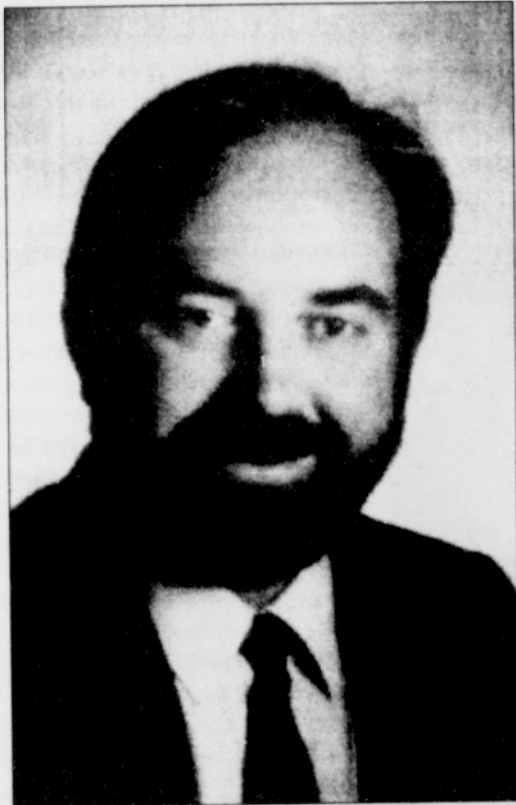


THE MILLENNIA COUNTDOWN

The Internet Commission



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"virtual country". The virtual country is conceived as an entity that is not bounded by any specific geographical borders, and its citizenry is comprised of a voluntary membership.

A virtual country would offer additional options for people to have a dual citizenship and actively participate in both countries, or drop citizenship with the US and continue their residency as a foreign resident.

Naturally, this proposal throws the traditional thinking about what a government "is" into disarray. The tax implications are mind boggling. The governments of existing land-based countries see this proposal as a direct threat to their sovereignty. The general public sees it as a way

to reduce their tax burden and be treated with respect.

Complications

The traditionalists argue that the inception of virtual countries will totally decimate the funding base and integrity of these emergency services. The virtual country proponents argue that the biggest threat to mankind is now coming from the new breed of techno-criminals, not the blood thirsty anarchists of the past. And they envision a sharing of responsibility between the virtual and land-based countries. Some vocalize their concern over a loss of national loyalty and the general state of confusion that would be created. Lawyers see full employment for themselves for

the next 1,000 years. But the Internet Commission sees it as a way to elevate its own status to ruler of the entire world.

How would you solve this dilemma? How much authority does the Internet Commission have? Are they destined to become the first true global government? Who wins and loses with this proposal? Are we on a path to destruction, or is this offering an unprecedented opportunity for our future?

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Women, what do these occupations have in common?




- ◆ An Electrician
- ◆ A Sheet Metal Worker
- ◆ A Sprinkler Fitter
- ◆ An Outside Electrical Lineworker
- ◆ A Power Line Clearance Tree Trimmer

The answer is they are all skilled trades that pay a Living Wage with great benefits and they are all recruiting for their training programs NOW.

- If you are a woman who is
- ◆ Living in the Portland area, or
 - ◆ Receiving Public Assistance, or
 - ◆ A dislocated worker, or
 - ◆ Unemployed for 8 or more weeks, or
 - ◆ In a low wage occupation,



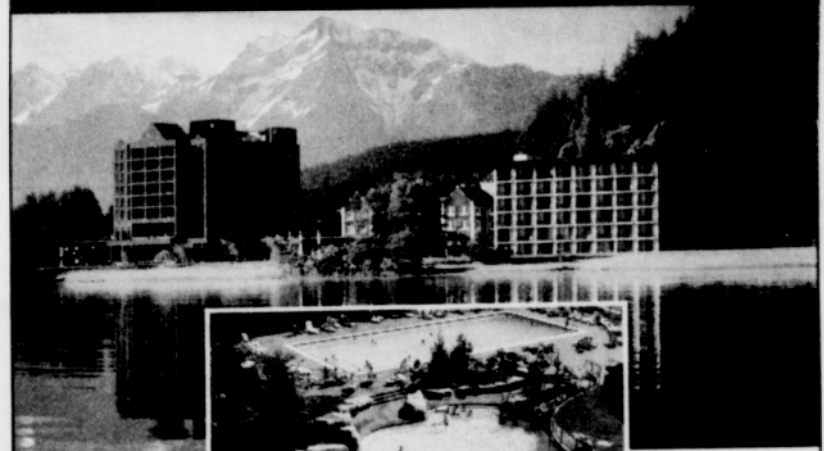
contact the  Oregon Tradeswomen Network to find out more about the Portland Pathways to Success Program and how you can start on your pathway to self-sufficiency.

Hurry, some programs close August 11, 1999

Call (503) 943-2228 to find out how you can start on your Pathway to Success

Information sessions about career opportunities for women in the skilled trades and the Portland Pathways to Success Program have been scheduled. They are FREE and open to all women who are interested. The next information session will be held on Thursday, August 19th from 9:00 a.m. until noon at the Portland Metro Workforce Training Center, 5600 NE 42nd Avenue (intersection of NE 42nd Avenue and Killingsworth), Portland, in Room 102. Please call (503) 943-2228 to register.

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