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This Week@WASHINGTON, DC

Special FCC Report On Broadband In Oecd Countries - A Staff Report of the Office of Strategic Planning and Policy Analysis and International Bureau - October 2003 - "Broadband Internet Access in OECD Countries: A Comparative Analysis" - http://hraunfoss.fcc.gov/edocs_public/attachmatch/DOC-239660A2.doc

FCC Blesses New Wireless Technology - The Federal Communications Commission approved rules to promote a new wireless technology backed by Microsoft Corp. and Cisco Systems Inc. that can handle large amounts of information at high speed. The new wireless technology, considered the wireless equivalent of fiber-optic cables, will fill gaps in current fiber-optic networks in rural areas and inner cities where the cost of digging to lay cables inhibits growth. <http://online.wsj.com/article/0,,SB106633450410443500,00.html> (Paid subscription required)

Also: <http://www.washingtonpost.com/wp-dyn/articles/A38289-2003Oct16.html>

Cisco Statement - The following statement can be attributed to Jeff Campbell, Director of Communications and Technology Policy within Cisco's Worldwide Government Affairs Group: "Cisco is pleased that the FCC has issued licensing rules that will make possible fiber-quality connections through advanced wireless technology. This will permit multi-gigabit connections over short distances for enterprises and service providers at low-cost and great flexibility. The FCC and NTIA have agreed to an innovative approach that will allow for the online, instantaneous coordination of commercial and government wireless connections - this will benefit industry, consumers and our economy overall." http://newsroom.cisco.com/dlls/corp_101603.html

White House Vows To Step Up Progress On E-Gov Efforts - Two White House Office of Management and Budget officials briefed reporters on the status of OMB's e-government initiatives and hinted at future plans, stating that whether or not Congress centrally funds e-government, the initiatives are moving forward. <http://www.govexec.com/dailyfed/1003/101603td2.htm>

Judge Gives Details On Landmark VOIP Ruling - A federal judge released an explanation Thursday of his recent landmark ruling that Internet phone companies should not be held to the same regulations as traditional telephone services. http://news.com.com/2100-7352_3-5092545.html?tag=nefd_top

'Soldier's Ethic' Guides Powell At The FCC - Michael K. Powell can't seem to please anybody these days. The chairman of the Federal Communications Commission said the public interest would be served if the agency overhauled its media ownership rules, which it did in June. But 2 million members of the public told him otherwise via e-mail and postcards. <http://www.washingtonpost.com/wp-dyn/articles/A26728-2003Oct14.html>



FCC's Martin: VOIP Providers Should Support USF - Federal Communications Commissioner Kevin Martin told attendees of the U.S. Telecom Association's conference here today that all providers that access the public switched telephone network, including voice-over-IP providers, should support it by contributing to the universal service fund (USF).

http://telephonyonline.com/ar/telecom_fccs_martin_voip/index.htm

This Week@EMEA

Speech - Mr Erkki Liikanen Member of the European Commission, responsible for Enterprise and the Information Society "Back on the Growth Path" ITU TELECOM 2003 Conference Geneva, 12 October 2003 -

http://europa.eu.int/rapid/start/cgi/guesten.ksh?p_action.gettxt=gt&doc=SPEECH/03/460|0|RAPID&lg=EN

Spam: Commission Discusses With Public And Private Stakeholders How To Fight Spam -

http://europa.eu.int/rapid/start/cgi/guesten.ksh?p_action.gettxt=gt&doc=IP/03/1373|0|RAPID&lg=EN

Speech - Mr Erkki Liikanen Member of the European Commission, responsible for Enterprise and the Information Society "European Network Security" Stonesoft EMEA partner meeting Helsinki, 10 October 2003 -

http://europa.eu.int/rapid/start/cgi/guesten.ksh?p_action.gettxt=gt&doc=SPEECH/03/459|0|RAPID&lg=EN

European Commission Study Introduces New Methodology To Assess Benefits Of Public Investment In IT - A new report by the European Commission's Interchange of Data between Administrations (IDA) programme finds that public investment in pan-European IT infrastructure for governments leads to substantial quality-of-service and productivity gains for enterprises and taxpayers.

