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## FAMILY PERSPECTIVE ON NEW FILMS

### Curious about 'George'?

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#### 'Curious George'

Rating: G

**Suitable for:** All ages, but especially preschoolers and younger children familiar with the popular books by Margret and H.A. Rey.

**What you should know:** The animation is done in old-fashioned, 2-D style (it doesn't look like "Chicken Little," in other words), and while the chimp named George doesn't speak, Will Ferrell provides the voice for the man with the yellow hat, Ted.

**Language:** Clean as a whistle

**Sexual situations and nudity:** None. A sweet schoolteacher tries to give Ted a signal that she likes him, but he's oblivious.

**Violence/scary situations:** George is apprehended by animal-control officers, locked in a cage and placed on a ship returning to Africa, but Ted comes to his rescue. George is involved in hijinks, but you never feel he's in danger.

**Drug and alcohol use:** None

#### 'The Pink Panther'

Rated: PG

**Suitable for:** Adults, teens and children older than 5

**What you should know:** Steve Martin tries his hand as Inspector Clouseau, the bumbling detective in the Blake Edwards' capers of the '60s. This time around, a soccer coach is killed, and the priceless Pink Panther diamond, which belonged to him, disappears.

The victim's pop-star girlfriend (Beyonce Knowles) is a prime suspect. The chief inspector (Kevin Kline) wants credit for solving the crime himself and, to make sure it stays unsolved for a while, puts hapless Clouseau in charge.

**Language:** One or two double-entendres

**Sexual situations:** No nudity; two mild kissing scenes

**Violence/scary situations:** Violent moments are fairly frequent and very cartoonish, with no bloodshed or really frightening sequences.

**Alcohol and drug use:** Martin drinks a flaming cocktail, mostly as a sight gag.



AP PHOTO  
Kevin Kline, left, and Steve Martin star in "The Pink Panther." Martin stars as the bumbling Inspector Clouseau.



## Hanging out is new name of dating game

### Navigating world of opposite sex never out of style

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Teenagers call it hanging out. Their parents know it as dating. First dates used to be initiated through a phone call. Today it's through text messaging.

Teens used to exchange class rings. Today's young people loan their significant others sweatshirts and hats.

The terminology and some of the rituals of dating have changed over the years, but today's teens still face the same questions about the opposite sex that their parents did.

Seventeen-year-old Justine Croy, a junior at Whiteland Community High School, says guys let her know they are interested in her by horsing around with her in the school hallway or text messaging her between classes.

"When they like you, they will also laugh at whatever you say," said Sarah Gaughan, 18, a Whiteland senior.

Many young women aren't afraid to make the first move. Girls have asked him out, said Cody Adkins, 15, a sophomore at Center Grove High School.

"It doesn't bother me," Adkins said. But Joe Paulson, 18, a senior at

Whiteland Community High School, said he probably wouldn't like a girl who took the romantic initiative.

"I think that takes away from the guy's role," Paulson said.

He wants to be the one to ask for a date, even though in his own relationship of 10 months he was painfully shy about taking that step, Paulson said.

Gaughan and Croy know other girls who take the first step, but they aren't comfortable with asking boys out.

Jesslyn "Jess" Carlsgaard, 16, a junior at Center Grove High School, said she might consider it.

"I'd ask him only if I thought that he liked me too," Carlsgaard said.

Love notes are obsolete in today's technologically enhanced world.

Adkins sends a short hello to his girlfriend during the day through text messaging. That's how Croy's boyfriend of three months expressed his interest, too.

"He text messaged me one day and asked me if I wanted to hang out," Croy said.

E-mailing, instant messaging and phoning are other acceptable ways to check in with each other.

Gifts of affection have also changed. Swapping high school rings is a practice of the past, Gaughan said.

"The rings are definitely out," she said. "Guys giving girls their sweatshirts, that's the biggest thing."

Croy said her boyfriend gave her a few personal items from his closet: a couple of shirts and a favorite hat.

The term "going steady" has also been revamped.

"Going out" is hard-core boyfriend-girlfriend, you can't date anyone else," Gaughan said.



JOE PAULSON, 18, a senior at Whiteland Community High School, wouldn't like a girl to initiate a relationship.

"I think that takes away from the guy's role," Paulson said.



JUSTINE CROY, 17, a junior at Whiteland high school, says her boyfriend used a cell phone to ask her out.

"He text messaged me one day and asked me if I wanted to hang out," Croy said.



SARAH GAUGHAN, 18, a senior at Whiteland high school, says that a little laugh means a lot.

"When they like you, they will also laugh at whatever you say," Gaughan said.



