Organ-grinding-monkeys unaffected by agents' 15 per cent commission

Singin' in the rain

Saturday, August 6:

There's nothing like sitting in a downpour watching Ruthie Foster sing *Another Rain Song* while trying to use the power of your mind to will the patch of blue sky on the horizon to float over to Gallagher Hill. I love this city. Where else can you be so miserable and so happy at the same time.

Please sir, may I have another

Sunday, August 7:

Also overheard at the Folk Fest: "Boy, this hill is tippy." Umm ... you aren't on the hill, sport. Maybe you should spend more time listening to the music, and less money at the beer tent.

Like you really wanted to swim in it before anyways

Monday, August 8:

Oil and gas prices take another jump. It's gotten so bad, the other day I saw a bunch of guys heading out to Wabamun Lake with jerry cans.

Why Miss Moon, what a lovely Adams Apple you have

Tuesday, August 9:

Special thanks to the **ed** reader who after reading that I found Sailor Moon costumes

sexy sent in some pictures from Animethon. I said GIRLS in Sailor Moon costumes, damn it. Now, hand me that oven brush — I'm off to scrub my eyeballs.

Oilers fight over loonie frozen beneath centre ice

Wednesday, August 10:

As small-market teams continue to sign big-name free agents, it becomes clear the players have taken a pretty big pay cut in the new NHL collective bargaining agreement. Games will now end with the PA announcer reminding fans to "please remember to tip your goalie."

will stop pucks for food

Get the Tim Hortons sign loaded up, we're going galactic!

Thursday, August 11:

Scientists have discovered a 10th planet, a desolate waste of rock and ice in a freezing, empty void. Defence Minister Bill Graham is on his way to claim it for Canada.

It's his party and he'll cry profusely

Friday, August 12:

Hey, everybody, it's Ben Affleck's birthday today. For those of you who care, let's give him a real treat: Let's pretend *Gigli* never happened.

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Unsecured computer can cost you

WI-FI

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But, like anything computer-related, Lutz warns "this technique will probably become just as easy with a simple program."

There is no way to completely protect your data over Wi-Fi, so stick to safe surfing if you're out on borrowed bandwidths. Log in to authorized connections only, make sure your anti-virus software is up-to-date and consider using encryption tools for passwords and e-mail. In general, avoid transmitting sensitive information and turn your auto-connection off when not logging on.

As well, a number of options are available for Wi-Fi owners to protect their connection by learning just a little more about the technology they use. (See sidebar, page 3)

When it comes to the moral issue of "borrowing" free Internet, the tech community is sharply divided. Most believe that if you don't break the password protection, modify any folders, devour bandwidth with huge downloads or engage in illegal activities, unsecured wireless access is there to enjoy, just like air-conditioning in a mall.

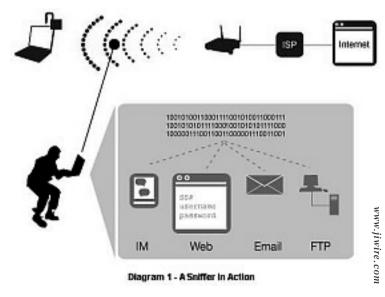
Some believe that a lack of security creates a golden opportunity for use and abuse, while others stick to the simple credo that trespassing — digital or otherwise is illegal.

Think of watching the neighbour's television through their window from the sidewalk. The show's on anyway. Your neighbours aren't watching the entire screen and it doesn't cost any more for you to watch it.

The problem starts when the sidewalk-watchers bring their own remote controls and switch channels at will. Turning on the TV when the owner isn't home and ordering *Trailer Park Hotties 12* on pay per view seven times in a row can be a serious consequence.

The solution? Close your damn blinds.

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An unlocked Wi-Fi connection leaves your computer open to criminals.