Tank Jazz Band Volleyball

Did we say food!

ing alcohol without a permit.

6. Keep alcohol inside or on your property.

Discourage your guests from leaving your home with open intoxicants. If they are on the street with their drinks, they can be issued a citation and will attract our attention to your party.

Guidelines for Keeping your Party Safe...

1. Offer non-alcoholic beverages and food.

This is just a matter of being a good host. Some people can't or don't want to drink alcohol.

2. Don't let intoxicated guests drive home or leave alone.

Call SafeRide/Walk or a Cab.

3. Use common sense.

Getting intoxicated can be dangerous. Monitor the behavior of your guests and avoid over serving them.

4. Attend parties with friends and never walk home alone.

-Salvatore Calomino James Zychowicz

What if there is no God?



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was just this very
great idealist?
And the miracles
were just the
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loyal followers?
Doesn't anyone
else wonder about this
stuff besides me?
How will going to
church help me?



NEWSFLASH— C.O.G.S (Crank of Gorham Street) Apologizes!!

Waltzing into THE BEST STYLING SALON IN THREE STATES, my favorite STUDIO 924 HAIR DESIGNS, 924 E. Johnson, last week with my usual frazzled mop in dire need of dressing, or at least concealing, I was greeted with something less than enthusiasm.

"Gay," says Janice, co-owner of the whole shebang (with Marci Anne being the other). "I read your article in the last issue-u-u-ue of the newslett-t-t-t-er." Thinking immediately that of course she was referring to my political rabblerousing abouthousing stuff, I said, "yeah, that's a real mess, blah, blah," and proceeded to plunk myself down in the chair of NICOLE, who is possibly the MOST OUT-STANDING AND TALENTED AND BEAUTIFUL stylist in the whole Midwest and possible the East.

"That's NOT the article she meant," says Nicole. "We expected to see you walk in here with a big hat on-like a Spy versus Spy hat. In fact, we're surprised

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to see you at all."

NOTE: To everyone who doesn't read each issue of the entire TLNA Newsletter cover to cover: Shame on you, but also this article is not going to make much sense to you-how about skipping to the meatier issues?

To everyone who DID catch the last issue in which I THOUGHTLESSLY and CALLOUSLY made fun of past hairdressers I have encountered—albeit long before I moved to Madison and met the Goddess-like crew at STUDIO 924, those wizards of scissors, those magician beauticians, those transformers of dross into golden lockets—read on.

Apparently, at least a few of the excellent craftspersons at STUDIO 924 took offense at my comments, thinking naturally that my blasts from the past might be misconstrued by less savvy readers as a reflection on the skills of the virtuosos of tints and dyes at their establishment. Nicole says she defended me and my stupid poetic license to lie and exaggerate and plain make up stuff out the whole cloth (as they say) for nothing worthier than a laugh, and bringing along my most excellent son, Alex, where NINA, a truly hip and entertaining artist of hair, keeps him spellbound, or Sarah makes him look just like Leonardo DiCaprio in his12-year-old days. (Alex hates that comparison, so don't mention it to him, but compare pictures sometime.)

You know what? Because I am a wretched self-centered laugh-grubber, it never even occurred to me that anybody reading my paltry article would make that mistake. Of course, there's also the fact that while some might call me notorious, no paparazzi follows me around scoping out which shops I frequent. I'm no Jennifer Anniston, Lopez, Flowers, or any other public figure. Also, the male beauty operator I mentioned in the article is NOT a real per-

son, but rather a composite of the people from the bad old hair days of yore.

Now, have I groveled and debased myself adequately? Please, may I come back? (Just kidding-they not only allowed me to come back to their beautifully decorated (a beach motif that week) and well-stocked shop at 924 E. Johnson where they sell a lot of Aveda natural products that smell great, but Nicole also gave me a "value-added" (read: free) makeover with their lovely line of makeup products after she gave me a haircut and 'do that caused my husband to "notice!" So, I love you all and hope that you now like me again. If so, put a big "X" next to "We like you still" and send this note back.

