

Don Lancaster's

RESOURCE BIN

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Disabled and handicapped resources.

Our usual reminder here that the *Resource Bin* is now a two-way column. You can get tech help, consultant referrals and off-the-wall networking on nearly any electronic, *tinaja* questing, personal publishing, money machine, or computer topic by calling me at (520) 428-4073 weekdays 8-5 Mountain Standard Time.

US callers only, please.

I'm now in the process of setting up my new *Guru's Lair* web site you will find at (where else?) www.tinaja.com This is the place you go for instant tech answers. Among the many files in our library, you will find complete reprint sets for all of the *Resource Bin* and other columns. Plus a brand new [Synergetics Consultant's Newtwork](#) & lots of links to unique web sites.

You will get the best results if you have both *Netscape Gold* and *Acrobat Reader 3.0* installed. This new reader does utterly amazing things online.

Handicapped Resources

This month, I thought we'd take a look into resources for the disabled. High tech and otherwise. But before we begin, here are several politically incorrect guidelines which I do feel definitely need to be said...

Firstoff, just about any third-party disability situation appears bound to involve psychic energy sinks, guilt, or bad vibes. Pathos 101. The foremost rule is to *separate the baggage from the problem*. So, the *only* reason to involve yourself is *because you want to*.

It is not your problem, unless you *personally* choose to make it so.

Second, I do not see there is any point whatsoever in developing any handicapped product or service *unless you have specific, long term, and first hand knowledge of the problem*.

Otherwise, you are *certain* to end up with what those french veterinarians call a *four paw*.

Third, recognize that institutions

that supposedly "help" the disabled may have hidden goals and agendas. Such as a school lumping the truly gifted right on down with the epsilon minuses. And then treating both of them as "special" problems.

Fourth, many laws and regulations involving disability issues range from woefully cost ineffective on down to outright ripoffs. Outright ripoffs that benefit nobody but bureaucrats. It is insane to add \$50 to the cost of a tv set when a seventeen cent connector (and an optional card for a tiny minority of the sets) can do a better job.

A strong case can be made that the sole purpose of ADA is to cripple and handicap small business.

Finally, and most important, most disability subjects have long ago been thoroughly discussed. All you have to do is look. Some ferinstances...

Disability Bookshelf

In the past, we looked at a number of those special interest direct mail bookshops which literally defined the

NEXT MONTH: Don looks at mightily manic multimedia magazine madness.

resource center for a topic. That *SAE Library* for cars, the *Mix Bookshelf* for music and audio, *Lindsay Publications* for "lost" technical lore, *Navtech* for GPS navigation, and so on. A lot more on these in my www.tinaja.com.

One definitive resource here is the *Disability Bookshelf*. They stock over 400 titles, along with videos, cassettes, and talking books.

Any information quest should start off with their \$5 catalog.

Trace Center

This one is run by the University of Wisconsin. Start with their free *Trace*

Center Publications and Media Catalog. They also maintain a co-op electronic library on disability.

Their most important product is the *Co-Net* CD-ROM. 20,000 listings for co-op directories, publications, media, and materials. Plus a text library. A single CD is \$27.

This appears to be *the* single most important disability resource.

Apple Computer

Just about all of the major personal computer manufacturers have strong support for the disabled in one form or another. But *Apple Computer* seems to be head and shoulders above the rest. They pride themselves in having created the industry's first disability group back in 1985.

Start off with their free *Worldwide Disability Solutions*. Their info packet has reprints and a MDR 4.0 disk.

This disk is mainly two files. The first is a Hypercard tour of dozens of third party keyboards, displays, and alternate input devices.

The second file whips on by as you exit. And holds a dozen of the most important field resources.

At one time, Apple did publish a more extensive resource directory. A dated copy of this is in HACK10.PDF on PSRT. Some of the info here may no longer be current, though.

N.I.C.H.C.Y.

The *National Information Center for Children and Youth with Disabilities*. They offer dozens of free booklets to parents, educators, and caregivers.

You can contact them for a free list.

