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### 2 Months of Change

by Adam Plotkin, President



One week after the last edition of this newsletter came out, two momentous events happened. Admittedly, one of those may have affected far fewer downtown residents than the other. Both events occurred on the same day – February 11. Most importantly, to me at least, was the birth of our first child, a perfect little girl named Madeleine. At 7 pounds, 2 ounces (which both her mother and I guessed independently as her birth weight last September) and 20 inches long, she is wonderful. These first seven weeks have been a blur of sleepless nights, and days, and getting to know the signs for hungry and sleepy. And in this time we have really found the value of “neighbors.” Many people have taken time out to offer words of congratulations or even bring over gifts or prepared meals. As the one that normally does the cooking, I didn’t think that would be as useful as I found it was! It has been a true lesson in that it really does take a village to raise a child.

The other event that happened on February 11 was the introduction of what was known as the Budget Repair Bill. Regardless

of the politics supporting or opposing this legislation, it can’t be denied that it certainly had an effect on our neighborhood that borders the State Capitol. From hovering media helicopters, to blocked roads, to caravans of honking cars, to crowds of nearly 100,000, we’ve seen a level of political activism that hasn’t been seen in downtown Madison in the last 40 years. I’m sure that many have taken the opportunity to walk around the Square at some point during the three weeks as the protests were at their height. According to Madison Police representatives who reported at our last Executive Council meeting, the crowds have been largely well behaved and incident free. It was especially interesting to see how far people came from to participate. I was asked by a student from New York to see if there was somewhere to rent parking for the week he would be in town.

Since it’s taken on new meaning for me lately, I will take this opportunity to wish a Happy Mother’s Day on May 8 to all Mothers, particularly Madeleine’s mom. ❖



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# The Dane County Difference

By Dane County Executive Kathleen Falk

Reflecting back on the past 14 years, together we've accomplished so much.

When you first elected me as County Executive in 1997, there were around 390,000 of us who proudly called Dane County home. Today our population is some half-million citizens strong, making our county the fastest growing in the state.



Families continue to choose our county because of the high quality of life we offer here. We have earned a reputation for working together and pursuing bold innovations.

Over the past 14 years, we've solved challenges and gotten things done by bringing people together to ensure our county is the best place for families to work, live, and raise their kids.

Our shared accomplishments are even more notable given the sharp contrast in leadership style we've seen from our state elected officials in recent months. Instead of pushing diverse and sometimes competing interests apart, we've brought them together.

We worked with our unions and negotiated pay cuts and higher benefit co-pays at the bargaining table, respecting bargaining rights while savings taxpayers millions of dollars.

We brought together builders and environmentalists to create our Conservation Fund under which we've protected more than 10,000 acres in our quickly growing county.

We partnered on innovative reforms to our criminal justice system that saved taxpayers millions while making our communities safer.

Over 14 years we've led major improvement projects - a new state of the art courthouse to support our criminal justice system for decades to come, a fabulous new airport terminal that's a beautiful gateway to our county, our first-of-its kind "Cow Power" facility to keep pollutants out of our lakes while generating locally grown, "green" energy and most recently we opened our new Badger Prairie county nursing home to care for our most vulnerable citizens.

The accomplishments are many - that's what happens when people work together. That's the Dane County difference and why I've been so proud to work for you for the past 14 years. ❖

# Blair Street Gardens Bloom Again

by Jeff Kuesel

The Blair Street Gardens will make their 26th annual appearance this season. The Gardens, which consist of 4 flowerbeds flanking either side of Blair Street and surrounding grounds, are planted and maintained by an independent, nonprofit group of Capitol and Marquette neighborhood residents.

To begin the season, we hope for a return of our 1,300 variegated pale yellow tulips with red accents in the Gateway area. They will be accompanied by contrasting tulips, daffodils and muscari. These plantings will be complemented with a variety of other bulbs that were planted last fall in the flowerbed at the foot of South Franklin Street and along Blair Street next to MG&E. After Memorial Day, 26 different kinds of annuals will be planted, this year featuring an unusual rose-colored salvia and royal purple ageratum. Over 60 kinds of perennials, some native to southern Wisconsin, will keep the Gardens changing through the year.

