

Reading/Listening for Pleasure in the 21st Century

Books, magazines, newspapers ... a way of life for many of our clients.

Historical Brief

Book-holders and mouth sticks, companions reading, newspapers posted up and down a long hall-way...then -

The GEWA Page-Turner arrived on the scene in the late 1980's; a rugged and distinctly utilitarian solution to page turning.



Price:	~ Unit	\$ 4,500.00
	Joystick +	600.00
	Table +	1,200.00
	Scanning +	1,350.00
	I/R receiver+	650.00
	Switches ~	\$ 75.00 Ea



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Allows a user to turn pages of books or magazines forward or backwards using a switch, joystick, or remote control.

Controlled via:

GEWA Joystick - a four position joystick which includes a mounting clamp for hand or chin operation

Scanning Controller - use any single switch plugged into the scanning controller to choose the mode required.

Multi-switch - a range of multi-switches are available.

Infrared receiver - control the page turner using an infrared remote control such as the Gewa Prog, Senior Pilot, Mini Relax, or Sicare Light.

The GEWA BVL-6, while designed and sold as a page turner, is also a cognitive testing tool. One is required to move the vertical platen, which turns clock-wise and counter-clockwise, in addition to left and right, to the page one wishes to turn...then while starting the platen turning in counter-clockwise fashion move the turning platen to the left. As the page 'kicks-up' stop the horizontal action until the page is turned...and then moving the platen clock-wise while moving to the left smooth the page over to the left-hand side of the device. Now move the platen off the page you wish

to read. Read the left page, move the platen to the left page to read the right page. When satisfied with all the information gleaned ... start-over.

Before the GEWA was the 'Boeing' – yes courtesy of a group of Boeing Engineers. The product had a short life – and an even shorter resurgence in the mid 1990's. The price was right; the stickum to turn the pages was neat. Unfortunately the turner lost calibration after a few pages. To re-calibrate was difficult, a nuisance, and frequently not successful.

Other methods for obtaining information included the realm of tools designed by and for the various vision agencies such as the Canadian National Institute for the Blind (CNIB) or the American Federation of the Blind (AFB). These include screen readers, the Kurzweil family of products, Books for the Blind (read onto tape by volunteer readers), and the burgeoning market in 'Audio Books' – either read or performed.

Additional manners in which to acquire information include the use of the Secondary Audio Programming (SAP)... a signal hidden behind many television stations on cable. For example, CBC Newsworld in the continuous spoken word context exists behind CBC local programming 24 hours per day. True SAP service as offered by VoicePrint is as follows:

VoicePrint Canada's SAP-TV Audio Receiver

The receiver is intended to provide easier access to VoicePrint Canada's programming and described programs provided to you by your cable broadcaster.

VoicePrint Canada provides newspaper and magazine articles in an audio format for the benefit of print-restricted Canadians. We read from more than 100 different publications across the country and provide 24-hours of news, information and entertainment.

Your local cable provider may have VoicePrint Canada's broadcast located on the Secondary Audio Programming of CBC Newsworld and provides audio described programming on various stations. This unit will not only allow you to listen to VoicePrint Canada's daily broadcasts, but listen to movies as you've never heard them before - described!

There are a few key benefits of owning your own SAP-TV Audio Receiver.

1. It's accessible! The SAP-TV Audio Receiver is a "Plug and play" unit. It is user-friendly and allows users to plug in the VCR and speakers and begin listening to VoicePrint Canada or a described program of your choice.
2. It's convenient! If you are watching a described program and would prefer to listen to it privately, you can simply attach headsets to the speakers without interrupting your sighted friends or family.
3. It's easy! At the touch of a button you have independent access to hundreds of published, Canadian-based articles in a format that suits your needs. No more messing with on-screen menus or having to ask a friend or family member to help you.
4. It's affordable! Adaptive technology can be very costly but VoicePrint Canada is providing this receiver at a fraction of the cost of many other technologies.

http://www.voiceprintcanada.com/sap_receiver.asp



This unit is available through VoicePrint Canada for \$150.00. Proceeds from the sale of these units are donated back to VoicePrint Canada to ensure Canada's only national reading service can continue.
To order please use the [order page](#) or call 1-800-567-6755.

The Revolution

And then -- along came faster and smaller and quite appropriate technology use! Dedicated products such as the Rocket e-Book, or useful products such as Personal Digital Assistants (PDAs) from both the Palm Operating System (OS) and the PocketPC world have made huge inroads. Unfortunately the volume of business for the Rocket e-Book (later owned by GEM) did not permit them to continue the product offering. Service and support has also been curtailed so a donated device is no longer useful either.

