

R4NGER5 Radio episode 60



Recording time : TBA

News

An attempt to stop new footage being broadcast of the moments leading up to the death of Ian Tomlinson has failed.

The Independent Police Complaints Commission (IPCC) tried to secure a court order preventing Channel 4 News showing the film of the G20 protests. But a judge refused to grant the injunction and the footage will be shown on Wednesday. The IPCC said the film could damage its investigation, but ITN said it was a "responsible piece of journalism".

An IPCC spokeswoman said: "We can confirm that we attempted to seek an injunction this evening against Channel 4 as it came to light that they were due to broadcast further evidence which we believe at this moment would potentially damage our criminal investigation into the death of Ian Tomlinson.

"This injunction was specific to what was due to be broadcast this evening."

A spokeswoman for ITN, which produces Channel 4 News and More 4 News, said the broadcast was "a responsible piece of journalism that brings important new information into the public domain".

Mr Tomlinson, a 47-year-old newspaper vendor, died minutes after he was pushed over by a policeman during demonstrations in central London on 1 April.

The police officer at the centre of the allegations has been suspended and interviewed under caution on suspicion of manslaughter in connection with the death.

He was filmed hitting the newspaper seller with his baton and pushing him to the ground.

Link: <http://news.bbc.co.uk/1/hi/uk/8011418.stm>

Lawyers of four men convicted of running The Pirate Bay file-sharing website are seeking a retrial, saying the judge had a conflict of interest.

Judge Tomas Norstrom is a member of the Swedish Copyright Association and sits on the board of Swedish Association for the Protection of Industrial Property. But the judge has told Swedish Radio: "These activities do not constitute a conflict of interest." Sweden's Court of Appeal would rule on a possible retrial, the lawyers said. Frederik Neij, Gottfrid Svartholm Warg, Carl Lundstrom and Peter Sunde were found guilty of breaking copyright law on 17 April 2009 and sentenced to a year in jail.

The four were also ordered to pay \$4.5m (£3m) in damages to a number of entertainment companies, including Warner Bros, Sony Music Entertainment. Peter Althin, who represents The Pirate Bay (TPB) spokesman Peter Sunde, said it was for the appeal courts to decide if there was to be a retrial, as it emerged the judge and lawyers for the entertainment industry were members of the copyright association.

"In the autumn I received information that a lay judge could have similar connections. I sent these to the court and the judge was excluded in order to prevent a conflict of interest. It would have been reasonable to then review this situation as well," Althin told Sveriges Radio.

Speaking to the BBC, Sven-Erik Alhem - a former senior attorney in Sweden - said the judge had made an error of judgement, but a retrial was unlikely. "The judge should have told the parties of his other engagements. Had he done that then they could make a decision on whether they wanted him as a judge in their case.

"I'm not sure the superior court could say that this was unfair, but had he been open then it wouldn't have been an issue," he said. Rick Falkvinge, leader of the Swedish Pirate Party, told the BBC the judge had made an "unforgiveable" decision. "This is corruption and judicial decay at an unforgiveable level.

"The judge in one of Sweden's most high profile cases ever is also a member of an interest organisation for one side and associates with the prosecution trial lawyers in his free time? That is inexcusable corruption," said Mr Falkvinge. The Pirate Bay file-sharing website was set up in 2003 by anti-copyright organisation Piratbyran, but for the past five years it has been run by individuals. Millions of files are exchanged using the service every day.

No copyright content is hosted on The Pirate Bay's web servers. The site hosts BitTorrent links to TV, film and music files held on its users' computers.

Link: <http://news.bbc.co.uk/1/hi/technology/8014626.stm>

A survey of Swedish internet users suggests that the music business continues to outlaw its biggest potential source of digital revenue.

