



NEWS IS GETTING AROUND THE PACIFIC

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SEASON'S GREETINGS



BOOK DISCUSSIONS ONLINE!

How would you like to discuss books with people across the nation online? All that is needed is a computer, internet access and a sound card. To participate in the discussion by speaking, a microphone needs to be connected to your computer. If you don't have a microphone you can type in your comments.

The website is: www.opal-online.org/progsbooks.htm. Check on when the next discussion will be held and which books will be discussed. There is also an archive of past book discussions.

Different libraries have sponsored these book discussions. The OPAL program is chaired by Tom Peters of TAP Information Systems in Missouri.



HOLIDAYS WHEN THE LIBRARY IS CLOSED

Christmas: December 26 (Monday)

New Year: January 2 (Monday)

Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day: January 16 (Monday)

President's Day: February 20 (Monday)

OSHER LIFELONG LEARNING

Osher Lifelong Learning Institute, a membership program for people over 50, has as its mission “to promote lifelong learning, personal growth, and community service opportunities.” Classes and workshops have no exams or grades. A fee is charged.

The institute is sponsored by the University of Hawaii—Manoa. For more information call 956-8224 or log on to www.all.hawaii.edu/. Expand your horizons!

NEW WB-View

WB-View, the NLS-supported software package for managing and viewing Web-Braille files, has been significantly updated. Version 2.00 has many new features, including an improved, fully accessible installation procedure and an easy-to-use search function that allows users to search the NLS catalog for Web-Braille books. Searches can be conducted by author, title, subject, word in the annotation, or any combination of these. Once a book has been found, a registered user can view or download part or all of a Web-Braille book from within WB-View. Fifteen different line lengths can be optionally selected so that WB-View can be used to format a file to fit any size braille display.

WB-View is being distributed by its developer, Softtools Inc., as a trialware. Users can download a fully functional package and try it for a period of fifteen days. After the trial period, the program can be purchased online, securely, by credit card. Interested persons can find more information at www.wb-view.com.

(For information only, not an endorsement)

What did the **CSI** unit find at the North Pole?

Santa clues

THE NFB KURZWEIL READER

The National Federation of the Blind and Kurzweil Technology Inc. have teamed up to develop a portable handheld reading machine. It is the size of a personal data assistant (PDA). Attached is a digital camera that will take a snapshot of printed material and read it back to you in a clear and easy to understand speech output.

There will be a beta testing cycle conducted to get more feedback about this reading machine. If you are interested in becoming a beta tester, contact the National Federation of the Blind of Hawaii Kurzweil Reading Machine Ambassador, Milton Ota. He will ask for the following information: Full name, mailing address (no P.O. Box), phone number where you can be reached, and occupation (student, homemaker, secretary, etc.).

Requirements for Beta Testers:

Provide feedback when contacted.

Minimal initial cost. Monies will be returned to you upon completion of the evaluation and return of the machine.

A minimum of 3 to 5 hours a week using the machine.

Milton Ota can be reached at: (808) 734-0612, or by e-mail at: milton_ota@hotmail.com (on the subject line indicate NFB Kurzweil Reader). Deadline to contact Milton Ota is Sunday, January 22, 2006.

Top Family Movie Rentals for Hanukkah

- 1 Goy Story
 - 2 Schlepp
 - 3 Schlepp 2
 - 4 Shalom Alone
 - 5 Who Framed Roger Rabbi?
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ADULT UNCONTRACTED BRAILLE

Several people have been asking for adult materials in uncontracted, formerly Grade 1, braille. These articles from the READER'S DIGEST were translated into uncontracted braille. If circulation is high, more articles will be produced in this format. Titles include the following:

HIB 236 GEEKY KID—BIG VOICE by Clay Aiken with Allison Glock.

With Mrs. Norton's help, I got rid of the wedgies and made it all the way to 'American Idol.'

HIB 237 AND SOPHIE MAKES FOUR by Vince Smith.

Rearing a baby chimp taught my wife and me some basic lessons of parenthood, including the hardest one—letting go.

HIB 238 THE CAVE DWELLERS by Peter Lane Taylor.

To escape the Nazis, these families literally went underground.

HIB 239 THE CONTENDER by Derek Burnett.

Think Kyle Maynard is disabled? Try going a few rounds with him.

HIB 240 FORCE OF NATURE by Barbara Goldsmith.

I wondered if Marie Curie was superhuman. The truth surprised me.

HIB 241 MAKE SOMETHING HAPPEN by Jacob Young.

You can, and you should—five New Year's resolutions for America.

