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Bell Accused of Privacy Invasion

By Peter Nowak - CBC News

The Canadian Internet Policy and Public Interest Clinic, a University of Ottawa legal clinic specializing in internet- and other technology-related law, has joined the assault on Bell Canada Inc. and its traffic-shaping practices, urging an investigation by the country's privacy commissioner.



The group says Bell has failed to obtain the consent of its retail and wholesale internet customers in applying its deep-packet inspection technology, which tells the company what subscribers are using their connections for. Bell is using DPI to find and limit the use of peer-to-peer applications such as BitTorrent, which it says are congesting its network.

The CIPPIC, which is made up mainly of lawyers and law students from the University of Ottawa, says Bell has not only failed to show that its network is congested and that its actions are necessary, but it has also run afoul of the Personal Information Protection and Electronic Documents Act (PIPEDA) in doing so.

"Practices [such as] those involving the collection and use of personal information are not necessary to ensure network integrity and quality of service," wrote CIPPIC director Philippa Lawson in a letter to the commissioner dated May 9. [View entire article.](#)

Voip Safety Concerns Raised

By James Stevenson - Canadian Press

As the frantic family of a dying toddler waited in vain for help at their Calgary home Tuesday night, paramedics were rushing to an address in Mississauga.



The tragic death of 18-month-old Elijah Luck demonstrates the critical differences between the 911 services of traditional land-lines and phone companies that now use voice over Internet technology. [View entire article.](#)

Évolution du commerce électronique

by Jean- François Ferland

Selon Statistique Canada, le recours au commerce électronique et aux technologies progresse dans les entités privées et publiques, mais de façon différente. Également, les services de téléphonie résidentielle évoluent rapidement, au détriment du service filaire traditionnel.



Statistique Canada a diffusé des résultats de l'édition 2007 de l'Enquête sur le commerce électronique et les technologies, à partir des réponses fournies par 19 000 entreprises et organisations des secteurs public et privé. [Continuez](#)

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Internet Sales On The Rise

By Statistics Canada

Online sales increased at a double-digit pace for the sixth consecutive year in 2007. Total private and public sector Internet sales hit an estimated \$62.7 billion, up 26% from 2006.

Despite the continued strong growth, e-commerce still represents a relatively small fraction of total economic activity. In 2007, online sales of private sector firms accounted for just under 2% of total operating revenue, although this was still an increase from less than 1% five years earlier. [View entire article.](#)



Mastercard's Robust Data Centre: Priceless

By Greg Meckbach

If a severe tornado touches down west of St. Louis, you might have trouble using your MasterCard.

The credit card company's global technology operations centre, based in O'Fallon, Missouri, is strong enough to withstand a 160-mile-per-hour gust of wind, says its acting president, Rob Reeg, who hosted a group of Canadian journalists touring the facility last month.



MasterCard International processes about US\$18 billion of transactions every year, at a rate of about 5.4 million transactions per hour through its GTO centre. The company says each transaction takes about 129 milliseconds. [View entire article.](#)

Saying Goodbye to Land Lines

courtesy CBC.ca

Less than a quarter of Canadian households now rely solely on land-line phone service, as the steady shift to cellphones and other alternatives continues, new figures show.



Only 3.1 million households — 24 per cent of Canadian households — had just land-line phone service in December, according to the latest residential telephone service survey by Statistics Canada. That's down from 3.7 million households, or 29.6 per cent, a year earlier.

Most households still have a land line, the figures show. But the number is slipping as more consumers switch to alternative forms of phone communication. [View entire article.](#)

Apple Offers \$45 Credit for Canadian Owners of older iPods

by Irwin Block - The Gazette

Following two class-action lawsuits, Apple Canada Inc. is offering \$45 credits to Canadian residents who own a new first-, second- or third-generation iPod purchased before June 24, 2004.



The proposed settlement, including payment of legal fees, is the result of two iPod owners suing because rechargeable batteries in the second year of use conked out after just three hours, contrary to the advertised claim of eight hours between recharges. [View entire article.](#)