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Survey good news for radio?

A new U.S. report says nearly two in three Americans listen to music on a daily or almost-daily basis, with 42% of adults ranking radio as their top source for music, compared to 25% for CDs and 14% for MP3 players.

This is according to a survey from Rasmussen Reports.

The survey also found that 69% rarely or never download music, while 18% report that they do so sometimes; further, 71% of those who do download tunes, say they do so legally.

If those U.S. figures apply equally in this country I'd have to put a question mark over them. They don't seem to equate with the reality of observation.

Jackson Brown sues John McCain

Jackson Brown is suing the American presidential candidate Sen. John McCain over his use of Jackson Brown's song "Running on Empty" in a campaign advertisement. Jackson alleges the ad falsely suggests that he endorses or is associated with McCain and the Republican Party.

In the ad John McCain mocks the Democratic Presidential candidate Barack Obama's suggestion that Americans conserve gasoline by properly inflating their automobile tires.

Jackson Brown says McCain and his people have engaged in a consistent pattern of unauthorized use of copyrighted songs in an effort to boost the candidate's image. In fact McCain's ads have featured songs by Franki Valli, ABBA and John Mellencamp all of whom have demanded that the senator stop using their songs.

Radio Tower Stolen

Thieves stole an unused 120-foot radio tower that belonged to a family in Windber, Pennsylvania.

Police say the tower was probably pulled down with a truck, then cut up and removed in pieces. There were bolts and burn marks on the grass near where the tower had stood. More than 120 feet of heavy copper wire was stolen with the steel tower; copper's scrap value has more than tripled in recent years.

The owners, who had been looking into converting the tower for mobile phone or Internet use, are offering a \$1,000 reward for information that leads to the arrest and conviction of the thieves.

Radio host savagely beaten

A Boston radio personality at WESX 1230 AM, 52-year-old Pelagio De La Cruz, was the victim of a savage beating being bludgeoned with a baseball bat while visiting his children in the Bronx and is in critical condition.

The children are all in their late teens or early 20s. It seems he visits New York every other weekend to see them. De La Cruz was reportedly staying at the home of his estranged wife when the attack happened. The thugs robbed him after he had returned from going out for a late-night snack.

He has now been left blind in one eye.

A surveillance video shows a man repeatedly whacking him with a baseball bat inside a Bronx apartment building vestibule before stealing his wallet.

New York City police have since arrested two men for the horrific beating of the popular Hispanic radio host.

Stunt boy charged with assault

In the U.S. the morning stunt boy Dominic Dieter at WMMS-FM (The Buzzard) has been charged with three counts of assault.

The charges stem from his appearance at RoverFest, a free street party celebrating the station's 6am to 11am presenter Rover last June, when he allegedly threw a beer bottle from the stage into the crowd.

The bottle struck Tiffany Yuhasz, 29, who required 12 stitches to her forehead and stitches below her eye. She also claims to still be suffering from "nerve damage."

If convicted stunt boy faces up to eight years in prison

Woman who called radio show about murder faces charge

A woman who claimed on a nationally syndicated radio show to have murdered an ex-boyfriend has been charged with false reporting to a police officer, a misdemeanor.

Megan Suzanne Vice, 30, used her mobile phone to call the Tom Leykis Show in November 2006, but police said she later filed a report that her phone had been stolen to cover her tracks.

Phoenix police identified Vice in 2007 after poring through hundreds of phone numbers turned over by the show. When confronted by detectives about the death of Torsten Rockwood in 2001, Vice denied responsibility.

Phoenix police were going to charge Vice with first-degree murder and obstruction of a criminal investigation but County Attorney Andrew Thomas said that there was no credible evidence to suggest the death was anything other than suicide.

Mexican radio host killed while protesting crime

A Mexican radio host has been gunned down while hanging banners to protest a wave of kidnappings across the country.

Co-worker Angel Morales said he was helping EXA radio host Alejandro Fonseca put up the signs in the southeastern city of Villahermosa when unknown assailants demanded they stop. Morales said they shot Fonseca and fled after he refused.

Fonseca died next morning.

The 33-year-old hosted "Godfather Fonseca" on EXA for 10 years. He had announced plans to put up banners reading "no to kidnapping" and "kidnapping thrives as long as citizens let it."

Studio on fire - presenter stays cool

Here's a link to a video clip that made the rounds over the past week or so. It shows the staff's reaction to a fire breaking out in a studio in Athens, Greece.

http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4zTJ_IV0rss

Maybe the station should have been named 99.5 HotFM

Woman dies after rolling stolen station van

Station personalities from KNEX (Hot 106.1) in Laredo, Texas were keeping the "hot" theme going by supporting a fund raising event at the local Chili's restaurant when a woman stole the station van.

The van was spotted about 100 miles from Laredo then the woman led police on a 100-mile high speed chase that ended when the van rolled. The unidentified 42-year-old woman died from her injuries in the crash.

It seems the KNEX van was unattended, unlocked with engine running when it was stolen from the restaurant parking lot.

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