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# Looking good in the spotlight... <br> Billy Currington Tangled Up 

The debut single from his upcoming new album, in stores this fall

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## DEALMAKER <br> Citadel Closes \$2.7B ABC Radio Deal

As R\&R was going to press, Citadel Broudcasting was puting the finishing touchas on its 17 -month-long, $\$ 2.7$ billion accuialition of 22 ABC. Racio stations. It is handing the Walk Disney Co. about $\$ 1.35$ bilion in cash and the belence in Citadel stock besed on the compeny's lune 4 clocing price of \$847.

Cleadel is ading hucrative radio brands in rado's largest markets, inclualing New York, Los Angeles, Ohicaga, Smin Franchco and Wastingtion, DC, tlong with pidding up ABC Rado Network nows and tak personalities ach as Seen Harnity, former sentitor and poastide White House hopeful Fred Thompeon and vetwran news anchor Pal Henver, - Jefficy Vorke

## MOVER

## Johnson Joins M20M

Mindwest Television newshall KFMB-AM and adult hits KFMB-FM (lock FMD/Sen Diego VPrMM Tracy Johnson, who also served as PO of leck FM, is extiting to become COO of Muss 2 One Media (M2OM). The compmay bills itseff as "the leading on-air, online, on-location marketing solutions company specialting in medta."

Johnson will contiouse to consult both KFMB properties and is assisting in the search for a new leck FM PD. -MMle Boyte

## SHAKER <br> Balis Expands Role At Emmis

Emmis/St. Louis 23 -reer vet Rick Bnts is named to the newly crested position of VP of rock programming. He currently serves as PD of rock KSHE and deasic hits KIHT (KHHES 96) and oversees programming for Emmis' crosstown taik KFTK and alternative KPNT.
Whthis addtional esponsibitities, Bals will now advise
Emmis' rock stetions in Chicago (aternative WKQX and dasesic rock MUP: Austin (classic rock KLB-FM and alternitive KROX) and
 Terre Hante, had. (dassic rock WWVR). "Emmis is a fabuious communications operation". Bells says. "ti's enciting to look forwerd to even more involvemert." -Mille Boyk


## That's What Friends Are For

NAB presiderx David Retro, kfti, presents. Flum jehn the NAB's coweted Lesakrohip Award for his work with HIV/AIIS awaremess in the United Seates and Grear Britain, during the NAB3 Service to Ancrica Awards presetration June 11 in Washington, DC.At rigdt is Brice Reese: presiderw/CEO) of Bonnevilke International, which sponsos the amual ewent. John sahreed



## Top Webcasters Ask Congress To Reconsider Royalties

Realletworks chairman/CEO Rob Clisser, Yahoo founder and bowid member Jerry Yang. Live 365 chairman/CEO Mark Lam and Pandora president/CEO Joe Kennedy sent a letter to every member of Congress last week asking lawmakers to look again at the webcast rates set by the Copyright Poyalty Board in March.

The CRB rased the per-performance fee to be pald by webcasters to 0.08 cents in 2006, rising to 0.19 cents by $\mathbf{2 0 1 0}$, with a minimum annuid fee of $\$ 500$ per charnel. The new rates become effective haly 15 .
The letter clained that the CRB-imposed royalties "will cause inmediate bankruptcy of the majority of the internet radio induatry" and conclided, "We ask you for your help to restore belonce and fairness so this new industry can survive."
The House and the Senste are considering bills that would put aside the CRB rate hilke and set a transitional royalty rate of $7.5 \%$ of revenue, but the letter didn't mention the bills-both called the internet Radio Equality Act-by neme.
SoundExchange, the performance rights organization that collects digitel royalties on behalf of composers and copyright owners, did name the bills in its response, which began. "Don't let buckers of the internet Radio Equality Act fool Congress."
Pointing out that before the CRB decision, webcast royalty rates hadn't changed for seven vears, SoundExchange called the new rates "a good ded for hiternet radio." -Brido Connolly

## ON THE WEB <br> Arbitron: Terrestrial Listening Grows On Net

Internet listening to ternesrial radio sations grew sulxantiailly in fall 2MKb, according to a new report fronil Athitrons lased on . W) markets. Liseening during that periexd acconnted for 20,331 unweighted quarter-fomuss, which was
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Despite the growth. liternct listening to terresrial stations still accoumes for less than i\% of unweighted quarter-hours owerall.
-Kin Twarer

## Figenshu Wants Back In

Sofiwave Media Exchange (SWMX) COO) Bill Figenshu is kewing itse compang: cefective June 29. (o) neturn to radio bromekat experations.

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—Wike Bhyk

## Lincoln Financial Media Explores Options

Limcoln Financial Group amounced that it is exploring options for its timeoln Financial Media arm-including selling ofl its media properties. The company bas engaged Merrill Lyuctis mervices to investigate possibilities. but cautions that it is merely looking into the matter.

The division includer is radio sations in top 50 markets, three TV sations and a TV production company. In April The Wall Strict foursal exinzated that such a sole would be worth $\$ 1.5$ billion. - Kizhh Bimuatm

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Cary fies reecenty retained by Abbitron

## Zed's Dead, Baby-In Vancouver

After 16 yeans as a top to, Scandard Radio flipped CKZZ (Z95.3)/Vakcouver to 95 Crave. a difficult-to-describe formut that appears to be a rivthmic AC/hor AC nytrid.

PD) Eric Sanuek seys that several market studies and percepruak pointed tovard a new brand for the scation and a hole in the market to arget 27- to 37 -year-okd wonken."The attitude of the stations is what really drives the music selection," he syys. "We have this touchatone of 'music that mones you-it's got to either move you physically or emotionally." -Krihh Bermann

## eBay Now Auctioning Radio Ads

Online anctioneer ellay has begun atctioning advertising airtime on 2,300 participating U.S. radio stations. The company is partuering with Bid4Spors, which has been hossing weekly ontine auctions of radio airtime since January 2005.
The move places elbay in a head-to-head batek with Google's Audio Ads, which in April announced it woukl sell ads on hundreds of Clear Channel stations, in addition to Softwave Media Exchange, which has a slighty different model for selling unsold radio ad inventory.
cllay will receive a commission for each dollar spent on ad buys, via elBay Media Marketplace, which also brokers cable TV ads. -Mikr Boyk

## Redskins Radio Partners With CC's WBIG

Washington Redskins-backed Red Zebra Radio Network has enlisted Clear Channel's classic his WBIG/Washington to carry play-by-play conerage of the NFL. team's 2007 season after the Dan Snycterowned radio operation failed to buy a signal strong enough to be heard clearly in the Redkkins' home park. FedEx Field. in Landower. Md. WBIG. at 100.3, has a 50,000 -watt signal that easily coners the nation's capital region. giving Redskins Radio its first solid radio signal since the end of the 2005 season. -Jeffin' Yorke

## Katz, CBS Radlo Add Political Unlts

In an effort to bring more political dolliess to radio, Katz Media Group (which represents, 3,000 radio stations for such groups as Clear Channel, Radio One and. Univision Radio) and CBS Radio have launched new political units aimed at advertisers that are poised to spend upwirds of $\$ 2.5$ billion in the $\mathbf{2 0 0 8}$ presidential election cycle, accorthing to TNS Media Intelligence Cmmpeign Media Anslysis Group.
Katz' new 15- to 20-person unit will be headed by former senior account executive Gendile Niblack as VPdirector of political sales and strategy.

TRight now [political advertisers] have to at too many checks. There wre too mminy choices, and it's difficitt to execute campeigns across a large mumber of stations. We're going to make buying rado the emsiest thing they've ever done," Katz Madia Group CEO Stu Olds seys.

CBS Radio president of sales Mike Kincuid, who was brought over from the CBS Tetevision Group last month, says, "Redio hasn't done a very good job of positioning itseff for political money. The induastry as a whole hasn't done anything to attract it. Radio has to make itself accessible."

In addition to on-air spots, the new political units for both groups will offer intersctive features such as polling, mobile marreting and text messaging.

Katz has a Web site dedicated to its initiative: kertapoliticelcom. -Katy Bachman

## Logan Resurfaces At KBSG/Seattle

Dave Logan is the newly inscalled PD of Bonneville oldies KBSG/Seatte, filling the gap made by Jay Coffeys exit last monch. Logan's previous stops include
 such heavyweight call letters as WCBS-FM and WNEW/New York. WLUP/Chicago and KFOCi/San Francisco. He ako spent five years at XM Satellite Radio as VP of program operations.
"Dave has all the ieccexary skilk that are iseeded to kead KBSC in this very inportant tink: kexkership stratcgic thinkinge, creativity. beightemed sense of urgency and a proven track record of success." Bonnevilke/Seatde VP/market manager Scot Sutherland syys.
-Keith Berman

## FCC Sets Comment Period For Satcast Merger

The FCC:s Media Bureau has begun seeking comments and petitions from the public on the proposed Sirius-XM satellite radio merger. They are due July 9 . Responses or oppositions to the submissions must be filed by July 24.

Setting the comment period comes on the heek of NAB president/CEO David Rehr asking Sirius CEO Mel Karmazin to withdraw the merger plan from FCC review. In a letter. Rehr complained that the nerger rums afoul of antitrust regulations and would hurt consumers.
Neither Karmazin nor representatives at XM responded to Rehr's accusations. but the cqumpanies did release a statement commending the FC.C for setting a comment schedule.
-Itancy Yorke

## MOVERS

Clear Chemnel dasack hits WBICWashington promotions director Kelly Tober has joined Miquity Dightal as broadcast market manager. Tober will help broadcasters with Web promotions, on-air presence, trade shows and local market programs . . . Lisa Stout, who most recently served as VP of AustinRyan Productions, a full-service advertising and procuction agency, joins CBS Redio/Houston as national sules manager. The cluster includes country KLT-FM, sports KLTT-AM, smooth jaze KHZZ and newshall KiKK. Stout replaces Sherry Doller, who rectently moved to the geveral sales manager position at KLLT-FM . . . Dan Kruchkow and Ezra Doty-both of whom were numed senior VP-Join Universal Music Group's globel digital initiatives division. Kruchtow joins the group from UMC's rland Def Jam label, where he was VP of digited medio and e-commerce. Doty is new to UMG, haliming from Weterfiont Media.

## SHAKERS

Veteran bromdeasting executive Jon Petrovich has joined the Associated Press in the new role of VP of domestic brondcast operations. Based in Weshington, D.C, he will work with TV, radio and cable broadcasters with respect to their on-dr, hinternet and mobile platforms. Most recently, Petrovich wes professor and chairperson of the bromdcast depertment at Northwestern University's Medini School of Journalism . . . Melonne Mueller has joined Universal Music Clessical as senior VP. Based in New York, she'll oversee U.S. marketing. new media, pubblicity and promotion. Mueller wes most recently managing director of Avie Pecords in London . . . Phll Grosch, interactive content manager at Emmis/Chicago's alternstive WKQX (Q1Ọ) and classic rock WUP (the Loop), moves to Emmis Interactive as affilite manager. Grosch will work with all Emmis stations on their Web sites and the services that Emmis interactive provides to them.

# Business Briefing 

By Jeffrey Yorta
NAB, Others Lobby Against Proposed Rx Ad Restrictions The Advertising Coalition, a group of prominent organizations inclucling the NAB, CBS, NBC and the American Assn. of Advertising Agencies, is opposed to pending Capitol Hill legislation that would increase advertising restrictions on new prescription drugs.

In a two-page letter sent to Rep John Dingeth D-Mich, charman of the House Energy and Commerce Committee, the coalition contends that speech restrictions inchuded in the Enhancing Drug Satety and trrovation Act are unconstitutionak

The bill aims to "give the IFood and Drug Adrministrationl enhanced tooks to ensure postmarket drug satety," according to backers, by increasing the possible moratorium on direct-toconsumer advertising from two years to three vears for new medications.

## CRTC Approves CTV Purchase Of CHUM

The Canadian Radio-television and Tetecommunications Commission approved the sake of CHUM Ltd to CTVglobermedia on June 8 inchuding the CHUM Radio division of 34 stations. However, to comply with ownership limits, CTVgm has 30 days to submit a plan to divest five City IVstations in Toronta. Winnipeg, Edmonton Calgary and Vancouver.

## Anahyst Rates Radio One, CBS 'Overweight'

 JP Morgan Secturities analyst John Blackiedge called Radio One urban AC KREVNLos Angeles' 0.2-0.3 rating point move in the winter 2007 Arbitron survey a "positive indicator" and rated Radio One shares "overweight," calling the potential valuation of its shares "compeling."Blackledge's quick take on CBS' May 30 acquisition of Last.tm atso prompted an overweight rating on CBS. He says the deal shoudd deepen CBS' Internet reach and provide a platform for CBS to potentially monetixe its content on the Web.

Mearmhine. CL. King \& Associates' Jim Boyle is loving what he sees with Arbitron's Portable People Meter signups. He says the catalysts for growth among radio companies accepting audience measurement by the PPM is "corning sooner than we thought" and he suggests that investors looking at shares of Arbition "don't wait for Houston in July."

## Tidbits.. .

Sirius has re-signed James E. Meyer as president for operations and sales through April 30, 2010. at his curent \$900,000 anmual salary, according to a Securities and Exchange Commission Form 8-K filing . . . MINI USA is joining sister brand BMW in offering HD radio receivers with FM multicasting capability as an option on the 2007 MINI Cooper and Cooper S harthops.

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Justin Timberlake becomes the first artist in the 14 - year history of the Nietsen BDS CHRTop 40 chart to score four No. 1 hits from an altbuin as "Summer Love" (Zomba) Jumps 3-1.
'We've made it simple for listeners to create the content, upload it to the station, have other listeners select their favorites and rate it, and create a, whole circle.' ${ }^{2}$, 12

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## MARKET SNAPSHOT:



The locel econormy of Colorado Springs has been strong during the past decade, although recerth trends indicate some slowing in the rate of growth. The economic base has a diversified mix of military installstions, defense contracting, software development, semiconductor manufacturing, telecommunications. religious and nomprofit associations, and tourism.

POPULATION: 467,900
8 RADIO MARKET RANK: 97
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| KVOR-AM | Mewstalk | 6.3 |
| KLO.FM | mock | 6.2 |
| Katc.fm | country | 5.8 |
| KKNMGFM | CMRTOP 40 | 5.8 |

## INTERESTING FACT:*

Among the households of the most avid radio Msteners in Colorado Springs, 31\% have investments in stocks or stock options, 3\%\% have investments in mutual funds and 24\% have investments in bonds.


## Goin' High Tech In Colorado Springs

This week, as part of our Technology Special, we take a kook at the tech hatis of consumers in Colorads Springs.