T.A.S.K.

Otherwise the *Team of Advocates for Special Kids* is the parent organization serving all ages and disabilities. They do a newsletter and run a dozen title bookstore. They also distribute a free *Parent Information Packet*.

Some Magazines

Closing the Gap is a bimonthly mag on the use of microcomputer related technology by the disabled. They also put on international conferences that include hands-on workshops. Their next show is October 19-21, 1995 at the Minneapolis Radisson South Hotel.

The *Disability Rag* is one well done in-your-face alternate tabloid. It tells it like it is. Bimonthly. It includes an outspoken *Advocado Press* book and pamphlet service. I particularly like their "This jerk violates accessible parking spaces" stickers.

Educom Review is a slick bimonthly mag about learning, communications, and information technology. Educom is a nonprofit consortium of colleges, universities, and corporations.

The *Exceptional Parent* is a thick and slick monthly magazine for families and professionals. On parenting the disabled child or young adult.

Careers & the Disabled touts itself as the career magazine for people with disabilities. Has a Braille centerfold. Mostly "feel good" stories by Fortune 500 firms congratulating each other.

National Directories

Grey House Publishing has a pair of humongous references available. The first is the *National Housing Directory For People With Disabilities*. The second is the *Directory of Nursing Facilities for Younger Adults with Chronic Physical Disabilities*. Fairly pricey.

These are a mostly for the library or medical reference shelves.

On Line Help

As with any field today, the latest, fastest, and finest info comes down online. This should be your first and foremost place to search for help on just about anything.

All of the major online services do offer a disability forum.

Genie has a fine *ABLE RoundTable*. Including a 1600+ download library.

To reach them, you enter ABLE on any prompt. If you want to talk to a real sypop person, email ABLE.DAVE or ABLE.DEBI instead.

There is one sure fire way to find out everything about anything. If it ever appeared in print, chances are its offered through the *Dialog Information Service*. Available direct, through your local library, or conveniently on line at *Genie*. Of the hundreds of *Dialog* data bases available, you might start with their MEDLINE service.

Yeah, *Dialog* is a premium service. Until you include that good old "Uh, compared to what?" factor.

Your real biggie, of course, is that Internet. There's lots of online and CD search services available these days. It gets hard to keep current on even the searchers, let alone the sites.

But, for readers not quite Internet literate, there's a printed alternative. I just got a copy of the brand new *Gale Guide to Internet Data Bases*. With only 8000 files at 2000 sites described, this one is barely off to a good start. But I have found it extremely useful...

handicap.afd.olivetti.com does provide more than 800 files on handicapped life. It is run by Rice University.

trace16.waisman.wisc.edu holds their *Co-Net* text library. This is a co-op network of information providers in the areas of assistive technology. Also files on info system and computer accessibility.

sjuvm.stjohns.edu is that EASI database, short for *Equal Access to Software and Information*. Publications, workshops, laws, and grant sources.

val-dor.cc.buffalo.edu is the location for the *HEATH Resource Center* on higher ed for individuals with disabilities.

ericir.syr.edu is a librarian data base. It includes disability coverage.

www.law.cornell.edu is a repository of US Law. Has documents and comments. One source for the ADA regs.

The *GENie* ABLE library file #1604 lists additional Internet resources.

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There are great heaping bunches of support groups, mags, and products available. Besides an online search, two great ways to pick these up are with *Ulrich's Periodicals Dictionary* or the *Encyclopedia of Associations*. Found on the reference shelf at your local library. Or via *Dialog* on *Genie*.

Here is my random selection in no particular order...

New Mobility is the slick bimonthly magazine that covers wheelchairs and accessories. \$18 per year. These folks also have a mail bookstore.

Recreation Access in the 90's gets published by that *National Recreation and Park Association*.

Palaestra is a quarterly magazine. It serves as a forum for sport, physical education, and recreation.

