

FRIDAY MORNING: LOVELY

We made it to Friday! Yay! And that means another jazz genre. This week it's *shibuya-kei*, a sub-genre/fusion born of Japanese jazz. Our sample today is by Kenji Ozawa. Note how damned perky it is, blending jazz elements with pop and synthpop. Its cuteness might also be described as *kawaii*, but that's a whole 'nother topic.

Some other *shibuya-kei* artists you might want to try are Paris Match (Metro), Aira Mitsuki (Butterfly), Maki Nomiya (Shibuya-kei Standards), Takako Minekawa (Plash), and Kensuke Shiina (Luv Bungalow).

Get your mellow on and jazz your Friday up.

Urgent: Update Adobe Flash immediately if you apply patches manually

Go to this Security Bulletin link at Adobe for details. The update fixes 23 vulnerabilities, one or more of which are being used in exploits now though information about attacks are not being disclosed yet. And yes, this past Tuesday was Patch Tuesday, but either this zero-day problem in Flash was not known then, or a solution had not yet been completed, or...whatever. Just make sure you check all your updates, with this Adobe Flash patch at the top of the list.

USD0J doing its PR thing on #AppleVsFBI

After reports this week that FBI director James Comey was a political liability in the case against Apple, U.S. Attorney General Loretta Lynch appeared on Stephen Colbert's The Late Show to make the case for Apple writing code as requested by USD0J. She said,

"First of all, we're not asking for a backdoor, nor are we asking anyone to turn anything on to spy on anyone. We're asking them to do what their customer wants. The real owner of the phone is the county, the employer, of one of the

terrorists who is dead,”

Right. And my iPhone-owning kid wants a ham sandwich – will Apple write an app on demand for that, just because my kid’s the owner of the iPhone?

Look, nearly all software is licensed – the San Bernardino shooter’s iPhone may be property of the county that employed him, but the iOS software is property of Apple. Maybe Lynch needs a ham sandwich, too, a little boost in blood sugar to grok this point.

Volkswagen’s Terrible, No Good, Very Bad Week continues

- Looks like VW’s U.S. CEO Michael Horn bailed out because he butted heads with the *Holzkopfs* in German leadership (Jalopnik)
- By butting heads, that is to say, Horn dislikes the idea of jail time (Forbes) – though naming executives is pro forma on such lawsuits, if Horn was only in his role for roughly 18 months and this fraud goes back 8-9 years, AND Germany’s executive team disagreed with Horn’s proposal for U.S. dealers and vehicle owners, he’s reasonably twitchy about sticking around.
- VW updated its emissions standards defeat code after its existence was revealed (Forbes) – wanna’ bet it was

a software *patch*?

Stray cats and dogs

- White House wants +20M more Americans on broadband (DailyDot) – Under ConnectALL initiative, a new subsidy program will help low income citizens get online with broadband access.
- Pew Research study shows 15% of Americans still not online (Pew Research Center) – Rural, low income, minority, elderly are most likely not to have internet access; they're the same target group as proposed federal ConnectALL program.
- But good luck with broadband speed or cable TV content if HBO-TWC-Charter continue to scuffle over the TWC-Charter merger (AdAge) – Yet another example of the fundamental conflict between content makers and internet providers; internet providers should focus on the quality of their internet service, not on the content in the 'series of tubes' they supply.`

And just for giggles, note the Irish economy has expanded at fastest rate since 2000. Gee, I wonder what would happen to the Irish economy if

major tech companies like Apple moved to Ireland?

I'm out of here – have a great weekend!