There are some key bits of data that should stand out for stations looking to increase interactivity levels with listenen and extend brand reach. First, one-quarter ( $24 \%$ ) of Colorado Springs residents are downloading music/listening to audio or downkıading/watching video in an average $\mathbf{3 0}$ day period. To make sure they are reaching these media-savyy consumers. stations should noe only be streaming their broadcasts online, but should consider using their Web sites (or sites like YouTube) to share vider) of station activities, such as station-sponsored events or "behind-the-seenes" footage of station shows.
Additionally, with almost two-thirds of Colorado Springs residents subscribing to wireless/cell phone service and $14 \%$ of residents already using their cell phones to text-message, stations should consider augmenting existing communications campaigns-like e-mail or direct mail-with text campaigns. -Susan Visalkeuviz


## Transactions At A Clance

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## Deal Of The Week


PRICE: $\$ 1.1$ million
TERMS: Asset sale for cash
EUVER: Vermont Public Radio, headed by president/CM Mark Vogetzang.
Phone: 802-655-9451. It owns seven other stations, including WVPS-FW
Burlington-Plattsburgh.
Seller: Christimn Ministries, headed by CMVP of operations Ric McClary
Phone: 802-878-8885
FCRMAT: Christian
COMMINT: Christian Ministries' WAVX-FMSchuyler Falls, N.Y, to Vermont Public Radio for $\$ 1.1$ million, payable in cash at closing, with a $\$ 100000$ escrow deposit.

## 2007 Deals To Date

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# Learning The Hurricane Dance 

Ken Tucker<br>

june 1 was the official beginning of the Atlantic hurricane season, which runs through Nov. 30 . $■$ While there's nothing magical about those dates, they encompass more than $97 \%$ of tropical activity. Those who regularly flirt with cones of probability are well aware of the choreographed advertising dance that takes place as concerned citizens follow a hurricane's potential path. ■ Clear Channel regional VP and New Orleans market manager Dick Lewis has been there, done that and bought the fund-raising T-shirt when it comes to hurricane season. Operating from Clear Channel's cluster in Baton Rouge, Lewis was the company's point man for Louisiana and the Mississippi Gulf Coast when Katrina came ashore in August 2005. © "Advertisers that buy the Gulf Coast are pretty astute," Lewis says. "Most of the buyers have been through the hurricane drill before and [know] what happens." What happens is that as the cone of probability narrows, a predetermined plan kicks in.

[^2]The key to the dance is to plan your steps in advance, Lewis says. "One thing that we've learned over the years is that there's no time to get ready for a storm once it starts moving. We have our contacts. we have relationships and they know our inventory and how it's going to change. They know who's going to have access to it and what the priorities are."
The dance continues after the storm passes. When a near-miss occurs, insurance companies use the airwaves to get information out about who to contact to make a claim. Other than that, "it moves back to normal pretty quickly." Lewis says.
If there's a direct hit or significant widespread damage, as was the case with Katrina, "the broadcaster will stay in conmunity service mode." Lewis says. "It will be a while before the standard commercial inventory is made available. It's made available on an asneeded basis-the people that have supplies and those that can provide a unique service get on the air first.
"It's surprisingly a very dynamic and fluid, but yet well-choreographed event." Lewis says. "It's community service at its highest, highest level."
> 'It's surprisingly a very dynamic and fluid, but yet well-choreographed event. It's community service at its highest, highest level.' -wathem

## Be Prepared And Make Sure Listeners Are, Too

As they did in 2006, weacher experts are predicting a buey hurricione sesson. The Netional Oceanic and Atmospheric Assn's 2007 Athertic hurricene season outiock indicates a very high chance of an abovenormal activity, with $13-17$ named storms, seven to 10 hurricanes and three to five mejor hurricanes.

But bocmuse scientists made similer predictions in 2006 and it turned out to be a reletively quiet year, Ray Stagich, dinector of affiliate sales for Weather Chanvel Radio, feers that stations may be complocent when it comes to hurricane prepperedress.

He doean't bellive predicters will be wrong two years in a row. "Your chances incresse of being more accurate after you've been less scourate the yerer before," he suys.

Markets that didn't get hit in 2004 or 2005 should especilly be correful about being complocent, Stigich werns.

Among other things, stotions should plant the qeed with listeners-well before a hurricane is haading thair wey-as to which station in a cluster will be the "informstion station" Stagich say. "Poople get into thatr cer to stert evacuating but they don't know where to turn to get the most accurate information" he adds.

If every station in the cluster
 Is going to simulcast the news/ talk station when the wewther gets rough, listeners need to know that. "Let your listeners know what you're doing and when you're doing it"." he soys.

In addition, Supich eyru "let them know how to prepere." Remind Usteners to have thrie deys' supply of water (a gellon a dey for each personl) plus a good supply of batteries and contect lenses, and that cell phones are charged. "Be ready in case you are asked to evicuate"," Stugkh recommends toling listeners. $-K T$

Baby Poop
Congrats and hugs to Geffen CHR promo honcho Greg Marella and his wife, Amy, on the birth of their second child: Daughter Samantha Lynn Marella arrived at the ungodly hour of 6:47 a.m. on June 9. She weighed in at $8 \mathrm{lbs} ., 7$ oz , and measured 21 inches long. Everyone involved in this blessed project is doing just great.

## Next Trick: Fire In The Sky

Q: How much do the head-bangiin: mullet-sportin' citizens of Kansas City kowe Deep Purple's classic "Smoke on the Water"? A: Well enough so that inearly 1.700 of them, armed only with electric guitars, amps and a dream, showed up last weekend at KC's Community America Ballpark to set an actual damn Guinness World Record for the most, um, people playing "Snoke on the Water" at the same time in a

Midwestern baseball stadium or something (see picture). This magical event was the brainchild Eutercom classic KYYS/Kames City
which managed to convince 1,683 would-te rock stars to show up. plug in and play their respective asses off, thus, handily shattering the existing record of 1,323 , set in 1994 in Vancouver. "It was gen-

uinely the nost 'rock'n'rill' nxmenk I've ever wen or heard," KYYS PD Creg Bergen tells ST. "Picture 1.683 guitarists filling an entire baseball stadiunn. channeling Ritchive Blackmore-it was incred-
ible. No kidding, it was one of the greatest radio promotions and listener interactions live ewer been a part of." Clieck out the video of this historic event ly going to youtube


## The Programming Department

There's been a disturbance in the programming force at CBS Radio FM talker WYSP (94.l Froe FMD/Philadelphis, as PD CH Edwerds exits after a decade of service. No word yet on his replacement. Edwands can be reached at 267-254-6991 or mpjd3rd@aol.com.
The global seanch is ower, so you can stop calling. Doan Kenteri has been duly anointed API)/ MD of CIBS Radio triple A KINKPorthend, Ore. Hooray! Seioor Kattari conkes from the APD chair at KBWF (the Woin)Sen Francleco and fills the Kevn Weld-shaped ass print kfi by. yup, Welch, who left in April to proyram KMTT (the Mountain)Seatele. "This couldn't be more perfect, as KINK has ahways taken a very 'green' approach to everything. and Dean's favorite color is green. See how it is?" CBS/Itortand narketing queen Suman Roynoldes says. "He ako has a huge vinyl record collection and so does Dennis, so we might have to arrange sounc sort of competition."

With new PI) Den Hurt now in the house at Citadel riythmic WWKX (Hot 106yProvidence. acting Hot IO6 MD Dever Morris can now focus on his octer longtime gig across the hall: APD/ MD/afternoon hoxt at sister WPRO-FM. Hunt will fill the Hox MD void himedf for now.
Jet Black (mxy be an assumed Crayola color) has keft his cushy APD/MD/night gig at KTBT (92.] the BeakyTulse to take ower as PD of Cox riythmic WHZT Ohet 98.DVGearnele, S.C. That job was recendy vacated by Fibher, who's now programming Cox bot AC sister WMXB/Richmond.
Afier two years doing weekencs and swing at Ckear Channel AC. WRVF (TOLS the Rever)rocedo, Ohla, KC Pelmer has been rewarded with a promotion to afternoon host/MD. The position has been open since Tom Kennedy left in April. Market vet

Palmet previously progranmed crosstown chasic hits (now urban) Weas and did afternoons on WWWawtoledo. "KC has done a great job on weekends and till-in, ahways delivering a warm. relatable show that makes a connection with our andience," River PD Tom Cook telk ST. "IMus, he really likes to cook, so making lunch for us every day will ako be part of his duties. We had a small budget to purchase him an Easy-Bake Oven, but sime theres only so much you can cook with a 6(1)watt light bulb, you can expect sonke of us to be out sick after eating KC's undercooked food."

After a year-and-a-half progranming Clear Channet $A C$. Weeq/urgita, $\mathrm{Ca}_{\mathrm{n}}$ Les Deymolds is returning to his former stomping grounds of Huntaville. Ala., in the newly created position of OM for Black Crow's cluster: AC. Whir, urban AC. WLR and active rock WRTT (Hectant 981). He'll ako assume the P1) position at Rocket, which has been vacant since flembo Wood keft in Jamuary to program WaNME! mingham."I'm excited to do this because, as you know, people like to typecast you in this businex," Reynolds telk ST. "Rocket will give me a chance to use the other side of my brain-the morally ambiguous part. As we speak, I'm making a list of innuendos and non-fam-ily-friendly copics." Reynolds is no stranger to his new building, having previously programmed WAHR- before Augusta. His previous programming stops include $O M$ gigo for Cumulus in Lexington,

Ky., and Tallahasce: Fla., as well as KKiNG and KKCercolorndo Spinge and WFOMTmpa.
Seen Stevens is upped from "interim" to "actual damn" PD of Clear Chanmel top to WAKZ (93.9 Kies FiWKangstown Ohio. He's beell running the place since lewy Mace lefi in April to becone OM of NextMedia/Wilningron, N.C. Now that he's a growio-up PD and all. Stevers will drop his middny shift on lox AC sister WMOXY OMx 98.9). which Mix PD Stuve Graneto iwill take ower. In his first official att. Stevers attaches periwinkle MD sripes to minday goodders Krtey Teylor, who picks up the MD duties keft behind when Mackef.
Meat Murray has been awanded the prestigious combination MD/Burger King crown at Pres Communications alterintive WHTG and WBeo (c) PockyMonmouth-Ocen. The fexive ceremony: connplete with cake. was presided over by PD) Terrie Crre (the now used to work together at WOHMWorotstown, N-L). Murray has been at G Rock doing part-ime for a couple of months and was recently upped to nighes. In other scincillating G Rock news, a man known sinnply as Krower comes aboard to do mornings, and he's paired with Jerscy native Eorn Voge. Mr. Krancr, who did not run Kramerica Industries, is a 14-year industry vet with stops in San Diego, Veyas and Memphis, among odher places. Vogyt was last seen at WORNDw Vork. They replace Biden \& Jon, who left last neonth.

## Jock-O-RamaLama

Rachel Giordeno has beell named producer of "Mojo in the Morning" on Clear Channel top 40 WKQI (Channel 95.5)/Detrolt. She comes from the same position at WSTR (Star 94)/Atianta and replaces current producer Chad Mitchell, who will now focus on more of an on-air role on the show. Giordano is no stranger to referecing her share of morning drama: She spent some time in the TV erenches as the onetime assistant to Barbara Walters and Star Jones on "The View."
Afternoon dude Zakk Tyler has left Emmis classic rock WLUP (Daeaa Loop)/Chiengo as his contract wasn't renewed. Tyler, who joined the Loop in June 2005. has also worked at WRRK/Pittsburgh. WTFX/Loulsville. WMFS/Memphis and WTPT/ Greenville, S.C. He can be reached at 312-718-8931. zakktyler@comcast.net or through his Web site at zakkster.com. For now, the popular revolving whect of fill-in meat will be activated until a new show is announced.
Meet Matt Walker, your genial new co-host for "The KFR Morning Show" on Cumulus top 40 WKFR/Kelomaza0 . . yes, the one in Michigan. smartass. He replaces Clen Dilion, who left two weeks ago. Walker most recently did atternoons at Citadel commtry WTNR CThunder 94.5)/Grand Rapids before relocating to Kalamazoo last year. He joins co-hostess Shelly Kay.
Former WVEE (VIO3)/Atianta midday personality Magic Man is the new production director for Radio One's Atlanta cluster: urban WHTA (Hot 107.9). urban oldies WAMS (102.5 Grown Folks Radio). gospel WPZE (Praise 97.5) and smooth jazz WJZZ. In his vast spare time. Mr. Magic will also jam in weekends on WAMJ.
Tony B. who left afternoons at urban AC KRNB/Dallas in February, is back on the radio, this time doing weekends across the street at Radio One urban AC KSOC ( 94.5 K Soul).

On the heek of the recent exit of "Booker Show" co-host Jil at Clear Channel CHR/top 40 wioq (Q102)/Philadelphis, rumors are already circulating that former Q102 morning co-host Angi Taylor will audition for the gig via the magic of ISDN from her home in Chicago. Stay tuned for more detaik. That being said, however. PD Rick Vaughn tells ST that the
scarch for a co-hose will continue. Also. "Booker Show" associate producer/goothall Ryan "Scorsese" Chowansky has transferred to sister WFLZrTampa, where he's been hired ty MJ Kell as the new assistant producer for "The MJ Morning Show."

After a wo-ycar hiatus from the station, Porsche Foxx makes her triumphant return to CBS Radio urban WVEE (vios)/ationta, this sime for middays. Foxx used to do atternoons, but left the station two years ago after a DUI incident. "I feel very blessed to be coming back home to what I missed most, the Atlanta community and my radio family." Foxx says. "Being a part of one of the most talented airstaffs int. the country is not just an opportunity, but a privilege." Foxx replaces Osel the Dark Secret, who will still do weekends on V 103 and WPCCRWashington.
Entercon/Wichita made a bunch of changes throughout the cluster: Let's start at rhythmic KDGS (Power 93.9). where midday personality lessiea Rose exits. replaced ty Chase Toylor, whos upped from weekends. Meanwhile, night guy Deuce has been rewarded with bonus MD stripes. Those stripes have been sitting on the shelf since Mac Payne lefi in April. At oldies KEYN, morning duo John Speer and Becki Gerdner lave left the building. along with Shand, the midday talent at hot AC: KFBZ, as her position is eliminated. Also out: Mike Meyer, the local producer of the syndicated "Walton \& Johnson" show, carried on talk twins KFH-AM-FM.

Phil Grosch, interactive content manager at Enamis alternative/classic rock duo WKQX (Q1O1) and WLUP (97.9 Deaea Loop)/Chicago, is going mationwide as he moves to Emunis Interactive as affiliate manager. A nine-year company vet, Grosch will work with all Emmis stations on their Web sites and whatnot.

