

The industry mourns the death of Atlantic Records VP, Steve Ellis. He succumbed to cancer early Tuesday morning in New York at the age of 41. A 1971 White Bear Lake Mariner (suburban St. Paul) graduate, he began his radio career at the age of 15, working for KSTP-AM. Eventually, he segued to KDWB, working for his lifelong friend, **Dave Hamilton**. In 1981, Dave and Steve moved to New York to put on Doubledays' WAPP. Steve ultimately rose the radio ladder, landing important gigs in New York and L.A. He made the transition to the record industry as a NE regional promotion person for Atlantic Records in 1988. While Atlantic would be Steve's label home for much of his career, he did become a Sr. VP/Promotion for **Mercury Records** in the mid-90s before returning to Atlantic in April 2001 after a brief respite from the industry while he addressed health issues. Steve will always be known for his unbridled compassion for BOTH industries. As ABC/Disney Minneapolis OM Dave Hamilton remembers, "Steve never had a cynical bone in his body. He was continually upbeat in all his dealings." Earlier today, in New York's Central Park, there was an industry gathering to remember Steve. On Monday, at the St. John of the Wilderness Church in White Bear Lake (2175 First St.), there will be another memorial service for his Minnesota friends and family. He'll be cremated and buried with his father. Steve leaves twin daughters, 12 year old Amber and Britney, along with his ex-wife Marianne. In lieu of flowers, a trust fund has been established for his daughters; Make checks payable to: Amber & Britney Ellis Custodial Account, 41 Plymouth Road, Glen Rock, NJ 07452. Professionals like Steve come around only once in awhile. For those of us who knew him, we were truly blessed.

Leann Rimes is on her way to another smash hit with "**Life Goes On.**" It's already doing great at CHR, Hot A/C and A/C simultaneously, with airplay from WLTE, WKQI, KSTZ, KKRD, KKDM, KUDL, KSRZ, KBMX, KFRX, WZEE, WYCO and many more. Believe us, "Life Goes On" after country! **Curb**

Former WYSP/Philadelphia, KLSX/Los Angeles, WRQC/Minneapolis programmer **Andy Bloom** has rejoined **Jacobs Media** as a consultant for Active Rock and Classic Rock, based in Minneapolis. Prior to Jacobs, he has been serving as GM of **Emmis**' "Radio 10" and "Mega 98.3" in Buenos Aires.

Congratulations and best wishes to WKFR/Kalamazoo, MI PD **Woody Houston** and his fiancée **Amy Miskowski**, who'll tie the knot this weekend.

WZTA (22x), KXXR (18x), WDRK (25x), WHMH (14x), KQRC (11x), KUPD (15x) MAD AT GRAVITY walk away

Hubbard Broadcasting has announced that lan Punnett's show will be heard on the new "FM 107" WFMP-FM/Twin Cities exclusively, effective September 16. Upon the new Twin Cities move-in signal's sign on in June, Punnett was being simulcast on both AM 1500 KSTP/Twin Cities and the new "female-friendly talk" FM 107 signal. It had been noted that by the end of the summer, a decision would be made regarding which signal Punnett would be heard on regularly. In a notice to his listeners, Punnett stated, "As a radio station, FM 107 has developed a style similar to my show —more conversational and less confrontational —while focusing on real life issues that appeal to many talk listeners. This makes my show a natural fit for this growing audience." He also acknowledged that getting in on the "ground floor" for a new franchise like FM 107 is too tempting to resist. And now, the question is: What will KSTP AM do with the vacant 8am to 11am slot?

Des Moines Phase 1 Trend: Full service WHO takes the market, but look at the nice gains for CHR KKDM! WHO-AM 11.5-11.2, KKDM 9.7-10.9, KGGO 7.1-7.9, KJJY 5.4-6.2, KAZR 6.6-5.9, KSTZ 5.6-5.9, KHKI 4.8-4.7, KRNT 4.1-4.0, KVJZ 4.2-4.0, KRKQ 4.2-3.4, KMXD 3.7-3.2, KCCQ 2.2-2.3, KZZQ 1.5-2.3, KJJC 1.2-1.0. Summer Trends found in this TATTLER are 12+ persons, 6A-12P, M-Su, 6A-mid, Spring 2002-May/June/July comparisons. Copyright © 2002, The Arbitron Company. These results may not be used without permission from Arbitron.

