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Romantic Winter Getaways

BY JUDY KOUTSKY

It’s February and that means winter, but it’s also the month for Valentine’s Day and that spells romance. If you’re looking to add a little something special to a winter getaway, you can find it wherever you go: be it a bustling city, a warm-weather destination or a cozy countryside inn. Here are three places to go with your sweetie to stay warm by the fire or enjoy an oceanfront candlelight dinner.

THE CATSKILLS
Winter in upstate New York is simply magical. There are plenty of charming inns and resorts, places to enjoy skiing and snowshoeing and cafes to savor a cup of hot chocolate. At the Emerson, located in the hamlet of Mount Tremper, you can choose one of the 26 suites in the adult-only Inn, many of which have fireplaces, two-person Jacuzzi tubs and private outdoor decks (perfect for watching the snowfall). For the ultimate in luxury and romance, book the Imperial Suite, a duplex apartment-style accommodation with oversized windows overlooking the mountains. You can cozy up in your robes in front of the fire while watching the winter wonderland outside. (The Lodge, which has 27 rooms, also offers a warm and cozy ambiance, but note that kids are allowed here.)

On the cover: A pink sand beach on the island of Bermuda.

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Students Encouraged to Get Creative

AAA’s annual Traffic Safety Poster & Video Contest is now underway! Club-area students in grades K–12 are eligible to enter and compete for a total of nearly $5,000 in prize money. This contest provides an opportunity for teachers and parents to stress important—and potentially life-saving—traffic safety concepts. It also gives children a chance to express their creativity, while learning a valuable lesson. Students in grades K–8 may submit hand-drawn posters, while those in grades 9–12 can submit either hand-drawn or computer-generated posters or videos.

Go to AAA.com/Poster-Contest to check out the complete contest rules, submission requirements and to download a flyer and entry blank. All submissions must be submitted no later than Friday, March 11. Should you have any questions about the contest, please call us at 516-673-2377 or email glnabo@aana northeast.com. We look forward to receiving your entries!

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What to Do When Your Car Is Recalled

BY ROBERTO X. CRUZ

CARFAX spokesman Chris Basso thinks automotive recalls get a bad rap. “People tend to think ‘recall’ is bad word, but a recall is actually a good thing,” Basso said. “Recalls help to maintain the safety and performance of tens of millions of vehicles. The danger comes when those vehicles go unfixed.”

As many as one in five U.S. automobiles has an unfixed safety defect, according to a 2015 study by CARFAX, the vehicle history report company and a AAA partner, which reviews recall data every year.

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Everything You Need to Know About AAA Travel Marketplace

For the past few years, members have found AAA Travel Marketplace the perfect stop on the way to a memorable vacation. The largest travel show on Long Island, our annual three-day event attracts the top travel destinations, from cruise lines to theme parks and over 100 travel partners offering trips to virtually anywhere in the world.

Join AAA March 11-13 at Hofstra University’s Sports and Exhibition Center in Uniondale for this year’s marketplace. In addition to offerings from our travel partners, the show will feature destination presentations in three different theaters, AAA travel counselors on-site ready to help you book your trip, attraction tickets, passport services, and so much more.

Look at the list of just some of the travel partners who will have special offers available only during the show: Royal Caribbean, Walt Disney World, Viking River Cruises, Pleasant Holidays, Universal Orlando, Princess Cruises, Rocky Mountaineer—that’s just a small sample of the long list of world-renowned partners and destinations that will be there to greet you.

Prefer to get your vacation by car? We’ve got that covered. Popular destinations from throughout the East Coast will be at the show. And as always, one of the popular areas for members will be the marketplace store where you can get fantastic deals on travel accessories.

I mentioned that destination presentations will be held. Our presentations will cover a variety of destinations, including River Cruises, Islands & Oceans, USA & Canada, International Exploration and Fun & Sun. If you walk in undecided, you won’t walk out the same way.

Also there to greet you at the event will be AAA’s expert travel counselors. No other organization can offer the extensive one-stop shopping for travel that AAA does. Whether your journey is by land, sea or through the air, we can help you every step of the way, from researching destinations to sitting down to book the trip. We offer the best price on thousands of departures, can customize your trip with help and advice based on decades of experience and we’ll handle all aspects of your vacation planning. And if a problem arises, we will act on your behalf to see that the proper resolutions are made.

For more information see the back page of this month’s issue of Car & Travel or visit AAA.com/Marketplace for a full list of vendors and presentations, plus information on preregistering for the event. See you at the show!
7 Things to Do in Williamsburg, Brooklyn

BY JILL FERGUS

This Brooklyn ‘hood, across the Williamsburg Bridge from Manhattan, is practically synonymous with the word hipster. Small batch pickles? Check. Craft beers? Check. Flannel shirts? Check. But the area is also wildly creative, independent minded and, well, just plain cool.