Dayton market legend Kim Faris magically reappears on the scene in mornings at Clear Channel AC WLQT (Lite 99.9). as APD/MD) Brian Michaels moves back to the slightly more humane afternoon shift. Afternoon dude Dean Taylor heads to Dayton Traffic.

Theres been a major drivetime change-a-roo at Sinclair alternative WROX $(96 \times$ )/Norfolk, as afiernoon dudes Mike \& Bob move into mornings, replacing "Mancow's Morning Madhouse." Their former afternoon shift has been filled by Damien, who is promoted from weekends.

## Condolences

The entire R\&AR family extends its deepest sympathies to Cokeman president Jon Colemen and his wife. Linda. on the fune 5 passing of their 14 -year-old daughter. Chooe. In lieu of Howers, the Coleman bamily requests
that donations in Chloes memory be made to Holt International, an international adoption organization. For more detaik, go to holtintl.org.


# Radio Meets 'Web 2.0' Broadcasters find their place online as the Internet continues to evolve 

## By Brida Connolly

The Internet has always been a clatty place. The online world began with user-to-user communication on Usenet and bulletin board systems, and the lively global conversation that started in the early '80s continues today. But when the World Wide Web appeared in the early '90s, the emphasis began shifting from conversation to content. By the mid'90s, newspapers, movie studios, T.V networks and other "old media" had arrived online. Newspapers largely did what they'd been doing offline-created and published content for a relatively passive audi-ence-while movie studios and TV networks offered the earliest "official" promotional Web sites. And they were successful. People going online for the first time were attracted to established content providers and faniliar brands.
Of course, people kepe building personal Web sites (with the help of beginner-friendly hoscing services like Geo(ities), Usenet was thriving, and new platiorms for user participation-social networking, weblog (online journal) hossing., wikis (Web sites that let any visitor add to and edit their contents)-debuted throughout the $\mathbf{9 0}$ and into this decade. But the major content providers continued to draw big traffic and generate much of the attention.

## Introducing Web 2.0

But in the last few years, focus has begun to shift again. The Web is part of everyday life now. and users, especially younger ones, want and expect to contribute and collaborate as part of their online experience. Even those who don't contribute themselves (still the majority) are finding value in content generated by their fellow Web users.

Since every growing trend needs a name, this one is called "Web 2.0." Coined by O'Reilly

Media in 2003. Web 2.0 originally referred to the technological shift to "the Web as plat-form"-a move away from desktop software to Web-based applications.

But many of the Web-based applications then taking off were part of the resurgence of the user-to-user Web, and soon Web 2.0 was being used to refer to Web sites and Web-based applications that rely on user participation and user-generated content for their growth and development and. in some cases, for their existence.

The wildly popular MySpace social networking site. video hosting/sharing site YouTube, podcast aggregator PodOMatic, userranked news site Digg. "social bookmarking" site del.icio.us and even venerable online auctioneer ebay are all Web 2.0 by this definition. Its a broadband-powered, higher-tech extension of the democratization of media that began in the Internet's earliest days.

## Radio's Online Seesaw

So where was radio while all this was going on? Radio stations began launching Web sites in the mid'Mos, and the carliest station sites placed emphasis firmly on promocing ower-theair product. Radio soon began streaming its signals online, while

Now Entering The $Z$ Zone
Clear Channes has launched social networking sites that are attached to several large-market stations, including WHTZ (Z100)/New York.
 its signals onine, while station sites hosting those streams often had little
etse to offer.
But then there was a flap with AFTRA over royalties for over-the-air commercials used online. That was followed in 2001 by a U.S. Copyright Office ruling that stations owe separate royalties for music streamed over the Internet, and in 2002, a Copyright Arbitration Royalties Panel set royalty rates
that were widely decried as destructively high. With each setback, streams came down, leasing many station sites without their most compelling content.
But even as they were being forced to reconsider streaming, radio companies were at last getting serious about the potential of the Web. Dedicated interactive divisions were launching. and experienced online executives were hired to run them. Improved. content-rich radio station Web sites were coming online.
It took a while, but radio was adjusting to the digital world.

## Is Radio Ready For 2.0?

So is radio at last ready for Web 2.0, or are broadcast companies still playing catch-up when it comes to the Web?
"It is definitely more about transparency and giving users control," Cox Radio Interactive VP of new technologies Gregy Lindahl says of the Web 2.0 phenonenon. "It's all about having the sites be dynamic enough that they become-live heard it described this way-living organisme. That makes sense to ne. It's a pretty exciting concept and, for traditional media publishers, also a little scary:"

After offering the caveat that "there's a big |consumer| contingency that doesnt want to participate, has no interest in it, as many as half of the people who are online," Lindahl says that "user-generated content and social networking are driving a lot of growth on the Web without question."
Emmis Interactive VP Rey Mena views Web 2.0 " $x$ an evolution, from the early versions of the Web to chats to forums and the like. 1 don't think it's a fad."
According to Clear Channel Online Music \& Radio VP of marketing Paul Miraldi, radio broadcasters have effectively stayed in tune with the evolution of the Internet.
"I don' see ourselves as necessarily reacting to


Clear Channel Oritine Muaic EA Radio VP of marketing Pud Mirald, Left, and Emmis Interactive VP Ryy Mens
it." he sys."Radio has always communicated and interacted with audience in different ways. First it was ower the phonc. laving listeners call in. Since then, over the last couple of years, I think we've adapted nicely.
"We started with poekcasting two years ago, getting our stations to publish the most compelling content from our local branck and making it available to listeners. Since, we've delivered more than 45 million pieces of content to our listeners."

Mena suys radio stations are bucking traditional thinking. Instead of re-creating a MySpace or YouTube type of application." we take the brands we've buile and build cechnology that leverages that sane kind of user-generated content, but in a way that's different from what youre secing in the Internet pure-plays."
Mena points to the "My Shuffle" feature offered on the Web sites of alternative WKQX (Q|OI)/Chicago (q|Ol.com) and other Emmis stations. "Listeners go through the entire library of the radio station's playlist and can compile their own playlist of six songs." he says. "The station goes through the entricswe've had about 27.000 since we launched this-and selects playlists that have been submitted, then calls listeners, records them introducing the playlist and puts it on the air. In essence, we're taking that listener and making them the product:"
Meanwhile, at Emmis classic rock WLUP (the Loop)/Chicago's site (wlup.com), there's the "Ink Stop." where users port pictures of their tattoos and ocher visitors rate the pics. And. Mena says, a video project using YouTube as the back-end technology is also in the works.
At Cox Interactive, Lindahl noxes." On our sites right now, for thowe sations that choose to do it, we allow people to post on mexsage boards. Starions have encouraged users to submit photos and then let people vore on that content. We let people rate our songs online right nowe:"
Lindahl suys there's more to come to personalize the interactive relationship berween station and listener. "We're about to run out a product within the next 30 days that nepresents the next step in terms of mexing in this direction. For people
who register on the sites, it will allow more personalization around how people interact with us."
Clear Channel recently launched social networking sites ateached to several large-market stations, incluting CHR/top 40 WHTZ (Z100)/ New York, fyythmic KYLD (Wild 94.9)/San Francisco and CHR/top 40 WKSC ( 103.5 KissFM)/Chicago. Z100; Z Zone recently took a big step into user-gensrated content.
-Z100 did a contest with new artist Kat DeLuna, where listenens created videos of her new song." Miraldi says. "Listeners uploaded videor of themselves dancing to her. then she selected one of the listeners to appear in her new video.
"A few years ago, it would have been really cumbersome to get something like that donc. but now we've made it simple for listeners to create the content. upload it to the station. have other listeners select their favorites and rate it and create a whole circle."

## Control Issues

Letting audience generate a portion of online content means giving up a certain amount of control while taking on new responsibilities. Lindahl says. "If you're going to engage in user-generated content, you have to think about the cost of the editorial review you might have to apply.
"It's pretty ruuch a manual process to take out material that could be offensive, and there is a certain segnent of the online population that would try to take advantage of the holes to post nuate-

## Ink Stop On The Loop

Tattooed WLUP/
Chicago listeners show off their ink by posting photos on the station's Web site. Listeners can view a gallery of more than 100 photos and vote for their favorites.


## Radio

Blogosphere
Streaming audio from morning show spoofs on Paris Hilton and Mike Tyson are part of the-Q Morning Zoo Blog for Cox Radio country KKBQ/Houston. Updated daily, the blog features a text recap of each day's show and a plug for what's on deck for the next morning.
rial that might not be appropriate. There is a cos associated with that.
"And then there's the whole idea of the brand. If you're willing to give up control, you need to engage in a meaningful dialogue with people. If you censor them in some way. you're going to bevilified for thut. so you lave to be prepared to give up that control in the righe way."
Mena sys of content control." That's always a challenge. There's a tremendous number of prowiders out there that will license you a platform similar to a You'Tube or a MySpace, but the real challenge for ratio sations is, how do you filter content? Who does that: At most radio stations, you have one persoll working on the Web site. So going that moute, while it sound logical. sometimes is not as practical for radio."

Mirakti acks, "If we wouldn't play it on the radio station or it's not appropriate for an andience, we wouldn't publish it to the Web. There is a filter in place. We make sure that it's appropriate for the Web:"

On the social networking side, he says," We do have chats and people can publish tiveir own profikes. But again. just like with any social networking site, if soneeone abuses it or posts inappropriate content, listeners can self-monitor and actually report other listeners. Listeners are actually doing a lot of the heavy lifting."

## Catch-Up?

Perhaps its true that at the beginning radio was slow to take advantage of the online domain, and a perception arose that the medium was a bit technologically backward. But is radio still playing catch-up?
"As an observer. I would syy that there's a range of companies that were out there earty. offering listeners a great online experience and advertisers some great solutions," Lindahl says.
"Our philowophy has beell to be proportional. learning lessons from the dot-com boonn and to try to apply a new technology or new user experience when we know we can produce a return for ourselves and our shareholdens, aiong with creating an experience that's going teevither increase andience or increase resules for advertisess." he says. "Once we knew that we could do that, then we mowed. One could argue that we're playing catch-up, but the good news is we call catch up."
Mena says, "lt's how radio looks at itself. If you see yourself as a radios station, then when you look at any of the new media, whether its the Web or mobile, it all starts to look like a transmitter. But if you see yourself in the relationship business, then the question becomes: How do you tap the relationship you've built with consumers and leverage that through multiple chanmels?"

Miraldi addk. "I've been in radio for a long time, and there have been a let of fake starss that I've seen. As Clear Channel gors, there's buy-in at all levels: the station level, managenent level and the personality level. Maybe there have been missteps, but I think the plan is sound. Nowv we have a road map."

# Radio Gadgets You Should Know About 

# Reinventing remote gear and HD's newest offerings 

## By Mike Boyle

With all due respect to the legacy of George W. Marti-who in 1947 was granted an FCC license to build KCLE/Cleburne, Texas, and created a portable VHF transmitter or remote pickup unit (RPU) capable of sending high-quality radio programming from a temporarily remote location to a receiver located at a radio studio-it's time for a 2007 reality check.

Fifty years later. how many broadcasters are still lugging around Marti units and having to either strap a big-ass Yagi directional or base antemma to a pole-that is, if they don't have the "luxury" of cranking one up into the air from a sation van or truck to shoot a signal back to the studio for every remote, sometimes multiple times a day?
While there's nothing wrong with that tried-and-true technology and its advancements through the years, there are a couple of new kids on the block that just might serve "worldwide" remote need in a whole new way: the Comrex Access and Tieline Technokyy 3G; Internet/wireless broadtand remore units.

## Comrex Access

"Most radio stations have had the need to collect audio from someplace-perhaps a car dealer or a concert-and the way we've done that up until recently is ISIDN or a simple telephone linc." Comrex managing director Kris Bobo sys. "People are always complaining that they cant get a plain plone line. and ISDN is getting harder to get. Other technologies, such as an RPU. run into traftic problems |that| make them difticult to work. Youive got to have a big antema, which can be annoying to raise up."
Enter the Comrex Access, which has been developed in response to changing technologies.
"The Access is really sevon as the holy grail."

Sory Table Receiver
XDR-S3HD

Bobo says. "If you can get a public Internet connection, you can get high audio quality back. The Access also works on phones and is compatible with a lot of what broadcasters already own. But the cool part is if you have the new G3 service from a cellular carrier such as Verizon or Sprint -or if you can get a DSL line-the Access can use that as well. In addition, if you're doing a remote at a Starbucks or car dealer that has WiFi, the Access can handle that, too."
Bobo continues," What this is starting to mean to broadcasters is that they're able to deliver andio instantly, because you can get an Internet connection rather cheaply and easily in a lor of different places, whether it's a hotel or just in the air. If you've tried to download e-mail using a laptop, it's a similar type of technology that we're using, only werre using it to deliver real-time audio. So, now if you need to do that press conference at city hall, clances are you can just walk up and do it with the Access using a Wi-Fi con-
nection. You no longer need to plan to get a phone line ahead of time:"
Additionally, he says, let's say you have a station that wants to cover a pub crawl in Dublin. "Before that would have taken a huge amount of planning. Now if you can run around Ireland and find an Internet connection. which is surprisingly easy to do, all of a sudden you don't even have long distance connect charges. You basically have a free remote. You just have to get there."

The Access is available in a rack and as a portable unit. If you need more than one microphone input, an optional mixer module that slides onto the side of the Access is available for purchase. There are five more inputs/outpurs. In addition, the Access operates in high-fidelity stereo whether being used on the public Internet or using a single phone line.

For inore information, visit comrex.con.


Sory Cor Stereo


## Sony Tunes In To HD Radio

Last month, Sony Electronics underscored its long-term commitment to HD radio technology with the announcement of its first two HD devices: a new table radio and an in-car audio adapter.
The AM/FM/HD table-top (Model XDR-S3HD) features a large backlit blue LCD display set in a mesh-covered front panel and cabinet with cherry-wood finish. It also has stereo speakers with a simulated surround sound function, built-in AM/FM/HD digital tuner and separate bass and treble controls.

In addition, there's an auxlliary input jack and supplied cable to connect an external music device, enabling consumers to play MP3 files from a digital music player through the radio. Available in July for about $\$ 200$, the unit has 20 AM and 20 FM presets, a wireless remote control and a buit-in clock with sleep timer and alarm.
Designed to receive HD radio broadcasts in select Sony car stereos, the mobile HD radio tuner (Model XT-100HD) is a hideaway module that connects through the Sony head unit's bus interface. It displays information, including artist names and song tities, on the car stereo's display. Additionally, th shows radio station names and genres where available. Also available in July, the new tuner will retail for about $\$ 100 .-$ M8

## Tieline Technology 3G

Tieline Technologier GM Kevin Webb chams that, aside from the Marti unit, his companys Tieline .3G wireless broadband Internet remote device is "the biggest development in broadcast renote history in the last 40 years."

