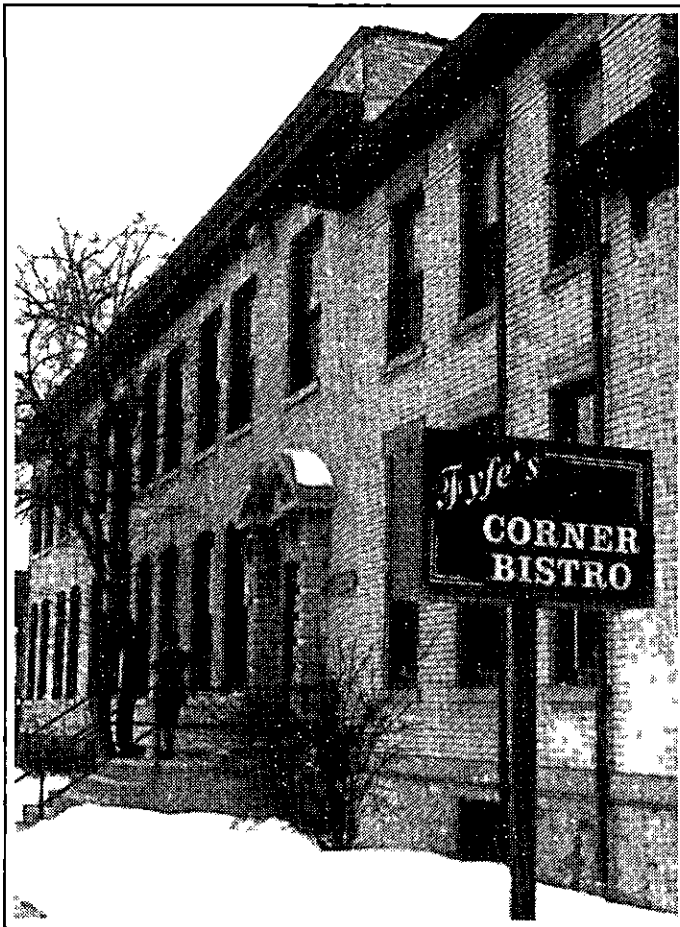


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NEW BUSINESSES BRING TOUCH OF ELEGANCE

Two new businesses have recently opened at different ends of the neighborhood—with some interesting similarities. One is a restaurant and bar, and the other

an art and antiques gallery; but they both aim to show that it is possible to offer something for a broad spectrum of tastes and pocketbooks—and do it with style!



The old Fuller & Johnson factory office has been brought back to life as Fyfe's Corner Bistro .

Fyfe's Corner Bistro started serving dinner in the old Fuller and Johnson factory office building at the corner of East Washington and North Dickinson in late October, and they immediately got some rave reviews from local restaurant critics. Jerry Minnich of *Isthmus* said, "To have this building in which to dine is pleasant enough. To have the cuisine be nearly equal to the best that
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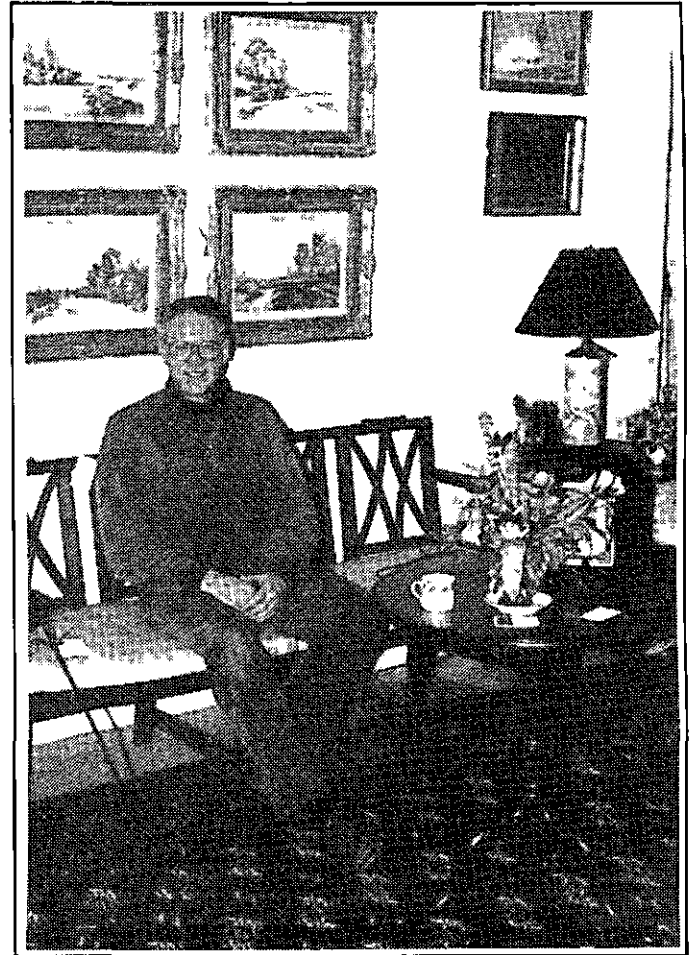
Madison has to offer is an unexpected, but fully appreciated, bonus."

