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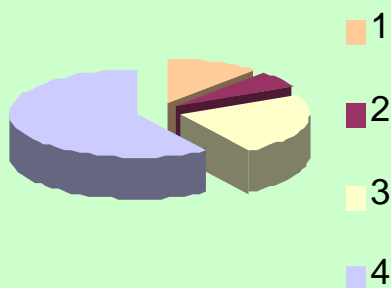
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1+1=



- 1 - one
- 2 - the sky is blue
- 3 - three
- 4 - math isn't my strong point

We asked 500 Hot AC GSM's

## Bono New Chairman of the RIAA?

U2's Bono is interested in succeeding the exiting Hilary Rosen as chairman/CEO of the RIAA, according to Billboard.

"He hasn't pro-actively gone after the job," said Bono's chief of staff, Larry Mullen Jr. "And RIAA has not yet approached him directly, although friends and colleagues have asked him about it. If RIAA were to do so, it would be very hard for him to turn it down."

Bono is a founding member of Irish Rock band U2, noted for their apathetic stance on file sharing.

"Sharing filing cabinets makes good sense for business' short on storage space" commented an obviously clueless Mullen.

Bono's platform includes; an all out ban on brown M&M's, Guinness to replace Miller Genuine Draft on the "Blind Date" concert series and forgiving the Third Eye Blind debt. If Bono does replace Rosen, it will mark the first time an Irish singer has occupied the top slot at the RIAA.



Bono

## Hatch Favors Technology To Destroy Computers Used For Illegal Music Downloading

Senate Judiciary Committee Chairman Sen. Orrin Hatch (R-UT) said he favored developing technology to destroy the computers of people who illegally download music from the Internet.

"I propose we use the 'Star Wars' technology to blast a red hot laser right down on to their computer. They'll think the Lord Himself is smiting a Holy rain of terror upon them for their evil deeds" said Hatch. He added, "If that's the only way, then I'm all for destroying their machines. If you have a few hundred thousand of those, I think people would realize the seriousness of their actions." Hatch endorses a plan that would twice give a warning, and then the system would destroy the computer the third time illegal downloading was attempted.

However, legal experts have said that destroying computers would violate anti-hacking laws. "What's next hacking off someone's hand for stealing a loaf of bread?" said former Justice Department prosecutor and associate professor at George Washington University Law School Orin Kerr. He believes it's doubtful that any system of this type would be authorized, because of risks of collateral damage in the event that innocent users are wrongly vaporized.



Sen Hatch celebrates the 1st computer to be destroyed

### The Small Screen



*isolated for the first time, the clear channel gene causes lab rats to buy each other at an alarming rate*



*the new season of std's in the city began last night with a good old fashioned case of the crabs*



*"wish I'd died before I got old*



### Beck Tickled Pink!

Beck has spoken out for the first time about Pink Floyd's cover of his unreleased song 'Feelgood Time', recorded for the new 'Terminator Eats The Rugrats' movie.

In a posting on his official website, Beck admitted that Pink Floyd "sing the chorus better than I did".

"I finally heard it a week later when I got home and was surprised to find that Pink Floyd had sung over my actual recording of the song and resang the vocal arrangements I did!", he said. "They took



*Beck*

out some of my crazy guitar shizz and made the song a little more radio friendly."

He added, "I was disappointed cos I wanted my version to get out there in some capacity, but now it would just sound like I was doing karaoke to Pink Floyd, which actually, come to think of it, isn't a bad idea.."

Beck closed his posting by revealing that his version of the song is "floating around somewhere".



*Pink*



### Red Hot Chili Peppers Flea Talks About Fan Death And Gets Cozy With Trumpet

Red Hot Chili Peppers are playing Shreveport, Louisiana on Tuesday with opener Snoop Dogg, in support of their latest album, By The Way. Bass player Flea was shocked to learn of the death of a fan at the June 6 show in Charlotte, North Carolina.

In a "Fleamail" posted on June 7 on the Red Hot Chili Pepper's official website, redhotchilipeppers.com, he said, "We were playing our hearts out, and as soon as we got off stage [we learned] that someone was killed during the show. Somehow, someone was electrocuted to death while we were playing. I don't know who it was or what went wrong but the guy went to have fun at a concert and never came home. Bless his heart. Whoever it is he has been let in on the big secret. He is probably having a great time right now. My heart and my prayers go out to the person's loved ones."

Flea also added in a more recent "Fleamail" that his new passion is the trumpet. "I have been playing my trumpet a lot lately. I get so much joy out of it. The feeling of the metal against my lips, the buzzing in my head, reaching for the deepest tone, finding my way around the chords, I love it. I need to polish it up it is a little murky looking, but it's still a beautiful plastic Disney Mickey Mouse trumpet."