1. Stroll Bedford Avenue and its offshoot streets to sample local bites like artisanal goat cheese and charcuterie at Bedford Cheese Shop and sea salt chocolate bars made from organic cocoa beans at Mast Brothers Chocolate.

2. Check out the neighborhood’s many art galleries including long time favorite Pierogi known for its multimedia shows and the Front Room, a contemporary gallery where you’ll find works from emerging artists.

3. You won’t lack for dining options but a New York City classic is Peter Luger Steak House, right over the bridge and in business since 1887. A popular newcomer for Italian is Antica Pesa, a branch of the Roman restaurant.

4. When it comes to craft beer, Bilyburg’s got you covered. Brooklyn Brewery, founded in 1987, has tours and tastings and Barcade, with dozens of microbrews and old-school video games, has a great happy hour.

5. Catch some live music at Rough Trade, an independent record store (yes, a record store!) with a concert venue in the back and, if you want a little bowling with your indie bands, Brooklyn Bowl.

6. Several trendy hotels have sprung up but one of the first to open is the Wythe Hotel. Located in a former textile factory, this stylish boutique has 72 rooms, the Reynard restaurant and a super-fun, year-round rooftop bar with specialty cocktails.

7. If it’s not too cold, walk or cycle across the Williamsburg Bridge, spanning the East River and opened in 1903. From Manhattan, the pedestrian walkway is located on Delancey Street on the Lower East Side.

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**New York State Museum**

It’s cold so head inside. In Albany’s New York State Museum check out the skeletal remains of a mastodon excavated in 1866 in nearby Cohoes, New York and take a ride on a historic carousel. [Nyss.nysed.gov](http://Nyss.nysed.gov)

**North Fork Winter Wine Tasting**

Wine tasting in winter? Why not. You can still sample award-winning wines in Long Island’s Wine Country. Martha Clara Vineyards, with tastings of pinot grigio, syrah and more, is open year round. [Marthacharlawineyards.com](http://Marthacharlawineyards.com)

**Ice Skating in Bryant Park**

Bring the family to enjoy an afternoon skating in Bryant Park in midtown Manhattan. Lace up your boots and do a few laps around the rink in the shadow of the Empire State Building—and have hot chocolate afterward. [Bryantpark.org](http://Bryantpark.org)

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Walk in the Footsteps of Our Presidents

BY CYNTHIA BENJAMIN

The 43 presidents of the United States have left a legacy of libraries and policy—and so much more. The Northeast, in particular, is rich in presidential history, from the grand and historic to the fun little footnotes of their lives. As we celebrate President’s Day this year, consider marking the occasion at one of these presidentially connected sites.

Calvin Coolidge Presidential Library and Museum, Northampton, Mass.

It seems fitting that the humble and modest President Coolidge has the only presidential library in the nation that is housed in a public library, Northampton’s Forbes Library. “Silent Cal” lived in Northampton before and after his presidency. The small collection includes documents, photographs, paintings, scrapbooks, memorabilia—and Coolidge’s famous mechanical exercise horse.

Eisenhower National Historic Site, Gettysburg, Pa.

Adjacent to the Gettysburg Battlefield, this scenic, tranquil farm was a weekend retreat for President Dwight Eisenhower and his wife, Mamie, and a meeting place for world leaders. The house retains virtually all of its original furnishings, right down to the fascinating knickknacks, creating an authentic peek into the 1950s. Don’t miss the grounds, too, which includes gardens, a teahouse, a skeet range and a show barn for Eisenhower’s prized black Angus cattle. Purchase tickets at the Museum and Visitor Center at Gettysburg National Military Park and then hop on a shuttle bus to the site. Tickets may also be purchased online.

Ford’s Theatre National Historic Site, Washington, D.C.

The theater where President Abraham Lincoln was shot and mortally wounded has been restored to its 1860s appearance and remains a working theater, as well as a national historic site replete with programs, talks, tours and performances about that fateful April 14. Lincoln died on April 15, 1865, at the Petersen boarding house across the street from the theater, which now houses a museum with artifacts from the assassination. A limited number of timed same-day tickets are available for free, or advance tickets can be purchased online.

Eisenhower National Historic Site, Gettysburg, Pa.

If young George really chopped down a cherry tree and then fessed up, and later hurled a silver dollar across the Rappahannock River, this is where it happened. The farm is closed in February except for a few dates, including a Washington’s birthday celebration on Feb. 13. In addition to Colonial games, other activities and birthday cake, the visitor’s center is open for the celebration, and, if the weather cooperates, you can take the iPad tour of the farm’s demonstration gardens, meadows, bird sanctuary and the foundation of the long-gone Washington home.

