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Brenda Konkel and Erik Minton Vie For 2nd District Aldermanic Seat

Editor's note: Brenda Konkel and Erik Minton responded to six questions asked by TLNA council members. There was a limit of 2000 words; here are their unedited responses. The election is April 1.

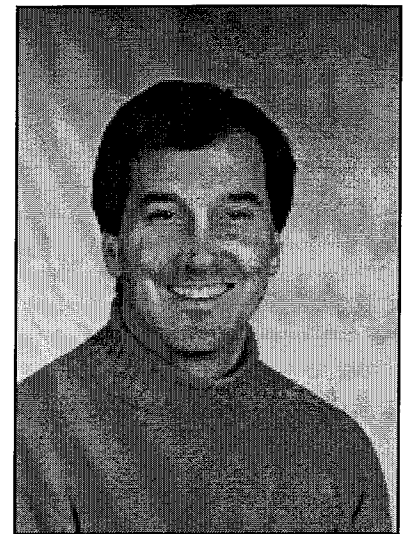


1) Why do you think you are the best candidate for this seat?

My experience and passion for the City. I've lived in the 2nd district for the past 12 years, both as a renter and a homeowner. Since graduating from law school in 1993, I have been extremely active in the community. Before I was on the council, I was appointed to the

Backyard Parking Implementation Committee and the Arrest and Conviction Record Task Force by former Mayor Paul Soglin during his second stint as Mayor, served as president of the Old Marketplace Neighborhood Association, founded the Affordable Housing Action Alliance, had a community garden plot, volunteered with gardening in James Madison Park and was a vocal activist for tenants' rights, fair and affordable housing.

My day job is as the Executive Director of the Tenant
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1) Why do you think you are the best candidate for this seat?

I moved to Madison in 1984 to attend the University and have never left this great community. I believe I can bring a real energy, enthusiasm and a new outlook to the Madison Council, and am the best candidate for this seat for three reasons: a proven track record of getting things done, independence and a vision of a better neighborhood for everyone—regardless of income or age.

Over the years, I have played an active role in downtown Madison by helping build better neighborhoods. In building two new structures, and renovating over 30 houses, I've successfully proven that I can achieve progress through compromise and working with a broad coalition of interests. Through these projects, I have delivered diverse housing options for people of varying income levels and ages. I am
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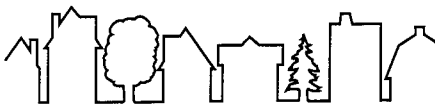
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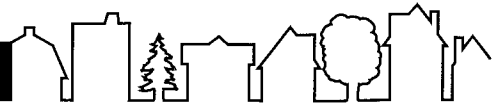
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Carl's Paddlin' Changes Hands

My name is John Haugen-Wente. I just bought Carl's Paddlin', now Carl and John's Paddlin' on the Yahara River just south of Tenney Park. My friends say it's a perfect fit and I tend to agree. When your vocation and your avocation are the same, you are very lucky indeed. I love to talk about boats, look at boats, paddle boats, sail boats, and build boats. My wife says that I am hopelessly obsessed. Probably correct.

My family has lived and played in the Marquette Neighborhood for the past fifteen years. My wife teaches at Marquette Elementary and our daughter is a first grader over at Lapham. We live here because of the people, the parks, the festivals, and the lakes. We spend cold winter days ice-skating at Tenney Park. We spend hot summer days swimming at Tenney Beach. Our local hangout is Yahara Place Park. We spend a lot of time on the water in all manner

of canoes, kayaks, and crazy sailing adaptations to both. Life is one big grand adventure.

So stop by Carl and John's Paddlin'. Share your adventures, look over maps, test paddle some boats, hang out with people who love the water. Mandy Buckner, owner of WaterTrail Adventures, will be sharing space in our building, scheduling instructional programs and trips to exotic locales. Her office will be at the shop; her base of operations will be out of James Madison Park on Lake Mendota.

I hope to have a long, very close connection to the Tenney-Lapham neighborhood. If you have ideas for cooperative special events, please don't hesitate to call me at 284-0300 or email me at carls@paddlers.com.

See you at the shop.

-John



John Haugen-Wente (in front) with fellow kayakers on the Yahara River

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Neighborhood Schools Get TLNA Funding

Recently, the Tenney-Lapham Neighborhood Association awarded scholarship funds to Lapham, Marquette, O’Keeffe and East High schools. TLNA became aware that valuable programming at our neighborhood schools could be cut due to budgetary constraints. TLNA donated \$3,000 (\$750 to each of the four schools).

Lapham Elementary School Principal Barbara Thompson will use these funds to bring diversity programming to Lapham. Lapham serves 220 students, grades K- 2.

Marquette Elementary School serves 212 students, grades 3-6. Principal Jerry Tolefson will use these funds for school presentations and for a scholarship fund for field trips.

O’Keeffe Middle School has 430 students in grades 6-8. Principal Pat

Delmore will use these funds to purchase a microscope for the science lab, fund scholarships for field trips, and fund multicultural presentations.

East High School has 2,040 students in grades 9-12. Principal Catherine Tillman will use these funds to provide both necessities and enrichment experiences for East students. According to the Principal many students will benefit from this generous donation.

Thanks to all of you for supporting our schools.

-Joe Brogan



Pat Delmore and Susan Duren



TLNA Vice President Susan Duren and Jerry Tolefson



Barbara Thompson, Susan Duren, and kids from Lapham Elementary



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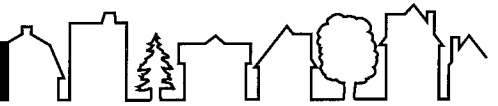


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Arboretum to Offer Nature Camp for Kids

If you happen to be looking for a fun way that children can spend quality time outdoors while gaining knowledge and lasting, meaningful memories...you can answer that question with a confident reply of, "Yes, as a matter of fact I do!"

Earth Focus Day Camp (EFDC) at the UW-Madison Arboretum will offer its 12th season of outstanding summer nature programs for children ages 3-14. With more than 1,200 acres containing many different habitats including the oldest restored tall grass prairie in the world, the campers have an opportunity to learn about native Wisconsin plants and animals in a beautiful and peaceful setting.

