

SITE REVIEWS

but you have to click on them to see them. This certainly cuts down on aggravation and on loading time. *JWorkman*
Usability: **A-** Content: **A**

Editor's Pick

Zdnet

zdnet.com/zdhelp

An excellent PC help site provided by Ziff-Davis, publisher of *Yahoo Internet Life*, *PC Magazine* and other tech titles. Here they have collected help files for Windows users and for Macs, help files about the Internet, and about other popular applications and games. One great feature is the "healthy PC section" with tips on the correct ergonomics for computer use, how to avoid viruses, and other information for safer PC use.

DDesmond

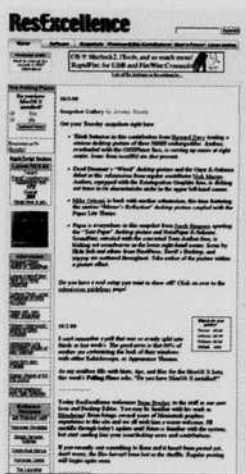
Usability: **A** Content: **A**

ResExcellence

ResExcellence.com

The motto of this site is "The place to hack your Mac." If that doesn't scare you away, you'll find a wealth of software and hacks you can do yourself to enhance your Mac's performance, add cool features or cus-

tomize the operating system. A lot of the software can be easily installed, but there are parts of the site which do require a certain degree of technical knowledge and ResEdit (a system editing tool) proficiency. *DDesmond*
Usability: **B**
Content: **A**



(Bobby Knight's attorney). This is the place to turn for some interesting sports conversation to give you a break when you're pulling an all-nighter. *MSPilberg*

Usability: **A-** Content: **A-**

Burton

burton.com

Winter's here—you need riding gear. For any of you riders out there, amateur or pro, check out Burton's online site for gear and travel updates, as well as specific information from tuning your board to buying the best gear at the most decent price. Whether you want to buy clothes online or find out their next team demo appearance, burton.com makes everything easy. If you don't know where the nearest store is, check out their locator. If you're just plain bored, take the factory tour. If you're really bored, tell Burton "why the riding never stops." They'll post your answer, I promise. *YTabi*

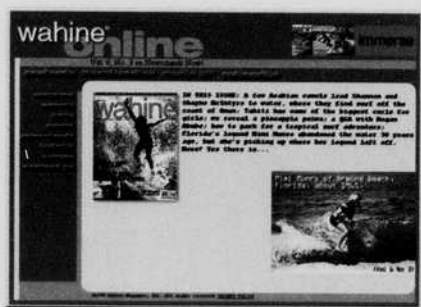
Usability: **A+** Content: **A-**

Wahine

Wahinemagazine.com

For any power girls interested in surfing, skating and snowboarding, check out this site for great articles and pics of innovative women in sports. Find out what you need for a surfing trip, or what's new in female sports companies. The site is super accessible with an up-to-date event listing for surfing, paddling, body boarding, and more. Wahine reviews and interviews bands like the Muffs and solo musicians like Aimee Mann and Juliana Hatfield. There's also a merchandise section, with gear that ranges from hats to sweatshirts. *YTabi*

Usability: **A-** Content: **A-**



News & World Report College Rankings, stick around and read the other offerings in their ever-expanding college section, including longer, in-depth analysis of the college rankings process, as well as insider looks at undergraduate and graduate admissions, financial aid and the future of higher education. (The magazine offers monthly national and international news and feature stories, too.) *CDavenport*

Usability: **A-** Content: **A-**

Fileamerica

Fileamerica.com

Fileamerica is one of the most useful web sites on the planet. Go here to do things that would otherwise require standing in line at a government agency. Depending on where you live, you can apply for a hunting license, register a car, pay a parking ticket, apply for a passport and a host of other options. If you can't apply online, you can download and print a hard copy. It's quick, easy, well thought out and can save you a ton of time. *DJohnson*

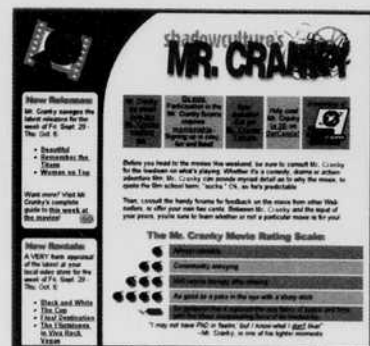
Usability: **B** Content: **A**

Mr. Cranky

MrCranky.com

If Oscar the Grouch had been a film critic, his web site would look like mrcranky.com, where movies aren't rated for how good they are, but for how much they don't suck—the best rating here is "almost tolerable." Needless to say, Mr. Cranky has a little trouble seeing the glass as half full. But he faithfully keeps up with trashing all the latest releases, and he even has the humility to invite you to prove him wrong with your own review. *MAGuilar*

Usability: **B+** Content: **A-**



SPORTS

Sports Byline USA

sportsbyline.com

This 12-year-old site is a live sports talk show that broadcasts Monday–Sunday from 10pm to 6am EST. During daylight hours you can keep the conversation flowing in the section called Point/Counterpoint. Scheduled interviews are nicely designed, and range from Mike Holmgren (Seattle Seahawks head coach) to Gojko Kasich

RANDOM

US News

usnews.com

Of course, you don't care about silly computer-generated number-crunching ratings. Obviously, the value of an education is defined by so much more. But after you've given in and checked where your school falls on the now infamous U.S.