General Grant National Memorial, New York, NY

This largely overlooked national memorial is a soaring tribute to Civil War hero and President Ulysses S. Grant. The breathtaking marble and white granite structure with a 150-foot domed ceiling is the largest mausoleum in North America and a towering presence in Riverside Park. Rangers are on-site for occasional tours and talks and there’s a visitors center with exhibits.

Roosevelt Campobello International Park, Welshpool, New Brunswick, Canada

You’ll want to wait until spring to see this spectacular park but it’s worth the wait. A symbol of friendship between two nations, the park is home to Roosevelt Cottage, where Franklin D. Roosevelt summertime for much of his life. The 34-room “cottage” is almost exactly as it was in 1920, and the self-guided tour includes his office and Eleanor Roosevelt’s writing room. Also explore the park’s extensive gardens, bogs, forests, and beaches to discover why FDR called Campobello his “beloved island.”

Sagamore Hill National Historic Site, Oyster Bay, NY

Walk in the footsteps of Theodore Roosevelt, our 26th president, at his “Summer White House.” Fresh from a $19 million renovation, Teddy’s 26-room Queen Anne home fairly gleams, and everything in the house—except the curtains—is original. Among the 12,000 items are 36 stuffed wild animals. If the weather allows, there’s also 83 acres of forests, meadows, salt marsh and beach

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What Is It? Rummaging through your stuff in search of a missing set of car keys is the worst. Eliminate that problem from your life altogether with this tiny Bluetooth tracker, which you can clip to a keychain, stick inside a wallet or affix to the often-lost remote control at home. Using its companion app on a smartphone, all a user has to do is hit the “Find” button and Tile will emit a chime that makes locating a misplaced item a breeze.

Pros: At 1.3 ounces, Tile is a virtually weightless addition to any key ring or wallet. Setup is easy and the app is very user friendly as well. The Tile app is compatible with most iOS and Android devices.
Cons: Because it uses Bluetooth to operate, users can only find a Tile that is within 100 or so feet of the device it is paired with (if another Tile user is nearby, it will update its location, so feet of the device it is paired with (if another Tile user is nearby, it will update its location, otherwise it will only show the last time it was in range). It gets dirty easily and there is no way to otherwise it will only show the last time it was in range). It gets dirty easily and there is no way to

SOUNDBOT SB520 WIRELESS SPEAKER
$49.99

What Is It? So many Bluetooth speakers come with an exorbitant price tag, so it’s nice to see one with a more reasonable cost. And while the 22-ounce SB520’s sound falls a little short of spectacular, the bass is impressive for its size (7.5”x 3”x 3.5”) and so is its attractive steel brush metal finish, for that matter. As far as its battery goes, the speaker lasts about 12 hours on a single charge if you’re using Bluetooth, but it will last about 15 hours if you plug your smartphone into the included 3.5mm audio jack.

Pros: With its good sound, great design and fantastic price, the value of the SB520 is exceptional. Its stainless steel exterior makes it great for outdoor use (just keep it away from water) and it is compatible with Android and iOS smartphones and tablets.
Cons: Its 4.6 hour charge time is less than ideal. And unfortunately its 33-foot connectivity range is very limited compared to other Bluetooth speakers on the market.

MOMENT MOBILE PHOTOGRAPHY LENSES
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What Is It? Take your Instagram photos to a whole new level with these DSLR-like camera lenses that attach to your smartphone. The 60mm telescoping and 18mm wide-angle lenses I tested both created truly dramatic effects that would be tough to top with even the best photo filter. The lenses are lightweight and small enough to fit in your palm. Download the Moment App for extra features such as the ability to capture uncompressed images.

Pros: The mounting plate that keeps the lenses in place feels very secure and it’s also easy to remove. The lenses twist tightly into the mounting plate, never once coming loose during our trial. Lenses can be used for both photos and videos and each comes with a tiny, labeled tote bag for storage.
Cons: During one of our test runs, I had to remove and reattach one of the lenses because there were faint black edges around the photos (after I reinstalled it, it looked fine). AAA while the mounting plate works with most phone cases, it is incompatible with some of the bulkier ones.

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AAA MOBILE APP COMES TO APPLE WATCH

The free AAA Mobile app for iPhone, iPad and Android has a new function that lets Apple Watch users find the closest gas station or the gas station with the cheapest fuel prices.

“AAA’s new Apple Watch functionality puts consumers in charge of their time and helps them make decisions on how much money they spend on gas,” said AAA President and CEO Marshall Doney.

The app ensures that members have the most accurate gas prices by updating prices across the United States and Canada seven times a day. The AAA Gas Price functionality for Apple Watch searches gas station prices within several miles of the user. It then shows the option the user selected—fastest or cheapest. The fastest gas station is determined by reviewing detailed turn-by-turn directions of the eight closest stations and layering traffic information to compute drive times. Navigation to the stations is routed through Apple Maps. Users can also configure the app to select the price for the type of fuel they use. AAA is a recognized leader in providing fuel price trends and gas prices to consumers, and Doney says the new functionality for Apple Watch shows “AAA’s commitment to provide value for our members and the traveling public.”

