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## NAVIGATING PARKING METERS

Thaddeus C. Budzynski



Chicago Parking Meters, LLC is replacing meters with parking boxes.

When planning on going somewhere, make sure that you carry a lot of quarters with you before you park your car. These days, parking will cost you a lot more in Chicago. To better understand parking meters and their costs, I met personally with public relations spokesperson, Ms. Avis Lavelle from A. Lavelle Consulting Services. A. Lavelle Consulting Services is a "full

service communications consultancy" that deals in public affairs and advocacy, public and media relations, media training, community relations, and crisis management.

According to Ms. Lavelle, 36,000 parking meters in Chicago were bought by Chicago Parking Meters, LLC (CPM). The private company will replace them with 30,000 pay boxes. LAZ Parking was

hired by CPM to run the operation. LAZ installs, operates, and maintains the parking meter equipment.

Also, according to Ms. Lavelle, when calling to report a problem with a parking box give your name, location and the I.D. number on the box. The reporting number is 1-877-242-7901. If the parker is wrongfully ticketed, they can get a record of complaint of malfunction because the box is electronically monitored. Problems are discovered right away and repairs can be done in hours – not days or weeks like parking meters.

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To use these pay boxes, just follow the simple instructions that

are displayed on the machine's front screen. The amount of time you have for parking depends on how much money you add to the pay boxes. After depositing the desired amount, press the "receipt button" to receive a receipt. You must place this receipt on your dashboard; it shows the date, the time at which you parked, and the time of expiration. Be sure the receipt stays on the dashboard when shutting your door. If a gust of wind coming from your car door blows the receipt on the floor, you can be ticketed for not feeding the box or expired meter.

If you wrongfully get a parking ticket, you can contest it by submitting the confirmation number to the hearing officer. The hearing officers have access to computers, where they can look up information on when the pay box was reported broken and the time you received the parking ticket. If the facts line up, the ticket will be dismissed.

For more information on the parking meters in Chicago, please visit [www.chicagometers.com](http://www.chicagometers.com).

## North Lawndale Veteran To Perform Services for the Community

*"There are times where good things can happen to good people."*

Calvin C. Crayton

At times, I was discouraged and angry the first five to ten years I was a father. I would see the nation and community seemingly bent over backwards to celebrate and commemorate other select holidays. Father's Day doesn't seem to carry as much clout as Mother's Day or some other holidays.

With that being said I want to bring your attention to a special event at our Church. Word of Faith at 1637 South Pulaski Rd. is providing breakfast for twenty-five Vets and their sons at our expense. The *Father and Son Breakfast* is designed as an enjoyable thing for Veterans to enjoy with their family. I will admit there are many needs veterans have, but I heard somebody say "kindness is like stitches; it's a

small thing but when you need them they will help hold you together." Later on this year, we will be setting aside a special time to honor our Veterans and other public servants during Veteran's Week in November 2009.

The sentiment of our Father's Day event is reflected in two of my favorite verses in the Bible, Joel 2:25 "I will restore you..." and I Cor. 6:18 "And I will be a father to you and you shall be like sons and daughters to me." Our prayer is that these scriptures will become a reality in your heart, mind, body and life in increasing and refreshing measures.

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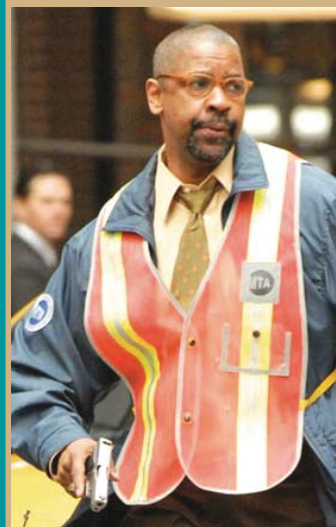


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## 2009 FOCUS

### HEALTH & THE ECONOMY

One of the major issues of the recent presidential campaign was health care. Health care costs have become an escalating burden for employers and consumers alike. Research has shown that total health spending is reduced when consumers bear more responsibility for their health and the expenses related to it. One of the best ways to increase life expectancy while reducing disability is to encourage a culture of self-care practices.

