

KEEPING TABS: Track celebs' ups and downs on the Web.

circus lore, including superstitions such as, "Never look back during a parade." [circusweb.com]

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STOCK CAR HEAVEN

NASCAR For over 50 years the National Association for Stock Car Auto Racing has served as the heart and soul of American speedways, running multiple events year-round on everything from supersites (Daytona) to short tracks (Bristol). With all that activity it might seem difficult to keep up with facts and figures, but the official Nascar site is more than up to the task. You'll find track info, schedules, the latest standings and stats, and a robust selection of chats, some of which feature top drivers. [nascar.com]

OPEN-WHEEL ACTION

CART.com For years it was known as IndyCar, but Championship Auto Racing Teams remains as hot as speedway asphalt on a summer day. CART.com was created by the folks at Quokka Sports, so there are plenty of bells and whistles. Highlights include RealAudio broadcasts, video interviews with drivers, and Race-Viewer, the snazzy software that allows for real-time updates from the track. [cart.com]

INDY 500 Indy Racing

Online It's been a long haul, but Tony George's Indy Racing League is within striking distance of fulfilling his dream of an affordable alternative to other, more expensive open-wheel leagues. The official IRL site is home to the world-famous Indianapolis 500 and 10 other races that offer a mix of rookies and former CART drivers such as Al Unser Jr. Beyond getting the latest results, fans can view video interviews, calculate lap times with an interactive tool, and print out the resulting charts. [indyracingleague.com]

ULTIMATE THRILL For-

mulal.com With its glamorous roster of international drivers and venues, Formula One is in a league all its own. The outrageous payrolls-for both men and machines-are what drives Fl. and this British-based fan site is also on the money. Along with results, circuit news, and video interviews, you'll find clips of the unveilings of such dream cars as the F-I 2000 Ferrari. [formulal.com] -J.P.

POP CULTURE

Tabloids

FREAK SHOW Weekly **World News Internet Edition**

It's indicative of the Web's culture of irony that it contains more tabloid spoofs than actual tabloids. But for those who volunteer to go grocery

shopping as an excuse to flip through the Weekly World News... well, stop standing in line and start clicking online. This is the genre taken to its most illogical and imaginative extreme: almost nothing on celebs, but as much as your sanity can handle on the space aliens who fed Moses' people in the desert (manna from heaven) or the surgeon who lost his beeper inside a patient. Submit your dreams for interpretation by Angelica ("witch to the rich and famous"), or hit the archive for background research on the Loch Ness Monster and plague-carrying mummies. [weeklyworldnews.com]

STARGAZING The National

Enquirer Online If sightings of aliens and the Virgin Mary are too otherworldly, how about Hillary Clinton and Jerry Springer? The online version of the supermarket staple gives you the scoop on the joys and tragedies (and current weight) of terrestrial celebrities. If you ever catch a rock star in the

back room with a supermodel or spot a sports anchor dressed up in wigs and whips, submit your Hot Tip and you could earn up to \$500. And, with your credit card handy, you can get an astrology chart as vast and complex as a NASA manual. [nationalenquirer.com]

BRIT BEAT MegaStar The country that midwived today's tabloids continues its proud tradition with this Web-only version of the U.K.'s Daily Star (which eclipses the Sun and other Fleet Street rivals). With the delight of an English schoolboy, you can keep tabs on ex-princess Fergie ("Her Royal Thighness"), track "those lucky footie millionaires" in the Supaah Soccaah Shrine, and chat with Britain's lesser TV and music personalities (as long as they're "a babesome bunch"). Try the challenging Real or Falsies quiz for the chance to win a year's supply of (warm) beer. [megastar.co.uk]

-ABOU FARMAN

SPOT LIGHT

BY CHRISTY EPSTEIN

Playing for Laughs

f you or someone you know is just a little too serious about grown men and women playing games we've got the antidote.

THE SPORTS CLICHÉ LIST Need proof that professionwere cutting class the

ators give IIO percent. [sportscliche.com] **BASEBALL HECKLE DEPOT** Few combinations are as lethal as

day that the merits

of originality were

taught? This site is a

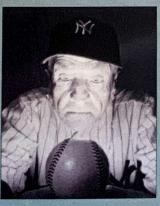
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this site, with more being added all the time. Impress other fans and hit your targets with well-turned

jeers such as "He's an equal opportunity gets a hit."

[heckledepot.com]

FASTBALL: FOUL POLE This serious baseball hub scores especially like the fantasy theme teams, which put Ray Knight and Dave Moates on a medieval squad and recruit Rollie Fingers and Greg Legg for an all-body-parts lineup. Also on tap: the requisite pearls of wisdom from legendary boys of summer, including Yogi Berra and Casey Stengel. [fastball.



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