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Radio manager and money missing

The Cape High Court granted a provisional sequestration order against the former finance manager of Radio Heart 104.9, who has been missing since the end of February after auditors started an investigation into the radio station's financial affairs.

In court papers, it emerged that Mario Roos allegedly exploited an electronic banking system at the radio station and made transfers to his own bank account amounting to R7, 16-million.

A large portion of the money was allegedly paid to Internet gambling operators.

Now his colleagues have established that he flew to London on March 1, on a business class ticket, via Frankfurt.

His wife, Monique, has also been cited as a respondent in the proceedings.

New York radio rocks

For the first time in a decade, New York City has three rock radio stations, inspired by results from Arbitron's portable people meters that have shown the format has more listeners than radio executives had ever dreamed.

Long considered a "rhythm town" in which hip-hop, dance and R&B were the dominant sounds, New York is now more in line with cities like Chicago and Los Angeles, which each have several rock stations.

The electronic devices are expected to become the standard ratings tool in New York soon, but stations are already getting data from the meters that show far more men tuning in to radio—and that all listeners are exposed to a wider range of stations.

Listener crashes into radio station

It was around 1pm that a listener purposely backed his car into the station lobby of Talk Radio KXL and Top 40 KXJM in Portland, Oregon.

The vehicle rammed through doors, walls and the front desk.

The 30-year-old assailant, Andy Chun, was caught and held while undergoing psychiatric evaluation.

Apparently, Chun was upset with KXJM's morning show, The Playhouse, and has been reportedly sending threatening e-mails since 2003.

Playhouse host P.K.said, "The crazy thing is that he is mad because I hung up on him back in 2003 as he was trying to do a shout-out."

Fortunately, no one was injured.

Ah, the power of radio.

It's my party and I'll cry if I want to

The BBC defended Radio One DJ Pete Tong after a mum criticised him for broadcasting details of her daughter's 18th birthday.

Pete Tong gave a "shout out" for the mansion party and more than 1,000 people turned up.

The mother of the birthday girl, Rebecca Brooks, said the

revellers caused thousands of pounds worth of damage at her house near Bovey Tracey, in Devon.

The BBC said the DJ did not give out exact details of the venue and the party was also advertised on school posters and on Facebook.

The family hired four bouncers for the fancy dress party which originally had approximately 100 invited guests.

But they were unable to cope with the gatecrashers once the party got out of control.

Police with dogs were pelted with glass but managed to clear the mansion of its uninvited guests.

One partygoer Aimee Butterworth was invited and said gatecrashers were destroying everything.

She said: "I saw grand pianos being smashed, I saw antique furniture being piled on top of each other and jumped on, I saw pictures being taken from the wall and smashed - just really bad."

One person collapsed and was taken to hospital by ambulance.

Dolly fronts up for oldie artists

Dolly Parton has hit out at the country music industry, accusing it of turning its back on her.

The star claims she can't get radio airplay, because the focus is on young and up-and-coming acts.

She told AOL Music: "Get Dolly Parton back on the radio! Get me back on mainstream! Stop this attitude that older people ain't any good anymore! We're as good as we ever were, if we ever were any good."

"But I can't complain, because I've had 30 years of success

and have won every award that there is to be had. But still, it's as new to me as it was when I first started and just as important. So I wish they would treat some of the great artists with the respect that a lot of them deserve."

Yahoo radio spots dump on Google

Yahoo is running radio ads in the San Francisco Bay Area and several other markets in an effort to get more people to use its search engine instead of Google's.

"Search engines like Google get you lost in all the links, but not Yahoo search," one of the ads says before noting that Yahoo offers drop-down menus with related suggestions as the searcher types.

"You won't find that on your Google page!" it says, before ending with the trademark Yahoo yodel.

The Ads are running online, too.

Radio station sorry for April Foo Fighters stunt

In New Zealand Auckland radio station The Rock has apologised to listeners after an April Fool's Day prank involving a "secret" Foo Fighters show went wrong.

The station began promoting the false concert, an intimate acoustic show by the American rock act at the venue the Powerstation, on March 31st.

They expected around 50 people to turn up for the show on April Fool's Day - at 8.15am.

Instead of an appearance by Dave Grohl and the rest of the popular act, the station planned to play a Foo Fighters album on a tape deck.

But by 5pm the day before, the station was overwhelmed by inquiries and pulled the stunt. It confessed that it was an April Fool's Day gag and apologised to listeners.

Programme director Brad King said the station received inquiries from fans, record labels and promoters.

He said people were booking the day off work and planning to drive or fly to Auckland and more than 2000 people could have turned up at the venue.

And in more Kiwi news...

After putting countless listeners up to radio stunts, many involving nudity, it was More-FM'S Nick Tansley's turn to pull a final act in his radio career of 28 years.

The short list was: showering naked on Lambton Quay, parading publicly in drag, zooming through the city on a scooter naked, or jet skiing in the nude.

So he decided to jet ski around the Ngauranga Gorge end of the harbour between 9.30 and 10am.

As one train went past, it slowed and "I was in full glory, standing up saluting" (?) he said. "Those commuters will never be the same again."

He had never been a naturist, he said, but described the experience as "freeing" and "good for the soul".

He has moved off-air to work in sales and marketing for RadioWorks.

Talk show caller assaulted on air

A caller to a talk show on WMBS in Uniontown, Pennsylvania was apparently assaulted while talking on the air.

He was Brian "Iceman" Oros who owns a company called North Pole Ice.

He was talking on the phone to afternoon host Bob Foltz

about whether the city should retain a paid fire department when someone in either a fire truck or ambulance pulled into his parking lot, cursed at him, shoved him and started a fistfight.

Oros hasn't identified his alleged assailant but the local Fire Chef says the individual was not on duty and allegations that the man drove a fire truck to the shop are "a crock."

Oh, that makes it alright then.

Rookie presenter goes outback-puts it on YouTube

A graduate of my radio school(www.radioschool.biz) has just landed his first on-air job. As breakfast presenter at NowFm in Moree, NSW, Australia.

To mark the occasion he has posted a video of his very first OB...which happened to be in Lightning Ridge. Can't get much more remote than that!

Nat's dry wit and high threshold for embarrassment earned him a reputation that saw him nearly expelled from one of Sydney's most exclusive boarding schools.

Trouble didn't elude him outside either with a Liberal Party "leak" satire making the national press in the last federal election.

See Nat's video here..

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5Tc8qpXAPbE>

Sydney station 2GB hit by defamation award

2GB breakfast talker Alan Jones has been hit with a A\$360,000 judgment for defaming Australian Olympic head **John Coates**.

Justice Michael Adams made the damage award after a jury found that Jones had defamed Coates in December 2004 broadcasts.

Jones had alleged that Coates had covered up the facts in the controversial Olympic women's rowing incident in which Sally Robbins stopped rowing before the finish line, and that Coates had bullied the rowers to say what he wanted them to say and had incompetently managed the issue.

The station is considering an appeal of the award.

Diva dumps radio

Mariah Carey has infuriated U.K. radio stations when she canceled all her interviews because she's "not a morning person."

Maria, who had recently admitted loving being called a "diva," has lived up to her title when after demanding a lot of things for her scheduled interviews and then canceling her appearances.

A FINAL NOTE FROM THE EDITOR

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