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Radio station gives away divorce for Valentine's Day

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In the U.S. a Charleston radio station, WKLC-FM, better known as Rock 105, gave away a free divorce.

Program Director Jay Nunley said Valentine's Day isn't all hearts and flowers. "There is a darker side where maybe you despise your spouse and resent the entire day."

So on Valentine's Day, applications for the free divorce were accepted on the classic rock station's Web site the winning name being drawn at 5 p.m.

Nunley cautioned that this was a real divorce and people shouldn't enter if they aren't serious. Also, people expecting a long, drawn-out legal battle should hire a lawyer because the Rock 105 contest is for a relatively uncomplicated divorce.

A local Charleston attorney handled the actual filing.

"Sure we can give away concert tickets, and we do," said Nunley. "That's going to make you happy for a little while. This is the chance to make someone happy for the rest of their life."

A woman who has been separated from her husband for seven years of their 15-year marriage won the giveaway.

She and her husband are both living with other people and she is six months' pregnant but they could not afford a divorce.

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Surround sound: Man forges cheques, buys radios with the proceeds

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A 56-year-old man in the UK stole the equivalent of almost \$30,000 from his partner, a 71-year-old woman, and spent it all on radios. He surrounded himself with them and often had them all on at once.

He was accused of forging her signature on checks made out to himself while she was a resident in a nursing home. Police found about 50 radios in his home. The defense said the man had suffered from an obsessive compulsive disorder for 30 years.

Stephen Hudson, 56, of Rishworthian Court, Copley, Halifax, surrounded himself with the radios - putting his favourite one in the middle - and often had them all on at the same time, a court heard.

It seems the couple met nine years ago when Hudson worked for a taxi company and she was a customer.

Hudson was given an 18-month community order with supervision.

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Broadcasting details of sex organ not on  
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China's central government broadcasting regulator has criticised a Guizhou radio station (GRS) for broadcasting "obscene" sex programs banned by the agency, and ordered immediate halt of such illegal programs and punishment of persons responsible.

The decree said the GRS programs "have willfully played on sex life, sex experience and details of sex organ, and excessively exaggerated functions of sex enhancement drugs."

In September last year, SARFT banned 13 local radio stations from airing sexually suggestive programs in five central and southern provinces.

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

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Over 150 men ride girls bikes  
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Nova 969 asked the men of **Sydney, Australia**, whether they were man enough to ride a girl's bike?

And over 150 proved they were. The Nova 969 Girls Bike Convoy, in aid of **Australia's Redkite** charity, raised much needed funds to support kids with cancer and their families.

A convoy of tough men rode girls bikes along the 7km Bay Walk around **Sydney's Iron Cove**. Bike police escorted the convoy and eventually arrested Merrick Watts for "offensive behaviour"... again, all to aid the station's charity efforts.

Merrick said: "I thought the convoy was going to look piss weak, but it ended up looking very impressive".

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Pirate radio station back on air  
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A **London pirate radio station** which was branded a "menace" for putting lives at risk was back on air just two days after **Islington Council** pulled the plug on it.

Rude 88.2 FM - which has broadcast 24 hour drum and bass(?) from a secret location in **Islington** since 1992 - is one of two illegal broadcasters shut down in a council-backed operation by communications regulator Ofcom.

But less than 48 hours after having its transmitter dismantled, Rude was back on the dial and broadcasting on its illegal FM waveband in a swift turnaround which Ofcom admitted was "not unusual".

A spokeswoman said: "These operations take a lot of planning. We aim to take illegal broadcasters off the air as soon as possible but they may have other transmitters or be worried about losing their studio. Unfortunately that's not unusual - it's a constant battle."

An **Islington-based DJ** with pirate radio experience, who asked not to be named, said: "It doesn't matter how many times they try and lock stations down, they'll be back on air within days."

DJs pay a weekly subscription to their stations so there's always a pot of money to replace any equipment that gets impounded.

Seven well-established pirate radio stations are known to operate in Islington, often broadcasting from tower blocks by feeding their transmitters into the electricity supply.

More than half of **Britain's pirate radio stations broadcast** from the capital, with nearly one in six Londoners regularly listening.

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**Former station office manager faces mail fraud charges**  
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A one-time KOFI, **Oldies-Talk, Montana office manager, Kent Etchison**, has pleaded not guilty to mail fraud charges stemming from the alleged purchase of office supplies to receive personal incentives from vendors.

He's accused of ordering about \$925,000 in office supplies between March, 2003 and June 2006, receiving money, gift cards, a laptop, a TV, traveler's checks and gift certificates in return, keeping the transactions off the books.

The charges carry a potential punishment of up to 20 years in prison, five years of supervised release and a \$250,000 fine.

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**Ex-BBC host told - go home to mum**  
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Three days after being released from jail, former BBC Radio 1 and BBC Radio 3 personality Andy Kershaw was arrested once again on suspicion of violating a restraining order by approaching his ex-partner.

He had already served 44 days in prison for allegedly harassing the mother of his two children, and her new partner, and lost his driver's license for 16 months for a DUI violation.

He was arrested for the second time in Peel, **Isle of Man**,

and at a hearing has been advised to leave the **Isle of Man**  
and go to live with his mother.

The 48-year-old, of **Shore Road, Peel**, appeared at the High  
Bailiff's Court three days after being released from prison  
for the same offence.

His mother Eileen Kershaw, 73, told the court she would look  
after him at her Greater Manchester home.

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