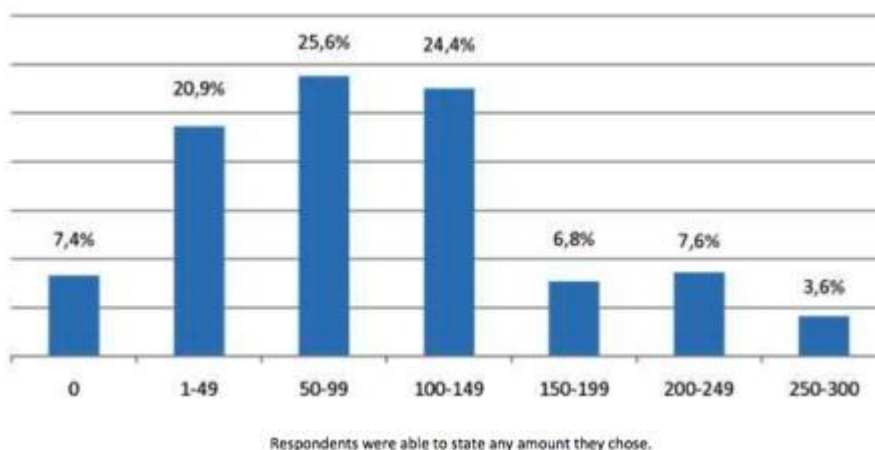
86.2 per cent of users polled by Swedish performing rights society STIM would pay for some kind of legal P2P service, with only 5 per cent not interested whatever the price. A similar figure emerged from a survey of British users by UK Music (then BMR) last year. 51 per cent of users surveyed by the would pay between 50Kr and 150Kr (£4 and £12) a month. 18.8 per cent would pay more, between £12 and £24 a month. Only 7.4 per cent would not be interested in paying at all.

Streaming services such as Spotify or Last.fm are popular, but are not a replacement for an offline music collection. 80 per cent want to have their music accessible offline, something that a streaming service such as Spotify or Last.fm cannot (currently) offer. Only 4 per cent would be happy to have their music "in the cloud".

"It is now high time that [ISPs] start working seriously to offer their customers what they are calling for. Whoever first produces a commercial subscription product and shows the way, will at the same time be accepting their responsibility for diversity and breadth in the music industry of the future," concludes STIM chief executive Kenth Muldin. Virgin was expected to launch a legal P2P music service here this spring, but [it was put on ice](#) weeks before launch. Some label sources say it may be revived - but not in the immediate future.

75 per cent agree with the principle that creators should be paid (somehow) for recorded music distributed over the interwebs, while 17 per cent disagree. Hardcore 'tards again find themselves in a minority. The poll of over 1,000 Swedish net users was self-selecting, and STIM warns against regarding it as representative. The British survey last year produced interest of 80 per cent of *downloaders* and 63 per cent of non-downloaders. STIM's poll is is skewed 2:1 male, but over half say they listen to music on a PC regularly, and a quarter have over 5,000 songs on their iPod.

When we project the figures onto the UK, we can see how much potential revenue the music business may be missing out on. Bear in mind the value of recorded music in the UK, both physical and digital sales combined, is about £1bn.



How much would you pay for a legal P2P service (unprompted)? The X axis is Swedish Krona

Around 14m UK households today have broadband. If 63 per cent of those households paid a tenner a month, over £1bn would be raised. The other 37 per cent may continue to buy CDs, or a la carte from Amazon and iTunes. If more paid less, say 80 per cent paid a fiver, that would return £672m. If only 12 per cent of households paid £15, that would nevertheless raise the tidy sum of £302m. Now you can see how much the war on P2P is *really* hurting the music business.

The problem is once you're in, you're in - it's near impossible to introduce a "tiered" P2P service without introducing daft usage caps, or monitoring so expensive and intrusive that it wouldn't be worth the effort. No one's seriously suggesting that anyway. But there are some really interesting nuggets buried in the survey - suggesting that we consumers don't just want legal P2P, but a much better P2P experience.

Link: http://www.theregister.co.uk/2009/04/23/sweden_p2p/

Windows 7 to contain XP –Thanks Kevin!

"Paul Thurrott's WinSuperSite reports that Windows 7 will include a [built-in virtual machine with a fully licensed copy of Windows XP Professional SP3](#). The VM runs in a modified version of Virtual PC, and applications running in the VM can interact directly with the host operating system as if they were running on the Windows 7 installation itself. While details are scarce for now, it looks as if this feature will only be available as a (free) addon for Professional, Enterprise and Ultimate editions of Windows 7. Also, a processor supporting hardware virtualization will be required, indicating that this is perhaps aimed more at power users and corporate users, rather than consumers.

