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Houston RVP/Market Manager Caroline Devine.

"Johnny has been a key player in our organization and has clearly demonstrated his leadership capabilities with many contributions to our entire Houston team," Devine said. "He is a passionate programmer, manager and coach who also makes it fun to come to work every day."

Chiang began his radio career in 1991 in his hometown of Los Angeles as the morning show producer at KFI/Los Angeles under then-owner Cox Radio. "I remember when Dr. Laura Schlessinger and Rush Limbaugh were just starting out there on weekends," Chiang told R&R. "It was a very exciting time."

Chiang shifted to Cox/Los Angeles AC clustermate KOST in 1993, working his way up from Asst. PD/MD to PD over the next eight years.

He transferred to Cox/Houston in 2000 as KHPT's PD, assisting with the launch of the station's '80s format.

"I'm truly honored and excited by this tremendous opportunity," Chiang said. "I already have a great relationship with KHPT PD Dain Craig and KLDE PD Ron Parker. I look forward to continuing to work with them at Cox Radio/Houston."

— Sarah Vance

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Phoenix, which he acquired in 1997, to Clear Channel in 1999.

Buck's son, Michael Owens, ran the Phoenix radio operation from 1978 until its sale. He said of his father's passion for radio, "Buck wanted to own radio stations because he really loved the business. He was a DJ and part-time salesman at this little bitty AM daytimer in Washington state over 40 years ago and just fell in love with the business."

"I can't begin to tell you how many times over the years his financial advisers told him not to buy any radio stations, especially the ones in Phoenix. But he went ahead and bought them anyway. And when they weren't doing well after three or four years, his advisers told him to sell them. But he always said no because he loved being a broadcaster."

"He knew it was the right business decision to sell the Phoenix radio stations, but it was also very sad for him because he loved owning a Country radio station like KNIX."

Owens' musical gifts began to blossom with his 1951 move to Bakersfield. He worked in the clubs and up through the ranks of studio musicians. During a stint as a radio and television broadcaster in Puyallup, WA, Owens scored his first real hit with 1959's "Under Your Spell Again."

He moved back to Bakersfield and began reeling off a succession of hits that stretched more than a decade. His rock-influenced guitar playing and incorporation of the Fender Telecaster into country recordings immediately distinguished him and his sound.

One of his early bandmembers was Merle Haggard, who, along with Tommy Collins and Wynn Stewart, would eventually become

grouped with Owens as purveyors of the Bakersfield sound. Their punchy honky-tonk contrasted with the highly produced Nashville sound in favor at the time.

Owens' hits included "Foolin' Around," "Together Again," "I've Got a Tiger by the Tail" and "Act Naturally," which was covered by The Beatles on their 1965 album *Help!* His first national television show, *Buck Owens' Ranch*, launched in 1966, with *Hee Haw* starting on CBS in 1969 and continuing through 1986.

An astute businessman, Owens took ownership of his Capitol Records masters in 1980. Coaxed out of semi-retirement by Dwight Yoakam in 1988, Owens enjoyed another hit on the pair's duet on "Streets of Bakersfield." He continued to play shows at his own Crystal Palace nightclub, including a show the evening before his death.

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Cumulus Chairman/CEO Lew Dickey said, "We view our participation in this cell-phone-based electronic-measurement test as an essential first step. We are strongly committed to the development and subsequent rollout of an electronic measurement technology that accurately captures all radio listening in a timely and efficient manner."

Univision Radio will encode its seven stations in Houston for the smart cell phone: Spanish News/Talk KLAT, Regional Mexican KLTN, Spanish Contemporary KOVE, CHR/Rhythmic simulcast KPTI & KPTY, Regional Mexican KQBU and Tejano KRTX-AM. Univision Radio President/COO Gary Stone said, "We appreciate that the Media Audit/Ipsos sees the growing importance of the Hispanic community. We also applaud the Media Audit/Ipsos for establishing an ethnic advisory committee that will focus on appropriately surveying the Hispanic listener."

Liberman is the owner of seven stations that serve Houston: Regional Mexican KJOJ & KTJM (La Raza), Spanish News/Talk KLAT (La Tremenda), Regional Mexican KQUE-AM (Radio Ranchito), News/Talk KSEV and Spanish Contemporary simulcast KIOX & KQKQ (XO Radio).

