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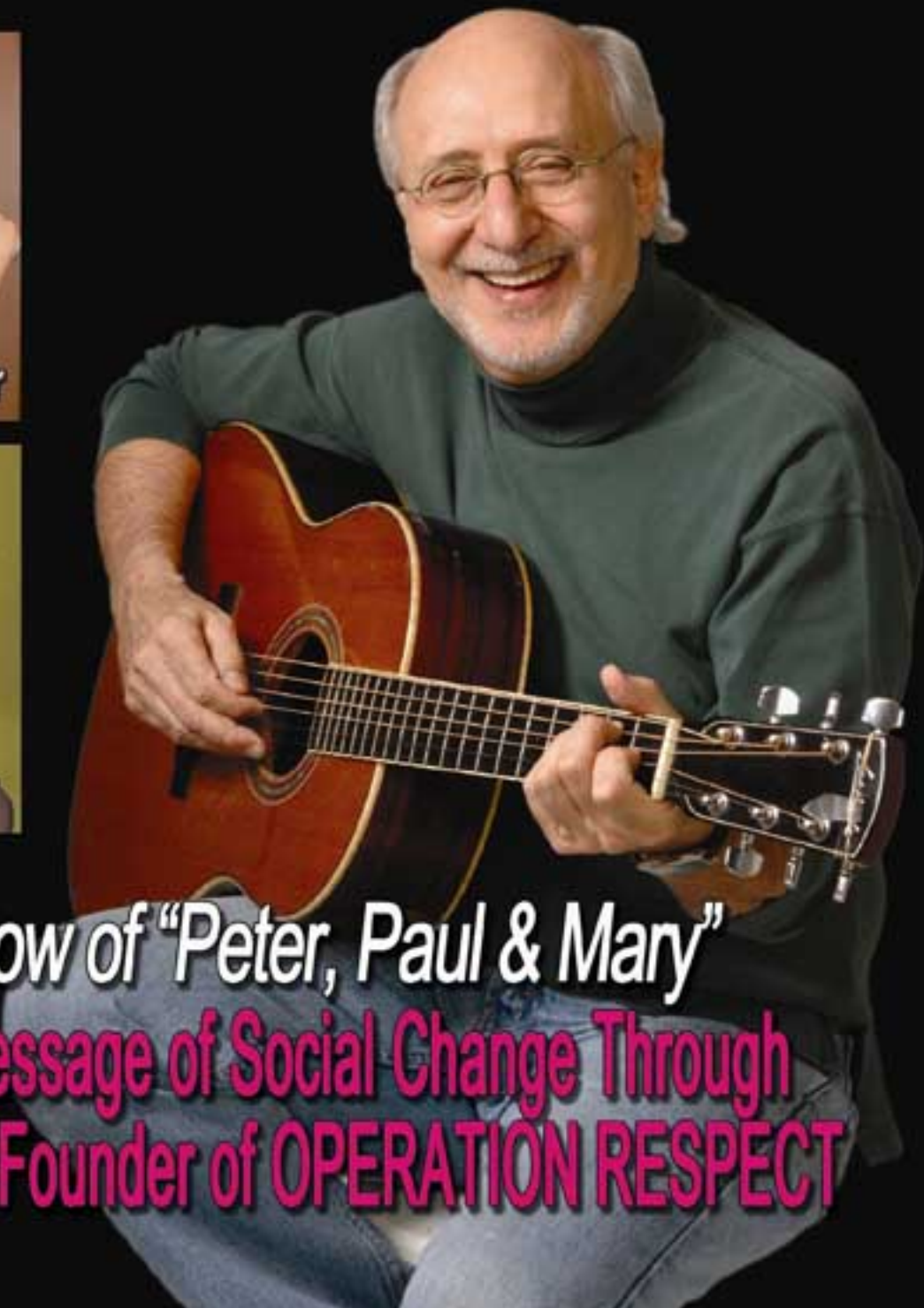
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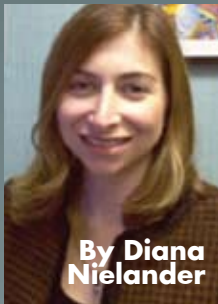
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# Getting "Beyond the Box" With AblePlay:

