

## Hispanic & Latino History

<http://web.uvic.ca/hrd/history.learn-teach/LatinoPage.htm>

The Hispanic and Latino role in America's history is detailed on this site. Includes articles about early Spanish conquest and exploration of the Americas, as well as Hispanic roles in the American Revolution, the Civil War and World Wars I and II. Also contains information on the Mexican American civil rights movement and links to reference material.

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## SHOPPING

### Insound

[insound.com](http://insound.com)

The "little indie record store that could,"

Insound.com offers indie music and film fans a great place to see what's going on in the scene, buy CDs and videos and chat with other fans.

You can search for hard-to-find vinyl, small label recordings and independent films. There is also an option to find bands that are similar to an old favorite and listen to samples—a great way to find new music. Since its inception in early 1999 the site has grown tremendously, and now offers an alternate place for bands to sell tickets to their shows. It even has its own record label, Tiger Style Records.

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### Health & Wellness Direct

[bodyw.com](http://bodyw.com)

Health and Wellness Direct is an online source for a wide range of nutrition and health products. Many cutting-edge products and herbal remedies can be found here. The site features mostly men's health and athletic training products. Everything is listed in easy-to-follow categories and is well documented, usually with a list of ingredients. You can also sign up for a newsletter on this site, which will inform you about breaking technologies and new "hot" products.

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## JOBS

### Escape Artist

[escapeartist.com](http://escapeartist.com)

Some of us just need to travel, and a summer or post-college job in a foreign country is a great way to see the world without just being a tourist. Escape Artist lists job opportunities from all over the world, although you'll have to do a lot of surfing to take full advantage of what they have. Lots of places are looking for people to teach English, so even if you're not a language major, don't despair.

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### Flipdog

[www.flipdog.com](http://www.flipdog.com)

Flipdog takes a different approach than most online job-finding sites. Rather than waiting for would-be employers to post their resumes to its

## Editor's pick

### WetFeet

[wetfeet.com](http://wetfeet.com)

If you're unsure of what career you're looking for, or want to know more about your prospective employer than you can get by talking to friends or your parents, WetFeet offers loads of advice for the job-seeker. Because it covers all the major job categories students might be attracted to, from the flashy (venture capital) to the obscure (real-estate management), you're likely to find what you want, plus a few jobs you hadn't thought of. Once you register (it's free), there's info and reviews of many companies, discussions with recent grads who are now employed (shudder), as well as the nitty-gritty stuff they don't teach you in college, like how to negotiate for a salary and what skills are compatible with what industries.

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site, it continuously monitors the sites of over 50,000 companies, so that when someone out there has a position open, you can find it without all that tedious—and often fruitless—surfing. The site also has an ever-changing list of weird and unique jobs for those who fear being swallowed up by some huge corporation.

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The screenshot shows the FlipDog website interface. At the top, there's a navigation bar with 'Home', 'Search', 'Post a Job', and 'Post a Resume'. The main content area features a large image of a dog on the left and a job listing on the right. The job listing is for a 'Petting Zoo Caretaker' position, located in 'Mesa, AZ'. It lists requirements such as 'High School Graduate', 'Minimum Salary: \$12,000', and 'Minimum Experience: 0-1 Years'. There are also sections for 'Post your resume' and 'Post your job'.

## MUSIC

### Pollstar

[pollstar.com](http://pollstar.com)

Much easier to use and more visually pleasing than Ticketmaster, Pollstar should be the first place you turn to get concert info. You can search for a specific tour and get dates for venues across the country, or you can see what's playing in your town on a certain day or for the whole month. Pollstar also offers articles that keep you up to date and give you the inside scoop on some of the biggest tours out there, as well as features on artists you may not have

The screenshot shows the Pollstar website interface. At the top, there's a search bar with 'SEARCH' and 'Find' buttons. Below the search bar, there's a list of concert events. One event is highlighted: 'Thursday January 6, 2005' at 'New Orleans, LA'. The event details include 'New Orleans, LA' and 'A NEA Artist'. There are also sections for 'CLIENTS CALLED OFF' and 'STRAIGHT OUTTA BROOKLYN'.

The screenshot shows the steamtunnels.net website interface. At the top, there's a 'Happy New Year' banner. Below the banner, there's a navigation bar with 'Home', 'About Us', 'Contact Us', and 'Links'. The main content area features a list of links and a search bar.

heard of but should. The only catch? You still have to go somewhere else to buy the tickets.

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### ECHO

[www.humnet.ucla.edu/echo](http://www.humnet.ucla.edu/echo)

Most musicology journals write 10,000-word treatises on Wagner's use of harmonic triads and the like. But ECHO is a journal that's not just for eggheads and longhairs. A recent issue has an excellent Napster roundtable, a review of the Experience Music Project (Paul Allen's Seattle tribute to Jimi Hendrix) and an article on "old technologies in new recordings" that explores the music of Portishead and Pink Floyd. But the articles are only part of the fun. Most journals print the actual score to illustrate musical points; ECHO actually plays back the music—with a video clip of the performance, when available.

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### Harmony Central

[harmonycentral.com](http://harmonycentral.com)

This vast site is aimed at rock and electronic musicians, but has a wide focus—from guitarists to synth programmers to drummers—and aggregates a huge amount of useful information into one place. There are forums, links to hundreds of stores and instrument manufacturers, as well as (rarely updated) music industry news. The best part of the site is the large selection of user reviews, where people who have used an instrument or effects box write about their experiences with it. This is a great place to learn whether to go with that Korg ER-1 drum machine or the more expensive (but far cooler) Jomox X-Base.

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