The menu at Fyfe's offers a creative selection of the popular (and healthful!) pasta and salad variety, along with some uniquely prepared meat courses, like Danish Baby Back Ribs and the best-selling Seared Black Angus Filet Mignon with a pink peppercorn-cognac sauce. Be sure to wait until you hear about the nightly specials, though, because that's where the cooks really have fun—and it shows!

By offering one of Madison's first completely "a la carte" menus, owners Susan Breitbach and Keith Fyfe Blew hope to make it easier for people to order (and pay for) only what they want (without getting too stuffed on all those included extras). This way it's also easy to create your own satisfying combination of courses—like soup, salad, and dessert, if that's your pleasure!

Fyfe's is open for lunch on weekdays (11:30-1:30) and dinner (5:30-10pm) seven nights a week. The bar, which offers a selection of micro-brewed beers and premium wines, is also open every evening, with a happy hour (4-6pm) on weekdays.

A more recent opening—in the Johnson Street business district—is Randall Hopkins and Patricia Crocker's Art and Antique Gallery, 807



Randall Hopkins and Patricia Crocker opened their new Art & Antique Gallery on February 25.

E. Johnson. Hopkins and Crocker are old friends of Harry Kies, who was running an antique store in this space during most of last year. After many years of dealing in antiques through estate sales,
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show booths, and antique malls, Randy and Pat are discovering all the fun (and work!) in combining their skills to keep a complete store up and running.

Randy dates his collecting habit back to the time he furnished his first apartment after college. He bought a bunch of stuff from second-hand stores and some new things to fill in the rest. When he had to move out of town and decided to sell it all, he found that people were much more interested in the older pieces. He was actually able to make a little extra money selling those things, while the newer things he could only sell for maybe half of what he had paid for them. The craftsmanship of older furniture was beginning to be appreciated once again.

Pat says she has been collecting antiques since she was in high school, when she purchased a pewter cream and sugar set that she really had her heart set on. Her generous spirit

and an eye for detail have combined with Randy's aesthetic sense (he is also a full-time art teacher) to create a very beautiful and comfortable ambience in their shop. There is something eye-catching, it seems, almost everywhere you look. "We will always try to offer items that can appeal to all sizes of pocketbooks. We also hope to help some of the local artists and artisans share their expertise through our store."

"We have had a very warm welcoming from the other businesses in the district here. We are looking forward to working with the new business organization and the neighborhood's upcoming planning project to investigate new ways for the area to prosper and thrive."

And even though their Grand Opening was interrupted by one of our recurring winter snowstorms, the turnout for their first few days open sent them rushing off to buy more goods to fill in the spaces left by all the things that they sold. Sounds like a good start, doesn't it!

DEBORAH LAWSON

for SCHOOL BOARD



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ELECTION

TLNA recently sent a questionnaire to the four candidates running for two seats on the Board of the Madison Metropolitan School District. Their responses are correlated to the following questions by number/topic.

- 1) What previous experience of yours has prepared you for conducting the work of this office?
- 2) What are the three current issues which you consider most important for the Madison Metropolitan School District?
- 3) *Incumbent:* Describe two accomplishments you are most proud of during your work to-date in this office. OR
Challenger: Describe how you would have handled two issues differently from the incumbents?

SCHOOL BOARD • SEAT 1

MICHAEL LANGER

(1) Experience

The previous experiences that have prepared me for a position on the School Board are as follows: extensive international travel and Vietnam veteran, 25 years as a self-employed businessman in Madison, have gained much knowledge and wisdom from community elders and have a strong inner desire and calling to help in redirecting and re-examining the self-defeating liberal attitudes which have developed and dominated our society in the past 30 years.


