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### best bets

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#### WEDNESDAY FREEBIE

##### Tips for trips

REI Lincoln Park, 1466 N. Halsted St. 312-951-6020.

In a financial crunch? You can still afford an exotic getaway. Learn how to make it happen at REI's free **Budget World Travel** class, where Hostelling International Executive Director Thomas Applegate and REI staffer Claire Hurwitz talk about how to save on airfare and

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##### A real dude's deal

HALO [For Men], 21 W. Elm St. 312-642-4256.

Guys, if 2008 made for a hard slog, start **Livin' Lux in 2009**—and do it on the cheap. Manicures, pedicures, shaves, mini-facials and half-hour massages are priced at \$20.09 this week in honor of the new year. Buy all five treatments and receive \$20 toward a future visit. Noon. Through Saturday. \$20.09 per service. R.S.V.P. and prepayment required.

##### Cuban cocktailling

Carnivale, 702 W. Fulton St. 312-850-5005.

The **Mojitos 101 class** brings a little bit of Havana to hump day. Try your hand at muddling classic and raspberry versions of the summery Cuban drink with mixologist Victor Beheza at the helm. Includes drink samples, shrimp ceviche and guacamole and chips. 6:30 p.m. \$25.

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##### That's the ticket

Emerald Loop Bar and Grill, 216 N. Wabash Ave. 312-263-0200.

Get ready to rock—and then some—during the **Rock, Paper, Scissors Contest**, a nod to the Illinois Lottery's new Rock, Paper, Scissors instant ticket. The winner of the six-week-long, bracket-style contest snags \$500 cash; everyone gets Miller Lite drafts and giveaways. On-site registration required. 6 p.m. No cover.

##### Rap personified

Chicago Center for the Performing Arts, 777 N. Green St. 312-733-6000. Love hip-hop? See The Chicago Center for the Performing Arts' high-energy musical **"I Still Love H.E.R. (Entr'acte)"**, which examines the genre in unusual ways. In the play, a man on the brink of retirement is confronted with the future of hip-hop itself—in the form of a woman—who challenges him to dance against his disillusionment with the genre. The play features choreography by members of break-dancing ensemble Muntu Dance Theatre. 8 p.m. \$10.

Wabash Ave. 773-227-4433.

Some have put a frosty edge on your New Year's Eve with the **Son of Funny Ha-Ha** to the stars of **Comedian** and Mark Twain's **Mark Twain** and Mark Twain's **Mark Twain** over pop culture. Claire Zulkey

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