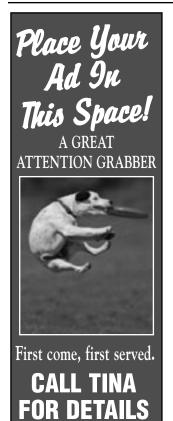
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# **ASHLEY QI TO REPRESENT NJ AT NATIONAL PAGEANT**

This summer, Ashley Qi, who is a student at the Academy for Health and Medical Sciences, will compete for the national title of USA National Jr Teen as well as a \$5,000 scholarship and a prize package valued at over \$100,000 at the national pageant this summer.

Along with outstanding young women from across the United States, Ashley, who is the reigning USA National Miss NJ Jr Teen, will travel to Disney World from July 4-10, 2021 for the highly anticipated USA National Miss Scholarship Pageant. Representing the state, Ashley will compete in evening gown, interview and a runway fashion show event in order to claim the honor of being crowned the national winner.

Ashley has been a performer since she was two years old, when she started dancing. Her love for the arts grew, and at four years old, she started playing the piano. She is trained in martial arts, as well, and can play the violin. She loves to sing and enjoys musical theatre, as well as baking. She was a peer leader at Green Brook middle school, and upon graduating, received an award. She is planning a fundraiser for the Red Cross, and many other community service projects. At "The Academy," she is Student Council Vice President, with a 4.0 GPA. She is dedicated to volunteering. appearing virtually and donating, even through the pandemic. As the USA National Miss NJ Jr Teen, she wants to take her platform, SelfLove, to a wider audience. She also wants to raise awareness and talk about bullying, through the UNM platform Crown CARES.

USA National Miss provides young women ages 4 to 25 with the opportunity to combine their love of pageantry with other optional elements to custom design their pageant experience- whether their focus is on fashion and modeling, or talent, education, community service, and mentorship. Awarding six prestigious national titles, USA National Miss has awarded nearly a million dollars in cash, prizes and full ride college scholarships since 2010. Delegates can also earn titles, crowns, prizes and scholarship money in optional competitions in areas of interest to them including academics, community service and talent.

"USA National Miss combines all the beauty and excitement of pageantry with the glamour and energy of a runway fashion show - while recognizing the personal achievement, community involvement and academic excellence of young women all across the USA," said USA National Miss Founder Jackie Watson. "Our program is designed to award young women for their accomplishments,



(above) Ashley Qi will represent New Jersey at the USA National Miss Scholarship Pageant in Disney World from July 4th – July 10th, 2021.

and to mentor them to reach their goals and unleash their true potential, while encouraging them to articulate young women with a strong sense of self worth."

Every year, around 500 girls compete at Nationals in the happiest place on earth, for the happiest pageant on Earth! For more information on USA National Miss, go to UsaNationalMiss.com.

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# GREEN BROOK HOCKEY CLUB SUCCESSFULLY PLAYED A MODIFIED FALL SEASON

Submitted by Ann Marie Kleiber

With all the uncertainty of Covid in September as to whether schools and sports would take place, Green Brook Hockey Club (GBHC) chose after much deliberation and planning to have a modified Fall season featuring Saturday pickup games only. Parents and Board Members of the League were looking for ways to safely give their kids some physical activity and outdoor fun. It was decided that GBHC could offer this by running a carefully planned "mini" 8-week season in October and November.

A sense of normalcy was the goal at GBHC, even though we had to change many of our protocols. Pre-screening questionnaires, temperature checks, social distancing, mask wearing, and thorough sanitizing of high-touch areas were put in place so that we could proceed with the modified season.

Sixty-three children registered for the season. All the families that participated were overjoyed and thankful that their children had something to look forward to. The start of the season was a big success, and so a two-week "Iron Man" tournament was added on Sundays for our older divisions. Because we are a non-checking and recreational league, hockey at GBHC is always fun competition so everyone can enjoy the game.

Registration for the GBHC Spring 2021 season is now open and we are hoping for as much of a normal season as we can deliver in the Spring. No matter what comes, we will try our best to provide roller hockey fun in some shape or form for the children in our surrounding communities.

