

The popular exhibit "Mary Cassatt, Modern Woman" puts a feminist cast on the only American in the

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Vital Statistics

POPULATION (1997 estimate)

City 2,657,618
Metro area 7,769,033

WEATHER IN NOVEMBER

High 47°
Low 34°
Days with rain or snow 10

HOTEL

Room for one with tax \$219.00

DINNER FOR ONE

With tax and tip but not drinks \$29.85

TAXI

Upon entry \$1.60
Each additional mile \$1.40
From the airport \$27.00

CAR RENTAL FOR A DAY

Midsized car with unlimited free mileage \$68.00

All figures except population and taxi fares are averages.

Sources: Runzheimer International, Chicago Convention and Tourism Bureau, Times Books World Weather Guide.

tact the Field, Roosevelt...
1200 South Lake Shore Drive, at (888) 474-7900 for motorcycle tickets. Open 9 A.M. to 5 P.M. daily, except Christmas and New Year's Day. Admission: \$7, \$4 children and seniors.

Sightseeing NY TIMES SUN 11/2

Home base for sightseeing is the Chicago Cultural Center, 77 East Randolph Street, (312) 346-3278. This 1897 neo-classical landmark has a visitor information center, neighborhood tours, photos of Chicago landmarks and the Museum of Broadcast Communications. Admission is free. Open daily except holidays; hours vary. Information is also available at (312) 744 2400 or on the Web at www.ci.chi.il.us/Tourism/.

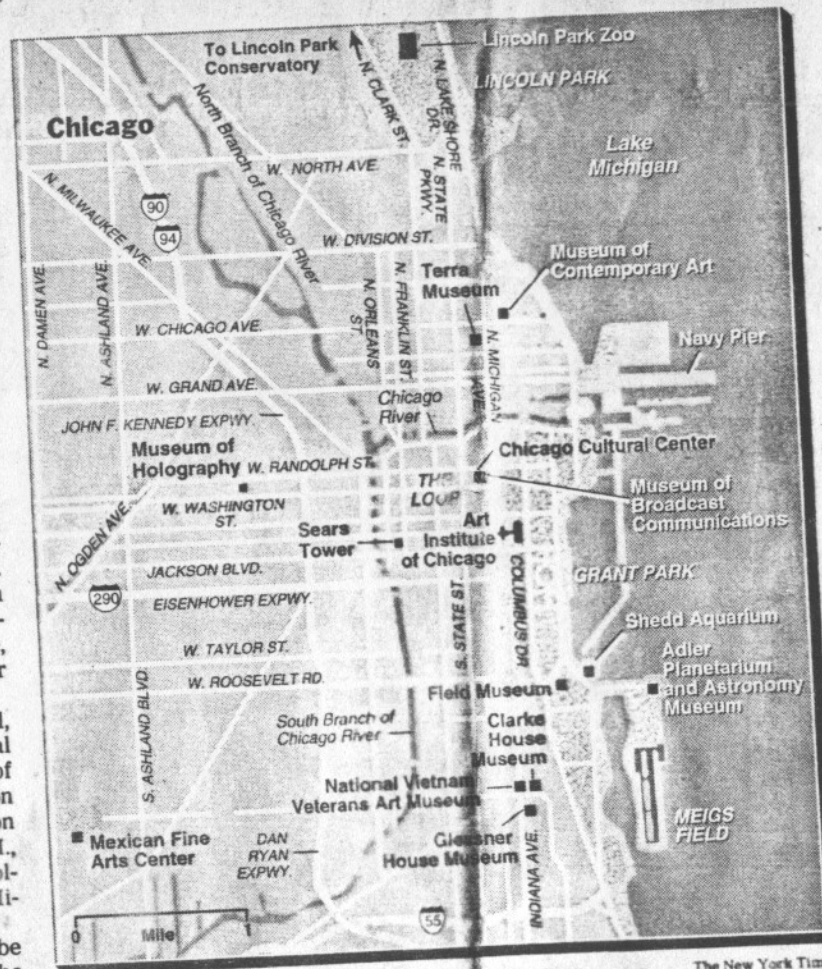
Have you been setting your personal goals for the millennium? Reading the right books? Having a mother-daughter moment? Then you're ready to head west on Randolph to watch a taping of Oprah Winfrey's show; (312) 591-9222 (persistence required); www.oprah.com. The emotions flow Tuesday through Thursday, at 9 A.M. and noon. Reservations must be made by telephone, and are scarce less than about four weeks in advance.

Just around the corner is a small, odd collection of three-dimensional laser photographs at the Museum of Holography, 1134 West Washington Boulevard, (312) 226-1007. Admission is \$2.50. Hours: 12:30 to 5 P.M., Wednesday through Sunday. The collection ranges from images of Michael Jordan to X-rays of tumors.

A powerful collection of art can be seen on the Near South Side, in the National Vietnam Veterans Art Mu-



Wilstach Collection, Philadelphia Museum of Art



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A total 14.9 percent lodging tax not included in the rates below.

The Hotel Allegro Chicago, 11 West Randolph Street, opened across from City Hall in March with 400 rooms and peppy colors — the comfortably furnished rooms are painted in pink-grapefruit tones. Touches include in-room CD players. The Allegro's gimmick: a trumpet player outside each morning at 9 A.M. Doubles cost \$165 to \$295; (800) 615-1500, fax (312) 236-0917.

Another March debutante was the Crowne Plaza Chicago — The Silver Smith, 10 South Wabash Avenue, the landmark 1897 Silversmith Building on Jeweler's Row in the Loop. 143 comfortable rooms, with French Lloyd Wright-inspired furnishings and soft green tones, have 11-foot ceilings. There's a fitness center and deli. Doubles: \$229; (312) 372-7320, fax (312) 372-7320.

Budget: The city's first newly built hotel in five years, the Hampton Inn and Suites, 33 West Illinois Street, opened its 230 rooms in April in the River North area, convenient to Merchandise Mart and Michigan Avenue shops. Rooms have taupe muted green accents, Wright-inspired furniture. \$99 to \$159, Continental breakfast; (312) 463-0330, fax (312) 832-0333.

Luxury: The Hotel Monaco Chicago, 225 North Wabash, opened Monday with 192 luxury rooms, wallpaper of pistachio and cream, and a French-Deco lobby bistro. A sister hotel to the Allegro, the Monaco has its own gimmick: goldfish as a pet for your stay. Daily rates of \$125 will include

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