Hoobastank had a pretty good week with big spin-creases on "Running Away." Check out the airplay on these regional calls: KMXV (42x-47x), WSNX (12x-15x), KLZR (20x-26x), WKSZ (17x-27x), KJCK (32x-37x) and KKCK (30x-40x) to name just a few! (Need we say more about this run-away pop/rock hit?) **Island-Def Jam**

Clear Channel CHR "Y-100" WHYI/Miami morning show stunt-boy "Nudge" recently got some attention after noting that actor Jason Priestley's career was elevated after his recent race-car crash. Nudge decided to attempt to further his own career on the air, by driving his worn out Chevy (which he calls "Junker 96", a jab at competitor Power 96) into a wall at Hialeah Speedway. Nudge was fine after the wreck, and The TATTLER thinks his career didn't need much help anyway! After part-time stints in his native Philadelphia at Q-102, Nudge proceeded to Minnesota for nights at CHR "Kiss 96" KKSR/St. Cloud as Kevin Fox, as well as part-time duties at powerhouse CHR KDWB/Minneapolis as Kevin Seville. In April 2002, he relocated to sunny Miami with Y-100.

Cindy Barton is the host of WLTE/Minneapolis' successful "Saturday Night At The '70s" specialty program (as well as the WLTE morning show co-host). She offers a syndicated version of the '70s program, called "The '70s With Cindy Barton." It is quickly gaining affiliates, as its most recent sign-ons include Classic Hits KARZ/Marshall, MN and Adult CHR KDOG/Mankato. To learn more about this show, contact Cindy at (612) 339-1029, ext. 3406.

Westlife has sold over 15 million records worldwide! That's no small feat, considering their major success has been outside of the United States. That is quickly changing, however, as "World Of Our Own" is making them a household name stateside with listeners of KCHZ (24x!), WSNX (26x!), WYCO, WKQI, KSLZ, KFMD, WIAL (25x!), WWAX and more. Just added at KJCK! **RCA**



Martin Zellar and the Hardways are arriving at AAA this week! Writing heartfelt songs with memorable lyrics, you'll want to be sure an audition the first national single "Scattered" from the new album of the same title for your audience! Speaking of audience, the band kicks off a muchanticipated national tour tonight (9/6) in Omaha, NE at The Music Box! Owen Lee Recordings

Rumor #1: Is former KDOG/Mankato APD **Dan Edwards** getting ready to make a move? (Will there be expensive *champagne* involved?)

Arbitron has begun the election process for the 2003 Radio Advisory Council. The following formats are up for election: AC - Continuous markets only, AOR – Non-continuous markets only Black/Urban - All Markets, Country – Non-continuous markets only, News/Talk – Non-continuous markets only. Station GMs or higher who are interested in election for a three-year term should complete the form sent by Arbitron by September20.

The Conclave Learning Conference announces the return of TalenTrak, an intense one-day seminar for radio personalities. After a five-year hiatus, TalenTrak will be held in Chicago on Saturday, October 19, 2002 at the Hyatt Regency Oak Brook Hotel. The agenda for this seminar is designed to give each registrant the skills necessary to be a more compelling air personality. Sure to be a highlight of the day will be a keynote presentation by Chicago radio legend, **John "Records" Landecker**. He will be joined on the TalenTrak faculty by a group of well-respected Chicago area Program Directors. TalenTrak will start at 9 AM with a session titled, "Keeping it Real: Life Experience as Show Prep", featuring air talent coach, educator and President of True Talent, Karen Young. Ms. Young will show how life experiences are a personality's own secret weapon. This interactive session will help air personalities learn to effectively integrate their personal experiences into their shows. At 10:15 AM, Elroy Smith, Program Director for Chicago powerhouse WGCI FM & WVAZ FM, will present the "Habits of Effective Personalities." Mr. Smith will discuss how some of the great personalities he has worked with such as Tom Joyner, Doug Banks, and Steve Harvey have gone on to gain national and international acclaim and the keys to their success. At 10:45 AM, Mary Ellen Kachinske, PD, WTMX FM/Chicago, Tim Richards, PD, WKQX FM/Chicago, and Joe Limardi, PD, WZOK FM/ Rockford, will join Elroy Smith and moderator, Karen Young for the session, "You and Your Audience: Connect the Dots." Audiences and program directors both complain that personalities sometimes seem disconnected from the listeners. This session is designed to give registrants the skills necessary to learn about and connect with their audience. At 11:30 AM, The entire faculty will take part in "Panel Discussion: Making Yourself an MVP!" The session will present tips, tricks, stories, and question and answers designed to help registrants enhance their value to the radio station. This session is designed for entry-level personalities and seasoned veterans alike. At 12:30 PM, TalenTrak lunch will be served with a keynote presentation provided by John Records

