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For your weekend Web wandering pleasure, here are a few sites to see:

■ As you may know, there's a fine tradition among chip designers of adding microscopic depictions of fanciful animals, cartoon characters and other doo-dahs to the tiny worlds they're building. If you're interested in seeing what those wacky engineers have left behind, take a spin through the Silicon Zoo (<http://msi.croscopy.tsu.edu/creatures/>), curated by faithful contributor Michael Davidson. You'll find everything from a velociraptor to a 100-micron wedding announcement. (Click the Galleria link while you're there to get to some stunning photomicrographs.)

■ Faithful contributor Valorie Colson calls our attention to Whoosh! (www.whoosh.org), home to many thoughtful essays on friendship, heroism and character. What else would you expect from a site that serves as the Journal of the International Association of Xena Studies (as in 'Xena: Warrior Princess')? The U.S. Diplomatic History Resource Index (www.famu-conmner.edu/coas/history/sarantatos/stuff.html) is recommended by faithful contributor Nick Savantakes as a gateway to realms of information of interest to researchers and history buffs.

■ Find the patron saint of your vocation, avocation or location in the Patron Saints Index (<http://members.xoom.com/sjs/indexst.htm>). I found that Saint Maxmillian Kolbe is the patron of journalists, drug addicts and prisoners. Hmmm.

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