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MERGE

CHICAGO'S NOT FOR TOURISTS

When I first moved to Chicago the **Not For Tourists** map and cityguide helped me to quickly understand the neighborhood divisions, where the El passed through them, what kind of amenities were contained within them, and the general vibe of each 'hood-- it was like Cliffs Notes for living in Chicago! Turns out the folks at NFT have been busy: last week they released **their 2006 Chicago guide**, relaunched **their website**, put up all of their maps as **free PDF downloads**, and are throwing a **free launch party** at the Darkroom. Don't say they never gave you anything.

- CRAIG | 20.09.05 ~ RESOURCES

CITY OF GOLD

Tom Skilling's blog has a **great photo** taken of the Chicago skyline last night, as the sun set and the buildings downtown reflected a beautiful gold color. This can only happen around the equinoxes each year, as the sun hits just the right angle and the weather (hopefully) clears at dusk around the **Fermilab** in Batavia, where this shot was captured. You can hopefully get your own view of the city in gold this week, and try to **balance those eggs** on Thursday, when **autumn** officially begins.

- ANNE | 20.09.05 ~ OUTDOORS/ENVIRONMENT

FAREWELL, FIELD'S

News flash from the Tribune: **all Marshall Field's stores to be renamed to Macy's in the fall of 2006**. Start collecting your Field's memorabilia now. (Want to complain? Our friends at Chicagoist have thoughtfully provided **the mailing address for the CEO of Federated Department Stores**, the conglomerate that currently owns Field's.)

- JIM | 20.09.05 ~ BUSINESS/SHOPPING

I'LL HAVE THE POACHED SALMON AND A SIDE OF MERCURY, PLEASE

In yet another "win" for Chicago and Lake Michigan in general, the **NOAA** has released a report which concludes that Lake Michigan receives more mercury pollution than any of the four other Great Lakes. **The report, sponsored by Rep. Mark Kirk, R-III**, has yet to be signed off on by the EPA but this bit of info is cause for concern.

- KEVIN | 20.09.05 ~ OUTDOORS/ENVIRONMENT

WHAT WOULD I DO WITHOUT BLOGS?

Seriously. I've begun to turn to blogs to get more and more information that I know I'm not going to find in traditional media. For example, the **Chicago Foundation for Women** had a **Symposium** yesterday titled "Speaking So They Can Hear Us," which was all about getting feminist voices in the

REARVIEW



by **Phineas X. Jones**
» **In the Rearview photolog**

TRANSMISSION

New Black

▼ **Nothing Scares Us/Big Haus**

Time Attack (2005)

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SLOWDOWN

TUESDAY, 20 SEP.

Fall Into Theater

Diva Dating @ T's

WEDNESDAY, 21 SEP.

Adventures in Modern Music @ Empty Bottle

Acid Mothers Temple free concert @ UofC

Jake Shimabukuro @ Borders

Win a Date with Joe & Mandy

Estrojam Opening Party

THURSDAY, 22 SEP.

Jake Shimabukuro @ Chicago Cultural Center

Bar-AIDS 2005

Flatpak House presentation and reception at Design Within Reach (North Ave)

Robert Pinsky @ Harold Washington Library

Structure First: A Textile Eye

Rock for Kids Music Mixer

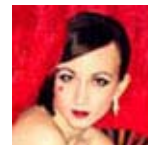
Alan Alda @ Borders

FUEL

How upset will you be when Marshall Field's becomes a Macy's? Should Federated reconsider?

Your thoughts? : 37 have left their mark

DETOUR



SWEET HOME CHICAGO

THE ASS THAT GOES POW: MICHELLE "TOOTS" L'AMOUR

by **Shylo Bisnett**

Shylo profiles the grande dame of Chicago's neo-burlesque

scene.

» **To the archive** ▽ **Last month's exhibition**

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AIRBAGS

ONE GOOD MEAL

Homemade Mac & Cheese and an Impressive Vinaigrette
by **Cinnamon Cooper**
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FORK IT OVER

The Sideways Question
by **Christine Blumer**
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OLD STYLE

Antique Questions From GB Readers
by **Ron Slattery**
» **Archive**

PUBLIC NOTICE

They're Right After the Obits
by **Shylo Bisnett**
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CUBS AND SOX IN FIVE

Signs of Hope, Stink of Choke and Hustling for

media. Right up my alley, right? Unfortunately the day job got in the way of me going. So today I go to [Google News](#) and find nothing. So I turn to my bookmarks, and find [Roni's notes](#). With lots of pertinent links. Thanks, Roni!

