

The Programming Dept.

• **Mike Murphy** resigns after just eight months as PD of CBS Radio FM Talk/Alternative hybrid WHFS/Baltimore. For now, 'HFS MD Tim Virgin is acting PD while VP/Programming **Dave LaBrozzi** begins the search for a new PD. Murphy can be located at 804-363-7440.

• After five years in the PD/afternoon drive lounge chair, **Lisa Biello** exits WHRL (Channel 103.1)/Albany, NY. Asst. PD/MD **Capone** will fill in while the search for a permanent replacement continues. Find Biello at cheebacat@nycap.rr.com.

• CBS Radio Alternative **WAQZ/Cincinnati** made some musical personnel changes, which included the ceremonial naming of a new MD, "Miss Sally" **Vollner**, who hosts the syndicated *Miss Sally's Ployhouse*. PD Julie Evans bequeaths her former Promotions Director stripes to **Jamie Boyle**, and last, but certainly finally, **Ray "Razor" Anderson** is upped from weekends to middays. The shift was vacated back in January by former PD Jeff "Shaggy" Nagel.

• **J. Pat Miller** is the new PD of Journal Hot AC KSRZ (Star 104.5)/Omaha, effective June 19. Miller replaces **Daria Thomas**, who recently scored a transfer back to Tucson as OM of Journal's cluster there. Miller will make the arduous journey across the state from exotic Lincoln, NE, where he's OM/PD of Triad/Nebraska Broadcasting's four-station cluster.

• New Cox AC **WCTZ** (The New 96.7 The Coast)/Stamford-Norwalk, CT welcomes its first live body: **Chris Kellogg** joins as Asst. PD/morning host. Kellogg is no stranger to the mystical ways of Cox, having formerly worked at sister **KRAV/Tulsa**.

• A man named after a mild or sharp orange cheese is about to tear up **Tulsa**: **Aaron "Cheddar" Tyler** joins **KHTT** as MD/night guy, effective June 12. Tyler used to be MD/night dude at **WVZA** (92.7 Kiss-FM)/Carbondale, IL and was most recently doing weekends at **KSLZ/St. Louis**. Cheddar replaces **Tim Rainey**, now MD/night jock at **WNOU/Indianapolis**.

• **Jason Addams** is the new PD of **WSTO** (Hot 96)/Evansville, IN, filling the vacancy created when Stan "The Man" Priest left in February. (Priest is now programming **WKSS/Hartford**, so who's laughing now?) Addams was last seen at **MacDonald CHR/Pop WHZZ/Lansing, MI**, where he spent five years over two tours of duty and was OM/morning guy until September 2005, when the station flipped to Adult Hits and he left. As Addams arrives, **Hot Asst. PD/MD/afternoon driver Josh Strickland** departs.

Quick Hits

• Speaking of **WKSS** (Kiss 95.7)/Hartford, Asst. PD/MD **Jojo Brooks** is following in the shallow, er, hallowed footsteps of his former boss **Rick Vaughn**, now PD of sister **WIOQ** (Q102)/Philadelphia, as Brooks joins Q102 for middays. The shift has been vacant since **Alecia B.** left in April. Vaughn said, "Jojo's first or-

der of business is to change that weak-ass name, get caught up on his AFTRA dues and then find a place to live."

• **The Kidd Kraddick** in the *Morning* steamroller of love makes a pit stop in its 48th market, sunny Tucson, where it will debut on **KZPT** (Z104.1) on June 12.

• We reported the news back in April, but it finally happened, giving us another excuse to drink: **Fred Toucher** and **Rich Shertenlieb** have officially dropped anchor in afternoons at **CBS Radio Alternative WBCN/Boston**, joined by their old pal and sidekick **Crash Clark**. All three used to do mornings together at **WNNX** (99X)/Atlanta. Like a fat guy sitting on a bench, their arrival pushes 'BCN afternoon guy **Hardy** to nights and night dude **Mark Hamilton** to late-nights. In other triumphant 'BCN news, 10-year station vet **Juanita** scores the upgrade from part-time to full-time as overnight jock.

