

## USEFUL INTERNET LINKS – D. Berglund

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**AARP** - [www.aarp.org](http://www.aarp.org) Anyone 50 or over can get all the great benefits of membership in AARP for only \$12.50 a year. And membership includes your spouse or partner, free!

**USA Next** - [www.usanext.org](http://www.usanext.org) - An AARP alternative - join USA NEXT and enjoy a wealth of benefits, including the best prescription drug benefit in the country - valid at over 45,000 pharmacies nationwide. There are no age requirements for joining. Americans of all ages are welcome to join.

**Air Flight Times** - [www.flightarrivals.com/cgi-bin/WebObjects/Flights](http://www.flightarrivals.com/cgi-bin/WebObjects/Flights)  
Real time arrival & departure info. Other sites: [www.seatguru.com](http://www.seatguru.com)  
[www.airliners.net/search/photo.search?static=yes&specialsearch=COOL](http://www.airliners.net/search/photo.search?static=yes&specialsearch=COOL)

**Answers** - [www.answers.com/](http://www.answers.com/) This is a search engine to find answers to almost any question.

**Art Encyclopedia** - [www.artcyclopedia.com](http://www.artcyclopedia.com) - This is a very interesting source of art history and art information.

**Baby Name Wizard** -  
<http://babynamewizard.com/namevoyager/Inv0105.html> If you have a baby's name, you should see this site, which graphs the popularity of certain names over time, and which lets you troll various decades just to find out the most interesting names. Another site: [www.thinkbabynames.com](http://www.thinkbabynames.com)

**Cell Phone Risk** – [www.mercola.com/forms/ferrite\\_beads.htm](http://www.mercola.com/forms/ferrite_beads.htm) Decrease the risk of cancer from excessive cell phone use and exposure. You may want to pass this on to your children, friends and families.

**Chat Online Options** – here are the most popular today:  
**AOL IM (Instant Messenger)** – download from [www.aim.com/](http://www.aim.com/)  
**Yahoo Messenger** – download from <http://messenger.yahoo.com/>  
**MSN Online Chat** - download from <http://chat.msn.com/>

**Crossword Puzzle Games** - [www.crosswordpuzzlegames.com/](http://www.crosswordpuzzlegames.com/) This web site offers 32,400 free crossword puzzles and fun tools for people who enjoy word games. Get some help with a puzzle or create your own, free

**Do Not Call** – for home and cell phone “do not call” lists –  
<https://nocall.wisconsin.gov/web/home.asp>

**Discontinued Items** - [www.discontinueditem.com/](http://www.discontinueditem.com/) This is a search engine to find sources for discontinued items.

**eCleaner** – email and document cleanup program – Free – download from  
<http://ecleaner.tripod.com/>

**Fact Check** - [www.factcheck.org/default.aspx](http://www.factcheck.org/default.aspx) A nonpartisan, nonprofit "consumer advocate" for voters that aims to reduce the level of deception and confusion in U.S. politics. They monitor the factual accuracy of what is said by major U.S. political players in the form of TV ads, debates, speeches, interviews, and news releases. Their goal is to apply the best practices of both journalism and scholarship, & to increase public knowledge & understanding.

**Firewall basics** – information and options for your consideration:  
<http://courses.help.com/courses/overview.jsp?courseId=2793>

**GeoURL** - <http://geourl.org/> This new site provides a geographic search engine that essentially links the location of Web sites using GPS coordinates.

**Google Maps** - <http://maps.google.com/maps> No pictures here, but Google Maps is just plain nice. Once you enter your location, you can interact with the map, clicking and dragging to various locations, and looking up to-and-from directions on the fly. Other sites: [www.mapquest.com](http://www.mapquest.com) [www.us.map24.com](http://www.us.map24.com)  
<http://terraservice.net/>

**Government Information** – federal and Wisconsin web sites:

**IRS.gov** – Federal government home page [www.irs.gov](http://www.irs.gov)

**Wis.gov** – Wisconsin state home page [www.wi.gov](http://www.wi.gov)

**State Income Taxes** – for online assistance and info – [www.dor.state.wi.us/](http://www.dor.state.wi.us/)

**Hospital Compare** – [www.hospitalcompare.hhs.gov](http://www.hospitalcompare.hhs.gov) This site is a place where you can learn about your local hospitals maintained by the federal Department of Health and Human Services

**MLANET** - [www.mlanet.org/resources/medspeak/](http://www.mlanet.org/resources/medspeak/) The Medical Library Association has developed "Deciphering Medspeak" to help you translate common "medspeak" terms.

**Music Web Site** - [www.musipedia.org/](http://www.musipedia.org/) A searchable, editable, and expandable collection of tunes, melodies, and musical themes. Every entry can be edited by anybody. An entry can contain a bit of sheet music, a MIDI file, textual information about the work and the composer, and last but not least the

[Parsons Code](#), a rough description of the melodic contour, to make the encyclopedia searchable by melody.

[North American Mammals](http://web4.si.edu/mna/) - <http://web4.si.edu/mna/> This is a searchable database of all living mammals of North America based on “The Smithsonian Book of North American Mammals” by Don E Wilson and Sue Ruff and “Mammals of North America” by Roland W Kays and Don E Wilson.

