

Pair of ex-senators, Irish coach among Econ Club speakers

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BENTON TOWNSHIP — A former president of Mexico, two former senators, a television game and talk show icon, and the head coach of Notre Dame football will be part of the 2013-14 lineup of speakers at The Economic Club of Southwestern Michigan.

The club will host former Mexican President Felipe Calderon Oct. 1; personal finance counselor and best-selling author Terry Savage Oct. 29; pediatric neurosurgeon and best-selling author Ben Carson, Nov. 19; former U.S. Senators Joe Lieberman and Dick Lugar, April 30; University of Notre Dame head football coach Brian Kelly, May 14; and television mainstay Regis Philbin, June 12.

The events take place at Lake Michigan College's Mendel Center.

Calderon served as Mexico's president from 2006 to 2012 after taking power in one of the most closely fought presidential elections in Mexican history. During his administration, Calderon was best known for his war against drug cartels as well as for reforms in Mexican economic, environmental, health care and immigration policies.

Savage shares advice in her syndicated personal finance column, Huffington Post blog and four best-selling books. Savage's latest publication, a new edition of the best seller "The Savage Truth on Money," was named one of the top 10 money books of the year by Amazon.com.

Carson rose from an impoverished background to become one of the world's most renowned pediatric neurosurgeons. He performed the first and only successful separation of conjoined twins joined at the back of the head. His biography is chronicled in the award-winning movie "Gifted Hands."

Former U.S. Senators Joe Lieberman (D-Connecticut, 1989-2013) and Dick Lugar (R-Indiana, 1977-2013) will hold a lively discussion of current national and international issues, each from his political perspective. Lieberman, a presidential and vice presidential candidate, was one of Congress's most influential voices on national security, U.S. market expansion, the environment, gay rights and education reforms. Lugar was an unwavering advocate of U.S. leadership in the world, strong national security, free trade and economic growth.

Kelly led the Irish in 2012 to its first undefeated regular season in 24 years and swept just about every



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possible coach-of-the-year award. Only two active NCAA Football Bowl Sub-division head coaches have surpassed his 122 victories as head coach since 2001.

Philbin hosts Fox Sports 1's new "Crowd Goes Wild" daily sports-talk show. Prior

to that he hosted "Live with Regis and Kathie Lee," then "Live with Regis and Kelly," as well as his nighttime hosting of "Who Wants to Be a Millionaire," "Super Millionaire" and "America's Got Talent."

The Economic Club meetings are open to members only. Membership renewal is now open for Upton Hall and Mainstage

Auditorium members until Sept. 18. A limited number of new memberships are also available this year and people can add their names to a waiting list at www.TheEconClub.com.

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