

lite Apple Awards

by John Brochu

MacSpeedZone

<http://www.macspeedzone.com/>

This aptly-named site features speed tests, comparisons, and reviews for various Macs and compatibles, as well as various combinations of hardware and software. If you're looking to get the most from your Mac, looking for a good deal on a new or used system, or looking for the most cost-effective way to upgrade your current system, a visit to the Zone will certainly give you some good information to help you on your way.

Mac Virus

<http://www.macvirus.com/>

This site is an excellent resource and clearinghouse for all Mac-related virus information, from news of the latest infections to software helpful in its eradication. The author of the site, Susan Lesch, does a great job of arranging the material in a clear and uncluttered design — simple but effective.

Tikkabik

<http://www.tikkabik.com/>

If you're into gaming, Tikkabik is the place for you. Peter Cohen's creation is both well-designed and informative, offering news and reviews of the latest Mac games, as well as monthly commentary on the Mac gaming scene. Of particular interest, indeed what Tikkabik was originally based upon, is a list of games that are similar to popular arcade games ("If you like... then try...").

heck them out on the SiteLink website at
<http://www.sitelink.net/SiteLinkEliteApples.shtml>

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on's Recommended Sites

This month's theme: **Holidays**

I always puzzle over topics for these columns. I know very well that you could find anything that you wanted to, so I try to bring to your attention sites that you wouldn't normally go to. Anyway, it is about a week 'til Christmas as I'm writing this and I am just now getting into that holiday mood. So I was thinking that I could write a column with a Christmas theme, but (duh!) you folks won't be reading this until after Christmas. I figure this will happen every time I want to write about a holiday, so I am writing a big Holiday Edition of website Watch figuring this will get them all out of the way.

Silent Night

<http://members.tripod.com/~iago/index.html>

Silent Night is likely to be the most beautiful thing ever written in German (such an ugly language). This site contains 79 different versions of "Silent Night" in 50-some languages. I happen to think the best version is best version is the one John Denver did with the Muppets, but that one isn't here.

The Date of Easter

<http://www.ast.cam.ac.uk/RGO/leaflets/easter/easter.html>

This goes into all sorts of Vernal equanoxy gobbledygook gook explaining how the date of Easter is decided. This page will also reveal to you that you can't understand much about the Moon.

History of Chanukah

<http://www.holidays.net/chanukah/story.html>

Hey, who doesn't love Chanukah besides anti-semites? We all have heard about the birth of Jesus at Christmas time, but how many non-Jewish folks know about the Maccabees at Chanukah? If I only had a hammer...

St. Patrick's Day

<http://wilstar.net/patrick.htm>

There's nothing much more exciting than a story of an Irishman (some people believe he was Scottish) who was tortured by the bloody British who went on to convert an entire country to Christianity and fight snakes. Boy, I love history.

What we've accomplished today

We've learned about other cultures and how their history affects our present. Bye, now!

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