The Palm / PocketPC World

Briefly, the two families of devices are separated by whether Microsoft owns the operating system or not. There seems to be virtually no difference in the quantity of new products being brought to market for either family of devices. Nor is there a lot of difference in cost of the reading software, the quality of the text, or the cost of the material to be read. In fact, the Palm world has caused Microsoft to now give away the readers. While there are readers on the market which have a cost associated with them, the freeware ones are more than adequate for the vast majority of us.



The first screenshot shows a book cover with a forest scene and the title "Introduction". Below the cover is a paragraph of text: "It is believed that the scene of this tale, and most of the information necessary to understand its allusions, are rendered sufficiently obvious to the reader in the text itself, or in the". Below the text are navigation icons and a page number "4".

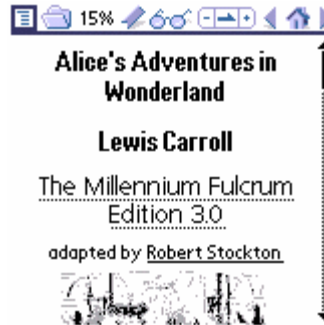
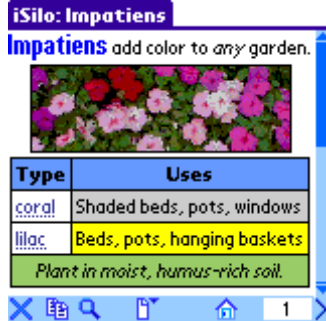
The second screenshot shows a dialog box titled "Edit Color Theme". It has several dropdown menus: "Background: Other", "Text: Blue", "Links: Red", and "Toolbar:". A color selection menu is open over the "Toolbar:" dropdown, showing options: Black, White, Gray, Red, Green, Blue (highlighted), Yellow, Pink, and Other... There are "OK" and "Cancel" buttons at the bottom.

The third screenshot shows a menu titled "Book Go Options". It lists several options with checkboxes: "General Preferences..." (checked), "Toolbar Preferences..." (checked), "Screen Preferences..." (checked), "Selection Preferences...", "Font...", "Color...", "Invert Screen", "Start Auto Scroll" (checked), "Auto Scroll Preferences...", "Help...", and "About eReader" (checked).

Palm Reader Above images. (2 versions – Free and Professional – free is just fine) www.palm.com

There is a lot of adjustment for personal preferences in the various software packages....be sure to poke and play.

Plucker (image to the right) www.plkr.org

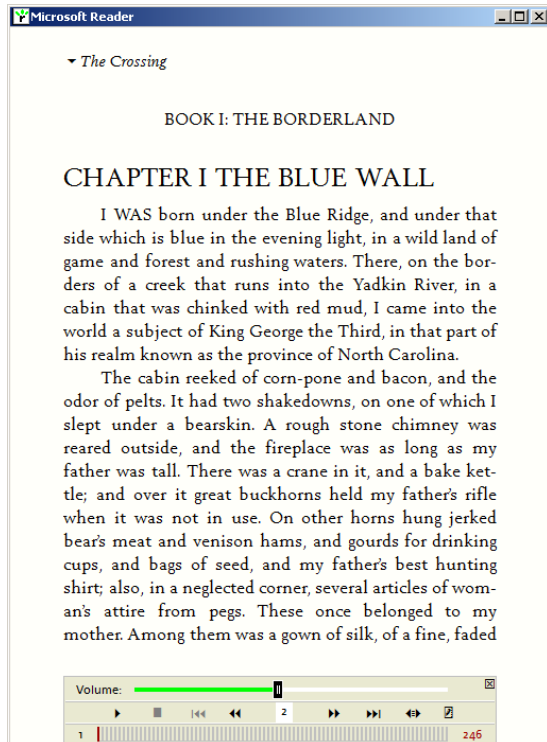
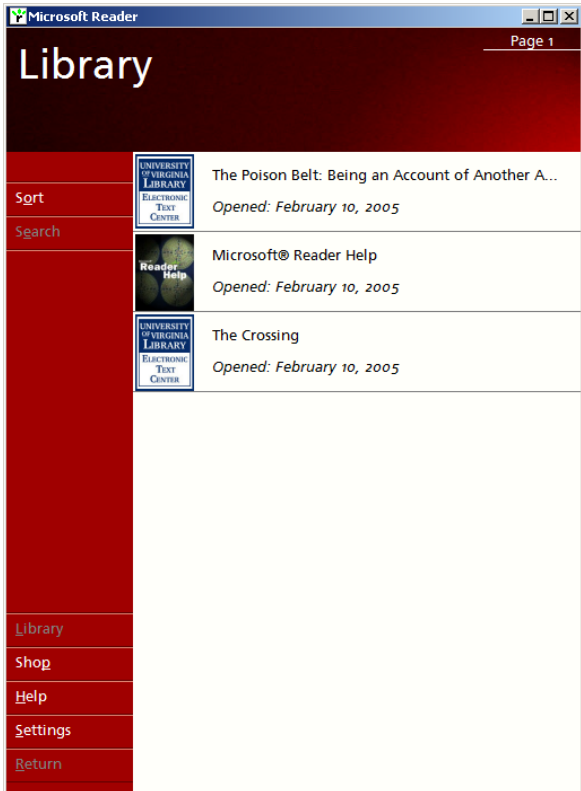


