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## Integration plan shift is urged

Travis claims change would be 'disruptive'

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The future of Madison's school integration plan needs to be restudied — possibly from the ground up, two school board members argued Monday.

Board member Jerry E. Smith Jr. said the board should hire a consultant to address doubts about the plan's success that have been voiced by a number of minority parents.

Smith said the study could delay final action — now set for mid-February — on recommendations to continue the integration plan for the foreseeable future.

But, he said, it could lay to rest much of the opposition to the plan within the black community that has existed since the plan was established in 1983.

Board member Rick Berg concurred. "There is a perception that the plan was shoved down their throats then, and there's a perception it's about to be shoved down their throats again five years later," he said.

Berg, a longtime opponent of the current integration plan, said he wants the board to reconsider all of the options it originally examined before arriving at the district's "pairing" plan.



Rick Berg

Berg has re-introduced a desegregation plan based on special "magnet" schools that he believes was not seriously considered by the board in 1983.

But Jerry Hancock, a citizen member of the board's Long-Range Planning Committee and a proponent of the current plan, said he believes the two are trying to stall a final decision.

"If they were seriously concerned about these ideas, they could have raised them a long time ago," he said.

"Why they waited a month or six weeks before the decision makes you wonder if they're really serious or if they're just trying to detract from the basic success of the integration plan," Hancock said.

The current plan creates two "pairs" of schools that provide kindergarten through fifth-grade classes by mixing students from south Madison with students from

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## Lindh may plead insanity

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Madison police have recovered a receipt from a K mart store which appears to show Aaron J. Lindh purchased .22-caliber bullets less than two hours before going on a shooting rampage Friday in the City-County Building.

A criminal complaint is expected to be filed later this week charging Lindh with two counts of first-degree murder and one of attempted first-degree murder for the deaths of Dane County Coroner Clyde "Bud" Chamberlain and County Corporation Counsel secretary Eleanor Townsend, and the wounding of state Justice Department personnel officer Erik Erickson.

Assistant state public defender Robert Burke, who will represent Lindh in the murder case, says he probably will pursue an insanity defense.

The case "almost cries out for some kind of psychiatric explanation," Burke said.

"I just have the feeling that because of the nature of the incident, the sort of natural response, at least from people I talked to, is that this was someone who snapped."

Court documents show several items were recovered from Lindh's apartment at 113 E. Gorham St. last Friday following the shootings. Included among an inventory of items seized were a sling for a rifle, two loaded .22-caliber rifle shells in one room, another in a separate room, and the K mart receipt.

The search warrant documents say that Lindh told detective Mary Otterson that he had paid \$1.66 for bullets for his gun. That is the same amount of the K mart receipt found in his apartment, according to the documents.

Although the complaint in support of the search warrant says police were looking for "writings tending to establish a motive" for the shootings, the list of items seized does not include any reference to such documents.

The Capital Times and other news agencies incorrectly reported late Monday that papers showing a motive were found, and that a sawed off portion of a rifle butt was also found.

Lindh, 19, who is listed in fair condition at Meriter-Methodist Hospital, might be discharged from the hospital as early as Friday, Burke said.

He was shot by Dane County Sheriff's Deputy Louis Molnar in the abdomen and lower chest Friday afternoon in a ground-floor hallway, minutes after Chamberlain, 62, and Townsend, 40, were fatally wounded.

Burke, 46, a public defender since 1971, said he met with Lindh just long enough to formally establish that Lindh is indigent and eligible to be represented by a lawyer paid for by the state.

"He was still medicated pretty heavily when I talked to him," Burke said, adding that he hoped to speak with Lindh in greater detail today.

John Burr, an assistant Dane County district attorney, said Wednesday afternoon will be the earliest that Lindh will be charged

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A mourner paying his last respects at the casket of Clyde "Bud" Chamberlain breaks down in grief before Monday's funeral service for the slain Dane County coroner.

## Mourners seek meaning in two victims' tragic ends

By Capital Times Staff Writers

Eleanor M. Townsend and Dane County Coroner Clyde "Bud" Chamberlain did not die in vain, pastors told those who came Monday to mourn the deaths of the two victims who were murdered in a shooting rampage at the City-County Building Friday.