(2) Current Issues

Focus and support positive changes outside our schools to benefit in school. Teachers and school administrators should unite and lobby against sex and violence on T.V. and other media and speak up and support "family values" and "Americanism."



Teach sexual abstinence, self-control and responsibility. There are no positive qualities or outcomes from teen sex. We have drinking laws, smoking laws, helmet laws and seat belt laws but only teach safe sex. There is no safe sex.

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(3) Past Issues

Two issues I would handle differently from the incumbent are first to openly speak out against Goals 2000 and its national agenda to further control U.S. citizens at the local level by setting mandates and supporting outcome based education, hostile separation between church and state, etc. And second to have stood stern and steadfast against MTA and threaten to fire those teachers not complying with the law. I would have been more vocal in putting shame on the teachers whose conduct was reprehensible.

DEBORAH LAWSON

(1) Experience

I believe I have a unique combination of education, business experience, and community involvement which will enable me to be a knowledgeable, effective and positive voice on our Madison School Board.

I am an educator (M.S. in curriculum and instruction, public school teacher, school board member in Mineral Point, Wisconsin); an independent businessperson; and have been active in the community (member, Monona Terrace Convention Center Commission, and currently member, Dane County Housing Authority).

(2) Current Issues

Accountability for Overall Student Achievement. Our schools must become more accountable for student achievements. We must look hard at goals, programs and methods and then must evaluate carefully if the system has succeeded in producing achievement. We must not fear evaluation. Rather, we must look at it as a tool for our system's improvement and hence our children's academic improvement.

Minority Student Achievement. While many minority students are extremely successful academically, far too many are failing. We must employ innovative educational methods, encourage flexibility in our system and engage in more ongoing evaluation in order to improve achievement for minority—indeed all—students.

A Safe and Harassment-free School Environment. Students cannot learn nor can staff function effectively if the school does not provide a safe and comfortable environment.

(3) Past Issues

Last fall's contract negotiations between MTI (Madison Teachers, Inc.) and the district were divisive and continue to keep our school system from being as effective as it should be. As a school board member, I would advocate for ongoing and regular discussions between the Board and MTI. I believe if such discussions had been taking place before this year's contract negotiations, there would have been more understanding and trust between the Board and MTI, and the semester would not have been lost to students, nor would lingering bitterness separate teachers, parents, community members, and the Board.

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SCHOOL BOARD • SEAT 2

(Answers correlate to questions on page 5.)

JUAN JOSE LOPEZ

(1) Experience

During 17 years in Madison, I've worked with some of our neediest kids (Director, Madison Community Foundation's Project Opportunity; Counselor, Centro Hispano's Pre-Employment Program; New Loft Teen Center Night Manager). I've participated actively in Madison Schools 2000 (Safety Action Team during planning and now on implementation oversight committee). I've chaired the School Superintendent's Human Relations Advisory Council, UW-Madison Chancellor's Minority Advisory Committee, and United Migrant Opportunity Services Board. B.S., Social Work/Sociology, UW-Madison.

(2) Current Issues

Community Partnerships. We must do better at tapping the talents of volunteers, neighborhood associations and other voluntary groups, and the business community, and increase teamwork with city, county, and non-profit service agencies.

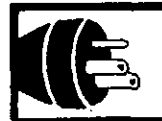
Parent Participation. We should (a) expand school staff outreach efforts into neighborhood centers, (b) expand the existing parent liaison program, (c) encourage teachers to initiate more regular parent contact, and (d) expand high school parent-teacher conferences to follow the elementary- and middle-school model.

Safety. Academically successful kids don't act out, so we must find ways to perform better with at-risk kids. We should upgrade conflict resolution training and peer mediation, increase safety precautions where necessary, and help expelled kids prepare better for their return to school.

(3) Past Issues

Labor Negotiations. Instead of remaining passive, I would've pushed for defining the terms of a fair settlement and, if need be, taking our case to referendum, instead of hiding behind state-imposed caps. Failing this, I would've supported binding arbitration. Unlike the incumbent, I oppose the changes in state law that complicated these negotiations, and would push for their reversal.