The *MATP Center* is part of Boston's children's hospital. They are basically

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Accreditation Council 100 West Road #406 Towson MD 21204 (410) 583-0060	ASHA 10801 Rockville Pike Rockville MD 20852 (301) 897-5700	Closing the Gap PO Box 68 Henderson MN 56044 (612) 248-3294	Disability Rag PO Box 145 Louisville KY 40201 (502) 459-5343	Grey House Publishing Pocket Knife Square Lakeville CT 06039 (800) 526-2139	PALAESTRA PO Box 508 Macomb IL 61455 (309) 833-1092
ACM/SIGCAPH 1515 Broadway New York NY 10036 (212)626-0500	Arizona Talking Books 1030 North 32nd Street Phoenix AZ 85008 (800) 255-5578	Dialog Information Svcs 3460 Hillview Avenue Palo Alto CA 94304 (415) 858-2700	Educom Review 1112 16th Street NW #600 Washington DC 20036 (280) 872-4200	Issues in Law & Medicine PO Box 1586 Terre Haute IN 47808 (812) 232-0103	Spinal Network 23815 Stuart Ranch Road Malibu CA 90265 (800) 543-4116
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a clearing house and info center. Who publish a *Disability Issues* newsletter. Their BBS is (800) 950-6287. They have free brochures. Also available in large print, Braille, tape, disk, or Spanish.

Funny, I never thought of Spanish as a disability. Oh well.

The *Disabilities Digest* is a smaller, half-size bimonthly pub. Sorta in the same tone as *Prevention*.

The *ACM*, otherwise known as that *Association for Computer Machinery* has special interest groups on pretty near everything. Their SIGGRAPH graphics stuff is probably the one you are most familiar with. They also publish the SIGCAPH newsletter. On computers and the physically handicapped. They also put on conferences.

An *Accreditation Council on Services for People with Disabilities* appears to be a group of, by, and for institutional bureaucrats. Their newsletter is called *Update on Quality*.

Mobility International is mostly on disabled travel tips. Their newsletter is called *Over the Rainbow*. They've got videos on leadership and homestay.

The *American Federation for the Blind* publishes a quarterly tabloid known as, of all things, the *AFB News*.

Physical Disabilities is the newsletter by that *American Occupational Therapy Association*. Quite technical. Mostly by and for medical types.

Asha is the bimonthly mag from the *American Speech-Language-Hearing Assn*. It is mostly for speech therapists.

The *Council for Exceptional Children*

appears to cater to special ed teachers and administrators. Covered interests here do include special ed, behavioral disorders, research, early childhood, education, comm disorders, learning disabilities, and teacher ed.

I'd guess that just about every state has some blind assistance program. In Arizona, one resource is the *Arizona State Braille and Talking Book Library*. I'm certain there's 49 more where this one came from.

Issues in Law & Medicine is a unique scholarly quarterly. Published by that *National Legal Center for the Medically Dependent & Disabled*.

Another heavy pub is the *Journal of Disability Policy Studies*. Published by the University of Arkansas.

Centerlines is the publication of the *Cued Speech* center. This stuff used to be called *sign language*.

American Printing House for the Blind is apparently the leading publisher of Braille and large print books.

The *Spinal Network* offers their *Total Wheelchair Book* for \$38. This is mainly support for paralysis victims.

Accommodating Disabilities Decisions is a book by and for lawyers from CCH. On prosecuting disability cases. They also publish a monthly *Accommodating Disabilities Management Guide*.

Last, and possibly least, the *Cornelia de Lange Syndrome Foundation* appears to be the ninth alternate runner up in the *Reader's Digest* obscure disease of the month sweeps. Their newsletter is called *Reaching Out*.

This Month's Contest

Our resource topic this month is a little off the beaten track for me. But it was obviously needed for a "complete set" of whatever it is we're up to here.

Let me know if you find out.

So, for this month's contest, please tell me about anything major that I might have missed along the way of handicapped or disabled resources.

There will be a largish pile of my new *Incredible Secret Money Machine II* books going to the dozen or so better entries, plus an all-expense-paid (FOB Thatcher, AZ) *tinaja quest* for two that will go to the very best of all.

Let's hear from you. ♦

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