The enthusiastic naturalists support a program that enables the campers to develop a sense of place along with a sense of awe and wonder for the natural world. Camp activities are inquiry-based, allowing the camper to explore,

play, ask questions, share, create, discover, construct and cooperate with each other. The camp themes are based on the natural elements of fire, earth, air and water. These themes expose basic ecological principles including; balance, connections, cycles and communities. Appreciation for the land community and knowledge that children can be a positive influence on their world are key goals of EFDC.

Camp brochures with registration forms will be available in March 2003 at the Arboretum Visitor Center, or on-line at: <http://www.wisc.edu/arboretum> Contact Marie Seguin, EFDC Coordinator at 265-5872 for info about the camp, scholarships or volunteer/teaching opportunities. Also, look for information coming to libraries and schools in the spring.

-Marie Seguin

Artists Needed for 2nd Annual Neighborhood Art Walk

The Second Annual Tenney-Lapham Neighborhood Art Walk will take place on Sunday, June 29 from 1-5 pm. If you are an artist living in the neighborhood and would like to display your work in your home for the public to see, please contact Sharon Redinger at 256-6282.

A map is made of the location of each artist's home. The map, artists' names, medium, addresses and phone numbers are printed in the summer TLNA newsletter. We also submit it to Madison Newspapers and Isthmus.

If you know a neighborhood artist who has not seen this article, let them know about the Art Walk.

-Sharon Redinger



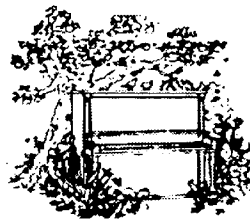
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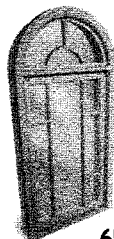
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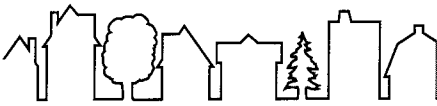


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Candidates' Answers: Erik Minton

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also proud of the fact that I have helped deliver 10 affordable housing units, while at the same time providing 100 jobs, all without government subsidies. In addition, I have provided neighborhood-enhancing amenities like a fitness center, café, hair salons and entertainment venues, true focal points of the neighborhood.

There are three distinct and unique neighborhoods that comprise the 2nd Aldermanic District: Mansion Hill, Old Market Place and the Tenney-Lapham neighborhoods. Each of these neighborhoods demonstrates unique qualities, a true independence and a fierce determination to protect the character of their area. I too have that independence, and am not behold to

local political organizations, powerful social agendas or well-funded special interests. I would represent the 2nd Aldermanic District with what is most important in mind...our neighborhood. Making our neighborhood great can't take a back seat to a promise to a local political organization to promote their agenda, or the advancement of personal causes at a cost to the quality of life we all enjoy. Electing someone that isn't afraid to stand up to political organizations, or special interests demonstrates the independence that our area is known for. Let's leave politics for the career politicians, and together we can build better neighborhoods.

Finally, I have a proactive vision for downtown Madison that not only protects the uniqueness of our

neighborhoods, but also enhances the quality of life we all enjoy. My vision involves safer neighborhoods where you feel as safe outside of your home as you do in it. Recently, the Madison Police Department released a report detailing a 6.8% rise in level one crimes (murder, forcible rape, robbery, aggravated assault/burglary, theft and stolen vehicles) over the past year in the downtown area. In fact, central Madison had the highest rate per 1000 of violent crime in all of Madison, and the third highest rate per 1000 of property crimes. I will help neighborhoods establish neighborhood crime watch programs while further developing relationships with local law enforcement.

In addition, I will work with neighbors and law enforcement officials alike to provide better traffic controls in key residential areas. Better marked pedestrian crossings and slower traffic makes for safer neighborhoods. We need to work together to make our streets safe by both fighting crime and controlling traffic. I will work to make sure that our police department has both the enforcement tools and funding to address these key issues.

2) When I moved into this neighborhood twenty years ago, I was able to afford a house on my blue-collar salary. Now I could never afford to buy a house with my current salary. How would you address the issue of affordable housing in this neighborhood and the city both from a renter's and a home-owner's perspective?

Twenty years ago, you could hardly give a house away in the Tenney-Lapham neighborhood, and now it has become one of the most desirable single-family neighborhoods in all of Madison. When I moved to downtown Madison in 1984, the average price of a home was \$40,000.00 to \$50,000.00. Those prices have dramatically increased as we all know, creating great appreciation in home values, specifically appreciation

Heaven? Gee, who knows?



Some believe in angels and such. Some believe in reincarnation.

Some say it's an entirely different plane of existence where we won't remember anything in this life.

I don't know. I mean, I know I'm going to die, but what happens after — if anything — scares me.

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Candidates' Answers: Erik Minton



rates nearly 3 times the rate of inflation for the better part of the past 20 years. Such appreciation further demonstrates the popularity of the neighborhood, a truly great place to live and raise a family. This unrealistic level of appreciation ultimately serves to make all of our housing less affordable.

We need to be careful and creative in our pursuit of additional housing to meet the varied housing demands. I will serve to protect the single-family structure of the Tenney Lapham Neighborhood while encouraging the enhancement and improvement of the *existing* multi-family homes that add to the quality and diversity of the neighborhoods.

The Mansion Hill Neighborhood speaks for itself with the splendor of its architecture. I will serve to protect the integrity of this historic neighborhood, recognizing the value of preservation efforts.

Old Market Neighborhood is in much more of a transition than the other two neighborhoods, with only 3.5 % of the current housing being owner occupied. I will continue to work with the neighborhood association to determine where new housing may be appropriate. I will also work with developers to guarantee that new housing options fit within the fabric of the neighborhood while providing real housing options for people of all income and age ranges.

