

Condolences

■ We are saddened to report the Nov. 27 passing of **Jim Steel**, most recently director of operations for Clear Channel in Omaha and Lincoln, Neb. Steel, 45, had been battling amyotrophic lateral sclerosis, also known as Lou Gehrig's disease, since 2002. That same year, Steel, whose real name was **Jim Lyle**, formed the nonprofit organization Get in the Game, which raised money for the ALS chapter in Lincoln by auctioning autographed music-industry memorabilia.

■ Seattle radio legend **Larry Nelson** died Nov. 29 after a battle with lung cancer. He was 70. For 30 years, Nelson hosted the KOMO "Breakfast Table" until his retirement in 1997. As a fitting part of Nelson's radio legacy, his son **Jeff** does mornings at **KQAK/Bend, Ore.** A tribute Web site has been set up at larrynelson.com.

IDJ Holiday Shrinkage Fest '07

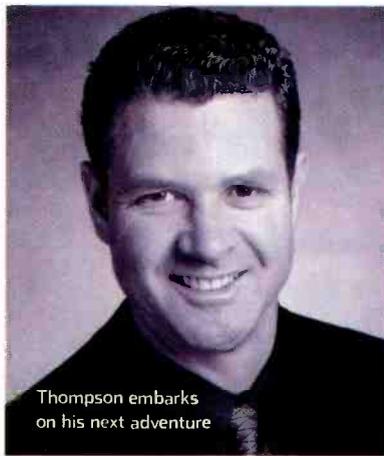
In a surprising piece of news, Island Def Jam executive VP of promotion **Greg Thompson** and Chicago-based national director of pop promotion **Gary Triozzi** have left the company. No replacements have been named.

Thompson joined IDJ in March 2005 as executive VP of sales and marketing and moved over to head up the promotion department in May '05 when **Ken Lane** left the company after six years. Thompson is best-known for his 11-year stint at Elektra Records, the first five as senior VP of promotion, the last six as GM—a position that evaporated during the Elektra/Atlantic merger. He began his career at Chrysalis Records in 1985 and worked his way up to VP of top 40 promotion. In 1991, he was named senior VP of promotion at SBK Records. The following year, he moved

to EMI as VP of promotion, where he stayed until his move to Elektra. Hit up Thompson at gregthompson529@gmail.com. Triozzi can be reached at 847-910-2697 or ozzgt@comcast.net.

Meanwhile, down the hall, more casualties: Exiting are A&R staffers **Paul Pontius** and **Rob Stevenson**, along with the staff of imprint Stolen Transmission, which was co-founded by Stevenson and blogger **Sarah Lewitinn**, who says she plans to continue running Stolen Transmission as an indie.

Separately, as part of the Roadrunner-Lava smooching-together, **Edie Lundeen** exits as West Coast promotion director for Roadrunner. Ms. Lundeen previously worked at Atlantic, Virgin, Lava and Capitol. She can be reached at 323-445-2007 or recordchick@aol.com.



Thompson embarks on his next adventure

CC's Restructuring Sleigh Ride Off The Cliff

Clear Channel/Los Angeles felt its own dramatic downsizing effects: **Kim Amidon** exits AC **KOST/Los Angeles**, where she had been co-host of "The Mark & Kim Morning Show" for the past 22 years. Also out is KOST marketing director **Julie Kertes**, who was R&R's AC/hot AC editor for almost two years before heading to KOST in early 2006. She's also beloved for her time as APD/MD of **KLLC (Alice@97.3)/San Francisco**. Locate her at 818-970-6673 or jkertes@socal.rr.com. KOST also bid farewell to midday personality **Mike Sakellarides**, who had been with the station since

the day it signed on (Nov. 15, 1982).

And there's more: **Brian Holt**, the morning show producer on hot AC sister **KYSR**, is also among the missing, along with several other promotion, production and administrative folks. **Sean Andre**, who does noon-3 p.m. on urban AC **KHHT (Hot 92 Jamz)**, will leave later this month.

The CC Budget Train of Destiny stops in San Antonio and picks up **KXXM (Mix 96.1)** MD/night jock **Mo Bounce**, as his position is eliminated. "Mo is a great talent and a good guy," PD **Tony Travatto** says. "Anybody needing a star for any

daypart can reach him at 210-621-4859 or radiomobounce@yahoo.com—and he's got MD experience." Mix MD duties will be absorbed by APD/afternoon king **Russell Rush**. Afternoon sidekick **Jojo** will continue in that role and pick up nights.

The Clear Channel Restructuring Tornado de Amore also touched down in Greensboro and picked up **Shannon Litchfield**, promo director for AC **WMAG**, and cluster creative services director **Mark West**, depositing them in front of the unemployment office.

One Spin and your phones will light up like the Whitehouse Christmas tree!

Tony Justice

"Bring Daddy Home"

Co-written and Produced by Randy Boudreaux. (Writer of Allbis & Brokenheartsville.)

In Regular Rotation at:
WIVK/Knoxville

Sneak preview: www.myspace.com/bringdaddyhome
Available at: iTunes and all major download sites
CDX-Christmas Volume 1023
Contact Info: randonrecords@yahoo.com

"An incredible song to remind us the high price our soldiers and their families pay, so that we can be with ours this Christmas."

— Gunner, Air Personality

"Tugging at your heart strings from the very first lines."

— Robby Lynn, PD/WJCS & Host of SUNDAY KIND OF COUNTRY

"This one will Have you in tears."

— Jason Tomlin, Air Personality / WSM AM

"Hadn't seen a response to a song like this one in a long time!"

— Jim Phillips, PD - WNPC & Host of NASCAR COUNTRY

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