Anyone who has an iPhone, iPad or Android can also use the AAA Mobile app to map a route, find the lowest gas prices, access exclusive member discounts, make travel arrangements, request AAA roadside assistance and more.

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What to Do When Your Car Is Recalled

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And though not every recall is as serious as the exploding airbags and faulty ignition switches that dominated the headlines of the past two years, every recall affects vehicle safety, Basso said, and an unfixed recall can hurt resale value as well.

“The majority of people think they don’t have the time to take a vehicle in to have the recall fixed, but the reality is most recalls can be fixed in less than a day,” Basso said. “When you look at the consequences, the short time it takes to bring the car in for a repair pales in comparison to what can happen if you don’t.”

When a recall is issued, either because a car part is considered dangerous or because it fails to meet minimum safety standards, the manufacturer will attempt to notify the owner by mail. The manufacturer is required to fix the problem, free of charge, by repairing it, replacing it or by offering a refund.

Drivers can do their part by making sure their mailing address is up to date on their vehicle’s registration, according to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, or NHTSA, the government agency which administers recalls. Once a driver is notified that his or her vehicle has been recalled, he or she should follow any safety guidelines included on the recall notice and, if applicable, schedule a repair at the automaker’s local dealership, according to NHTSA.

Alec Slatky, legislative analyst for AAA Northeast, has another tip for the owners of recalled cars.

“Dealerships must fix a recalled vehicle for free, but drivers should confirm that the part they need is in stock before showing up announced,” Slatky said. Drivers can look up if their vehicle has been recalled by visiting NHTSA’s website, safercar.gov. There, drivers can search recalls by make and model or by the car’s Vehicle Identification Number, the 17-digit code of numbers and letters on the bottom corner of the windshield.

The NHTSA website can also be used to look up recalls on child restraint systems and tires and to report a dealership that won’t repair a recalled part for free, Slatky said.

More than 100 million automobiles were recalled in the U.S. over the past two years, with more than 63 million called back for unsafe parts in 2014 alone, according to NHTSA.

No passport? No problem. The U.S. has a few places outside our 50 states that U.S. citizens can visit without a passport. Here are a few.

Puerto Rico: Kayaking across Puerto Rico’s bioluminescent bays is unforgettable. Tiny organisms that release light when agitated bring a beautiful glow to the water. For a different but equally enjoyable experience, spend a day touring historic Old San Juan.

Guam: If you’re looking for beautiful beaches, hiking and scuba diving, Guam has you covered. It’s also home to the War in the Pacific National Historical Park with bunkers, pillboxes and other structures from World War II.
Bermuda

Discover Pink Sand Beaches & Pastel Houses

BY GEORGE MORSE

I’m standing on one of the best-known beaches in Bermuda and it’s not what I expected.

It’s better.

Like several spots along the island’s southern coast, Horsehoe Bay Beach is a popular place for travelers looking to experience Bermuda’s famed pink sand. Stepping onto the beach isn’t so much like sinking a foot into cotton candy as it is digging your toes into white sugar accented by innumerable light red grains of sand.

We quickly find a spot for our bags and mere seconds after throwing down a couple of towels, my wife, 17-month-old son and I are swimming in the gentle, turquoise water. It’s kind of moment great vacations are made of and it’s exactly what we hoped to find on this tropical island.

About three years ago, my wife and I skipped a honeymoon after our wedding. We promised to make it up. We didn’t. Instead, we each changed jobs and honeymooned after our wedding. We promised to make it up.

We didn’t. Instead, we each changed jobs and

cup and me with the types of fruity, slushy drinks one

orders on a beach-bound cruise.

The first glimpse of Bermuda is an unforgettable

moment. Your gaze is torn between the water below and

the hillside dotted by white roofs in the distance.

As you pull into the Royal Naval Dockyard, it’s hard to

miss a pair of steepel-shaped clock towers looming over

the area that once served as a naval fortress. Before

charging off to explore, be sure to take in everything

the dockyard has to offer, including The National Mu-

seum of Bermuda, offering a glimpse into local history,

Dolphin Quest Bermuda, where visitors can swim with

these aquatic mammals, as well as souvenirs shops, a

handful of bars and restaurants and places to book a Jet

Ski jaunt or glass-bottom boat ride.

Hamilton is Bermuda’s biggest city and merits a full
day of exploration. Coming from the dockyard, the local ferry is a good bet. It’s quicker than a bus ride and provides a great view. Stroll along Hamilton’s cobblestone streets past colorful architecture. One of my favorite spots was the City Hall and Arts Centre. It houses the Bermuda National Gallery where you can enjoy impressive works of art. Other top attractions on the island include the Bermuda Aquarium and the Crystal Caves. The caves provide a great contrast to Bermuda’s surface attractions, swapping sunlight and palm trees for icicle-shaped rock formations.