The Gardens need help with various tasks both on and off the street. If you can help with spring planting, maintenance, fall cleanup or administrative work, please call Jeff Kuesel at 258-1409. You can also help the Gardens by sending a tax-deductible contribution to Blair Street Gardens Committee, 404 S. Blount St. #308, Madison 53703. For volunteer and other information visit [www.blairstreetgardens.org](http://www.blairstreetgardens.org). ❖

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# Wisconsin Historical Museum, New Exhibit

## Civil War, Memories and Mementos

This year marks 150 years since the start of the Civil War. Discover the objects that people chose and created to remember their experiences. From battlefield relics to homefront souvenirs, explore how people responded to the war, how they chose to memorialize it, and how the experience of war and remembrance has changed over the past 150 years.

## Odd Wisconsin

Warning! Objects are more intriguing than they first appear! See curious and authentic artifacts, documents and images which may surprise, perplex and astonish you. Last chance to satisfy your curiosity! Odd Wisconsin will be open through Saturday, June 11, 2011.

# Capitol Update

By: Rep. Mark Pocan

Wow, what a busy couple months since I last wrote you! While legislative committees continue to meet in a very limited respect, the last two months at the State Capitol have been almost entirely focused on Governor Walker's budget "repair" bill that stripped almost all collective bargaining rights away from public servants.



In my seven terms in the State Assembly, never has an issue engendered such clear-cut vocal opposition from the general public as this bill did. For over a month, my voicemail and email were swamped with pleas from not just constituents, but people in all corners of the state who's own state Representatives locked them out of their offices and refused to listen to them.

For the first time in Wisconsin history, the State Senate Democratic caucus, in a brave show of solidarity, set up camp in Illinois to slow down a bill that was on the fast track where it was planned to be passed in just one week. In the Assembly, we embarked on what is now the longest continuous floor debate in state's history at over 60 hours.

We also saw history unfold before our eyes as people protested at the Capitol every single day for over a month, highlighted by multiple weekend rallies that approached 100,000 people or more. Citizens who've never before been involved in politics turned out in record numbers.

We've had periods in our state's history when one party controlled the Assembly, Senate and Governor's



office, but never during any of those sessions did the majority party so blatantly silence the members of the public by cutting off a public hearing, cut off debate on

the floor of the Assembly and continuously break state law through open meetings violations.

In the middle of the debate and the Capitol lockdown, I wrote a letter to the Fitzgerald brothers, who run the Assembly and Senate. In that letter, I asked them to take a step back, take a deep breath and slow down in an effort to stop trampling on the rights of Wisconsinites and their own colleagues. Based on their actions since I wrote that letter, which simply further entangled the legislative process in the courts, they aren't going to heed my advice.

I will, however, continue to be vocal in my support for state employees and against violating the rights of Wisconsinites. This issue in one month generated more constituent contacts than any other issue in my seven terms in the State Assembly. Each legislative session, we hear from thousands of constituents and I encourage you, if you have not done so already, to contact me at [rep.pocan@legis.wisconsin.gov](mailto:rep.pocan@legis.wisconsin.gov) or call my office at 266-8570. I also blog regularly on matters before the State Legislature and I invite you to check out my blog at [www.markpocan.net](http://www.markpocan.net). ❖



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# Monona Terrace Honored With Prestigious Architecture Education Award

by Fran Puleo

**M**adison, WI –The Association of Architecture Organizations conducted the U.S. portion of the Golden Cubes Awards to bring attention and awareness to the tremendous work being done each day in the area of design education. During the jury's review of more than 40 applications from 15 U.S. States, a number of very strong programs were identified. The U.S. Jury passed a Special Recognition citation to four applicants, including Monona Terrace Community and Convention Center, for its project *Terrace Town Goes Green*. This Special Jury Recognition application is available, with photos, for public view at <https://www.wizehive.com/voting/goldencubes/73/92810>. The program award was based on robust community participation, types of partnerships, and scale of participation.

"The sheer diversity of work in this education sector is an absolute virtue," commented Association of Architecture Organizations Executive Director Michael Wood. "We thank our partners in this project, the UIA and the American Institute of Architects. We gratefully recognize the American Architectural Foundation for its technical support as well as the entire jury for volunteering their time and services. Most important, we celebrate the hard work of every applicant, as they are pioneering new learning experiences for students every day – ones they will carry forward with them well past graduation."

Heather Sabin is the Tourism Coordinator for Monona Terrace and the organizer of Terrace Town since its inception in 2000. "We are excited to share this award with the many teachers, students, and mentors who participate in the Terrace Town program. They value the built environment as a powerful tool for student learning. They have also integrated sustainable practices into the program with great success," says Sabin.