Please visit our website at greenbrookhockeyclub.com to learn more about our club and to register.



(above) Green Brook Hockey Club players during a Saturday Fall game.



Visit our website now to learn more about our league! Registration is open now for our Spring 2021 season

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# CRISIS COUNSELING FOR RESIDENTS AFFECTED BY COVID-RELATED STRESS

The Somerset County Richard Hall to confidential emotional support, and help them days a week at 908-231-6414. Community Health & Wellness Center (RHCHWC) obtained a \$360,000 grant from the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) and the NJ Division of Mental Health and Addiction Services. The grant funds Hope and Healing – a free crisis counseling program (CCP) that is available to all county residents who have been emotionally impacted by the pandemic. Professional counselors at Hope and Healing currently conduct essential services through virtual meetings via Zoom, phone sessions and community partnerships.

The overall goal of the program is to help individuals learn about recovery options, acquire coping strategies to manage trauma, have access

# **VETERAN COMMUNITY TO FIND SUPPORT THROUGH ROGER**

ROGER, a search platform for New Jersey veterans, launched on November 9th, just ahead of Veterans Day 2020. The platform was created by Backpacks For Life founders Brett D'Alessandro and Alexa Modero. After serving the Veteran community for 6 years, they found many inefficiencies and convoluted systems that prevented veterans from getting the care they need in a quick and efficient way. From lengthy intake processes to outdated information on organizations' websites, the Backpacks For Life team knew there was a better way to get veterans the care they needed.

ROGER allows veterans and their family members to search for programs, resources and care by a variety of factors such as zip code, branch of service, discharge status and income. With these customizable search features, veterans will see only the programs that they qualify for. This helps mitigate time wasted for not only veterans searching for programs that fit their needs, but also the service providers to ensure the veteran is a good fit for them.

"Navigating through resources is hard...we get it. As a veteran myself, I was often running around in circles trying to find programs that I was eligible for and that fit my needs. When we're working with veterans, every minute matters and with ROGER we can work more quickly to get veterans what they need. We're excited to bring ROGER to the NJ veteran community." - Sgt. Brett D'Alessandro, Retired US Marine & President of Backpacks For Life

To explore ROGER, visit www.roger.vet or **ROGER** contact the team at roger@backpacksforlife.org

Backpacks For Life is a 501(C)3 nonprofit organization that serves the homeless and at-risk veteran community. By regularly distributing backpacks filled with essentials to veterans on the streets and providing mentorship to at-risk veterans and their families, Backpacks For Life aims to bridge the gap between veterans and the resources available to them.

connect to agencies, resources and peer-support.

Beyond the pandemic, Hope and Healing will help residents and communities recover from the effects of any local, state, or national emergency by providing community-based outreach and psycho-educational services as well as short-term interventions.

For more information about Hope and Healing or to speak to a counselor, the Hope and Healing helpline is available from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m., seven

Richard Hall Community Health & Wellness Center is the largest provider of outpatient mental health and substance use services in Somerset County since 1983. The center offers confidential, integrated healthcare by providing clients with a safe and nurturing environment. Programs offered at the wellness center, support recovery by fostering hope and wellness, and supporting empowerment through collaboration, compassion and respect.

