

jock and promotions director **James Collen** a/k/a "Jimi Jamm," for MD and the 7-Midnight slot.

Good news for **Janet Jackson, Bruce Springsteen** and **Neil Young**. All have songs nominated for an **Oscar**—those being "Again" from *Poetic Justice* and "Streets Of Philadelphia" and "Philadelphia" from *Philadelphia*. That's bad news for the other two nominees: "The Day I Fall In Love" from *Beethoven's 2nd* and "A Wink And A Smile" from *Sleepless in Seattle*.

Best air name of the week honors go to new **Z100 (WHTZ)-New York** overnighter... **Freddie Vedder**, who replaces **Kid Kelly**. **TIC- Hartford** listeners know Vedder better as **Joe Mama**. Meanwhile, Z100 VP/operations manager **Steve Kingston** has a hot idea for anyone in snow country. He's now telling listeners that all they have to do to find out about snow closings of roads, schools, etc., is listen to Z100. Steve's on-air phrase? "We're listening to (All News) **WINS** so you don't have to." (Steal this line now before your competition does.)

**WNDU (U93)-South Bend, Indiana** names **Bill McCown** PD. McCown, who comes from **WMMZ/FM-Gainesville, Florida**, starts in two weeks. **Buzz Elliot**, who had been interim PD, stays on as afternoon personality and handles production duties.

Now that America's read all about **Howard Stern**, next up is an autobiography about Stern's sidekick, **Robin Quivers**, who has signed with **Simon & Schuster**.

Top 40 **WWZZ-Knoxville** joins the **Jacor** fold in a duopoly that teams it with A/C **WMYU/FM**.



San Jose is one of many cities instituting a "**Guns For Tickets**" exchange program. **HOT 97.7 (KHQT)** helped get 407 weapons turned in, and San Jose Mayor **Susan Hammer**

is shown here taking the official count.

Preparing for **Alliance's** takeover of **KYA/FM-San Francisco**, GM **Bob Visotcky** resigns. Look for **KFRC/FM** GM **Will Schutte** to get the nod as GM. In the interim, PD **Bob Hamilton** will be GM of both **KSFQ/AM** and **KYA/FM**. Meanwhile, **KFRC/AM** is the new radio home of the **American League's Oakland A's**.

**Harker Research** VP **Matt Hudson** is exploring new radio/research opportunities. Reach him at (919) 783-5198.

Is there anyone who hasn't heard the spot of "**Hooked On Phonics**"? Expect to hear that voice, which happens to be veteran air talent **Randy Thomas**, on station sweepers soon. Thomas was also heard on last year's **Academy Awards** telecast.

**Angie Handa**, longtime MD at A/C **WLDR-Traverse City, Michigan** gets PD stripes.

**John McMann** is named interim MD at **WKXX (KIX 106)-Providence**.

**WNEW/FM-New York** staffers deserve to pat each other on the back for helping raise more than \$393,000 in an 18-hour AIDS radio-thon, held last Sunday, February 6. Among the items listeners bid on: voice lessons with **Meat Loaf**, a chance to be in the Broadway musical *Les Miserables*, and autographed guitars from **Bruce Springsteen, Billy Joel, Robert Plant, Jackson Browne** and others.

SHO-TALK

**The Scorpions** (below) recently shot a video for their bluesy ballad, "Woman," and it features *Northern Exposure* star **John Corbett** and actress



**Karina Lombard. Steven Seagal** will use the German band's current single, "Under The Same Sun," for the closing scene of his upcoming film, *On Deadly Ground*, which also stars **Michael Caine**. "Under The Same Sun" is being re-edited to include clips from Seagal's environmental action thriller scheduled for a mid-February release...

**John Hammond** plans to take his **Delta Blues** out on tour beginning on January 31 in Memphis. He'll follow this show with a tour spotlighting his solo style plus he'll front a four-piece combo—all in one show. Hammond's tour coincides with the release of his latest album, *Trouble No More*, for **Pointblank Records**. Joining Hammond on the first leg of the tour are old friends **Little Charlie & The Nightcats**. The second leg features **The Duke Robillard Band**...

**Skid Row** members **Sebastian Bach, Dave "Snake" Sabo** and **Scott Hill** joined a host of other musicians for a tribute to **Ray Gillen** on February 9 in New York. The show commemorated the untimely death of renowned vocalist Ray Gillen. Known for his work on vocals for **Black Sabbath** and his band, **Badlands** with guitarist **Jake E. Lee**, Gillen succumbed to a prolonged illness on December 1, 1993. Bach, a long-time friend of Gillen's, was passionate about his involvement in the project, which was

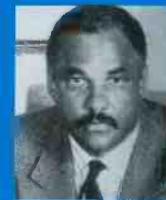
spearheaded by former **Deep Purple** frontman **Glenn Hughes**. Along with Bach, Sabo, Hill and Hughes, other international stars who performed include **Ace Frehley, Joe Lynn Turner**, bassist **TM**

**Stevens**, former **Billy Idol** drummer **Tal Bergman**, **Rod Stewart** bass maven **Carmine Rojas**, **Paul Pesco** (*Madonna's* guitarist) and Hughes' original re-formed band **Trapeze**. Proceeds will be distributed among several of Ray's favorite causes: The Salvation Army (to help the homeless); the ASPCA (Gillen was an animal lover) and the **TJ Martell Foundation for Cancer, Leukemia and AIDS Research** (to benefit children with AIDS). **Skid Row** is currently working on material for a forthcoming release...

**Pete Droge** has just completed his debut album for **American Recordings** and he used red-hot staff producer **Brendan O'Brien** who just finished the new **King's X** album and worked with **Black Crowes, Stone Temple Pilots** and **Pearl Jam**. The album is entitled *Necktie Second* and was recorded at O'Brien's Atlanta studio late last year. The Portland-based singer/songwriter has been a fixture on the Northwest club scene for the past five years as a solo performer and as a member of his band, **Ramadillo**. I sent his album out to a lot of A&R reps when I heard him play for a local music convention in Seattle a couple of years ago. The album is tentatively scheduled for a spring release. Droge draws on influences such as **Tom Petty, J.J. Cale** and **Bob Dylan** but does his own thing for sure... ●

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CECIL HOLMES



Vice president/general manager, new artist

management Round The Globe Music, New York City

Hometown:

Paramus, New Jersey

What radio stations did you grow up listening to?

WWRL and WBLS-New York.

What stations do you listen to now?

WQCD, WBLS and WFAN-New York.

What was your first music industry gig?

Local promotion for Colpix Records in New York.

Who are most memorable acts you've worked with in your career?

It's difficult for me to select just one. But I'd have to include Donna Summer, Parliament, Cameo, Earth, Wind and Fire, Gladys Knight and The Pips, the Isley Brothers and New Kids On The Block (NKOTB).

What was your most memorable concert?

I'd definitely consider Michael Jackson's *Bad* tour; and the early tours of Earth, Wind and Fire and Parliament among my favorites.

If you could sign any act that you haven't already worked with, who would it be?

Boyz II Men, because of the potential longevity of the act. I believe they're a top act that does good songs, and they can sing. Boyz II Men is definitely a career act.