



Electronic Freedom Fighter

WHO: Barry Steinhardt, ACLU associate director and tech watchdog.

THE GOOD FIGHT: As head of the program on science and technology for the American Civil Liberties Union, he campaigns offline for freedom online.

PINT-SIZE PLAINTIFF: Steinhardt, 49, got hooked on in-your-face constitutional challenges at 13, when the ACLU backed his fight against being forced to read a Christian poem at eighth-grade graduation.

INTERACTIVIST: When he's not making father-daughter pilgrimages to Yankee Stadium (even he roots for the powerful occasionally), Steinhardt is helping the ACLU launch www.treatywatch.org. The site is one platform for speaking out against the Council of Europe's Convention on Cybercrime, which requires a crackdown on hacking tools. The treaty is up for US Senate ratification.

PRIVACY PROTECTOR: The former director of the Electronic Frontier Foundation monitors developments in face recognition technology and will chair the 2003 Computers Freedom and Privacy Conference. "Privacy is not dead," he says. "But it is on life support, and heroic measures are required." — *Ari Kaplan*