

# Revue de presse ANGLAIS

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## Time - November 26, 2007



### Back to the Future: TB Detection

How a failed space venture gave rise to a medical device that may save countless lives Five years ago, British scientist Colin Pillinger convinced the world's biggest medical-research charity, the Wellcome Trust, to bet on a project far beyond its usual scope: a probe to find life on Mars. Detecting life on other planets, he argued, would be a giant leap for mankind toward understanding the origins of life back on earth. But in 2003, the Beagle 2 probe – worth tens of millions of dollars, and carrying a gas-analysis unit bankrolled by Wellcome – disappeared without a trace into the Martian atmosphere. Their device – about the size of a microwave oven – may not look like much, but it detects tuberculosis (TB), the highly infectious, hard-to-diagnose disease that often infects the lungs and kills more than 1.5 million people worldwide each year.

### Fatherhood 2.0

As we fuss and fight over the trials and dilemmas of American mothers, a quiet revolution is occurring in fatherhood. "Men today are far more involved with their families than they have been at virtually any other time in the last century," says Michael Kimmel, author of *Manhood in America: A Cultural History*.

## New Scientist November 24, 2007



Evolution of humour could make computers laugh <sup>NS</sup> Physicist Igor Suslov of the Kapitza Institute for Physical Problems in Moscow, Russia, has designed a computer model which he says explains the evolution of humour. Our ability to experience humour, he suggests, ultimately depends on quirks in how the brain handles information.

China looks lively on clean energy spending CHINA is leaving the US in the dust in its spending on clean energy - but it still has plenty to do if it is to shake off its sooty reputation.

### Cash incentives: Worth every penny <sup>NS</sup>

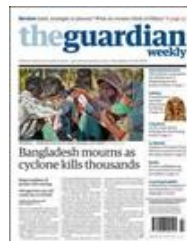
Far from being a waste of money, reward schemes can help addicts quit, keep kids in school, and boost uptake of healthcare "ANGER over NHS plan to give addicts iPods," ran the headline. The UK's National Health Service is notoriously hard up, so news that government advisers were suggesting doctors offer drug addicts prizes as an incentive to stay clean was certain to raise some hackles. Why should "these people" with "self-inflicted" problems get priority, a patients' advocate was quoted as asking in the article, published this July in *The Sunday Times*. "This country really is on its head," concluded a reader in the newspaper's online comments section.

## US News November 26, 2007



Threats to Your Genetic Privacy In a season of political divisiveness, the overwhelming majority of Americans agree on one thing: Your genes are your own business and should not be tapped by employers or health insurers deciding whether you or your family are fit for their company. Yet the long-awaited GINA, the Genetic Information Nondiscrimination Act, languishes in lawmaker limbo.

## The Guardian Weekly November 23, 2007



Writers try to create a rewarding role for themselves in the digital age (p, 9) :Writers Guild of America strike enters its third week.

Yahoo apologises to Chinese journalists (p, 11) : The internet giant Yahoo settled a lawsuit last week in relation to allegations that it helped China in a crackdown on two journalists.

Internet censorship (p, 20) : the shady nature of internet censorship in China, When Google launched in the country last year it cooperated with the government in placing heavy restrictions on its service. Example of the research for "Tiananmen square" on google.com and google.cn.

Japan is loving tuna to death. (p. 26) How the nation is trying to lose its passion for a favourite fish.

Science : Hunt for web criminals (p. 29) Responsible for much of internet crime, the Russian business Network has gone to ground.

### Learning English Supplement

UK taps Poland's driving ambition (p 1) : Bus drivers from Eastern Europe are helping to keep Britain's Public transports moving.

Time-starved teachers get flexible training (p 2) : Cambridge Esol offers stop-start options with its revamped diploma qualification.

How not to get lost on the web without a course (p 4) : Navigating the plethora of postgraduate studies can be student's first test.