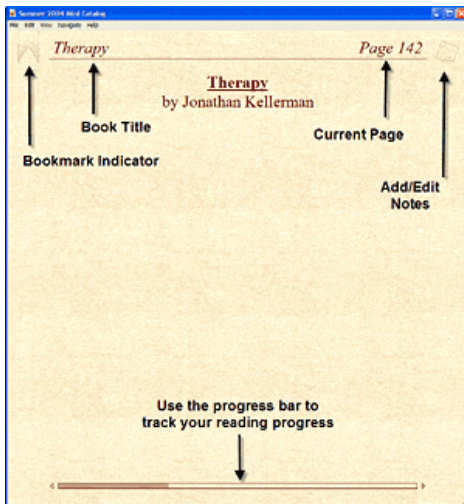
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Non PDA Readers

Regardless of the above discussion, readers are also available for the laptop/tablet/notebook/desktop world, frequently using the same book format as the personal portable versions.

www.microsoft.com/reader/





Easy to navigate, manoeuvre, and generally find ones way around, including book-marking, searching for a favoured passage, and changing between various books.

After all most of us have more than one book on the go at a time.

Systems are also fully capable of receiving newscasts, news-streams, and newspapers.

RSS: Really Simple Syndication

Introduction

A Really Simple Syndication (RSS) Feed provides a variety of. RSS feeds deliver new content to you on the topics you are interested in. All you need to take advantage of these feeds is a RSS client, such as one of the titles listed below.

What Is RSS?

RSS provides a convenient way to syndicate information from a variety of sources, including news stories, updates to a web site or important bulletins. Regardless of the purpose for which the RSS file is being used, by watching this XML file, you can quickly and easily see whenever an update has occurred. Of course, viewing the RSS feed in Internet Explorer and manually reloading the page every few minutes is not the most efficient use of your time, so most people take advantage of some form of client software to read and monitor RSS feeds.

There are many different RSS clients available, but here are a selected few that we've tested and that you may find useful:

- www.rssreader.com [RssReader](#)
- www.sharpreader.net [SharpReader](#)
- <http://feedreader.com> [FeedReader](#)
- <http://disobey.com/amphetadesk> [AmphetaDesk](#)
- www.newsgator.com [NewsGator](#)
- www.rssbandit.org [RSS Bandit](#) Open Source
- <http://sage.mozdev.org/> [Sage Reader](#)

The Magic

None of the above methods are useful if access has not already been determined. The beauty of the enhancements above however is that generally speaking an access method which is already determined is portable to this technology for the client to continue to read and acquire information.

And the best part of all this is one can leap into this world at virtually no cost. Even if a PDA is the indicated source many users of PDA's have an older, spare, or extra one in their drawer just waiting for a user who only needs one or two functions.

Imagine - JK Rowling, Stephen King, John Grisham, Robert Ludlum, Mary Stewart and more ...

