

Four days and counting

The course of American and World history is altered at the conclusion of each election. In 1988, the course of American History was being shaped by newly elected president, George H. W. Bush.

In his latest biography, Bush Sr. asked his only "living" daughter Dorothy (aka — Doro) to write a memoir. Her book fulfilling that request titled My Father My President is now available at Pioneer Memorial Library.

In writing this book, Doro contacted people from all facets of President Bush's life. She conducted interviews ranging from world leaders such as Mikhail Gorbachev and Bill Clinton to business associates to intimate interviews with family and friends.

Many forces came together to shape the president that we knew and, in turn, to shape America. In this book you will get a portrayal of President Bush Sr. from a person that knew him both as a father and a President.

The success of President Bush Sr. or any President is often debatable. One thing we do know however is that the morale of the public has a lot to do with how well a President can perpetuate the American Dream.

Donald J. Trump and Robert T. Kiyosaki (Rich Dad, Poor Dad) are two examples of men that have successfully realized the



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American Dream. With a solid financial record behind them, these two men have joined forces to help you find financial freedom in their recently released book Why We Want You to be Rich.

The primary focus of this book is the "why" of financial success rather than the "how." In their own words Trump and Kiyosaki say that "you cannot solve money problems with money. You can only solve money problems with financial education."

To drive this point home, both authors have agreed to donate a portion of the proceeds of each book to organizations that support financial education. If you have enjoyed the message of Kiyosaki's past books and you want to live like Donald Trump — then this could be just the book you need to kick start your financial dreams.

Bush Sr., Kiyosaki, and Trump are all (to a certain extent) self-made men. The question is whether they could have been as successful if they were women? Barring childbirth, the age old argument still exists as to whether it is easier to be a

man or a woman. To explore and perhaps perpetuate this argument, Norah Vincent disguised herself as a man for 18 months. During this time Norah infiltrated some of the most sacred male dominated niches in society.

Her journey's ran the gamut from bowling alley to monastery and from outcast to insider. What she found was both entertaining and insightful. To find out what it is like to be a guy — women, or a woman's perspective on being male — men, read the book Self-Made Man by Norah Vincent. (Disclaimer: her rationale was purely journalistic as she is not and has no plans of becoming transsexual)

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Dighton ponders providing laptop computers to students

GARDEN CITY (AP) — A largely rural school district in western Kansas is thinking about going high tech.

The Dighton school board has given approval to investigate ways to issue laptop computers to every student in junior high and high school, Superintendent Angela Lawrence said.

The district, which has about a third of its students living outside the city limits, is beginning to research the cost of the computers and what is necessary to equip schools with a wireless Internet network, she said.

Teachers are also planning ways to use the computers in the classroom.

"We have a lot of education to do with our teachers and our students, so when we do put them into their hands, it will be successful," Lawrence said.

Lawrence said teachers are interested in the idea of using Quia, a Web-based program that provides testing, quizzing and review activities and games.

The program is already used at nearby Holcomb schools, which began issuing laptops to students this year at a cost of about \$380,000. "Our teachers are doing a great

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job of trying to incorporate them into the classroom," Holcomb High School Principal Bill Biermann said.

Biermann said the computers allow teachers to more efficiently test students online, and on a daily basis, using the Classroom Performance System. Teachers post questions on a screen that students answer using a remote control.

Biermann also said the school is considering a move toward electronic textbooks. "There is a lot of exciting stuff out there," he said. "A lot of the textbook companies understand that's the direction things are headed."

The new technology hasn't been without its bugs, though.

Biermann said automatic system updates sometimes come through the school's wireless network and interrupt a student's work, and

about 12 of the 260 computers issued to students have needed repairs.

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Gay friendly church joins United Church of Christ

DALLAS (AP) — The Cathedral of Hope, a 4,300-member megachurch which works for full inclusion of gays in the Christian community, has been admitted to the United Church of Christ.

The UCC North Texas Association voted Oct. 28 to admit the church, which will become the fourth-largest congregation in the mainline denomination.

The Cathedral of Hope was founded in the late 1980s primarily

to welcome gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender people.

Last year, the 1.3 million-member United Church of Christ endorsed same-sex marriage, making it the largest Christian denomination to do so.

In the early 1970s, the UCC became the first major Christian church to ordain an openly gay minister. The church declared itself to be "open and affirming" of gays and lesbians 20 years ago.

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