

Book helps users get the most out of the net

(NAPSA)-Many Belles think of the World Wide Web as a giant library and convenience store rolled into one, an endless source of up-to-the-minute information and stuff.

Sifting through the stuff to find what you need, or searching for the best sites for shopping, games and more, can be both an enlightening and frustrating experience. Most search engines, in addition to useful sites that match your criteria, will dredge up thousands (if not millions) of sites that have no bearing on your topic, other than a common keyword.

Fortunately, there's now a reference that can be used as a helpful guide through this tangled web, created by one of the most popular

and trusted sites in the business. Yahoo! The Ultimate Desk Reference to the Web (HarperResource, \$24.95) lists the best travel information, health facts, free stuff, job leads, car-buying guides and auction sites, collected into accessible categories for the reader. Rather than sorting through hundreds of useless or outdated sites, or puzzling through a deluge of search results, readers can readily find the best, most useful, and most interesting web content.

The reference book highlights a thousand great sites, and along the way offers useful tips on how to get the most information and services from the web.

In the introduction, the author likens the book to a driver's ed

class to the information superhighway—a map to the sites needed for each off-road adventure.

The www.yahoo.com site is the leading navigational guide to the World Wide Web, with approximately 50 million visitors per month.

Yahoo! The Ultimate Desk Reference to the Web is available at local and online bookstores.

This book could prove to be valuable for Belles since many of them have computers in their rooms and are connected to the Internet. It may provide useful ways to find needful things quicker either for work or pleasure. *This article was contributed to by Shawntee Anderson.*

Use the internet to invite your guests

(NAPSA)-Now is the time for all good hosts and hostesses to come to the aid of their parties. And the good news is they can do it online.

Whether you're planning a formal luncheon for your sorority or an informal evening of snacks and board games with guests that make the party and it takes the right invitation to get them there on time.

An online service, TimeDance.com, offers consumers the latest in invitation and activity planning services.

Here's how the free service works: • Users visit the Web site and register by providing their name and email address. They then select a graphic template from which to create their invitation.

Invitation styles are organized by category, which include Celebrations, Getaways, Sporting

Events, Holidays, and Campus Activities.

Once selected, the invitations are personalized. At this point, the host can also include information such as directions, weather reports or a choice of times and dates.

The Web site sends the invitation to guests, via email, with a link to the Web site. When the guests click on the invitation they are brought to the Web site where they can RSVP as well as post and receive messages via a bulletin board and get weather updates. In addition to social events, business professionals can use this free service to coordinate meetings, online events, conference calls and seminars.

The site is free.

To learn more about the services available on the Web site, visit www.timedance.com. *This article was contributed to by Shawntee Anderson.*

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