

# SITE REVIEWS

you're looking for that special touch for a paper or personal letter, this site will help you appear much more intelligent for adding a fancy quote. *TMaor*

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## TECH

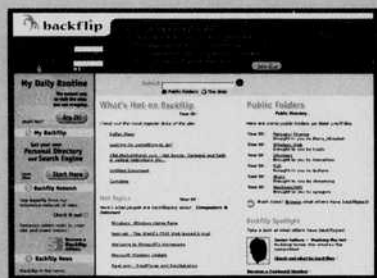
### Editor's pick

#### Backflip Backflip.com

If you surf the Internet from more than one computer, you know how annoying it is to have your favorite bookmarks on another machine. Backflip is an incredibly useful web site that stores your bookmarks so you can reach them from any computer with Net access. You can keep them private with a password, or share them with friends, who can then add their own bookmarks and comments. Another great feature of the site is its ability to remember all of the pages you've surfed since registering with Backflip, and then search for a phrase in just those pages.

*DDesmond*

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#### PC World pcworld.com

A vast, catch-all site for PC users, you can find hints, downloads, PC news, and loads more at PC World magazine's online presence. There are tutorials for getting the most out of popular programs like MS Office as well as the Windows operating system. If you are thinking of buying something PC-related, the site also has a database of the magazine's past product reviews.

*DDesmond*

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## ENTERTAINMENT

#### 16color 16color.com

With 5,354 movies, 16Color.com is a warehouse of amateur animation. And while these shorts will never make it to the big screen, they are perfect for your computer. The animation is raw but impressive considering that these are amateur moviemakers. The site incorporates pinwheels of color and allows user to submit their own shorts for future inclusion on the site. Both filmmakers and casual movie-watchers will appreciate the eye candy at 16 Color. *JLowenthal*

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#### DVD dvd.com

Do you currently own a DVD player or are you in the market for one? Either way DVD.com is the place to go. This is a comprehensive DVD web site, where you can find buying guides comparing equipment and price, new DVD movie lists—with reviews and details—and even a home theater guide that helps you build your home theater to your specific needs. This site is teeming with information, archives, and links that are bound to answer all your DVD-related questions.

*JWorkman*

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## LOVE AND DATING

#### Love calculator lovecalculator.com

Love is strange. And apparently, so are Matthijs Sykens Smit and Thijs Kinkhorst, the two guys collectively known as "Doctor Love" who designed "the love calculator." Type in your name and the name of your crush and the program "calculates" the probability of success in the relationship, based entirely on your names. How effective is it? Not very, I'd venture to guess. But it's amusing nonetheless. And it won the prestigious USA Today Pothole and UglySite of the Fortnight awards. Need we say more? *SSHackford*

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#### Way Too Personal waytoopersonal.com

If you're considering finding love online you should probably check out this site first. Lorina documents her adventures of posting personal ads on the Net, and includes all the weird and crazy responses she received. Check out the online dating advice and chat rooms for an inside peek at the cyber search for love. Eventually Lorina found her fiance on the web, but only after searching through many freaks. This site is a great and extremely funny resource for anyone curious about the world of online dating. *TMaor*

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## NEWS

#### Reuters Reuters.com

News, information, stock quotes—all up to the minute, well organized and easy to navigate—exactly what you want out of a news site. Thumbnail photos and quick story leads make finding the information you want quick and trouble free. Reuters.com is light on superfluous graphics and images, making it quick loading and user friendly even for older web browsers or dial-up connections. *FColagiovanni*

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#### Obscure store and reading room Obscurestore.com

If you're bored by the same old political and national coverage you see on standard news sites, check out Jim Romenesko's Obscure Store and Reading Room for examples of bizarre news from around the Net. Updated daily, he compiles all those odd little stories from the back corners of papers everywhere. Some examples: reporters say school principal gave them the finger, is topless hitchhiking a crime? *EDionne*

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#### Ain't It Cool? Aintitcool.com

Wondering who will star in the next *Star Wars* prequel? Need to know what Quentin Tarantino's next project's going to be? One of the best sites for entertainment news on the web, aintitcool.com will answer any question that you could ever ask about today's entertainment giants, or it will go out and find the information that you're looking for. Full of news, reviews, and a host of other multimedia and interactive pastimes, Ain't It Cool will only leave entertainment buffs asking themselves why they haven't visited before. *JLowenthal*

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