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Radio comedy bit upsets Catholic League

A comedy sketch on the U.S. public radio's Fair Game program
attracted the wrath of the Catholic League.

The sketch parodied the real-life creation of the "Huckaburger"
by a New Hampshire chef honoring presidential candidate Mike
Huckabee with a commercial for "Deep-Fried Body of Christ."

Show presenter Faith Salie, who noted she is a Catholic herself, apologised and the Catholic League has accepted saying: "We are satisfied with this outcome -- it effectively ends this issue."

News Director/PD Bryan Schott said that he took the sketch as parodying Mike Huckabee's Southern roots and past problems with obesity, not at Catholicism.

Blogger bashes Danny Bonaduce's new radio show

Danny Bonaduce, whose main claim to fame was as a member of the classic TV sitcom The Partridge Family, is not getting the best reviews on his new afternoon show (2-3 p.m.) on 97.1 FM Free FM/Los Angeles.

According to one blogger at laist.com: "...Danny isn't like-able [sic] and is seriously lacking talent. Bonaduce started off on Thursday by telling us about the memo's [sic] he received from management 'Don't talk so much about yourself, don't try and top everyone's story' and then proceeded to talk only about himself and try and top every caller's story."

The thing is, they have Danny on contract so they can either pay him to sit at home until the contract is up, or they can try and get some use out of him. But they have to pay him one way or the other.

Another U.K. digital station bites the dust.

Top 40 digital station CORE shut down after just over seven years on the air.

CORE's shutdown came a day before the previously announced shutdown of Channel 4 digital station Oneworld.

Sexually suggestive or false radio, TV ads banned in China

More than 3,000 advertisements judged to be sexually suggestive or plain false have been revised or removed from television

and radio broadcast across China.

The State Administration of Radio, Film and Television (SARFT) said: "Radio and TV stations across the country have examined their broadcasting lists and the months of effort to crack down illegal ads have taken effect."

The administration issued circulars respectively in July and September in 2007, banning radio and TV commercials and programs involving drugs, sex-related health supplements, drugs for sexually transmitted diseases, sex toys, as well as "vulgar" ads for breast enhancement and female underwear.

Old Man River keeps on rolling in Japan

Young Australian indie folk singer Old Man River, real name Ohad Rein, has become the most played non-Japanese artist in Japan after his single La topped the radio airplay chart.

Old Man River's debut album, Good Morning, is set to be released in Japan followed by a week-long promotional tour.

Volunteer sets fire to station over playlist dispute

Arson damaged the studios of community station KOOP in Austin, Texas and put the station off the air. The fire was allegedly lit by a station volunteer who was angry that his playlist for an overnight show was changed.

Paul Webster Feinstein faces second degree felony arson for the fire, which caused \$300,000 worth of damages, and could get up to 20 years in prison and a \$10,000 fine for the incident.

Police say Feinstein quit the station five days before the incident, then came back to set the station on fire.

KOOP seems to spend a lot of time being on fire, is back on the air, taking donations and restoring damaged studios after the Jan. 5 fire that knocked it off the air.

This was the station's third fire in two years.

Station president **Andrew Dickens** said, "We are kind of worried that people will look at us like a bunch of idiots. This is really just one of those out-of-the-blue situations. Who the hell would have thought somebody would have snapped?"

The fire caused \$300,000 worth of damage. A fire department trained dog reportedly sniffed gasoline used on studio equipment.

The previous fires were accidental.

Advertiser sues Don Imus for unscripted comments

A book publisher that bought an ad on Don Imus's radio show is suing the shock jock and his former bosses at CBS Radio for more than \$4 million, saying Imus insulted the book he was paid to promote.

Imus was fired by CBS Radio in April last year for insulting a women's basketball team with a racial slur. He has since returned to the air with another network.

Flatsigned Press said in a **New York state court lawsuit** that Imus' show had agreed to a script for the 30-second spot in January 2007 to promote a book by former President Gerald Ford on the investigation into the 1963 assassination of President **John F. Kennedy**.

The lawsuit claims Imus laughed as he read the script, calling it "cheesy" and continuing: "These bastards have been waiting for him to croak so they can unload the books."

Ford served on the Warren Commission that conducted the official inquiry and his book "**John F. Kennedy: Assassination Report of the Warren Commission**" was published shortly after Ford died in December 2006.

In December, Imus returned to radio with a nationally syndicated show broadcast out of WABC in New York in a deal with ABC Radio Networks, which is owned by Citadel Broadcasting Corp.

BBC presenter cleared of rape charge

The award-winning BBC radio presenter Nigel Wrench, who was accused of raping a man following a New Year's party on the first day of last year, has been cleared by a jury at the Old Bailey.

Mr Wrench, 47, a presenter on Radio 4's PM program, admitted snorting cocaine with the man, who is now 27, at a party in South London before inviting him back to his flat to view his art collection. ("Would you like to come back and see my etchings?")

The younger man claimed that he had blacked out after taking a gulp of champagne Mr Wrench had given him, and that he had woken later that day to find himself being punched and forced to perform a sex act.

Mr Wrench said he never did anything that the alleged victim had not agreed to, and would have stopped if asked.

"The last thing - that is the irony of the situation, isn't it? - I would have done is to harm him."

He told the court he had never made a secret about being gay and had presented a lesbian and gay radio program, "Out This Week", on Radio Five Live. He had also been open about the fact that he was HIV positive.

He had suspended his broadcasting career after he was charged in May last year. It is not known whether he will now resume his work at the BBC.

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