



Okay, FANs! We've made it well enough into 2022 to safely say, "the FANs Weekly Summary has enough fodder for us to cull together another newsletter!" "Why would you say that?", you may ask. Well, without being too much of a broken record (and I **know** that you all know what a 'record' is!), here we are once again with hat in hand asking for your contributions to our bi-weekly communique. Sure, we have a few FANs who are generous and send us articles, links, and such that they feel are "FAN-some", and we sincerely appreciate their content. But, how about the rest of our FANs? Aw, c'mon...just one article, one story, one something! Remember, it's you who make this newsletter worthy of publishing...you who make it interesting...you who help us to keep it coming to you. So please, send us something that you'd like to see published.

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Now that that's out of the way...let's move on to Issue 2 of 2022!

## Your Personal COVID Test Should be 'fridge-kept



**click on the image!**

The entire staff here at Artemus Central (all of us!) have been working long and hard to find the Holy Grail, the finest, most conclusive indicator of COVID positive/COVID negative. Thanks to premiere scientist, Doktor Roberto Huallace, the search has ended! The world is safe! Back to the bowling alleys and Chuck-E-Cheese ball bin!

## Attention Alexa Users...You've GOTTA See this!

**If you haven't been using these hidden Alexa capabilities, you should start ASAP.**

### 1. Alexa Cast to other devices

When you're really into a song that you're listening to on your Amazon Echo but need to go to another area in the house, it can be frustrating to pause the music. Fortunately, if you have multiple Echo devices, you can use the Alexa Cast feature to send that music to another speaker. From the Amazon Music app on your phone, select the playlist you're listening to. Pull up the music controls and tap the button on the lower right side of your screen. Then select which Echo speaker you'd like to cast to.



### 2. Guard your home with Alexa

If you're ever worried about your house when you're out of town, you can turn on Alexa Guard before you leave the house. Just say, "Alexa, I'm leaving" and the voice assistant will start listening for signs of a break-in, like glass breaking. If it hears anything suspicious, it will send you an alert so you can decide whether to contact authorities and have them check it out. When you arrive back home, you can say, "Alexa, I'm home," and it'll stop listening for noises. Want Alexa to guard your home? Read [this](#) next!

### 3. Donate to charity with Alexa

If you have a charity that you'd like to donate to that's on Amazon's list -- there are over 300 options to choose from -- you can use your

Amazon Echo to send the donation over. When you say, "Alexa, I'd like to make a donation," the voice assistant will ask which charity you'd like to give to. Then Alexa will ask how much you want to donate. Note that you'll need to have Amazon Pay set up before trying to send your donation.

#### 4. Shop on Amazon with Alexa

When you're running low on house supplies, like paper towels or toothpaste, you can ask Alexa to order some for you through Prime Now. You'll first have to enable voice purchasing in the Alexa app.

To do so, open the app to **Menu > Settings > Account Settings > Voice Purchasing** and toggle the Purchase by voice setting on. When you're ready to buy something, say, for example, "Alexa, I'd like to purchase toothpaste." The product will be added to your cart and Alexa will ask you to confirm that you want to buy it now.

You can add a PIN code in the same settings so that only you can make purchases on your Echo speaker.

#### 5. Find your lost phone with Alexa

Losing your phone in the house happens way more often than you'd like to admit. And when you don't have anyone around to call it for you, it can be frustrating trying to track it down on your own. Fortunately, you can use your Amazon Echo to find it. You can ask Alexa to call your phone, but if it's on silent, that won't do much. Another option is to download the Find My Phone skill in the Alexa app.

Want to know more about what your Amazon Echo can do? Check out these [six unusual skills you should try on your Amazon Echo](#), the [four worst places to put your Amazon Echo in your home](#) and [how to customize Alexa for a better Amazon Echo experience](#).



## Some Wacky Tech Tips That You JUST. MIGHT. USE!

*A few of the best tech life hacks ever...from our friends at pocketlint.com (more to come, too!)*



### 1. Use your keyboard to scroll on webpages

This trick might be well-known, but we thought it was still

worth including: Use the space bar to scroll down on any webpage. You can even hold the shift key and the space bar at the same time to scroll up.



### 2. Quickly re-open a closed tab

If you just accidentally closed an important

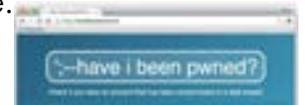
tab in your browser, you can easily re-open it by pressing command+shift+t on a Mac or control+shift+t on Windows PC. This can be used multiple times too, so keep pressing to open all the tabs you've closed recently. It even works after you've entirely closed and re-opened your browser too.

### 3. Improve your WiFi signal



If you're finding your home WiFi is a bit flakey, then it might be because you're getting some interference from your neighbour's WiFi overlapping with yours. The

Wifi Analyzer app may be the answer to your woes. This app scans frequencies and makes recommendations on the optimal channels to use on your network to avoid overlap. The result is faster WiFi with far less hassle.



### 4. See if your email is involved in a data breach

Again, we love privacy tips.

We're sure you do too. There's a brilliant website known as HavelBeenPwned.com. This site simply monitors your email address to alert you if and when it is compromised in a data breach. This works retrospectively too. Any publicly revealed hack that includes your email address will be highlighted with this tool.

# What FANs are Buying (in this case, “Did ANYONE buy ANYTHING”)



**WHAT:** Okay, FANs...there wasn't any input from anyone for this segment. C'mon...someone bought something great/cool/fun/useful. Let us know what it is!

**WHO:** (fill in the blank) \_\_\_\_\_

**FROM:** where'd ya get it?

tell us a bit about what you bought. If you stole it, just say that you bought it, we'll never know. If you borrowed it, take a photo of it, tell us that you bought it, and then quickly return it to its

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