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Song shockers of the 70's

92.7 MIX FM on Australia's Sunshine Coast got its listeners to plumb the depths of bad music.

From the votes the station compiled the top 20 shockers of the 70s.

The list of 20 songs in reverse order is as follows:

20 CHIRPY CHIRPY CHEEP CHEEP – MIDDLE OF THE ROAD

19 TIE A YELLOW RIBBON – DAWN

18 SEASONS IN THE SUN – TERRY JACKS

17 MACHO MAN – VILLAGE PEOPLE

16 IF I HAD WORDS – SCOTT FITZGERALD AND YVONNE KEELEY

15 BYE BYE BABY – BAY CITY ROLLERS

14 BLACK SUPERMAN – JOHNNY WAKELIN

13 I LOVE TO LOVE – TINA CHARLES

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3 MY LITTLE ANGEL - WILLIAM SHAKESPEAR

2 MAGIC – PILOT

And the number one shocker of the 70s was Rolf Harris' TWO

LITTLE BOYS.

Bird lovers in bid to eliminate red light areas

In the U.S. transmission tower infrastructure organisations have joined with the NAB and wildlife groups in a submission to the FAA (Federal Aviation Administration) to see if steady red obstruction sidelights can now be safely eliminated from towers after decades of use.

Involved in the submission are the American Bird Conservancy, CTIA - The Wireless Association, Defenders of Wildlife, Environmental Defense, National Association of Broadcasters, National Audubon Society, National Association of Tower Erectors and PCIA - The Wireless Infrastructure Association.

They have asked the FAA to do a "conspicuity study" to see if steady red obstruction sidelights can be safely eliminated where now prescribed.

The FCC (Federal Communications Commission) has been seeking comment on effects of towers on migratory birds. The groups told aviation regulators that they've been talking in a "mutual effort to open a dialogue related to avian tower safety," and recently asked the commission to extend its time for comments. The FCC granted that extension.

The organizations said the FAA has reported increased bird deaths at towers using red steady lights even while also requiring towers that have red obstruction or dual lighting systems to use steady red obstruction sidelights at various intermediate levels.

The requirement to use steady red sidelights dates back more than three decades.

Station's tower cross-wired

Someone climbed the tower of WECM-A (Memories 1490) in Milton, Florida and attached a cross on top, damaging wiring affecting the station's signal.

It's thought the act could have been related to the owner of the station being Jewish.

He said that he considers the cross-placing a hate crime as he said he'd received anonymous anti-Semitic phone calls.

Meantime the police at this time are treating the incident as vandalism.

One, two, three...let's kiss

On Valentines Day history was made when thousands of couples locked lips as part of Australia's biggest display of public affection.

In a world first, couples took part in a synchronised kiss across Australia at 8.10am on Valentine's Day.

The Big Kiss Down Under was broadcast over 43 Macquarie Regional radio stations including Sea FM the

Coast station that came up with the idea for "love month".

Hundreds of couples turned up at Alex Surf Club for a morning of kissing, entertainment and breakfast with the Morning Crew.

Thousands turned out all over Australia and there was even a wedding proposal in Hobart.

All participants made a gold coin donation to the National Heart Foundation.

57 million U.S. listeners weekly to internet radio

The latest survey from Bridge ratings shows that monthly Internet radio listeners nationwide jumped 26 percent last year, up 72 million monthly listeners from 45 million at the end of 2005. In 2005, weekly Internet radio listening was at 15 percent of the U.S. population 12+

Jacko's death hoax drives listeners nuts

One of the D.J's at KWIN in Stockton, California, read a text message from a listener on air.

It stated that Michael Jackson was dead. The punchline said he died from eating some 12 year old nuts.

However many listeners missed the joke and took it seriously.

Comments included: "I can't believe you [expletive] would do something like that."

"I love Michael Jackson." "Is he dead?" "That's not funny at all. Just so you know I've already called all of your bosses and I'm calling the [expletive] FCC."

At least a dozen people said that they had to pull over to cry.

News spread quickly as other media outlets began getting calls.

An FCC spokesperson said guidelines state that broadcasters must basically say this is a hoax or a prank. As long as the prank didn't cause any harm, the station may be out of hot water.

Only 3.4 percent listen to U.S. satellite radio

In the first Arbitron survey that listed listening to satellite as well as terrestrial radio it's been shown that only 3.4 percent of it was devoted to satellite channels.

The survey was conducted among 468,786 diary keepers.

The highest rating share that a single satellite channel received for a quarter hour was 0.2 percent. Among the 297 satellite channels listed, the average share for a quarter hour was 0.009 percent. About 5.6 percent of respondents listed at least one satellite radio channel in their diary.

Satellite listeners spent an average of 33 hours a week listening, compared with 19 hours for the average listener.

Some commentators are saying either it's a solid base from which the relatively new medium can grow, or it's an indication that not many people are willing to pay to listen to the radio.

Radio skit revived for podcasts

An old radio skit that was broadcast on Israel's radio 106fm has been taken out of the station's archive and become a hit weekly podcast. Now its creators are considering bringing that skit back to life, with new episodes.

The skit involved a fictional character called Jonathan Ben-Zadok Hertz. At times ultra right wing facist, other times a left-wing peace activist, Jonathan usually was just plain outrageous and super-eccentric.

The skit aired between 2005 – 2006, and since the beginning of 2007 has enjoyed a podcast-come-back. Titled "Only Jonathan Ben-Zadok Hertz Knows", it has proven a hit among the podcast crowd. Now, the creators are planning to bring the character back.

DJ a bit fishy on MySpace

A police department has taken down its MySpace entry after a photo of Boston rock radio disc jockey Bob Hannah posing in the buff - except for a fish covering his private parts – appeared on its page.

DJ Bob said: "It's no big deal. It's like wearing a Speedo with a fish picture on it."

The Attleboro cops created a MySpace page to show a friendly face to kids. Hannah, who has his own MySpace page, signed on as one of the department's "friends."

The photo was taken during a shoot for the rock station's Mr. Mantown calendar. Hannah said he posted it on his MySpace page to "be funny."

The DJ, who said he supports police, selected them as a friend, and they reciprocated. "We joked back and forth, I said, 'Hey, how about erasing my rap sheet?' They wrote back to me, 'There's not enough time in the day.'

Hannah has since removed the photo, as he's moving to Attleboro this weekend saying: "I don't want a traffic ticket every three blocks."

U.S. Muslims boycott presenter

A local Muslim group is boycotting advertisers on Jeff Katz's afternoon show on the Charlotte news-talk station WBT-AM & FM.

They say he insults their religion by sarcastically referring to Islam as "the religion of peace" The Islamic Political Party of America is accusing that Katz of not only speaking mockingly about Muslims, but that he

only has critics of Islam on his program.

Katz says he has merely expressed his frustration that too few Muslims have spoken out against terrorism.

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