Another place to explore is St. George’s, the northernmost point of Bermuda and a UNESCO World Heritage Site. It’s home to beautiful, centuries-old architecture and a few charming restaurants to have lunch. But this being Bermuda, you will, of course, want to spend some time at the beach. Horseshoe Bay is a great option though other areas, such as Warwick Long Bay in Warwick Parish and Tobacco Bay Beach in St. George’s are definitely worth a visit.

The only downside to Bermuda, is that all of its posi-
tives make for a tough departure. Luckily, our visit was sandwiched between days at sea but bidding adieu to a tropical paradise isn’t quite so difficult when you’re boarding a floating hotel. I don’t know how long it’ll be before the next family vacation, but with the incredible memories of our island visit, our follow-up jaunt may well be a return to this piece of paradise.

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CityScape: Denver

BY JILL FERGUS

The Mile High City, with the majestic snow-capped Rocky Mountains as a stunning backdrop, got its start as a gold mining camp in 1858. Today it’s a major metropolis with world-class art museums showcasing Western art, a creative culinary scene and a long-standing brewing tradition making it a pilgrimage of sorts for beer lovers. As you explore this old mining city, you’ll also find that it still retains a strong sense of that Old West pioneer spirit. Plus, Denver is the jumping off point for some of the country’s best skiing and boarding with the closest ski resort just 35 miles from downtown.

DO

The city’s oldest block, Larimer Square, is located in Lower Downtown, also known as LoDo, where you’ll find plenty of boutiques, taverns and chef-driven restaurants in historic Victorian buildings and restored brick warehouses. It’s also home to Coors Field where the Colorado Rockies play and the recently renovated Union Station, Denver’s beautiful Beaux-Arts train station. Nearby, the Denver Art Museum (with a Daniel Libeskind-designed wing) is known for its American West and American Indian art collections.

DISCOVER

If you’re a Titanic fan, take a tour of the Molly Brown House Museum where you’ll learn about the life of the “Unsinkable Molly Brown” who showed acts of bravery during the doomed ship’s sinking in 1912. And while in Denver, you’d be remiss if you didn’t take some time to check out some of its many breweries including Wynkoop, the city’s first craft brewery (co-founded by John Hickenlooper who is now Colorado’s governor). You can even sign up for a bus tour, where you’ll visit numerous brewpubs and get to sample some great Colorado beers.

DINE

Not only is Union Station a bustling transportation hub but it also has first-rate culinary offerings. From Fruition chef-owner Alex Seidel comes Mercantile Dining & Provission with an upscale comfort food menu, while at seafood-centric Stoic & Genuine you can indulge in bacon-wrapped halibut and lobster rolls. And at nearby Buckhorn Exchange, the city’s oldest restaurant, dine on steak, game and more exotic fare like rattlesnake and alligator tail amid mounted animal heads and Old West memorabilia.

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PUERTO VALLARTA
It’s hard to beat Mexico when it’s frigid in New York. There are plenty of warm-weather things to do in Puerto Vallarta, like snorkeling, lounging on the beach or shopping in the bustling downtown area.

At the 345-suite Velas Vallarta, a 10-acre property located in Marina Vallarta, an exclusive enclave located five minutes from the airport, be sure to request one of the rooms on the 8th floor which have an amazing view of the ocean, plus large terraces from which to enjoy it. Or if you really want to splurge, book the Master Suite with a private pool and Jacuzzi.

For a little R&R, indulge in a couples outdoor massage, located steps away from the ocean, shaded under a tent but with the sides up so you can feel the cool southern breezes. For a special evening under the stars, book a private sunset dinner on the beach, complete with tiki torches and your own personal butler.

Looking for some action off property? Head to El Malecon, a beachfront boardwalk lined with shops and restaurants in downtown Vallarta. If live music is your thing, make sure to stop by Plaza Principal, the main downtown square, where bands will keep you dancing all night long. For local cuisine, it’s hard to beat the romantic La Palapa, family owned and run. Right on the beach, it’s the ideal spot to wiggle your toes in the sand, while catching the nightly sunset.

CHICAGO
Chicago in winter. One must experience it to understand. But this Midwestern gem really does thrive on cold weather, becoming a fabulous winter playground—whether it’s ice skating at McCormick Tribune Ice Rink in Millennium Park in the shadow of the famous Cloud Gate sculpture (a.k.a. The Bean), checking out the world-renowned collections at the Art Institute or enjoying a horse-and-carriage ride through downtown Chicago while snug-gling under a woolen blanket.