[Official Whitehouse Site](http://www.whitehouse.gov/history/life/) - [www.whitehouse.gov/history/life/](http://www.whitehouse.gov/history/life/) To celebrate the West Wing's 100th anniversary, the White House presents *Life in the White House*, an exclusive presentation of it's rich history.

[PhotoFiltre](http://www.photofiltre.com/) – download from [www.photofiltre.com/](http://www.photofiltre.com/) This is a photo editor (free shareware) and a terrific program for anyone who needs to edit digital photographs. PhotoFiltre, for Windows, has tons of effects, filters and textures. Take out red-eye. Change photos to watercolor paintings.

[Presidential Recordings](http://www.whitehousetapes.org) - [www.whitehousetapes.org](http://www.whitehousetapes.org) Between 1940 and 1973, six American presidents from both political parties secretly recorded just under 5,000 hours of conversations. This site is designed as a service to the research community by making freely available all of the presidential recordings, along with relevant research materials.

[Radio Lovers Site](http://www.radiolovers.com) - [www.radiolovers.com](http://www.radiolovers.com) Offers hundreds of vintage radio shows for you to listen to online in mp3 format, all for free. Listen to radio shows such as Abbott and Costello, Superman, Groucho Marx, The Avenger, Gunsmoke, Sherlock Homes, and many others. Also:  
[www.singingman.us/DYR.htm](http://www.singingman.us/DYR.htm)

[Scams & Urban Legends](http://www.snopes.com/snopes.asp) - [www.snopes.com/snopes.asp](http://www.snopes.com/snopes.asp) and [urbanlegends.about.com/](http://urbanlegends.about.com/) Several sites where you can check out Internet promoted scams and false emails.

[State Courthouse Info](http://www.courtaccess.org/states.htm) - [www.courtaccess.org/states.htm](http://www.courtaccess.org/states.htm) This page contains state court information on the topic of public access to court records.

[TreasuryDirect](http://www.treasurydirect.gov) - The web site to buy and sell bills, notes etc. from the federal government without added fees – [www.treasurydirect.gov](http://www.treasurydirect.gov) – thanks to Dan.

[The Old Farmer's Almanac](http://www.almanac.com) - [www.almanac.com](http://www.almanac.com) History, weather, puzzles, advice, gardening advice and much more available on this site.

[The Longevity Game](http://www.nmfn.com/tnetwork/longevity_game_popup.html) -

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Have you ever wondered how long you'll live? You can get an idea based on your lifestyle in 12 easy questions If you don't like the answer you get, change your answers and your life expectancy will automatically update.

[TV Guide](http://www.tvguide.com) - [www.tvguide.com](http://www.tvguide.com) Very useful formatted TV listing site. Sometimes slow however.

[Vegas Travel for Cheap](http://www.cheapovegas.com/index.php) - [www.cheapovegas.com/index.php](http://www.cheapovegas.com/index.php) Will give you hotels, entertainment, dining, gaming hints if you are going to Las Vegas.

[Weather & Interstate Driving](http://www.weather.com/activities/driving/interstate/?from=drivfl) - Weather driving conditions and forecasts.  
[www.weather.com/activities/driving/interstate/?from=drivfl](http://www.weather.com/activities/driving/interstate/?from=drivfl)

[WHA Information Center Price Point system](http://www.wipricepoint.org/) - [www.wipricepoint.org/](http://www.wipricepoint.org/)  
This Web site allows Wisconsin health care consumers to receive basic, facility-specific information about services and charges.

[Wikipedia](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/) - <http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/> Wikipedia is a free [encyclopedia](#) that is being written collaboratively by people from around the world. The following articles contain guidance and information about reading, authoring, and participating towards this effort on this site. Other sites:  
[www.alphadictionary.com/index.shtml](http://www.alphadictionary.com/index.shtml) [www.faganfinder.com/quotes/](http://www.faganfinder.com/quotes/)  
[www.bbc.co.uk/languages/](http://www.bbc.co.uk/languages/)

[Wisconsin Sex Offender Web Sites](#) – there are several sites that will be helpful in providing you info about sex offenders in our neighborhood:  
The official state site – <http://offender.doc.state.wi.us/public/>  
State information sites – [www.wi-doc.com/offender.htm](http://www.wi-doc.com/offender.htm)  
[www.sexcriminals.com/regs/1055.html](http://www.sexcriminals.com/regs/1055.html)  
Megan's Law site – [www.klaaskids.org/st-wis.htm](http://www.klaaskids.org/st-wis.htm)

[Yellow Pages](http://a9.com/yellowpages) - <http://a9.com/yellowpages> Amazon's new search engine, A9, offers a location search that includes contributed photos of the block where your restaurant, guitar store, coffee shop, or tailor is located. Hard to use, and not every result includes a photo--and not every photo is on point.

[Zip Decode](http://acg.media.mit.edu/people/fry/zipdecode/) - <http://acg.media.mit.edu/people/fry/zipdecode/> Ben Fry's Zip Decode site has mapped all the zip codes in the United States. Type in numbers (make sure you turn on zoom!) and watch the map dynamically narrow itself down to a specific location. Use: unknown. Coolness: extreme.