Wetb suys, "This is one of the few pieces of equipment that a radio station can use to generate extra noncy: but noore importantly, it helps stations become more involved with their communities by actually being there. Its exciting to not only be broadcasting to your audience but with your audience."
All you have to do is turn the unit on, and it can be contigured to work within 30 seconds.
"You don't have to have a phone line, you don't have to set up ISDN. If wireless broadband is available, you can just turn on the Tieline and broadcast in high-quality mono or stereo audio -FM quality is the best way to put it-back to the studio. It nakes it easy for the taient and the chicf engineer," he sys.

Webh, however. doesuit necessarily recommend using Wi-Fi because it can be spotty. But by the end of September, he syys that Verizon is coming out with a high-end cellular Wi-Fi service called "RevA" that is expected to blanket the United States. So, at that point, if you can pick up a Verizon signal, which is pretty much anywhere in the Seates, you'll be able to get their high-speed data service.
"Otwiously, other high-speed providers such as Sprint and AT\&T will ako be jumping in with their new offerings until there's ubiquitoss high-speed xcces virtually anwhere in the U.S." Wetb andk.
In addition to the Tieline 3Gis standard line, the company also offers the Conmuander 3G that has a field unit and a rack unit. Beyond that, there's a IRU and $2 R U$ rack unit. The IRU is the less expensive version.

Webb says Tieline also offers a larger six-imput unit that's available for sports and talk stations. It's self-contained and has four headphone controk and a bunch of other bells and whistes.

For more information on the Tieline 3G, visit tieline.com. $\quad$ RR


## Ferrara: 'A Watershed Event For HD Radio'

Sony stepping into the HD radio arena makes an important statement, one that isn't lost on HD Digital Radio Allance president/CEO Peter Ferrara. Here, he discusses the electronic gient's HD entry and what it means to the ongoing promotion and marketing of the techrology.

Explain the signifigance of Sony entering the HD radio gear arena.
We're dellghted obviously. Sony is the lergest manufacturer of racios in the world. To have them in the HD radio space in such a blg way with two different devices signals-with even more to come down the pipeline from them-something I've dubbed a watershed event for HD radio.

The pricing of the units stands out as a plus. When you're the lead dog and you've got the manufacturing muscle to do what they can do, they cme price it so it becomes a mess-markat product. That's one of the reasons this is so significant.

There are a lot of great radios out there and move cool devices are on the way, but having said thit, Sory is going to take this from a niche product to a mass product quickly.

One of the frequent criticisms of the HD rollout is that marketing needs to be stepped up considerably. Will Sony coming to the table spark that initiative?
I can't speak for Sory, but I'm sure they're not
going to bring new devices to market without some level of promotion and marketing. Suffice it to say that they have one of the most extensive retall chamnets of ampoody in the consumer electronics industry. So that is a huge win. To have a Sony HO radio on the shelf at Best Bury is about the best marketing you can possibly get.

Now having said that, the HO Radio Alliance is also going to be promoting Sony products independently. We'll contimue to promote Best Buy, Circuit City, Radio Shack, Crutchfield and all our other retail partners.

Has Sony's pricing sent a message to other manufacturers?
Prices have been coming down in general over the past 12-18 months. When you think back to when the allisice was formed a year-and-a-half ago, the chempest redio you could buy was $\$ 500-\$ 600$. So, the bill of materials-the "bomb" as it is referred to in the consumer electronics industry-hes dropped and contimues to drop. Clearly having Sony manufacture at this level will continue to dive prices down.
In addition, the new Samsung chipset that was recently announced for 2008 will not only make HD radio portable and able to integrate into IPods, MP3 players, cell phones and other portable devices, but will also be significantly less expensive.
So, It's the typical technology curve. As demind grows, price drops. Having Sony in the game will drive that further and faster. -MB


# E-Label Evolution 

# New record retail model bucks traditional physical CD releases in favor of online-only sales 

## BY-Chuck Taylor

With worldwide sales of more than 5 million albums, Skye, lead singer of pre-eminent Brit electronica group Morcheeba, was ready to break out on her own following the group's 2003 greatest-hits collection. But instead of pitching her debut album "Mind How You Go" to a major label for marketing and distribution in the United States, she aligned with Cordless Recordings, one of a burgeoning handful of "e-labels." This new breed of record company bucks the traditional dynamic of physical CD release in favor of using the online space to generate exposure and ultimately fuel sales.
"Being signed to Conders is cool as I have personal contact with all the people at the label and feel that I can call on them at any time," Skye says. "I'm not a pyychic. but I'm guessing that the majoss will eventually have to change their model to survive. Just look at how many of us own MP3 players. The future is digital, and I am happy to be at the cutting edge."
So far. Condless, with a roster of terarly $\mathbf{3 0}$ acts, is the leading name in a tond just wetting its feet agains the sorny seas of traditional music retail. The botom line for e-labels: As new acts build a fan base via personal Web sites, social networking descination MySpace and video-sharing tsunami YouTutce, the company prowides marketing support and aids in fostering touring. merchandising and alliances with TV. film and mobile, with the ultimate goal of online single sales via vendors tike iTuncs, Napwer. AOL. Rlapsedy and MSN.

Making the arrangement all the more alluring. artiss "signed" to Cordess-a subsidiary of Warner Music Group-maintain onvnership of their naster recordings, and if a song and ultinntely carcer take off, they are potentially bumped up to an associated Warner label, including Atlantic. Elekera, Lava, Maverick. Noneswch. Reprise. Rlino, East West, Asylum and Sire.
"Proppe sill want musi; that hasnit changed. But the ways that people acquire nusic hax," syy fason Fiber, president of Cordkx, which hausied searly two years aqex "The e-blel urokl allows us a way to get masic in consumess hands in an cconomical way. Givent the changing manure of the nusic businex, we have a new flexibitity in the approach to rekasing unsic. A kx of traditional talek do well. but they donit luave the ability to risk their core noxdel.

For us, the price of success is nuch lex than what noost traditional record labets can afford to risk."

David Nevue, author of the book "How to Promote Your Music Successfully on the Internet," is a fervid proponent of the online netail model. "The Web is an incredible promocional tool for independent musicians. You can get radio play grow a fan base, create a distritution channel and sell music downloack all online," he syys. "Your future is not at the mercy of a recond label. sonce ARR percon or an agent who may or may not have your best interest in mind. If your music is quality, you can find an audience online no matter what the genre. Yes, you can use the Internet to create a lo of exposure for music, to bring in additional inconve to invest right back into your music business and to advance your career."

## Other Paradigms

E-label Magnatune offers a business model significantly different from Cordess. It strikes nonexclusive agreements with artists, splitting online sales and licensing proceeds $50 / 50$. Users stream and download music in the MP3 format, actually choosing their own price, from $\$ 5$ to $\$ 18$ per album. Magnatune.com, which maintains a quality standand by only "signing" acts that it sanctions-with a lean toward classical, electronica. jazz, blues, metal, punk and new age-says it selk more than 1.500 full albums a month at an average price of $\$ 8.21$.

Magnatune also just amounced an innowative alliance with MusicIP that places preloaded music from its acts on a new digital audio player from Menorex that is being sold at Target stons. The tracks can be mixed with a consumer's existing music collection, introducing users to new tracks from emerging artiss.

The company was founded in 2003 by john Bucknans, after his artist wife suffered at the hand of a traditional labet. On the Magnatune Web site, Bucknan states his reason for starting the company:"When she was signed to an indie recond label, we were really excited. In the end, she sold 1.000 CDS, lost all righes to her music for seven years and carned a total of $\$ 137$ in royalties paid.
"The record label that signed her wasn't evil. They were one of the good guys, and gave her a 70/30 split of the profic. But the label got screwed at every turn. Distributors refused to carry CDx unless they spent thousands on useless print adk,
record stores demanded gratt in order to stock the alhums and, in general. all forces colluded to prevent this small. progressive label from succeeding. I thought, why not make a record label that has a clue, that helps artiss get exposure, make at least as much money as they would niake with traditional labek and get fans and concerts."

Other paradigns. like Garageliand.com, allonv musicians to post music and bio information. Bands pay fees, which vary depending on mem:bership levels and orher criteria, and compete in "contesc." Songs are reviewed by listenerswhere the site functions as a Web radio stationand have the opportunity to climb GaragelBands automated charts. Unlike oxher e-labels, the site does inot actively sell dewnloads-its a listen-only model-but prowides links for artists to then sell music through their own sites, using charted success as bragging rights.

## Majors In On The Act

Major labek are ako in on the online act. Universal Music Group launched ist version of an e-label with UMe Digital, which sells releases exclusively through download and streaming services like iTunes, Rhapsody and Napster. Its strategy differs from Conlless. Magnatune and Garage ${ }^{\text {Band }}$ in that it aims to further extablished artists instead of discovering new acts.

UMe president Bruce Resnikoff says, "The retail ewvironment has changed significantly with the shift from the big-box chains. There are so few records in stores now it's ahmost impossible to get many artists into those places." The label distributes no physical CDs. though content is available from digital stores operated by brick-and-mortar retailers. "It's hard to imagine that every label will not have a similar download-only imprint at some point soon." Resnikoff adds.

Universal Music Latino has also begun experimenting with signing new acts to limited digi-tal-singles deals rather than full albuns, Pacts call for artisss to release one or two singles, which are marketed and promoted online and at radio, with an option for a full album if a song achieves enough success. UML garners a perientage of other revenue streams, such as touring and sponsorships. In the United States. UML has signed three artists to singles deak. Universal Music Latin America's e-label has signed four acts in Brazil


## and now in Mexico.

UML president John Echerarria syys, "It's a back-to-the-rooss approach. Remember how it was with the Beatles? They would release singles, then the album."
Meanwhile, the label hasit stopped signing new acts to physical full-alloum deak, but the new model gives the company more mileage for is AR:R budget. "If we're able to give an opportunity to three acts instead of one, well. thatis wonderful," Echevarria says.

Among indie labels tinkering with the online singles model is Cleopatra Recork, which has taken the approach with veteran artists like Pat Travers. Cleopatra owner Brian Perera syss, "There is less room in stores, so we are focusing more on compilations and hits and signing bands to issue their biggest track as a digital single."
Robbins Entertainment also has its eye on the new dynamic. As a label with a primary focus on dance hits, it has always waited for a hit single to break at radio before committing to a full physical album.
"There's a definite future in online sales as CDs eventually dwindle to little or nothing." founder and president Cory Robbius syys. "For nows, it's certainly the right medel for singles, since those sales are virtually $100 \%$ digital alreddy."
His lated has seen sikes of physical maxi-singles, which are still available for mose every retease, dwindle into the low thonunks, while digital downkents accounted for noore than 3 million in caks last year. As a result."we're starting to phase out physical singles conmentially, thougti weill still make them avaibble is pronos for ratio sations and Djs."

Howewer. Robbins takes exception to the notion of not following a hit single with a plysical CD release. "Not everybody wants to buy albums digitally yet. CDs nemain the dominant way that people purchase albums, so why would you want to lowe sules?"

## Radio's Role

Among questions hanging in the ether is whether e-labels ultimately have the sway to launch hits at radio, which remains paramount for propelling an artisk to mainstream necognition. "Absolutely they do." offers Michael McVay. founder and president of radio consultancy McVay Media."Radio stations have been receiving music via the Internet for some time now. Seldom do I see an actual C.D anymore. When I started in radio, we called record stores to see what 45s were selling. Progranmers today should be looking at online sales to gauge the popularity of a song. The Internet may not outsell bricks and mortar, but it is where trenderters shop."

In terms of whether stations still depend solely on major labeks for his, McVay adks," 1 decade ago the label that a song was on maxke a difference, but today it's about raw: honest. good music. We have so much more information to factor into music decisions: downlonds, iltod consumprion. music on TV like 'American Idol,' music TV on the Internet, sutellite radio. Smart programmers take all of the research and exposure availatle and factor it into their decision-making process."

Edison Media Research VP of music and programming Scan Ross agres that"those PDk who are willing to take singles sules into account-and there are more of them because of the iTuncs Music Store-are noodly looking at digital product anyway, sometines mamy weeks before there's a physical album. So. I cant imagine that theyre hung up on the physical product question."

For now, he adtk, a label sperializing in downkoak has the sane issoss as any indic hatel or scartup. "There are the program directons that kok for the hit, regandles of where they conks fion, and those who are still very much influenced by the majors' agerodx. But if you're orying to get sometocty's atter)tion, ary saks story is a good place to start."

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-Bruce Resnikoff

## Chasing Radio Play

For iss part. Cordless is less interested in chasing radio play than nurturing the new tusiness model. "If there was sonething we felt we could do well with certainty we would be aggressive. But radio is its own bexiness." Fiher suys." Revear:h and saks and buze are generally required to get onto traditional FM radio. Most of our artises are so young that its soncthing we traditionally don't purscie. and radio is so expensise to build a campaign. so it jus hasit made serse for us."

Thesides, the label seems to be accomplishing its goaks with a slow. steady approach. Four Cordless acts-Jihad Jerry a the Evildoers, the Residents, Roger Joseph Manning Jr. and yes, Skye-have released full physical albums via indie distribution arm Alternative Distribution Alliance. Asd after delivering a pair of digital EPs in 20K6, electronic duo Dangerous Muse has been optioned for an album deal with Warner's Sire imprint, which is now being upstreamed ty. the label.

Fiber cyys."We spent a year and a half helping that band find an andience, and they generated decent sales and huge buzz in the press. They becane something that Sire thought could be validated through a more traditional marketing and distribution strategy.
"In the past an artist had one time at bat." he adds. "We are able to build an artist brick by brick. Instead of three months to make something happen, we've got as much time as it eakes. With the model weve buile. the succesw we can have with artists far ontweighs the potential for failure. Assuming that the industry will continue to explore new ways to get music to consumers, we think that Cordless is at the vanguard."

Additional nquerting by Billowenl's Leila Cobo und Briant Garrity.

How men and women listen differently to talk radio

# Mars, Venus And Talk Radio 



## Valerie Gellér <br> valloremeol.com

f you're a man, perhaps you've had the experience of driving with

Ia woman in the car with the radio on. Maybe it's your wife, your mom, a friend. Then, suddenly-out of nowhere-she says,"I've put up with this for over half an hour and I just can't stand it anymore." She reaches over, hits the button for the AC station and that's what you hear for the rest of your drive.

What was on? The game? Talk radio? News? Why can't men and women listen happily to the sane radio stations?

