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THE POLK-OBAMA RIDE

1/30/09

A TOUR OF NORTH SIDE OBAMA LANDMARKS

- ① CHASE BANK BLDG., 10 S. DEA. BARACK MEETS MICHELLE WHILE INTERNING @ SIDLEY+ AUSTIN IN '89
- ② THREE FIRST PLAZA, 70 W. MAD. OBAMA'S SUMMER JOB W/ HOPKINS & SUTTER IN 1990
- ③ OBAMA CAMPAIGN HQ, 233 N. MIC
- ④ TOPOLOBAMPO, 445 N. CLARK RICK BAYLESS' FANCY MEXICAN RESTAURANT WHERE THE OBAMAS CELEBRATED THEIR ANNIVERSARY THIS YEAR
- ⑤ LAW OFFICES OF MINER, BARNHILL + GALLAND, 14 W. ERIE. AFTER GRADUATING HARVARD LAW IN 1991 BARACK WORKED AT THIS TINY, LIBERAL, POWERFUL FIRM
- ⑥ ROY'S, 720 N. STATE HAWAIIAN FUSION RESTAURANT IN HONOR OF OBAMA'S BIRTHPLACE
- ⑦ SPIAGGIA, 980 N. MICHIGAN HIGH-END ITALIAN PLACE WHERE THE OBAMA'S CELEBRATE THE ELECTION. HE LIKES THE WOOD-ROASTED SCALLOPS.
- ⑧ ALOHA EATS, 2534 N. CLARK SERVES HAWAIIAN LUNCH PLATES. TRY THE SPAM SUSHI.
- ⑨ MISS ASIA, 434 W. DIVERSEY OBAMA SPENT PART OF HIS CHILDHOOD IN INDONESIA. THIS PLACE SERVES INDONESIAN GADO-GADO (TOFU SALAD) & REDANG (CURRIED BEEF)
- ⑩ WRIGLEY FIELD, HOME OF THE CUBS, ARCH-ENEMIES OF OBAMA'S BELOVED SOX.
- ⑪ LINCOLN SQ. LANES, 4874 N LINCOLN ROCK OUT TO THE POLKAHOICS & CELEBRATE THE LEGACY OF OUR 16TH PRESIDENT BY BOWLING ON LANES DECORATED W/ OLD ABE'S IMAGE.

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11TH PRESIDENT JAMES K. POLK



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CRAFT PARTY WEEKEND

Sat. Jan. 31 & Sun. Feb. 1 from 2 p.m. - 8 p.m.

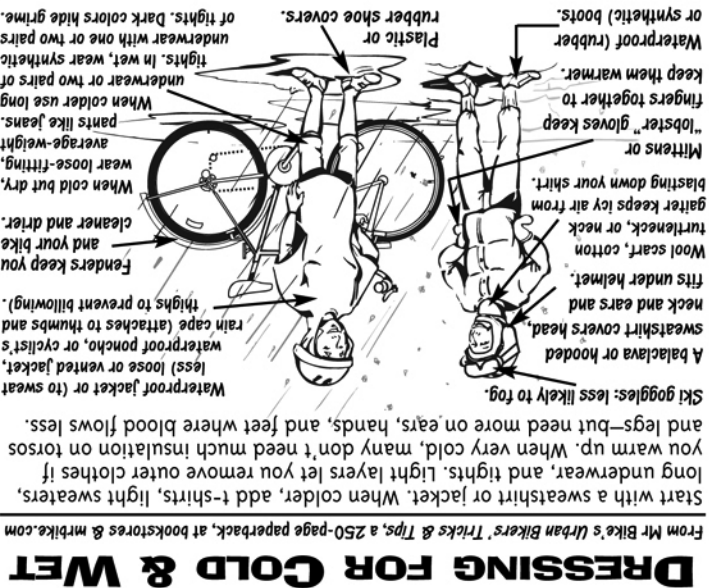
We have plenty of supplies, even a 1" button maker, but we need clothes, bags, hats, cloth, and paper to print on.

The rule is to bring one item for yourself and another to donate to the show. If you have your own designs that you would like to produce, please be prepared to bring your own supplies.