- CINNAMON | 20.09.05 ~ [FOUND ON THE WEB](#)

BRAZIL SAVES THE DAY!

Because of [visa issues](#), flamenco artists Mártires del Compás have had to cancel their [World Music Festival](#) shows tonight and tomorrow. While unfortunate, their replacements are exciting for Brazilian music fans. [Seu Jorge](#), best known for his Bowie covers in *The Life Aquatic*, is playing the Empty Bottle tonight after putting on a great show at the Logan Square Auditorium on Sunday. Tomorrow's HotHouse show will feature guitarist [Badi Assad](#). Tickets for the Empty Bottle show are available at their [website](#) or through TicketWeb at 866-438-3401; for the HotHouse show, call 312-362-9707, ext. 209.

- LEAH | 20.09.05 ~ [MUSIC/CLUBS](#)

THREE LOCAL FELLOWS

The 2005 [MacArthur Fellows](#) have been announced, and three of the 25 are from [Chicago](#). Steven Goodman, Kevin M. Murphy, and Olufunmilayo Olopade will all receive \$500,000 over the next five years, no strings attached. The complete list of Fellows is [here](#).

- JES | 20.09.05 ~ [IN THE NEWS](#)

BURN THE STREETS

Yesterday we mentioned the new [Chicago Street Art group pool](#) on Flickr. But, [Burn the Streets](#) is Chicago's original [street art forum](#). Check out [dozens of photos](#) of stickers and other works posted by local street artists and fans of street art.

- ALICE | 20.09.05 ~ [CITY LIFE/CULTURAL](#)

FEMA HIRING IN CHICAGO

Wow, talk about job creation: Apparently FEMA is hiring in Chicago to staff a call-center to help with the utter deluge of calls they've been getting post-Katrina. Word on the street is that recruiting agency [AppleOne](#) is handling the hiring. [One person's already got the job](#) and has some questions about how it might help. Or not.

- BRIAN | 19.09.05 ~ [IN THE NEWS](#)

SADLY, NO "DALEY DAISY PINK"

If you're the sort of person who wants your nails to match your geographical location, [OPI](#) can help. Last month, the company launched its new [Chicago Collection](#) of nail and lip colors, including red-brown "Mrs. O'Leary's BBQ" and "Skinny Dip'n in Lake Michg'n" (shockingly not icy blue, but a shimmery nude). You should be able to find these at most nail salons, including [Nail Bar](#), which held the world premiere of the collection.

- LEAH | 19.09.05 ~ [OFFBEAT/MISC. EVENTS](#)

» *Above are the last 10 entries. See all of today's entries [here](#) or below for entries prior:*

- 19/09: [Avec Sanglier Avec Pappardelle](#)
- 19/09: [Street Art, Chicago-Style](#)
- 19/09: [Notable Theater - Corpus Delicti](#)

Estrojam

Miss Alex White/M.O.T.O. free @ UofC

FRIDAY, 23 SEP.

Girlie-Q Variety Hour

Gen Art Shop Chicago

Aloft Aerial Dance "Rolling Blackouts"

Ephemera: Zine & DIY Event

Opening: Random Acts of Silly

Estrojam

The National @ Schubas

SATURDAY, 24 SEP.

Early to Bed Fourth Anniversary Party

Canoe Trip: Fall Colors

Flashback Weekend HorrorFest

Aloft Aerial Dance "Rolling Blackouts"

Lonely Planet festival @ Park West

Urban, Rural, Wild Seed Collection Walk

Renegade Craft Fair @ Wicker Park

Estrojam

Sustainable Convergence '05

SUNDAY, 25 SEP.

Benefit screening of "Walk The Line" @ Film Center

Aloft Aerial Dance "Rolling Blackouts"

John Cage's Musicircus @ MCA

Four Tet @ Empty Bottle

Renegade Craft Fair @ Wicker Park

826CHI Security Deposit Benefit

EarthSave Chicago potluck

MONDAY, 26 SEP.

Hershey Felder at the Harold Washington Library Center

Candace Bushnell @ Borders

Glasscuts: Philip Glass Remixed

Dough + Sockless Sox Scare Some South-Side Supporters

by Jeff Webber & Steve Gozdecki

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STEVE AT THE MOVIES

Lord of War, Just Like Heaven, The Think About My Folks, Garçon Stupide, Elevator to the Gallows & Cote D'Azur

by Steve Prokopy

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ASK THE LIBRARIAN

... is on vacation.

by Alice Maggio

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REVENGE OF THE SECOND CITY

Get Hustled ...A Little

by Ramsin Canon

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