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# WEEKENDER



As its largest ever exhibit opens, is the Elvehjem Museum of Art's place in the city's cultural life on the wax or wane?

## Questions on DISPLAY

The Elvehjem Museum of Art looms fortress-like on University Avenue. Down at the other end of State Street, the Madison Art Center is neatly tucked inside the Civic Center.

The two museums are vital cultural complements for this city — its major outlets for contemporary and 20th century art.

But are Madison's two leading visual arts institutions headed in different directions?

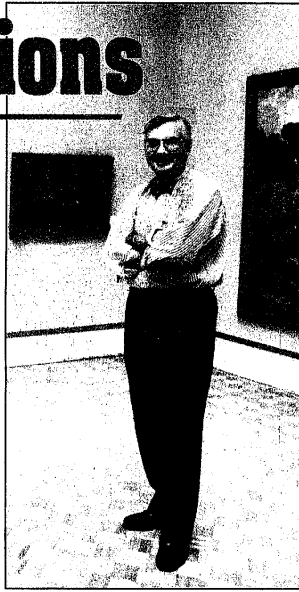
The Elvehjem's strong public profile has been weakened substantially in recent years. In fact, in a new Dane County Arts Survey, the museum is characterized as the city's best-kept cultural secret.

So what are the best, and the worst, of its secrets?

Beneath the polished surfaces of impressive exhibits and collections are patterns of declining attendance, internal strife and staff turnover, and recent questions about its operations and place in the University of Wisconsin-Madison and state community.

The Madison Art Center, by contrast, has taken root in the city's culture and is flourishing. In an age when many arts institutions struggle to maintain support, the Art Center has had three years of rising attendance and a growing track record of diverse and stimulating exhibits, education.

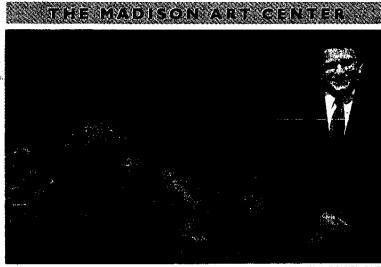
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Most observers agree Elvehjem Director Russell Panczko (above) is a forceful, knowledgeable leader. His position allows him great autonomy but little accountability.

## Playing it savvy not safe



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Art installations in the popular peek-from-State-Street gallery at the Madison Art Center can be hit or miss but they're one way Director Stephen Fleischman (above) has kept the museum lively.

The Madison Art Center facade sits at a stylish angle in the lobby of the Civic Center, luring visitors with its snazzy gift shop and quick-access galleries. The deeper people go into the center, the more they seem to get out of it, and the more the Art Center gets back.

As it prepares for its upcoming Triennial survey of current Wisconsin art, the Art Center enjoys financial stability and strong community support — a sharp contrast to the diminishing profile of the Elvehjem Museum of Art.

One of the unique things about Madison is that a city this size has

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BY KEVIN LYNCH THE CAPITAL TIMES

## Sierra Club rekindles Terrace fight

By Joe Schoenmann

The Capital Times

The Sierra Club's effort to block the Monona Terrace convention center project is shocking some city officials who hadn't heard much from the group.

The organization is planning to distribute 1,000 "Don't Pave the Lake" bumper stickers and to step up opposition to the center. In March, the club took a stand against the convention center that escaped most public attention.

What has surprised city politicians is that the club has decided so late in the game to actively campaign against the center.

Last fall, only Caryl Terrell, a Sierra Club environmental policy consultant and lobbyist, spoke up. She personally favored the center. She sat on a city committee designed to raise questions and environmental issues for center consultants.

Terrell's support sparked a minor controversy when it was later used in a newspaper advertisement paid for by It's Right for Wisconsin.

But other Sierra Club members, who had the chance to speak out strongly against the project after the release of a draft environmental impact statement, remained mute.

Alfred Matano, Sierra Club-Four Lakes Group chairman, said the difference now is that he and a few new Sierra Club members recently moved to Madison.

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## Clinton health plan to expand typical coverage

By Dana Priest

Washington Post

WASHINGTON — President Clinton will propose a standard health benefits package for all Americans that is as comprehensive as those most corporate employees have today and includes coverage of most conventional medical procedures and care, from pregnancy-related services to hospice care.

This "standard package," which under Clinton's health care reform plan would become the mandatory minimum coverage that all health plans would be required to provide, includes a significant expansion in mental health benefits and drug and alcohol abuse treatment coverage over what most Americans now have.

It also provides coverage for regular preventive exams, including routine childhood immunizations and lead tests, cholesterol screening, mammograms and pelvic exams to detect cervical cancer, according to a detailed White House document describing the package.

Long-term care coverage extends to 100 days per year. Dental coverage is limited to non-emergency dental care for children and emergency dental coverage for adults, although the plan envisions that adult dental coverage would be phased in by the year 2000. Children would be covered for eyeglasses and routine eye and ear exams; adults would not.

In the areas of mental health and long-term care, Clinton opted for a more modest approach than some of his high-ranking advisers wanted. Tipper Gore, for example, argued that mental health benefits should be as broad as those for physical illnesses. But in general, the plan appears to satisfy Clinton's campaign promise that the package should be comprehensive with an emphasis on primary and preventive care.

The standard benefit package is a key element in Clinton's overall health reform plan, which he is scheduled to announce later this month. Under the terms of the program, which would have to be enacted by Congress to become law, the standard package would determine not only the minimum level of care, but how much consumers would have to pay out of pocket — or with the help of their employers — to buy additional benefits.

According to the administration proposal, competing health care plans could include extra benefits as a way to attract customers. Prices could vary between competing plans in a given region, but plans would not be allowed to charge different prices for the same standard benefits, except for some permitted variation in charges for the elderly who use more medical services.

Currently the health insurance policies that most people get through their employers vary extensively, both in the range of services offered and in the amount of out-of-pocket costs to employers and their families. Some policies exclude coverage of services for pre-existing illnesses, a practice that would be abolished under the administration plan.

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