Any long term resident will notice not only the lack of affordable choices for low-income residents but also the severe shortage of homes for working families with moderate incomes. While there is very little ability to control the cost of homes in the district, there are opportunities to take a proactive involvement by making good choices of where our new housing is provided. Good choices through neighbor-involved decision-making will help to address the limited housing choices. Currently, lack of new choices coupled with an increased desirability to live in this area, have further driven demand with limited supply, hence forcing higher prices. This can change, as we have incredible opportunities along the East Washington corridor. Proactive thinking regarding new development particularly along the East Washington corridor can provide additional housing and retail options, helping meet increased market demand. I look forward to bringing both experience and a vision to the housing process where we can work together, protect our existing housing stock and neighborhood integrity, while meeting the increased housing demands.

Affordable housing for low-income neighbors provides its own unique challenge. We have a large number of efficiencies and one bedroom housing units at \$624/month in the district that fall into the area of affordable housing

priced at 50% of Dane County Median Income. This is a small consolation for residents who need real affordable choices. With your support, during my first term I pledge to deliver 100 affordable units. Approximately 80% of this promise will come from existing units where I will initiate a partnership between housing providers, service providers, government agencies and end users. I have delivered affordable housing in the past, working with renters in need of help, and believe more can be done. I will put my experience to work, and together we can make a real difference in someone's life.

Owner occupied homes in the downtown until the past 5 years have been relatively affordable. The fact that we are seeing huge increases in value speaks to the relatively newfound popularity of our neighborhoods. Until the past year, all new downtown condominium housing had been subsidized through city Tax Incremental Financing or some other subsidy. Typical subsidies have been \$20,000 to \$40,000 per condominium unit. The current higher market rates of condominiums are just now making it possible to have sales prices support construction costs without any subsidy. I will work to assure that any subsidy supporting home ownership does not exceed income levels of 70% to 80% of the Dane County Median Income.

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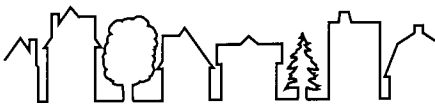
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3) Who are you supporting for mayor and why?

I am currently undecided in the general mayoral election, and look forward to a spirited and healthy debate, helping me decide who will do the best job for Madison. In the past I have supported Paul Soglin, but have had a chance to listen and meet Dave Cieslewicz and believe he will make a final decision for me very difficult. I believe either of these candidates will make a great mayor, and look forward to working with the winner of the April election.

4) Graffiti is on the rise. Do you have any new ideas?

Graffiti seems to have gone from bad to worse. We have been working to abate graffiti through our city abatement programs and the issue has been a common topic at our Old Market Place Neighborhood meetings. Good communication with the building inspection unit and property owners is essential, as is the need for quick

cleanup. Products for proactive pre-damage application that make clean up easier also help. I look forward to working with the neighborhoods and building inspection unit to get the best information quickly to those victims of this vandalism. I also plan to work closely with the central district police command for the best possible follow up for prosecution. In addition, I would begin discussions with the police force to see if they have the enforcement tools necessary, and if punishments are strong enough to act as a true deterrent.

5) Do you think it's appropriate for the common council to take positions on national affairs? Why?

Madison's Common Council has a long history of debating national affairs. Current national affairs have further heightened awareness and launched a country into what I believe to be a healthy debate on our international agenda. This is unlikely to change soon. I encourage and expect everyone to speak their mind on these important issues; it's the constitutional right of every American. We have fantastic representation in Congresswoman Tammy Baldwin and Senators Russ Feingold and Herb Kohl. I encourage steady communication through these elected officials on national affairs. I believe the best way for our council to be effective is for city leaders to set priorities and to concentrate on areas where as a council we can be most effective. We have important and difficult budget, housing and

transportation issues before the council, creating long lasting effects on our neighborhoods. When I am elected, I will put our neighborhoods first and work to resolve real problems for our neighbors and city.

6) Is there anything else you would like to say?

I am running because I believe that we live in a good neighborhood, and together we can make it great. Soon, my wife and I will be expecting our first child. In planning for this exciting arrival we decided that downtown Madison is the place we wanted to raise our family. In getting our home ready for our family and in talking with neighbors as all proud parents do, I realized that there is work to be done outside of our home to help make our neighborhood the best place to raise a family.

To date, I have knocked on over 3,000 doors, spending time discussing important issues with many of you. This campaign has been a great opportunity to learn more about our neighborhoods, and in doing so I've come to realize that good things are worth fighting for. With your support, I will put my proven track record, independence and vision to work for better neighborhoods. Together, I believe we can achieve that quality of life we all want. Let's leave politics for the politicians, and work together to make our neighborhoods a place where our kids never want to leave. Please vote on April 1.

-Erik Minton

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My family and I were among a cast of many who enjoyed Frank's company and hospitality. We will always remember the many sweet summer evenings chatting and laughing on the Pattons' screened-in porch. I hope this poem says the rest.

-Gay Davidson-Zielske

Ode to Mr. Patton

He was known by things:
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with the snap-down brim
the afternoon Democrat
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to Section last.
His lazy cat, Angel,
making him laugh
and shake his head
in mock despair.

And he was known for more than that:

His habit of drawing
a listener near by
whispering behind cupped
hand—maybe something
slightly racy or teasing,
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and "eh? whaddaya think
of that?"
His quiet pride in his daughters
and sons, his obvious joy
in his bride's blonde beauty.
His glee in making a shrewd
deal at his hobby yard sales—
and his equal generosity
in just giving the rest away:

"Here, take this for the boy.
He'll like this, eh?"
Holder of strong opinions
and faith in the value of plain
hard work.

But mostly his kindness,
his pleasure in the simple things—
evenings and afternoons with our boy—
counting cars on Gorham Street.
First the red ones, then the blue.

-Gay Davidson-Zielske

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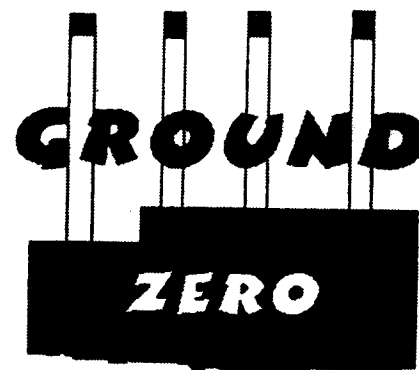
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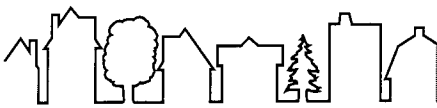
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Konkel (from page 1)

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Resource Center (TRC). The TRC helped create the Social Justice Center and I am currently President of the Board. I also serve on the board of Community Shares of Wisconsin. Many of you know I am also an active member of Progressive Dane. I served for 3 years as the co-chair of this political party and am currently serving on the steering committee. I am also on the coordinating committee for the Wisconsin Green Party.