Centrally located steps from historic Michigan Avenue, The Palmer House, A Hilton Hotel is not only the epitome of romance, but it’s one of the city’s grand dame hotels, dating back to 1871. For a city known for its architecture, the hotel lives up to the hype, combining Old World grandeur with modern luxury and amenities. Stay in one of the elegant suites and have a glass of Champagne in the lobby bar under a stunning fresco ceiling (a stop on many architectural tours), before dining at Lockwood Restaurant known for its modern American menu and extensive wine cellar.

Another romantic restaurant is North Pond in Lincoln Park (try to snag a table by the fireplace) and afterward you can hit one of the city’s many wine bars or jazz clubs. And before you leave, make sure you stop into one of the city’s many artisanal chocolate shops for handcrafted truffles and white chocolate-covered strawberries—a perfect ending to your romantic getaway.

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1. **What was your first car?**
   A silver 1968 Chevrolet Camaro, four-speed, black interior. Nothing so special but it was the first car I was able to buy with my own money, so being able to pick out my own ride was special! I always wanted my car to be a four-speed manual. I still drive a manual today—I concentrate more while driving. I like working the clutch, it gives you a feel like you’re back in the day.

2. **How did you acquire it?**
   I bought it with my own money. Saved money from odd jobs, Christmas gifts.

3. **What is your favorite memory of the car?**
   The first day I got it I drove it around a little bit, drove it from Illinois to St. Louis when myself and three buddies watched the St. Louis Blues play hockey. We had a good day out.

4. **What ended up happening to it?**
   I drove the Camaro for a few years but as with many things, I was excited to get it, but excited to get rid of it too. I was out with a friend one day and drove by a ’67 Corvette convertible. That was it, passed by a dealership and made a deal. I wish I knew what happened to the Camaro. The desire now to have those ‘68 Camaros, ‘67 Corvettes is incredible, the demand for them is out of control.

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**Union Oyster House, Boston, Mass**

Tucked away in a corner of this historic restaurant is a booth that was a favorite Sunday afternoon retreat for John F. Kennedy. The future president would eat lobster stew as he sat poring over newspapers. While JFK came here for privacy, diners in booth 18 won’t get that today—the booth is now labeled with plaques of Kennedy, drawing a stream of camera-toting tourists. Many members of the Kennedy clan still frequent the restaurant, which serves fresh seafood and other New England favorites.

**Woodrow Wilson House, Washington, D.C.**

The only presidential museum in the nation’s capital, Wilson and wife, Edith, moved to the stately red-brick Georgian Revival house in fashionable Dupont Circle on the day they left the White House. The home is vintage World War I, including the furnishings, art, state gifts and personal effects of the 28th president and Mrs. Wilson. Guided tours by the knowledgeable staff are $10.

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2016 Honda Civic

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The Civic design team set some impressive benchmarks, aiming the new car at the quality and performance of the Audi A3 and Mercedes CLA. They gave the Civic a stiffer body using ultra-high-strength steel, a wheelbase more than an inch longer and a wider wheel track that’s two inches greater than the previous rear. But while that car is a hatchback, the Civic has a nice-sized trunk. The Civic has a heavier, stronger overall look, altogether pleasing and beyond the economy car look of the previous model.

Honda made a special effort to use significantly upgraded materials in the interior and it works. The inside is comfortable and all the controls are easy to reach. We still don’t like the touchscreen that controls audio, navigation and other functions. It still takes too many “touches” to make simple things happen.

It’s on the road that the new Civic really impresses. The turbocharged engine has good power that increases greatly as the revs pass 3,500 rpm. CVT transmissions continue to improve with the Civic’s responding quickly when you mash the gas on the highway for a pass.

The car’s steering is firm, responds quickly and is really good for pulling quick U-turns as it exponentially moves the front wheels when you pass a half-turn of the steering wheel. Brakes are not usually noteworthy on an economy car, but here again the Civic distinguishes itself with a firm pedal and strong stopping power. The car handles very well and leaves a driver thinking they’re behind the wheel of a modest sports car. Audi A3 performance indeed.

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2016 Ford Escape SE

The Escape’s strength is its high-tech turbocharged engine, which delivers both power and fuel economy. Add in a stylish exterior, a high-quality interior and no shortage of electronics technology and the Escape stands out from the crowd. The six-speed automatic transmission is smooth and nicely matches the torque of the engine. The ride is pleasant, and the handling, while never to be confused with a sports sedan, has a precision that is missing in some small SUVs.

—John Paul

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How to Insure Expensive Valentine’s Day Gifts

BY ROBERTO X. CRUZ

It’s unlikely that your plans for Valentine’s Day include a phone call to your insurance agent. But if you’re gifting a pricey piece of jewelry this month, you may want to pencil one in.