## **BEREAVEMENT SEMINAR**

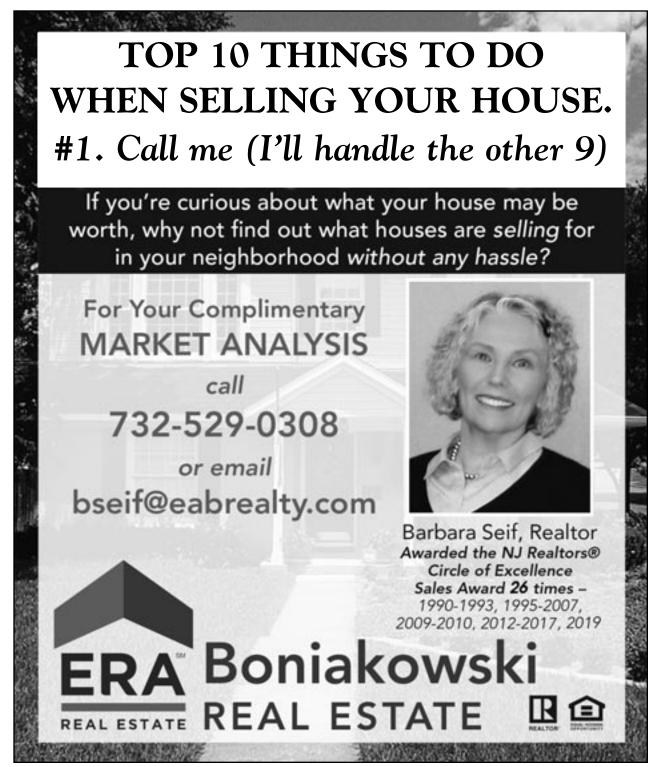
Submitted by Virginia Waters, PhD and Patti Williams, RN

As we enter the darkest time of the year, we offer a ray of light and welcome you to join the Journey Toward Wholeness bereavement seminar. The seminar, sponsored by the First Presbyterian Church of Cranford, grew out of a spark from Dr. Bruce Williams who co-created this program 20 years ago. Due to our respect for keeping our participants safe, the program has transitioned from in person to a ZOOM platform which allows us to include participants from a wider distance.

The seminar begins Sunday, January 10, 2021 for 6 consecutive weeks, from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. Meet us on ZOOM, a meeting link will be provided upon registration. Register by calling Patti Williams at 908-709-1341.

We Welcome all who have experienced loss of any kind, in the past or present. All faiths are welcome.

We also welcome all who have previously attended this Seminar to return for a refresher. There is no cost for this seminar.



# **CLASS OF 2021 ATHLETES SIGN LETTERS OF INTENT**

Submitted by Denis Kelly

Six Watchung Hills Regional High School (WHRHS) student athletes in the Class of 2021 signed letters of intent to play intercollegiate athletics for the colleges they plan to attend next on Wednesday, November 11.

That date is one of three days throughout the school year when most students make their

intentions public about planning to play intercollegiate sports. The other two times during the school year are in February and in May.

On November 11, there were a total of 6 who signed to matriculate and play intercollegiate sports: Five at Division I colleges and one at Division II colleges.

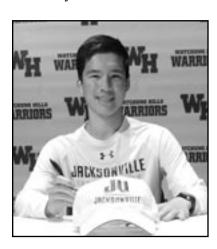
Intercollegiate sports at colleges are generally

divided into three levels of competition: Division I, Division II and Division III.

(left, l-r)

- 1. Ethan Steier of Warren Township plans to matriculate and play intercollegiate sports in Cross Country for the Jacksonville University "Dolphins," Jacksonville, Fla., Atlantic Sun Conference (ASUN).
- 2. Brenna Conway of Green Brook Township plans to matriculate and play intercollegiate sports in Field Hockey for the Quinnipiac University "Bobcats," Hamden, Conn., Metro Atlantic Athletic Conference (MAAC).
- 3. Melanie Nunn of Watchung plans to matriculate and play intercollegiate sports in Swimming for the Marist College "Red Foxes," Poughkeepsie, Metro Atlantic Athletic Conference, (MAAC).
- 4. Sydney Sharma of Warren Township plans to matriculate and play intercollegiate sports in Tennis for the Boston University "Terriers," Boston, Mass., Patriot League.
- 5. Kayla Horvaht of the Stirling section of Long Hill Township plans to matriculate and play Soccer for the University of New Haven "Chargers," New Haven, Conn., Metro-Atlantic Athletic Conference (MAAC).
- 6. Daniel Edelman of Warren Township, Soccer for the University of North Carolina "Tar Heels," Chapel Hill, N.C., Atlantic Coast Conference (ACC)

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After graduating from medical school, Dr Somma served his internship in Internal Medicine at Trinitas Regional Medical Center. He then completed his residency in Internal Medicine at Seton Hall Post Graduate School of Medicine, where he was

Dr. Somma has been in practice in Union and Middlesex counties for over 20 years, with an emphasis on excellence and compassion for his patients. He has served as the physician for the Elizabeth Fire Department, the Board of Health of Hillside and has served the Board of Education for Woodbridge NJ. He was granted the Humanitarian of the Year Award by Trinitas Health Foundation in May 2014, for his dedication to the

community and his outstanding service to the goals of the Foundation.