Budget. Unlike the incumbent, I would've joined Carstensen and Brien in opposing a budget that cut computer purchases, curtailed summer school, and halted expansion of pre-school programs for at-risk kids. Unlike the incumbent, I wouldn't even think about larger class sizes to cut costs. *(continued on next page)*



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GREG SAMP

(1) Experience

I am the incumbent in Seat 2 and have been on the Board for a three year term. I hold a lifetime teaching certificate from the State of Wisconsin and have been both a classroom teacher and unit leader in an elementary school. Academically I have earned Bachelor's degrees in Business Administration/Economics and Elementary Education as well as a Master's in Education. I held an Administrative certificate (K-8) for a number of years. Subsequent work experience for the State of Wisconsin has been in personnel, planning, and budget development and implementation. I am certified in Labor Relations by the State of Wisconsin.

(2) Current Issues

To focus on learning and maximizing achievement for all students. The development and improvement in programs and program delivery to meet student needs in our changing world and enhance learning opportunities.

To promote and maintain a safe environment in all schools. To retain the confidence of the community in our ability to provide a positive educational experience.

To develop partnerships on a community wide basis. To take advantage of the myriad of opportunities that exist in Madison to make public education even better.

(3) Accomplishments

The development, approval and implementation of Madison Schools 2000 strategic planning effort. An effort that was truly community based and endorsed.

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CITY ALDER'S REPORT

PLAN PROCESS BEGINS—Twenty-one 2nd District residents applied to fill twelve slots on a new Neighborhood Steering Committee that will help chart the direction of the Old Market Place and Tenney-Lapham neighborhoods into the next century.

The Steering Committee will work with city staff from various departments to create a neighborhood plan during the next year. Once the plan is in place, the areas affected will be eligible for an infusion of Community Development Block Grant dollars and other city assistance and support. The committee has a lot of work ahead, and additional subcommittees may yet be formed to study specific issues and problems targeted by the Steering Committee. I'd like to extend my personal thanks to all of you who volunteered to help on this important planning project. There should be plenty of work for everyone, and both neighborhoods will eventually benefit.

A SWIMMING POOL FOR WARNER PARK?

About three months ago I initiated discussions with northside neighborhood leaders, the Parks Dept., the City Council, and Mayor Paul Soglin regarding building a community swimming pool at Warner Park. The initial response was very favorable throughout the community.

As a site, Warner was high on the list of options during the city's original pool siting study back in 1991. It would be very accessible not only

to northside residents, but also to Isthmus families. There are also two bus lines that run near Warner, and older children could get to the pool by bike.

There is ample room for a mid-size pool at Warner, which would cost up to \$2 million. A city-wide fundraising drive would be started to pay for a significant part of the cost, which could minimize any tax increase. (I can't help but think that if Monona, Sun Prairie, Fort Atkinson, Mount Horeb, Stoughton and other cities can get a pool built for the kids and families in their communities, Madison can, too.)

I'm hoping to move this project along during the next few months. If you're interested in helping build a public pool that would be open to the entire community, give me a call. We'll need your help.

PARKS UPDATE—Trust me, this snow can't last forever. Once it's gone, we'll see lots of activity in the district's parks this summer. New soccer goal posts and an accessible path are on tap for Tenney; a new lakefront path will be built at James Madison to link the two parts of that important park; a new playground will be erected at Reynolds Field, thanks in part to the input of neighbors in the area; new landscaping is slated along the Yahara River; and I'll be working with Ald. Dorothy Borchart and Engineering staff on the future landfill remediation planning for Demetral. *(continued on next page)*

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CRIME REPORT—The *Wisconsin State Journal* has completed a series of articles dealing with crime in Madison, and Part One was unveiled in a recent Sunday edition. I was very pleased to see that most neighborhoods in the 2nd District had very low crime rates, some of the lowest in the city. Much of the credit goes to the Madison Police Dept., which is a highly trained and dedicated force. But much of the credit also goes to neighborhood residents who keep their eyes and ears open, and who look after their own blocks. Keep those porch lights burning, neighbors!

OLD MARKET PLACE PROJECTS—Things are beginning to happen in the Old Market Place redevelopment area. First, the Alexander Co. will be breaking ground soon for a 17-unit townhouse project. (The official groundbreaking ceremony was held up because of a snow storm in late February.) I've worked for three years with Randy Alexander and city staff to make this project work, and now all systems are go. It will provide attractive new owner-occupied housing in the 600 block of E. Dayton/E. Mifflin.

In addition, things are finally happening between the city and the Reynolds Co. An agreement should be reached in the next few months that will allow the firm to build new storage and parking facilities in the 700 blocks of E. Mifflin and E. Washington. The Reynolds Co. has already received approval to construct a new building in the 700 block of E. Washington.

