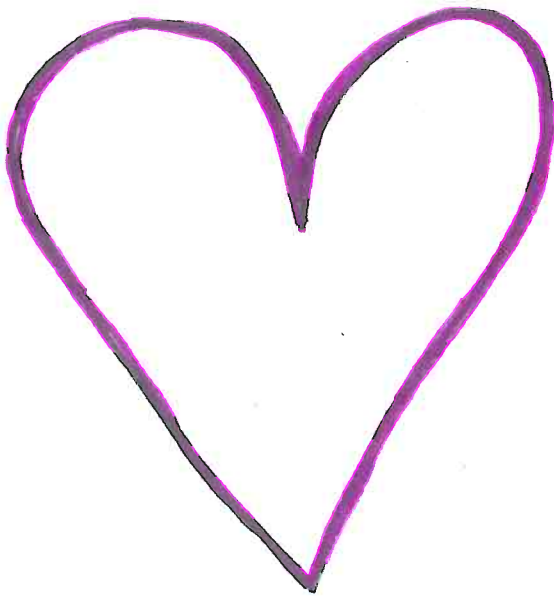


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# Superior Magazine

~Second issue~



Valentines Day  
is coming up!

Makers: Ella G. Plavsky & Ayra G. Stone-Dahl

# The Weather Page

By Ayva

Another chilling week for Ashland and Mellen Wi.

Local channels, as well as NOAA, are calling for sub-zero temps for the final week of January. Talk about cold!! Wind chill factors are factoring in to minus 30 to minus 50 below. Area businesses, including schools, public events, transportation and food delivery programs have been known to shut down due to such cold conditions. When it's this cold outside, it's always best to stay tuned to your local media outlets...especially when planning travel.

Talking of travel, did you hear that the Chequamegon Bay was frozen, and in record time, leaving the inhabitants of Madeline Island to drive over to the mainland (even earlier in the winter, too) on the only legal ice road in the country. They were very happy with that news.

Aside from the cold, the region had also seen its share of record snowfall in some areas. I know at my house, we had 20" of snow fall over the course of 24 hours, just a week ago. It was awesome!



Best Book, Movie, and Game of the Month!

Entwined by Heather Dixon

Parking Mania - on Friv.com, go and check it out!

"Penelope," a truly wonderful movie about a girl who learns the most important thing in life - to love yourself! Check it out at your local movie place.  
Rated PG - probably most enjoyable for ages 10+

Submitted by Ayva

## Book Review by Ella Plansky

**FLORA SEGUNDA: BEING THE MAGICKAL MISHAPS OF A GIRL OF SPIRIT, DER GLASS-GAZING SIDERICK, TWO OMINOUS BUTLERS (ONE BLUE), A HOUSE WITH ELEVEN THOUSAND ROOMS, AND A RED DOG**  
by Ysabeau S. Wilce      Published 2007

This book is fantasy.

Flora Fyrdraaca's family, along with their house, was once grand but now has fallen upon hard times. When Flora's mother banished the family's magical butler long ago the house, and the family started to fall apart. The Fyrdraaca family have been in the military for generations and Flora's mother and Flora's older sister are always far away working for the military, leaving Flora at home with Poppy (Flora's father) who retired from the military after being captured in a war, and now stays confined in his room, drinking and occasionally coming downstairs to get food.

Flora's house, Crackpot Hall, is huge and has a lot of rooms to clean, and without the help of a butler or maid, it falls to Flora to do all the housework.

Flora thinks her life is miserable, what with Poppy and chores and school. And on top of it all, very soon, when she turns 14 she will go to the barracks to be trained in the military. Flora doesn't want to be in the military, but she doesn't really have a choice. That's just what Fyrdraaca's do. Flora wants to be a ranger. Stealthy, brave, resourceful, powerful, and a worker of magic. Flora's mother doesn't approve of magic. She says it's a shortcut. She doesn't approve of shortcuts either.

But one day, Flora takes a shortcut and discovers a secret room and the banished butler, Valefor. But things are not always what they seem.

I would recommend this book to all fantasy lovers. Probably most enjoyable for ages 10 and up.

Flora Segunda is the first book in a series. The second book is called "Flora's Dare: How a Girl of Spirit Gambles All to Expand Her Vocabulary, Confront a Bouncing Boy Terror, and Try to Save Califa from a Shaky Doom (Despite Being Confined to Her Room)"

And the third book is called Flora's Fury: How a Girl of Spirit and a Red Dog Confound Their Friends, Astound Their Enemies, and Learn the Importance of Packing Light

By Ayva

## Largest Cities of the World - (by metro population)

NOTE: Numbers shown include population within the recognized metro area of the city, and they also include people living in the immediate surrounding area outside of the established border of the city, (the immediate suburbs)

NOTE that some population numbers shown are accumulated at-best estimates, as consistent (2012 census) information is not yet unavailable in some parts of Africa and Asia.