A New Web Resource about Toys and Play for Children with Special Needs



*Holiday time is toy time in this country and it is right around the corner. With thousands of toys on store shelves, it can be overwhelming and difficult to identify those products that would be best for your child.*

*To compound the challenge, new toys enter the market place with lightening speed. We often turn on the TV or flip through the pages of a magazine to learn about the newest "hot" items. So often, however, the best items for our kids are those that aren't promoted on TV or in ads.*



So how exactly are parents supposed to find the best products for children with special needs? Many shop their local toy stores, including the big box retailers and discount stores. Others peruse the Internet, but both can be time-consuming. Appointments, therapies, school work, after school activities, paperwork, not to mention the day-to-day operations of a home, are just a few of the tasks that leave little time for shopping.

Now entering its second year, a new Web-based resource was launched with the express purpose of providing parents of children with special needs with the information they need to make the best toy choices. The AblePlay Rating System, which can be found at [www.ableplay.org](http://www.ableplay.org), provides a snapshot of the toy's appropriateness for children with special needs by giving a star rating (1 the lowest to 5 the highest) in four disability categories – physical, communicative, sensory and cognitive. It also provides an entire website with information on AblePlay™ rated toys.

The heart of the AblePlay Rating System is the comprehensive AblePlay Toy Reviews. These reviews detail the “hows and whys” of each product, specifically for children with disabilities. It consists of details on product features, skill benefits and creative play ideas, and includes a product photo and link to an online retail site.

One of the great elements of the site is its sorting feature. Individuals can search the toys by disability category, toy type (product category), age range, manufacturer, or product name. With additional toys being added to the site regularly, individuals will always find new products to search.

Each AblePlay Product Review is designed to be printer friendly so it can be handed off to parents. There is also a section on “Tips for Using AblePlay” which offers additional helpful ways to use the information.

With the hope of making the AblePlay



**Child and parents testing toys**

Web site a dynamic and increasingly meaningful resource, a bulletin board for professionals called “Share Your Smarts” will soon provide a forum for therapists to share ideas, resources and tips on toy use. Parents will also be able to communicate suggestions through the “Parents Helping Parents” bulletin board. Right now, parents can join the AblePlayers Club, which is free, and provides topical email information on toys and play for children with special needs.

AblePlay was conceived to assist parents and the professionals who work with them to sort through the thousands of items in the marketplace and get “beyond the box.” Without being able to play with a toy before

you buy it, just looking at the packaging may hold few clues as to its appropriateness for children with special needs. With time and money in short supply, making just the right match will be much easier with AblePlay. **TAP**

*The AblePlay concept was created by the National Lekotek Center. Since 1980, the National Lekotek Center has provided play-based direct services, support and information to thousands of children with special needs and their families in resource and play centers in nine states. For more information on AblePlay contact 773-276-5164 or check out [www.ableplay.org](http://www.ableplay.org).*

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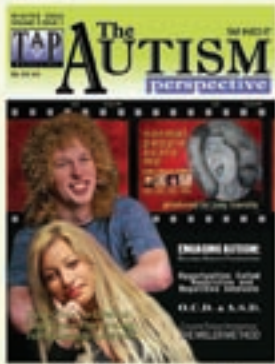
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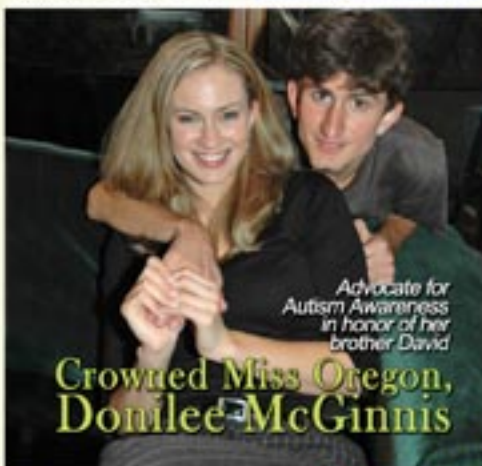
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