Standard homeowners (and renters) insurance covers belongings from fire and other perils named in a policy, but there are limits as to how much money a policyholder can collect on a single piece of jewelry that has been stolen, said Chris Wukovits, Agency Manager for AAA New York Insurance Services, Inc. In most policies, this limit, known as a “limit of liability,” on jewelry is in the ballpark of $1,000, well short of the price of most engagement rings, Wukovits said.

“People spend three, four, months’ salary on engagement rings, and that makes it an asset that the buyer should want to protect,” he added.

Buyers looking to insure a piece of jewelry that exceeds the liability limit in their policy have two options, said Loretta L. Worters, vice president of communications for the Insurance Information Institute. She said they can either ask their insurance agent to increase their limit or they can have the agent “schedule” an individual piece of jewelry into their coverage, by purchasing what’s called a “floater” policy.

“Scheduling each piece or item may cost more in premiums, but it offers broader protection, because the floater covers losses of any type, including accidental losses—such as dropping your ring down the drain of the kitchen sink or leaving an expensive watch in a hotel room—that your homeowners insurance policy will not cover,” Worters said.

Floater policies by default are replacement cost policies, meaning the insurer will replace a piece of jewelry with an item of like kind and quality if it ever is lost, stolen or damaged, Wukovits said.

Another benefit of the floater policy is that there is typically no deductible for a jewelry claim, he added.

Even if an engagement is not in your plans, you may still want to consider a floater on another high-value item you own, Wukovits said.

Floaters can be purchased on musical instruments, sports memorabilia collections, high-ticket electronics and even family heirlooms, he added. But first, said items must be appraised, or a receipt dated within the past three years must be provided to the insurance agent, so the insurer knows what the item or items are worth, Wukovits said.

Wukovits also recommends keeping an up-to-date, room-by-room home inventory, which you can catalog in a notebook or using a video camera. Either way you decide to do it, you want to document what you own and how much each item costs, he said. Not only will this help you speed up claims and prove losses for your taxes, but it will also give you an idea of how much insurance you need, he added.

For more information on floater policies, or to inquire about AAA Insurance, visit AAA.com/Insurance or call 855-374-1821.

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February Events

NYC EVENTS
Through March 31, Star Wars Exhibition (Manhattan)
Discovery Times Square’s “Star Wars” exhibit kicks off Feb. 1 and will include 70 costumes from the first six films in the franchise. Characters represented in the display include Darth Vader, C-3PO, Princess Leia and Queen Amidala.
Feb. 5-7 and Feb. 12-14, Thunderbird American Indian Dancers (Manhattan)
Theater for the New City will host this event, during which the Thunderbird American Indian Dancers will perform traditional music, dance in elaborate dress and tell stories. The audience can join in the round dances.
Feb. 11-21, Sesame Street Live (Manhattan)
Madison Square Garden will host this interactive “Sesame Street” performance during which attendees are invited to dance with characters from the beloved show, including Elmo and Cookie Monster. Tickets cost $15 to $146.
Feb. 12-16, Dance on Camera Festival (various NYC locations)
This festival screens documentaries, features, shorts, experimental works and music videos that combine dance with cinematography. The films are selected by the Film Society of Lincoln Center. This year’s program is available at Dance on Camera’s website.
Feb. 13, Valentine’s Day Soul Concert (Manhattan)
The Beacon Theatre will host this 1970s-themed soul music concert. Performers include The Stylistics, The Dramatics, New Birth and Ray, Goodman & Brown. The show will be performed at 3 p.m. and 8 p.m. Tickets cost $49.50 to $79.50.
Feb. 13 and 27, A Rainin in the Sun (Harlem)
The Harlem Repertory Theatre will present Lorraine Hansberry’s classic play, which follows the experiences of a black family that moves to a white neighborhood in Chicago. The play will begin at 7 p.m. both nights.
Feb. 14, Lunar New Year Parade (Chinatown)
The annual Lunar New Year celebration combines stunning visuals with tasty food and performances. The street party includes vendors, food and activities for all ages. The parade will wind its way through the streets of Chinatown and Little Italy.
Feb. 15-16, Westminster Kennel Dog Show (Manhattan)
Daytime shows will be held at The Piers, while best-in-show evening events are held at Madison Square Garden. Monday’s program includes hound, toy, non-sporting and herding groups and Tuesday will include sporting, working and terrier groups.
Feb. 17-24, Film Comment Selects (Manhattan)
The Film Society of Lincoln Center will screen eclectic, rare and underrated movies during its annual festival. Although the lineup has yet to be announced, the festival typically includes a collection of cult favorites, new independent films and a few forgotten classics.
Feb. 19-28, New York City Beer Week (various locations in NYC)
The New York City Brewers Guild will celebrate craft beer at locations throughout the five boroughs via tastings, beer dinners, historical tours and lectures. More than 100 bars, restaurants and grocers that sell craft beer will take part in the event.
Feb. 25-28, New York Dance Festival (Manhattan)
Latin, rhythm and smooth dance heats will be held in the Grand Ballroom of the historic Roosevelt Hotel during this four-day festival, which also includes a dinner dance gala, amateur championships and an awards ceremony.
Feb. 27-April 17, The Orchid Show (Bronx)
The Bronx Botanical Garden’s conservatory will be filled with thousands of orchids in an array of colors and sizes. The garden will host Orchid Evenings that include music and cocktails.