Liberman Corporate VP Winter

Horton said, "It is great that the Media Audit wants to work with us to get the best representation of radio listening. The way radio is measured has a direct impact on the size of the audiences, and that has a direct impact on radio revenue."

"We are interested in research that fairly and accurately shows the strength of Hispanic radio listening in our markets. The novel and extensive studies the Media Audit has planned for Houston show the company's principles in doing the requisite research needed by the industry."

The three companies join Clear Channel, Cox Radio, CBS Radio and Radio One in agreeing to encode their respective Houston stations for TMA/Ipsos' forthcoming test. TMA says 37 stations are now encoded for its smart-cell-phone technology.

In related news, the Media Audit has enlisted the consulting services of Donerail International, a strategic marketing firm led by former Arbitron Radio Group Services head Les Tolchin.

Tolchin spent 20 years at Arbitron, holding the titles of VP/National Radio Sales and Sr. VP/Sales & Marketing, National Group Services. He was also Sr. VP/Business Development, Portable People Meter, working closely with the team that helped bring Arbitron's PPM to its current rollout.

CHRONICLE

MARRIAGES

- Artist manager **Faith Quisenberry** to singer-songwriter **Mitch Malloy**, Dec. 14, 2005.
- Recording artist **Lila McCann** to Mike Wolofsky, Nov. 20, 2005.

BIRTHS

- GrassRoots Promotion Managing Partner **Nancy Tunick**, husband/Hometown News member **Scott Whitehead**, son Louis Erick Whitehead, March 22.
- WKHX/Atlanta afternoon personality **Cadillac Jack**, wife ABC/Atlanta AE **Donna Choate**, daughter Charlotte Anne, March 10.

CONDOLENCES

- Radio broker and owner **Chester Coleman**, 62, March 19.
- Legendary R&B artist **King Floyd**, 61, March 6.
- CHED/Edmonton Asst. News Director **Warren Henderson**, 50, March 1.
- KVTA/Ventura morning show host **Dave Ciniero**, 58, Feb. 17.
- Broadcasting executive **Arthur McCoy**, 88, Feb. 10.

- Former Texas State Network head **Stanley Wilson**, 90, Feb. 7.
- Former WGY/Albany, NY *Breakfast With Bill* host **William "Bill" Edwardsen**, 78, Feb. 6.
- Promo vet **Geno Rumble**, 64, Feb. 4.
- Bluegrass pioneer **Louise Scruggs**, 78, Feb. 2.
- Ohio radio pioneer **Richard Klaus**, 86, Jan. 29.
- Veteran radio programmer and station owner **Don Keyes**, Jan. 23.
- Carter Family member **Janette Carter**, 82, Jan. 22.
- Former Jackson, TN air talent **Dave Shaw**, 49, Jan. 22.
- "Omaha's first DJ" **Charles "Sandy" Jackson**, 84, Jan. 16.
- Longtime NFL Rams broadcaster **Jack Snow**, 62, Jan. 9.
- Longtime broadcaster, consultant and broker **Ron Kempff**, 69, Dec. 31, 2005.
- Former KPLM/Minot, ND Sports Director **Russ Smith**, Jan. 7.
- KXUS/Springfield, MO middayer **Mark McClain**, 36, Jan. 4.
- Cincinnati Talk radio pioneer **Ted McKay**, 77, Dec. 22, 2005.
- Former ABC TV President **Wally Schwartz**, Dec. 14, 2005.
- Red House Records President **Bob Feldman**, 56, Dec. 11, 2005.

Changes

Classical: WQXR/New York midday host Jeff Spurgeon and morning host Annie Bergen will swap shifts, starting March 6. The rest of the lineup remains the same.