Berause men and women listen differently.
Research shows that eraditional commercial radio news. alk and sports formats tend to have higher male appeal, and AC formats are femaleintersive. But nowv focus group firdings showv that men are getting sick of the arguing. egoos andpontificating associated with talk radio, and the numbers rethect this.
While many talk programmers are struggling to attract female listeners and to keep their male listeners listening longer, they also need to contimes to grow their audiences.
If that's your goal, it becomes important to understand the differences in how men and

## women listen.

You may already be familiar with these ideas from "Men Are From Man. Women Are From Venus." or Dr. Deborah Tanner's carlier, "You Just Don' Understand: Men and Women in Conversation." But it didn't really click for me until I was working in Australia a few years ago and met Dr. Evian Gordon, head of the Brain Resource Co. Whes we began working with some of the results of this brain research, it became clear how this could be applied to talk radio and help programmers succeed.
To understand the different ways men and women take in and process information, it's important to know the following:

## Principles Of Creating Powerful Radia

1. Speak visucily, in terms your listener can "picture"
2. Find, and stert with, your beat materiel.
3. Tell the truth.
4. Never be boring.
5. Malve it matter.
6. Listen to your station, even when you are not on.
7. Use "you." Takk to one person at ot time.
8. Do smooth and engaging transitions and handoffis.
9. Promote and breg about your stuff.
10. Brag about other people's stuff.
I. Be who you sre on the redio.

I2. Take risks. Deve to be grewt. -VG

## What Women Want

Fentake listeners nespond to and ined. peneretiul stories that touch the heart. They are intensted in moral isues and want to bear likable personalities. For them, it works best when listening to radiog feek like hanging out with a friend. Women have a deeper ined to connect emoxionally with a topic or subject, ocherwise they tend nox to stick with is.

## Men-Show Me!

Men respond to the visual. While moxt men are comperitive and like new information, they are stimulated thy visual detaik. Brain research emphasizes the importance of the visual. so language that describes eveints with accurate visual elenerits and detaik tenks to make men pay closer attention to

what is being said. While women exjoy the visual, men actually need it.

Both men and women say they liven to talk radio for new information, both want "ralleble ropics." All liseeners, make and femake, respond to humor.

## He Siyys She Says

Sports announcers are among
the best in the business at visual description-the "play-by-play." They are moady men. calking to men, in a way men understand. At baseball and football games, perhaps you have noticed men liseening to radios whike wathing the game with their own eyes? The play-by-play announcens enhance the visual experience for them.

Women, on the other hand, are emotive. If a woman can "feel" an emotional comnection to a story, she is more likely to listen closely and take in the information. Sa, for a story to appeal to both men and women, ix should deliver information using both visual and emotional languge.

## The Sports Radio Chrillenge

Our reseanch shows that aboux one in five women enjoys sports radia. Out of thax 20\%, aboux one-chird, turned out eicher to have played sports when they were young of plyy on teans now. They know the fecting of hieving or kicking that ball and enjoy gports radia. Roughly anocher chind of females ineeresed in sports had meen in their lives who were really inso spors. To please these men, and have things in common to tall about with them, the women, while not personally panionste aboux sports, paid atention to or followed the scones and genes. The final chind were "oldest daughees." Because cheir fachers didht heve sons to take to granes, they took their daugheers. These women now equate sports with a fum time spent wich their dade and offen reminn liferime sport fam.
Bur whar aboux the remaining $80 \%$ of the women? If the gance is on in the car, how do you get women to wolerate

## Geller To Speak At The Conclave

If you're planning to attend the Concleve, join Valerie Geller for more on "Creating Powerful Radio: Cetting, Keeping and Growing Audiences for News, Talli and Sports," at $2: 30 \mathrm{pm}$. on June 29 at the Marriott Oity Center Hotel. For more information or to register, visit theconcleve.com.
and enjoy sports sadio on days other than Super Bowl Sundry? Sports announcers, this one's for you: In addition to the vianale, dig deeper to find and tell betuer toris. Women repond to stories, emocion and retrionahipa.

## There Are No Boring Stories, Only Boring Storytellers

Heres an exmple: When I was working in Australia in 2004 during the Summer Otympics in Acherem part of my job was to liveen to some of the Australian Broadcasing Corpis Olympics coverge. I had linde inverest in an inem that begmn."Up next, if's the women's archery competicion."

But then, a reporter said, "This next young woman first picked up a bow and arrow when she was just a child. Today sheis among the finet our country has to offer. Her mom and ded are right here beside me. Now here's what sheis got to do: Hit a black targer the sixe of a grapefruix acrom three football fields."

Two minuses earlier, I could not have cared less abour the women's archery competition. Now I was paying athention. If you can get your listeners to "see if" and "fed ia, "t then they will care and liseen chosely.

Another example from England: A reporter, working from a byseander's camera phone videa, paines the scene of a pir bull arack on a small child using visual and emotional language: "The boy and the pit bull were abouk the same size. The dog had is jaws imbedded in the licie boys neck. The child was screaming in terror and pain.
"Wichin momenes you couldn't tell the difference between the red-and-white pattern in the child's shirt from the blood. And can you imagine how his mother fek, scanding by helplewhy as the vicious beast attacked her child?"

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AImagine talking to a blind person. How would you describe things visually? If you can learn to "talk in pictures," you will create compelling and powerful radio.' -Veriec coler
obverved detzils and think and speak visually. Do you remember Paul Harvey's appearance at an R\&R Tall Radio Seminar huncheon a few years ago at the Marina del Rey Marriou Hote? When the nation's most listenedto broadcater accepped his award, he took a momene to chank Erica Farber and the folks at R\&R."For the ocean view room and las nigheis Tahitian moonlighe through a Venctian blind."

In chat moment, you could see two thing: that room, and why Harvey is one of Americais premier storytellens. He's got the visual details and the emotional content to comect with men and women.

## Lewring To Talk in Pictures

One trick: Inagine tolking to a blind person. How would you describe things visually? If you can learn to "talle in pictures" you will creste compelling and powerful radio.

Listeners are hungry for the connection talk radio offers them. By understanding the differences in the ways men and women listen to the information and stories you're telling, you'll grow your audience. And next time you're driving, you might even get to hear the whole game.

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## Super Ex-Girlfriend

1. Miranda Lambert enjoyed a little preconcert hobknobbing with Sony BMG Nashville and CMT executives backstage at the University of Arkansas in Fayetteville, Ark. The singer/songwriter opened for Dierks Bentley. Her second CD,"Crazy Ex-Girffriend," arrived in stores May 1. From left are Sony BMG Nashville executive VP Butch Waugh, CMT manager of music and talent Laurissa Juzwiak, CMT director of music programming and talent relations Evan Kroft, Lambert, CMT executive VP/GM Brian Philips, Sony BMG chairman Joe Galante, Columbia national promotion VP Jimmy Rector and Sony BMG Nashville VP of marketing Tom Baldrica.

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## 2. Grice Under Proseme Debra Messing discussed her starring role in

 USA Network's "The Starter Wifte" with ABC News Radio entertainment correspondent Bill Diehl. The Emmy Award-winning comedian plays a woman who is dumped by her husband, a powerful Hollywood mogul. 3. Tallk of the Town R\&R president/publisher Erica Farber, right, and soles representative Rob Plierce, left, greeted former Presidemt Bill Clinton at Air America's relaunch party in New York. 4. Leet Dawce Veteran PO Elroy Smith, left, seid goodbye with style on his lest day at Clear Channel urban AC WVAZ (V103)/Chicago. Midday personality Troi Tyler, right, and other WVAZ staffers helped make the day memorable. 5. Let the Muske Ploy Network radio advertisers and radio station personmel joined actor Dan Aykroyd for a speciel lunch at the new House of Blues in Dalias. The actor and radio persomality-he hosts "The House of Blues Radio Hour"discussed inner-city school music education programs with his guests. From left are Biconstal Media classic rock KBDN/Eugene, Ore., PD Jerome Fisher and Aykroyd. 6. So Fur, So Geed Megadeth frontman Dave Mustaine, center, talked to Greater Media active rock WMMR MD Sean "Rabbi" Tyssier, left, and PD Bill Weston about his band's Ith studio album during a visit to Philadelphia. "United Abominations" was released May 15 by Roadrunner Records. 7. Hamoke Mlawle Pianistkomposer Arthur Hanion, left, chatted with ILaunch en Espaniol format manager Rosy Castro about his latest release, "Mecanomania." The CD includes hits from popular ' 80 s Spanish pop group Mecano.


Austin's heritage top 40 explodes-not literally-in the winter book KHFI Enjoys Some Fine Austin Living At No. 1

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hile taking an idle look through the winter book, it suddenly leapt out at us like an armadillo crossing a dusty Texas highway late at night: KHFI ( 96.7 Kiss FM)/Austin is sitting all alone at No. 1 in the market 12+, having ignited the afterburners to jump 5.1-6.5. We immediately decided to pester PD Jay Shamon, asking him how on Earth that situation could have happened."I have no idea," he answers with a laugh. Thankfully, he actually did have some idens, otherwise, this column would be over right about . . . now.
"The morning show really exploded over the past year." Shannon syys, referring to "The Bobby Bones Slow," which also stans Lunchbos. Anny. Carlos and Alayna, and is syndicated to Clear Channel CHR/top 40 sister KZCH (Channel \%-3)/Wichita. "Bobby and the crew have just done a phenomenal job of capturing the $18-34$ cell. which has even grown into more of the 25-54s as well. They have compelling content and do funny bits, and the chemistry between the three of them is dynamic. I think that's the biggest reason for the stecess of the station."
Of course, there's always that question of, Does the show have to make an extra effiore to remain local dexpite syndication? Shannon syys that Bones and company still have local segments, but at the end of the day, it's simply a good morning shows. "It's about elements that connect with listenens, and whether that's Linday Lohan gossip or street stunts that conld ruin in any market, compeiling content is compeiling content," les uys, adding that such beochmarks as traftic and weather keep a station locally relevant.
"We're not going to talk about the state capital, that's not CHR. It's about a younger demg and what's important to them. 'American ldol' is a great example. We spent hours talking about it. but that's not local."

And of course, it's all abonut the music. Shannon (and the audience, obviousty) are lowing top 40's current music cycle, where artists ranging from Justin Timberlake to Nelly Furtado and Timbaland are delivering mass-appeal pop/
hythm reconk that transcend any perceived format boundaries.
"Whether you like hot AC. rock and especially the rlythmic cumers who come over to the station, those types of songs make it very fricudly for those guys to like and accept the station," he says. "The rhythmic stations are your biggest threat, so being friendly to those listeners-and we have two rhythmics in the market-without getting too thug or urban. that's a mass-appeal staple that just translates into huge numbers."
Meanwhile, Shannon kept the station consistent with a concrete music strategy: "For a while. when we relaunched as Kiss, it was really more of a pop-rock-keaning station, then more of a rhythm, then back to mainstream. It's a matter of keeping the music cyele and the music strategy consistent to our listeners, so they'll know what to expect out of the station." While music was strong for top 40 in the winter book, it wasn't so great for other formas, he adds.

Promotionally, Kiss wrapped itself around the artists like aluminum foil and did a ton of in-studio performances. "The nontangible things like bringing artists through and letting listeners meet them and shake hands is really cool." Shannon says. Kiss also gave away a new Cadillac Escalade. which he describes as probably the biggest giveaway the station has ever done.
Naturally. Shankon wants to give props to the people responsible, starting with the airsaff. "The Bobly Bones Show," midday princess Micki

## Get To Know Jay Shannon

Recent ratings highlights: Na $112+$ and $18-34$ (winter ${ }^{\circ} 07$ ) Career recap: Weekend overnights at KFQX/Ablitene, Texas; overnights at KRLBRLubbock, Tevas; beck to KFQX for momingis PDinorning host at KZ1MLebtock; after attanding Texus Tech, begins doing regional programming and moming-show syndication in other smaller Texes mariets; PDV morning hoes at KHFVAustinc two vears as PDafternoon diver of KXXMSEn Antonior now KHFI and KFMW/Austin PD. Whatever possessed you to get into this business? Growing up in Ablience, $t$ amased me to visit Dallas-Fort Werth and heer Y95 [KHYI, KECL and K104 [KKDA], Dolles radio captivated me and inspired me to give it a shot. After the first arrshift, I was hooked and completely fell in love with the business. I used to drive 100 miles with a boom box and record hours and hours of Y95 and KECL (the Engle) I lomed more about radio from listening than you could inagine. Early influences: My first PO Scott Michsels. I remernber him putting me on the alr with zero experience. Had that not happened, I'd be flving in a van down by the river, but Dillas redio is what made me pursue the business in general.
Family: Wite, Hewther, and my two sons, Puul, 9, and Austin, 7. Stations preset in your ear: Austin's ifythumic KDHTT (Hot 93.3). CHPR top 40 KHFI (96.7 Kiss FMD, hot AC KAMX (Mix 94.71, atternstive KROX (101X2,
inythonic KXBT (the Beath, inythmic oldies KFNKK (Lemmin 105-9) and country KEUK (104.9) La Grange, Texas.
CDs in your car player: $\mathrm{H}_{0}$-this will make me either look really cool or a guy attempting to be really cool, but I hive Milice tones-1 loved "Sittin' Sideways" -2Pac's "Grentest Hits." 30 Seponds to Mars and Blue October.
Hobbies: I love the lake. Gadget you can't live without: A grill

What do you drive? An FISO Favorite sports teams: University of Tenas at Austin football and Texas Tech footbell
Favorite junk food: Chocolithe milkshakes Faverite TV show: "Americin lidol" Favorite nontrade publication: Consumer Reports Stations, other than your own, that you admire and why: KHKS/Dallas-very wellprogrammed, great morning show with Kidd Kraddick, great talent and presentation. WFITTampshave alwoys been impressed with their imajing. KIIS/Los Angelesa well-packeged station, they fust do it right. WHTZ (ZIOO)New Vork-larger-than-Hife presentation and inaging.
Pets: My wife has a shint-tau. Birthplace: Tuso Store you would choose to max out your credit card at: Best Buy Last person you went out to dinners with: My wife Most annoying thing people ask you: At what ege did you stemt losing your hat?





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## Techno decisions: The pros and cons of two new super phones

Upgrade U

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he days of using a cell phone simply to make phone calls

tare long gone, and it's become really hard to stay on top of things at work without a phone that can keep you connected in every way. About six years ago, I was stuck on my Motorola Skytel pager, and Radio One senior VP of programming content Jay Stevens told me that the BlackBerry was completely on another level. It took me a couple of years to make the switch, but now I am addicted to my CrackBerry. Now, however, I am admittedly considering breaking up with BlackBerry to get with iPhone.