1. Tokyo, Japan (37,126,000)
2. Jakarta, Indonesia (26,063,000)
3. Seoul, South Korea (22,547,000)
4. Delhi, India (22,242,000)
5. Shanghai, China (20,860,000)
6. Manila, Philippines (20,767,000)
7. Karachi, Pakistan (20,711,000)
8. New York, USA (20,464,000)
9. Sao Paulo, Brazil (20,186,000)
10. Mexico City, Mexico (19,463,000)

# Poetry Page

"You try to be faithful  
And sometimes you're cruel.  
You are mine. Then, you leave.  
Without you, I can't cope.  
And when you take the lead,  
I become your footstep.  
Your absence leaves a void.  
Without you, I can't cope.  
You have disturbed my sleep,  
You have wrecked my image.  
You have set me apart.  
Without you, I can't cope." – Rumi

"He was my North, my South,  
My East and West,  
My working week  
And my Sunday rest,  
My noon, my midnight,  
My talk, my song;  
I thought that love would last forever:  
I was wrong."- W.H. Auden

"That night when you kissed me  
I left a poem in your mouth,  
And you can hear some of the lines,  
Every time you breathe out." – A. G.

"You are my sun, my moon and  
All of my stars." – E.E. Cummings

"If you were coming in the fall  
I'd brush the summer by,  
With half a smile and half a spurn  
As housewives do a fly.  
If I could see you in a year,  
I'd wind the months in balls,  
And put them each in separate  
drawers,  
Until their time befalls." - E. Dickinson

Submitted by Isabella Stone-Dahl

# ISLAND OF ADVENTURE!

BY ELLA PLANSKY

CONTINUED FROM ISSUE I

STUMBLING AND TRIPPING I FINALLY MAKE MY WAY OUT OF THE FIELD OF SNAKES AND COLLAPSED ONTO THE GROUND.

I JUST LAY THERE FOR A MINUTE, BREATHING HARD, TRYING TO CALM DOWN. EVENTUALLY I SIT UP AND LOOK AROUND. I'M SITTING NEXT TO A GLISTENING POOL OF CRYSTAL CLEAR WATER. I CRAWL OVER AND DIP IN MY FINGER. IT FEELS COOL AND SOFT. WHEN I TOUCH IT, A RIPPLE SPREADS OUT FROM MY FINGERTIPS AND SPREADS OUTWARDS ACROSS THE ENTIRE POOL. WHEN THE RIPPLE FADES AWAY, AN IMAGE APPEARS IN IT'S PLACE. IT'S A PICTURE OF A WOODEN SIGN, LIKE THE ONES AT ALLIGATOR BAY AND THE PLAINS OF HIDDEN FEARS. ON IT IS WRITTEN: "WELCOME TO THE POOL OF DISTANT THOUGHTS." THE IMAGE LINGERS FOR A MOMENT AND THEN DISPERSES, TO BE REPLACED WITH MORE PICTURES. PICTURES OF EVERYTHING I'VE EVER THOUGHT ABOUT. PICTURES OF THINGS I DIDN'T EVEN KNOW I THOUGHT ABOUT. PICTURES OF THINGS I'VE TRIED TO FORGET. IT'S WONDERFUL AND HORRIBLE AT THE SAME TIME.

I DON'T KNOW HOW LONG I STAY IN FRONT OF THE POOL. IT COULD BE DAYS OR MERE MINUTES. BUT FINALLY I AM JERKED BACK TO REALITY BY A FEELING OF SOMETHING COLD AND HARD CLOSING AROUND MY MIDDLE. I WRENCH EYES AWAY FROM THE POOL AND LOOK UP TO SEE WHAT HAS GOT HOLD OF ME. ABOVE ME, FLAPPING

UPWARD WITH IT'S POWERFUL WINGS IS A REAL, LIVE, DRAGON! IT'S HUGE AND GREEN AND SCALY, WITH TWO SMALL HORNS ON IT'S HEAD. IT'S CLAWS ARE SHARP, BUT GENTLE. IT'S MAGNIFICENT AND TERRIFYING. IT SCOOPS ME OFF THE GROUND IN IT'S CLAWS AND CARRIES ME HIGHER AND HIGHER INTO THE SKY. THE WIND RUSHES PAST MY FACE AND BLOWS BACK MY LONG HAIR. I SEE THE ISLAND GETTING SMALLER AND SMALLER BENEATH ME. I, ELLA PLANSKY, AM FLYING.