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# **GRANTS FOR \$277,750 FUND JOB TRAINING**

Residents in Somerset county who are unemployed because of COVID-19 have access to a new training grant program through the counties' workforce development boards.

The Consortium of the Greater Raritan Workforce Development Board (serving Hunterdon and Somerset counties) and the Workforce Development Board of Middlesex County has received \$277,750 in COVID-19 Dislocated Worker Grants from the New Jersey of Labor Workforce Department and Development.

This first-time collaboration between the two workforce boards aims to serve at least 50 individuals from the three counties through their One-Stop Career Training Services Centers who have lost their jobs or face significant reduction in hours because of the pandemic. Training opportunities in the new program focuses on four industries that are experiencing post-COVID-19 growth: healthcare; transportation, logistics and distribution; warehousing; and selected retail sectors (food stores and home centers).

Each workforce board through their One-

Stop Career Training Services Center already offers individual training grant programs for the unemployed and underemployed. This new Consortium program expands the number of residents that can be assisted and covers the program's applicants now through August

"We know that more than 214,000 individuals in the three counties have filed for unemployment since mid-March," said Kevin Kurdziel, director of Middlesex County's Office of Career Opportunity and CEO of the county's Workforce Development Board. "While many have gone back to work, many others are still looking for their next opportunity. The goal of the Consortium is to help out-of-work or underemployed residents displaced by the pandemic obtain industry-valued credentials and employment in sustainable wage career pathways."

Eligible participants in this grant opportunity also will have the benefit of earning certificates in SkillUp Middlesex and SkillUp Greater Raritan, a free online learning portal for residents in the three counties.

"Workforce boards focus on ensuring residents have access to programs and information that help them get good-paying jobs," said Paul Grzella, director of the Greater Raritan Workforce Development Board. "Training grants are one component of what our One-Stop Career Centers do every day, and the staffs regularly guide people to success."

In addition to the training grants, the Consortium's partners have other ongoing career-related services, including registered apprenticeship programs, personal assessment tools, career counseling, case management, work-readiness training, resume assistance, interview practice and preparation, job development and job placement and more.

Residents of Somerset county can find more information about the Consortium opportunity by emailing onestop@co.somerset.nj.us, or by calling 908-541-5780. For more information on all system services, visit thegrwdb.org, and look on the Calendar and Job Seekers tabs.

Questions? Contact GRWDB Board Director Paul Grzella at grzella@co.somerset.nj.us, or 908-203-6044.

# **NJ CAREER NETWORK – JOB SEEKER COMMUNITY**

Are you a New Jersey resident and looking for **WHAT THIS COMMUNITY IS:** work? Do you want to be part of a community of job seekers and volunteer coaches who want to support and encourage each other along the way? If so, consider joining the NJ Career Network Job Seeker Community today!

What is the NJ Career Network Job Seeker Community? A free online community to help you in your job search and to connect you with other people who are looking for jobs and with our volunteer coaches. This community offers a supportive network so you know where to turn with your questions and concerns. Volunteer experts and your peers will be here to help you navigate your job search and cope with all aspects of searching for work.

Why should you join? The job seeker community will share resources, facilitate conversations, and welcome questions about looking for a job. You will gain access to exclusive community member-only events when you join. We also understand that your job search will not be successful unless you are okay, both physically and mentally. That's why the community will be a place for you to share challenges that get in the way of or discourage your job search.

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- A place to figure out solutions to problems.
- A network to offer support for your overall well-being.
- An opportunity to help yourself and others looking for employment.

What this community is not: A job board or other impersonal networking. Networking that ignores the rest of your life. A place to just get information without participating.