My BlacklBerry 7290) has served me well in the last two years, but it is definitely time to upgrade. Yes, it bandles all my basic needs, but l've dropped it countless times and it lexoks really beat up. But most annowing are the frequent dropped calls. From what l've been told, tower upgrades were made shortly atter I purchased my 7200, so my phone (purchased in Miami) isis't consistently connecting with the towers in Los Angeles.
I know I need to get another cell phone soon, but I'm having the lardest time deciding which one to get. I've managed to narrow my selection to just two, and when you see how amazing the Blackkerry 8800 and the iPhone are, you'll understand my inability to make an easy choice. Even if you're pertectly happy with your phone, these two are cool enough to make you want to make the leap.

## BlackBerry 8800

When BlackBerry's Pearl hit the marketplace, I was tempted to get one, but I was turned off when I realized that it didn't have a Qwerry keyboard. Hut BlackBerry's new 8800 does have a keyboand, and it's lighter and less bulky than the phone I have nows. Plus, it has a great onerall look-very cleall and sleek.
I'm not a fan of Bluetooth, but Id like my next phone to be Bluetooth-capable in case ! ever need it, and the 88(0) has Bluctooth 2.0.I
don't have a Global Poxitioning System (GIS) in my car, so it would be cool to have access to it with the BlackBerry $\mathbf{8 8 0 0}$.
Another feature I'm excited about is the media player, which works for music, videos and photos. It would be so convenient to be able to listen to music anywhere, and it would really help me stay on top of new music as it comes to me via e-mail. The memory isnt as robust as my ifed's, but additional memory can be purchased if $t$ need it.
You can see who's available before calling with the push-to-talk button, and there's also voice-activated dialing, conferesting and a speaker phone. Even though it's been a few years since l've been out of the country, I lowe the BlackBerry 8800's ability to receive and send calls and messages in more than 120 countries.
I don't really browse the lnternet with my BlackBerry 7290 because it seems to take forever to load each page. The 8800 . on the other hand, is much faster. Another highlight is the battery, which holds enough juice for five hous of talk.

Instead of a scroll wheel like the $\mathbf{7 2 9 0}$, the $\mathbf{8 8 0 0}$ has trackball navigation. It feek kind of awkward to me, hut maybe that's because l'm not used to it. I've had my eye on the Blacklberry 8800 for a minute, but I've been reluctant to get it because l've been anticipating the next product.

## iPhone

Like maiy people. I cant wait to get my lands on Apple's ilhone. It does everything I need and more-and it's just cute. The home screen is straightenvard and casy to navigute. Making calk is extra comenient since the touch screen allows yon to go right to the peron you


BleckBerry 8000 need to reach instead of scrolling through or typing a name into a list of contacts.
My current phone makes me listen to old voice-mail mescages before I get to the new ones, and 1 hate that. But with the iPhone. fins in control of the order in which I listen to mesoges or read my e-mail.

The ilhone has a camera and a direct link to naps, two features live never had on a phone but could really use. Internet browsing is available on the iPhone. computer-based beokinarks can be synched, and you can zoom into Web pages. Goongle and Yahoos searches are buile in to the included Safari Web browser.
Just like BlackBerry, the ilhone synchs with my contacts. But iPhone has the chye mosically because I can syinch ny MP3s and videos through iTuner. It even allonvs you to use "cower flow" searching in the masic librarya feature no ittod model has.
The touch screen on the iPhone is an advantage and a drawback for me. I like the ability to get the ilhone to de what I need ty just touching it, but I think having to constantly rub off the fingerprints would get ammoxing. Other minor
 weaknesses are the lack of Bluctooth capability and GIPS.

I feel like the iPhone was madk for me, but lin pretty trugal and d don't know if I want to pwy more than twice the price of the BlacklBerry 8800. Also, brand-new prodectes tend to have a fiew glitelses, and I donit know if I want to rum into those.

The BlackBerry 8800 and the iPhone would be
fun toys to have, but the bese part alout thenand pretty much every cell phone out now-is linw much more efficient and effiective they allow us to be in our jots. I sill don't quite knows which phote I'll get, but I know I'll be happy with cither one.
It's anazing to se how far cell-phone techmology has come in a rehtively short time-I can't wait to see what dhey catn do in 2012.

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With Elroy Smith's departure, Kris Kelley and Armando Rivera take over WCCI and WVAZ

# Winds Of Change Blow In Chicago 

Hillary Crosley<br>HCroaley(PRedioandRecords.com

n Feb. 6, a tornado of changes began swirling at Clear Channel/Chicago that would ultimately serve as a cata-

0lyst for long-term changes within its programming department. Within the next several months, urban WGCI's PD and MD would be gone, and several new programming appointments would join the Clear Channel/Chicago team. Here's how it all transpired. Led by veteran programmer Elroy Smith, urban WGCI ruled the $12+$ roost in Chicago for more than 40 quarterly ratings books, almost consecutively. The cluster was highly successful, and WGCI blossomed into one of the country's premier urban stations in Chicago's heavily signaled market. Then in February, Clear Channel announced that MD Tiffany Green, who'd been with WGCI for five years, had been relieved of her duties. In a major reorganization the following month, the company allocated new PDs for each of the cluster's urban stations-which also include urban AC WVAZ and inspirational WGRB-AM.

Smith was repositioned from Clear Channel/ Chicago OM/WGCI PD to WVAZ PD, while former urban WJL.B/Detroit APD/MD/midday peromality Kris Kelley segued into the WGCI PD poxition. Then in mid-May. Smith announced that he was departing Clear Channel/Chicago in searh of new opportmitics.Armando Rivera was appointed WVAZ PD
Smith's contract with the company is officially runs out in August, but June 1 was his last day in the office. "After time doing the same thing ower and ower, I was truly comfortable in running WVAZ-we're talking 15 years," Smith says of his time with WGCI. "GM Marv Dyson was known to hire a PD) for 18 months, but God had a different plan and let me stay for 15 years. I'm gratefil that corporate and management gave tue ant opportunity to explore unlimited possibilities. It was a tremendous learning experience, and Ithank my staff, who follonved my vision."

Home-Grown Music Hot At 'CCI
Kelley began her career at urban wAMO/

Pittsburgh it 1990 and was promoted to MD/midday announcer before joining WJL.B in 1998. She has now been in the programming seat at WGCI for three months. Describing the move from Detroit to Chicago as a relatively smooth transition, Kelley says that she has learned from some of radio's best, including former WJLB PD K.J. Holiday in preparation for her new gig.
"Radio in general is always changing and morphing with the times." Kelley says of WGCI's new direction. "New technology, for instance, is changing the way we all do things in this business. I'm really looking forward to exploring WGCI's Web potential and making our Web site more interactive."
Kelley adds that her team is preparing a special summer promotion that will align Chevrolet and WGCI.
"We're bringing two of the biggest brands together to. create Chicago's hottest street team. WCCl's Chevy Riders," Kelley says. "We'll have a strong street presence. We also |had our high school party. School's Out


Karter


Jumpoff, on June 12 with Huey, DJ UNK. Sammie and Rich boy." Tickets were free and could only be won from WGC.I.

Another event. the Taste of Chicago, is coming June 29-July 8, Kelley adds.
"We're expecting over 450,000 people each day. We have Lyfe Jennings and Musiq Soulchild performing on July 5, which is free as well."
Kelley recently amped up her staff by promoting Kenard "K2" Karter to MD, succeeding Green. Karter joined WGC.I more shan three years ago. He previously served as owernight weekend air personality, a role he'll continue on Sundays from 2 a.m. to 6 a.m.. and as production assistant.
-I come from very homble beginnings and feel extremely blessed to have this opportunity to work alongside Kris Kelley," Karter suys. "I ann so thankful for my nusic production experience, specialized computer skills and ability to effectively interact with record companies and recording artiss."
Karter steps into the MD position during a fertile musical period in Chicago. Homegrown talent like R. Kelly, Kanye West and Common are all releasing albums this summor. and will most likely rule the Urban chart. Kellys "Same Girl" featuring Usher is already No. 5, and "I'm a Flirt" featuring T.I. and T-Pain spent two weeks at No. I. Meanwhile. West recently released a mixtape. "Can't Tell Me Nothing." with the title track beginning to receive airplay.
"It just so happens that a lot of great music has been coming out of Chicago," Kelley says. "What I've found so far is that Chicagoans just love great masic."

## V103 Open To Change

Rivera, who succeeded Smith June 4 as WVAZ PD, served as APD/MD at CHR/top 40 sister WKSC (103.5 Kiss-FM) until 2001, when le joinced V103.
"V103 has a solid foundation, and the goal will be to build on that and make-it even stronger," he says. "I am very excited about a few changes at V103, including our new gospel show 'Get Your Praise On' and our -V103. Back in the Day' show that features old-school funk and hip-hop."
On the stations events calendar, V 103 morning man Tom Joyner's sky show, a traveling version of the syndicated host's morning show, comes to town June 29, while V103 witl host performances by Frankie Beverly and Maze on the opening day of the Taste of Chicago event.

However, Rivera is also looking past the summer. He truly believes that openness to change is the most important lesson he has gaised in his career thus far.
"We all need to be prepared for change," he says. "Our programming mind-set will need to evolve with the |Portable People Meter| and the numerous choices that listeners now have for obtaining music and content."

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## Christian radio moves forward

# Embracing New Technology 

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stechnology continues to march forward, Christian radio stations are changing as well. They are adapting to the technol-
 ogy their listeners are using and finding easier and more efficient ways to do their jobs. From text messaging to new high-tech toys for remote broadcasting to a smart phone that controls a radio station, Christian broadcasters share stories on how they are using new technology on the job.

At KCMS/Seatte, text newnging is the mext big thing. Wetmuser Matt Murde suss, "It's such a cood new techuokgy and a way to alkw listeners to conmmunicate with their tavorite radios station and build conmumity: "Any tink smoneone hears a song they like on the air and wante to know what it is, dey can text 'inow playing' to 23754. Within seconk, they get a reply text mewoge that telk then the has three songs played on the radio sation."
Munde says the next step is to get the feature sponsored thy a chent or to incorporate an additional mesoge that plugs sonkething happening at the station.
Additionally, the sation is using text nkwaging at concerts in two ways. "During the intro stage annonucenkents we do as the quonsoring radio station, we tell people to text "frour mw' to 23754," Munck uss."We pick a winker rankonnly and bring then down to the front-ron seas. We've ako used it for backstage uneet-and-greets. Michael W. Smith
was the first concert we did that for, and we got about 400 or 500 texts out of a crowd of 3,000 ."
The station has also used texting day-of-show to offer coupons for ticket discounts at the door. "In the future," Munct syys, "we might also do something calked live text,' where people can text messages or send pictures during the concert, and they will dixplay on the video screens in the venue." referring to a practice stations in other formats have employed.
JOY-FM network PD Carmen Brown has a solution for stations weary of looking for phone lines at remotes or, worse yet, doing remotes by cell phonc. "It's the Tieline Commander C33, and it nocks," she syys. "You plug a wirikes broadband card into a Linksys Wireks-G router and plug that into the Tielise: "You can even plug your laprop in and surf the Net on the sune wirekes broadband connection you're using for the broadkast, and the quality is top-notch. When we were broadcasting from
'Brandon Heath is coming with us on our Summer Cruise and, with this technology we'tl be able to have him sing live sessions at each stop throughout the week.'
-Carmen Brown


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the Lux Palau fiscival in early March, the folks from WAY-FM heand it when doy were driving up and assumed it was ISDN."
JOY-FM has plans to use this techiookgy on the upconuing Sununker Cruise throughour is listening area in Florida."Brancku Heath is coming with us. and with this technology we tl be able to have him sing live cexions at each stop throughout the week;" Brown sexs." "It's that chear." (siee page it for more on wirekss bruadband renowe units.)

KADI/Springtietd, Mo. PD Rod Kiteman sps that with the wewe rechuology available, he can escentially rum the sation with his cell ploove." With ny Palm Treo 70Kp smart phore. using VIPN technology to connect to the on-air connputer. I can start and stop songs. nove connereriak, change sound fikes and keep things on tine." He ako uses his Treo as a digital recorder for on-the-spox interviews and liners using thind-party sofiware that records broadeast-quality WAV tike:"I can aloo use it as a USB modemt connected to ny laptop, with speeck as high as 921 kps . I use thind-party sofiware that turns the SD card on the Treo into tike storage. My laptop can then read and write fiks to ny Trea
"Fiually, I use the Treo to do live nemotes using a JK Audio Adapeor 2 to plug into the carphone jack of the Trea llug the winkess mic and heaphones into the Adaptor 2 and it's a nenoxe-casere."

Techuology has alos) helped stations broadiast from outsike the country. WCSG/Grand Rapids GM/PD Chris Lemke syys, "With the popilarity of Youi Tube, we wom big with video conerage of our recent saff trip to Colonitha. We were there to paint a bigger picture of the need to sponsor chikdren.
"Whike we fid digital-qualiry audios hack to the Sates for sanke-hesar nepors, we were shoxcing video of our visit that we uphoaded to the station's Weto site that night. It was great to be abke to point people to a visual of what they were hearing whike we were there:"
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Taylor Swift reaches stardom at 17

# The Sweet, ‘Swift’ Smell Of Success 

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itting on her tour bus before a recent show at Buck Owens' Crystal Palace in Bakersfield, Taylor Swift reflects on how things have changed for her in less than a year. Last summer, during her first radio tour, Swift stopped at KUZZ/Bakersfield. ■"My goal at the beginning was just, "Put me on the air,' "Swift recalls. It didn't happen on that visit, but at the Palace, with a sparse lunchtime crowd in attendance, KUZZ PD Evan Bridwell encouraged Swift to jump onstage and play a few songe.

Fas forward to the recens show, where two hours before Swift his the serge, a sold-ous crowd was already ensconced in the chub. Meanwhile. a sizable group of fans had gachered by her bus hoping for a chance to meet the 17 -year-old phenomenon.
Taylor is if you'll pandon the pun, wiffity building equivy with radia, record buyers and concertgoers, using a combination of good old-fahhioned ctbow grease and 21 s-century technology.
Swifi eximates the number of station visis she has made during the para year at more than 100."I ory to look at my career as a conterte radio tour and not jur a ingle period in my carere", she sym, "becane you dont hove a career if you dont make radio a priority"
But she'll aloo tell you about the $\mathbf{2 7 5 , 0 0 0}$ MySpace friends whe has collected. "If you use |MySpace| correctly is can be che bext ching" she sys. "fle makes people tall and commuanicate and spread masic."
Swift explains het first-person, open-book approach to her MySpace profile. "If you keep people at such a divance where they think they could never be friends wich you, then why would they want to go buy your album? Its abour ketcing people in and being personal and not being afried of tha."
While sone programmers R\&R spoke with admitted that Swiftis first single. "Tim McGraw", wasnt a blockbuster nesearch recood, many of them-gasp-ignored that fact becmuse they saw heakhy Nieben SoundScan and download figures, in addition to other qualioies.
"Taylor is one of those artists where I've had to lyy some of the numbers aide and liven to what liweners are saying and reacting ta" Journal KFDN/ Wichica PD Beverlee Branmigon says. "Theres' definitety something there that the reserch hamit caughe up to yet"
Nase Deaton, MD/GM of Empire Broadcasting Groip's KRTY/San Jowe, agrees, civing Swift's "absoluecly amaxing performance, stage presence and jusp pesence in gencral."
KSCS/Dalles MD Chris Huff syss that during his firint encoumer with the then-16-yean-old Swift, "she was more poined, articubte and knowiedgeable than many veterna artis."

