

Reeling 'em in young



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Jacob Dodd, 2-year-old son of Calvin and Brenda of Oakley, is proof a person is never too young to learn how to fish. The toddler took a fishing lesson from his aunt, Stephanie Mizell of Hoxie at Sheridan Lake recently. The lake is located 10 miles east of Hoxie on U.S. Highway 24.

Book highlights average day of women's experiences

You have a little under a month to read the following books:
 "This Day in the Life: Diaries from Women Across America: 24 Hours of True Life Stories" edited by Joni B. Cole, Rebecca Joffrey, and B.K. Rakhra.

On Tuesday, June 29, 2004, women across America participated in writing a diary for a day recounting their experiences, thoughts and feelings.

The success of the project led three editors to take a snapshot of the "average" day of a woman in America.

Thirty-four journal entries were chosen and compiled in this book.

Included are the journal entries of women of different ages and backgrounds from Jennifer Foth, 23, who writes about "life after college" to Marie Colwill, 87, who writes as a "nursing home resident" to Laraine Harper, 48, who writes as "the only brothel madam who was never a working girl."

You might find that you life isn't so out of the ordinary after all.

"The Greatest Fishing Stories Ever Told" as edited by Lamar Underwood. It might be said that catching fish is only part of the equation; in reality fishing is a comprehensive experience.

If you took away the scenery, the camaraderie, the tranquillity, or the anticipation, fishing would probably be quite dull. The fact is that fishing has enhanced the life of millions of people including great authors such as Ernest Hemingway and Zane Grey. In this book, Underwood compiled "28 unforgettable fishing tales" from some of the greatest writers and avid fishermen of our time. Contributors include (among many others) Zane Grey, Ernest Hemingway, Joe Brooks, and A.J. McClane. Read about the fish that you haven't yet caught.

"Scorched Earth" by David L. Robbins. The inter-racial marriage of Elijah to Clare didn't sit well with many of the citizens of Good Hope, Va. The recent birth and subsequent death of Elijah and Clare's newborn baby has the town in an uproar. The baby was buried in the all-white church cemetery — which was initially approved by the church. In retrospect however, some of the church deacons felt this inappropriate



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ate and decided to have the baby exhumed and moved to another cemetery.

Coincidentally, the church burned down the very night the baby was removed from the cemetery. As Elijah was the only person on site while the church burned — his guilt was immediately assumed by the townspeople. As if this weren't bad enough, the charred remains of a girl were found inside the church. The charred remains belonged to the daughter of the notoriously prejudiced town sheriff. Now, Elijah's only hope of justice lies with his attorney.

"Never Eat Alone: and Other Secrets to Success, One Relationship at a Time" by Keith Ferrazzi. There is a certain amount of truth in the saying "it's not what you know, it's who you know."

Ferrazzi is not yet 30 and he has already held a number of executive posts. His secret — networking. Networking has developed a very negative connotation over the

years, but according to Ferrazzi (if done right) everyone should visit the cemetery.

The principles put forth in this book focus on the legitimate relationship side of the equation rather than the purely self-serving purposes of improving your social and economic status. Among his principles — don't keep score, stay in regular contact with your associates, and never eat alone.

When the month is up these books will move to the next library. Make the most of an opportunity to read some books that are not a regular part of our collection. You can always count on something new!

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What's wrong with women?

By Dr. Joyce Brothers
 King Features Syndicate

Dear Dr. Brothers: My husband thinks I'm too demanding regarding sex, but he sure didn't used to think that. When he got a new and better job, we were both thrilled because it meant a huge increase in salary as well as privilege, but it seems to me that our sex life has been crashing. At first I thought it was his new and beautiful secretary, but he actually fired her, saying she was incompetent, so I gave up that theory; then I fantasized and thought maybe it was a guy. Some of my married friends have been having that problem. I've dropped that. He doesn't even seem to be interested in watching porn flicks, which he used to find exciting.

anyone there who might be giving him trouble. If he could open up about his feelings regarding all this, it would relieve some of the pressure. Try to arrange your life so that he can have more opportunities for extra sleep. Give him plenty of hugs and reassuring cuddling, but let him initiate the first move regarding sex.

Dear Dr. Brothers: I'm in the real estate business, and people talk to me the way they used to confide in their hairdressers; I hear all the gossip when couples are breaking up or someone's moving out or moving in. I've noticed a weird thing: Women in their 50s really seem to be kicking up their heels and walking out on their husbands. I always thought it was the guys who were leaving their wives at that age, but now it seems like more and more of them are being stood up.

that any problem exists. The fact that the wife is leaving or seeking a divorce comes as a great surprise, leaving the man baffled.

A common complaint in many marriages — unrelated to the ages of the couple — is that males and females often feel differently about what communication means. As a result, females who have a need for intimacy often feel excluded from their husband's emotions and his life. Such feelings may not have been expressed, but when the kids have left and are out on their own, the frustration and resentment emerge. The responsibility is over, and the females want a second chance at the freedom they feel they missed.

Dear C.E.: Under the circumstances you've described, it sounds as if your husband's lack of interest in sex is likely to be job-related — not in infidelity, but in stress, pressure and fatigue. If this is the case, the last thing he wants or needs is extra pressure from you regarding sex when he walks in the door.

Dear L.T.: While I'm sure there might still be some desperate housewives around, especially in small towns and the suburbs, they tend to be a bit younger, with children who usually aren't fully grown and independent. I suspect one of the main reasons for this sudden change is that the couple probably haven't been able to communicate all that much before. When this happens, the husband is apt to be totally unaware

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