

R&R Debuts Technology Column

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Beginning with this week's issue, R&R's Digital Media column will be succeeded by the new Technology page, covering a broader range of technology news. The section will continue to be written by R&R Assoc. Managing Editor Brida Connolly.

"When we debuted a technology news section with the Internet pages back in 1999, that was clearly the right focus for that time," Connolly said. "Then, as the digital-media industry grew and matured, we moved in 2002 to concentrate more closely on that area."

"Now, with most of the major issues resolved and digital media growing nicely, it's time to broaden our coverage to other areas of technology related to the radio and recording industries."

The Technology column will

cover satellite and digital radio, industry-related hardware and software, broadband and wireless, the consumer-electronics side of the industry and more while still following developments in digital media and the ongoing fight against online copyright infringement.

With the change, some familiar features will be moving to other parts of R&R. Films and the Nielsen ratings portion of Television can now be found on the Street Talk pages, and the iTunes Music Store chart has relocated to the National Music pages, formerly known as National Music Formats and Television.

The Technology section can be found this week on Page 7, while National Music starts on Page 10 and Street Talk begins on Page 16.

Carson Named KHPT/Houston PD

Veteran programmer Ken Carson has been named PD of Cox Radio's '80s KHPT (106.9 The Point)/Houston. Carson currently serves as PD for another Cox '80s station called "106.9 The Point" — WBPT/Birmingham — as well as '70s WODL/Birmingham.

Carson reports to Cox/Houston Regional VP/Market Manager Caroline Devine, who said, "We are excited to welcome to Houston someone with Ken's talent and success record. He has made great contributions to the success of our Birmingham station, and I am confident that he brings that level of excitement and expertise to KHPT. He is a great addition to our programming staff, and we look forward to working with him."

Carson, who started his career in 1975 at WOVB/Vero Beach, FL, told

R&R that KHPT will continue its contemporary approach to '80s music, focusing on those songs that best fit Houston.

"In Birmingham the CHR's in the '80s focused on rock music," he said. "That's why 60% of the music played on The Point there is rock. Our station in Tampa [WPOI] is more pop-oriented. The format focus varies from market to market." A typical hour of music on KHPT might include selections by Prince, The Police, New Order, Beastie Boys, Van Halen and Robert Palmer.

Carson joined Cox in March 2003 after programming Beasley's '80s KSTJ (Star 102.7)/Las Vegas. His programming history also includes stints at WHJY/Providence; WHTQ/Oreland; WUFJ/Buffalo; and WROQ/Greenville, SC. He also briefly served as VP of LM Communications.

Liberal Talk Gets Boost From CC

KKZN, WCOL-AM, KABQ, WXXM latest to switch

Clear Channel Radio, owner and operator of some of the country's most successful conservative News/Talk stations

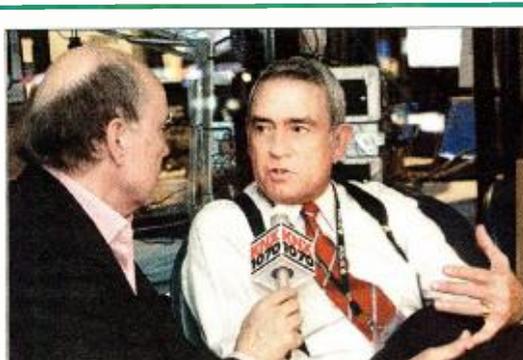


and corporate parent to the nationally syndicated *Rush Limbaugh Show*, has begun a rapid rollout of liberal-leaning Talk outlets nationwide. Following the recent ratings success of left-leaning Talk on the company's KPOJ/Portland, OR, Clear Channel in the past few weeks has debuted a number of "progressive" Talkers — including WINZ/Miami; KLSD/San Diego; KTLK/Santa Barbara, CA; and WHNE/Ann Arbor, MI — and this week flipped Sports KKZN/Denver; Oldies WCOL-AM/Columbus, OH; Sports KABQ/Albuquerque; and Hot AC WXXM/Madison to the format.

While program schedules vary somewhat from station to station, most feature a core lineup that includes Air America Radio hosts Al Franken and Randi Rhodes, along with other Air America network shows and Jones Radio Networks' Ed Schultz. Other left-leaning syndicated talkers getting a boost from the many format flips are WOR Radio Network's Lionel and WYD Media Management's newly launched Stephanie Miller.