Link: <http://tech.slashdot.org/article.pl?sid=09/04/25/1135211&from=rss>

Man 'acts the fucktard' with found bullet – Thanks Kevin!

PLEASANT LAKE, Ind. (WANE) - George Fath moved to his mobile home in rural Steuben County two months ago. The previous owners left a lot of trash in the yard, so Fath was cleaning up Thursday afternoon. That's when he found a 22 caliber bullet in the yard. He didn't want his three young boys to get hurt from the bullet, so Fath decided to dispose of it.

"My hammer was outside so I took the bullet and put it on a rock and smacked it with the hammer," Fath said.

Fath wasn't expecting the bullet to fire.

"It went off and went into my belly and knocked me on my butt," Fath said.

Fath said he thought he was shot in the stomach. His wife called 911. According to the police report the bullet didn't actually hit Fath.

"Fath was not bleeding, and it did not appear that Fath was struck with the bullet. Fath suffered a minor abrasion to the area of his stomach," police records read. But, Fath told NewsChannel 15 the bullet did go in his stomach and doctors removed it at the hospital.

"I smacked the bullet and fell down and blood came pouring out," Fath said. "I was hitting it to smash it. I didn't expect it to go bang." Fath said he'll never hit a bullet with a hammer again.

"I wasn't thinking about it. It was the dumbest thing I ever did in my life. I suggest nobody do it," Fath said.

Police agree. Steuben County Sheriff Rick Lewis said no one should ever hit a bullet with anything. "The round can go anywhere. It could hit the person striking it with a hammer, a neighbor, a child in the yard. There's just no controlling where the bullet will go," Lewis said.

A bullet doesn't have to be in a gun to fire. "Anytime you get pressure [to the end of the bullet] to cause it to explode, it will fire," Lewis said.

"If someone finds a bullet, don't throw it in the trash either. Call local law enforcement and we can take care of it," Lewis said.

Link:

http://www.wane.com/dpp/news/local_wane_steuben_county_man_fires_bullet_with_hammer_2_00904241621

Scary Poster and comment from Schneelocke

no, it's not a joke, apparently - if the uploader can be believed, this is (was) a real poster in London:



<http://www.flickr.com/photos/toasty/2171185463/>

And since Learned Hand[1] was the subject of Wikipedia's "today's featured article" yesterday (on the 24th of April), this quote from an (unscripted) speech he gave during the McCarthy era in the early 1950s seems appropriate:

"[M]y friends, will you not agree that any society which begins to be doubtful of itself; in which one man looks at another and says: "He may be a traitor," in which that spirit has disappeared which says: "I will not accept that, I will not believe that—I will demand proof. I will not say of my brother that he may be a traitor," but I will say, "Produce what you have. I will judge it fairly, and if he is, he shall pay the penalties; but I will not take it on rumor.

I will not take it on hearsay. I will remember that what has brought us up from savagery is a loyalty to truth, and truth cannot emerge unless it is subjected to the utmost scrutiny"—will you not agree that a society which has lost sight of that, cannot survive?"

Exchange "traitor" for "terrorist", and you've got the modern UK – as well as (perhaps to lesser extents, in some cases, although it's hard to say for sure) the modern USA, modern Germany, and so on.

Link: http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Learned_Hand

Man attacked by police at G20 protest did not die of a heart attack Thanks APIPA!

The newspaper vendor, who was struck and shoved to the ground by police during the G20 protests, was initially thought to have died from a heart attack.

But a second examination contradicted these findings, Mr Tomlinson's family solicitor said. The post-mortem, carried out by Dr Nat Cary at the request of the Independent Police Complaints Commission (IPCC) and Mr Tomlinson's family, rejected the earlier conclusion of Dr Freddy Patel that Mr Tomlinson died from coronary artery disease.

It said: "Dr Cary's opinion is that the cause of death was abdominal haemorrhage. The cause of the haemorrhage remains to be ascertained. Dr Cary accepts that there is evidence of coronary atherosclerosis but states that in his opinion its nature and extent is unlikely to have contributed to the cause of death." The news came as the IPCC revealed an officer suspended over Mr Tomlinson's death has been questioned under caution for manslaughter.