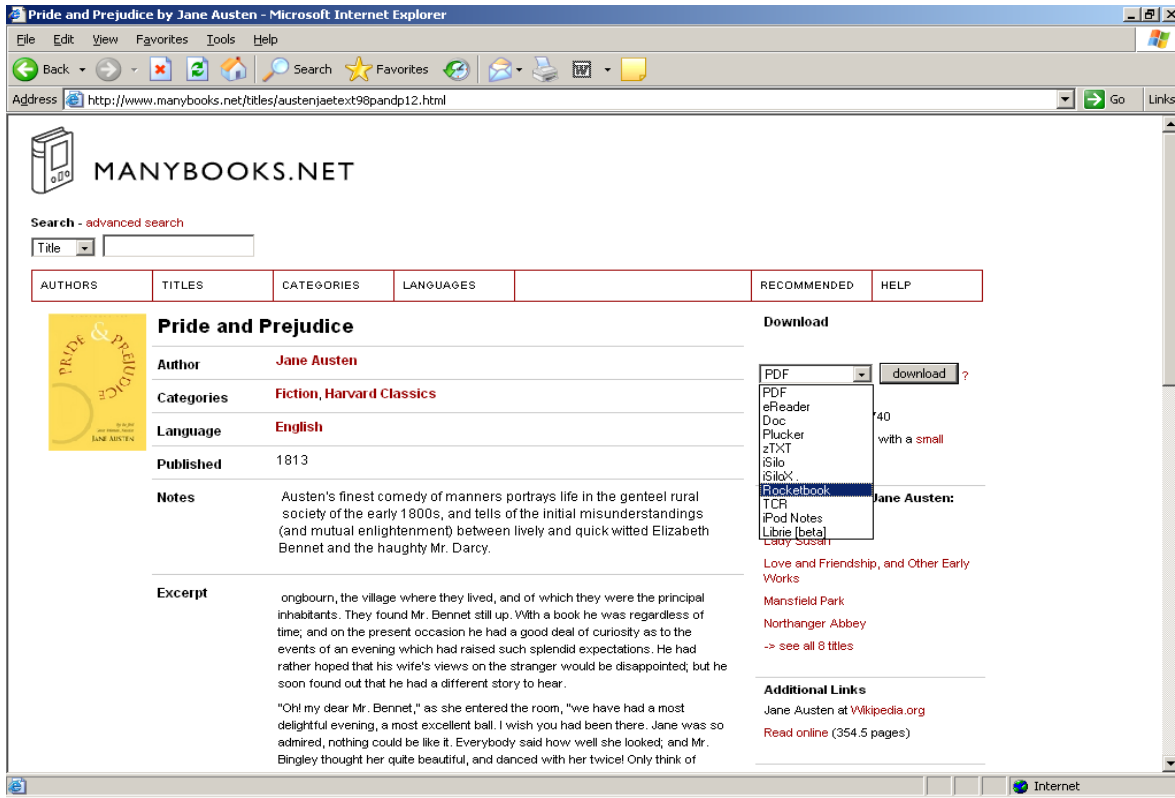
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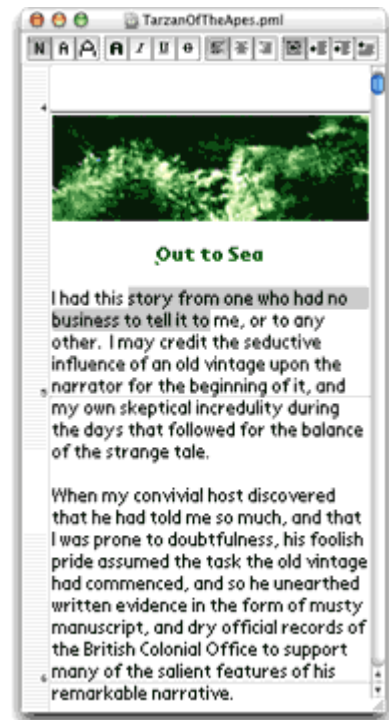