Landecker. As the night jock for legendary Top 40 powerhouse, WLS AM, Landecker has entertained millions and has been an influence on many of the personalities that have come out of the Midwest over the last several decades. Currently the morning personality at oldies WJMK FM in Chicago, Landecker will be a tremendous inspiration to all those that attend TalenTrak. Beginning at 2PM, the entire faculty (and faculty guests) will participate in an Aircheck Clinic, as registrants will be able to receive one-on-one counseling and critiques of their shows. At 5 PM, TalenTrak registrants are invited to kick back and finish the day with good-byes and a final chance to network at a Cocktail Party to be held at the Hyatt Regency Oak Brook. The cost for this career "must-attend" event is only \$49 per person from now through September 18, 2002. From September 19 through October 11, 2002, the tuition cost will be \$59 per person. From October 12 through the event on October 19, the cost will still be an unbelievable \$69. Group rates are available for a limited time as well! From now through September 18, the cost for two or more people from the same station/group is only \$39 per person. From September 19 through October 11, the group rate is only \$49 per person. There will be no group rate offered after October 11, 2002. The Hyatt Regency Oak Brook is offering registrants a special \$86 per night room rate (normally \$140-\$160 per night). Registrants can reserve rooms by calling the hotel directly at 630-573-1234 and asking for the Conclave rate. The address for TalenTrak and the Hyatt Regency Hotel is: 1909 Spring Road, Oak Brook, Illinois 60523. There is a limited supply of \$86 rooms and they'll be available on a first-come, first-served basis. For TalenTrak registration and information, call the Conclave office at 952-927-4487 or visit www.theconclave.com for more details. Please note that the faculty is subject to change without notice.

WKSZ/Green Bay pulled a great stunt to introduce their new morning guy, and former WXSS/Milwaukee talent, **Jack Taylor** this past week by putting him on the streets to pass out thousands of dollars in cold, hard cash! The catch was he didn't tell anybody who he was...until after getting press from several television and radio stations in the market, that is! Taylor finally announced his identity on WLUK-TV (Fox 11)'s "Good Day Wisconsin" morning, with a live feed on 95.9 KISS FM as well! (Well done guys!)

Wichita Phase 1 Trend: It's KFDI in the lead, and a slight slip for KDGS after a monster Summer book. KFDI 11.2-11.1, KDGS 9.5-8.1, KEYN 6.1-7.4, KKRD 7.3-6.8, KRBB 5.3-5.8, KZSN 5.5-5.7, KFTI 4.5-5.5, KFXJ 5.5-5.4, KRZZ 5.3-5.1, KICT 4.8-4.8, KFBZ 4.7-4.6, KNSS 4.5-4.0, KFH A-F 3.4-3.4, KYQQ 3.1-3.4, KTLI 3.0-2.5, KMXW 0.9-1.5, KQAM 1.6-1.5, KSJM 0.6-1.1.

