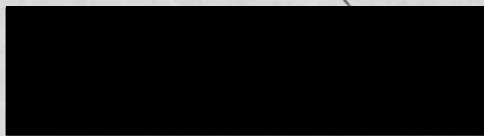


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MOVE: Local woman now teaches her method to caregivers in other nations

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"I don't even like to think of where he would be if we hadn't found MOVE."

Such devotion to MOVE is common among parents of disabled children.



Bidabe

Mobility Opportunities Via Education, teaches disabled children how to sit up, stand and even walk, said Linda Bidabe, who developed the program at Blair in 1984.

"Throughout my teaching experience, I knew children continued to learn no matter how severe their disability," Bidabe said. "But when children got past the ages of 6, 7 and 8, they became too big for us to move and we watched them lose the skills they had learned up until then

and become more and more disabled."

She realized disabled children needed to learn the physical skills to get around so they could continue their education.

So, she decided to teach them how to move.

"The success was shocking," she said. "We initially took 11 students who were not weight bearing (meaning they could not stand or sit up with out help). At the end of the summer project all were weight-bearing."

She looked at everyday movements — dressing, washing hands, eating — broke them down and figured out ways to teach children how to learn those movements.

It is a seemingly simple concept that was overlooked.

Since Bidabe wrote a book on the subject in 1990, however, the idea has electrified those who work with disabled children across the nation and around the world.

"It's just run rampant," Bidabe said of interest in the program. "Baltimore just got a federal grant to implement MOVE in all their city schools, and Florida has a grant for the entire state."

Bidabe, 48, has been all over the country speaking and is preparing for her seventh trip to Europe to explain the principles of the program. She will leave next month to speak in Spain, Germany, Austria, Switzerland, Holland and England.

"Europe is just going crazy with it," she said.

Before developing MOVE, Bidabe had never been out of the country.

Bidabe also works with Rifton Manufacturing in New York to get specialized equipment for some children.

"I had been making junk walkers for years," she said. "The first walker I ever made was back in the '70s for a boy who was the only non-ambulatory kid in the group. He wanted to run with the other kids so I made a walker with an old tire on the back for ballast."

She said if it weren't for the Kern County Superintendent of Schools, and Superintendent Kelly Blanton personally, the program would never have gotten off the ground. Blanton OK'd the seed money for MOVE in 1984 and gave Bidabe a lot of personal encouragement.

"The idea was to have an alternative for these kids so they wouldn't have immobile lives," said Jim Varley, spokesman for the Superintendent of Schools. "We put some money into it and didn't say much. Then we watched it just take off. Now, the curriculum is being printed in four languages and it's in its third printing."

Not only is the program being picked up almost everywhere, in some cases it is being altered to help more than just disabled children.

In Los Angeles County, juvenile delinquents are being trained to work with disabled children. The delinquents are desperately needed by their disabled young friends, which, in turn, helps them feel better about themselves.

Bidabe helped set up the program and recalled her first meeting with the youthful offenders.

"I have to admit, the first time I met the kids, with all those tattoos all over them and all the gang stuff, it was a real experience for me," she said.

Since then, she said, she has watched disabled children learn to

walk and emotionally broken teens learn to care.

"One young man in L.A. said to me that no one had ever given him anything important to do, that it had all been garbage work that people pretended was important. He said there was no question for him that this was important and it was honest because we honestly needed him and he honestly helped a child. He took great pride in that."

The program in Los Angeles has been so successful it was featured on several national television magazine shows.

"It has been fantastic to see the program grow while it's evolving instead of people putting a lid on it and saying it's too much trouble," Bidabe said. "It has changed a lot of lives."

Bidabe has accepted no extra money for her efforts. She receives a regular salary as a program specialist at Blair. Whenever she is asked to speak in other counties, states or countries, the host pays her expenses.

Proceeds from the book have gone to repay the cost of developing the program.

candidate Luis Donaldo Colosio, a top investigator handling the case said Monday. Rene Gonzalez de la Vega, deputy attorney general for investigations, also said others may have been involved in the killing last week. **A2**

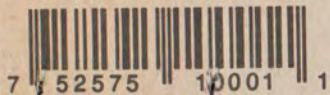
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ominous sign of what was ahead.

But it wasn't enough of a warning to spare at least 43 people who were killed when dozens of tornadoes roared east from Alabama through Georgia, Tennessee and the Carolinas on Sunday. A 44th person, a Georgia corrections officer, also died Sunday when he suffered a

does.

Hundreds of others were injured. Twenty of the dead were at a church in Goshen, 80 miles northeast of Birmingham. Families that arrived for Palm Sunday services left planning Holy Week funerals.

Portions of the Carolinas remained

region.

"The conditions were totally juicy for any kind of a storm," forecaster Tony Fulkerson of The Weather Channel said. "A lot of people got up in the morning and said it felt so warm and muggy that something had to be brewing."