Mr Tomlinson's son Paul King said: "First we were told that there had been no contact with the police, then we were told that he died of a heart attack. Now we know that he was violently assaulted by a police officer and died from internal bleeding.

"As time goes on, we hope that the full truth about how Ian died will be made known." He said the family hoped there would be a "prompt referral" to the Crown Prosecution Service for charge.

Link: <http://uk.news.yahoo.com/4/20090417/tuk-g20-man-died-of-haemorrhage-dba1618.html>

Ghurkas still fighting for the right to stay in UK

For those of us who can remember her as Purdey in the New Avengers - currently being repeated on BBC4 - we would expect actress Joanna Lumley to be feisty.

And indeed she has fought a long campaign on behalf of Gurkhas who want the right to settle in Britain. But earlier on Friday we saw her cry. She had come to the House of Commons with some of the Nepalese ex servicemen - and their solicitors - to react to the news that the government had decided to allow more former Gurkhas, and their families to settle here - but far, far fewer than they had wanted.

Standing beside two wheelchair-bound veterans whose chests were almost clanking with medals, her sorrow turned to anger. She said the government should hang its head in shame for not allowing every Gurkha who had spent four years in the British army the right to live in the UK on retirement. That would bring them into line with other foreign troops who had served this country. A grim faced Dharma Tamang, from the London-based Gurkha Army ex-servicemens' organisation, told me that he believed only 5-10% of Gurkhas who had left the army before 1997 would now be allowed to live here.

Then the small gathering was addressed in tones redolent of the uncompromising nature of Northern Irish politics before the peace process. David Enright - a lawyer who has

represented the Gurkhas in their legal battle - denounced the government and said he would "never, never, never" accept today's decision and the campaign would continue.

The whole event was largely dignified and certainly powerful - but obviously it represented just one side of the story.

A defence minister told me that Gurkhas who retire aged 33 and continue to live in their home country of Nepal are given pensions which are higher than the average doctor's salary. And he also reminded me that all serving Gurkhas who leave the army after four years can now settle here but said it was unrealistic to expect everyone who had served in the past to be given the right to live in Britain.

He said the papers and the campaigners may have raised false hope.

The campaigners themselves say they have already pressed for greater rights in law and the government would now be judged in the court of public opinion

Link: http://news.bbc.co.uk/1/hi/uk_politics/8016998.stm

Apple has been ordered to pay \$19m (£12.9m/€14.3m) in damages after losing a patent infringement case which its lawyers hoped might only cost the firm \$270,000.

In 2007, Opti, a technology holding company, brought the [case against Apple](#), alleging that the Mac maker makes and sells products incorporating three "Predictive Snooping" cache memory patents it owns.

Apple acknowledged it used the technology, but one of the firm's lawyers, Eric Albritton, argued that the patents were invalid because the technology – the patents describe a way of transferring data between a processor, memory and other components – existed before Opti claimed to have invented it.

Albritton previously said that if Apple lost the case then a fair damages settlement would be \$270,000 (£184,599/€203,850).

But the jury ruled in favour of Opti, which has also launched a similar lawsuit against AMD as part of its ongoing strategy for pursuing "patent infringement claims relating to... Predictive Snooping technology".

Apple hasn't said if it will appeal the verdict.

In 2006, Opti settled out of court with Nvidia - in a deal worth \$750,000 a quarter over three years – after Opti [sued the graphics chip firm](#) over the same three predictive snooping patents. ®

Link: http://www.reghardware.co.uk/2009/04/24/apple_opti_ruling

Yahoo! plans to close GeoCities, the dot com era build-your-own-website operation it paid \$4.6bn in stock for in 1999.

In a [posting](#) to its help pages yesterday, Yahoo! said it would stop accepting new GeoCities members immediately, then turn off the lights "later this year."

"We have decided to discontinue the process of allowing new customers to sign up for GeoCities accounts as we focus on helping our customers explore and build new relationships online in other ways," Yahoo! said.

GeoCities prospered in the early days of the consumer web as an easy way for tech newcomers to build and host their own web page. It has long-since been rendered obsolete by newer social networking sites and improved web design applications.