Located at One John Nolen Drive, Monona Terrace hosts approximately 620 events each year resulting in over \$35 million in annual economic impact for the region. In addition, the Frank Lloyd Wright designed center produces and sponsors free or low cost community

events that serve over 38,000 people each year. The Monona Terrace mission is to be a high quality, customer focused facility that serves as a community gathering place, a tourism destination and a catalyst for economic activity for the City of Madison, Dane County and the State of Wisconsin. For more information, find us on Facebook, visit our website or call (608) 261-4000, TTY (608) 261-4150. ❖



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# Summer Reading Club and Activities Promote Reading

by Liz Amundson

## **Registration for Madison Public Library's Summer Reading Club begins on June 1, 2011.**

Preschoolers through teens are invited to join the Summer Reading Club in person at any Madison Public Library location or online at [www.madisonpubliclibrary.org/youth](http://www.madisonpubliclibrary.org/youth). Registration continues throughout the summer for this self-paced reading club. Summer Reading Club is easy to join and fits perfectly into busy summer schedules. By tracking hours or books read or read to, kids and teens can earn free prizes, including books and area event passes.

The library's Summer Reading Club is a free city-wide program that encourages kids to continue practicing important reading skills. By reading as few as five books over summer break, a child can retain or sharpen skills learned over an entire school year. Club participants pursue their own reading choices and interests and earn prizes while retaining vital reading skills.

In addition to the Summer Reading Club, all nine Madison Public Library locations will offer numerous free interactive art, drama, and activity-based classes around the "One World, Many Stories" theme. Find more information online at [www.madisonpubliclibrary.org/youth](http://www.madisonpubliclibrary.org/youth) or phone your local library.

## **And, hold these dates for two special summer events:**

Concert & Picnic at Olbrich Gardens

Tuesday, August 2, 6:30-8:00 p.m. at Olbrich Botanical Gardens (3330 Atwood Avenue)  
Summer Library Carnival

Wednesday, July 27, 10:30 a.m. performance at Overture Center for the Arts (201 State Street) followed by activities at the Central Library (201 West Mifflin Street)

## **Final Design Meeting for New Central Library**

Construction is expected to start in Fall of 2011 and be completed in 2013. (See page 16 for drawing of the new library)

Architect slideshows and videorecordings of past public meetings and schematic design plans are available on the library's web site at [www.madisonpubliclibrary.org/central](http://www.madisonpubliclibrary.org/central).

## **Seating Still Available for the 14<sup>th</sup> Annual Book Club Café**

Dayton, Ohio author Katrina Kittle headlines the upcoming Friends of Madison Public Library Book Club Café on Tuesday, May 3, 7-9 pm, at Olbrich Botanical Gardens.

Katrina is the author of *Traveling Light*, *Two Truths and a Lie*, *The Kindness of Strangers*, and recent release *The Blessings of the Animals* (August 2010).

*The Kindness of Strangers* was a BookSense pick and the winner of the 2006 Great Lakes Book Award for Fiction. Early chapters from that novel earned her grants from both the Ohio Arts Council and Culture Works. *The Blessings of the Animals* was an Indie Next pick (August 2010), a Midwest Connections pick (September 2010), and chosen by the Women's National Book Association as one of ten Great Group Reads for National Book Group Month (October 2010). Katrina's first young adult novel, *Reasons to Be Happy*, will be published by Sourcebooks Jabberwocky in Fall 2011.

This annual event, in its fourteenth year, is a favorite evening event for area book clubs and other book lovers. The event features a popular gift basket raffle; coffee, tea and desserts catered by Queen Anne's Catering; and a complimentary Book Club Favorites booklet including favorite books of area book clubs. All proceeds from the event benefit Madison Public Library.

Registration is \$25 per seat. Registration details and form are available online at [www.madisonpubliclibrary.org/calendar/cafe](http://www.madisonpubliclibrary.org/calendar/cafe) or at any Madison Public Library location or email [eventintern@mplfoundation.org](mailto:eventintern@mplfoundation.org) for availability.

## **Community Cinema**

Community Cinema features a sneak peek of nine documentaries before their broadcast on the award-winning PBS series *Independent Lens*. Madison Public Library is joining with The Independent Television Service (ITVS), the leader in independent public media, to present this Community Cinema program in Madison.