Get crafty with us on Saturday, January 31 and Sunday, February 1 from 2-8 p.m. at Studio 350, Flatiron Arts Building (1579 N. Milwaukee Ave.) Contact: Steven Lane thestevenlane@gmail.com

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Polka Ride Preview (01.29.09):

The most eagerly anticipated Chicago Critical Mass ride of the year is upon us: the 9th Annual January Polka Ride! The tradition

began back in January 2000 with a ride to the old Baby Doll Polka Club near Midway Airport. The Polka Ride has steadily grown over the years, with 45 cyclists pedaling to the Baby Doll in 2000, and now typically draws hundreds of riders. After the Baby Doll closed a few years ago, the ride has found a new home at Lincoln Lanes in Lincoln Square. Like all Chicago Critical Mass rides, the Polk-Obama Ride will meet at Delay Plaza (Dearborn & Washington) at 5:30 p.m. on the last Friday of the month. Routes are proposed and voted on by riders according to the simple rules of anarchy. A route will be proposed to Lincoln Lanes, at 4874 N. Lincoln Ave., where the Polkaholics will begin playing at 8 p.m.

From Da' Square Wheelman's blog (bicycle-diarist.blogspot.com/)

The band even performed a new song about Critical Mass. So we drank, we danced, we sang, and we bowled. Pirogi John even got into the spirit with his succulent bike attire.

This year it was up in my hood at the Lincoln Square Lanes, our local bowling alley. What could be better than music that's hot as a grilled kielbasa & crunchiness as a potato pancake?

It was also the quickest mass I've been on. Not because of the cold. Rather, our goal was to hook up with the Polkaholics. Each January we roll to wherever this punk polka band is playing.

It wasn't all that cold but cold enough to keep the presence of Chicago's Finest to a minimum. The two bike cops who started out with us peeled off after 30 minutes.



Polka Ride Past (01.31.08): Last Friday's mass in The Windy City got off to a chilly start with somewhere around 300 bikers.

Chicago Bike Winter Events



9th Annual Polka Ride!
Join hundreds of polka pedaling pals for this time-honored, beer-drenched, two-step tradition. We'll bike to one of Chicago's premier Polka clubs to dance to the Polkaholics! Daley

Plaza, Fri., Jan. 30, 2009, 5:30 p.m.

Irving Park Winter Bike Tour: We talk about the architecture and history of the area as we bike through it. Tours are free. Please wear a helmet and dress warm! We are hoping for snow and we ride no matter what! Meet at the south entrance of Horner Park at the intersection of Irving Park Rd. and California, Sat., Jan. 31, 2009, 1:00 p.m.

Chicago Critical Mass Photo Booth: Considering Critical Mass has been one of the largest social networks in Chicago for over a decade, we have more than enough photos and memories to cover the massive walls of Mercury Cafe. Do the local motion and ride with the Wicker Park Critical Mass to the show. (After Party at Castle Bikenstein!) Fri., Feb. 6, 2009, 6:00 p.m. (Visit

chicagocriticalmass.org/artshow for more Art Show events.)

First Full Moon Fiasco: The Full Moon Fiasco rolls every full moon regardless of the weather. This month we're meeting at the Gingerman at 8 and riding to the Twisted Spoke on Ogden at 9. Gingerman (3740 N. Clark), Mon., Feb. 9, 2009, 8 p.m.

Bike Winter Basics: Learn the basics of how to keep your bike running smoothly all season long! This is a great way to learn about your bike and become familiar with West Town Bikes. Bring a bike to work on. No prior knowledge needed! First come, first served with a comfortable work capacity of eight participants. West Town Bikes, 2418 W. North Ave. (enter through alley), Wed., Feb. 11, 2009, 7-10 p.m. & Wed., Feb. 25, 2009, 7-10 p.m.

Bike Winter Art Show Opening Night: The Bike Winter Art Show will feature cycling art, winter fashion, and a warm lounge atmosphere that invites all of our cycling brothers and sisters to take a break from the everyday routine and stop by the Flatiron Arts Building for a series of biketopian happenings. 1579 N. Milwaukee Ave., Fri., Feb. 13, 2009, 6 p.m. (Visit theflatironproject.com/bikewinterartshow/ for more Art Show events.)

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BIKE WINTER ART SHOW

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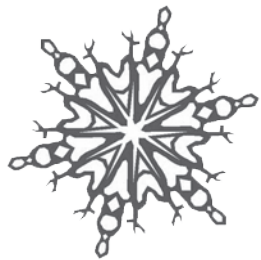
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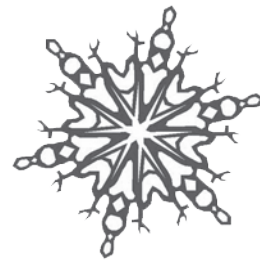
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FRI 27 CLOSING PARTY

