

# Surf 'N Stuff 'N Tips

## WEB BUGS

Web bugs are special links in Web pages that collect much more detailed information about your online activities than a simple cookie can. Bugs then feed all that information about you directly into a database containing tons of other information about you that has been gathered and stored by other Web bugs. Many sites use Web bugs to help track how many people have visited a particular Web site or to track what kinds of browsers are being used. For advertisers, the really exciting news is that Web bugs can be used to collect information - about you! - such as what sites you're visiting, the contents of the pages you read, and how long you looked at that page before clicking to another page.

For more information about Web bugs, visit the **Privacy Foundation Web Bug FAQ**:

<http://www.bugnosis.org/faq.html>

## OLDE TIME MUSIC

That old time rock and roll: Time to blow the dust off that Monkees record changer! At Music Stack, you can buy rare, hard-to-find and out-of-print vinyl albums and CDs. Wow--what a find!

Click the drop down arrow and search for 45s, 78s and much more. These dinky vinyl records were the sound tracks of our lives "back in the day."

A search of Bruce Springsteen snagged a 45 of Hungry Heart in mint condition. Links to sheet music, posters and Web sites are also provided. I only wish search results could be filtered by year, and not just alphabetically.

If you can't find the album you're looking for, post it on the Wanted board. With any luck, you may be "Back In The Saddle Again!"

**TO VISIT THIS SITE, GO HERE:**

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

## NEED A DOCTOR?

When choosing a physician, you need to have more facts than a single line in a phone book. You will like today's site, the **WebMD Physician Directory**.

You can search for a physician by name, location, specialty, HMO plan or hospital. It's part of WebMD Health, an online source of disease, symptom and drug information.

Maybe you've moved and need to know who takes your insurance. Or maybe you're seeking a specialist for a family member. Whatever The reason, let WebMD diagnose the right physician for you.

**TO VISIT THIS SITE, GO HERE:**

<http://my.webmd.com/pages/dir/toc.asp>

## SIGN UP FOR NEWS ALERTS

Trying to keep up on the latest news regarding a medical condition, sports team or company? Want to know a competitor's latest moves?

You could go from news site to news site. But today's site offers you an easier way to stay in the know.

Google has designed a tool to help you monitor the news. You simply specify a key phrase. Then, select if you want notifications daily, weekly, or as they happen. You'll receive e-mail notifications that include links to the stories. It's pretty cool, and it's free.

**TO VISIT THIS SITE, GO HERE:**

<http://www.google.com/alerts>

## HERE IS SOMETHING DIFFERENT

Give this site a try!

<http://www.chezmaya.com/applet/valentin.htm>