Was that "Pop Fly" by Kory and the Fireflies airing on KS-95 last Sunday morning during Bill DeVille's "Sunday Best" specialty program? Why not, with the baseball strike settled and the playoffs coming fast! Check out this baseball anthem and place your bets on the Twins now! Stockinrock



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"World Of Our Own"



Exploding at CHR with KCHZ (24x), WSNX (26x), KKRD (17x), WIOG (11x), KFMD (7x), KSLZ (7x), WYCO (20x), WZOK (23x). Over 15 million albums sold worldwide! $\stackrel{\frown}{RCA}$

Active Rock/Alternative Secret Weapon: Skywind! The best of the Minneapolis-based rockers have already impressed radio audiences nationwide during their recent (106) day North American trek! Now get ready for "Lamahj", the first standout rock radio track from the band's debut full-length CD "O2" which will ship in the next two weeks! (Can't wait for a good thing? Contact us at skywind@main-st.net for an EPK and full-length today and find out what Rick Rubin already knows!) Atomic K

Former WSOC/Charlotte afternoon talent **Rick Hummer** returned to his hometown of South Bend, IN for mornings at Country WBYT this week (9/4) joining **Lisa Kotsty** as co-host, replacing **Tom Scott**, who left for afternoons at cross-town Christian WHPZ. Meanwhile, WBYT PD **Tom Oakes** takes on interim PD duties at sister-rocker WAOR, replacing **Dave Ryerson** who will stay on and concentrate on his morning show.

WLRX/South Bend will soon be waving the WAMG flag to match its "New Magic 95.7 – Today's Hits and Yesterday's Favorites...without the Rap!" moniker which hit the Indiana air-waves last Friday (8/30). Here's the new lineup: Mornings - (PD) Mark Durocher & Patti Banner, Mid-days - Tommie Lee, Afternoons - Ericka Jaye, Nights - Keith Maddox, Overnights - Dan Allen and weekends - Jen Andersen.

According to reports from this week's *Chicago Sun-Times*, a shuffle at Sports WSCR-A/Chicago has mid-day talent **Mike North** moving to the afternoon co-host slot alongside **Doug Buffone** as "The Wise Guys," with **Dan Jiggets** moving to evenings, solo. Morning team **Mike Murphy** and **Fred Huebner** get two extra hours as they go 5:30-10a, while **Terry Boers** and **Dan Bernstein** move up to 10a-2p and **Jonathon Hood** slides an hour later to 9p-1a.

Norah Jones' "Don't Know Why" is a solid hit across multiple formats. If you're still not convinced, check the sales story and the request story. Everywhere it is played (including KMXV, KEZK, WMYX, KALC, KSTP, KTCZ, KLZR, WIOG, KBCO, WRVW, KAMX, KSRZ and now KSTZ!) this song is lighting up phones with requests and artist inquiries. Don't pass up this great song! Blue Note

The forthcoming album by **Feel** is a pop-rock masterpiece. It sounds like there are several singles ready to dominate the AAA and alternative airwaves... before they cross over to multiple contemporary formats! Check out the debut song "**Won't Stand In Your Way**" to get a, um, *FEEL* for this band's material! It's already on the air at Drive 105/Minneapolis, WMMM/Madison, 106.9 The City/Omaha and Lightning 100/Nashville, in addition to receiving specialty airplay at WXRT/Chicago. **Curb**

Our sincere condolences to family and friends of Country WQXT and Oldies-Talk WKVX-A/Wooster, OH Sports Dir., **Galen Swartzentruber**, who passed away Wednesday (9/4) of pancreatic cancer at 53. Swartzentruber, who called the College of Wooster and high school sports for the station, joined Wooster Radio in 1981.

Mad At Gravity maintain their status at active rock and alternative with many biggies supporting this breakout act. KXXR, KQRC, WTPT, KUPD, WJJO, KDRK, WHMH, and WZTA are all committed with serious airplay already. Don't "Walk Away" from the melodic standout rock song of the season! ARTISTdirect



The **RIAA** suffered a third hacking attack on their web-site last week, just prior to the Labor Day Weekend, when a hacked version of the web-site containing; an "apology" for shutting down Chinese swapping site **Listen4ever.com**, a bunch of **Linkin Park** tracks for downloading and linked to a "spyware-free" version of file swapping software **Kazaa** were substituted for the regular web-site. The site was down for a while but is now back in its real form.

St. Louis morning vet **J.C. Corcoran** is scheduled to return to action in "The Lou" as the new morning man at AC KIHT, effective September 16th. He will be reunited with his old partner **John Ulett** from sister Rocker KSHE where the pair worked together in the past. J.C. will also be joined by **ABC** affiliate KTVI (TV) reporter **Margie Ellisor** and weatherman **Dave Murray**, who were most recently at cross-town **Clear Channel** Oldies outlet KLOU. Meanwhile, KIHT's syndicated **Steve** & **DC** are expected to move down the dial to sister 80's-90's WMLL.