As an alder, I am one of the most active members of the council. I serve on the following committees: Breese Stevens Neighborhood Planning Committee, East Washington Oversight Committee, City-County Liaison Committee, Equal Opportunities Commission Housing Subcommittee, Intercity Rail Project Oversight Ad Hoc Committee, Transit and Parking Commission, State St. Reconstruction Oversight Committee, Mid-State Street Parking Ramp Committee, Police Staffing Committee, Common Council Organization Committee, Southeast Campus Advisory Committee and the Yahara River Parkway Implementation Committee.

2) When I moved into this neighborhood twenty years ago, I was able to afford a house on my blue-collar salary. Now I could never afford to buy a house with my current salary. How would you address the issue of

affordable housing in this neighborhood and the city both from a renter's and a home-owner's perspective?

I have helped the housing activists create a comprehensive plan for affordable housing for both renters and homeowners. I have lead the fight to end discrimination against tenants who receive Section 8 housing assistance and to end unfair minimum income standards. Both of these landlord practices prevented many low-income people from living throughout our community. I also worked with Sol Levin to revise the city TIF policies to require that 10% of TIF funds in a district be spent for affordable housing. The TIF policy applies to both rental and home-ownership.

Recently, the Common Council created the Affordable Housing Trust Fund that will provide financial assistance to developers to provide affordable housing. We have allocated \$1.5 million to the fund. The best part about these funds is that they are not tax dollars, the money is all unanticipated income to the city. The funds would go to help build both rental and home-ownership opportunities.

I am also leading the effort to create an inclusionary zoning ordinance. The ordinances provide that developers provide 15% affordable housing, for both rental and home-ownership, in exchange for incentives for developers.

I would prefer that this ordinance apply to all developments so that we achieve the goal of having economically integrated communities.

I also support the Madison Area Community Land Trust that helps low-income homeowners purchase homes, co-housing, cooperative housing projects, homeless outreach programs and would welcome any new ideas to help both renters and homeowner of all income levels afford the homes they live in.

3) Who are you supporting for mayor and why?

I don't know. This is an unusual position for me to be in, as I write this it is less than two weeks after the primary and I'm tempted to write in Bert Zipperer. I am going through a process where I am talking to both Paul Soglin and Dave Cieslewicz and assessing their positions on policies.

Quite frankly, I haven't heard either campaign speak much about issues or what they want to accomplish in office. They seem to focus on leadership style. There is definitely a leadership style difference. From what I have observed, Paul has true leadership skills and is less likely to include people in making decisions. Dave is likely to bring many people to the table, but not make the tough decisions.

On the issues, quite frankly I'm disappointed. One clear difference that

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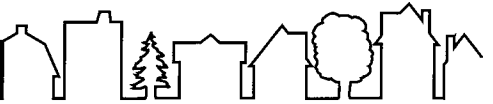
Candidates' Answers: Brenda Konkel

is important to me is on affordable housing and inclusionary zoning and if I were to choose on that issue alone, I would choose Dave Cieslewicz.

On other issues, I haven't heard many details which is why I am undecided. On issues of race, I'm told Paul is better, but I haven't seen it with his record with policing and housing issues in low-income neighborhoods. On land use and environmental issue, I believe Dave will be better. Hopefully, by the time this newsletter is printed you will know who I have chosen. At this time, I am leaning toward supporting Dave Cieslewicz.

4) Graffiti is on the rise. Do you have any new ideas?

Quick removal is the key. I don't have any new ideas, but I like the program being proposed by the Greater Willy St. Business Association where they are creating a graffiti removal task force that has researched the paint colors for buildings in the area and arranged to get paint to help with quick removal. They are also working on getting graffiti removal tools for brick building. I also support additional lighting for problem areas and temporarily, strategically placed video cameras. (Can you believe



I said that?)

5) Do you think it's appropriate for the common council to take positions on national affairs? Why?

Yes, because national issues affect each and every one of us. Additionally, it's relatively difficult for individuals to be heard on national policies.

Madison has a long tradition of assisting local residents in making their voices heard to the national government. I don't view the votes on the Common Council as the opinions of 20 elected officials, but hope that the elected officials vote reflects those of their districts, though I am not foolish enough to believe that my colleagues on the Council vote that way.

I also believe the power of hundreds of cities passing similar resolutions has an impact. Additionally, many national issues, have local implications. If you read most of the resolutions closely, you will see that in addition to making a statement on a national issue, we include directions for local staff or departments.

Finally, these items do not take as much time as portrayed in the local media. Often, the resolutions would pass without comment from the council, except for the fact that my colleagues ramble on about how we shouldn't be wasting time on national issues, which is what we spend the majority of our time debating on these resolutions.

6) Is there anything else you would like to say?

I hope the residents of the 2nd district look closely at our records of community involvement and involvement with the City government. I believe I have the experience and vision to best represent the second district.

I will continue to fight to make sure the 2nd district gets our fair share of city services, including police services, street resurfacing and reconstruction and attention to our parks. I will continue

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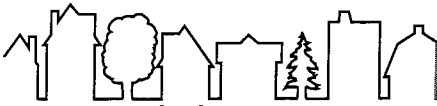
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Konkel (from previous page)

working to make our bus system one which works for working people, runs at reasonable times and goes where we need it to go. I will continue to be vigilant in reviewing development projects in the second district and citywide. I will fight to preserve the character and historic integrity of our neighborhoods. I will continue to champion issues that make it easier for citizens to give input and work to make sure information about meetings and what will be discussed at them more accessible and understandable to the public.

I support instant run-off voting, public financing of campaigns and I will not accept any contribution over \$100 (the legal limit is \$250) from individuals and reject any Political Action Committee (PAC) or conduit money. I will continue to fight to create sensible alcohol and drug policies and reasonable standards for reviewing alcohol licenses. Finally, I will continue to fight for tenant rights, fair and affordable housing for everyone

in our city.