Please visit nj-career-network-jobseekercommunity.mn.co and join us! One of our coaches or moderators will reach out to answer any questions you may have and to help you get started! We are using the Mighty Networks online platform to host the NJ Career Network Job Seeker Community. When you join the online community, any references to Mighty Networks are in regard to the community's hosting platform service.



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sing? Making the most of the Zoom world, The Hickory Tree Chorus chapter of Sweet Adelines International offers a free Winter Sing series. Join the chorus via Zoom on Wednesdays in January, 7:15 to 9 p.m.

The chorus sings a variety of music, including old-fashioned love songs, Broadway, Disney, Beatles, and more. Using learning tracks and breakout rooms, singers continue to pursue their passion for singing via Zoom.

Hickory Tree is an award-winning women's hickorytreechorus.org.

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> Please contact the Chorus for the Zoom link for the free Winter Sing 2020 Workshops by email, info@hickorytreechorus.org or call 908-377-1399. For more information visit



(above) The Hickory Tree Chorus chapter of Sweet Adelines International is offering a free Winter Sing series. Join the chorus via Zoom on Wednesdays in January, 7:15 to 9 p.m.

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# VIRTUAL LEARNING, ENGAGEMENT OPPORTUNITIES FOR ADULTS

So that you can #BeSafeAtHome during the pandemic, the Somerset County Library System of New Jersey (SCLSNJ) has expanded virtual opportunities to keep adult customers informed and engaged.

"SCLSNJ is excited to launch the Adult Learning and Engagement portal, which pulls together the vast number of virtual offerings available to our community members," said Cindy Mangel, manager of branch services: adult learning and community engagement, public services. "During this time, as we are limited to where we can travel and how we can gather together with friends and family, it has become increasingly important to broaden virtual services for the community. The Library System has always made it a priority to offer programs and services that provide opportunities to connect, explore, share, and discover."

Through the Adult Learning and Engagement portal, Library customers have the ability to virtually connect to author talks and concerts; experience virtual travel and hobbies; discover numerous resources for language learning; and explore health and wellness tips.

#### **AUTHOR TALKS AND CONCERTS**

The Library strives to keep customers engaged by providing live and pre-recorded programs that offer community members the chance to connect with author talks and musical performances. This winter, Library customers will even have the chance to meet Pulitzer Prize-winning author Caroline Fraser on February 8 at 7 p.m.

"All of these virtual service pages are designed to accentuate focuses that have developed during the pandemic," said Darryl Voorhees, manager of adult services, programming and collaborations, public services. "Author talks and concerts epitomize the type of engaging content that we continue to provide."

#### TRAVEL AND HOBBIES

"Self-care is a critical component of staying healthy," said Voorhees. "That is one of the many reasons that we added a travel and hobbies focus to the Adult Learning and Engagement portal. The travel and hobbies page serves as a virtual bridge to keep Library customers active in safe ways."

The travel and hobbies webpage offers links to online tours to a number of local attractions including the Brooklyn Botanic Garden and The Museum of Modern Art (MoMA); virtual tours of sights around the world like Yosemite National Park and the Royal Botanic Gardens, Kew, in England; and a link to Creativebug, an award-winning arts and craft video resource featuring classes taught by design experts and artists.

"SCLSNJ's expert staff compiled this exciting list of travel destinations and creative resources in hopes that our customers will discover new talents, activities, and destinations without any travel risks," said Terri Coss, adult services librarian.

#### **LANGUAGE LEARNERS**

"According to Data USA, 31.2 percent of Somerset County residents are speakers of a non-English language, which is higher than the national average of 21.9 percent," said Catherine

DeBerry, branch manager. "In an effort to better serve those community members interested in learning English and support those who desire to learn a second language as the world becomes increasingly globalized, SCLSNJ curated relevant content for language learners."

The webpage, which was designed to support diverse populations throughout the county, includes links to the language learning resources Mango Languages and Rosetta Stone; digital news resources including PressReader, which houses thousands of publications in over 60 languages; and connections to community English language learners (ELL) classes and organizations.

#### **HEALTH AND WELLNESS**

Finally, the portal offers a section dedicated to health and wellness. This webpage consists of live and pre-recorded health and wellness based programs including meditation and yoga; connections to community health resources; and links that can help Library customers locate a doctor or medical professional that best meets their needs.