AS QUICKLY AS WE FLEW UP, WE BEGIN TO DESCEND. THE DRAGON SWOOPS DOWN TOWARDS A MOUNTAIN. AS WE GET CLOSER I SEE THAT ON THE MOUNTAIN THERE IS A CAVE. IT IS INTO THIS CAVE THAT THE DRAGON TAKES ME, DROPPING ME ON THE FLOOR NEXT TO A SIGN READING: "THE DRAGON'S CAVE. ENTER AT YOUR OWN RISK." THE DRAGON LANDS GENTLY BESIDE ME. I CAN'T HELP THINKING THAT IT'S VERY GRACEFUL FOR SUCH A LARGE CREATURE.

THE CAVE IS NOT AS I WOULD HAVE EXPECTED A DRAGON'S CAVE TO BE. THERE WAS NO GOLD OR JEWELS OR OTHER TREASURE. JUST ONE BIG FIREPLACE WITH A LOG THE SIZE OF AN ENTIRE TREE IN THE BACK OF THE CAVE. THE DRAGON LIGHTS THE FIRE WITH ONE FIRERY BREATH, THEN TURNS TO LOOK AT ME. IS IT GOING TO EAT ME?

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# Detranora & Joe

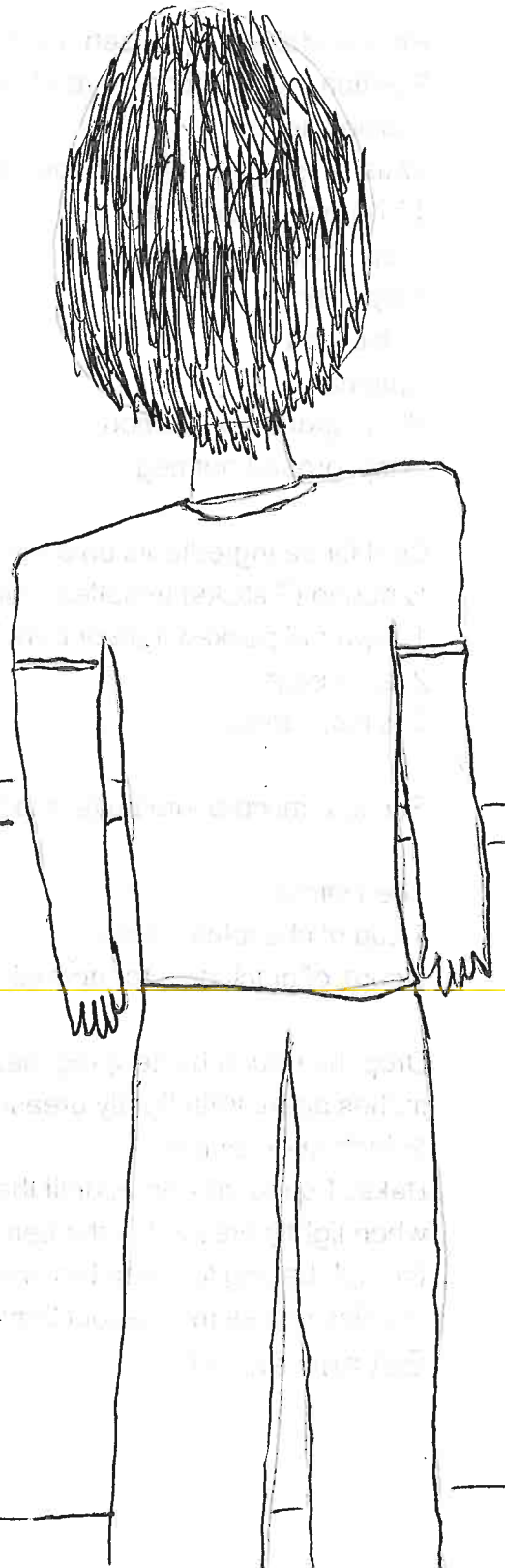
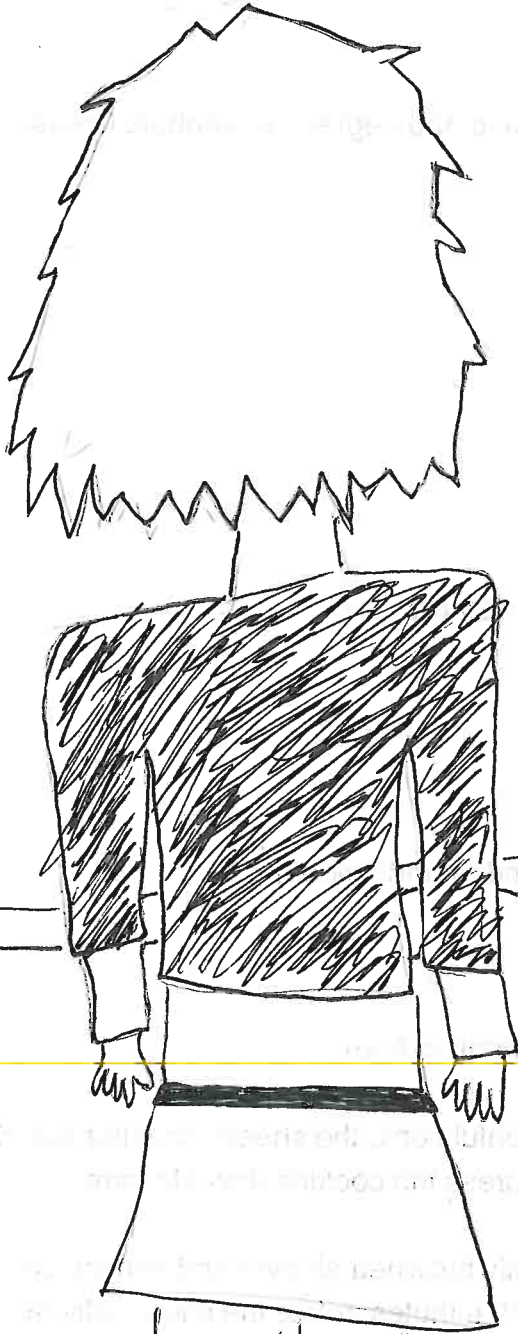
By Ella Plansky