Self care is personal health maintenance. It is the care taken by individuals towards their own health and well being. Self care includes the actions individuals take in their role as care givers for their children, their families, and others to stay fit and to maintain good physical, mental, and spiritual health.

Extreme self care means making choices and decisions that honor our soul in everyday living. It means feeding ourselves whole foods, moving our bodies every day, balancing silence with activity, and surrounding ourselves with supportive, like-minded people who are committed to improving or restoring health and uplifting the quality of their lives as well.

More than 75% of people surveyed in the United Kingdom said if they had guidance or support from a professional or peer they would feel far more confident about taking care of their own health. Research shows that supporting self care can improve health outcomes and increase patient satisfaction. Our intention is to support individuals, families, institutions, and communities in their efforts to practice extreme self care. During 2009, the North Lawndale Community News focuses on cost-effective ways you can improve your health by practicing self care.

The Economy has made itself the number one issue with gas prices reaching almost \$5.00 per gallon and having a domino effect on everything else sold, except housing stock which experienced a terrible decline with the high rate of foreclosures. The Chicago metropolitan area reported 5,821 new foreclosure filings in December, a foreclosure rate of one new foreclosure filing for every 499 households — more than twice the national average. That brought the area's fourth quarter foreclosure total to 16,949 and its 2006 foreclosure total to 57,706, according to Realty Trac.

Even transportation on the CTA went on the rise with one day passes increasing by seventy-five cents and monthly passes increased by \$10.00 from \$75.00 to \$85.00. Those are just a few of the increases.

The North Lawndale Community News this year is expanding on last years financial focus to give attention to its broader parent the economy. Saving and making smarter shopping decisions will help stop us losing through wasteful choices. Finding new ways to increase our income is a necessity for many in an area where gentrification is not going to stop.

One of the hardest things to change is behavior. Modifying behavior seems to be easy when it comes to pain. Social pain lack of money has to be extreme for many to change. 2009 should be different for many and of course many will continue toward economic mistakes and financial ruin.

But in today's information society there is no excuse for not making smart choices. Financial literacy alone is not enough. Look what happened to Lehman Brothers and what's happening to many other financial institutions let alone individuals, families, and small businesses.

Solutions come to the internet, books, economic experts, financial counselors and experts, the media and your economical neighbors.

The North Lawndale Community News will tap into resources and share them with you, our reader. So to help you improve your health and your economy keep reading The North Lawndale News. We say yours because some may not modify their behavior, except when the pain comes and still some won't change. Your input is also welcome. If you have some information that is beneficial please submit it. Let's make smarter health and economic moves for life in 2009.

## THE NORTH LAWDALE COMMUNITY NEWS

The North Lawndale Community News is now published weekly by Strategic Human Services. Our purpose is to help inform our community on resources, events, and issues relevant to them and our neighboring communities. Our community includes those who live, work, worship in, and/or care about North Lawndale. Our focus is on positive, productive solutions, that will improve the lifestyle of our community members.

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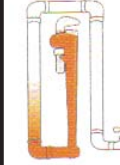
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- Learn which is best for you, purchase or rent to own
- Developers currently working in Lawndale
- Find out how Lawndale can benefit from the stimulus package
- Learn how to get a "rehab" foreclosure through rent to own