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Pastor of destroyed church grieves for her own child

PIEDMONT, Ala. (AP) — After losing her 4-year-old daughter and much of her growing young congregation in the Palm Sunday tornado that devastated her church, the Rev. Kelly Clem isn't yet ready to answer the question: "Why?"

"I was just walking around ministering and praying with people after it happened, and people were lying on the ground and asking: 'Why Kelly, tell me why?'"

"We do not know why," she said she told them. "I don't think 'why' is the question right now. We just have to help each other through it."

On Monday, the 34-year-old pastor

was struggling between her dual roles as grieving mother and the spiritual leader of a congregation shocked by death during the week that celebrates the resurrection of Jesus.

Her daughter Hannah was with other children waiting to sing in a musical drama telling the crucifixion story when the tornado struck, one of a series that pounded the Southeast on Sunday.

One minute, the song "Jehovah Jireh" — Hebrew for "the Lord will provide" — filled the air of the church, a witness said. The next minute, debris was flying.

The tornado collapsed the Goshen

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The Rev. Kelly Clem clutches a stuffed animal that belonged to her daughter.

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Disabled kids on MOVE, thanks to unique program

By LOIS HENRY
Californian staff writer

Move a hand to turn a page.
Bend a knee to sit down. Lean
forward to answer the phone.

Each movement takes an infinite
number of silent commands from
the brain to the muscles.

Most of us learned how to move
— to sit up, stand and walk — so
long ago we don't even think about
it anymore.

But for children like Matthew
Stramaglia, 7, each motion must be
broken down, analyzed and pains-
takingly learned.

Matthew has cerebral palsy.
Doctors predicted he would never
walk and would need numerous
surgeries just to sit comfortably in
a wheelchair for the rest of his life.

His parents refused to accept
that prognosis.

They uprooted their family, mov-

ing from Ventura to Bakersfield in
1990 to take advantage of a revolu-
tionary program called MOVE to
Independence at the Blair Learning
Center.

With the help of MOVE, Matthew
now walks in a walker. He goes to a
"regular" school and has avoided
the operating room altogether.

"He's growing and he's healthy,"
said Matthew's mother, Donna Stra-

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Matthew Stramaglia plays while his mother, Donna, watches.

from Burt Reynolds is out of the way.

Anderson says marrying Reynolds might have been a mistake from the start. Farrah Fawcett and other friends tried to talk her out of it, but she wouldn't listen.

"If I ever want to get married again, my friends have instructions to tie me up and throw me in the river," Anderson told TV Guide for its April 2 issue. "I am NOT getting married."

Anderson is savoring a sweet divorce settlement that includes \$1.9 million toward a house, about \$300,000 from the sale of a summer home and \$11,000 a month in child support from Reynolds for their 5-year-old adopted son, Quinton.

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Bob Barker

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stand, without comment, Montana's 1979 abolition of insanity as a defense for criminal defendants.

That opens the door for California and other states to do the same, although only two have done so — Idaho and Utah.

But local attorneys don't think that's likely, since the insanity defense serves a valid purpose and has not been misused.

that Shaw was insane on Feb. 18, 1993, when he fired a .38-caliber handgun into the heads of his ex-wife, Karen Shaw, 36, and her mother, Martha Kennedy, 69.

"The insanity defense in California is a two-part standard: The person has to be unable to realize their action is right or wrong, and it has to be because of a mental defect, not for some other reason,

wrong. There certainly are people like that."

Tauzer agreed, but added that most of those people are locked up for a long time, if not the rest of their lives, in mental institutions.

"Occasionally, you have an aberration, like Lorena Bobbitt, who is found insane at the time of the crime, but now is cured," Tauzer said.

her life and send her to heaven.

Williamson was committed to Patton State Hospital in Southern California, where he remains. His initial sentence was to expire in 1986, but has been extended every two years after hearings are conducted.

Attorneys on both sides of the table are not sure if the Supreme Court's action will entice California

looking for quick fixes for the criminal justice system and are willing to throw out just about anything."

The Supreme Court review of Montana's abolition of the insanity defense was prompted by the case of a paranoid schizophrenic who beat a Forest Service employee unconscious "while in the throes of a psychotic delusion" in 1990.

2nd suspect in assassination

MEXICO CITY (AP) — A second man is suspected of direct involvement in the assassination of Mexico's leading presidential candidate Luis Donaldo Colosio, a top investigator handling the case said Monday.

Rene Gonzalez de la Vega, deputy attorney general for investigations, also said others may have been involved in the killing last week. But he insisted that there was no wide conspiracy, a statement said.

The government has repeatedly insisted that Colosio was assassinated by a lone gunman — Mario Aburto Martinez, who confessed to the killing and is in jail.



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