Big Machine president/CEO Scout Borchetta met Swift way back in che dyy, when she was only 14."I just kept having her play more songs. and I was smieten". says Borchema, who hadn't organized his new label beyond the blucprixe stage at the time. He promised Swift that once the wheele were rolling, she'd have a record deal, and, he says, "Somehow I was hacky enough, and she was crary enough to six. I'm going to wait for you:

We learned a lot at Drean Works with Jeaica Andews." Borchema syy of anocher succemfiul arcia he worked with when the was soill in her weens. "We. learned there was abbolvecly a younger ädience for country artina."
According to Borchetta, one of the manuras for the team at Bis Machine is "attack all media." Swift, he saym, was the perfect artise for putting thax serasegy in play, and the effiort exvended beyond her personal Web sive and
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Ptople who sww Swiff on TV wenx to her MySpace page, and, Borcherta syss, "thaxis when it started to blow up. it wenx from zeco to 1,500 pleys a day then to 3,000 and 5,000 ." By this week, he syys Swiff will have accummbeed 17 million pleys.
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When youire only 17 , such quick success can be a mixed blesinge. Mainxaining a level head and managing expectrions is challenging-a concem everyone, inchuding Swift, seems to be aware of. "Or course, $\mathrm{I}^{\prime} \mathrm{m}$ looking at in five or six yeam down the road, but you have to kecep your wis abouk you righe now" she sys. "Thinge can change so quickh."
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## Lightning Round With Taylor Swift

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'Millennial AC' takes on Cotham-and now looks to strategically blossom nationwide

## 'Fresh' Air

## Chuck Taylor

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hen CBS Radio AC WWFS (Fresh FM) sprouted in New York on Jan. 2, supplanting struggling classic dance WNEW

w(Mix 102.7), it signaled an audacious battle with Clear Channel AC powerhouse WLTW (which has spent more than a decade as the 12+ leader in the nation's No. 1 radio market) and with ABC Radio hot AC WPLJ, which has remained flat at roughly a 2.0 share for the past year.

From the start. Fieh trived to difierentiace inelf from WLTW widh full-fioneal finger-pointing slogans like "Toda's soft music withour the playedour old songs." CBS Radio seniorVP of programming Greg Seramell defines the format as "millennial AC, a turning point for aduk-tangeted manic radio. We found that listencers perceive WLTW as old and oundeed with a tighe mexion."

Fresh's target is women 25-44, specifically a 34 -year-old female. The station aims to not only beis listeners from WLTW's base, but ako WPIL.] and Clear Channel CHR/top t) bellweether WHTZ (ZION).

Taking on the peemier $\mathbf{M C}$ in the nution was a daring endenvor, buk early signs are promining. In the winecr 21017 Artiaron neport, Firesh ticked firm a 2.5 share to 2.7. WPLIJ dipped slighty 2.1-1.\%. while Z1(N) rose 4.5-4.6. WLTW slid from a 7.1 share to 6.2.

Whik Clear Channel's fortens is handly crumbling Fresh has proved formidable enough in whan is perhaps America's most mulish market to strategically hang is forma hat in mankets acros the coumery. Former Coleman VP Greg Dunkin, who originated the Fiesh formax concepe, bay moneh joinedVallie-Richand-Donowan Conaulting as the exctusive agrent and consaltant to anoint ocher markets with Fresh air. No ounkts ounside New York have yet commited to the forman, with the inicistive juse announced.
"This will prowe to be the bext branding of an AC format in the pasat 211 years," VRIX: partner Dan Vallie sys. "Over the years the AC: format has sowly evolved, bux in has caken time and strategy to appeal to the new $\mathbf{A C}$ audience moving innoo the
dema" Wich Fresh, be sys, there is no preconceived perception.
While traditional $\overline{\mathrm{AC}}$ concinues to dominate with more 12+ Na. I ratings nationwide than any ocher formax, VRIXC partuer Jim Richands belicwes chat Fresh is a ripe opportunity "We chink the posential is tremendors. Look at the porencial for Lite and Mix sexions before they became so efiective. Bur on the ocher hand, we hope Fresh will nor become jum another mame for a strugiting radio stacion. The gaod is to make stracgic decisions where Fresh goes on the air only where the chance of succes is sippificanc, where there is a hok in the market, where exiving stations ane vulnerable and by a company willing to reseanch the formax locally and support in with marketing.
"We want to do in righe and not jus allow Fresh to be a band-aid for a sexion." Richands syys. "Other brands have weakened themsetver jut to have another station doing the format, bux ewentually many of those stacions fail and that weskens the brand. Wich Fresh, our goal is to have succes worics by doing in righe and only in the righe competicive situacions."

Pramount toVRDCes goal is cutamization "ty perceppually evaluaxing each individual marker," partner Mike. Donovan smys. "The Fresh brand strengith will be consiterne acrom matkets whike programming and marbeting surmegies will be cutomived. What you hear on the nexa Fiesh could be diffienent from what you hear in New York."
More pecifically, I unkin syy, Fresh "weaves the theories of co-creation and state-of-the-art inceraction and marketing eechnologies with exiving marketing and research methodologies. The result
${ }^{\prime}$ When you look up "fresh" in the dictionary, it means new, different and contemporary.

is a conemporary sound that reflects the liferyle of today's modern female."

By modern, of courxe, Freh ains to captivate the full spectrum of the $\mathbf{A C}$. demographic. "Mow mainsteam ACs ergat older." partuer Hary Bkain sys "Fresh opens the door to both 25-34 and $35-4{ }^{2}$ "
One of the primary tools in buncting Fresh in New York was a masive promotional and marketing campaign tha included a blanketing of TV spos acrow the New Yort metra.
"It is imperative that any new station be able to effectively expthin is position to liseners and diffenenciser itectr fiom other staxions", Dunkin syys. "Thereis not a koe of fluff or meaningles posioioning. Exch swecper has a purpose. Additionally, each song is a marketing deciaion."
So fre, he is pleaed with fiesh's progress in New York-and believes the station is living up to its moniker. "Ratings aside, 1 think Frewh is off $10^{\circ}$ an incredible start." IDunkin sys. "I made a lise of the atribuses the name should concain. Freeh was an adjective I had writuen down to help spur the creative process when ix occurred to me that the word idelf would work. When you look up 'fiesh' in the dictionary is means new, differene and conemporary, That describes Fresh to a T."

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## In His Own Words: Fresh Creator Greg Dunkin Explains New Brand's Origins

In 2005 some veriations of AC were strugging. What were the reasons for decining performance? At the top was a shift in popilation demographics. In its heydeg, hot AC typicilly targeted 25 -to 34 yearolds, comprising a heitity bulis of the popidation. These listeners were growing older and as a tranaitory targeted formit, hot AC was no longer attrecting a core dema.
While many mainstream ACs slowly embraced some music that had been owned by hot AC, the model for AC had not evolved to facilitate the active lifestye of this audience.
Society also changed and with advences in technology-all phones, Pods, personal computers and emal-we were commuricaslng and lin ing very differently. But AC had not evolved.
The stage wes set for a paracligm shift. Simitaneously, I inherted a litte money from my gradporents: Insteed of buying a new car or Investing in an RA, I decided to Invest in Fresh. I hired an artist to delign a loga developed docks, pleylists and features, then ren them by friends, inchuding CBS senior VP of programming Greg Strasell former KTARPhoenkx news director

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A month Itater, I joined Coleman. Jon Coleman, who has been a mentor slince my deys at WNSR New Vork, was aboo a fan of the Fresh idea, but to avoid possille client conflicts, we agreed to table Fresh indefinitely.

Several months later, CBS ashed us for assistance with WNEW. When discussing format options, Strassell said, "Why don't we investigate this Fresh thing Creg was talling about a couple of yeers ago? That was one of many options on the table. At this point, I removed myself from the research process.

As it turned out, Fresh was the best option. If it hadn't have been for Greg. Fresh would not be here today. If all goes well, my kids will someday owe that man a very nice dinner.



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## SMOOTH JAZZ

It's not only the destination, it's the whole experience

## St. Lucia Jazz Festival

## Carol Archer

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mong RAR editors perks ane frequent invitations to hear live music-in the studio and at chub gige and concerts. I have attended uy fair share of incredible juzz festivals through the years, such as the JVC and Playtion festivak presented every summer at dre Hollywond Bonvl. Las month it was the 1Goth year of the St. Lucia Jazz Festival, the region's second-largest annual music event and a subline experience for this jazz lover.

Word-class festivalk combine a number of requisite elenente evenhandedly, as each-from the lineup to the venue, production and staging, attention to detail and intangible vibe factors-beans on their success. The St. Lucia Jazz Festival surpassed expectation on all connes.

Many consider St. Lucia the nost beantiful island in the Caribbean: idyllic beaches. pristine recti, vendant rain forest, thermal geysers and lush mountainous terrain, crowned by the two towering, sheer volcanic pinnacles known as Les Pitoins.

But it's not only the destination, it's the whole experience. The other half of the equation is BET Event Productions, which presents St. Licia Jazz and mounts other festivals in the Caribbean for BETJ: on Anguilla, the Cayman Idands and Turks and Caicos. Acconding to BET project manager Stepion Crumicy, BET and BETJ's audience provides the right demographic fit and target market for such evente, which are a win-win for BET, as well as local island economics. They promore tourism, stimulate sponsonhip revenue and attract repeat visitos to the particular descination, while generating custom programming content and revente for BETJ, she syys.

Smooth jazz radio played a central role in marketing St. Lucia Jazz. Beggimaing in February, BET's event marketing department launched a campaign that encompassed G0-second spot time buys. promotional mentions. Web-only and other off-air contess and several trip giveaways on major-market smooth jazz stations, including WQCD (C.D101.9)/New York.WNUA/Chicago. WJZ/1hiladelphia,WJZZ/Athanta
 and CIWV (the Wave)/Toronto. The St. Lucia tourism boand placed direct buys for ad Hights on KTWV (the Wave)/Los Angeles and WLVE (Love 94)/Miami.

Festivals are a boon to smooth jazz radio on anocher level, according to WUZ promotion and marketing director Chrissy Sirianni. "All ad campaign and trip giveaway pronnotion for a jazz festival, like S. Lucias, rellifores the impression that we are connected to the wider word of jazz," she syys.
WNUA: highly rated midday host/MD Rick O'Dell broadcass his regular longtime smoxth jazz Sunday brunch show from St. Lucia. Clear Clannel/Chicago regional VI'

Darren Davis sys his interviews with several artists made the remote special.
"Anything we can do, particularly in smooth juzz, to make our format fit into the fabric of people's lives, the better off we obviously are: vacationing, the arts, food and wine. concerts and theater are a natural fir for the smoxh jazz audience," Davis suys. "It really helps us keep smooth jazz a part of people's lives when we embrace those many llifestyle] aspects that people lowe:"
The St. Lencia music and fescival seene was fabulous, with greas live performances for throngs of pasionate, multicultural fanseveryonc in a good mood and a mile-deep groone. The wellbalanced roster skewed tonvard smooth jazz: four nights of outdoor shows on Pigeon Island featured George lbenson and AI Jarreau, whose tremendous set 1 caught with $W J Z Z$ afiernoon diva Rene Miller. Jarreau brought down the house with a song 1 had never heard him sing. a nuanced reading of Elton John's "A Song for You." Other performers included Norman Brenvin. Gerald Albright and Maysa, fohn Legend. Natalic Cole, Isaac Hayes, Pete Escowedo and a trene of talented, if keser-knownt. local and regional acts. All were praised with applause ty the ardent crowd. On par with the music, production and pacing were seamless throughout.

Weighing the crucial role touring and jazz festivak play in the continued vitality of America's indigenous ant form, Blue Note Label Group president Bruce Lundvall says that it's hard to quantify the impact of festivak on music siles. Fests represent a tremendous opportunity for the artist to make a living, lie adds.
"It's a way to showcase the music to a langer public that doevit usually go to chubs as well," Lundvall says. "And there are places where venue sales do very, very well. Its no different than a Broadway show. People walk out buying the album."

After Brown, Albright and Maysis dynamic set, I queried Brown to get further perspective on the impact of playing jazz fextivak on artiss' careers. "Playing jazz festivak exposes us to the widest possible audience, raises awaremess of our music: helps sell CDK and gives us identity with mainstrean fans, which is a challenge for instrumentalists more than vocaliss," he sid. RaR

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From the tried and true, to the new and unproven

## Interactive Technology That Rocks

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s part of R\&R's special technology issue, we checked in with three rock stations-an alternative, an active rock and a rock station-to see how they utilize their Web sites to create interactive experiences with listeners using available technologies, and in many cases, just some good old ingenuity.

## Web Rolmunch

Sage Communications rock KAZR (Laser 103.3)/Des Moines recendy went through a relaunch of its Web site. For the new design. PD Ryan Patrick says the station looked at sonne new and different anges.
"We hadrit been streaming in the past, and we were finally able to get that going. We've concinued to do a lot of blogging with che jocks and ir's gone over well, especially for those that do it religiously." be says, "Some jocks do it on a daily basis and it shows chat people have made that a daily dexination."
Patrick aho serenes the importance of creating a Web sife that is a one-rtop destination for pop culkure.
"We abo have a sports page thas not only his the local teams but has RSS feeds from ESPN and the local teams as well."
In addition, KAZR uned the new Web site to relaunch its e-mail club. Employing a YouTube player forma, the "Laser T\&A" (Total News \& Access) newsketter sent to the station's database includes embedded videos. Patrick syys that they're ahso able to send out audioctips of sonys.
"We're using the Web and enhancing it with the technology that so many of our listeners are using on a daily basis."

The station has plans to augment its online menu with the addition of regular podcasts.
"We recently started a local morning show, and once we get them up and running we're hoping to offer podcasting. We want to make this content as easy for our listeners to use as pomible. On-demind is key and we have to adape to that and make sure were giving them that option."

