

#### UNICEF Progress Of Nations Report

The United Nations Children's Fund, UNICEF, has released its annual Progress of Nations report. The report highlights issues regarding children worldwide and this year pays special attention to the deaths of 600,000 women in pregnancy and childbirth each year and calls it, "a conspiracy of silence...a story of unimaginable suffering." The report is available online.

World Wide Web: <http://www.unicef.org/>

#### Funny, But Don't Quit Your Day Job

If you think you're funny here's the place to prove it! The first ever cyberspace talent hunt has begun with casting now taking place for a unique comedy competition. To enter you need to submit a photo and 60 second sample of comedy material. The funniest then go onto the second round and appear at a virtual nightclub on the Web before progressing to the finals and an eventual live event on CompuServe and the Entertainment Drive.

World Wide Web: <http://www.philipsmedia.com/home/>

#### More Help Finding A Job

The CareerSite Web pages now include a new search engine to make finding a job easier. You can also register your interests and receive notification by electronic-mail when new jobs become available that match your criteria.

World Wide Web: <http://www.careersite.com/>

#### This Just In - Popsicle Factory Raided

News of the bizarre plus the political blunder of the week, humor, a cartoon, and lots more can be found in the weekly FlashByte news letter, now relaunched as a Web publication.

World Wide Web: <http://www.nimbusline.org/~flashbyte/>

#### Sony Semiconductors

Sony's semiconductor arm, Sony Semiconductor Company of America, has launched an online Web page that includes details of the company's line up of static RAM, CCDs, TV and audio integrated circuits (ICs), serial/optical communication ICs, and multimedia devices.

World Wide Web: <http://www.sel.sony.com/semi/>

#### Internet Advertising, Weekly

All forms of Internet advertising, with the exception of newsgroup spamming and unsolicited e-mail, are dealt with in a new, weekly newsletter called Skywriting. The magazine will be published every Thursday and is free. To sign up send a message with the subject "SUBSCRIBE SKYWRITING," or "SAMPLE SKYWRITING" if you want a one-time sample, to [calumet@mindspring.com](mailto:calumet@mindspring.com).

#### Internet Stock News

>From July, a new newsletter focusing on Internet stocks will be available. The focus will be on companies such as Netscape, Yahoo, Lycos, Cybercash, Security First Bank and a free two month trial is now available. To get a trial subscription send your name, e-mail address, mailing address and occupation to [vijar@pipeline.com](mailto:vijar@pipeline.com).

#### Kinsley's Slate Launches

The long awaited digital magazine by former CNN Crossfire correspondent Michael Kinsley debuted yesterday. Take a look now because plans call for a \$19.95 membership fee to be charged sometime in the future and just to prove its editorial independence from Microsoft, you can find out if Microsoft is really the devil!

World Wide Web: <http://www.slate.com/>

#### Across America - New Jersey, Louisiana, Kansas

The latest town to get an official home page is Woodbridge Township, New Jersey, which is online with local government information and city links. The Baton Rouge Astronomical Society has information, software and links at its new Web site. Kansas City has a free monthly magazine, Infozine, now online with all aspects of city life.

World Wide Web: <http://www.woodbridgenj.com/>

World Wide Web: <http://www.eatel.net/~fred/bras/bras.html>

World Wide Web: <http://www.infozine.com/>

#### Around The World - Hong Kong, UK, Canada

The official Hong Kong Legislative Council Web site has been launched with information on

sittings, members, committees, panels and bills, and is available in English with Chinese to follow soon. From the UK, the Lincolnshire Trust for Nature Conservation now has a Web site which works towards its goals of conservation, natural history and education. New stories are now available at the Web site of The Calgary Explorer and cover hiking with goats, the gonzo chronicles and the Alberta Sustainable House.

World Wide Web: <http://legco.gov.hk/>

World Wide Web: <http://www.enterprise.net/wildlife/lincstrust/> World Wide Web:

<http://www.calexplorer.com/>

New On Usenet

Several new groups have just passed the Usenet voting procedures and will soon be available on most network news servers. Groups failing include misc.news.internet.discuss, misc.news.internet.media-stories, soc.religion.messianic, talk.religion.messiah, comp.data.conversion, sci.engr.metallurgy reorganization, soc.culture.kashmir, and misc.forsale.computers.handhelds.misc.

Usenet: news:comp.databases.visual-dbase

Usenet: news:comp.os.os2.moderated

Usenet: news:comp.security.pgp.announce

Usenet: news:comp.security.pgp.tech

Usenet: news:comp.security.pgp.discuss

Usenet: news:comp.security.pgp.resources

Usenet: news:misc.handicap [unmoderate]

Usenet: news:rec.collecting.paper-money

Internet Today - Bay City Rollers Live

Live from Los Angeles at the world famous Viper Room, you may have thought they finished in the 1970s, but they are still playing today, The Bay City Rollers. The concert begins at 10:30pm PDT (0630 UTC). At the Web page you can also send a personalized Bay City Rollers postcard across the Internet and join the chat room.

World Wide Web: <http://www.audionet.com/concerts/bay.htm>

Internet Today - NBA Draft, Major League Baseball Live

Readers with multimedia PCs can hear the NBA Draft and three major league baseball games live tonight. They are all being broadcast using Real Audio and you can get a free copy of the software from any of the Web sites below. The NBA Draft is live from 6:30pm to 10pm EDT (2230-0200 UTC) on the Prime Sports Radio Network. Three live major league baseball games get underway at 7:05pm (2305 UTC) and are live, Chicago White Sox vs. California Angels, Kansas City Royals vs. Milwaukee Brewers and Baltimore Orioles vs. Texas Rangers.

World Wide Web: <http://www.audionet.com/nbadraft.htm> World Wide Web:

<http://204.58.152.70/sox.htm>

World Wide Web: <http://204.58.152.70/royals.htm>

World Wide Web: <http://ww2.audionet.com/pub/wbal/orioles.htm>

Internet Today - IETF Meeting Coverage

Live coverage of the 36th IETF continues today. Anyone with access to the MBONE, the Internet multimedia backbone, can enjoy live coverage of some of the sessions of the various working groups. More details can be found at <http://www.ietf.org/>. The MBONE broadcast schedule for today and tomorrow is as follows, all times EDT (add four hours for Universal Time).

Tuesday

0930-1130 IPNG working group

0930-1130 Routing Policy System working group 1300-1500 Internetworking Over NBMA working group 1300-1500 Audio/Video Transport working group 1530-1730 Internetworking Over NBMA working group 1530-1730 Audio/Video Transport working group Wednesday

0900-1130 IPNG working group

0900-1130 Multiparty Multimedia Session Control working group 1300-1500 IP Routing for Wireless/Mobile Hosts working group 1300-1500 Resource Reservation Setup Protocol working group 1530-1730 Integrated Services working group

1530-1730 Inter-Domain Multicast Routing working group 1930-2200 Internet Architecture Board

1930-2200 Application MIB working group

Online Today - Motor Racing On Prodigy

On Prodigy tonight, NASCAR racing driver Lake Speed talks about his penchant for speed and winning at 8pm EDT (0000 UTC), and Tony Shalhoub, perhaps best known as the romantic Italian cab driver Antonio Scarpacci on the NBC hit series "Wings," is online at 10pm EDT (0200 UTC). Ending the night is the latest of Prodigy's Wise Acres comedy features, tonight with award-winning comedy writer and stand-up comedienne Carol Leifer at 11pm EDT (0300 UTC). (all events, Prodigy jump: chat)

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