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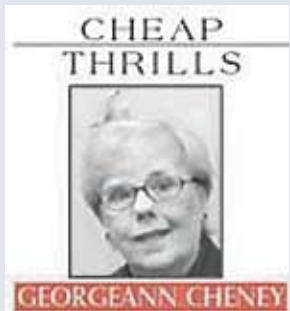
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## Cheap Thrills

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by [Georgeann Cheney](#)

*If people concentrated on the really important things in life, there'd be a shortage of fishing poles -Doug Larson*

### Going Out

I figured out that I probably read more than 5,000 children's books in the 30 years I taught school.

I think I pretty much can tell when I come across a really great book, and I have. It is called "Wishing I Was Fishing," written by Eva Wells and illustrated by Chandra Dale.

Wells lives in Woodbury. Dale grew up in St. Paul and now lives in Port St. Lucie, Fla.

"Wishing I Was Fishing" is a simple story about a boy, a dog and his dad going fishing. The book is done in rhyme, which children love, and the illustrations are beautiful.

Come to Barnes and Noble at the Maplewood Mall at 12:30 or 2 p.m. Saturday,



**Hometown Heroes**

May 19, for an author discussion and book signing. There will be a fish craft for the kids to do after the signing.

After the signing, head to Jimmy's Bait and Tackle at 806 S. Main (off Hwy. 36 in Stillwater) for any fishing supplies you may need.

You will probably be hungry, so why not go to 3 Seasons Restaurant in Mahtomedi for a fish sandwich and some homemade soup.

The next day go to any one of Minnesota's 10,000-plus lakes for some quality time and fishing with the kids.

Mike, the manager of Jimmy's, said that Big Marine and Big Carneilian are both great fishing lakes.

**Staying In**

The time has come again to plan summer parties. I am planning three parties this summer - a monkey party, a Kennedy party and a Laguna Beach party.

A Curious George exhibit will be at the Minnesota Children's Museum until November, so we are going to start our monkey party with a visit to the museum, and then we'll head home for the rest of the festivities. We are going to play pin the tail on the monkey and eat banana splits.

Party America has Curious George supplies, and Target has lots of monkey stuff. I even bought monkey lights.

The most famous person I've ever met was Bobby Kennedy.

I was in high school, and a teacher gave me something to take to the office. Bobby was standing at the bottom of the stairs. He introduced himself and gave me a button for his brother's presidential campaign.

Bobby was at our school giving a speech. I became a Kennedy fan that day.

There are two great cookbooks with Kennedy family recipes. "In The Kennedy Kitchen," by Neil Connelly, and "Cooking For Madam," by Marta Scubin.

Everyone is going to choose a recipe for the party. I'm making chocolate chip cookies and brownies.

Who knows? Maybe we'll even play that Kennedy family favorite - touch football.

One of the most beautiful places I have ever seen in my life is Laguna Beach, Calif. We went there this year with our son, Ryan, and granddaughter, Hannah. Ryan fell in love with the place and wanted to stay there forever.

This summer he turns 30, and I am going to find the perfect beach and put on a Laguna Beach party. I watched the TV reality show "Laguna Beach" to get some ideas. Too bad we won't be able to go surfing.

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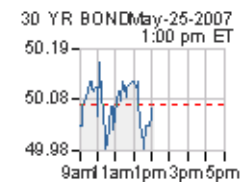
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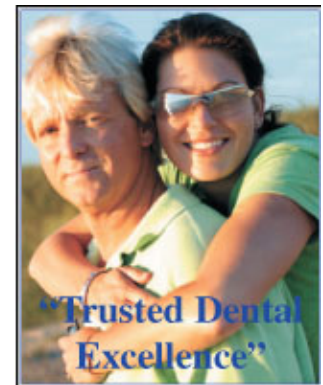
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