What would you leave on the moon to let people know you were there?

"Cheesecake. It's my favorite dessert. My grandma makes good cheesecake."

**Ben Sorrell, fourth grade, son of Richard and Roberta Sorrell, Greenwood, Clark Elementary School**



"A picture of my family to show people what my family looks like."

**Hayley Smith, second grade, daughter of April Hicks, Greenwood, Clark Elementary**



"All kinds of ice cream, but especially jamocha. It's really the only kind of ice cream I like."

**Grace Bohlsen, second grade, daughter of Vicki and Tad Bohlsen, Whiteland, Clark Elementary**



"A Bible, because if people went to the moon and didn't know about God, they could read it."

**Carter Beers, second grade, son of Doug and Chandra Beers, Franklin, Clark Elementary**



"A flag for the state I live in: the Indiana flag."

**Amanjot Kaur, third grade, daughter of Satinder Pal Kaur and Ranjit Sooch, Greenwood, Clark Elementary**



"Fuel so if other rockets come and need some they could use it."

**Emily Zietlow, fourth grade, daughter of Kay Lynne and Cary Zietlow, Needham, Clark Elementary**



## TAKE NOTES

### Elementary-school students raise money for penguins

Second-grade students at Maple Grove Elementary School raised \$94.84 to sponsor four Indianapolis Zoo penguins.

The students sold popsicles during lunch to help the zoo support the animals. Each class spent two weeks learning about the characteristics, adaptations and habitats of the penguins.

### Teens learn about state government as pages

Southside young people recently served as Senate pages for Sen. Brent Waltz, R-Greenwood.

They are:  
• Nathan Magnuson, 13, and Brad Magnuson, 16, sons of Terry and Debbie Magnuson of Greenwood. They both are home-schooled.  
• Katie Daniel, 18, daughter of Jim and Kim Daniel of Greenwood, Greenwood Community High School  
• Jacob Potter, 17, son of Eric and

Laura Kwiatkowski of Greenwood, Center Grove High School

### Girl honored for her positive community spirit

Lyndsey Adams, a Center Grove High School student, was recently named the winner of the annual Good Citizen Contest, sponsored by the Mary Bryan chapter of The Daughters of the American Revolution. Adams was chosen based on her contributions at home and in her community.



### Student wins essay contest from among hundreds of entries

The Greenwood Sertoma Club named winners for its annual essay contest. About 500 students submitted essays entitled "What Freedom Means to Me." First-place winner was Eric Croft of Center Grove Middle School North, son

of Doug and Cherie Croft.

Second-place winner was Sara McAtee of Our Lady of the Greenwood School, daughter of Michael and Julie McAtee;

Third-place winner was Jensen Grimmer of Center Grove Middle School North, daughter of Pete and Dana Grimmer and Dan and Rhonda Stagner.

Fourth-place winner was Haley Craig of Our Lady of the Greenwood, daughter of Jim and Peggy Craig.

### Contest teaches pupils about founding father

During a Junior American Citizens contest sponsored by the Mary Bryan chapter of The Daughters of the American Revolution, more than 125 grade-school students were involved in this year's theme, "Benjamin Franklin, American Patriot."

Fifth-grade winners from Center Grove Elementary School:  
• Third place: Jordan Delp, stamp  
• Honorable mention: Nildofer Ratpurkar, stamp

Fifth-grade winners from Maple Grove Elementary School were:

• First place: Joy Atzinger, photo essay; Chely Leticia Roque, poster  
• Second place: Jordan Andrew Glover, stamp; Jessica D. Egenolf, photo essay

### Young women work to promote 4-H on far Southside

Roncalli High School students Kaleigh Purdy, Morgyn Purdy and Katie Veenhuizen were recently selected to serve as Johnson County 4-H ambassadors.

During Johnson County 4-H Week last week, they spoke to grade-school students, distributed brochures and made announcements at school about 4-H.



### Meeting will inform parents about high school requirements

Center Grove High School will host a high-school information session for par-

ents of eighth-graders at 6:30 p.m. Feb. 21 in the school auditorium.

The meeting provides information on course requirements.

### Scholarships open to students pursuing law enforcement

The Indiana Sheriffs' Association will again award scholarships to high school seniors who are pursuing a degree in criminal justice studies.

Forty scholarships of \$500 each will be awarded throughout the state.

Applications are available from high school guidance counselors or at the Johnson County Sheriff's Office.

Applications are due by April 1.

### Center Grove students named Merit Scholarship finalists

Three Center Grove High School seniors have been named National Merit Scholarship finalists.

They are Jacob Denz, Katherine McCoy and Jake Ward.