"We have not come to solve the mysteries of evil in this world, or to find the answers when we need them so desperately," Dr. Charles Matthews told the crowd of more than 350 mourners who gathered at Lakeview Lutheran Church to remember Townsend.

"We are here simply in various states of belief and disbelief to honor a saintly woman," said Matthews, who had worked with Townsend at the University of Wisconsin Hospital.

"What we must learn from Ellie's life is that saintly persons are here in Madison in 1988. They are quiet people who live quiet lives of personal sacrifice. We are here today to bury one of the best of them."

Those words were echoed at St. Bernard's Catholic Church where more than 1,000 people gathered to mourn Chamberlain's death.

Chamberlain was an "ambassador of love" who reached out and helped people from all walks of life, said Rev. John H. Hebl.

An honor guard from area law enforcement agencies added pagantry to the solemn occasion, black cloth surrounding their badges.

Chamberlain lay in an open casket in the center aisle, a jack of diamonds in his hand. His sons had



Eleanor M. Townsend

placed the card there as a reminder of his love of the card game euchre.

Hebl noted that Chamberlain was used to taking charge of his situations and was doing it right at the end when he was shot to death in his office.

Several county officials attended Townsend's funeral. They included former County Executive Jonathan Barry, who said, "She was a lovely woman, always willing to help."

"Anything you would need she would anticipate and get for you. How do you stop this kind of horror?" he asked in bewilderment.

Rev. Jan Sollom, of Lakview Lutheran Church, read a prepared statement from her husband to the crowd, which frequently broke into muffled sobs. He described his wife as a "beautiful person inside and out."

"My only envy is that she is with God in our eternal home. I promise the Townsend family, of 4610 Judy



Clyde Chamberlain

Lane, will work toward that goal she has earned."

Sollom spoke before a backdrop of the Ten Commandments with the words of the Fifth Commandment, "You shall not kill," ironically framing the altar and the bronze casket.

Across town, the flag hung at half-mast at the City-County Building. Townsend had been working as a permanent part-time secretary for the Dane County corporation counsel's office since July 1987.

Townsend, 40, is survived by her husband Thomas and two daughters, Sarah, 12, and Laura, 8. County workers are setting up a Townsend Children Memorial Fund. Donations can be sent to the Dane County executive's office in care of Rod Matthews, 210 Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd.

Chamberlain, 62, is survived by his wife Virginia and their three adult children: Gary, Clyde and Kerry McCloskey.

## S. Madison Center charts independence

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Members of the South Madison Neighborhood Center's board of directors are looking to change their relationship with United Neighborhood Centers of Dane County.

Board President Dr. Anne T. Sulton is scheduled to meet with Mayor Joseph Sensenbrenner today to discuss the possibility of the city giving Community Development Block Grant funds directly to the center.

Under the current system, the federal grant money goes through United Neighborhood Centers to be distributed to local centers.

"The South Madison Neighborhood Center's primary mission is to improve the quality of life of the multicultural community we serve with educational, recreational and public service activities," Sulton said. "We're looking to restructure our relationship with UNC in light of the different priorities we have."

Sulton said the board of directors wants to diversify the center's funding sources and eventually break away from United Way and CDBG.

"We want to move toward complete self-sufficiency so we can become a role model not only for youth but for all members of the community," Sulton said.

The idea is to use the South Madison Neighborhood Center as the focal point for developing community resources.

"We want to help people develop entrepreneurship with small businesses," Sulton said. "We want to help sustain the family unit and help enhance the academic achievement levels of children and young adults."

The center will also work more in the area of health care and nutrition, Sulton said. "We'll focus on alcohol and drug abuse problems. We'll try to provide some positive alternatives."

The main reason the south Madi-



Dr. Anne T. Sulton

son board wants to break away from the United Neighborhood Centers to gain more control over what programs are offered to the neighboring community, Sulton said. The board decided that local control of the center would serve the community better.

"The south Madison perspective is the community must help itself," Sulton said. "Now it's going to take us awhile to move from the begging mode. But we want to be funded by the folks who actually live in the community. Our kids need to learn the value of work."

Sulton said the center is operating on less than \$50,000 a year for salaries and programs with the funds gradually declining each year.

