

Fire Chief McLemore to review book at library’s ‘Booked for Lunch’ series

October is fast approaching and so is our next “Booked For Lunch at the Library” program. On Wednesday, Oct. 2, our own Fire Chief, Bob McLemore, will be reviewing David Halberstam’s best seller *Firehouse*. The program is sponsored by the Friends of the Library who will serve a light lunch at noon (free will donations accepted). The review will follow at 12:15 p.m. and should be over before 1 p.m. so everyone can get back to work or at least on with their busy day. We would love to have you join us! Everyone is invited to attend.

And while we are on the subject of best sellers, here are some you might have missed. *Double Exposure* by Susan Ford, daughter of former President Gerald Ford, is billed as a “First Daughter Mystery.” This debut novel (first in a planned series, we are told) stars Eve Cooper - who just happens to



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be the daughter of the newly elected President of the United States. Get it? A First Daughter named Eve.

Anyway not long after the First Family moves into the White House, a corpse turns up in the Rose Garden and in his pocket are photos of some unidentified people in the Lincoln bedroom clearly involved in unofficial activities. The press gets hold of this and has a feeding frenzy. Eve sets out to help in the investigation and find out about the mysterious photo as well as the mysterious photographer.

In the prologue, Susan writes that Eve might be a little bit like herself, but her adventures are all purely fictional. “I suppose you can say that the reality I experienced has become merely a springboard for Eve’s adventures. She is not me ... The only character in this book that is not an invention is the White House itself, which I tried to make as real as I could.”

Double Exposure has humor, a good story line, and a lot of historic detail.

Bestselling author Tess Gerritsen has a new book out called *The Appren-*

tice. Gerritsen is known for medical suspense thrillers and this is no exception. The place is Boston, the season summer, but the temperature isn’t the only thing that’s boiling. A series of shocking crimes has taken place in which wealthy men are made to watch as their wives are brutalized - a sadistic demand that ends in abduction and death. Detective Rizzoli thinks she knows who the serial killer is but she doesn’t count on the U.S. government’s sudden interest when the name is revealed. Most of all, she doesn’t count on becoming a target herself. *The Apprentice* is set in a stunning world where evil is easy to learn and hard to end.

The best seller *I’ll be Short* by Brandeis University professor and former Clinton labor secretary Robert Reich is his brief analysis of what’s gone wrong in the U.S. for the ordinary citizen. He maintains that our as-

tonishing economic growth after World War II grew out of a social contract that said anyone who wants a job should have one, those who work should earn enough to lift themselves and their families out of poverty, and all Americans should have access to a good education. According to Reich, the contract has collapsed and needs to be restored.

If you like Jan Karon’s Mitford series, how about trying a similar author. Katherine Valentine’s *A Miracle for St. Cecilia*’s is sort of a Catholic spin-off of the successful Mitford formula. The story is about St. Cecilia’s, the catholic church in a small dying Connecticut town. Everyone is facing hard times and the church has only a handful of parishioners left.

Word has been received that this ornate relic of more prosperous times

will be closed right after Easter. What is Father James Flaherty to do? Who will care for the elderly, addled Father Keene, or Lori Peterson, the waitress at the Country Kettle whose husband needs a bone-marrow transplant?

They have to save the church! But it isn’t just a fund-raising event that will save them, they have to have a true miracle. *A Miracle for St. Cecilia*’s is the first in a projected series about Father Flaherty and this close-knit, small town community.

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People in the News

LOS ANGELES (AP) — **Nancy Reagan** says her husband, in the advanced stages of Alzheimer’s disease, may not even recognize her anymore.

In a CBS “60 Minutes II” interview, the former first lady said Ronald Reagan’s disease has robbed the couple of their post-White House golden years. The interview was to be broadcast Wednesday.

The 91-year-old former president spends his days secluded in his Bel-Air home in the former first lady’s care. Asked if her husband even knows who she is, she said, “I don’t know.”

“The golden years are when you can sit back, hopefully, and exchange memories, and that’s the worst part about this disease: there’s nobody to exchange memories with ... and we had a lot of memories,” she said.

Ronald Reagan’s memory loss also

has taken the joy out of milestone occasions, like the couple’s 50th wedding anniversary March 4.

“I’d love to be able to talk to him about it, and there were times when I had to catch myself because I’d reach out and start to say, ‘Honey, remember when?’” she said.

Although Nancy Reagan is visited regularly by daughter Patti Davis, the former first lady said she is lonely.

“Yes, it’s lonely, because really, you know, when you come right down to it, you’re in it alone and there’s nothing that anybody can do for you,” she said.

The nation’s 40th chief executive has been seen in public only rarely since his poignant 1994 letter announcing to the world that he had the memory-sapping disease.

solutely have to have **Jennifer Aniston**’s Emmy dress, you can — and charity will be the beneficiary.

Sixteen items worn by nominees for Sunday’s Emmy Awards are being auctioned online to benefit groups including Cure Autism Now.

Married actors and nominees Bradley Whitford of “The West Wing” and Jane Kaczmarek of “Malcolm in the Middle” proposed the “Clothes Off Our Back” auction.

Whitford’s Ralph Lauren tuxedo and two of Kaczmarek’s outfits will be auctioned.

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The movie “Like Mike” is currently playing at the Colby Twin Theaters. The night I and my wife (Kathy) attended the movie, there were adults and youngsters who seemed t really enjoy what they were watching. I think you would enjoy it as well.

Jeff Owen

●Movie Review

Also playing this week are the movies “Swimfan,” “Triple XXX,” & “Fear Dot Com.” “Triple XXX” is the only other movie now playing that I’ve seen, the others just didn’t interest me. Still, for the money, going to see a movie is one of the better values for your entertainment in Colby. Take a friend, eat popcorn, drink a soda, and enjoy the movie.



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