• **WNNX** (99X)/Atlanta Director/Marketing & Promotion **Shawnessy Renegar** looks both ways, then hurries across busy Peachtree Road to become Promotions Director at **Lincoln Financial** (that still sounds weird) **CHR/Pop WSTR** (Star 94). The lovely Ms. Renegar will at least partly fill the void created when longtime Star Asst. PD/Promotions Director **JR Ammons** left to program **KMXV/Kansas City**.

• We know about two prime openings at **KWIE** (Wild 96.1)/Riverside: Midday personality **Vanya** and night jock **Noah Ayala** have both exited, leaving PD **Chris Loos** to dive headfirst into the giant box of crappy tapes behind his desk.

• **WJKK** (Mix 98.7)/Jackson, MS welcomes back two of its alumni to form the new *Morning Mix with Brock & EJ*. **Owen** did mornings at Mix from 1999-2002, while **EJ** did mornings on **CHR/Pop** clustermate **WYOY** (Y101) and voicetracked middays on Mix from 2001-2003. **Todd Carter** — no relation to **ST's Kevin** — segues to middays, replacing **Nikki Brown**, who retires to historic **Natchez, MS** with her husband.

Formats You'll Flip Over

• **Cumulus Urban WZBN** (Blazin' 102.1)/Albany, GA has gone buh-bye in favor of a simulcast with **Urban AC** clustermate **WQVE** (V105.5). **Roshon Vance** remains PD.

• On July 1, **KWSZ/Santa Maria, CA**, under new owners

Emerald Wave Media, will flip from **Adult Hits** to **Spanish Contemporary** as "Concierto 105.1 FM." Former **KPSL/Bakersfield PD Javier Casanova** will program.

News/Talk Topics

• **Charles Gibson** (pictured), the new anchor of **ABC World News Tonight**, has added a daily radio component to his to-do list: **Gibson** and **Cheri Preston** are now co-anchoring the weekday 5pm ET newscast on the **ABC Information Radio Network**. **Gibson** follows in the footsteps of his late predecessor, **Peter Jennings**, who also anchored a daily radio newscast for many years while serving as **WNT** anchor.



Face for radio and TV.

• **Jeff Hillery**, outgoing PD of **Cumulus News/Talker KLIF/Dallas**, is headed for **Fox News Radio** as Senior Producer of **Brian and the Judge**, featuring **Brian Kilmeade** and **Judge Andrew Napolitano**.

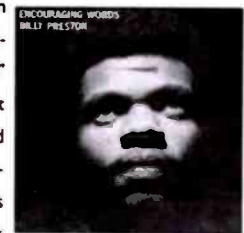
• Phoenix vet **Michael Anthony** is named News Director at **Bonneville's News/Talk KTAR** following six years doing the same thing across the street at **Clear Channel rival KFYI**.

• **Clear Channel Talk KFBK-AM/Sacramento** makes it official and names fill-in talent **Bruce "Dr. Maimes" Maiman** the permanent 7-10pm PT weeknight host, replacing **Mark Williams**, who recently left due to budget considerations.

• Congrats to **WQAI/San Antonio** morning news anchor **Bob Guthrie**, who marks an amazing milestone as he celebrates 50 years on the air at the **Clear Channel News/Talker** this week. **Guthrie** joined **WQAI** in 1956 while still on active Army duty at nearby **Fort Sam Houston**.

Condolences

• Songwriter/keyboardist **Billy Preston**, famous for his work with **The Beatles**, died June 5 in **Scottsdale, AZ** due to complications from hypertension. He was 59 and had been in a coma since November 2005. In the '60s, **Preston** was the first act signed to **The Beatles' Apple Records**. He played keyboards on "Get Back" and **The Beatles** albums *Let It Be*; *The Beatles*, a.k.a. "The White Album"; and *Abbey Road*, as well as **The Rolling Stones' "Miss You."** **Preston's** own hits include "Nothing From Nothing," "Will It Go Round in Circles" and "You Are So Beautiful," the last of which **Joe Cocker** later turned into his signature song. More recently, **Preston** played on albums by **Neil Diamond** and **The Red Hot Chili Peppers**.