For further information about my positions on specific issues, you can check out my website at brendakonkel.com. I am endorsed by South Central Federation of Labor AFL-CIO, Affordable Housing Action Alliance, Four Lakes Sierra Club, Progressive Dane, Four Lakes Greens and the Wisconsin Green Party. I also have been endorsed by numerous elected officials including Representatives Mark Pocan, Terese Berceau and Mark Miller. My colleagues Todd Jarrell, Jean MacCubbin, Andy Olsen, Judy Olson, Tom Powell, Gary Poulson, Matt Sloan and Mike Verveer from the Common Council have endorsed me. I'm also endorsed by five out of the seven School Board Members including Carol Carstensen, Bill Clingan, Bill Keys, Juan Jose Lopez and Schwaw Vang. I am endorsed by County Board Supervisors Judy Wilcox, John Hendrick, Chuck Erickson, Brett

Hulsey, Al Matano, Scott McDonell, Kyle Richmond and Echnaton Vedder.

Even more importantly, I am pleased to be endorsed by many of your neighbors, a complete list of which is too large to mention here and can be found on my website at brendakonkel.org.

I have enjoyed getting to know many of you through my campaign two years ago and over the past two years I have spent representing the 2nd district. I appreciate that some of you who were at one point skeptical of how I would represent the 2nd district are now my supporters. I hope that you are pleased with my representation and am always looking for feedback on how to better represent the 2nd district.

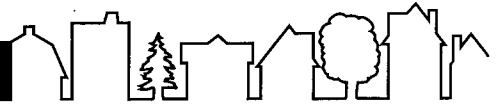
Finally, if you would like to reach me to talk about any of the issues I have mentioned, or anything else, please feel free to contact me at 345-8720 or brenda@brendakonkel.org.

—Brenda Konkel

Energy advice is close at hand

Call the Home Energy Line at 252-7117 for energy-saving ideas from your community energy company.





Red Cross Blood Drive to be Held at Christ Church on April 5

On Saturday, April 5, TLNA will co-sponsor a Red Cross Blood Drive with the Christ Presbyterian Church. The blood drive will run from 9 am – 1 pm at the church, which is located at 944 E. Gorham Street. You can call the church office at 257-4845 to schedule an appointment to donate blood. Walk-ins are also welcome!

If you are able to donate time, we are looking for volunteers to assist with unloading/loading the Red Cross vehicle, and to staff 2-hour shifts at either the registration, donor room aide, or refreshment station. Please call Diane Brusoe (256-1207) if you are able to volunteer.

Red Cross Facts:

- Every two seconds, someone in this country needs blood.

- Every day the Red Cross must collect over 900 units of blood in our region to meet patient needs.

- Only 5% of the eligible population gives blood, yet 95% of us will need a blood product in our lifetime.

- Healthy blood donors can give blood as often as every 56 days.

- You must be at least 17 years old, weigh at least 110 pounds, and be in good health to donate blood.

- Every unit of blood can be separated into several components, helping save the lives of 3 or more patients.

For more information about the Red Cross, please call 1-800 GIVE LIFE or visit www.redcrossblood.com.

Together, we can save a life!

-Diane Brusoe

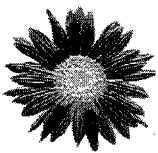
TLNA Thanks Christ Presbyterian

The Tenney-Lapham Neighborhood Association recently voted to donate \$100 to Heifer International in Christ Presbyterian Church's name. The gift was in appreciation for the church allowing TLNA to host its social events in its facility.

Heifer International is a non-profit organization that provides livestock and training to families in third-world countries. One of the key concepts is that each family must pass onto others offspring of the livestock they receive. Since 1944 Heifer International has provided livestock and training to more than four million families around the world. For more information about Heifer International, please see www.heifer.org.

-Bob Shaw

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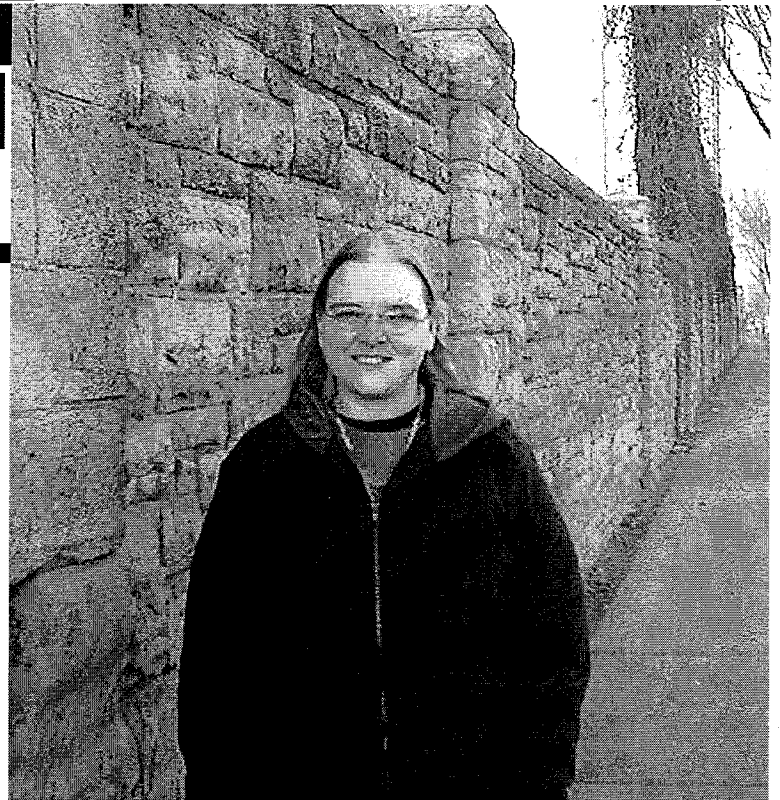
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It's been a pleasure serving you for the last two years. I will continue to fight for our downtown neighborhoods. This is especially important at a time when there is so much going on in the area—the reconstruction of East Washington Avenue, rebuilding of the Sherman Avenue and Johnson Street bridges, restoration of Breese Stevens Field, and increasing development pressures. I look forward to continuing to work with you on these and the many other challenges our neighborhoods face.