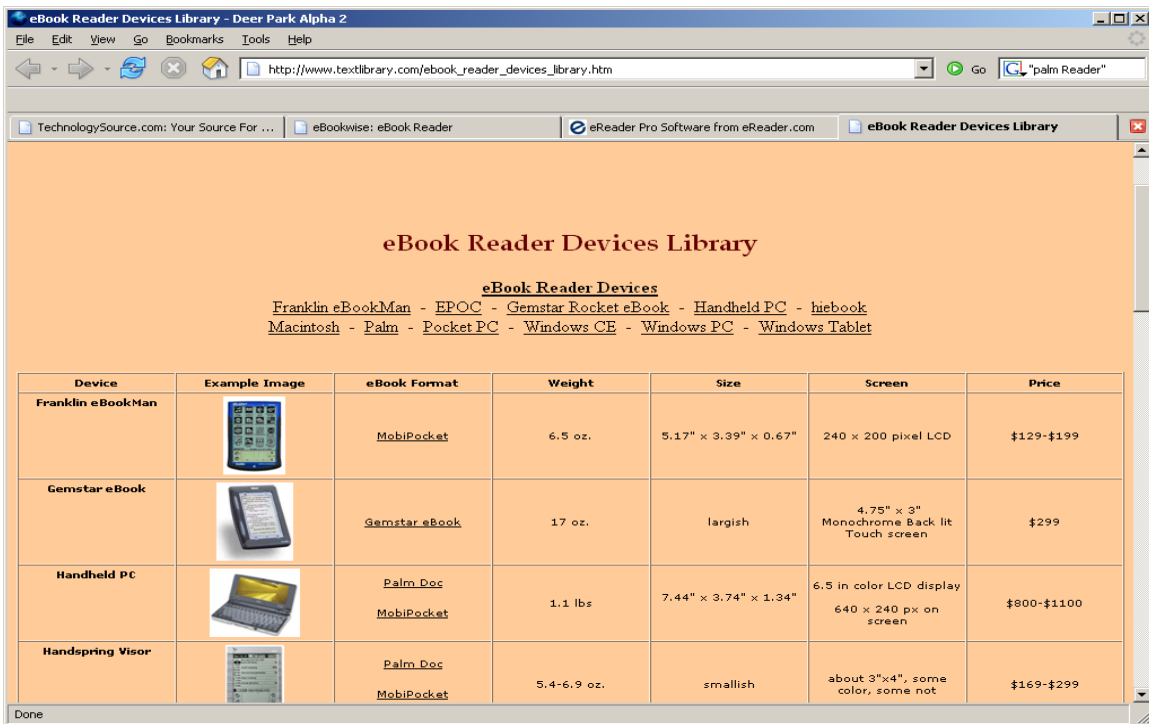
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Appendix 1:

Ebooks explained in depth edited from PDA Alive July 2005

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LibriVox Catalog

Podcast

LibriVox volunteers record chapters of books in the public domain and publish the audio files on the Internet. Our goal is to record all the books in the public domain.



- ### **LibriVox: free audiobooks**

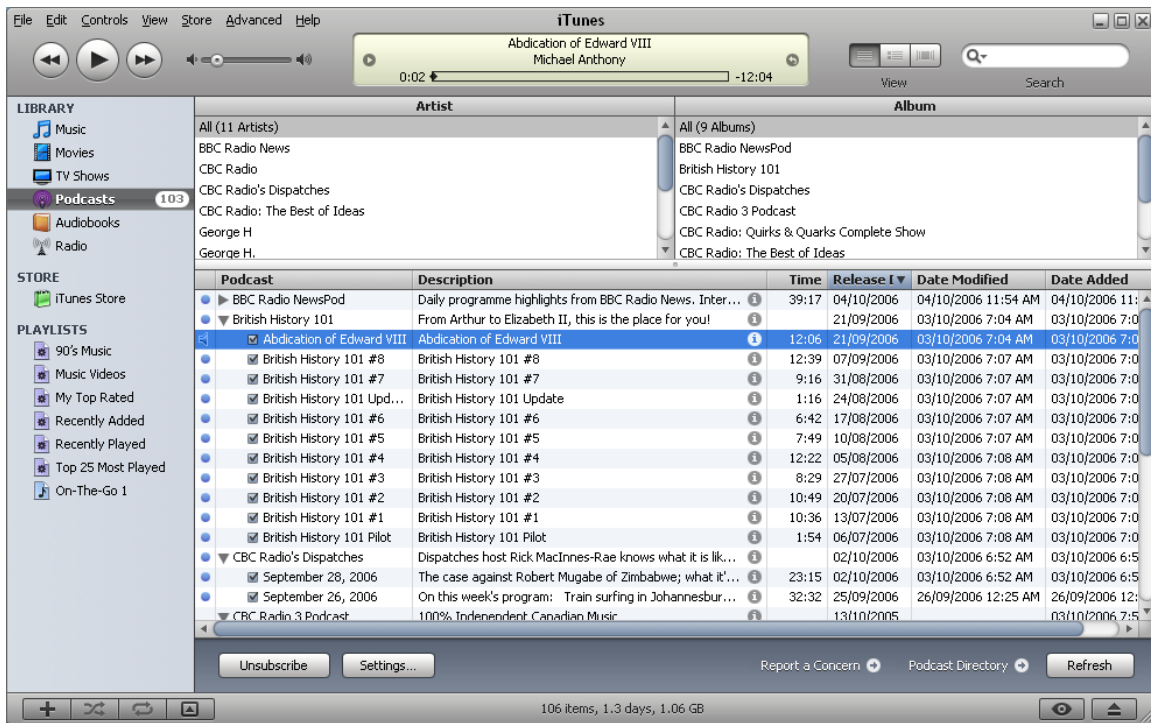
LibriVox volunteers record chapters of books in the public domain and release the audio files back onto the net. Our goal is to make all public domain books available as free audio books. We are a totally volunteer, open source, free content, public domain project.