*flea*



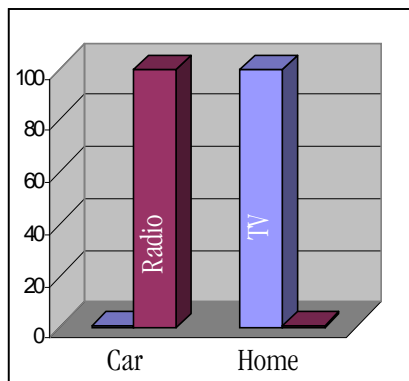
*death*



*trumpet*

## Radio Enjoys Wider Car Penetration Than TV

Arbitron has been collecting reams of useless data from ongoing People Meter tests in Philadelphia about how, where, and when people use radio and TV as they go about their daily routines. Many of those findings are compiled in a just-released National Media-Lifestyle Survey. For example, radios are more widely dispersed throughout people's cars than TVs: car radio penetration is 88 percent; backseat, 77 percent; trunk, 68 percent. TV penetration, on the other hand, is more concentrated: in the back seat of SUV's, at near-universal penetration of 93 percent; minivans, 68 percent. TV's presence in other locations, like the kitchen and in cars, is substantially less than that



of radio.

Both mediums have their own unique usage magnets. For radio, it's the car, where 92 percent of people with a car radio listen to it every day. TV's best "magnetic stickiness" is in the living room (90 percent of people with a TV in their living room watch it there daily), kitchen (90 percent) and bedroom (83 percent). Radio also scores in the bedroom (62 percent).

Arbitron claims that all the questions have been answered by their new technology. And yet, the one glaring, as-yet still unanswered question from the Philadelphia study remains; which is better, Geno's or Pat's?

## Radiohead Announce U.S. Tour Dates; They'll Let You Know If You're Invited

The good news is Radiohead will be touring this summer across the U.S., the bad news is you aren't invited.

The first leg of the invitation only tour kicks off on August 13th near Boston and continues through October 6th in Atlanta. A second leg of West coast dates has yet to be formally announced.

What has been announced is the new ticket distribution policy determined solely by the band's whim.

"The band got sick of scalpers, industry people and generally those who merely 'like' the Radiohead," said a spokesperson. "That's just not going to cut it anymore. You are going to have to live, breathe and eat Radiohead to get into these shows!"

The band is using database software developed by the Grateful Dead in conjunction with Microsoft to weed out potential fans. The program bugs people through their computers and registers 'hits' on certain keywords.

If you are invited to attend the show, the ticket price will be automatically deducted from your checking account and the date will appear in your Microsoft Outlook. Apple users will not be eligible to attend the shows.



## ABC Withdraws Membership From NAB

ABC is announcing that it plans to withdraw its membership from the National Association of Broadcasters.

Sources believe the network will join rivals NBC, CBS and FOX and exit due to the NAB's support for limiting the number of television stations one company can own. The NAB is in a difficult position trying to appeal to smaller independent station owners who support the measure, and the larger companies who do not.

In an effort to appease both parties, the NAB is adopting a "tell 'em what they wanna hear" policy and will claim to be both for and against ownership caps, depending on who they are talking to. "Those idiots will never figure it out," said a NAB spokesperson.

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# Letters

Letters to The Leek are guaranteed to be mostly authentic.

Dear Leek,

Okay, I think the REAL story this week was the one about Cher and her endless farewell tour. What did I win?

-Sonny Lewis

Dear Ted,

Obviously the real story is the Infinity sales guys getting spankings from Mel. Don't make it so easy next time!

-Tom Hines

Leek,

It couldn't be the Bonaroo or Cher... MCA would never let employees keep stuff in the fridge, Carson Daly may be a tool, but no one, no matter how hungry would want to eat his stringy ass... it must be the Apple i-Tunes slow to 5 songs a week right???

-Tim

*look, in the future, when we say something like "see if you can figure out which one is real" ignore us. I mean, christ, don't you people have jobs or something to occupy your time? just to straighten the whole thing out - there were two stories last week that were reprinted in their blissful, pristine, stolen original forms. One was the teabag Judge freaking over rap, and the other was the 24 hours of Le Mans brought to you by Speed. can you believe that the speed channel actually says "to purchase Speed, contact your local dealer"? I mean, who else would you call? your stockbroker?*

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# Opinion



## What The Hell Is Clear Channel So Afraid Of Anyway?

I went to the R&R Convention last week, and I must say I had a pretty good time. Saw some old friends and made some new ones. Handed out The Leek Pocket Guide and didn't get tossed out on my ass by security. Saw a couple good bands that surprised me. Even Max took my poking fun at him in a gracious and good natured manner. I missed the panels, couldn't afford an actual badge, but I heard they were better than usual. About my only complaint was that parking was WAY too expensive. (Here's a little trick for next year, park at Robinsons May across the way and go in and ask them to validate your ticket. They are really nice and don't make you buy anything, and that gives you three hours free.) Wait, the cynic has softened? Well... almost.