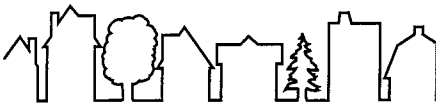
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O’Keeffe Middle School Endowment Fund Campaign

“ What we have done for ourselves alone dies with us; what we have done for others and the world remains and is immortal. —Albert Pike

The O’Keeffe Middle School Endowment Fundraising Campaign is underway. A group of volunteer O’Keeffe parents are working to create and build this fund for our Middle School. Already over \$14,000 has been raised and \$8,000 collected. The Endowment Fund opens a unique opportunity to help augment the excellent work and learning already happening at O’Keeffe.

Our O’Keeffe Middle School serves a rich diverse community representing many racial, cultural and socioeconomic groups. Included are students from highly educated affluent homes, and others from settings in which families live in poverty. O’Keeffe is the major middle school that serves homeless students. We also have several group homes in our attendance area populated by students with a variety of significant academic and behavioral challenges. Academically, many of MMSD’s highest performing students on standardized test are from O’Keeffe. Coupled with this success is the presence of many students who struggle academically due to factors related to poverty, high mobility and disabilities.

With an ever increasing diverse population, and the pressure to meet even lower budgets, we are faced with keeping the learning experience rich while making tough choices about the programs supported at O’Keeffe. How to provide the best education possible becomes the central question. Endowments help ensure that special program funds are available on an on-going basis.

O’Keeffe is a great place to learn for all the children in our community. Having both diversity and success leads to great things. O’Keeffe’s highly skilled staff is dedicated to “making our good school better”. Support from a permanent endowment fund will help O’Keeffe address the significant need for resources devoted to the academic, social, emotional growth and development of our young people, with funds for creative and innovative projects outside of the regular school budget. Examples of these kinds of projects might include purchasing and installing the new climbing wall in the field house, and the special visit and presentation by the French Voyageurs musical and language group in the spring 2002. These are educational enhancements that expand young minds, help children learn to value others, and provide our young people insight into their relationship to the world and community.

The O’Keeffe Endowment fund will be administered by the Foundation for Madison Schools. Decisions about how to use the funds will be made by a Grants Committee composed of O’Keeffe’s PTG representatives, parent/teacher/staff representatives, and the principal.

Neighborhood residents who care deeply about promoting excellence at O’Keeffe are invited to participate in this fund raising campaign and to give generously.

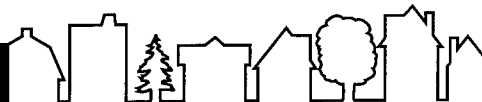
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If you have questions, ideas, or for more information, please contact Karen Crossley, Lead Volunteer for O'Keeffe Middle School Endowment Fund at 608-255-2706, or the Foundation for Madison's Public Schools, 608-232-1776.

The Mission of the Foundation for Madison's Public Schools is to establish funds that will enhance the educational opportunities available to Madison Metropolitan School District students long into the future.

Lots of Questions? Please contact Karen Crossley, Lead Volunteer, at 255-2706 or KarGusto@aol.com.

Neighborhood groups can be formed to provide specifics about the endowment, its management, examples of the programs it might support, answer your questions. This gathering will also give you a nice chance to meet and visit with parents of O'Keeffe students you may not know, continuing to foster our already strong sense of community.

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The World Needs Stories like a River Needs Rainwater

A disadvantage, it must be said, to studying a lot of literature is that you have to spend too much time with the type of person whose soul has been sucked away by theory. I'm an English major at the university, and I have to be around them all the time.

I understand that the woes of a senior English major seem far removed from the quiet, semi-idyllic neighborhood we call home (actually, I still don't live in Tenney-Lapham, though I kind of feel like I do; now I live in the Old Marketplace neighborhood), but it's frightening how much of what goes on in a literature department does affect even the quietest of neighborhoods in the smallest of cities.

Let me tell you how:

We whose lives have been devoured by literature started out as youngsters who just liked to read a lot, mostly (come on, admit it) because we were too socially inept to get any real friends, so we had to make do with Frodo and Huckleberry and James with his giant peach. That was fine. Most of us somehow made it through high school and into college, and eventually began to figure out how to talk to real, live people. Some of us even have girlfriends now.

But that love of fantasy, the thrill of meeting someone new and having to imagine what they look like, never dies, ever. The price of a mostly-friendless childhood has gained us a lifelong connection to the world of the

critical theory. Have you, dear reader, ever read or tried to read anything by Jacques Derrida? (If you don't know who he is, he's a French critical theorist who writes incredibly long treatises on subjects which never seem to, technically, appear anywhere in the body of the text. Instead the text's all taken up with sentences like "*Difference is not only irreducible to any ontological or theological (ontotheology) reappropriation, but as the very opening of the space in which ontotheology produces its system and history, it includes ontotheology, inscribing it and exceeding it...*" See? Pretty dense, huh?)

If you have read him, congratulations. If you haven't, I say go for it. It's an exercise in exploration, a twist of the mind, a struggle to wrap your mind around Derrida's wildly obscure thoughts and associations. I read Derrida. I thought it was fun.

But theory, as I said above, is exercise. It's not the real thing! It's practice! Do you know what happens when theory is left by itself, unattached to that aforementioned naïve, passionate world of the imagination? You get something that I am not sure I can write in this paper, but I will say it begins with an "m" and rhymes with exacerbation: an un-creative act. Theory is practice.

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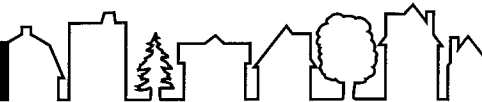
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why this concerns you: our world is held together by stories. Who we are, how this world seems to us, how we interpret ourselves, our families, and even the 'Universe Guy' (as a friend of mine calls it), if you truck with such stuff; these are all filtered through the stories we tell ourselves. Furthermore, stories do come true. There's only so long we could tell ourselves the story of Manifest Destiny before some white guy found himself peering through a telescope at Hawaii, asking for his rifle. And how many movies and books like *1984* and *Bladerunner* can we read and see before someone comes up with the idea of the Total Information Awareness Act, a piece of lawmaking so cartoonishly scary in name that it seems better suited to a 25-cent paperback homage to George Orwell?

