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Cheating Husband on Facebook

Wife learns facts with search

(AP) -- Dread of the unknown hung in the air as Lynn France typed two words into the search box on Facebook: the name of the woman with whom she believed her husband was having an affair.

Click. And there it was, the stuff of nightmares for any spouse, cuckolded or not. Wedding photos. At Walt Disney World, no less, featuring her husband literally dressed as Prince Charming. His new wife, a pretty blonde, was a glowing Sleeping Beauty, surrounded by footmen.

I was numb with shock, to tell you the truth," says France, an occupational therapist from Westlake, a Cleveland suburb. "There was like an album of 200 pictures on there. Their whole wedding."

Affairs were once shadowy matters,



illicit encounters whispered about and often difficult to prove. But in the age of Facebook and Twitter and lightning-fast communication, the notion of privacy is

fast becoming obsolete. From flirtatious text messages to incriminating e-mails, marital indiscretions are much easier to track — especially if potentially damaging

photographic evidence is posted online.

France, 41, was not completely blindsided by her Facebook discovery, which happened in January 2009. That fall, she had grown suspicious when her husband began taking frequent business trips, even leaving the day the couple's newborn son came home from the hospital. Once, she found his passport at home when he was supposed to be in China for business.

Parry Aftab, a lawyer who runs the online protection site WiredSafety.org, says the lesson to be learned from the Frances' case is that no form of communication is sacred anymore.

But Aftab doesn't recommend snooping around online. That can backfire in court if used inappropriately — such as when spouses log onto each other's Facebook pages without permission. If your spouse isn't trustworthy, she says, get a divorce and save yourself the trouble.

Exec Leaves after 'Antennagate'

Mark Papermaster, the Apple executive in charge of iPhone engineering, has left the company weeks after the "Antennagate" controversy over complaints of poor reception on the company's latest smartphone.

Apple released the iPhone 4 in June and it was an instant hit with

consumers. But reports spread about bad reception when the device was held a certain way, and analysts warned that the company's reputation for quality was under threat.

The issue snowballed into a publicity crisis and Apple was forced to call a press conference to tackle the

matter. Apple CEO Steve Jobs maintained there was nothing wrong with the iPhone 4, and that the reception problem was one shared by other smartphones.

Apple hired Papermaster in November of 2008, luring him away from IBM, where he had worked for 25 years.

Apple to Fix Security Flaw

Apple is planning to release a fix for a security hole in the software that runs on its iPhone, iPad and iPod Touch devices.

Hackers could gain access to data stored on Apple Inc.'s gadgets by putting a PDF file with hidden code onto a website and luring people to visit the site.

Apple did not say when the soft-

ware update will be available.

The flaw drew attention after it was used for a program that lets people "jailbreak" iPhones in order to run programs Apple hasn't approved for sale in its iTunes store.

The company declined to say Thursday whether it knows of malicious hackers actively exploiting the flaw.

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Looking Beyond iTunes

Digital download sales growth slowed further for Warner Music Group Corp. in its fiscal third quarter, prompting CEO Edgar Bronfman Jr. to say that the company was looking "beyond the iTunes model" to return to growth.

Bronfman pointed to new "access models" based on monthly music subscription plans, and the entry of Google Inc. and others into the business to reverse a decade of declining CD sales.

Revenue from digital sales of recorded music grew just 3.7 percent to \$169 million. That's a slower pace than the 4.5 percent growth posted a year ago and 39 percent

growth two years earlier.

Sales of downloads from Apple Inc.'s iTunes store are slowing as the market matures. Late adopters of new gadgets such as the iPod and iPhone generally consume less content than early buyers.