Flipp is a longtime fixture on the Midwest rock circuit, and their debut album with **Artemis** has yielded the hit single "**Freak.**" Check out this up-tempo party rock song, and hear what all the excitement is about. It's currently playing on KRRO, KXXR, WHMH, WDRK, WKLQ, WRIF and many more nationally!

KMXV/Kansas City OM/PD **Jon Zellner** reports that his team won The Mix 93.3 All-Star Softball Game against the **Dave Matthews Band** this past weekend by a score of 32-16! Helping out on the MIX 93.3 team were a few ringers, including: Olympic Gold Medallist **Christy Ambrosie**, KC Chiefs' **Don Willis**, former KC Royals **Kevin Seitzer** and **Pete LaCock**. The event raised over \$7,500 for Shawnee Police & Fireman's Fund. A miffed Dave reportedly commented during the post game interview, saying; "If I'd been playing just those DJs, I'd have kicked their asses."

Changes. Ron Stryker is onsite at Hicks Broadcasting active rocker WRBR/South Bend, IN as its new PD. Ron has most recently held a position as Production Director for Sandusky active rocker KUPD/ Phoenix...Country WCOL/Columbus PD John Boy Crenshaw has announced that long time WCOL personality and former morning star Woody Johnson will return to wake-ups at the station beginning September 16th, replacing the recently departed Steve Harmon. Woody will be working with WCOL morning co-hosts Dan E. Zuko and Sara Nichols...WCLQ/Wausau, WI MD Scott Michaels leaves for the interim PD/morning duties at WQCK/Baton Rouge, effective Monday (9/9)...according to reports from Michiguide.com, Classic Country WSDS-A/ Ypsilanti, MI has flipped to Talk using Michigan Talk Radio Network. The music can still be heard weekends and on an Internet-only stream...Saga's Sports KXTK-A/Des Moines ends its LMA to the lowa Cubs and flips to Religion as KPSZ-A...Entercom's Classic Rocker KQMT/Denver welcomes former Clear Channel AC KBIG/Los Angeles night jock **Archer** to the station for mornings and **Ace Young** for News Dir. duties...Midwest Family Radio Hot AC WYVR/Springfield, IL PD/ morning man Rocky adds MD duties for sister-rocker WQLZ...WLUM/ Milwaukee picks up former WBSX/Wilkes-Barre night jock Traci Curtis for nights, meanwhile afternoon talent Kenny Neumann adds MD stripes and Bill Jurek is named Programming Asst.

Martin Zellar & the Hardways "Scattered"



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Madison Phase 1 Trend: Clear Channel's Heritage CHR Z-104 is on top again! WZEE 8.8-8.3, WWQM 6.8-7.3, WOLX 7.6-7.1, WMGN 6.9-6.6, WJJO 6.1-5.6, WIBA-AM 4.9-5.3, WMMM 4.6-5.1, WBZU 4.6-4.9, WIBA-FM 4.9-4.9, WTUX 3.2-3.2, WMAD 2.9-2.9, WCJZ 2.9-2.7, WTSO 1.9-2.4, WTDA/WTDY 1.9-1.9, WDMP A-F 1.2-1.5, WKPO 1.5-1.5, WSJY 0.8-1.4, WIBU 1.0-1.0.

Bon Jovi is back with a new pop-rock single called "**Everyday.**" Mainstream Rock, CHR, and Hot A/C are all over it, with quality airplay reported at WZPL, KAMX, KMXV, WIXX, KKDM, WZOK, KWOA, KYYY and plenty more! **Island-Def Jam**