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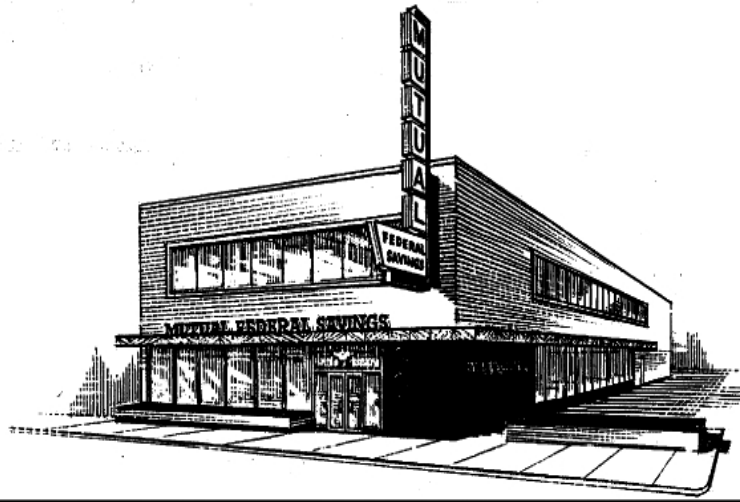
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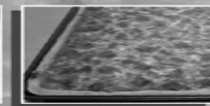
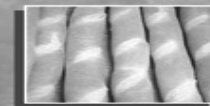
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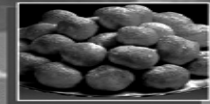
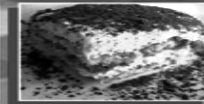
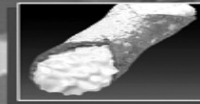
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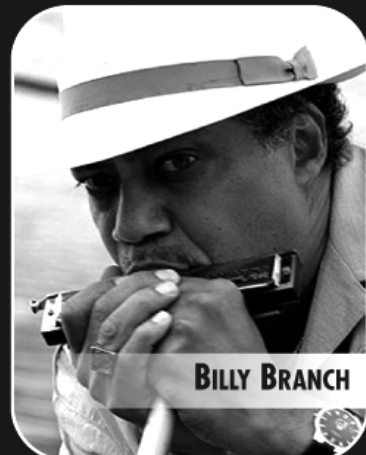
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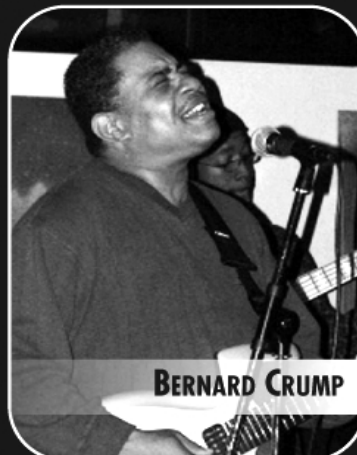
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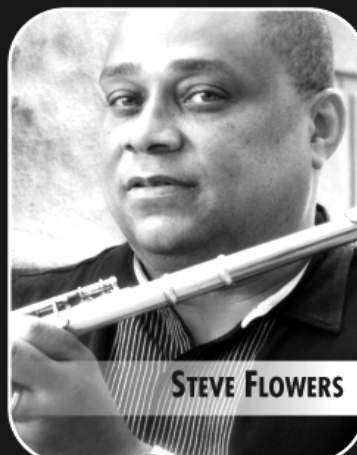
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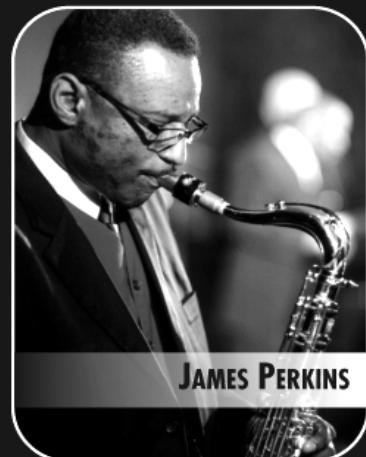
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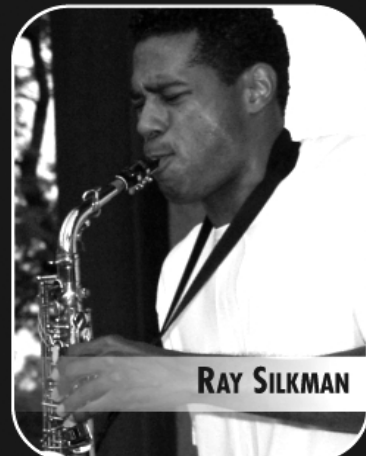
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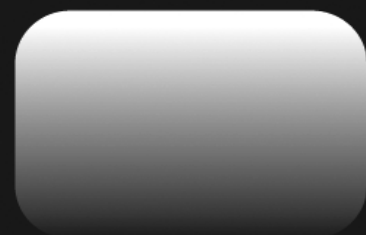
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# ON VIDEO

