

FRIDAY MORNING: FAR OVER YONDER

It was rough road this week, but we made it to Friday again for more jazz. Today's genre is ska jazz, which will feel like an old friend to many of you.

The artist Tommy McCook was one of the earliest artists in this genre. Just listen to his work and you'll understand why he has had such a deep and long-lasting influence on contemporary Jamaican music.

Let's get cooking.

Apple pan dowdy

- Need a hashtag for NotAlliPhones after FBI says hack only works on "narrow slice" (Reuters) – The method offered by a third party to open San Bernardino shooter's iPhone 5c won't work on later phones like the iPhone 5s in the Brooklyn case, according to FBI director Jim Comey. While it may be assumed newer technology is the barrier, this could be a simple line in the sand drawn by the FBI so as to limit potential risk.
- Yet another pearl-clutching essay asking us if Apple went too far protecting privacy (MIT Technology Review) – This is the second

such POS in this outlet in the last couple of months. Oh, by all means, let's risk exposing hundreds of millions of iOS users to any surveillance because law enforcement needs access to the kind of information they didn't have 20 years ago.

- Apple has complied with government requests to crack iPhones 70 times, beginning in 2008 (Mac Rumors) – The first request, believed to have occurred while George Bush was still in office, arose from a child abuse and pornography case. In a case like this where children may have been endangered, one can understand the impetus for the request. But maybe, just maybe, Apple was so firm about the San Bernardino iPhone 5c is that Apple knows the government has gone too far after nearly eight years of compliance.
- And for a change of pace, a recipe for Apple Pan Dowdy. Don't fret over the pastry flour; just use all-purpose and not bread flour.

Leftovers

- Yahoo up for bids, Verizon

interested (Reuters) – The same telecom once in trouble for using persistent cookies is interested in a search engine-portal business which may offer them access to non-Verizon customers. Plan ahead for the next level of consumer tracking if Verizon's bid wins. Bidding deadline has been extended from April 11 to the 18th.

- Households at bottom income levels can't afford food, housing (Vox) – Can't understand why the rise of angry white man candidates? This is one big reason – things are getting much worse for those who can afford it least. And nobody working in Capitol Hill or the White House seems to give a rat's whisker.
- Banksters blame Hollywood for lack of interest in dodgy subprime automotive bonds (Indiewire) – Investment banking firm Morgan Stanley credits the film The Big Short, based on Michael Lewis' book about the 2000s housing bubble and the subprime mortgage crisis, with spooking investors away from subprime automotive bonds. By all

means, let's not look in the mirror, banksters, or at the inability of working poor to make ends meet, increasing likely uptick in automotive loan defaults.

- **Venezuela makes every Friday a holiday (Bloomberg)**

- The deep El Nino cycle caused drought conditions, substantively lowering reservoir levels. President Maduro is asking large customers to make their electricity in addition to declaring every Friday for the next two months a work holiday to conserve energy. Clearly Venezuela needed investment in solar energy before this El Nino began.

- Researchers found people do stupid stuff when they find a flash drive (Naked Security) – After sprinkling a campus with prepared USB flash drives, a study found nearly half the people who found them plugged them into a computer, ostensibly to find the owner. DON'T DO IT. If you find one, destroy it. If you lost one, consider it a lost cause – and before you lose one, make sure you've encrypted it just in case somebody is stupid enough to try and find the owner/look at the contents.

Just because a single African American author called you "The First Black President" doesn't mean you are literally a black man (and the label wasn't meant as a compliment). Your massive white/male/former-elected privilege is getting in the way of listening to people you helped marginalize. You cannot fake feeling their pain or triangulate this away. Just shut up and listen, if for no other reason than you're hurting your wife yet again. (Sorry, I had to get that off my chest. This opinion may differ from those of other contributors at this site. YMMV.)

Phew. Hope you have a quiet, calm weekend planned. We could use one. See you Monday morning!