Changes too. WZEE/Madison has officially tapped Nick Ring as Exec. Producer for the Connie & Fish morning show...Midwest Communication's Top 40 WIFC/Wausau, WI and APD/MD Tony Brueski have parted ways. Night guy Belky moves to afternoons temporarily until new PD Chris Pickett arrives in the next few weeks from KFMD/ Denver, CO...at Woodward Broadcasting in Fairmont, MN, longtime KFMC PD Mark Seger has exited the station while KFMC MD Dan Brookens is upped to PD, and sister country KSUM PD Pat Murphy has been elevated to Operation Manager for the combo...Minnesota radio veteran Dave Lee will join Duluth's Red Rock Broadcasting cluster as an account executive effective September 16. Dave has worked in promotions and sales for WRQC/Minneapolis, WB-23 (TV) and ABC Radio, as well as on air stints in St. Cloud at classic rock KLZZ "The Power Loon", and SCSU's non-comm KVSC...Veteran affiliate relations executive Erle Younker has joined Waitt Radio Networks as VP of Affiliate Relations...Country WQHK/Ft. Wayne, IN has filled their open night slot, recently vacated by Jay Michaels, with Jones Radio's Lia, beginning last night (9/5)...Alternative WXTW/Ft. Wayne has upped part-timer Jason Lee to middays/Promotions Asst...Salem's WZFS/Chicago welcomes Maura Myles to mornings beginning Monday (9/9). Maura comes with 10 years experience with Saga Communications in Champaign, IL and Shadow Metro Networks in Chicago. She replaces Stacey Austin who is currently pursuing other potential opportunities in Christian Radio.

Honeymoon Suite is a name you likely haven't heard in a while. You will, though, once "**The Way I Do**" takes off at national radio. It's already a hit in their native Canada, and the band (with original vocalist **Johnnie Dee**) is proving they are anything <u>but</u> gone and forgotten! **Wildfire**



Availz. Longtime KCLD/St. Cloud midday jock **Dave Kelly** has announced he will exit the CHR outlet within a couple weeks. He is planning to live in the Twin Cities area and is looking for part-time radio opportunities. Reach out to Dave at (320) 333-6464...former Top 40 WNDV/South Bend, IN night guy **Jeff Sanders** is still on the hunt for his next gig. Contact Jeff at jeffsanders@maplenet.net...former "Mix 92.3" KMXW/Wichita PD **J.J. Morgan** is available, due to budget cuts at **Journal**. Reach out to J.J. at (316) 683-2783, or JJM0812@yahoo.com.

Jobs. Waitt Radio Networks needs a Hot AC PD, yesterday! That candidate will also be programming future Mainstream AC formats and do a 3-hour air-shift in new state-of-the-art facilities in Omaha, NE, Get your T&Rs (yesterday) to: Waitt Radio, Attn: Mark Todd, PO Box 5559, Avon, CO. 81620. You can e-mail audio and resumes to mtodd@wrnonline.com...Urban WJNZ-A (1680 JAMZ)/Grand Rapids, MI is currently looking to fill a number of positions at the station. Needed are the following: Prod. Dir., a Morning Show Prod. and an unpaid Mixshow DJ. Submit your T&R's to: WJNZ, Attn: Alli Fox, 3777 44th St. SE, 49520...Midwest's Communications' Duluth properties (AC KDAL & rock KRBR) are seeking a PD for each. Send T&Rs to VP/Programming Jeff McCarthy, Box 23333, Green Bay, WI 54305...Woodward Broadcasting is searching for an experienced individual for middays on KSUM and a voice-tracked shift on powerhouse Hot A/C KFMC/Fairmont. 401K and cafeteria plan available. Send tape or CD and resume to: Operatios Manager, KSUM/KFMC, P.O. Box 491, Fairmonth, MN 56031...WIXX/ Green Bay has a prime PM drive position available for a talented personality who ultimately aspires to be a PD (the last 3 occupants of the post became PD's inside Midwest Communications, and elsewhere!). Send your stuff to PD David Burns, Box 23333, Green Bay, WI 54305...Christian WZFS/Chicago announces on-air opportunities with station in the form of a Morning Show Producer and Weekend Air-Talent. If you are interested in applying for these positions or getting more information as to what the station is looking for, please send all questions and MP3s/CDs/RESs to: The Fish, Attn: Kevin Robinson, 25 Northwest Point Blvd. Suite 400, Elk Grove Village, IL 60007-1200. Or, at krobinson@1067thefish.com...all positions listed in The TATTLER are presented free of charge and represent equal opportunities.



