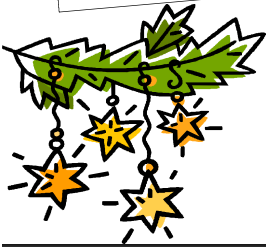


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# Cyberspace News

## Keychest Is Coming

The 10/21/09 *Wall Street Journal* reported that the Walt Disney Company is close to unveiling technology that it says will allow entertainment companies to better embrace the new reality in which consumers are increasingly relying on computers and cell phones in place of DVD players and televisions.

The technology is code-named Keychest (because you'll need a "key" to access your purchases). It could contribute to a shift in what it means for a consumer to own a movie or TV show by redefining ownership as *access rights* instead of physical possession.

The technology would allow you to pay a single price for permanent access to a movie or TV show across multiple digital platforms and devices. So you could access a purchase from your computer and mobile devices like an iPhone and cable services that allow on-demand viewing. It could also help with other services like online movie subscriptions.

Keychest uses the same "cloud computing" logic that underlies many Web-based applications that allow you to store files and photos on remote Internet servers and access them from anywhere (as opposed to storing them on your computer).

With Keychest, when you buy a movie, a system generates a "key" and then stores the key in a *repository*. Your accounts with other participating services (for example, your mobile-phone provider) would be updated to show the title as available for viewing. The movie wouldn't be downloaded. Instead, it would reside with a particular delivery company, such as your Internet service provider, cable company, or phone company.

Stay tuned for more. This is up-and-coming technology, folks!



## Free And Fun

Come to our Computer Fun Meetings, which are free and open to everyone, whether you're a WACC member or not.

Meetings are held the second and fourth Mondays of each month from 11:30AM to 1PM.

## Just For You

Cyberspace News is now archived on the WACC website. There you can see prior issues of CN, full issues of the newsletter between April 2007 and October 2009 as well as selected articles from other issues. In some articles, additional important material is included (for instance, information obtained after publication).

Just go to [www.wacci.net](http://www.wacci.net) and click the "Archives" button along the left side.

## What A Difference 30 Years Makes

1979	Long hair.	1979	Hoping for a BMW.
2009	Longing for hair.	2009	Hoping for a BM.
1979	Acid rock.	1979	Getting out to a new hip joint.
2009	Acid reflux.	2009	Getting a new hip joint.
1979	Moving to California because it's cool.	1979	Rolling Stones.
2009	Moving to California because it's warm.	2009	Kidney stones.
1979	Growing pot.	1979	Down with the System!
2009	Growing a pot belly.	2009	Upgrade the System!
1979	Trying to look like Marlon Brando or Elizabeth Taylor.	1979	Take acid.
2009	Trying NOT to look like Marlon Brando or Elizabeth Taylor.	2009	Take ant-acid.
1979	Seeds and stems.	1979	Passing the driver's test.
2009	Roughage.	2009	Passing the vision test.
1979	Killer weed.	1979	"Whatever!"
2009	Weed killer.	2009	"Depends!"

Source:

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



## And...Comments Made In 1955

- "If things keep going the way they are, it'll be impossible to buy a week's worth of groceries for \$20!"
- "Did you see where some baseball player just signed a contract for \$75,000? Just to play ball! It wouldn't surprise me if some day they make more than the President!"
- "The drive-in restaurant is nice in bad weather, but I seriously doubt they'll catch on."
- "If they think I'll pay \$.50 for a haircut, forget it."

Source: WACC member George Morris. Thank you!

## Rescuing A Wet Cell Phone

Cell phones are more resilient than they look. Although most mobile phone manufacturers don't claim that their phones are water-resistant, many phones can still be used after a quick dunk.



The key is to minimize the amount of time the phone is wet and the time the battery is on the phone while it is wet. Remove the battery and give it some time before you replace it. Sometimes wrapping the phone in a thick towel to absorb the liquid works well, too.

Phones often need as much as 48 hours to completely dry. Once you've dried and put the phone

back together, power it on and place a test call to make sure the phone works properly. If your phone display registers a problem or if the phone doesn't power on at all, then it's probably time to get a new one.

*Editor's Note: You can also try drying the wet phone with a hair dryer. Oh, and dropping the phone in the dog's water dish, does NOT constitute a "quick dunk." If you do that, trust me, trash the phone.*

Source:

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

## Steady As She Goes

A shaky video can make your home videos difficult (and nauseating) to watch. Many camcorders have image stabilization technology built in, but this still won't be a total cure for wobbly video. You may want to consider purchasing a tripod for your camcorder or set the device on something solid (such as a table or counter) to avoid movement.

Many pocket-sized camcorders and smartphones aren't compatible with a tripod, but there are some tricks you can use to steady your hands and your device. One trick is to push your elbows tightly to your sides and hold your camera at chest

level to create a tripod with your body. You can also stand with your legs slightly wider than shoulder-width apart to create a solid, steady base.

Your video is more likely to show slight movement when you use the optical zoom to get a closer shot of your subjects. Rather than using the zoom to get a close-up shot, if possible, move yourself and the camera closer to the subject.

Source: [www.smartcomputing.com.](http://www.smartcomputing.com/)

### Send Me Your Favorites

**Do you have some favorite websites? Not search engines, like Google or Bing, but sites you rely on for information and/or entertainment. Share them with your fellow WACC members!**

**Just email them to me at:**

[jjldliv@hotmail.com.](mailto:jjldliv@hotmail.com)

**I'll check them out and print them in an upcoming issue of Cyberspace News. Please include your name (so that I can give you credit for the submission) and kindly reference the title of your email as WACC (so I know it's not spam).**

**I want to hear from you!**



## Caveman Tech Support

**Tech support dates back to long before the industrial revolution when primitive tribesmen beat out a rhythm on a drum to communicate:**

### This fire help. Me Groog.

*Me Lorto. Help. Fire not work.*

### You have flint and stone?

Ugh.

### You hit them together?

Ugh. Fire not work.

### (sigh) Make spark?

No spark. No fire.  
Me confused. Fire work yesterday.

### (sigh) You change rock?

I change nothing.

### You sure?

Me make one change.  
Stone so hot me soak in stream so stone not burn Lorto hand. Small change, shouldn't keep Lorto from make fire, right?

**Source:**  
[www.ajokes.com](http://www.ajokes.com)

## Computer Christmas Songs

Who needs Christmas carols on Musak when you can hum these ditties:

### Violent Night

(to the tune of "Silent Night")

Silent Mac, broken Mac,  
System bombed,  
screen went black.  
Books suggested things;  
I tried 'em all:  
Shift key, desktop file,  
clean reinstall.

Now my deadline is tight,  
This Mac's been silent all night.

Violent night, horrible night!  
Lost my cool, filled with spite,  
Threw my Mac through the  
balcony door

Watched it fall from the  
20th floor,  
Now I'm sleeping in peace;  
Thank God I had it on lease.



### Microsoft

(to the tune of "Jingle Bells")

Microsoft, Microsoft,  
Bloatware all the way!  
I've sat here installing Word  
Since breakfast yesterday!  
Oh! Microsoft, Microsoft,  
Moderation, please.  
Guess you hadn't noticed:  
Four-gig drives don't grow on  
trees!

*Source: www.ask.com*

## A Word From Your CN Editor

As I've done for the last ten years, I'd like to take a little space here to thank some of the people responsible for Cyberspace News.

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And, most of all, thanks to my family: my husband, David, and my kids, Jacob and Joy. You are the lights of my life.

Happy Holidays, dear Readers!



**Linda Klonsky, Editor, CN**