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### 10 Best Sites of the Week

By Ash Pro

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#### [www.bubblebathgirl.com/drewber](#)

Even just a couple of weeks of "a proper winter" – snow and ice and all that slush – is nice in this weather-gone-mad age of global warming. This game should fit nicely with the inclement conditions, as you, the nice snowman Pinkis, aim to dodge the evil, scowling, horn-sporting "Nemesis" or "Ice Brigade", while you wander around on a pyramid of ice, trying to find your way to the exit – or, at the very least, to run up a passable score.

#### [www.spe6men.com](#)

With considerably more than a million buildings still to cover before the whole lot comes tumbling down, time is running out for graffiti artists and those documenting their work. Having been doing the latter for four years, Spe6men now boasts a sound database of spray-can art from around the world – especially the major metropolitan centres of North America and Europe, where the genre thrives.

#### [www.atlantium.org](#)

If the global nationals don't need landed states, then why do the people? That's the philosophical thrust behind George Cruickshank's unique, independent microstate, Atlantium, based in Sydney, Australia. This site tells you all that you need to know about this – in the site's words – "legitimate, functioning, primarily non-territorial microstate and proto-world state that possesses immanent, parallel global sovereignty". Plenty of fun-filled, fun-sized enclaving for micromaniacs everywhere.

#### [www.fluxen.com](#)

More on the recurring Flash theme of nature-as-machine, and organic, growing entities that sprout up for visitors' infotainment via the magical coders who build them. Here at Fluxen, some things collected under the heading "Effloresce Resolve" will, even for the most committed kaleidoscope junky, shimmer and thrive like you never saw purple light shimmer and thrive before.

#### [www.film-philosophy.com](#)

A marriage, some might say, made in hell; but to others, a tryst between these amusingly quaint disciplines (still, it is alleged, practised in universities, who continue to fiddle while their Rome burns) will provide endless hours of diversion. Essay titles such as "An Infrared Vision of the World: Deleuze, the Sign, and In the Mood for Love" should make thirsty cine-discourers drool.

#### [www.zombie-and-mummy.org](#)

If you don't get past the garish splash page, you'll miss out on the hand-drawn misadventures of this website's eponymous heroes, who appear tucked away in the tiniest scrolling box imaginable. They do funny things, such as "form a hip-hop band" (unfortunately, MC Zombie's jaw keeps falling off and DJ Mummy's bandages get tangled up in the turntables) and "draw a family tree". Their brevity matches their wit, too, leaving you free to do other things besides browse the net.

#### [www.paperrad.org/main.html](#)

This chaos would take a few hours to wander through, so packed is it with what it describes as "easily wicked goo". Marvel at the terrifying battles between Power Puff and Cillerpillar; empathise with a robot suffering from ennui in Ancient Computing; or check out plenty of other extraordinary, brightly coloured fun and games, presented on some very long-scrolling pages indeed.

#### [www.basefield.com/](#)

This Flash photo essay on drug taking may well be ambiguous, but it's hard to tell. It's called Thursday's Gold, and under a constant subheading of "Stolen Dreams", phases in pictures of jacking-up, accompanied by poetic intertitles such as "whirlwinds and silver mists", "twins at work" and "between vacant minds release your thoughts". It makes a decent stab at balancing the scales of celebration and comment.

#### [www.e-flux.com/projects/pruitt/index.php3](#)

Like most people, Rob Pruitt gets bored. But he's thought about how to pass such downtime profitably, and his website boasts 100 ideas on art projects visitors can embark upon. These range from the simple ("Make a leaf out of paper and tape it to a tree") to the Zen-like: "Pour a glass of water and look at it."

#### [www.rael.org](#)

Regular readers will, hopefully, not mind a redirection to the web presence of the Raelians, given the recent human-cloning controversy. One of their arguments is that "scientists from another planet created all life on Earth using dna", and in light of their claims, they might well be worth another look in a time where anything seems to be increasingly possible.

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