In exchange for giving up the parking lot in the 700 block of E. Mifflin, the city will receive

Reynolds land in the 600 block between Dayton and Mifflin. This property will eventually be sold for another housing development, which will hopefully be affordable, owner-occupied homes for people wanting to live on the Isthmus.

BIKE PROJECT ON THE MOVE—The city has received a major grant from the state and federal governments to begin the Eastside bikeway this summer. This has been one of my "pet projects" during the last two years, and I can't wait to put a shovel into the ground this summer to get it started. The new bike/pedestrian path will be built on the former Soo Rail line from Blair Street east to Marquette Street just north of Williamson. As part of this project, two old rail bridges will be renovated, one of which crosses the Yahara near E. Mifflin. Eventually we should see another new bike route from the Downtown that will use E. Mifflin and this river crossing to get bikers out to the Eastside.

The new dollars that the city received will help complete a host of other projects, including the long-awaited Starkweather Creek path out to MATC's campus.

One final note: The city is making a concerted effort to control graffiti, which can begin to damage a neighborhood's "visual reputation" if it gets out of hand. Marilyn Bakken of the Public Works Department is keeping track of graffiti problems and responses around the city. Her number is 266-4620 in case you spot graffiti in our area. Or give me a call, and I'll phone in your concerns.

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PARKS & PLAYGROUNDS

Soon after being elected the chair of the Parks & Playgrounds Committee, I sought first to improve **Giddings Park**. "Where is Giddings Park?" you may ask, since few seem to know it by name. Nonetheless, it is one of my favorites, being only a block and half away from where I live in the Norris Court Apartments. Look for a new sign that **Bill Bauer**, park planner, has ordered. Maybe then the name of the park won't be such a secret.

Giddings is a lakeshore park behind the Christ Presbyterian Church on Gorham Street accessed from Brearly Street. The views of Lake Mendota from the park are best enjoyed at sunset, which this time of year seems to fall behind the University, just to the left of Picnic Point. Whenever I went down to Giddings there was never a comfortable or clean place to sit. That is why I have applied for a \$1,000 grant from the Rotary Foundation for two new benches.

This year they have \$110,000 to grant to over 70 projects. The Rotary's Community Grants Committee met at the end of January. Their recommendations will be reviewed first by the Board of Directors and then the Rotary Foundation Board of Trustees. We should hear something final by the middle of March.

Should we receive our grant request, that money can then be used as a match in a subsequent request to the "People for Parks" program, administered by the Madison Parks Commission. I am hoping to install a new bench or two near the play equipment in Reynolds Field so that parents can have a place to sit while

watching their children at play. I would also like to have the broken one near the **Butterfly Garden**, in the southwest corner of Tenney Park, replaced.

Speaking of the play equipment at Reynolds Field, thanks to the efforts of our alder (**David Wallner**) and former TLNA President
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(Ed Jepson) and former Parks Committee chair (Alan Crossley), \$10,000 was budgeted by the City for new equipment to replace what is there now. I spoke to a number of parents in the immediate vicinity of Reynolds and elsewhere in the neighborhood. Some call it "Sliver Park" since few children seem to escape without one.

Of uppermost concern was the rehabilitation of the swings and the addition of a park bench (and maybe even a water fountain and bathroom). Special thanks go to the Schultzes (Elizabeth and Lauren), the Rinzels (Cathy, Dennis, Micah, Riah, Tirzah, Judah and Jesse), and the Rutledges (Sarah, Sean and Kyle) for their willingness to do some catalog shopping and for writing up their preferences. By all reports the kids had as much fun choosing the equipment as they will in using it, hopefully this summer. Bill Bauer has said that the proposed design results will be ready for further neighborhood input by the end of March and that he would be available for a neighborhood meeting at that time. Let me know if you'd like to attend.

Next on the Parks agenda is the identification of the neighborhood's park needs for the City's upcoming 1995 capital budget. TLNA was asked by the Parks Commission to present its priorities in writing no later than March 8, 1994. Our requests will be reviewed for compatibility with the Madison Parks and Open Space Plan and to compile project cost estimates. There was a public hearing on March 9.

Last but not least, I'm hoping to continue the Earth Day clean-up, so ably managed by Alan Crossley and others in years past. It's been such a success that I would love to see our efforts extended to Giddings Park and the Yahara Parkway.