<http://europa.eu.int/ISPO/ida/jsps/index.jsp?fuseAction=showDocument&documentID=1627&parent=chapter&preChapterID=0-140-194>

This Week@Asia/Pacific

India Bridges Digital Divide - Two years ago, after graduating from high school at the top of her class, Sukanya Sakkarai put aside her dreams of college and resigned herself to the fate of most young women in this farming village of trampled earth and mud-brick houses: marriage to a stranger in a match arranged by her parents. <http://www.msnbc.com/news/979311.asp>

A Web Maverick Sparks Revolution In Wiring Japan - Softbank's Mr. Son Brings High-Speed Internet To Once-Lagging Nation - Two years ago, Masayoshi Son stormed into the Tokyo office of Masaru Fujino, an official in Japan's telecommunications ministry, wielding a cheap cigarette lighter. "This is the end," the president of Softbank Corp. recalls shouting at the startled Mr. Fujino, who confirms the incident. "If you don't help me, I'm going to pour gasoline all over myself right here and set myself on fire with this \$1 lighter." Mr. Son didn't need to use his lighter that day. Mr. Fujino gave him what he wanted: assistance setting up a service that offered high-speed Internet access.

<http://online.wsj.com/article/0,,SB106633694181524900,00.html> (Paid subscription required)

This Week@US States

SBC Gets FCC Long Distance Ok In Four Midwest States - http://www.sbc.com/press_room/1,,31,00.html?query=20683

Other Tech News Of The Week

ITU Telecom World 2003 Special: Cisco's Ceo John Chambers And Rob Lloyd Comment On The Service Provider Strategy For Cisco - http://newsroom.cisco.com/dlls/ts_101503.html?CMP=ILC-001

How The Net Can Save Telecoms - Even better than helping carriers cut costs, Internet-based technology will let them offer new -- moneymaking -- services - For a moment, it appeared that the telecom world might quickly jettison its 100-year-old technology and adopt the faster, cheaper, more versatile standards of the Net. http://www.businessweek.com/technology/content/oct2003/tc20031014_8966_tc130.htm



Broadband Wireless Spending Expected To Boom - Broadband wireless access equipment sales are expected to reach \$1.5 billion by 2008 as new industry standards kick in, according to a report released by market research firm ABI. Approval of the WiMax, or 802.16, broadband wireless standard is one driving force for the anticipated revenue growth. And 802.20 technology, once a standard is set, will serve as the other industry boost, said Edward Rerisi, ABI's research director. WiMax is a fixed wireless standard while 802.20 is a mobile wireless standard. http://news.com.com/2100-7351_3-5092651.html?tag=nefd_top

Wireless E-Mail Helps Workplace Productivity - The Radicati Group has gathered information from wireless vendors, network operators, Fortune 1000 companies and wireless users throughout 2003, projecting that wireless e-mail will increase employees' productivity over time. Radicati estimates that employees will achieve 55 minutes extra work per day this year with the usage of wireless e-mail, and should gain 80 minutes per day by 2007. <http://www.emarketer.com/news/article.php?1002502&trackref=edaily>

Do-Not-Spam List Probably Won't Work - The premise sounds simple: To cut down on junk e-mail, simply submit your addresses to a "do-not-spam" list that marketers would have to check to avoid fines. With more than 50 million phone numbers already on a federal do-not-call list, many e-mail users are eager for a no-spam counterpart. http://story.news.yahoo.com/news?tmpl=story&cid=562&ncid=738&e=5&u=/ap/20031016/ap_on_hi_te/digitally_informed

FCC Targets Copying Of Digital TV - Hollywood Backs Rule That May Irk Viewers -The federal government is preparing for the first time to require that personal computers and other consumer electronics devices contain technology to help block Internet piracy of digital entertainment. <http://www.washingtonpost.com/wp-dyn/articles/A32173-2003Oct15.html>

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