THE FLATIRON ARTS BLDG. 1579 N. MILWAUKEE AVE. FEB 13-27



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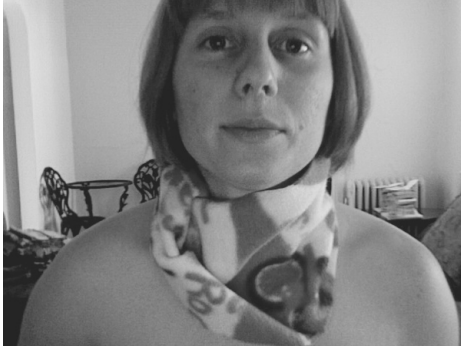
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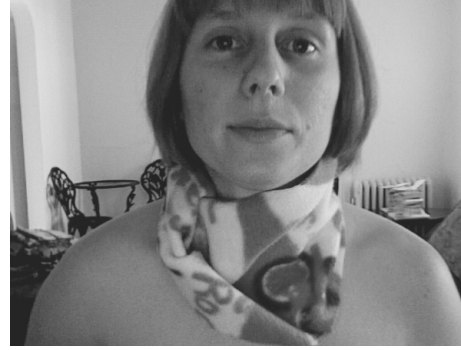
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This gaiter was made with love by willow naeco.

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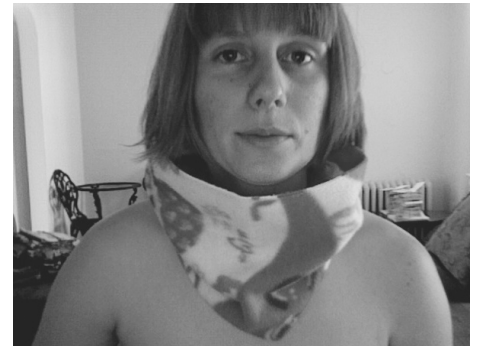


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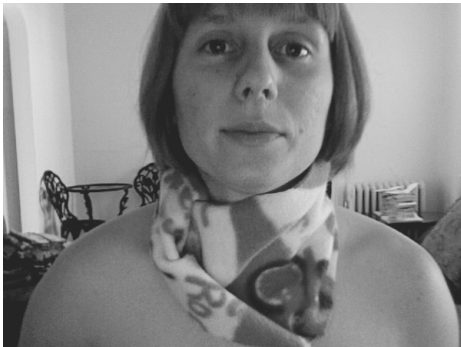
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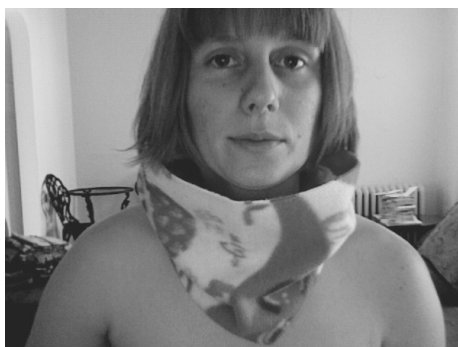


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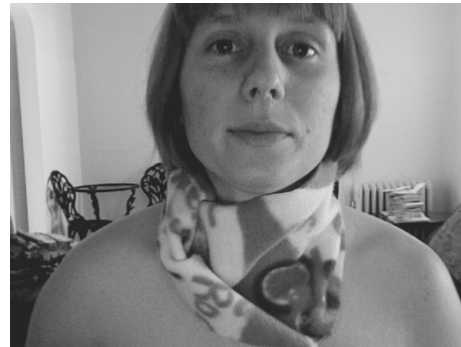
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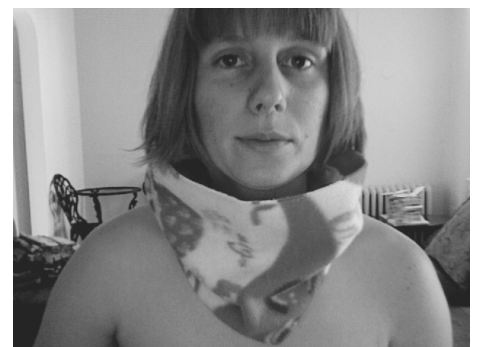


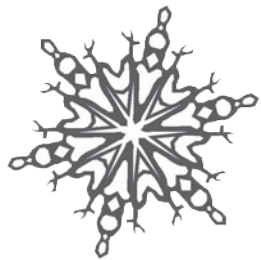
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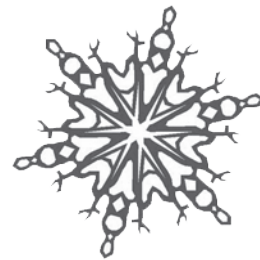
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