I have spoken to Linda Lopeman, the new volunteer coordinator for the Parks Department, and she's excited about the event. I'll be calling around, looking for able volunteers to help in managing the event. If you are interested in cleaning up your parks, getting them ready for the coming season, and having a good time with your neighbors, please give me a call at 251-4615.

This year Earth Day is Friday, April 22, so mark your calendars for April 23 (rain date April 24?) as being the great Tenney-Lapham Earth Day Parks' Rally and Clean-Up. In addition, the Parks Department will be sponsoring a "March for Parks" on Sunday, April 24, to help raise money for the repair and maintenance of the older park trees. I hope to see you there.

Richard Bernstein



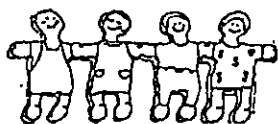
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COUNTY SUPERVISOR'S REPORT

Hopefully, by the time you read this, it will have stopped snowing, and we will finally be well into spring. This has been a relatively quiet couple of months on the County Board, except for zoning issues, of course, which are always hot. The combination of post-budget-session blues and the County Board races have provided for more excitement off the board floor than on.

I felt that the County budget process went relatively smoothly despite that concerted effort by a number of the conservative supervisors to weaken the budget and eliminate a number of important initiatives. We ended up with the lowest tax rate in six years and rank 65th of the 72 counties in the county tax rate. I know this doesn't mean much to folks who continue to see the assessed value of their property increase, but it does mean that we are holding the line on county spending.

Some of the major items that made it through the budget process were:

- Creation of a **Dane County Department of Planning and Development**, to help meet the population and growth management challenges ahead.

- New resources to youth **employment**, to ensure that more young people have the opportunity to learn job skills and earn money.

- Preservation of the **Conservation Fund**, to protect the environment and bolster the acquisition of park and open space areas.

- Addition of new pilot sites and staff resources for the **Joining Forces for Families** effort to help children and families in need.

- Taking **Everybody Works** to the next important level to enable more public assistance recipients to become economically self-sufficient.

- Resolution of the **staffing issues at the new jail**, to ensure the public safety of Dane County's citizens

- Continued funding for the much needed **Group Access Service** transportation program for elderly and disabled persons in Madison.

Although the budget process is complete for 1994, we are already looking at the issues for the 1995 budget. A major concern is the funding of homeless programs in Dane County. I will be serving on a strategic planning group subcommittee on homelessness. It is the objective of this group to make the most of available state and federal homeless funds and to identify programs that assist homeless individuals and families in the most coordinated and cost-effective ways possible.

The Planning Structure Committee is also well on its way to making final recommendations on the **County Department of Planning and Development**. This committee is a good example of how progressive and conservative members of the County Board can work together to achieve a desired result. We would be ready for implementation of the County Planning and Development Department by August of this year.

Finally, as I mentioned earlier, **zoning issues** have been hot. I have supported all of the recent County Executive vetoes of zoning actions taken by the County Board. These Board actions were in conflict with the effort to control sprawl and to concentrate development in urban service areas. We will continue to have these conflicts on the Board floor as long as zoning decisions are made without zoning regulations and concerns expressed by local planning groups. Perhaps the upcoming election will put the progressives in the majority again and the Preserve Dane Campaign will continue to move forward.

I do want to remind you all that I am running again, and I hope you will all go out to **vote on Tuesday, April 5th**. There are important judicial races and two School Board seats up for election, in addition to the County Board. There is a new voting process in place, and it appeared to work very smoothly during the primary. So, hope we'll see you at the polls. Thanks for your support and don't hesitate to call me with your concerns (255-8913).

Sup. Judith Wilcox

HOUSING

I heard a robin the other day singing in a chorus of his own. The early morning sun was bright, reflecting off the snow. There was a slightly warm breeze. I found myself charmed by the robin's song and, momentarily, I was transported into spring. Lilacs and crocuses, tulips and May apples, jack-in-the-pulpit, and I stepping gingerly around, when the scene changed to a focus on the roof that may leak, the trim that needs paint, and the overabundant arbor vitae. The moment was all one pleasant continuum. Home ownership may involve trials and tribulations, a big investment, a lot of time and energy, but it's worth it. Springtime is when homeowners most enjoy their little piece of earth.

Are you considering becoming a homeowner? We would like you to know that Tenney-Lapham is the best neighborhood in Madison. We have great schools, great recreation, great people, and easy access to everything else.