Preston, back in the day.

• We are saddened to report the death of **Steven B. Williams**, 59, best known as half of the **Steven B. & The Hawk** morning team on **KBPI/Denver** in the early '80s. **Williams' body** was found May 22 floating off **Catalina Island** in **Southern California**. An autopsy showed he died from a gunshot wound. No suspects or motives have been revealed.

• **Malcolm Soll**, best known as "Austin of Boston" during his 10-year run on **Oldies WODS/Boston**, passed away June 4 after an extended illness. He was 56. In the mid-'80s, **Soll** worked at **WALK/Nassau-Suffolk, WLIB/New York** and **WSHE/Miami**. **Soll** spent a few years after departing **WODS** doing mornings on **WSRS/Worcester, MA** as "Austin Davis." That stint ended in August 2005. He leaves behind his wife, **Grace**, and three children.

FILMS

BOX OFFICE TOTALS

June 2-4

Title (Distributor)	\$ Weekend	\$ To Date
1 <i>The Break-Up</i> (Universal)	\$39.17	\$39.17
2 <i>X-Men: The Last Stand</i> (Fox)	\$34.01	\$175.34
3 <i>Over The Hedge</i> (Paramount)	\$20.64	\$112.35
4 <i>The Da Vinci Code</i> (Sony)	\$18.61	\$171.96
5 <i>Mission: Impossible 3</i> (Paramount)	\$4.68	\$122.66
6 <i>Poseidon</i> (WB)	\$3.49	\$51.76
7 <i>RV</i> (Sony)	\$3.20	\$61.71
8 <i>See No Evil</i> (Lions Gate)	\$2.04	\$12.40
9 <i>An Inconvenient Truth</i> (Paramount Cl.)	\$1.35	\$1.93
10 <i>Just My Luck</i> (Fox)	\$0.85	\$15.60

All figures in millions *First week in release
Source: Nielsen EDI

COMING ATTRACTIONS: This week's openers include **A Prairie Home Companion**, a fictional look at the last broadcast of the **National Public Radio** show of the same name. The film's **New Line** soundtrack features mostly original music written and performed by show host **Garrison Keillor** and his **Shoe Band**, as well as vocal performances from fellow cast members **Meryl Streep**, **Lily Tomlin**, **John C. Reilly**, **Lindsay Lohan** and **Woody Harrelson**.

Also opening this week is the animated **Cars**, whose **Disney** soundtrack sports **Brad Paisley's** "Behind the Clouds" and "Find Yourself," **Sheryl Crow's** "Real Gone," **Rascal Flatts'** cover of "Life Is a Highway," renditions of "Route 66" by **John Mayer** and **Chuck Berry**, and more.

— Julie Gidlow

TELEVISION

TOP 10 SHOWS

Total Audience
(110.2 million households)

May 29-June 4
Adults 18-49

1 <i>Deal Or No Deal</i> (Monday)	1 <i>So You Think You Can Dance</i> (Thursday)
2 <i>CSI</i>	2 <i>Deal Or No Deal</i> (Monday)
3 <i>Without A Trace</i>	3 <i>CSI</i>
4 <i>CSI: Miami</i>	4 <i>Last Comic Standing 4</i>
5 <i>NCIS</i>	5 <i>CSI: Miami</i>
6 <i>Two And A Half Men</i>	(tie) <i>So You Think You Can Dance</i> (Wednesday)
7 <i>Deal Or No Deal</i> (Wednesday)	7 <i>The Apprentice 5</i>
8 <i>Criminal Minds</i>	(tie) <i>Deal Or No Deal</i> (Wed.)
9 <i>So You Think You Can Dance</i> (Thursday)	9 <i>NBA Playoffs</i> (Monday)
10 <i>CSI: NY</i>	(Detroit at Miami)
	(tie) <i>Two And A Half Men</i>
	(tie) <i>Without A Trace</i>