"There are several factors all coming together to entice some Clear Channel stations to change

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HE'D RATHER DISCUSS IT CBS News anchor Dan Rather (r), who has covered every presidential election since 1964, offered his perspective on events during last month's Democratic National Convention and this week's Republican National Convention. He's seen here discussing politics with KNX/Los Angeles reporter Dick Helton.

WW1 Adds Leeza At Night

Premiere to cease distributing Gibbons' program

Westwood One has added to its roster *Leeza at Night*, a daily radio program debuting Nov. 8 on Hot AC stations across the country, including 12 Infinity Broadcasting stations.

The show, hosted by Hollywood icon Leeza Gibbons, will feature music, entertainment news and topical issues relating to American pop culture and trends. Listeners nationwide will also have the opportunity



Gibbons

to phone in during the live five-hour show.

"We are thrilled to bring a talent of Leeza's stature to the radio every night," said Westwood One COO Chuck Bortnick. "She is a perfect fit for the personal nature of radio, particularly in the evening, when listeners can spend the

time with her."

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Robinson Programs Y98/St. Louis

Kevin Robinson has joined Infinity Broadcasting as PD for Hot AC KYKY (Y98)/St. Louis. Robinson was previously PD at Salem Broadcasting's WYLL & WZFS/Chicago.

Prior to his stint with Salem, Robinson spent 10 years as PD at Infinity's WJJD & WJMK/Chicago. His other PD experience includes WBUF/Buffalo and WVIC/Lansing, MI.

"I'm very pleased to have Kevin Robinson onboard," Infinity/St. Louis Market Manager Beth Davis told R&R. "He's got a great track record of success in many formats, and he's a strong leader, communicates well with air talent and will



Robinson

bring a winning position to Y98. Mark Edwards has been the interim PD for Y98 since March and has done a great job leading the station while concentrating on KEZK as well. Infinity/St. Louis has two great PDs for two great stations."

Robinson said, "I am thrilled to be the new PD at Y98, which is an unbelievable brand built by a long line of heritage programmers. Beth Davis has handed me a staff of seasoned veterans, and I'm humbled to be able to work with them. Joining KYKY brings me back to Infinity Broadcasting, where I've spent most of my career."

Giuttari Joins WYGY/Cincinnati

Susquehanna's Country WYGY/Cincinnati has named Steve Giuttari PD, effective Sept. 7. Giuttari previously held similar posts at Clear Channel's Country KBQI and Urban KSYU in Albuquerque.

"It'll be a good Country battle with WUBE," Giuttari said of his new situation in Cincinnati. He also listed some reasons he accepted the job: "One, it was a great opportunity in a great Country market. Two, I have family on the East

Coast, and this gets me closer to them."

Giuttari succeeds T.J. Holland, who relinquishes his Country programming role but remains Director/Programming for Susquehanna's three-station Cincinnati cluster. "Steve interviewed well," Holland said. "However, I thought his high-bar routine was a little weak and scored him accordingly. Had it not been for the booping of the crowd, he may never have gotten the gig."

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KLUP Readies News/Talk Flip

Salem Communications' KLUP/San Antonio will drop Adult Standards on Sept. 6 in favor of News/Talk. The move will put "The Loop 930" into direct competition with Clear Channel's News/Talk WOAI and Infinity's News/Talk KTSA.

KLUP's new all-syndicated talk lineup includes Salem Radio Network's Bill Bennett (5-8am), Dennis Prager (11am-2pm), Michael Medved (2-5pm), Hugh Hewitt (8-11pm), Ernie Brown (11pm-3am) and Mike Gallagher (3am-5am). The lineup is rounded out by Talk Radio Network's Laura Ingraham (8-11am) and Michael Savage (5-8pm).

"KLUP listeners will now have access to News/Talk radio from some of the most respected minds in Talk radio," said David Ziebell, GM of KLUP and Christian Teaching & Talk clustermate KSLR-AM. "We believe that our listeners will appreciate the kind of intelligent talk that we will be offering from hosts like Bill Bennett, Laura Ingraham, Michael Savage, Dennis Prager and Michael Medved, among many others."

R&R Observes Labor Day

In observance of the Labor Day holiday, R&R's Los Angeles, Nashville, and Washington, DC offices will be closed Monday, Sept. 6.