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HOT SPOTS

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Hot Spot: Sites You Love

Odds are that you may have a few Web sites in your favorites folder you wouldn't necessarily advertise to your office mates. Curious as we are, we asked our online users to air out their guilty secrets and tell us where they go online to grab a break from reality -- or for a dose of it.

Here's a selection of the best ones. By the way, you can still read our own motley of faves.

Just for Fun

My Cat Hates You

"I had to fill in for a teammate working the 3rd shift not too long ago. I was desperate to stay awake. Surfing for entertainment, I found this site. It made me laugh until tears ran down my face. For sheer silly entertainment, this is the place." Cathy Walker For dog-lovers, try Dognose Heaven

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The Onion

"Based on their print newspaper, this satirical news site is hysterical! It's a great way to take a break from your day and laugh at the absurdity of things happening in society. Be careful, though, because it's not recommended for people under 18." Jamie Hicks

Cool Site of the Day

"Find out about really weird, cool, new sites every day that you would never normally come across." Nils von Veh

Eric Conveys an Emotion

"Readers suggest an emotion and Eric demonstrates ... and he's GOOD at it!" Leanne Jenkins

Webshots Daily

"This is the best -- BY FAR -- source of desktop and screensaver photos." Robert von Tobel

Janglefish

"An online music subscription service with excellent, CD quality streaming music that can be downloaded. Best of all, the company has contracts with all of the record labels from which they offer music, so artists still get paid their royalties!"

Tom Stoker

Pollstar







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"This is a great site to check daily for the quickest scoop on the concert scene. If you want to see what is going on in your area, you have to check this out!" Mariam Ayub

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Lileks.com

The Oracle of Bacon **StupidVideos**

Urban Legends Reference Page

News & Views

Salon.com

"Best politics and news site... besides the P-I and King5.com, it is the place I go for news, politics and opinions." Rebecca J. Evans

Oceanfutures.com

"Oceanfutures.com, the Web site for Keiko and the Cousteau Organization for ocean studies, and seattlepi.com's Getaways. Believe it or not, this is my favorite Web site, especially on Thursday." Sharon Stafford-Bellingham

SFGate

"As a Bay Area local for 21 years recently transplanted to Bremerton, I get a dose of my preferred reality here! Excellent writing, liberal slant, entertaining perspective, and updated every few minutes." Sasha Adler-Turk

Nando Times

"Nando Times is the best source of national, international, and political news, and also has nature-science-environmental and entertainment news." Bob Speed

ESPN.com, Yahoo.com

I love ESPN.com and Yahoo.com, both sites where I can "surf" the site and learn everything I want to know about sports (ESPN) or just about everything else (Yahoo). Seattlepi.com is pretty good for updates on the news and playing around with the online crossword and other challenging games." Steve Zwerin

Also nominated:

TotalNEWS BBC News Ananova

Useful Stuff

Refdesk

"Reference Desk ... is a good portal with a wide variety of links: US and foreign newspapers, informational services, sites of the day, et al." Joe McGough

HowStuffWorks

"The ultimate site to learn not only how mechanical and electronic gadgets work, but also how various political and financial institutions work ... The range of topics covered here is incredible!" Dar Steckelberg

Learn Jazz Piano

"I'm a jazz piano player and often go to a Web site called Learn Jazz Piano. It's probably the best jazz piano site I've ever been to." Jon Moses

Also nominated:

Dictionaries & Encyclopedias
HistoryLink
New York Public Library Resources
NetLingo
The Acronym Database
ConvertIt.com

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