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With our Spring 2006 issue, PREL is proud to introduce a new look for Pacific Educator, along with a new focus on the *No Child Left Behind Act of 2001* (NCLB) legislation, which affects the work of all of us who are involved in education in the U.S.-affiliated Pacific and continental United States. We have redesigned Pacific Educator with your needs in mind, to help you meet the law's requirements and take advantage of its benefits. We hope you will continue to find Pacific Educator useful in your efforts to improve education and early literacy. Enjoy!

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