Screenings run through June at the Central Library on the third Saturday of each month. Join us af-



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# April 2011 News: Spring Events at the Madison Senior Center

by Pat Guttenberg

All events held at the Madison Senior Center.

## An Artful Affair, Senior Art Show

*An Artful Affair* is an opportunity for Dane County artists to display their artwork and compete for cash prizes. The Opening Show is planned for downtown Madison's Gallery Night on **Friday, May 6**. Are you an artist age 55 or older? Enter works in watercolor, pastels, oils, ink/pencil, chalk, acrylics or mixed media on **Monday, May 2** and **Tuesday, May 3**.

## Book Bites with Author Kathleen Ernst

Join the author on **Tuesday, April 12** at 1 pm for the discussion of *Old World Murder*. Chloe Ellefson starts a new job as Collections Curator at Old World Wisconsin. Her first day brings her face to face with a murder, and a stolen artifact which is just the beginning.

## "Living Well" Workshops

This six-week program, *Living Well with Chronic Conditions*, begins **Wednesday, April 13** and runs through May 18 from 3-5:30 pm. Program is designed to improve the self-management skills of people living with a chronic health issue. Healthy snacks provided.

## Scanners: What Can They Do for You?

**Tuesday, April 19** from 10 - noon. Find out how to manipulate files with instructor Amy Moschkau. Learn how to use a scanner to turn a printed document or a picture into a digital file. Cost \$10.

## Reverse Mortgage: Using your Home to Stay at Home

**Thursday, April 21** at 10 am, no charge. Steve Kalscheur, Generation Mortgage Company, will discuss the myths and misconceptions of reverse mortgages. People 62 and over should know their options in planning for retirement by staying in their home.

## Word Processing Basics

Join Amy Moschkau for this three-week class beginning on **Tuesday, April 26**, May 3 & 10 from 10 - noon, \$25 fee. Learn the basics of writing and formatting letters and envelopes, making flyers, brochures and using clipart.

## Classical Guitar

**Wednesday, April 27** at 12:30 pm, relax and enjoy inspirational music with Joe Spoelstra in a return performance. [www.spoelstraguitar.com](http://www.spoelstraguitar.com)

## Midtown Jazz Performance

The Midtown Jazz on **Friday, April 29** from 12:15 - 1 pm, \$2 donation. This jazz group has designed a program of famous movie songs rendered with its own eclectic jazz style, reaching from *Alexander's Ragtime Band* through today. Drop by and enjoy.

## Leaf Printing on Fabric

Join instructor Nancy Welch on **Friday, April 29** from 1-3 pm, cost \$25. Bring whatever you want to print on (your own shirts, shopping bag, pillow case, napkins, or fabric), an apron, brayer or wall paper seam roller (if you have one). This is an easy form of art and makes a wonderful **Mother's Day** gift.

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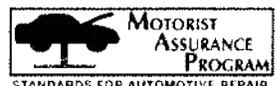
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## Hair Affair 2011

# Magical, Mythical, and Fantastical

by Katie Kazan, Madison Museum of Contemporary Art

MADISON, WI—Twenty teams of stylists from eighteen premier Madison-area salons have been selected to participate in this year's Hair Affair: The Art of Hair. Using the theme "Fantasy and Fairytales" as a starting point, the teams will present hair sculptures inspired by out-of-this-world characters, some well known and beloved, others newly envisioned by the stylists.

Hair Affair 2011, a fundraiser for the Madison Museum of Contemporary Art, will take place from 7 to 10 pm on Thursday, April 28. Among the fantastical creations on view in MMoCA's glass-enclosed stairway and lobby will be:

- A windswept design incorporating leaves and twigs, evoking Red Riding Hood's escape through the woods with the Big Bad Wolf in pursuit. **Designer: Blues Hair Studio.**

- An Ice Princess encrusted with glittering rhinestones and crowned by a frozen coiffure of extra long hair extensions, hair paint, and feathers. **Designer: Rejuvenation Spa.**

- Fifteen feet of braided golden hair interwoven with ribbons, flowers, pearls and fresh baby's breath to suggest a modern-day Rapunzel. **Designer: RZ & Company.**

These creations and seventeen more will come to life on live models through towering hair sculptures, elaborate costumes, and dramatic makeup in a runway-style show down MMoCA's three-story glass staircase.