One thing I did notice was there were no Clear Channel guys there. I shouldn't say "no", that's a generalization, so I'll say I didn't see any. Which especially sucked for my little annual golf outing because we all know that Clear Channel guys are the best golfers in radio. What's that? Oh. I suppose that *was* a generalization. Okay, they are among the best.

Now here is what I heard, and I could just be a gullible old fool so forgive me if I am passing on false information (but it wouldn't be the first time!). The mandate came down from corporate that if a Clear Channel employee wanted to go to the convention they A) couldn't accept any label airfare, hotel, blow or hookers; B) they had to use their own vacation time; C) could not fraternize with indies and D) had to pay for their badge themselves! Well, apart from being just plain un-American, this policy begs the question: just what the fuck is Clear Channel so goddamn afraid of?

Are they scared that booze, a good live set and convincing arguments might get a non approved song added? Are they afraid that their programmers might actually learn something at one of the panels? (I know that was a stretch) Is it possible that seven years of corporate cannibalism run amuck could be put to an end over a beer in the lobby bar? Are Clear Channel's programmers handicaps so low that they wouldn't benefit from a free round of golf? Are their employees so impressionable and spineless that a couple of steaks will bring their whole house of cards crashing down around them? Is the public's perception of Clear Channel likely to be tarnished if it gets out that one of their PD's accepted a trip? (Doesn't Clear Channel itself pay for members of the FCC to fly willy-nilly all over the place in the name of "fact-finding"?) Is Clear Channel just so goddamn perfect that their guys don't need to converse with their peers or see showcases or gain some insight from the Jacobs (and I don't mean Mike) boys?

You know being a Program Director isn't all sweetness and light. Sure, you have any number of guys blowing you saying how cool and smart and wonderful you are. But you know what? As soon as you are out of the room, they mock you! They say you are a drunken idiot who couldn't program his way out of a 'EQX superset! So why shouldn't a PD be able to gain some measure of revenge in free beer, airline tickets, hotel rooms, rental cars, golf outings or the occasional nice dinner? That's the American way.

mercyme I can only imagine

It Only Takes One Spin...



## Silly Hats Officially All The Rage

Not since the heyday of Sly and the Family Stone and Elton John have silly hats enjoyed such popularity. Fou Chapeaux, National Chairwoman of the Council for Silly Hats announced Friday that silly hats are indeed, officially “all the rage”.

“From crazy beanies on toll booth operators to the \$10,000 feather fedora worn by Perry Farrell, I am proud to announce that silly hats are back!” said an enthusiastic Ms. Chapeaux. “We at the Council salute anyone who says ‘dam it, I’m gonna wear a silly hat today!’ The time has come to embrace your inner silly hat and show the world what you can do with the top of your head and a little imagination”.

The recent surge in silly hats seems to be traced to a popular poster of President George Bush wearing a dunce cap. “If George W. can wear a silly hat, everyone can!” commented Chapeaux.

But not everyone is jumping on the silly hat bandwagon. “I don’t think people who are wearing these hats realize what the silly hat has meant historically to millions of people,” says Sam Brerro head of the International Foundation for Serious Headwear. “The skull cap, for instance, was once made of actual skulls, taken from the poor and downtrodden in China’s opium districts. I don’t think you would be wearing one if you knew about that, now would you?”

But for the most part, the silly hat revival seems to be in full swing. “I bought this down on the boardwalk out of some guys trunk,” says Kevin McCreedy of Hakensack New Jersey, proudly displaying a baseball cap fashioned with two beer can holders and brightly colored giant straws. “Wait till the little woman gets a load of it! Hell I may even let her put her Squirt up there and wear it shopping. Although she *will* have to remember to clean the straws afterwards. Shit, that could ruin a beer in a hurry.”

It’s anyone’s guess as to how long the silly hat craze will last. “We at the Council hope tis is just the beginning a bold new age, when men and women from all walks of life wear silly hats proudly without fear of being teased,” said a giddy Chapeaux. As for Mr. Brerro, “This can’t end soon enough for the thousands of people around the world being forced to wear silly hats against their will.”



*two of the leaders of the silly hat revolution*

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