"The physical and psychological well-being of our communities is a matter of paramount importance in a time of increased vulnerabilities," said Nicole Pascoe, civic services supervisor. "We are optimistic that this compilation of information will help empower customers to stay informed on health and wellness topics, especially during the pandemic."

Explore learning and engaging opportunities with your Library today: SCLSNJ.org.

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## **KEAN STUDENT-VETERAN RECEIVES SERVICE DOG**

A special ceremony was held on Kean University's Union campus as senior Jason Pryor, a U.S. Army veteran, introduced the K-9 service dog that he received through an on-campus fundraiser.

Pryor, a senior from Elizabeth majoring in exercise science, did tours in Iraq and Honduras and suffers from PTSD. He received the K-9, named Keen, at the start of the Fall semester as a gift from the Kean Office of Student Government.

"Being with Keen has taught me to be more patient," said Pryor, whose dog accompanies him to class. "Keen is used as a measure to help prevent me from going through the symptoms and effects of spiraling down, by me tending to his needs and having him tend to me."

Kean is ranked first in the nation among large public schools for its programs supporting student-veterans, according to the Military Friendly Schools survey.

Student Government raised nearly \$20,000 to support service dogs through Rebuilding Warriors, a volunteer non-profit organization whose mission is to provide trained service dogs to veterans. The bulk of the funds raised went toward training Pryor's dog, and the rest was donated to Rebuilding Warriors to help train other K-9 dogs.

At the ceremony held outside Miron Student Center, Vito Zajda, director of Veteran Student Services at Kean and a U.S. Coast Guard veteran, called Pryor a remarkable student.

"He has been a big support and influential person in our program," Zajda said. "He has helped open our eyes about how the University can best support its vets."

Vice President of Rebuilding Warriors Jeff Mullins, also a veteran, said post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD) is a condition that can't be seen by others. "It's invisible, stays with you your entire life, and it's not easy sometimes," he said. "Our goal is to provide veterans and first responders with a service dog to help them achieve their new normal."

The University's Veterans Day event included a color guard, a performance of the national anthem by the Kean Gospel Choir, and the presentation of other honors.

Juan Leon Torres, a senior from Spotswood also studying exercise science and a U.S. Navy veteran, received the 2019 Kean Veteran's Award for Outstanding Mentor. He develops transition opportunities and initiatives, and mentors a student-veteran each semester.

"Being a veteran and going back to school is super hard because you go from one community to a different lifestyle," Torres said.

Zajda noted that it is important to support veterans at all times. "The importance of Veterans Day is to recognize that it's 365 days a year, as veterans go through different highs and lows in their lives," he said.

#### **ABOUT REBUILDING WARRIORS**

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## **LIBRARY'S VIRTUAL PROGRAMS FOR JANUARY 2021**

All programs listed are free. Registration is required unless otherwise indicated. Programs are subject to change. All programs are virtual unless indicated. sclsnj.libnet.info/events.org for SCLSNJ's complete calendar of events. For questions contact SCLSNJ staff at ask@sclibnj.org.

\*Please note:

The North Plainfield branch will be closed on January 1, 18.

The Warren Twp. branch will be closed on January 1. The branch will be open limited hours from 10 a.m. - 6 p.m. on January 18.

The Watchung branch will be closed on January 1, 18.

#### **VIRTUAL PROGRAMS FOR FAMILIES**

**Open Mic - A Night of Music** 

January 4, 7-8 p.m.

Register now: sclsnj.libnet.info/event/4642773.

#### Music, Bubble, and Comedy Show

January 23, 10:30-11:15 a.m.

Register now: sclsnj.libnet.info/event/4649263.

#### **Panchatantra Stories (families with children)**

January 26, 3-3:30 p.m.

Register now: sclsnj.libnet.info/event/4660294.

# VIRTUAL PROGRAMS FOR CHILDREN, TWEENS, AND

**Meet the Author Dan Gutman (grades 2-5)** 

January 7, 1-1:45 p.m.

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February 2, 1-2 p.m.

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