Maintaining property, including landscaping, is an important part of neighborhood preservation. TLNA wants to express appreciation to

those people who have made a special effort to enhance our neighborhood by improving their own property. Certificates of recognition and other awards are being contemplated. Please let us know about a person you want to nominate.

Is your home in need of repairs? Do you want to be a homeowner? If you answer "yes" to one of these questions and find yourself halted because of concerns about money, the City of Madison may have a program designed to help you. Call the **Community Economic Development Unit at 266-4222** for information. Installation loans and deferred payment loans are available to make home repairs and energy efficiency improvements. The deferred payment loan does not require repayment until the owner sells. This arrangement is especially helpful to senior citizens on a fixed income.

Home buyers can get help with the down payment and other closing costs. If you are apprehensive about the home-buying process or have concerns about your financial capability to own a home, you are not alone. In view of this, the City has organized homebuyer education sessions. The sessions cover all the related topics, and you can obtain a free confidential credit report and review.

If we can help you with any housing questions or concerns, or help you access City programs, please call us: **Joe Brogan 257-2010** or **Ed Jepsen 255-2845**. Have a beautiful and flowerful spring!

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STATE ASSEMBLY REPORT

As the busy final floor period of the 1993-1994 legislative session progresses, I'd like to update you on the status of several important issues pending before the state legislature: property tax relief, health care reform, and welfare reform.

PROPERTY TAX RELIEF: School taxes comprise the largest portion of our property tax bills. The legislature has been dealing with proposals to shift school financing from the property tax to other more progressive forms of taxation for nearly twenty years. Historically, none of those proposals to eliminate property tax support of public schools has advanced very far. The State Assembly has recently re-framed the issue, by passing legislation (on a bipartisan vote of 81-18) which would prohibit school districts from levying property taxes by the year 1995 (collected in 1996). Between now and then, a bipartisan task force composed of the Governor, Superintendent of Public Instruction, and the leadership of both houses of the legislature will draft a proposal to fund schools through more progressive tax resources. The bill is now awaiting action in the State Senate.

HEALTH CARE REFORM: The toughest challenge facing the legislature during this final floor period is reform of our health care system. I have long been a supporter of a universal, single-payer approach. The current Single-Payer Bill (Assembly Bill 247) has progressed further than it ever has before in Wisconsin, having passed the Assembly Health Committee on February 10, 1994. During the Committee debate on AB 247, I characterized my vote in support of a universal, single-payer system as the most important vote I had the opportunity to cast in the 1993-1994 legislative session. Unfortunately, it appears unlikely that AB 247 will advance further during this session.

There are three bills that are currently advancing in the Assembly which address expanded health care coverage, access, and indus-

try reform. **AB 1161** expands the Healthy Start program to cover 130,000 additional persons (primarily children) who are currently uninsured. **AB 1162** expands the WisconCare Program to all 72 counties in the state, providing health care access to an additional 50,000 state residents. This program provides health care access to underserved rural and urban areas. In our area, it would direct additional resources to the Madison Community Health Center on Williamson Street. Finally, **AB 1160**, allows private employers and individuals to buy into the health care package currently offered to state employees; additionally, it mandates community rating and prohibits insurers from considering pre-existing conditions in issuing health care plans.

WELFARE REFORM: The Governor in his State of the State address boasted that Wisconsin had dropped from 5th to 31st in the country in terms of the percentage of families on AFDC (Aid to Families with Dependent Children). What he failed to mention is that poverty (and particularly child poverty) has sky-rocketed in Wisconsin during his administration. His recently passed time-limited welfare proposal will certainly worsen the plight of Wisconsin's poor. We must insist that the focus turn toward job development and away from welfare-bashing.

The Governor's latest welfare reform proposal is known as the **Family Cap**. This program would cap the welfare benefit if a family receiving AFDC has another child while on the program. I believe that the Family Cap will only worsen child poverty in our state and will do nothing to focus attention on expanding job opportunities for those on welfare or to improve the conditions of the working poor.

I am always interested in hearing your opinions on issues before the State Legislature. Feel free to call my office at 266-8570. I look forward to hearing from you.