Hair Affair 2011 will also feature delectable seasonal hors d'oeuvres from Fresco, grooves from DJ Nick Nice, and a silent auction of pampering- and entertainment-inspired packages.

According to Katie Dowling-Marcus, Hair Affair co-chair, "The idea of a gala showcasing fantastical hair designs came up as a way to draw people to a museum event that was fun, creative, theatrical, and unique. MMoCA fundraisers not only raise money; they also expose the museum to wider audiences. Many Hair Affair ticket-holders are longtime members and patrons of the museum, while others will be walking through its doors for the first time."

For participating stylists, Hair Affair offers a rare chance to go beyond the basics of a chic-but-practical haircut. As Anthony Santini from Hybrid Salon explains, "For a creative stylist, an out-of-the-box artistic experience is a thrill. Hair Affair makes this happen."

All proceeds raised through Hair Affair support

the museum's free, world-class exhibitions, as well as its lectures and gallery talks, films, tours, and extensive programming for children across Dane County.

Tickets are available now at [mmoca.org](http://mmoca.org) or by calling 608.257.0158. Fairytale tickets (general admission) are \$50; Fantasy tickets are \$100 and include exclusive seating, pre-show wait service, and a treat-filled gift bag.

To date, generous support for Hair Affair 2011 has been provided by The Century House; Dean Clinic-The Aesthetic Surgery Center; Goodman's Jewelers; Think Ink and Design; and *Brava Magazine*.

Hours at the Madison Museum of Contemporary Art are Tuesday-Thursday (noon-5 pm); Friday (noon-8 pm); Saturday (10 am-8 pm); and Sunday (noon-5 pm). The museum is closed on Mondays.

Admission to exhibitions at the Madison Museum of Contemporary Art is free of charge. MMoCA is supported through memberships and through generous contributions and grants from individuals, corporations, agencies, and foundations. Important support is also generated through volunteer group programs; special events; rental of the museum's lobby, lecture hall, and rooftop garden; and sales through the Museum Store. ❖

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ter each screening for a panel discussion with community based organizations and guest speakers.

### **Bhutto**

by Duane Baughman

April 16, 1 p.m.

An intimate look at one of the most fascinating and important world leaders of our time, Benazir Bhutto. As the first woman to lead an Islamic nation, the former Pakistani Prime Minister's life story unfolds like a tale of Shakespearean dimensions.

### **Welcome to Shelbyville**

by Kim Snyder

May 21, 1 p.m.

On the eve of the 2008 election, the town of Shelbyville, Tennessee finds itself embroiled in a struggle to come to terms with a new wave of immigrants and grappling with what it means to be American.



## Is Money Tight?

by Michelle Kramer

**Call the FoodShare Helpline at 1-877-FOOD-635.**

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# Neighbors

by President Adam Plotkin

I want to share with you the news that, in conjunction with the Majestic Theater, Capitol Neighborhoods will be sponsoring the Mifflin Street Block Party, scheduled for Saturday, April 30, 2011.

This was a decision that was strongly supported by the Executive Council after an in-depth analysis by an ad-hoc committee. In the end, we determined that CNI's sponsorship offered several benefits to the Mifflin Street area and our organization.

First, by having formal sponsorship, we are able to directly influence the future of this event with long ties in the Mifflin West District and be able to ensure the continued provision of live entertainment. The origins and meaning of the Mifflin Street Block Party are part of what makes Madison, Madison. With the long term vision of residents who live in the neighborhood, we hope to preserve the origins of the Party.

Second, CNI will have the opportunity to host an event that, similar to others in and around downtown, provides an opportunity for neighbors and other with an interest to get together. By getting involved with an event that appeals to so many student-neighbors, we have the opportunity to connect with a sizable portion of our populations in a meaningful, and hopefully permanent, way.

While there were, of course, potential concerns arising from this opportunity, it was determined that ultimately the rewards will outweigh the risks. We have committed to hosting this event for 2011 only at this point. In May we will examine the practical impact the event had on our organization and our neighborhood.

