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Climb to a Madison rooftop for a change of perspective.

Madison Children's Museum

THE VIEW: Check out Dane County Farmers' Market activity on the Capitol Square on Saturday mornings, and enjoy the museum's Rooftop Ramble through gardens, a greenhouse, solar oven and sculptures.

SPECIAL ATTRACTION: Resident chickens and homing pigeons.

FAST FACT: The fifth-floor roof stays open all year. The museum ranks as one of the 10 best for children in the nation. madisonchildrensmuseum.org

Paisan's Italian Restaurant

THE VIEW: Watch the sun set from the rooftop patio overlooking Lake Monona and the Frank Lloyd Wright-designed Monona Terrace.

SPECIAL ATTRACTION: Paisan's Porta Salad, featuring thinly chopped ham, salami, cheeses and garbanzo beans.

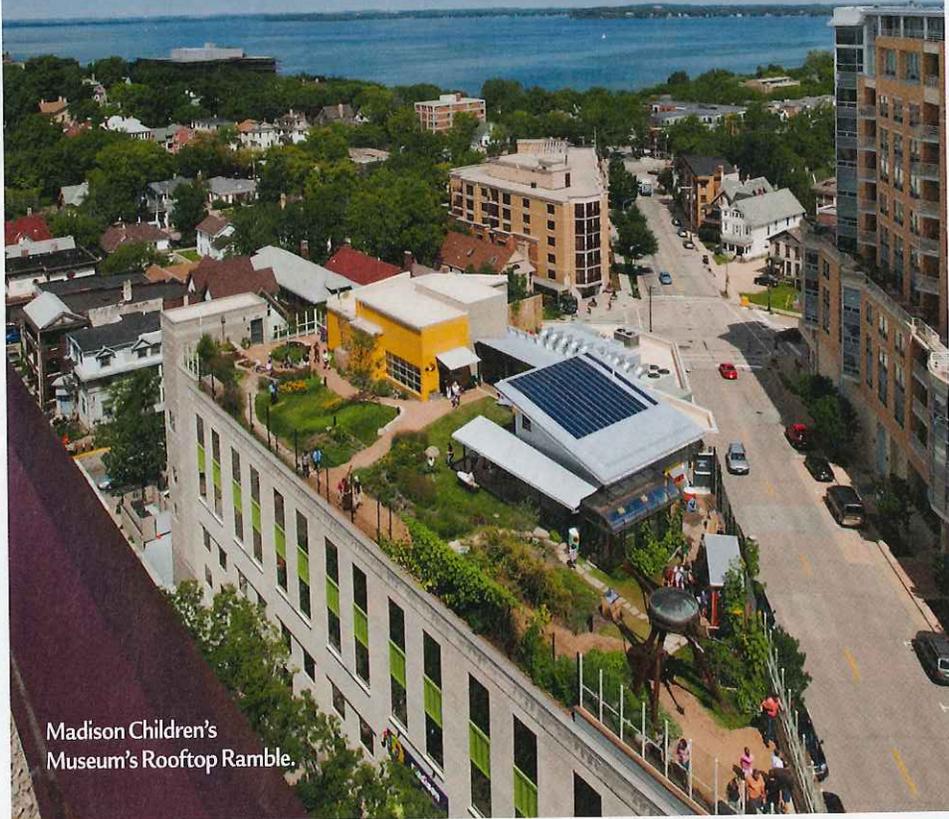
FAST FACT: Paisan's opened in 1950, and its owners also run the romantic Porta Bella, off State Street. paisansrestaurant.biz

Rooftop Bar & Bistro

THE VIEW: Head up to the roof after a late matinee at the Sundance Cinemas, a Robert Redford enterprise that favors independently produced, fine arts films.

SPECIAL ATTRACTION: Match jalapeno-crab dip or grilled veggie wrap with a Spotted Cow, Capital Amber or something else that's cool and frosty.

FAST FACT: The popcorn is organic (with real butter!). sundancecinemas.com



Madison Children's Museum's Rooftop Ramble.



Go, Speed Racer, Go!

Race enthusiasts hit the track in Elkhart Lake.

Feel the need for speed? Road America, one of the fastest permanent road-racing circuits in the world, hosts races and classes throughout the summer.

Enthusiasts camp on-site for events like the **Chicago Region SCCA June Sprints** (June 21-23) and **NASCAR Nationwide/ GRAND-AM Rolex series** (June 21-24) races. Those in the know watch races at Turn 5, which has a hard left and tests a driver's ability to keep his car on the track, or a wooded straightaway between Turn 11 and 12, known as "the kink," the fastest stretch on the four-mile, 14-turn course.

If you have a taste for speed, check out the Skip Barber Racing School for one-, two- and three-day workshops. Novices get classroom instruction before settling in behind the wheel for an adrenaline rush around the track.

If a slower pace suits you, watch more than 100 vintage, race-ready and rare street-licensed sports cars rumble through downtown for the July 12 **Concours d'Elegance**. It's a prelude to one of the largest vintage racecar events in America, **The Hawk with Brian Redman**, July 12-15. roadamerica.com

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