Rep. Tammy Baldwin

HISTORY

STREET NAMES ADDENDUM

In the last issue of the Newsletter we published an article about the history of street and place names in the Tenney-Lapham Neighborhood. We asked our readers to supply information about Russell Walk

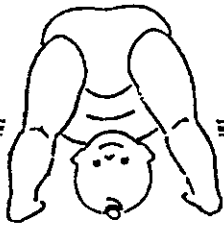
and Jean, Elizabeth and Sidney streets. We received a letter from Ann Waidelich, president of Historic Madison, with a copy of an article about Leonard Gay, a leading real estate developer in Madison in the late nineteenth

and early twentieth centuries. The article was written by Frank Custer and published in *The Capital Times* in February, 1958 giving the origins of Sidney and Elizabeth streets.

According to Custer, "in 1897, however, he (Leonard Gay) took his first major step in real estate speculation."

"With Atty. Frank Wootton, Gay formed the Northside Subdivision for a residential development in the North Baldwin Street area near the then proposed Tenney Park site. They platted the streets, naming one Sidney, after Gay's son, and another Elizabeth, after Wootton's daughter."

"What made the subdivision a huge risk was the fact that it was almost entirely swamp covered for the most part with water. The same description also applied to the proposed park site."



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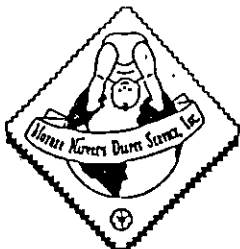
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TLNA PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Planning seems all the rage. TLNA and OMPNA members and other residents will begin participating with City staff in developing Neighborhood Plans. Implementation may be by the City or service providers and may be funded by Community Development Block Grant.

Downtown Madison Inc. has aided in the creation of a committee for East Washington Avenue beautification, involving businesses, neighborhood groups, and other interested parties.

Recently the Greater Williamson Street Business Association (whose character area is defined by the Yahara River, both sides of East Washington to King Street) met to determine the interest among area businesses and others in embarking on a 6-month strategic planning initiative.

On Johnson Street, business owners have been meeting to explore their possibilities, and this includes forming a business association. There appears to be something in the air.

It is important to realize that these efforts are interrelated and should be coordinated. Area residents and businesses do not exist in a vacuum from each other.

We shop daily on East Johnson Street, East Washington Avenue and Williamson Street. Our children go to school at Lapham, Marquette, O'Keefe, and East High Schools. Many of us have lived in at least several of the six neighborhoods in the Isthmus Area.

Planning will address issues of transportation and housing, our vision of what the area should look like, what kind of goods and services may be offered that will complement what exists, what may need to be added, and what kind of opportunities there may be.

We should not forget the strong ties our local businesses have in the area. Many business owners and their employees are our fellow residents, and if not, have spent many hours daily and over the years with us serving our needs, and providing generous support to our causes.

If we are to realize the enormous potential of the Isthmus area, planning and cooperation are essential.

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The committee met in January to analyze last year's records and make recommendations for this year. A weekend drive will occur April 8-10 with its goal of renewing those members whom we have lost touch with and those whose dues have just, or will be, expiring. Tentatively, we plan two more short term seasonal drives with limited goals.

We also will continue ongoing recruitment, using this newsletter and our social events to gain members. We will continue to use those individual members who have agreed to carry on as block captains in an effort to decentralize membership duties, while increasing our ability to serve residents, members or not. Therefore, we hope for your cooperation and, if you can provide it, your active participation.

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NEIGHBORHOOD STEERING COMMITTEE BEGINS WORK

On March 1 the Mayor and City Council appointed ten residents and one business owner from the Old Market Place and Tenney-Lapham Neighborhoods (as well as the Camelot/Sherman Terrace area) to the Tenney-Lapham/Old Market Place Steering Committee, whose task is to come up with a long-range neighborhood plan for our area (Census Tract 18) over the course of the next year. The committee was scheduled to hold its first meeting on Monday, March 7, 7-9pm. The members of the Steering Committee are:

Richard Bernstein	Ed Jepsen
Teena Browder	Ward Kroencke
Alan Crossley	Rob Latousek
Mary Henning	Doug Mullin
Mary Holland	Diana Tweed
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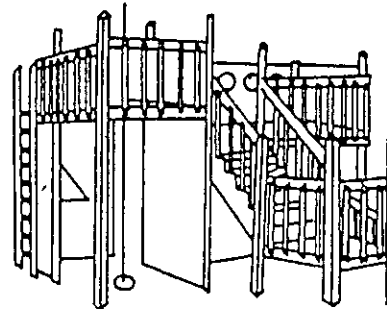
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