WE LIKE YOU STILL WE STILL DON'T LIKE YOU

-Gay Davidson-Zielske, COGS

As Puck says at the end of A Midsummer Night's Dream: "If we shadows have offended/ Think but this and all is mended/ That you have but slumbered here/ While Gay with a bad haircut did appear."

TLC (from page 5)

Blair Street to North First Street, including Camelot area); Steering Committee nominated by Alder Wallner and appointed by Mayor Soglin.

1997-98 -TLC administers East Johnson Streetscape Improvement Project (banners and bike racks only—street lights installed by Madison DOT) with the last \$5,000 of CDBG funding from planning process; the first \$195,000 was administered by other tax-exempt Madison-based programs (Project Home, Red Caboose Day Care, Independent Living, Community Land Trust, Madison Development Corp., City of Madison).

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From The Mayor's Desk

In the State of the City speech I re decided to create an Office of Neigh-Leently outlined several initiatives that are intended to enhance Madison by strengthening its neighborhoods. Neighborhoods are what make a city. As neighborhoods go, so goes the quality of life in the city of Madison.

The first is that Neighborhood Resource Teams (NRT) are being expanded

to cover the entire city. NRTs are made up of representatives of the Police and Health departments, the Inspection Unit, CDBG Office and, in some cases, staff representing the Library, Housing,

Community Services, Streets and other regular basis without watching televiagencies.

For nearly a decade NRTs have served to address the needs of challenged neighborhoods and provide services in a coordinated fashion. By all accounts, the concept has been successful. I am pleased to announce that, by the end of the year, every area of the city will be covered by a NRT.

Much of the city is already covered. A recent report from an expanded NRT indicated success in addressing an issue in record time due to the readiness of the team in a non-challenged neighborhood.

Although the city has emphasized neighborhoods in many ways over the years, the organizational structure of the city does not reflect this neighborhood emphasis. In order to provide a focal point for our NRT efforts, neighborhood planning efforts, our planning council coordination, our community leadership development efforts and our financial programs, such as the Community Enhancement program or the Neighborhood Planning Grant program, I have

borhood Support.

I envision this as evolving so that it might ultimately become a new agency. I'm excited by what may be the first truly innovative structural change for the city of Madison in many years.

Another important part of building a strong community is addressing the

> needs of children. Our youth represent 25 percent of today's population, but they represent 100 percent of the future. Amazingly statistics compiled by Columbia University researchers demonstrate that children of families that eat dinner together on a

sion have fewer drug and alcohol problems than others. On September 24 there will be a National Eat-Dinner-With-Your-Children Day. I hope that each of you will take the time on that day, but also on many other days, to eat dinner with your children, without television or other distraction.

-Susan J.M. Bauman Mayor



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Supermax - A Criminal Act?

Worst of the Worst?:

According to the Department of Corrections, inmates will be sent to Supermax for their actions behind bars - "because they are very assaultive toward staff and/or other inmates, gang leaders, very high escape risks, major organizers of a security threat, and high-profile individuals with outside ties which jeopardize (prison) security." This quote was obtained from a Capitol Times newspaper article dated February 1999 - eight months before Supermax housed its first inmate. Their expectations are not reflected by the reality of the prison almost two years later.

"Mental Death Row":

Today Supermax holds 334 inmates. Many who are non-violent offenders and some as young as sixteen years old.

Supermax is a maximum-security prison located just outside Boscobel in Southwestern Wisconsin. It has a capacity of 509 inmates, 180 security staff, 72 non-security staff and an annual operating budget of \$9,537,604.

Inmates in the most restrictive level are warehoused in cells that are 6 x 12 feet concrete slabs with a concrete bed, toilet and shower. The lights remain on 24 hours a day - there is no direct sunlight. Inmates are confined to their cells for 24 hours a day with only 3-4 hours out of their cell per week. Recreation consists of walking in a circle in a bare concrete room, which is the same temperature as outdoors. There is no direct contact with any other human - visits are conducted through a closed circuit tele-

vision. One inmate described the situation as "Mental death row".

Who asked for it anyway?