LibriVox is a fairly new service wherein public members have contributed full-text reading of various works. More are added daily. The quality is more than acceptable and may be played through the major readers including one's iPod – which leads us to

The iPod, iPod Audiobooks, and Podcasting

The iPod has, yet again, changed the method by which one is able to listen to news, audiobooks, commentary, instructional, inspirational, and many other topics or subjects.

This section is in relation to the use and efficacy of the iPod and Podcasting and relationship of using iTunes for fun and profit. In addition speaking to RealPlayer and Windows MediaPlayer are discussed.



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- **Trouble Shooting**
 - Principles
 - Practice in General
- **Demonstrated Practice**
 - Execute actions within imbedded documents above – gain comfort and expertise.
 - Provide corrections/enhancements to document if advisable.
- **Specifying a computer for a client**
 - For family or client purchase

- For funder
- Justification protocol

Digital Versions of Newspapers

Newspaper service in Canada has been improving delivery methods for several years. Early in 2007 major centres published the daily newspapers in a digital format. Coupled with any native screen reader and or accessibility tools newspapers are no longer a great dark mystery. To read the full edition a subscriber must register and then anyone could sign on and view.



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SPORTS MONDAY
 Team Canada wins in overtime against the Czech Republic; Senators will be shuffling off to Buffalo; Jays winless in May

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...and a view of the city skyline from the bridge over the river. The CN Tower is visible in the background.

SARKOZY WINS VOTE FOR CHANGE

Spurred by violence against heavy turnout in French presidential election

PARIS — Nicolas Sarkozy, a former television news anchor, won the French presidential election on Sunday, beating incumbent President Jacques Chirac in a runoff vote.

Sarkozy, 47, of the right-wing Union for a New Majority party, won 53 percent of the vote in the second round, while Chirac, 67, of the centrist Union for French Democracy party, won 47 percent.

The election was held on Sunday, May 6, after a first round on May 5. Sarkozy's victory was a surprise, as he was considered an underdog candidate.

Chirac had served as president for 14 years, the longest tenure in French history. He was re-elected in 2002, but his approval ratings had fallen significantly by 2007.

Sarkozy's campaign focused on economic reform and reducing the size of the government. He promised to cut taxes and create jobs.

Chirac's campaign focused on maintaining the status quo and improving the economy. He promised to continue his policies and reform the education system.

The election was held in a climate of violence, with several attacks on campaign events. There was a heavy turnout of voters, reflecting the public's desire for change.

Terror victims receive little government aid report

Canada lagging behind the allies in helping the victims

OTTAWA — A report released Monday says Canada is lagging behind its allies in providing aid to victims of terrorism.

The report, from the International Centre for Counter-Terrorism (ICCT), says that while the United States and the United Kingdom have established comprehensive support systems for terrorism victims, Canada has not.

The ICCT says that Canada's current support system is fragmented and lacks coordination. It calls for a more unified approach to support victims of terrorism.

The report also says that Canada's support system is not as comprehensive as that of its allies. It calls for Canada to provide more financial and psychological support to victims.

The ICCT says that Canada's support system is also not as timely as that of its allies. It calls for Canada to provide support to victims more quickly.

COMMENT

Brutus takes the stand

By [Author Name]

The political landscape in Ontario is changing rapidly. The Liberal Party, once the dominant force in the province, is now facing a new challenge from the Progressive Conservative Party.

The Progressive Conservative Party, led by Bill Davis, has been making significant gains in the polls. This is a sign of a major shift in the political landscape.

The Liberal Party, led by Dalton McGuinty, has been in power for several years. However, their support has been declining steadily.

The Progressive Conservative Party has a long history in Ontario. It was the dominant party in the province for many years.

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