We are confident in our partnership with the Majestic owners, Matt Gerding and Scott Leslie, who have earned our trust in working with the neighborhood in making the Majestic a popular and well run establishment in the First Settlement District. With Alder Verveer's sponsorship and coordination we are confident that we are making as well informed a decision as possible. ❖

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# Capitol Neighborhoods Geranium and Impatiens Sale

by Jonathan D. Cooper

It looks like spring is finally making its appearance in Madison, and with it comes CNI's third annual Geranium Sale. This year's sale features sun-loving geraniums, as in past years, as well as impatiens for those shady spots in your yard or on your porch, patio or balcony. Both will provide a dash of color to your outdoor spaces.

Pre-orders for geraniums and impatiens are now being taken and will be accepted through May 7. An order form is printed in this issue of Downtown Dialogue for your convenience, (page 14). Please drop off or mail your completed order, with payment, to Marsden's State Farm—Capitol Square Office, 14 N. Carroll St., Madison, WI 53703.

Pre-orders will be available for pick-up the day of the sale, Saturday, May 14, 9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m., at the Madison Senior Center, 330 W. Mifflin St. Additional plants, including coleus and trailing wave petunias will be available for purchase the day of the sale.

Volunteers are also needed to help with the day of sale activities. If you're interested in lending a hand, please email Jonathan Cooper at [jonathan.cooper@wisconsinhistory.org](mailto:jonathan.cooper@wisconsinhistory.org). ❖

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## HospiceCare Inc. to Offer Question-Answer Seminar "Caring for Someone with Alzheimer's Disease or Dementia

by Carrie Glantz

On Tuesday, May 10, from 6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m., HospiceCare Inc. will offer "Caring for Someone with Alzheimer's Disease or Dementia." Participants will learn about a dementia patient's changing needs, as well as approaches and communication techniques for caregivers to use as memory-loss diseases progress. Local support and tools that are available for caregivers of people with Alzheimer's Disease or dementia will be discussed. This free presentation will be held at the Don & Marilyn Anderson HospiceCare Center, 5395 E. Cheryl Parkway, Madison. Pre-registration is requested. Please call Carrie Glantz, HospiceCare public affairs, at (608) 327-0720 ❖

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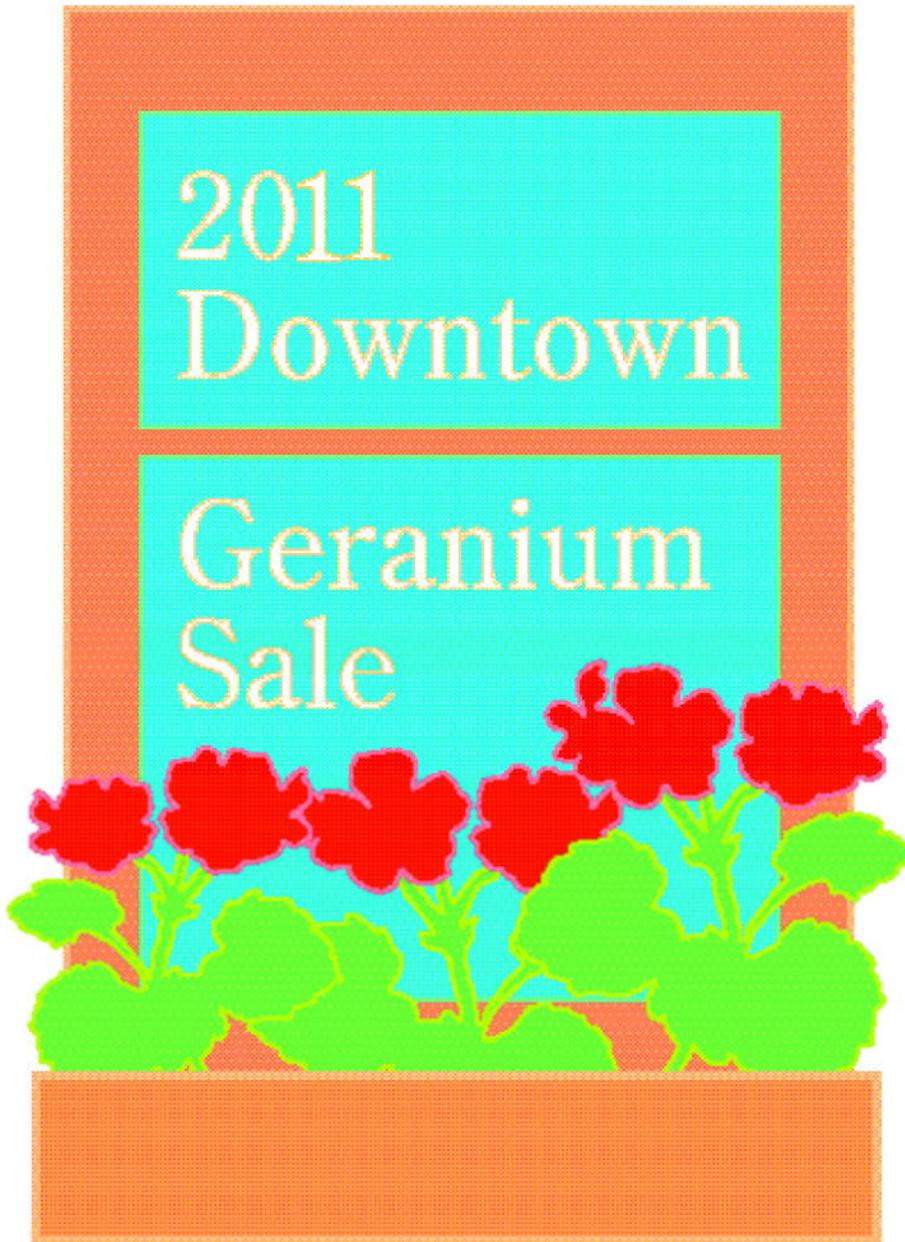
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- Pink
- Orange
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- Lavender

