



## Safety first

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A secret service . . . Hmmm. How much security does a senior adviser to President Obama need?

- Here's how much: White House senior adviser Valerie Jarrett was accompanied by four Secret Service agents while lunching Wednesday at Chicago Cut Steakhouse. She was accompanied by her daughter, best buddy Neal Zucker and another guest. The table of four was eyeballed by two agents sitting four tables away — and two agents waiting in a car outside.

The Quinn bin . . .

Gov. Quinn snuck off to Paris for the Christmas holiday and was spotted in the economy section on a flight back to Chicago — and engulfed in paperwork in his tiny perch. He waved off the perk of a roomier seat in economy plus. “The Purser on the flight attempted to get him a better seat in the aisle . . . but he said, „No way.“ What a gentleman,” a Sneed reader wrote.

Happy New Year!

As we enter a year of new beginnings, it might be a good idea to revisit the story of “Red,” the pit bull who was shot and subsequently paralyzed defending the home of his elderly owner in August 2009.

- Backshot: His heartbroken owner, who could not afford to care for the permanently injured pet, left him at Animal Care and Control to be euthanized.
- That was then.
- Here's the situation now: Rescued by a worker for PAWS, the miraculous no-kill shelter that saved the lives of 4,000 animals in 2010, “Red” is alive and well and running around in a buggy strapped to his paralyzed hips — when he isn't enjoying his four walks a day — or lobby view from his spacious, private room at the PAWS shelter at 1997 N. Clybourn.
- Bow Wow! Last Christmas, “Red” led a group of carolers from PAWS through the Lincoln Park neighborhood, and this year, he took part in the PAWS staff rendition of “The Twelve Days of Christmas.”
- Bow Now: “In most situations, a dog like this would have been put down,” said PAWS founder/patron saint Paula Fasseas. “But people rallied around him. He's such a happy-go-lucky dog. You see him and he lights up — and it makes you light up. His limitations don't slow him down.
- “He trots down the street like it's nothing,” said Fasseas. The shelter houses private adoption rooms sponsored by Oprah Winfrey and other Chicago celebs.
- P.S. “Red” even has his own Facebook page under the name “Red Ironside.” Check it out . . . and the pet paradise called PAWS.

I spy . . .

Green scene: Cubs pitcher Kerry Wood and his family shopping during the holidays at Whole Foods in Lincoln Park with their own canvas shopping bags. “Save the earth, save the Cubs?” asked a Sneed reader. . . . “Glee” star/Chicago native Jane Lynch exploring the 40-foot tornado exhibit at the Museum of Science and Industry . . . and visiting Kermit and the Muppets at Jim Henson’s Fantastic World exhibit . . . Actor Dan Aykroyd and family spotted at the the Field Museum Wednesday, checking out “Sue,” the legendary T-Rex . . . Blackhawks Patrick Kane, Niklas Hjalmarsson and Corey Crawford — as well as Chicago Bear Israel Idonije — at Chicago Cut Steakhouse last week.

Sneedlings . . .

Condolences to the family of attorney Anthony T. Bertuca, on the death of his mother, Goldie, who died the day after Christmas . . . Today’s birthdays: Frank A. Langella Jr., 73; Verne Troyer, 42, and belated wishes to Lynn Martin, ageless, and Shannon Marie Dwyer, 40.