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Scout In the News

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Scouting Out the Best of the 'Net

"If the prospect of having the Internet as your special collection and the world as your audience exhilarates rather than intimidates, then working for the Internet Scout Project (ISP) might be your job of lifetime. Since 1994, the Scout Project, housed in the Computer Sciences Department of the University of Wisconsin-Madison, has produced one of the oldest and best respected free Internet current awareness publications, the Internet Scout Report."

Wall Street Journal
September 15, 2003

*Technology (A Special Report); ...
Here's how to get out of your rut*

"If you're like most people, it's probably not very many. Time is limited, the Web is vast -- and the handful of Web sites you visit regularly seem just fine. But know this: Your lack of Web adventure means you're missing out on a wealth of information, knowledge and whimsy online. And to find it, you must have to know whom to ask. One of the best is the Internet Scout Report (scout.wisc.edu), a project of the computer-sciences department at the University of Wisconsin in Madison. Since 1994, the report has published a weekly listing of sites of interest to researchers and educators in the U.S.

Using a graduate-student researcher, the Scout Report each Friday gives detailed descriptions of about a dozen Web pages on such topics as the arts, business and social science. (Separate biweekly reports cover life sciences, physical sciences and technology resources.)"

PC World Magazine
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Scouting the Web

"Web Newsletters appeared minutes after the Web debuted. One of the best is The Scout Report, a weekly digest of useful sites with an academic bent. (Specialized spin-offs are devoted to physics, life sciences, and math/engineering/technology.) A typical 20-item report might reveal new figures from the Bureau of Labor Statistics, an archive of the free speech movement, a cool online collection of sheet music, and a special focus on a topic in the news."