:In 1996, then Governor, Tommy Thompson was one of the first public officials to publicly push for the construction of a Supermax prison in Wisconsin. The idea appears to stem from a politicians "get tough on crime at any cost" mentality. To date no one from the Department of Corrections (DOC) can identify a member of their department that advocated for Supermax. Indeed many within the department wanted the additional funding to be spent elsewhere within the prison system. The "political" prevailed and in November of 1999 Supermax opened its doors to its first inmates.

Firsthand Knowledge:

On Thursday June 7th I visited the Supermax Prison, less than one week after the DOC refused entry to Amnesty International siting their belief that legislative oversight was sufficient. At the conclusion of the tour it was clear to me that we need a legislative review of the facility, additional staffing for programming and a ban on juveniles being placed there.

The original focus of Supermax - reforming the 'worst of the worst' - seems to be lost or at least misguided compared to what I saw at the facility. Given the living conditions and limited staffing for programming, instead of rehabilitating inmates it seems to have the effect of "dehab-ilitating" them. Legislative oversight is necessary to see that the facility

meets the goals of the State of Wisconsin and to ensure that there is adequate staffing for education, psychiatric care, social work and more.

After the visit it was abundantly clear to me that

Supermax had more to do with politics than it did policy. Now that the facility is built, a more pragmatic and humane approach must be made.

Toward an humane environment:

Our first priority must be making the facility humane, safe and ensure it truly addresses the corrections needs of the state.

Issues in need of immediate attention are:

- Extremely small (6'x12') cells in some sections of Supermax all without access to sunlight or outside conditions;
- Limited humane conditions including access to books, psychological care, educational programming and social work needs;
- Impersonal visits through video cameras;
 - 24 hours-a-day lights on policy;
- 23/24 hours per day in isolation, with only 4 hours per week granted;out (see Supermax on page 13)





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County Initiatives Keep Madison and Dane County Outlining The Upcoming County Budget Process

As the summer closes, I start the hard work on the County budget for 2002. So many real needs in Dane County compete for the amount of money available, so I truly welcome and need your input on what's most important to you!

ize that twards.

Revenue from both the state and federal governments has either stagnated or dropped, leaving us with very difficult choices: Do we cut funding or do we increase property taxes to pay for these needed programs? As County Executive, it is my job to try to balance the need to control property taxes which hit people hard, with the very real needs of public safety, roads, courts, land use, human services, and parks that benefit all of us - children, families, the elderly, and people with disabilities.

Last year we improved those vital services county residents said were most important. We expanded elderly nutrition sites, added more sheriff's deputies, provided additional services for the disabled, increased funding for youth programs, and began a program to visit parents with newborns to help get them off to a healthy start. I did this by cutting other parts of the budget citizens tell me are a lower priority.

I invite - and need - you to comment on your priorities during public hearings in September. There will be two public hearings solely on the Human Services part of the budget, which accounts for half of total spending, and I will host another hearing on the whole budget on the evening of September 10th.

By October 1, I will present to the County Board my proposal for the overall 2002 budget. Throughout the month of October, the County Board standing committees will review the Executive Budget and propose any amendments to the Board's Personnel and Finance Committee. The County Board will also hold a public hearing in late October to provide another opportunity for you to voice your opinions on spending priorities.

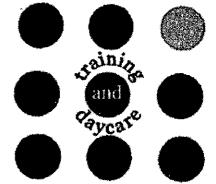
The County Board will act on the Executive Budget during November, make amendments, and take it to a final vote. Then I review the County Board's changes to the budget and can veto any provisions that I believe should be taken out. A two-thirds vote of the Board is needed to override any veto. After that, the budget will be finished!

I have confidence that, as in past years, the County Board and I will work together to develop a budget for 2002 that represents the best compromise we can craft between reasonable property taxes and funding for necessary programs. Your input on the budget is vital. Please contact me or my Executive Assistant Billy Feitlinger, at 266-4114, by e-mail at falk@co.dane.wi.us, or by

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Neighborhood Conference Set For October

Join us! The City of Madison is spon soring Neighborhoods 2001: Tools and Tours, its third biennial neighborhoods conference on Saturday, September 15, 2001 at the Monona Terrace Community and Convention Center. Neighborhood residents and people who care about neighborhoods are invited to attend.