## Touch Points

Finding as many lisence "touch points" as porsible for tisteners is foremost on PD facent Jackson's mind a Milwaukee Radio Alliance's alernaxive WLUM/Milwauke-with a cavea.
"On some levels, it's a good idea, but as short-ataffed' as many radio stations are, the more things that you're opening up and feeding the monster with, well, eventually you'll end up taking your eye off the ball," Jackson says. "There are probably a lot of radio scations that are guilty of doing 100 much and then not paying attention to the radio station. There are others doing too little. We're probably in between."
For Jackson, however, text mesaging is becoming a priority.
"We havent made the jump yet. I looked at a texting provider eartier this year and couldnt quite pull the trigger on a deal."

Aside from sereaming. WLUM is aho using iss Web site as an access point for the interactive councdown it airs each weeknight, which involves a Web-based voting cool.
"I'm fairly comfortable widh how our Web sive is set up." Jackion swys. "We did a relaunch of the sise recently, and while a lot of it is saill stacic, we now have webcases of the morning show that can be downloaded. We'1l start laping bands and pux them on YouTube with the intention of geting some thing going in a viral mature. We're also doing online research of the music. too."
WLUM has buik an ineeractive destination for the station ax MySpace, complete with contesting. Jackson is also hoping to beef up the
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## On The Forefront

As previously chronicled in these pages, Greater Media active rock WRIF/IDetroir has been on the forefiont of HI) radio. It started streaming in 1997 and has developed a bighly succesfill nonincrusive piopoint e-mail blast system for alerting listeners to conteses and ticket on-sale info.

More recendy the station surned to text messaging for contesting-on-air and on the Wetb. To increase cachet with its younger listeners, WRIF poses photos from station-sponsored "extreme" club night promotions and streams local music.

Like other stations, WRIF offers a menu of podeases. Among the offerings: the station's 25-year-old public affairs show, local-music program "Motor City Riff" and bits from Drew \& Mike's morning show. The station has also been able to monetize podeasts through sponsorships.

OM Doug Podell says, "It's more importane to me that we make an effort to have our call leteers in iPods and MP3 players than it is to batde them or pretend that they dont exist."

One area chat Podell is looking to get more involved with is video streaming. The scation has been using its airstaff to record video promos for station events and activities and offers a "Riff Tube" feature on its site, but Podell wants more.
"We're chinking about bringing back the studio webcam. The quality of the video and streams is so much beteer these diys than when we were doing it early on. We used to have a camera focused on the DJ, bux it wasnt very compelling and we pulled it," he says. "I'm thinking that the Web cameri's time has finally come and there could be some interesting interaction to engres listeners, whether it's an artist interview or an interesting guest on Drew a: Mike's show."

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## AUDNENCE TOTALS:

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## AIRPOWER:

Awarded to songs appearing in the top 20 on both the Airplay and

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Triple A's ability to adapt is one of its strengths

## Keeping The Window Open For Tomorrow's Core Listeners

## John Schoenberger

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for the past fiew years, the triple A community has been talking a lot about the need to attract younger aduls to the format. In fact, the ideal target listener's age naxy be leaning just a tad younger for many stations today than it did just a couple of years ago.
But triple A ahways has been and always will be a format for adults who appreciate the music of the past while remaining hungry to discower new artists and fresh sounck.
Otwioush, ile music thut riple A stations play is the best way to groon the next gencration of adtuls who will beconic the core supporters of the firmat. Fortanately during the past fiew years there has been a great selection of younger arties who mix weil with the library:
Anong recent successes at triple $\mathbf{A}$ have been such newver "mainstrean" acts as Coldplay. Keane, Jack fohisoon. the Fray and KT Tunstall. Last year the format also began to see suctess with acts that have a hipper sound, including Death Cab for Cutic. Feist, Modest Mouse and the Raconteurs. This year the
 ante has been raised even higher, with such acts as Anny Winehouse. Areade Fire. Bright Eyes, Kaiser Chiefs, the Killers. Plain White T's, the Shins and Spoon.
SBR Creative co-president Joln Bradley feek keeping an open mind is the key. frocing that successful triple A programmers have ahvays had that mind-set. Many core acts at the format today were new and different five, 10 or 15 years ago. Triple A has always supported new alent. and it just so happeres that the newer artists of today belp keep the core lappy while allowing the format to skew a bit younger on the 25-54 scale. "It is a misasstmption to think that triple $\mathbf{A}$ is all of a sudden open to new kinck of music when, in fact, it always has been." Bradley says. "Right now there just happens to be a kind of 'perfect storm' scenario. At the same time that many programmers decided to find the right new acts to support, there has also been a wealth of great new adult alternative music to choose from.
"Further, there has been a kow number of heritage or core artists with new music out, making it ewen easier to get behind sonme of these exciting new acts."

## Broad Appeal

WXPN/Philadelphia assistant GM of programming Bruce Warren thinks the mainstreaming of many of
 these "indie" hanck is coning simply because they are creating great music that has broad appeal without selling out on what made them succestul to begin with.
"These are all bands that came up in the digital age, too," he says, "and that can't be underscored enough. They have learned how to reach a significant audience in new ways in addition to touring, and if we want to reach that same audi-

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ence, we have to play the rigle selection of these artists and then find ways to let the younger adult audience know we're playing them."

KTCZ/Minneapolis PD and Clear Channel triple A brand manager Lauren Mackexh realizes that, as each year pases, she has to adjust the mosic and the image of the sation to fit core listerens tastes. The median target age noy nox change much, but, as tinke pases, new listenen with different musical tastes fill that position.
"The 30- to 40-year-old of 10 years ago does not have the same musical or lifestyle makeup as a 30- to th-year-old today:" she says." These newer artists fit right in with everything we are trying to do at triple A right now, yet they are compatible with the core acts we already play:
"Granted. many of these artists will get airplay at other formats, but I do believe that it is our formar that will get the most out of embracing them and their music:"

## Audience Of Tomorrow

WBOS/Beston PD David Ginshurg, who, at 36 , is in the younger adult dermes sys the proxew is not only about attracting a younger atulience for tomorronv but building a new audience coalition for the format today.
"In adklition to haying insurance fier the fixure:" Ginshurg syys. "we have the poxential to grow the onerall audience for the format right now: Fortunately, many of the listeners at the upper end of the 25-54 cetl are still musically curions, whike playing some of these hipper artise gets a brand-new lisener to try ont the format:"

Embracing new artist and exploring nowd sonns are ineling sew to triple A. and, as it continues to adjust to the cinnes and the tastes of the noxkern adult music fan. Maclexh reminek ta that one of the formars hallonarks has always been its ability to adapt oner tinc:
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Programmers on why radio is vital to music promotion

## Taking The Pulse On Radio

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In the era of MySpace. YouTube and personalized ringtones. is radio still the ultimate vehicle for lamehing and promoting music? Each Latin format has its own issues to contend with. station playlists are tight, and the pop format has fewer stations than it did a few years ago.
Meanwhile, the number of tropical and Latin rhythm signals is small compared with other formats. And at the largest format, regional Mexican, the sheer volume of music being released at any given time means stations have a huge selection from which to choose.

For roch and alternative artists, station specialty shows are the only airplay vehicle.

So what's a label to do? Many have turned to alternative methods of promotion. including the lnternet and other technologies, to get their music to the masses. Is radio. then, not considered as vital as it used to be?

It is a fact that latinos love radio and tune in much more often and for longer periods of time than gener-al-market listeners. That is one of the reasons why radio


Lume remains such an important mediun, according to the radio executives and programmers with whom R\&R spoke.

Spanish Broadcasting Systemis pop WPAT (Amor)/New York PD Tony Luna suys that, so far, no other medium or system has proved to have the massive impact of terrestrial radio, which lie calls "magic and captivating."
"Radio is the No. 1 place where people find out what's new in music and with the artists." SBS VP of programming Pio Ferro says. And while no one denies that new technologies have a nole. Ferro says radio's potential for "spontancity" makes it unique. A radio station should be predictable, he says, but it's the unpredictable that keeps it special.

Luna also points to radio's portability, its local and regional elements and the influence it has on society. especially on Latino listeners-influence that luternet services dorit yet share. Plus, he adds, "Radio is free."

Uni-Radio regional Mexican XHTY (L.a Invasora) and pop XHFG (Pulsar)/San Diego PD Elvis Valle points out that radio can be listened to while driving. and a recciver is much less cexpensive than a conputer. And, because many Latinos work in construction or in farm fields. Valle says. "They use the radio as a form of distraction to get their work done and
 entertain themselves."

He says of radio's promotional power, "It's a proven fact that if an artist gets played on the radio, he or she has much more success selling out live eventsparticulariy dances, which are a very important part of regional Mexican actsand has higher record sales."
When radio supports a song. SBS Latin rhythm WODA (Reggaetón

## 'A song on the Internet

 is a curiosity, but a song on the radio is a hit.'-Rogie Gallart
94)/Pucreo Rico PD Rogie Gallart says, it sends a message to the public that this is the best there is at the moment. and that it is what they should be listening to. "A song on the Internet is a curiosity." he says, "but a song on the radio is a hit."

Those who don't consider radio an important promotional vehick are kidding themselves. Even suggesting it. Luna says, is "wrong and rash."
"Every promotion vehicle is incredibly necessary." be adds. "We are in a business where we have to add, not subtract. Technology is important, but so far 1 haven't seen any cars flying."

Labek that don't see radio as their main tool probably have artists who are not for radio. Valle says. In Puerto Rico, Gallart says, "tabels depend on radio." and not acknowledging its importance in pronoting music would be a "contradiction."

The best way to measure how significant radio is to the Latin market is to take a look at listeners' feedback. Gallart syys the CD-buying consumers purchase "CDs they beard of on the radio."

The Internet is a great tool. Ferro says, but "radio is where the magic happens."


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# In his first group PD role, versatile programmer focuses on keeping radio fun <br> John Dimick 

By Erica Farber

## Liner Notes

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Thele: Lincoln Financial Media radio division VP of programming and operations
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"Pop, but I love all formats."
Favorite TV show:
"Family Guy"
Fivarte songe "Country, 'it's Garth Brooks' 'The River.' I absolutely love Chris Brown. I think this new Maroon 5 single is great. I like disposable pop-shallow music."
Fivorite movie: "It's a toss up between 'Top Gun' and 'Full Metal Jacket.' "
Favorite book: "I just finished reading a book called ' $A$ Long Way Cone' by Ishmael Beah. It caused me to think about the things going on in the world. A book 1 refer back to a lot is 'Working With
Emotional Intelligence' by Daniel Goleman."
Favorite restaurant:
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ountry, oldies, rock, top 40, hot AC, smooth jazz, alternative, rhythmic, R\&B-John Dimick has programmed them all, most recent-

cly as PD of rhythmic WQHT (Hot 97)/New York. In February, Dimick was namedVP of programming and operations for Lincoln Financial Media's radio division, marking a return to the company where he carlier served as San Diego OM.

Getting into the business: My father refereed a football gane, and the head ref's job was to drop off scores at the lecial radio station. We pulled in. and I sw Jim Nue talking into the microphone at the same time I was lisenening to him on the radio. I saw the two turntables turning in front of him and thought it was the coolest thing Id ever seen.
Then nyy band teacher's father got a license for a $\mathbf{2 5 , 0 6 0}$-watt AM daytime station in nry hometown, Helper, Utah. I wolunteered to tile public affairs stories and do weekend news.

I went on to Utah State, and working in radio helped put me through college. I did overnights at Q92-FM, KBLQ in logan. Utah.

Joining Lincoln Financial Media: Al Mointt, an old recond guy, introduced me to |Lincoln Finarcial Media radio president| Don Benson years ago. I went to Salt Lake |City| in ' x ) and ' 91 and then Seatele. When 1 left scatte to go to Columbus, Ohio, Don and I stayed in touch.
The Nationwide sale happened, and Don called and asked if 1 could do country. Then 1 moned to New York. I kned Emmis. |Emmis radio division VP of programmingl Jimmery Stcal is brilliant and too damongood, and I was feeling it was tine for me to learn more about the business part of radio.
Donl hadnit hired anyhody to fill his poxition when lie became president, and we gox together ower dimer and I was like, "let's talk." Had sone great conversatiom with |Emmis radio division president| Rick Cummings and Jinmory, and Emmis shonved an incredible amount of class. with Rick sying. "I've always found that whatevers best for the employee is always best for the company:" So they let me out of my agreement carly so I could come and work for Don.

Programming philosophy: Just give the audience what they want and stay focused. I think sonktines we overthink things. If you re listening to the: radio station and you're having fun, chavces are pretty good that so are the listeners.

My philosophy is to hire good progranumerx, stay out of their way and try not to screw them up.

Biggest challenge: We are decentralized, and every market is unique. One of the things that makes this a great company is that there are very few mandates. While it might be easier for me to say, "Everybody has to do this." we just don't do it that way.

State of radio: I think we're great. I'm so tired of reading about how something is going to take us out. If our stations do the job their kecal markess expect, and we keep the people entertained and informed, it's great.


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Career highlight: Every single station live programmed. Almost every place live programmed. I'in proud that when I left. they were able to promote internally.
I always believe in hiring people better than you in areas where you nury be weak. That's probably the thing I'm most proud of. being athe to syy the people live worked with have gone on to bigger and better thinge.

Career disappointments: There are always decisions you nake that you wish you had ntade differently, but there is nothing on a grand scale. I look back at the stations I have been fortunate enough to be involved with and it's like. "Wonv:" There are sonve pretty cool things and I have worked with some pretty amazing people. There's really sot anything I regree.

Most influential individual: Don Benson. He's been my nentor, and he has taken chances on me when common sense would indicate you wouldn'. Dave Robbins, who hired une to becone the program director at WNCl/ Columbus. Ohio, right after him. I was an unkrowni and untered. Rick Cummings and Jinnny Steal. They all took chances.

Advice for broadcasters: If you build it, they will conce. Stop listening to the outside. No one ever holds them accountable when what they sny is wrong. It's easy to stand up and sny what's wrong with something, but it takes guts and courage to sy what's right.
We're a great industry. We do some wonderful things. We entertain listeners, we talk them off bridges, we help them celebrate their happy dyys. and you know what? We sell a fair amount of burgers, toon, and computers and cans and wallpaper and honess. And we just get too caught up in all this crap. Let's just keep having fits.

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    As the cone of probability narrows, certain advertisers, such as insurance companies, which can't write new business when a hurricane may be bearing down on the area, drop their spots. Likewis, entertainment venues also drop off. Other advertisers. like home improvement stores and utility companies, have spors that are canned and ready to go if there's a storm that may make landfall.
    "It's an intricately choreographed relationship and dance that has been crafted over years." Lewis syys, noting that cancellation provisions are waived during this time. "It's a collaborative effort between the advertising com-munity-which is a service community at the moment-and the broadcaster, who is a public information source.
    "Our whole focus changes to. "What is the greatest need and what is our role in that?" "he addk. "For the broadkaster, our roke is public awarenews and information and speed of information."