Yahoo! promised to offer help to GeoCities users who want to preserve their data nearer closure time

Link: http://www.theregister.co.uk/2009/04/24/geocities_bye/

Feedback

From Harlequin.....

g'day V

Did you ever make up a r4nger5 ahndout pack to give to new people? Or is in the big pile of things to do? Wanted to give one out as a birthday present but thought it would make a bit more sense with a bit of formal fluffiness.

Hope your having fun found some nice people over here I'll try and get some video/radio done as things slow down on the farm.

Harlequin

From Xenovalent

I was listening during the recording of episode 59, but I was in and out of the room where the computer is, so I may have missed it, but if you didn't mention it already, on the next show, please mention that I am going to be doing r4nger5 america. E-mail stories, requests to be on the show, or general randomness should go to xenovalent@aim.com

Thanks,
Xenovalent

R4nger5 news

- Wild camping reports
- Allotment update
- R4nger5 america needs you – contact xenovalent - lol

Half Time Music

- Track 1 – Rocket Balls by Patient Zero from the **new** Album **Detox Detox**
- Track 2 – We Shall be Torn ASSunder by **Hopeful Machines** from the album **Skinless**
- Track 3 – Noam Comsky – Hard Choice from www.g7welcomingcommittee.com
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Discussion - a question from **APIPA**

My question to you is: Could we and should we be policing ourselves?

<http://uk.news.yahoo.com/4/20090415/tuk-officer-suspended-over-new-g20-foota-dba1618.html>

Brief summary: A police sergeant filmed hitting out at a woman during the G20 protests has been suspended amid fresh allegations of police brutality during the summit. The officer was seen swiping at the female with the back of his hand before apparently hitting her across the legs with a baton.

In the light of the investigations surrounding how the police handled the G20 protests as well as other failures by the Met ... See this story... <http://uk.news.yahoo.com/21/20090415/tuk-police-face-rape-probe-assessments-6323e80.html> (page no longer available)

Brief summary: The UK police have been roundly criticised for insensitivity and hounding of victims in rape cases and this has led to few victims coming forward and fewer convictions.

Should we be taking control of the situation as a society and policing ourselves?

To what extent could this be a possibility and what type of actions could be taken to ensure that justice was served e.g. in situations such as the way the rape allegations and convictions are handled? (see above story)

Links

Usual suspects:

- www.rantmedia.ca – the original, and still the best!
- www.wogrant.com – nothing for a bit – you still there, Wuzzintme?
- www.standovermedia.tk – I really have got to make time to help out there
- www.stormthewire.tk – STWV – season 2 incoming!
- www.rostudios.org – episode 8 of Red Octagon TV is out now!
- www.wognetwork.com – all hail Kobach!

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www.r4nger5blog.com

get us in the IRC at irc.freenode.net, channel **#r4nger5**

and e-mail **V** at v4v@earthling.net

Other links:

<https://www.brickforge.com> I cant seem to get enough of lego minifig add ons – these guys have ghostbusters, lord of the rings and space marine variants as well as more historical fare, including farm animals – Yay!

<http://www.thehappycampers.co.uk/> Cool camping website for UK listeners

<http://www.tangledwilderness.org> Because it is so awesome I'm mentioning it again

<http://www.mibbit.com> IRC anywhere app – quick route to chatting to us with no software install – perfect for work!

<http://deadspin.org/pz> Patient Zero's web site – go there and be cleansed! New album available, too called Detox Detox.

Reccomedia

<http://www.youtube.com/user/militaryvids> Military videos **Thanks Avagdu!**

A Guide To Beating Fears **Thanks Avagdu!**

<http://zenhabits.net/2009/04/a-guide-to-beating-the-fears-that-are-holding-you-back/>

Where Green and Frugal Meet **Thanks Avagdu!**

<http://www.getrichslowly.org/blog/2009/04/22/saving-money-and-the-environment-where-green-and-frugal-meet/>

<http://trackertrail.com/trackerknife/TrackerKnifeManual.pdf> tom brown tracker knife manual!

Outro Music

- **Track 1 – Dead Society** by **Patient Zero** from the **new** Album **Detox Detox**
- **Track 2 – Chrysalis** by **Hopeful Machines** from the album **Skinless**
- **Track 3 – Coniferous** by **Giant Sons** from www.g7welcomingcommittee.com
- **Rant – Survivor** by **Sean Kennedy**