I can't really take Cynthia says.com seriously as 508 Web site checker since its Web browser choices only include IE through version 6 (when it's now at 8), it also includes checking for numerous versions of Netscape which hasn't existed for years, and there is no listing for Safari, the number one browser on the Macintosh computer. However, I don't have time to looking for an alternative right now so here is what Cynthia found for the following two Web sites.

1) www.flicker.com

It failed the ALT 1194.22(a) test. A text equivalent for every non-text element shall be provided (e.g., via "alt", "longdesc", or in element content.

1194.22(b – p) were listed as N/A or left blank.

It failed Checkpoint 1.1 Validate that the alt text does not use the word image.

It failed Checkpoint 1.2 validate that the alt text does not contain the text: .jpg, .gif, .bmp, .jpeg.

It failed checkpoint 1.6 the alt text does not contain the text "image".

It received a warning on checkpoint 2.1 validate that alternative text is greater than 7 and less than 81 characters in length.

It failed 2.2 that the Alternative Text is not used to repeat words.

This site is salvable, it is not operated by the government so it is not required to adhere to 508 requirements.

2) www.msjc.edu

It failed the ALT 1194.22(a) test. A text equivalent for every non-text element shall be provided (e.g., via "alt", "longdesc", or in element content.

1194.22(b – p) were listed as N/A or left blank. Except (m) When a Web page requires that an applet, plug-in or other application be present on the client system to interpret page content, the page must provide a link to a plug-in or applet that complies with 1194.21(a) through (l), which it passed.

It failed Checkpoint 1.1 Validate that the alt text does not use the word image.

It failed Checkpoint 1.2 validate that the alt text does not contain the text: .jpg, .gif, .bmp, .jpeg.

It failed checkpoint 1.6 the alt text does not contain the text "image".

It received a warning on checkpoint 2.1 validate that alternative text is greater than 7 and less than 81 characters in length.

It failed 2.2 that the Alternative Text is not used to repeat words.

This site is salvable, but needs lots of work. It is important that this site pass a 508 check because it is operated by a publicly funded institution and is required to follow the 508 guidelines.