



**CAT IN THE HAT**  
 Stay cool at  
**People Lounge with**  
**\$4 cocktails,**  
**\$2 PBRs and**  
**student flicks.**

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**TUE**  
**8/8**

**Cool down**

You beat the heat wave, now, take it down a notch (the temps, that is) during our **Metromix Cool Week**. Our pick: People Lounge hosts **Student Film Night**, a showcase of more than 10 shorts from Gus Gavino, Sean Fahey and other Columbia College students of past and present. \$2 PBR cans and \$4 cocktails keep the heat in check. 7 p.m. No cover. 1560 N. Milwaukee Ave. 773-742-2981.

**Feliz fiesta**

Who says you have to wait until the week-end to party? South Loop spot Zapatista gives Tuesday a boost with its **One Year Anniversary Party** and birthday tribute to Mexican revolutionary Emiliano Zapata. With complimentary cake, giveaways, a pinata and "Viva Zapata!" film screenings; a mariachi band and traditional dancers perform in the evening. Salud! 11:30 a.m. Prices vary. 1307 S. Wabash Ave. 312-435-1307.

**Rama drama**

The Silk Road Theatre Project's **In the Spirit of the Silk Road: Summer in Chicago 2006 Staged Reading Series**, showcases new Asian, Middle Eastern and Mediterranean-themed plays. See "Balacarita: The Adventures of Young Krishna," a classical Indian production about a boy who embodies the Hindu deity. A playwright discussion follows. 7 p.m. Free. Claudia Cassidy Theater, Chicago Cultural Center, 77 E. Randolph St., second floor. 312-857-1134.

**WED**  
**8/9**

**Kitten caboodle**

Kitten been mistaking your Kashi for cat litter? Paw your way to **Kitty Kindergarten**,

where WGN-AM 720's "Pet Central" host Steve Dale teaches you how to socialize and train your frisky feline. Only kittens 6 to 15 weeks are allowed—and don't forget a brush, leash, harness, health certificate and carrier. It's a lot to remember, yes, but lead by example and show your kitty you know how to follow instructions too. 6:30 p.m. \$15. Proceeds benefit the Tree House Animal Foundation. Registration required. Soggy Paws, 1148 W. Leland Ave. 773-784-5488, ext. 231.

**Ole for mole**

Chocolate isn't just for dessert; it's the main focus at Adobo Grill's **Oaxacan Mole Festival**. The weeklong celebration features special menu items and events throughout the week at both locations. Attend a cocktail reception in Old Town with chef Freddy Sanchez and special guest chef Ernestina Sosa Alavez. Includes Mezcal tequila cocktails and special mole small plates. 7 p.m. Prices vary; \$25 for cocktail reception. Reservations recommended. 1610 N. Wells St. 312-266-7999.

**THU**  
**8/10**

**Wine down**

We don't think the Bard would mind this saucy take on his classic, the **Midsummer Night's Party**, penned by Mrs. Murphy & Sons Irish Bistro. Plenty of wine is at the ready, including Owen Roe's Murphy's Law (a dry rose), Black Ridge (California chardonnay) and Tenuta Olim Bauda Moscato D'Asti. Also, nosh on appetizers like mini-Yorkshire puddings, crab cakes, barbecue lamb and wood-burning-oven-fired pizzas, along with mini-desserts. 6 p.m. \$25. 3905 N. Lincoln Ave. 773-248-3905.