

SITE REVIEWS

Extreme Mountain Biking Extreme.nas.net

For of the most comprehensive mountain biking sites out there, point your browser to extreme.nas.net. Everything you need to know or even want to know about the sport is here. Wanna buy a new bike or maybe even sell one? You can do it here. Also find articles and reviews on bikes and manufacturers. Extreme.nas.net even has a section where avid bikers can post their worst crashes...even the pics! Gnarly, huh? Finding new single-track treks across the country is a breeze with their detailed trail search feature. *BKeith*

Content: A- Usability: B+

GAMING

Game Spot Zdnet.com/gamespot

GameSpot.com has been popular among hardcore gamers since its launch on the web. After a recent acquisition/merger with growing online giant ZDNet, GameSpot has maintained its place among the best video game sites the Internet has to offer. You would be hard pressed to find a site with more reviews, previews, hints, cheats, and features. The site is also a great place to find downloadable patches and up to date news from the gaming universe. *JLowenthal*

Content: A- Usability: A-

HEALTH AND BEAUTY

1001 Beauty Secrets 1001beautysecrets.com

If you're looking for a new lifestyle—or just a new look—this should be your first stop. The site is divided into four sections: alternative health, nutrition, fitness, and beauty. Each category has tips and articles along with links for buying books and health and beauty products. 1001beautysecrets.com will surely have you practicing yoga, eating bok choy, and taking daily bee pollen supplements after one visit. *TMaor*

Content: B+ Usability: A

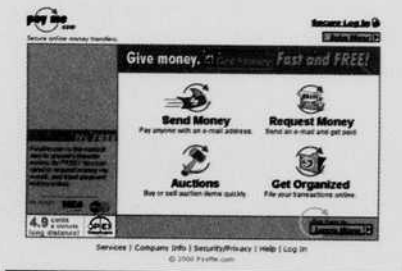


FINANCE

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Payme.com, a service of Paymybills.com, offers a simple, hassle-free way to send and receive money via the Internet. Pay your roommate back for that pizza fest without going to the ATM—with Payme.com, you can send money to anyone with an email address, all for free. You can also use this secure service to receive payments and make purchases at online auctions. All the payments you send out are charged to your credit card, and anything that comes in goes directly into your bank account. Payme.com allows you to keep track of everything with an online filing system. This is the future of online banking. *TMaor*

Content: A- Usability: A-



Bepaid bepaid.com

Ready to download yet another program onto your computer that will earn you money for watching ads? Bepaid.com is slightly different because it caters the ads to your interests and you select which ones to view based on the amount of money the advertisers are offering. Payment per ad ranges from 55 cents to \$2 and they average a little less than 2 minutes in length. The only limit to the amount of time you can spend watching ads is your sanity, so go ahead and register. Warning: Bepaid.com is only available for PCs, Mac users will just have to make their money working the corner. *TMaor*

Content: B Usability: B

FUN

FrozenFeline Frozenfeline.com

While some people use the Internet to convey important messages to an audience that is wider and more diverse than anything that they could have possibly reached otherwise, others just use it to goof off. Such is the case at frozenfeline.com, an oddball archive of absurd senselessness. From their colorful clip art of dancing monkeys to ridiculous filmettes,

FrozenFeline's visually stimulating art is as funny as it is engaging. The best feature of this wacky site is their goal of rhyming in as much of their prose as possible—it makes for very interesting reading, especially in the responses of their sex advice columnist. *JLowenthal*

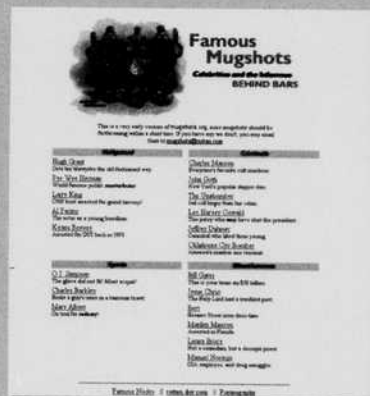
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Editors Pick

Famous Mugshots Mugshots.org

Ever wanted to see a celebrity at their worst? Mugshots capture that special moment right after an arrest. Their categories are Hollywood, sports, criminals, and miscellaneous. Each picture has a short blurb about the incident and when it occurred. A couple of spoofs like Jesus and Sesame Street's Bert stand side-by-side with OJ and Charles Manson. *TMaor*

Content: A Usability: A



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4. All submissions must be accompanied by the author's name, address, phone number and college or university. (Only name and university will be used for publication.)