Preserving history
The Iron Mountain Atomic Storage Centre is now part of a vast network of archive centers. It contains more than 8 million rolls of microfilm in long-term storage. It is also the home of the Bettmann Archive (11 million images dating from the beginning of photography) as well as more than 700,000 original master tapes of audio recordings.

Child well-being
According to the latest Kids Count Data Book, the state that ranks highest for child well-being is New Hampshire, with Vermont ranked second and Minnesota ranked third. The three states at the bottom of the ranking are Mississippi, Louisiana, and Alabama. Ten key indicators were used in the rankings. Among them, the national teen dropout rate in 2003 (8 percent) was 27 percent lower than the 11 percent rate in 2000.

Google Print program news
Google Print scans both out-of-print and copyrighted works so that their text can be found through the search engine’s database. After discussions with the publishing industry, it will stop scanning in copyright-protected works until November 2005, while it makes changes to its Google Print Publisher Program.

Graduate science and engineering enrollment
Graduate enrollment in science and engineering programs was up 4.2 percent in 2003, according to a report issued by the National Science Foundation. Total enrollment reached an all-time high of 474,203. Enrollment grew in all major fields except computer science, which dropped 3 percent from the previous year, the first decrease in that field since 1995.

Adult education and work
Two-in-five adults participated in formal education courses or activities for work-related reasons, and nearly one-in-ten were in degree or certificate programs at colleges or universities in 2002-03. Only 15 percent of those enrolled did so because their employer required or recommended it.

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