



Letters to the Editor

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PBS Hawaii can change lives

Life-changing television. That's in effect how a former Vietnamese immigrant, profiled by Michael Tsai, described what it was like to watch a favorite program on PBS Hawaii ("Sesame Street' taught woman to be a gregarious American," Incidental Lives, Star-Advertiser, May 9). Thuy Zipp said that through watching public television, she learned English and learned how to talk with people in her new island home.

I meet many people who are excited to share that they grasped new skills, chose their career, developed a love for the arts or gained important new perspectives via PBS Hawaii.

This nonprofit TV station's newest educational initiative is HIKI NŌ ("can do"): The nation's first statewide student news network, a partnership with public, private and charter schools, and a powerful vehicle for teaching 21st-century skills.

Television really can change lives.

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