

Mad City snapshots

BITS AND PIECES FROM AROUND TOWN

Another title for your reading list comes from The University of Wisconsin Press, which is issuing *Folklore Fights the Nazis: Humor in Occupied Norway, 1940-1945* for the first time in paperback (\$17.95). One may not think of occupied Norway as a very jolly place, but apparently a rich range of humor was used as a collective and often subversive survival mechanism, according to author **Kathleen Stokker**, a professor of Norwegian at Luther College in Decorah, Iowa. To wit: A little boy sat on a sidewalk playing with some kittens. A German officer comes along and asks, "Are those kittens you're playing with?" "No, they're Nazis," the boy says. Three weeks later, the same officer sees the boy playing with the kittens. "Are you still playing with those Nazis?" the officer asks. "No, they're not Nazis anymore; now their eyes are open," the boy answers ...

Don't like coffee? Feeling like an outsider in this land of coffeehouses? Now **Ancora Coffee Roasters** has an "anti-coffee," a hot, light beverage with a caffeine kick entitled "Cafe Bianco" (white coffee). It is smooth and nutty, promise its makers—with none of that awful coffee taste ... You can acquaint yourself with Madison's art galleries and museums on **Gallery Night, May 9**, an "open house" for the city's art world. State Street and Monroe Street, with their many art showplaces, are the main drags for this event, but a trip to the **Spaightwood Galleries** on Spaight Street is well worth the detour. Most participating places will be open until 9 p.m., and a number of them will offer something to nosh on ... **If you love a massage**, there's good news for you. A new massage school is opening

in Madison, and bills itself as the first to be owned and operated by nationally certified massage therapists. **The SpiriTouch Institute** offers a 650-hour massage therapy program which includes forms of massage you have possibly never heard of. For more information, call 236-9042 ... **Historic Preservation Week** runs from May 11-17. It starts off on May 10 with a reception and tour at the home of Madison

resident **Lawrence Jacobsen**, who has an extensive collection of **Arts & Crafts furnishings**. The evening costs \$35, and is a fund-raiser for the Madison Trust for Historic Preservation. The First Settlement neighborhood, directly east of the Square, will hold a **benefit flea market** for historic preservation on May 18 from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. on the shore of Lake Monona, directly across from the Essen Haus. Call 255-7276 for more information about



Auracle, by Andre Ferrella

these and other Preservation Week events ... May is the last month to get a peek at a photography exhibit featuring the work of **Andre Ferrella**, who specializes in "living mold pictures." These are not merely pictures of mold, but of mold interacting with photo negatives to form what Ferrella calls "miniature ecosystems." "I place negatives into a brewing system of water, mold, bacteria and dirt, and allow them to mutate over time," the artist says, describing one of his techniques. The resulting prints are brightly colored, textured images that often resemble shots from the Hubble. The exhibit, fresh from a showing at Amerika Haus in Frankfurt, Germany, can be seen through May 30 at Promega's BioPharmaceutical Technology Center, 5455 East Cheryl Parkway. Call 277-2502 for further information.