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Sexfairy makes radio host disappear

The former KGO San Francisco talk show host Bernie Ward offered a guilty plea to one count of sending child pornography over the Internet in December 2004 in a plea deal that will send him to federal prison for at least five years.

The pornography came to light when a woman who had been exchanging sexual messages with Ward under the name of 'Sexfairy' alerted police that Ward had sent her an image of child pornography in December 2004.

An investigative report by a local TV station has alleged that Ward's problems that culminated in his admission to distributing child pornography started decades ago when he was a Catholic priest.

The report contained allegations that Ward was the subject of at least two sexual misconduct complaints when he was a priest, including one in which he allegedly took a 17 year old girl to the beach with pot and alcohol and groped and kissed her, and another incident in which a 16 year old girl had to allegedly punch Ward in the stomach to fend off his advances.

Usher makes gaffe at Radio 1 gig

R&B star Usher left Kent festival goers unimpressed after shouting out "hello Manchester" to the packed crowd.

The singer was opening U.K. Radio 1's Big Weekend festival in Maidstone, Kent, when the blunder happened, prompting some audience members to boo.

The rest of the 29-year-old's set went without a hitch as he performed some of his biggest hits and new material.

Dolly shocked by shock jock

Dolly Parton has hit back at Howard Stern. The shock jock's satellite radio show turned edited recordings from one of her audio books into seemingly racist and sexually graphic sound bites.

In a Dolly diatribe she said: "I have never been so shocked, hurt and humiliated in all my life. I cannot believe what Howard Stern has done to me. In a blue million years, I would never have such vulgar things come out of my mouth. They have done editing or some sort of trickery to make this horrible, horrible thing. Please accept my apology for them and certainly know I had nothing to do with this."

She concluded: "If there was ever going to be a lawsuit, it's going to be over this. Just wanted you to know that I am completely devastated by this."

"The Howard Stern Show" often manipulates audio book recordings in this fashion with altered clips from "Star Trek" actor George Takei often showing up in the program.

Obama slogans on radio host's Web site cause anger

Some Barack Obama supporters wanted a **Bakersfield, California** radio station to sack a host who posted graphics on the station's Web site that linked the presidential candidate campaign to the phrase "Kill Whitey."

KNZR 1560 AM host Jaz McKay put up a version of an "Obama '08" logo followed by that phrase, as well as other fake slogans including "Hope. Change. Dead honkeys." and "Yes we can. Kill white folks."

McKay says he posted them on his Web page as a joke after finding them elsewhere on the Internet.

The station's general manager says McKay won't be disciplined, and that his listeners understand his

"tongue-in-cheek humor."

Meantime Obama supporters claimed it's "hate speak".

Contest that wasn't

The winner of a trip from Spanish Hits WSKQ New York is suing the station and the prize promoter for not disclosing that the "free trip" to the **Dominican Republic** offered in the contest actually cost \$399 plus airfare.

Gabriela Carmona filed suit over the contest saying that it was stated that the first 35 callers to correctly name Panamanian soul singer Ruben Blades' native country would receive a trip, and that when she called, she was immediately switched to a travel agency without being asked the answer to the question.

She said that the agency asked for a credit card number to charge the \$399 "administrative fee."

For its part, the station says that the "contest" was a paid advertisement and not a station promotion. GM Frank Flores said: "It's a commercial. That's all it is. But that being said, we told them to fix the problem or we're not going to do business with you."

Nice for some

British DJ Chris Evans has spent over £5m on a Ferrari formerly owned by the **Hollywood actor James Coburn** at an auction in Italy.

In a tense bidding battle at a specialist auction held at Ferrari's press track in **Modena**, Evans bought a black Ferrari 250 GT **California Spyder** for £5,089,280, a car which many consider to be one of the world's most beautiful.

Evans said he remained calm throughout the 20 minute bidding battle.

"I didn't expect it to go for that price, but I'm fine, absolutely calm. I've just had a Guinness."

Bad taste radio

Mark Madden, on air at Pittsburgh's ESPN Radio, talking about Sen. Ted Kennedy's cancerous brain tumor, commented: "I'm very disappointed to hear that Senator Ted Kennedy of Massachusetts is near death because of a brain tumor. I always hoped Senator Kennedy would live long enough to be assassinated"

Mark Madden was taken off air.

Drunk newsreader has field day

2Day FM Sydney breakfast newsreader **Geoff Field** sounded drunk when he turned up for work.

He admitted he had had five champagnes, with his last drink about 1am at a function where he was the guest DJ. He said then headed home, got two and a half hours sleep and fronted for work at about 4am.

However a caller later rang saying they saw Geoff onstage as part of a Kylie Minogue look-alike contest at 1.45am.

The event organiser later told 2Day FM he put Geoff in a cab at 3am!

Host Kyle Sandilands suspended the 6am news bulletin and put out a call for any highway patrolmen working in the city to call by and give Field a breathalyser test.

Just when it was starting to sound as if the whole event might have been staged, a breathalyser reading was finally taken at 7.45pm and Field blew 0.136, nearly three times the limit.

"We are going to have to take you off air now," said station content director Jamie Angel. "Geoff, you are now officially suspended," added Angel.

Two hours after first starting on air, Field finally disappeared from the airwaves at 7:57am.

Mind you it was very entertaining radio!

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