"UNC is also passing bylaws we strongly oppose," Sulton said. "They're taking away our ability to select staff and determine programs. We find that unacceptable and have no intentions of operating under these guidelines. Our board of directors was duly elected to carry out the mission of the center."

The South Madison Neighborhood Center's board is bracing itself for a battle to become independent of the United Neighborhood Centers.

"We expect considerable resistance," Sulton said. "The reasons are incomprehensible. We're a neighborhood center and there should be neighborhood control."

## WPS glitch mixes up Medicare checks

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A malfunction in an automated mailing system at Wisconsin Physicians Service resulted in hundreds of Wisconsin residents receiving wrong Medicare checks last week.

Kay Ruff of Madison said she was surprised Friday to find someone else's Medicare check in an envelope addressed to her. An explanation of her payment was correct, however.

Ruff said she contacted the person whose

check she received and found that person had also gotten the wrong check. After a series of calls, she said, she found 11 people who got someone else's check.

"I feel probably nobody got the right check," said Ruff, who was still trying Monday to learn what happened to hers.

However, most people who receive their WPS-issued Medicare Part B checks for physician services got the right ones last week, said Robert Wood, WPS public relations vice president.

Wood estimated the foul-up affected 1,300 to 1,500 checks going mostly to people in Dane, Brown, Door, Manitowish and Marinette counties. The rest of the 300,000 Medicare checks WPS sent out last week were correct.

Those who received the wrong checks will be sent letters this week asking that they be returned so they can be remailed, Wood said. Wrongly sent checks that aren't returned will be voided and new ones will be issued.

WPS hopes to have the check problem resolved in less than a month, Wood said.

## Speakers say King's legacy can give us hope

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Last Friday's shootings in the City-County Building and several recent racial incidents in Madison show the need for citizens to rededicate themselves to the principles espoused by Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., speakers said during a memorial service Monday.

"We are in a period of reassessment," Madison Mayor Joseph Sensenbrenner told a crowd of about 1,000 in the Oscar Mayer Theater in the Madison Civic Center.

"A number of events in our community have caused us to ponder anew" King's message of non-violence and racial harmony, Sensenbrenner said.

In each of the past three years Madison has marked the holiday commemorating King's birthday, "we've turned to the legacy and good works of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. His words are reflective, but they are firm. He preached peace, but he agitated" to improve the lives of many, the mayor said.

Dane County Executive Rod Matthews referred to the burials earlier Monday of Coroner Clyde Chamberlain and Eleanor Townsend, a county secretary, noting, "While we gather to honor this disciple of non-violence (King), we meet in the shadow of mindless violence."

"We need to understand and combat violence in all its forms. It matters not that the victims are white or black. We are all diminished by the violence of one against

another," he said.

Barbara Shade, an associate professor of education at the University of Wisconsin-Parkside, called on both blacks and whites to set their sights on the world as it will be in the 21st century.

"Martin Luther King did not deny the past... nor did he deny the problem of a people. The one thing he did do is look toward the future. Problems were merely opportunities to build for a better future," she said. "He realized that until all Americans could recognize their potential, all America would be incomplete."

"African-Americans are standing at the window of opportunity," she said, noting that blacks are the only ethnic group in America whose numbers have increased because of births rather than immigration.

She maintained that blacks must concentrate on their positive achievements — for example, the growing number of "buppies," or black yuppies — as well as their problems.

For whites, she said, "it is you who must take responsibility to make the dreams materialize by fighting racism."

"Whites have to restructure the schools. Whites must examine the curriculums in their schools. They must give computers not only to the gifted, but to the disadvantaged, to those who learn best by concrete examples," she said.

For blacks, she said, "freedom is a state of mind. It must be taken; it cannot be given. You and you only can be free by seeking the desire for freedom. Freedom will only exist for black Americans when

we take responsibility for ourselves."

Freedom, she said, "means we start demanding that schools educate our children and that our children do well."

Rev. Charles Garel, a retired United Methodist minister, received the Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Humanitarian Award. Garel, who is the head of the Madison NAACP, currently is filling the vacancy on the County Board created by Matthews' departure to become county executive.

Sensenbrenner said he particularly was impressed by Garel's efforts last year to rename Monona Avenue in honor of the slain civil rights leader.

"When I was struggling with a proper remembrance (of King), and looking for the right thing to do, this was the man I called," the mayor said of Garel.