This year's conference promises to be especially exciting! For the first time at a local conference participants will have an opportunity to choose to attend one of six neighborhood tours. After morning workshops, participants will board busses, have lunch in a Madison neighborhood, and receive a tour describing neighborhood challenges and successes from residents.

The conference will also include a mix of new workshops and old favorites, including sessions on how to build constructive neighborhood relationships with developers, conflict man

with developers, conflict management and mediation workshops, and training on negotiation skills.

Early

bird registration deadline is August 3 1, and registration forms are now available. Contact the Department of Planning & Development at 266-4635 to receive a registration brochure, or download registration materials from www.ci.madison.wi.us/neighborhoods/index.html.

This year we have a special offerthe neighborhood association with the most registration forms in by the early bird registration deadline of August 31 can win a \$200 reward from Madison Gas & Electric (MG&E)!

Thanks to a grant from Dane County, we have a limited number of scholar-ships available. Scholarships are offered to ensure that the conference fee does not stand as a barrier to people who would otherwise attend. Neighborhoods and individuals may request a scholar-ship application form from Lorri

Wendorf at Office of Community Services, Madison Municipal Building, 215 Martin Luther King Jr. Boulevard, Room 225, Madison, WI 53703; telephone 261 912 1, fax 261-9626, e-mail lwendorf@ci.madison.wi.us and return it by August 3 1.

Join us! All are welcome! For more information, check out the City of Madison website at www.ci.madison.wi.us/neighborhoods/index.html, or contact Cheryl Wittke at 256-6713 or Jule Stroick at 267-8744.

Neighbors Plan Exhibit

ocal neighbors, Sharon and Bill Redinger, are planning an Flowers & Leaves Art Exhibt on Sunday, October 14, 1-5 pm at 406 Washburn
Place. All neighbors are welcome and encouraged to attend.
Call 256-6282 for info.

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2001 Neighborhood Association Conference:

Madison's 3rd biennial neighborhood conference is set to get underway! All neighborhood residents and people who care about neighborhoods are invited to attend. This year's conference features more than 30 workshops and 6 neighborhood tours.

For more information, contact Cheryl Wittke at 256-6713 or visit: www.ci.madison.wi.us/neighborhoods.

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August Brings Changes To East Johnson Street

August brought a major change to our little business community. The ownership of Norris Court Grocery changed. We said good-bye to Kathy Newport, longtime neighborhood resident and owner of our neighborhood grocery store on the corner of E. Johnson and Paterson streets. Kathy was ready for a change, and we wish her well as she goes off to to a new life as a school teacher.

The new owners are Abdullah Akhun and Isa Khan. Abdullah was persuaded to make a career change by his partner Isa who already had a store in Madison. Abdullah comes to Madison after twenty-one years in Chicago. He spent some time in New York before that and before New York, he worked his way through almost every country in western Europe. He is joined in Madison by his wife and their son and he will be helped in the store by his father-in-law, who has many years of experience in business.

The store will remain a friendly family run operation with a neighborhood focus. Abdullah encourages customers to make suggestions for products they would like to see in the store. He also plans to install a ATM machine which will be a very welcome addition. The store will have a new name, "Madison Food Mart" and will be open from 8 am until 11 pm, Monday through Saturday and 8 am until 9 pm on Sunday.

Stop in and say hello.

-Teena Browder

Supermax (from page 10)

of cell;

- Placement of non-violent offenders at Supermax, against the facility's promise;
- Insufficient resources to deal with inmates with mental illness and related conditions:

 Juveniles being placed at the facilitv.

The most restrictive levels of programming at Supermax resemble a kennel more than they do a prison. How can we treat people like animals and not expect to put animals back into society?

As of the end of July there are three inmates under the age of eighteen at Supermax. To date there have been eight minors; two of them entered at the age of Sixteen, housed at Supermax. Taking a youth with a problematic background and placing him with the 'worst of the worst' can only have a negative effect. Many of these juveniles have emotional or mental health issues. That's the care they need not severe isolation and lack of programming.

A provision to ban juveniles from Supermax was included in the state budget. At the time of this writing we are awaiting the governor's signature. If the governor chooses to veto the item I am prepared to introduce bi-partisan legis-

(see Supermax on page 15)



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The Forest

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And far below the hog-trucks pass, From gate to dock.

