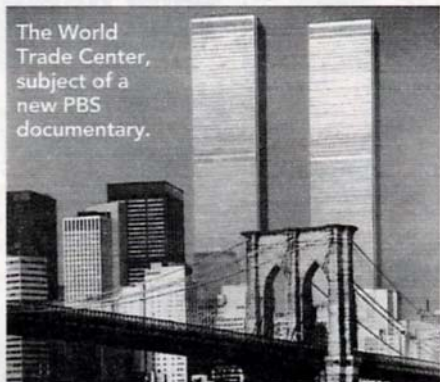


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New Net Offers Safety

Art and Kathy Bushkin want to be the Andrew Carnegies of the Internet. Carnegie was the millionaire who began the public library system. "He didn't fund libraries," Art says. "He built the buildings, then communities decided what to put in them." That's what the Bushkins envisioned when they created StargazerNET in 1999. It lets users do everything from conduct surveys to take classes. (It also lets people living in totalitarian countries talk more freely.)

**ReadyLinks
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But 9/11 changed some of StargazerNET's focus. It now also offers ReadyLinks for use in an emergency, from a terror strike to a tornado. Families, companies, schools and communities can have a private message board, preset links to key national resources and a "virtual conference room" to talk in. One person can set up a site, then e-mail the access information to others. "Only you and those you register can access your ReadyLinks," Art Bushkin explains. "For-profit companies have no incentive to set up something like this, but we wanted to make it available to everyone for free." Visit www.StargazerNET.net to learn more.