

either. Parsons, an American construction giant, has been awarded about \$1 billion for projects all across Iraq.

**THE PUBLIC HOSTILITY TOWARDS** Mexican mother **Elvira Mellano**, hiding in a Humboldt Park church to avoid deportation, surprises us. Yes, she's an illegal alien while her son **Saul**, 7, is a U.S. citizen and she doesn't want to she were a U.S. citizen. A Mexican church n't want to be part who is a Mexican he still be an object can't immigration ize the plight of a g to leave her son? understanding? e? Not from many ?'s for sure.

**BYE** to **James Wood**, president of the Art Institute of Chicago. In his new job, the presidency of the Gettysburg Institute, the world's largest arts organization, Wood will move to Washington in February. At the time from 1980 to 2003, art goes to the Getty from criminal filed against for Nixon True and other changes.

**WHICH** are proud of

horses, donkeys, mini cattle, Vietnamese pot-bellied pigs, pygmy and dwarf goats or sheep? Costs? Check your zoning first, but wee horses are \$1,000 to \$4,000; donkeys \$500 to \$2,500; cattle \$6,500 to \$24,000; pigs \$400 each; goats and sheep \$100 to \$600. Llamas, the miniature breed, are popular because they're smart, know their names, recognize people and cost \$1,000 to \$7,500. They also produce fine wool.

**THE ANNUAL GAMBOL**, a benefit for the United Cerebral Palsy Association, held at the Drake Hotel, saw **Maria Magnus** of Magnus Charitable Trust honored for her work for children. When in Rwanda, she saw first-hand the needs of youngsters and built a school for them. She provided books, medical supplies and food in the Sudan. ...**ALSO RECOGNIZED** at the gala were three dentists who have given free care to people with disabilities for more than 20 years: **Dr. Tom Wodniak, Dr. Tom Emmering, Dr. Peter Galdoni**.

**STRAY ANIMALS** found saviors in **Craig** and **Regina Johns** who left busy Chicago life for 70 acres in the Texas Hill Country. "By the time we moved here, we had seven dogs, and it snowballed from there," says Regina. Today they have 29 goats, 12 dogs, three cats, a cow, a llama, all rescued from death and living in the paradise that is the Last Resort Ranch, reports **Ainsley Earnhardt**.

**THE COST OF SAVING** these animals? About \$2,000 a month. "We

Developers have offered them millions for their land but they are dedicated to living with and saving animals. "God will make a way," the Johns believe. They don't charge a fee to rescue animals but ask people to donate to the veterinarian or local supply store because medical bills and food are expensive.

**THE FUNDS FOR A FILM** about Art Resources in Teaching have been donated by **Ann Dow Weinberg**, longtime member.

**CLUB KING PETER GATIE** brought us **Limelight** and founded one in a deconsecrated church in New York City in 1983. Wild parties and great popularity marked his club life until he was deported to Canada for tax evasion. Now the Big Apple **Limelight**, closed in 1996, will reborn as retail space for **H&M** discount clothier and a restaurant.

**WHY DOESN'T PRESIDENT BUSH** create an FDR-style public works/jobs program for Iraq as part of his new initiative? It's a good idea that would work if administered properly. But can anything be run properly in Iraq?

**SHHH! INSIDERS** tell us that the secret spices for KFC's fried chicken are really just salt, pepper, flour and monosodium glutamate.

**BEAUTIFUL LISA LING**, 33, is engaged to Chicago medic **Paul Song**, 41, an oncologist.

**"WE SHOULD ALL BE GRATEFUL** to **Mayor Richard Daley** for his unswerving attempts to get guns off the street. When will the madness