## The Net: New and Notable LIFE Find a career, laugh a lot, or pay a visit to the E-Quarium

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## Useful resources

\* The U.S. Marine Corps Reserve Toys for Tots Program began in 1947 in Los Angeles, long before the Internet was conceived. But thanks to the Web, we find out how to contribute locally to this program, which distributes toys to deserving kids.

www.marforres.usmc.mil/T4T.nsf?OpenDatabase[http://www.marforres.usmc.mil/T4T.nsf?OpenDatabase]

\* Futurestep offers to help you find exclusive career opportunities while it provides customized feedback. And it promises confidentiality. Questionnaires could take you up to an hour to complete. A service of the executive search firm Korn/Ferry International.

www.futurestep.com[http://www.futurestep.com]

\* Trips for Kids is a nonprofit volunteer organization that provides bike-related fun and training for low-income kids. It's just gone national.

www.webcom.com/tfk[http://www.webcom.com/tfk]

\* Appoint.net is a password-protected calendar and scheduling application. Registration is quick and free.

www.appoint.net[http://www.appoint.net]

Entertaining

\* If you're in need of a laugh now and then, here's an opportunity to laugh a lot. At the aptly named Laugh-A-Lot! you can have the laughs e-mailed to you or check out the daily feature over the Web.

laugh-a-lot.com

\* No need to wait anxiously at the mailbox this holiday season for the Victoria's Secret catalog. Includes fashion videos for true underwear aficionados.

www.victoriassecret.com[http://www.victoriassecret.com]

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www.nmnh.si.edu/paleo/dino/tourfram.htm[http://www.nmnh.si.edu/paleo/dino/tourfram.htm]

\* Pay an on-line visit to the E-Quarium. Brought to us by California's Monterey Bay Aquarium, the site lets us follow a step-by-step tour of everything from rocky shores to an underwater canyon.

www.mbayaq.org[http://www.mbayaq.org]

Oddities

\* And now for our "ever popular" grammar-police-running-amok "category": The Gallery Of "Misused" (sic) Quotation Marks. But the site doesn't say whether such usage is an "impeachable" offense.

www.juvalamu.com/qmarks[http://www.juvalamu.com/qmarks]

Public affairs \* Human Rights Watch, which celebrates its 20th anniversary, asks us to take note of the global challenges that lie ahead. The site offers a comprehensive look at the state of human rights around the world, including the critical issue of children's rights.

www.hrw.org/hrw/worldreport99/index.html[http://www.hrw.org/hrw/worldreport99/index.html]

\* The Web lets you check out the strange twists and turns of the FBI's long-cloaked Frank Sinatra investigation.

www.apbonline.com/gfiles/frank/index.html[http://www.apbonline.com/gfiles/frank/index.html]

\* Speaking of legal things, Law News Network taps the news coverage, features and opinions found in 20 national and regional publications. Includes a free e-mail service of top legal reports.

www.lawnewsnetwork.com[http://www.lawnewsnetwork.com]

Techie

\* Find out why the magazine Yahoo! Internet Life calls Cindy Margolis the "Queen of the Internet." The Web's most downloaded woman invites you to check out her story.

www.cindymargolis.com[http://www.cindymargolis.com]

\* The search engine Google, brainchild of Stanford University grad students, is designed to cut down on info overload. It sorts search results according to the number of other "important" sites that link to particular pages you're hunting for.

www.google.com[http://www.austinlibrary.com:2276]

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