What I'm saying is, storytellers have a responsibility. And right now there's this big rift in their ranks, one side composed of, well, hacks, who may really enjoy telling stories, and have that sense of what people want to see on a screen or in a novel, what imagination is all about, but probably don't have much theoretical knowledge (I realize

I'm making a generalization here, bear with me). On the other side we have the Derridas of the world, theorists who interpret and study literature but obviously have not talked to a hobbit themselves in decades. Do you see where I'm heading?

Storytellers cannot be theorists. They cannot be hacks. They need to be right in between. They need both sides. That's why it gets to me to see so many English majors walking around, glaze-eyed, pondering Foucault and Derrida. Their potential as storytellers is dwindling.

Do you see, Tenney-Lapham, why the troubles of a university English department, thirty blocks from your door, will end up affecting you and your neighbors? And Madison and Wisconsin and the world?

This world needs stories like a river needs rainwater, like a mountain range needs earthquakes. We must keep flowing. We must grow. The critics have their place; it is the interpretation of literature. It is a valuable role. But writers and storytellers cannot begin to think like critics, to forget that world of magic-dust and enchanted forests, because that world is where our world

comes from. The veil between them is thin, and stories must be told. What grows in the mind will be what arises in the world. Pay attention to what arises in the mind, and don't let the Derridas of the world plant too many seeds in there.

-Connor Wood

Habitat (from page 20)

lot with enough room at the side for a driveway. Inside, two bedrooms and a full bath are on the lower level along with surprisingly ample storage space and a utility room with hookups for a future laundry. The upper level, up half a flight of stairs from the entry, features the L-shaped kitchen, the dining area, and the living room all joined together for a sense of space and sociability, with a big sunny window in front. In back the master bedroom has sliding glass doors to a balcony overlooking the back yard. This bedroom has its own walk-in closet and a half bath. The design is noticeably professional, with no wasted space and an excellent traffic pattern. (By the time I finished my mini-tour, I was thinking, "I want one too!")

Konkol says Habitat for Humanity is interested in doing more infill housing in the Isthmus area and has no trouble working with our narrow lots and odd configurations. Volunteers for fund raising are particularly welcome. This is a mature, developed program with sixteen years of experience in Dane County, and according to Konkol once a family is placed in a Habitat home and given proper support, they rarely sell. Their kids stay at the same school, achievement rises, lives stabilize, and positive effects ripple out into the community.

In addition, I would add, Dayton Street loses an ugly abandoned lot and gains a site-appropriate, friendly little house and a new permanent neighbor family whose kids can walk three blocks to school! Good all around.

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-Mary Pulliam

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CSA members have a direct connection with their food, the land on which it's grown, and the farmers who grow it. They purchase shares from the farmer and, throughout the growing

season (and sometimes beyond), they receive weekly deliveries of seasonal produce at one of several convenient pick-up sites. They may also visit the farm for potlucks, harvest festivals and pick-your-own events. Children, especially, enjoy seeing where their food is grown.

The produce is grown without synthetic pesticides and fertilizers, so it's good for you and good for the land. CSA farmers choose varieties for their flavor, not for the ability to be shipped hundreds of miles and sit on a store shelf, so it's delicious. It's delivered to pick-up points throughout Dane and nearby counties, so it's convenient. It's about as fresh as it gets and it's nutritious.

For more information about CSAs, call Doug Wubben at 226-0300 or email: info@macsac.org. Visit our website at www.macsac.org. Additional information, including a state-by-state listing of CSA farms in the United States can be found at www.csacenter.org.

-Doug Wubben

Tenney-Lapham Neighborhood 2002 Police Calls

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Armed Robberies	3
Burglaries - Residential	33
Burglaries - Non-residential	6
Strong Armed Robberies	2
Weapons Offense	1
Arsons	1
Battery	17
Aggravated Assaults	2
Drug Incidents	10
Stolen Bikes	7
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Traffic	548
Parking	433
Noise (7 cited)	138

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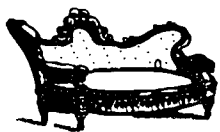
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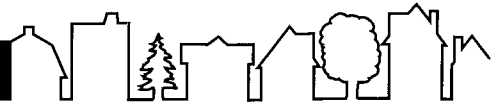
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851 E. Gorham	4	1.75	\$259,900
1212 Elizabeth	4	1.75	\$289,900
1014 E Johnson	2-3bdm units		\$375,000
1020 E Johnson	2-3bdm units		\$375,000
204/208 N Livingston	2-3bdm units		\$598,500
1020 Sherman Ave	3	2.5	\$599,900
814 Prospect Pl	4	2.5	\$995,000

PENDING

(Accepted offers that have not yet closed)

<u>ADDRESS:</u>	<u>BDRMS:</u>	<u>BATHS:</u>	<u>LIST PRICE:</u>
15 Sherman Terrace, #1	2	1	\$72,000
33 Sherman Terrace, #5	2	1	\$74,900
107 Lakewood Gardens	2	1.5	\$112,000
414 N Livingston St, #2	1	1	\$149,900
120 N Baldwin	3	1.75	\$179,000
113 Dayton Row	2	2.5	\$210,000
1015 Sherman Ave	3	2.5	\$375,000
1250 Sherman Ave	5	4.5	\$985,000

