Deb,

Gosh, maybe you do have to be a hypochondriac to really enjoy that book. I liked it, but didn't think it was THAT funny. Nobody else has read it. Bring it back with you for the siblings get-together.

You can read Gene's weekly column on the Internet. Go to Google and seach on "gene wiengarten".

A cold, rainy day was forecast today, but it has been sunny and about 55 degrees. I haven't left the house since I went jogging at 7:30. Worn out. Alick and Ashtyn were here yesterday running me ragged. We did some yard work, and when my back gets tired, it does me in. I need to find some good exercises for the lower back.

We are going to see "About a Boy" at 5:15.

We had a grosbeak here one day last week, but haven't seen him since. I went hiking up north when Carol was in New York and saw palm warblers, myrtle warblers and white-crowned sparrows - then saw them in our own back yard the following week.

Steve