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For film reviews and screening times in any area, I find www.yourmovies.com.au indispensable. Karen Chambers, Lidcombe

Netiquette Lenny Ann Low

Am I missing something, or is the Facebook status update, and for that matter the whole MySpace thing, anything more than people just going "me, me, me"? - Libby, Redfern

You've hit the nail on the head, Libby. Of course the Facebook status update, and the whole MySpace thing, is people going "me, me, me". It has to be. Look at the names of these websites. One declares itself a place to paste your noggin as part of a massive, communal album. The other, well, it speaks for itself. Come and look at my space. Come and read about me, me, me and see who my friends are and what I've been doing and what I'm planning. Facebook is even worse. You can log on to discover that, at 2.25pm on November 2, 2007, your friend Brian was "contemplating a particularly yummy-looking ham, cheese and tomato sandwich for lunch". Or, later, at 3.05pm, on November 2, 2007, find out your friend Denise "is thirsty in this very hot weather".

If sarcasm was invented to label anything, it was invented to label this kind of vapid and self-centred information absolutely fascinating and indispensable stuff. If these sites are not about people going "me, me, me" then everybody would just go back to sending emails to each other, or ringing each other on their home telephones on a Sunday afternoon or, heaven forbid, meeting to have a chat, share some photographs and look at each other's face in the flesh. If you were deliberately seeking to buck the Facebook trend, you could call this sort of interaction Faceflesh, but somehow I don't think it will ever catch on. "Bye Mum, I'm off up to the cafe to Faceflesh with Chantelle." No, it won't be entering the vernacular just yet.

Got an online dilemma?
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My fave websites

Patrick James, Cronulla



1 THE HUFFINGTON POST US-centric news, opinion and professional blogs not unlike our own crickey.com.au.
www.huffingtonpost.com



2 ASP WORLD TOUR Find out all the latest world surfing results for the championship and qualifying tour.
www.aspworldtour.com



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Meet the blogger



The Food Pornographer

What is it?
It's real food at its porniest!

Why?

More than anything else - more than being a glutton and an avid amateur photographer - I'm a creative person who needs to communicate with others.

How did you get started?

I used to have an online journal where I wrote about whatever was happening in my life. I began featuring photos of food at family meals, and I found my readers really responded well to the pics.

Why do you stay anonymous?

I've had some crazies contact me. I prefer not to be easily trackable!

What's your favourite thing about the blog?

I love knowing my photos are drooled over by people all over the world. I'm proud the pics are able to "hungrify" people (that's a word I made up to describe what I aim to do with my photos).

www.thefoodpornographer.com