Total amount enclosed: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

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Hours: Monday - Friday 9:00 am - 7:00 pm, Saturdays 9:00 am - 3:00 pm

**Other offerings available day of sale**

Coleus • Wave petunias

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**PLEASE KEEP THIS PORTION OF FORM FOR YOUR RECORDS**

No. of plants ordered: \_\_\_\_\_ Geraniums Color(s) ordered: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Impatiens Color(s) ordered: \_\_\_\_\_

Total: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Plants must be picked up on Saturday May 14, 9:00 am - 2:00 pm**

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# View From The Twelfth Floor

By Lynn Phelps

I can see about a fourth of the square from my 12<sup>th</sup> floor apartment at Capitol Lakes Retirement Center. That includes all of Main Street. These past few weeks have been astounding. From taxi cabs circling the outer loop to thousands of signs of various persuasions to old folks, young folks and all in between, I was able to witness a new side of our city.



I actually joined the crowd on several occasions to march with my daughters and grandsons. I must admit, the protestors numbering in the tens of thousands, created quite a stir in rather staid old Madison. Did I say "staid"? I guess the old place isn't so staid after all, what with Saturday's Farmers' Market, about to start again, cows on the Concourse, various parades, runs, iron man and marathon races, and a frequent bagpiper in front of Brocach's Irish Pub. There is everything from a small animal boutique to the ubiquitous Walgreens.

Whatever your leanings regarding the protests, it was a new experience for me, having lived in Madison for only 38 years, and having missed the Vietnam War activities, which I would assume the protests were of a

similar nature, although more violent from all accounts.

I was impressed with the civility of the marchers this time and the lack of arrests. I was also impressed with Mr. Tubbs, the head of the Capitol Police, for his restraint in urging the "sitters" to leave the Capitol Rotunda. There is a lot for Madison to be proud of in this entire affair.

I would have wished for more inclusiveness and less divisiveness on the part of the governor and legislature. It will take a long time for the animosity that was exhibited to be reconciled. Thanks to the many groups who participated in bringing some very important questions about the nature of our fair state to the fore. Hopefully, we can all learn from the experience and go "Forward" on a better footing than previously.

Whether we really wanted to be exhibited on national and even international media for the various shenanigans that are still being perpetrated in the name of democracy or not is a question. Let's hope that the entire affair will turn out to be for the best for the state. It certainly was interesting from the 12<sup>th</sup> floor.



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**Thursday, April 28, 2011**

**5:00 pm to 6:00 pm: The Cardinal Bar, 418 E. Wilson St.**

**6:00 pm to 7:30 pm: Open House at Hostel Intl. - Madison, 141 S. Butler St.**

**We will start at the Cardinal Bar with an**

**informational presentation about hostels in general, and about our own Hostel International-Madison. The Madison hostel hosts will present information about the organization here in the US, as well as worldwide, and their partnership programs. Come enjoy a glimpse of world culture, right in your own backyard. Following the presentation at the Cardinal bar, join us as we walk over to the Madison Hostel for an Open House and ice cream social.**



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