CASSETTE MAGAZINES

We have a new list of magazines available on a turnaround basis. Please call us if you're interested in receiving any of these titles.

- BHG3** BETTER HOMES AND GARDENS. Advice on home and money management, recipes, how-to-do-it home plans, and decorating ideas. Monthly.
- DSM3** DIABETES SELF-MANAGEMENT. Current information about diabetes. Discusses nutrition, medications, and exercise. Bimonthly.
- HEX3** HEALTHY EXCHANGES FOOD NEWSLETTER. A collection of low-fat, low-calorie easy recipes; includes information on the diabetic food-exchange program. Monthly.
- HDM3** HUMPTY DUMPTY'S MAGAZINE. Stories, jokes, poems, and activities for ages 4-7. Bimonthly.
- MSL3** MARTHA STEWART LIVING MAGAZINE. Monthly.
- MSM3** MS. MAGAZINE. THE WORLD OF WOMEN. Women's issues and current affairs presented from women's perspectives; fiction, poetry, theater, and book reviews. Bimonthly.
- OPM3** O, THE OPRAH MAGAZINE. A women's guide to fashion, inspiration, and self-help. Monthly.
- SMT3** SMITHSONIAN. Science, natural history, art, archaeology, history, and ecology; events at the Smithsonian Institution. Monthly.
- TIM3** TIME. Short articles, political commentary, and other general interest topics. Weekly.
- YDM3** YOUR DOG. Covers canine behavior, health, medicine, dentistry, and new products. Monthly.

DESCRIPTIVE VIDEOS

- DVT 384 **THE INCREDIBLES.** PG. The world’s greatest crime fighters, forced to adopt civilian identities and live “normal” lives with their kids, are lured back into action to rescue the world from destruction. Animated.
- DVT 385 **MEET THE FOCKERS.** PG-13. Greg Focker has to introduce his unconventional parents to his straight-laced, ex-CIA father-in-law. Stars Robert de Niro, Ben Stiller, Dustin Hoffman and Barbra Streisand.
- DVT 386 **THE PHANTOM OF THE OPERA.** PG-13. Broadway musical made into movie of a young opera singer who is loved by a noble and by a mysterious man whose disfigured face is hidden in a half mask. Stars Gerald Buter, Emmy Rossum, and Patrick Wilson.
- DVT 387 **RAY.** PG-13. Story of Ray Charles, from his humble beginnings and on to become America’s musical genius. Stars Jamie Fox.
- DVT 388 **SHARK TALE.** PG. A lowly whale tells a great lie that gets him into trouble, especially with the feared shark. Animated.
- DVT 389 **FINDING NEVERLAND.** PG. A playwright is at the crossroads of his career when he forms a friendship with a family with four young boys who stir his imagination to write his greatest work “Peter Pan”. Stars Johnny Depp and Kate Winslet.

CASSETTES

- HIC-1327 NOW I THINK I COULD ALMOST FLY! by Father Patrick A. Martin. Adult nonfiction. Biography.
- HIC-1328 TODAY'S THOUGHT, VOLUME ONE by Reverend Paul S. Osumi. Adult nonfiction. Meditations.
- HIC-1329 VOICES OF WISDOM: HAWAIIAN ELDERS SPEAK by M.J. Harden. Adult nonfiction. Hawaiiiana. Social life and customs.
- HIC-1330 FLYING-FOX IN A FREEDOM TREE AND OTHER STORIES by Albert Wendt. Adult fiction. Hawaiiiana. Western Samoa—Social life and customs.
- HIC-1331 PRESSTIME IN PARADISE: THE LIFE AND TIMES OF THE HONOLULU ADVERTISER, 1856-1995 by George Chaplin. Adult nonfiction. Hawaiiiana. Honolulu Advertiser.
- HIC-1332 THE 1.5 GENERATION: BECOMING KOREAN AMERICAN IN HAWAII by Mary Yu Danico. Adult nonfiction. Hawaiiiana. Korean Americans—Hawaii.
- HIC-1333 REBEL WITH A DREAM FROM HAWAII: THE INCREDIBLE JOURNEY OF SENATOR RICHARD M. MATSUURA, AN AUTOBIOGRAPHY by Richard M. Matsuura and Ruth Hase Matsuura. Adult nonfiction. Hawaiiiana. Autobiography.
- HIC-1334 THE HEALTHY TIMES COOKBOOK: A COLLECTION OF RECIPES FROM TIMES SUPER MARKET EMPLOYEES AND

VENDORS. Adult nonfiction. Hawaiiana.
Cookery, International.