SOLD

<u>ADDRESS:</u>	<u>LIST PRICE:</u>	<u>SALE PRICE:</u>	<u>DAYS ON MARKET:</u>
209 N Ingersoll	\$97,500	\$99,000	
1347 E Dayton, #1	\$120,900	\$124,000	
517 E Johnson	\$129,900	\$135,000	
319 N Few	\$137,000	\$139,200	
102 N Baldwin	\$139,900	\$138,000	
137 N Few	\$137,000	\$139,200	
414 N Livingston St #4 (Condo)	\$149,900	\$147,000	15
1031 E Gorham	\$149,900	\$146,000	
214 N Baldwin	\$157,400	\$153,500	
404 S Blount, #106	\$189,900	\$185,000	244
313 N Baldwin	\$220,000	\$220,000	4
843/845 E Johnson	\$234,900	\$200,000	
1027 E Johnson	\$229,000	\$229,000	
1419 Rutledge	\$253,000	\$253,000	4
420 Castle Place	\$275,000	\$250,000	
1029 E Gorham	\$279,900	\$280,000	
1201 E Mifflin	\$280,000	\$280,000	
1315 Sherman Ave	\$309,000	\$298,000	43
221 N Livingston	\$319,900	\$315,000	
310 N Ingersoll	\$320,000	\$320,000	
314 N Ingersoll	\$320,000	\$320,000	
416 Castle Place	\$329,900	\$314,900	38

Madison property assessments are available from the city assessor's office at <http://www.ci.madison.wi.us/assessor/property.html>. The above statistics were compiled by Shelly Sprinkman of Restaino Bunbury & Associates. If you have any questions as to what your home may be worth, please contact Shelly at (608)232-7737 or ssprinkm@restainobunbury.com.

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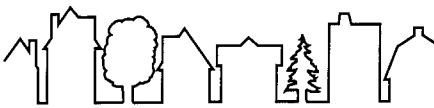
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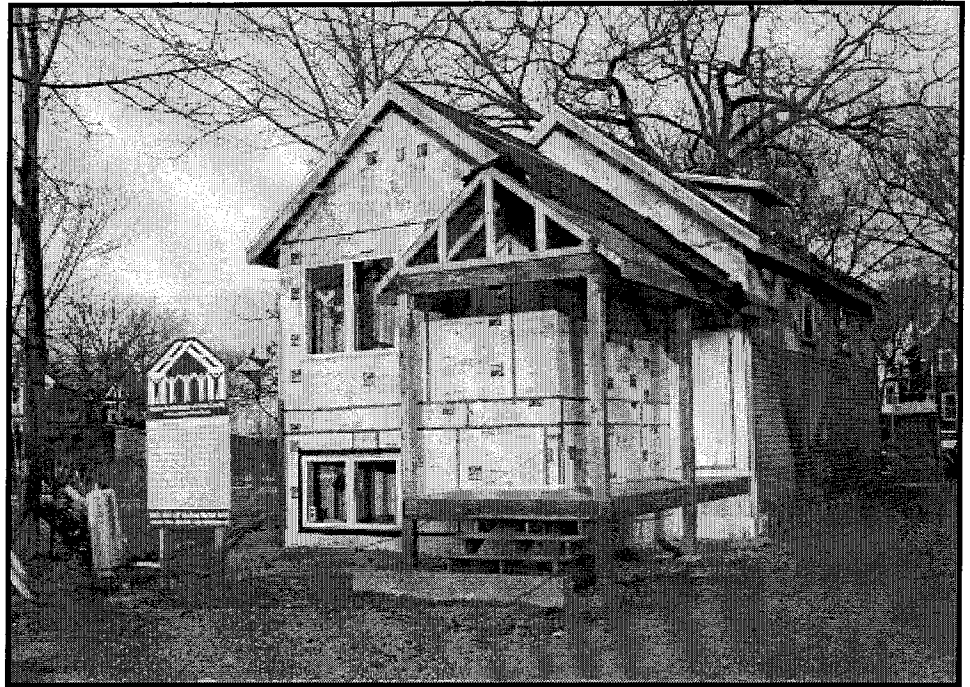
Neighborhood's Habitat for Humanity Home Almost Finished

Dane County's 67th Habitat for Humanity home is now under construction at 726 E. Dayton Street, formerly the site of an abandoned city well. The original plat lot was only 33 feet wide so when the water utility decided to sell it, uses appeared limited. To Habitat's experienced staff and architect, however, the little lot was a golden opportunity. Habitat purchased the lot for \$10,000 and spent another \$17,000 removing the old concrete wellhouse and preparing the lot for construction. Now a custom-designed three-bedroom bi-level is rising, soon to be home to a small family under the ongoing care and support of Habitat for Humanity's volunteers and staff.

Habitat for Humanity's University chapter is directly responsible for this project under the leadership of fifth year student Joe Van Oosbree. Joe is finishing his degree in civil engineering with a focus on construction management, and has worked on Habitat projects in South Carolina, Little Rock, and New Orleans. After graduating he will go to Northern Ireland for more construction experience with the organization, which works in eighty countries around the world. Joe hopes to see the Dayton Street house finished by June 1.

He says he has particularly enjoyed managing this project because the Tenney Lapham neighbors are friendly and welcoming, dropping in for mini-tours and even bringing cookies during workdays. The University chapter raised money for the lot with the assistance of high school students in the Rake-a-Thon and the Super Bowl event, at which guests bid for hand-made pottery bowls and then share a meal together. They managed to raise \$17,000 this year and hope to expand those very successful fund-raisers (and find more potters!) for next year.

Additional Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds, which do not have to be paid back



until the homeowner sells the house, completed the funding for the land. Ron Konkol of the Dane County Habitat chapter supplied me with more details on the project. Habitat's out-of-pocket expenses for the house total \$54,000, supplemented by donated services and products. The new homeowners pay \$500 down and receive a mortgage at 0% interest. In addition, they must complete 350 hours of work on the house themselves. Part of those hours is spent in training programs so they can learn the basics of home ownership and maintenance, personal finance, and the like.

They are then paired with a volunteer family who mentors them as they get used to the ongoing responsibilities of

home ownership. Habitat for Humanity has learned that continuing support is a key to helping people successfully transition from renting to owning and caring for their own property.

The Dayton Street house has about 1300 square feet of living space on two levels, and was custom designed by architect Henry Kanazawa to meet the specific needs of the family who will move in. Kanazawa is retired, 80 years old, and volunteers with Habitat to create economical and appealing home designs appropriate to each project's neighborhood.

In this case he drew up a house with two levels, a front porch and peaked roof that mirrors other houses in Tenney Lapland. It fits on the narrow 33-foot

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