Compiled and Reviewed by David Schultz

**DVD-TV SPOTLIGHT; THE SHIELD: SEASON 7: THE FINAL ACT (\*\*\*\*)** Moving like a runaway train, "The Shield" didn't act like a regular TV series nearing its end. In fact, the series felt like it was just getting started. Creator Shawn Ryan's gritty ground breaking cop series' finale finds detective Vic Mackey in a race against time like no cop has ever been in this thirteen episode, four-disc collection set.

With his past crimes catching up to him, Mackey looks to cut a deal that would move from the force to the Feds. Meanwhile he chases after his fugitive partner, Shane (Walter Goggins), who killed a fellow cop from their Strike force in a "Bonnie and Clyde," on-the-lam scenario with pregnant wife and sick son.

Under intense direction and sharp writing "The Shield" not only raised the bar, but it also broke through it. It is so good and unforgettably powerful that you'll be wishing there was more. Don't fret though; this package does contain fifty-one amazing deleted scenes. Hopefully with this DVD release, "The Shield" will earn many deserved Emmy nominations for its gritty and intense "swan song." Chicago-born actor Michael Chiklis earned an Emmy and Golden Globe award for this role; he delivers a memorable TV character and deserves iconic status, right next to Tony Soprano. Chiklis is the catalyst of the series and is propelled by a superb supporting cast that includes CCH Pounder.

**REVOLUTIONARY ROAD (\*\*\*\*)** The unraveling of the American Dream during the 1950s is well chronicled through strong performances by Leonard DiCaprio and Kate Winslet in their first screen reunion since "Titanic." The two play a seemingly perfect couple who escape big city hassles for the suburban life. However, they can't cease the growing desperation in their lives. April (Winslet) understands their dissatisfaction better than her unfulfilled husband, Frank (DiCaprio), who thinks they can re-energize their marriage by



Michael Chiklis in 'The Shield'

relocating in Paris.

"Revolutionary Road" is a sad, emotionally honest tale of a couple who aren't satisfied with each other or their lot in life. The story certainly hits home under the sharp direction of "American Beauty" director Sam Mendes. R; 119min. DreamWorks SKG Home Video

**DEFIANCE (\*\*\*)** Daniel Craig transmutes his James Bond action heroism into the moral heroism of real-life Tuvia Brelski and his brother, Zus (Live Schreiber). The brothers led a group of Jewish partisans to fight the

German Nazis in the dense forest of Belarus. The fact based drama of war time oppression comes from Chicagoan filmmaker Edward Zwick, known for "Glory" and "Blood Diamond." R; 136min. Paramount Vantage Home Video

**THE INTERNATIONAL (\*\*)** Banks are the bad guys here, but as timely as this movie sounds "The International" turns out to be a weak and confusing, globe-trotting investment. Interpol agent Clive Owen and Manhattan D.A. Naomi Watts team up to find an insider (Amin Mueller Stahl) to help crumble an ultra sleek banking institution in Luxemburg. The bank operates an assassination bureau within its larger operation in order to protect their secretive weaponry deals and money laundering with corrupt third world parties. R; 118min. Sony Pictures Home video

**FIRED UP (\*1/2)** Whatever its intentions, this teen comedy about a pair of high school football Lotharios who "man up" for the cheerleading team, only leads to a pale rip-off reminder to "Bring It On". The guys use their new frontier to expand their sexual playing field until the lovely squad leader becomes suspicious. The guys alternate from their womanizing beliefs in a typical cheer competition finale. Cheap humor at the expense of greater sexual openness leads to a rather lame comedy frolic. PG-13; Sony Pictures Home Video

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### THE TAKING OF PELHAM 1-2-3 (\*\*\*)

This is an adequate, updated remake to the 1974 Walter Matthau – Robert Shaw action thriller that has been given a descent and contemporary facelift with hi-tech influences of the internet and references to recent headlines. It weaves together to form an intricate tale of an NYC subway hijacking.