Dusty 'jackals... toward a carrion pi le...

I scuff my boots down kill-flooraisle.

The fat-stained 'jacket scrapes my jaw.

And now the moving chain invokes

Of Ten,

And endless Ten,

Again.

While steaming carcasses swing and shake.

The sick-sweet stench of entrails Makes my throat's phlegm rise.

I hear the drone

Of motors.

Wheel of knives

On steel and stone.

Mocking demon-eyes of lamps

Leer from waiting cooler-hall. I spit... and count the swaying-shapes to ten:

Look sideways at the other waiting men.

Bone-scratched palms against the hot-slick-ribs.

Rollers clink,

My shoulders pop with strain.

Numbness in my back and legs

Replaces pain,

And a ton of reeling headless-beasts Moves down the rail.

Walk back and count to ten For Hal, And ten for Ben, Then count my ten, And shove another ton,

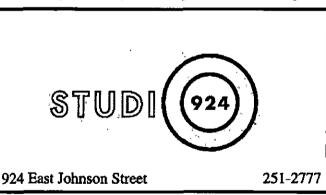
Along-again.

No pelvic thrust Could make me feel more strong... Or helpless... While I dream of woodlands,

And my distant loves,
I realize,
That with eight thousand hogs
We'll make a Forest
Of the up-thrust hooves,
By merely pushing
Mindless
All...

The many tons of tens
Down blood-dapped cooler-hall...
Past mocking demon-eyes of lamps
That wait along the wall.

-Bob Heimerl





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514 E Johnson St	\$205,000	\$201,674	7
516 E Mifflin St	\$332,500	\$324,000	28
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Supermax (from page 13)

lation banning the placement of juveniles at Supermax.

My bottom line is protecting the public in Wisconsin and treating our inmates humanely. We only jeopardize everyone in Wisconsin when we harden non-violent offenders by treating them like animals. That is not in anyone's best interest.

I will continue to push for a legislative review of the current conditions and future planning for the facility, fight to ban juveniles from being placed there and for implementation of programs including psychiatric care, education, job training and sufficient staff to meet the needs of the inmate and the greater community.

As always, you can reach me at (phone) 266-8570, (e-mail) mark.po-can@legis.state.wi.us or you may write to P.O. Box 8953 Madison, WI 53708.

--State Representative Mark Pocan

The next meeting dates for the Tenney-Lapham Neighborhood Association Council are Thursday, September 19 at 7 pm and Thursday, October 18 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 Susan Duren at 255-3625,

Neighborhood News



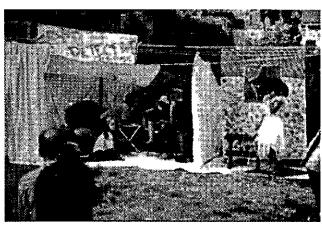
Clockwise, left to right. (Caroline Warden, Julia O'Donnell, Clara Wittman, Timmy Warden)



Audience
(Photos by Bob Shaw and Nancy Vaughn)

The children of the 900 block of East Dayton Street continued the tradition of their summer backyard play productions. This year's play, Sam's Detective Gang, was written and directed by Tirzah Rinzel. A large group of family and friends enjoyed this comical

mystery on a warm July evening. The actors and staff included: Tirzah Rinzel - author, director, and production; Justina Rinzel - Miss Cobblestone and Nicci; Clara Wittman - Sam(Samantha); Carolina Warden - Annabelle; Susannah Warden - narrator; Timothy Warden -



Left to right, Joel O'Donnell, Clara Wittman, CarolineWarden,
Julia O'Donnell, Justina Rinzel



Left to right (Emily Goodburn, Tirzah Rinzel, Joel O'Donnell, Julia O'Donnell, Justina Rinzel, Carolina Warden, Julia O'Donnell, Clara Wittman, Timothy Warden, Susannah Warden, Joey Quiroga)

Charlie the Cat; Joel O'Donnell - Bob Molly, the dog; Julia O'Donnell - Chloe; and Joey Quiroga - Cody.

-Bob Shaw

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