NY STATE EVENTS
Feb. 4-7, Empire State Winter Games (Lake Placid)
A multi-day event in its 36th year, the Empire State Winter Games includes 19 sports featuring more than 1,500 participants of all ages. The opening ceremony kicks off at 6 p.m. on Feb. 4. Snow biking and freestyle events are newly added sports.
Feb. 5-14, Saranac Lake Winter Carnival (Saranac Lake)
The carnival will include fireworks displays, parades, traditional and offbeat winter sports and an ice palace decorated with light and carvings. Other events include a spaghetti dinner, a winter royalty reception and a ladies’ fryin’ pan toss.
Feb. 5-20, August: Osage County (Wappingers Falls)
The County Players, now in its 5th season, will present Tracy Letts’ acclaimed play about a dysfunctional Oklahoma family that reunites after its patriarch goes missing. Tickets are $17 for ages 18 and above and $14 for seniors and students.
Feb. 6, 18th Annual Saratoga Chowderfest (Saratoga)
This annual event is one of the region’s most highly anticipated. It features more than 70 vendors serving hot bowls of chowder from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. It will also include face painting and live music throughout the course of the day.
Feb. 6, Ice Harvest Festival at Hanford Mills Museum

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**OUT OF STATE EVENTS**

Through Feb. 15, 22nd Annual Train Show (Essex, CT) The exhibit, created by artist Steven Cryan, features numerous trains and scenery in its 26-foot model train layouts at the Connecticut River Museum. Visitors can participate in a scavenger hunt and smaller train sets are on display for children.

Through Feb. 27, The Nation’s Greatest Hits: 100 Years of New Haven’s Shubert Theatre (New Haven, CT) Celebrating the theater’s 100th anniversary, this exhibition focuses on the stars, composers, playwrights and other artists who performed at the iconic site. The event will feature vintage usher uniforms, playbills and photos from past shows.

Feb. 2 and 9, Michael Palin’s Other Orchestra (Hartford, CT) Michael Palin’s 18-piece big band jazz ensemble, which is made up of local Connecticut musicians, will play some familiar tunes as well as rehearse new material during this concert at BlackEyed Sally’s.

Feb. 5-15, Boston Science Fiction Film Festival and Marathon (Boston, MA) The historic Somerville Theatre will host this 11-day movie festival, which is considered the oldest genre festival in the United States. The 41st annual edition includes a 24-hour endurance test featuring classic and schlocky sci-fi.

Feb. 12, Digital Jazz (Waretown, NJ) Eight regional bluegrass bands will perform at Albert Music Hall from noon to 4 p.m. in Waretown, NJ.

Feb. 12, Go Red for Women Luncheon (Providence, RI) This event draws more than 600 women to Providence’s Rhode Island Convention Center to celebrate the American Heart Association’s movement. Visitors should wear red to the event, where attendees will share stories of prevention and survival.

Feb. 12, Providence Children’s Film Festival (Providence, RI) The festival will include more than 10 days of screenings, filmmaking workshops and free activities at multiple venues within walking distance of downtown Providence. PFF typically screens close to 20 feature films and 100 shorts.

Feb. 12-14, 16th Annual Fiction Film Festival and Marathon (Boston, MA) New boats, marine gear and accessories and take part in workshops at the boat show, which will be held at the Boston Convention and Exhibition Center. Tickets for adults are $15, but children, ages 15 years and below, get in free.

Feb. 14, Bluegrass Festival (Wareham, MA) Eight regional bluegrass bands will perform at Albert Music Hall from noon to 5 p.m. during the Bluegrass Festival. The doors open at 11 a.m. and tickets are $10. Light refreshments will be available. Bands were not announced at press time.

Feb. 18-21, Total Confusion (TotalCon) (Mansfield, MA) Billed as New England’s largest tabletop gaming convention, TotalCon 30 will include championships, panels, exhibitors and events at Mansfield’s Holiday Inn. Games include Splendor, Dominion, Power Grid, Puerto Rico and Stone Age.

Feb. 21, 4th Annual Chili Cook-Off (Highlands, NJ) The event will include two contests—a professional and amateur cook-off—with prizes for the winners. There is a $10 entry fee, which includes snacks, chili tasting, beer, Irish dancers and bagpipes. Visitors will be able to vote for their favorite chili.

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