John Travolta churns out the kind of gleeful villainy he has done before in “Face-Off” and “Broken Arrow” plays Ryder, a wild man that fronts a team that uncouples passengers from their train.

The hostage situation is realized at the massive NYC monitoring headquarters by recently demoted MTA officer turned train dispatcher, Walter Garber. Garber is played by Denzel Washington in Walter Matthau’s original role.

After dismissing an interfering with the NYPD negotiator, Cammoneti (John Turturro) that led to the motormen’s death; Ryder drafts Garber with the responsibility of contacting the Mayor (James Gandolfini) who is eager to complete his term because of a martial scandal. Garber has to rush \$10 million to Ryder in exchange for the hostages within one hour. Otherwise, Ryder intends to kill a hostage for every minute after the money is late in its arrival.

Writer Brain Helgeland who wrote “L.A. Confidential” and “Payback”: here, he reworks the script based on John Godley’s bestseller with an infusion of disclosed computer information that Ryder uses to make a criminal connection with Garber. Garber’s demotion stems from being under investigation for taking a corporate bribe in a train deal with Japan.

During the course of the film, the computer begins to pay a secondary part in the drama of the subway’s incident being streamed online. How come the bad guys don’t catch this and the good guys do is one the film’s sour points. This creates a scenario for Washington’s non-heroic character to eventually find the courage to vindicate himself for his past discretion.

However, it is clear that what gives this remake its distinction (besides the hi-tech influences) is the strong performances between Travolta and Washington. The actors deliver a psychological, intellectual “cat and mouse” game with their dynamic characters. Despite a few bumps along the way, the dialogue does an ample job of keeping this film on track for the entire ride. R; 106min. A Columbia Pictures Release – Presented at selected theaters



Denzel Washington in The Taking of Pelham 123

**LAND OF THE LOST (\*\*1/2)** Will Ferrell’s offbeat sensibilities and physical comedy provide the right mix for this quirky yet entertaining remake of creators-producers Sid and Marty Krofft’s often hokey 1970s Saturday morning TV series. Ferrell portrays Dr. Rick Marshall, an eccentric paleontologist who is obsessed with time and space travel through a warping machine. He is motivated by a desire to solve our green concerns with fossil fuel from and alternative world.

Considered a quack for his radical theories presented to “Today” show host Matt Lauer (in a cute cameo bit), Marshall’s belief reduces him to teaching biology class to elementary kids.

He is soon visited by a drop-out student from Cambridge, Holly Cantrell (Anna Friel). Holly supports Marshall’s theory and she presents him with proof through a fossil rock sample with a lighter case imprint.

Holly forces Marshall to test his machine with propels into action with recorded show tunes. Before operating the machine, Marshall takes Holly to a remote location in the middle of

nowhere. In the boonies, they meet a souvenir general store operator, a redneck clerk named Will (Danny McBride). His business is adjacent to a water tunnel amusement ride called “The Cave.”

Marshall and Holly activate the machine on the ride with Will and the trio is transported to an alternative universe where past and present artifacts are intermingle with dinosaurs. The alternate world includes a sensitive T-Rex, monkey people and their exiled prince, Chaka (played by Jorma Taccone) and lizard men led by a mad scientist, Enik (John Boylan). Enik tricks Marshall into believing another adversary, The Znay (voiced by Leonard Nimoy) plots to destroy the universe and can only be stopped with Marshall’s device, which by this point, has been carried off to a nesting volcano.

Of course, the film is hokey at times, but it’s visually fun to watch and hilarious by the not-so accurate opinions and blunders caused by Ferrell’s zany character.

The original “Land of the Lost” is known as a kid’s series that many adults watched and reportedly hallucinated over through drug use. In trying to appease adults and kids, this new incarnation tends to more closely reflect Ferrell movie quality. Some of the vulgar language used is something adults with kids under ten should be aware of and consider. Still, the film turns out to be an offbeat and entertaining comedy/fantasy adventure. PG-13; 93min. A Universal Pictures Release – Presented at selected theaters