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Joe: "Listen to that wind. It's loud. It sounds a big storm."

Detranora: "I was thinking it sounded more like spirits of the dead rushing quickly thru the trees on their way to their fortress in the stars pursuit of a great evil that has infiltrated their sky citadel, and they must hurry, or else their castle in the clouds will be destroyed forever!"

Joe: "Yep. It's windy."



# Cooking Page

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## Chocolate chip oatmeal cookies

*Recipe adapted from the Joy of Cooking by Amy Syverson*

*Submitted by Ella Plansky*

**Recipe Makes 3 ½ dozen 3 inch cookies**

**Position rack in upper third of oven. Preheat oven to 350 degrees fahrenheit. Grease cookie sheets.**

**Whisk these ingredients together thoroughly:**

**1 ¾ cups all-purpose flour**

**1 tsp. baking soda**

**1 tsp. baking powder**

**½ tsp. salt**

**Optional:**

**½ tsp. ground cinnamon**

**½ tsp. ground nutmeg**

**Beat these ingredients on a medium speed until well blended:**

**½ pound (2 sticks) unsalted butter, softened**

**1 ½ pound packed light or dark brown sugar**

**2 large eggs**

**2 ½ tsp. vanilla**

**Stir flour mixture into butter mixture until well blended and smooth.**

**Then stir in:**

**1 cup of chocolate chips**

**3 cups of quick oats (or normal oats grinded on medium fine)**

**Drop the dough by heaping measuring tablespoonfuls onto the sheets, spacing about 3 inches apart. With lightly greased hands, lightly press the cookies down to form ½-inch-thick rounds.**

**Bake, 1 sheet at a time, until the cookies are lightly browned all over and almost firm when lightly pressed in the center of the top, 6 to 9 minutes; rotate the sheet halfway through baking for even browning. Remove the sheet to a rack and let stand until the cookies firm slightly, about 2 minutes. Transfer the cookies to racks to cool.**

**Eat and enjoy!**

# News Page

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Chemical spill in West Virginia

By Ella Plansky

On the 9th of January, a company called Freedom Industries had a one inch leak in one of their storage tanks and spilled a chemical called methylcyclohexane methanol(MCHM) into the Elk river near Charleston, West Virginia. It is a chemical used for coal mining. Not much is known about it or its health effects. The company was 1.5 miles up river from the water treatment plant and so it got into the water easily. The spill was first noticed when people reported smelling licorice. The people in and near Charleston were told not to drink their tap water, use it to wash dishes or clothes, or bathe in it. Stores were practically out of bottled water.

A few people were hospitalized because they showed symptoms of being sick from drinking the water, and many, many other people have called poison control to ask if they might be sick.

On January 13, people were told that the chemical had dropped to 1 part per million and was therefore safe to drink, although pregnant women were advised not to drink the water at all ~~until the chemical is completely undetectable. However, many~~ people are still suspicious because they can smell the it. Some doctors are also advising that children shouldn't drink it either.

Then, shortly after the spill, Freedom Industries filed for bankruptcy. Some sources suspect that they may have done it to avoid lawsuits.

# THE POLAR BEAR PLUNGE

By Ayva and Ella

The Polar Bear Plunge is when a lot of people jump in Lake Superior in the winter. They cut a hole in the ice for you to jump through. To jump in, you have to raise money for the Bayfield Rec Center. This year, it will be happening on March 1st.

It is in Bayfield WI, on the ice, and Ayva & Ella are jumping in this year!

If you want to sponsor Ella and Ayva so they can do the polar plunge, please email us at [superiormagazine@gmail.com](mailto:superiormagazine@gmail.com)

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