National Radio: Premiere Radio Networks' Fox Sports Radio adds WSKR-AM/Baton Rouge, LA; XHBCE-FM/Tijuana-San Diego; WZNN-AM/Asheville, NC; WLNI-FM/Lynchburg, VA; WZZK-AM/Birmingham; and WBIG-AM/Aurora, IL to its roster of affiliates. Also at Premiere, WBIG-AM becomes an affiliate of *At Home With Gary Sullivan*, while KFLD-AM/Pasco, WA adds *Sullivan and The Dr. Dean Edell Show*. Premiere's *The Glenn Beck Program* welcomes new affiliates WTAR-AM/Norfolk; KVOR-AM/Colorado Springs; WSGW-FM/Saginaw, MI; KTLK-FM/Minneapolis; WIST-AM/New Orleans; KRGI-AM/Grand Island, NE; and KTMM-AM/Grand Junction, CO, while WRKO-AM/Boston adds the show's weekend edition.

News from Envision Radio Networks: "American Biker Minute" adds WKKY-FM/Cleveland; WSDM-FM/Terre Haute, IN; KJEZ-FM/Paducah, KY; and WKLQ-FM/Grand Rapids as affiliates. KCQQ-FM/Davenport, IA; WHDQ-FM/Lebanon, NH; and WQBJ & WQKB/Albany, NY add the Classic Rock version of Envision's *The Chop Shop Radio Show*, while Envision's BitXchange morning show prep service welcomes affiliates KCXX/Riverside,

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Bristol, CT. He's nationally recognized as one of the leading Sports radio programmers in the country. Adding someone of his caliber and experience is an indicator of the growth that ESPN Radio is experiencing in Boston."

The move to Boston from Tribune News/Talker WGN marks a return to Sports radio for Weiner, who programmed ABC Radio's Sports WMVP/Chicago before his move to WGN nine months ago. Before joining WMVP he served as Asst. GM/Director of Programming for ESPN Radio at the net-

work's Bristol, CT headquarters. His radio resume also includes stints as PD of KMPC/Los Angeles, Exec. Producer at WFAN/New York and a producer for the NBC Radio Network.

While Weiner was very complimentary about his experience over the past year at WGN, he is clearly enthusiastic about returning to Sports radio. "I'm very excited to be back with the ESPN family, where I spent some of the best years of my career," he said. "Boston is a great sports town, and ESPN is a great sports name. I'm looking forward to helping ESPN build its brand in Boston."

WVNS/Nashville, KMXB/Las Vegas and KCCN-FM/Honolulu.

The Lex & Terry Morning Radio Network selects Envision to syndicate and grow its existing network. KLKX/Lancaster, CA adds Envision's *The Rockin' '80s. Looking Up to Number One: The Count-Up Show* inks WMT/Cedar Rapids, IA as an affiliate. *National Lampoon's Comedy Countdown* welcomes KTLK-FM/Minneapolis as an affiliate. KDMX/Dallas becomes an affiliate of Envision's Guest Services daily guest-booking service.

ABC Radio Networks' *Satellite Sisters* program adds WLIB/New York as an affiliate ... The one-minute "Jeanne Wolf's Hollywood" gossip feature is now available to ABC News Radio affiliates every Friday on both *What Else Is News* and the *Weekend Afternoon Features Feed* ... ESPN Deportes Radio, a 24-hour Spanish-language sports radio network, is now available on Sirius Sat-

ellite Radio, which is also set to launch the weekday call-in show *Court TV Morning Radio* on March 20.

TeshMedia's *John Tesh Radio Show* welcomes new affiliates KYXY/San Diego; KQCS/Quad Cities, IL-IA; WQLV/Millersburg, PA; KPEZ/Austin; and WSIM/Florence, SC. The show airs in mornings on WSNI/Philadelphia and WECB-FM/Appleton, WI and in middays on WYSF/Birmingham; KZSQ/Sonora, CA; WYSF-FM/Birmingham; and WKEY-FM/Key West, FL.

It is in afternoon drive on WKJY/Nassau-Suffolk; KKKL/Colorado Springs; KMGA/Albuquerque; WKEY/Key West, FL; KLTW/Bend, OR; and WFDL/Fond Du Lac, WI and in nights on WMYB-FM/Myrtle Beach, SC; WPEZ-FM/Macon, GA; WJPT-FM/Ft. Myers; KQCS-FM/Quad Cities, IL-IA; WQLV-FM/Millersburg, PA; WPBX-FM/Crossville, TN; and WSIM-FM/Florence, SC.