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a go." Sewell says, "It was the first time in my life I was at a loss for words." In full view of some 50 listeners, station staffers, Williams' bandmates and Virgin's Hilary Shaev, Danny Cooper and Brian Terranova, the two lip-locked for nearly a minute. The big question: Was there any tongue involved? "Tons!" says a sweaty Sewell.



Sewell sucks face with Virgin giant.

Former KITS/San Francisco staffer

**Jay Taylor** is the new Director/Operations for Triad Broadcasting's Biloxi-Gulfport, MS cluster. Taylor will oversee CHR/Pop WXYK (The Monkey), Hot AC WUJM, Active Rock WCPR, Classic Rock WXRG, ESPN Radio affiliate WXBD and News/Talk WVMJ. Taylor fills the position vacated a year ago by Kenny Vest.

WBCN/Boston night jock **Melissa** and late-nighter **Deek** combine forces to form the aptly named **Deek & Melissa Show**, airing weeknights from 7pm-midnight. PD Oedipus explains the pairing: "Because of their natural chemistry, we're combining the two shows for a nighttime extravaganza."

**Bill Keeler**, the former morning talent at Classic Rocker WRCK/Utica, NY, has filed a \$500,000 wrongful-termination lawsuit against station owner Galaxy Communications. Keeler, who was fired in December 2002, claims his reputation has been tarnished. Not surprisingly, Galaxy begs to differ and claims Keeler's lawsuit is without merit. In fact, Galaxy says it plans to file a countersuit against Keeler.

### Bear Tears Up 50 Cent CDs

Last weekend Clear Channel pulled the plug on **WBBI/Binghamton, NY's** Country format by flipping the station to CHR/Rhythmic as "Kiss 107.5." Turns out the hip-hop was just a stunt. Just 43 hours after signing on, WBBI on Tuesday adopted its true new identity as "107.5 The Bear, Pure Classic Rock." Cluster OM **Jim Free**, PD of co-owned Active Rocker WKGB/Binghamton, adds similar duties at WBBI. Former WBBI PD **Doug Mosher** segues to the PD chair at Adult Standards WINR/Binghamton.

Citadel's **KAEP/Spokane** shifts from Triple A to Classic Rock as "The Buzzard." Expect the syndicated **Bob & Tom Show** to air in mornings. **Tim Cotter** remains PD.

Entravision flips **KVPA/McAllen** from CHR/Rhythmic to Spanish AC as "iOye!" PD **Alex Duran** remains aboard.

Gold Coast Broadcasting AC **KKBE/Oxnard, CA** segues to CHR/Pop as **KFWV** (Live 105.5). Across the street at Cumulus Hot AC **KBBY** (B95.1), former **WWKX/Providence** PD **Jonathan "J. Love" Campbell** becomes PD.

### Condolences

**Bob Anderson**, a 40-year veteran of Portland, ME radio known as "The Duke Of Portland," died March 29 after suffering a heart attack while on the air at Saga's Oldies **WYNZ**. He was 59. "Bob was an extremely popular personality and a wonderful person," Saga/Portland President/GM **Cary Pahigian** tells **ST**. Anderson began his career in 1963 and has worked for such Portland stations as former Top 40 **WLOB**. He's also worked at **WIGY, WMGX, WPOR** and **WTHT**.



Bob Anderson

Former Pittsburgh radio exec **John Dove Gibbs** died of a stroke on March 25 at age 80. Gibbs is famous for a 1964 stunt he pulled at then-Top 40 **KQV/Pittsburgh**, when he used a 30-second delay to circumvent a ban on airing The Beatles' first Steel City concert live.

**Jerry McKenna Sr.**, father of **WQSX/Boston** PD Jerry McKenna, died March 26 of natural causes. He was 81.

**ST** is saddened to report the death of **Charles Edward DuCoty**, the son of **WKQX (Q101)/Chicago** VP/GM **Chuck DuCoty**. The younger DuCoty leaves two young children behind.

Almost a year after industry trade publication **Gavin** closed its doors, Premiere Radio Networks has ceased publication of the weekly printed version of **Network**. An Internet version will continue at [thenetworkmags.com](http://thenetworkmags.com), as will the **A&R Network Service** and **Yellow Pages of Rock**.

### ST SHOT O' THE WEEK



**CANDYGRAM FOR SADDAM!** **KXJM/Portland, OR** just received a very special gift from our armed forces. "Some crew members on the carrier **USS Abraham Lincoln** listen to our morning show, **The Playhouse**, online and wanted to show their love," says PD **Mark Adams**. Nothing says love like having your call letters painted on the side of a bomb destined for downtown Baghdad. Adds Adams, "I'm pleased to report that **The Playhouse** is now bombing on two continents."

### Rumbles

• **KYLD/San Francisco** Asst. Production Director **Travis Loughran** is upped to the newly created position of Creative Director.

• **WHYI/Miami** late-night personality **Nikki Nite** segues to similar duties at **WSTR/Atlanta**.

• **WIHT (Hot 99.5)/Washington** debuts its new night guy: former part-time jock **Julian Nieh**. He'll now host **The Hot Freak Show**.

• **WWVZ & WWZZ/Washington, DC** Commercial Production Director **Jeff Matzka** exits.

• **J.J. Jackson** exits the afternoon slot at **Smooth Jazz KTWW (The Wave)/Los Angeles**.

• **Emmis/Indianapolis** Interactive Manager **Jo Robinson** is upped to Director/Marketing for **WENS & WYXB**, while **Melissa Hook** is upped to Promotions Director of the pair.

• **WIOQ & WSNI/Philadelphia** Marketing Director **Lisa Acchione** is upped to Director/Marketing for the company's six-station Philly cluster. At the same time, **Shelvia Williams** is upped to Promotion Director for **WSNI** and the cluster's **WJZZ**.

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