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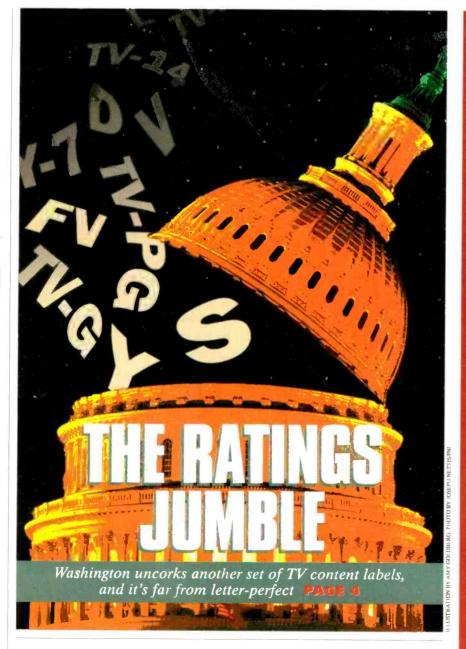
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National TV: Slow

Third-quarter scatter continues to trickle in. Much ir ventory is going to makegoods, driving CPMs up 10-20 percent over upfront. Talks or fourth-quarter scatter have begun.

Net Cable: Slow

Many sales execs are taking time off postupfront. Small amount of third-quarter scatter could give nets a chance to boost CPMs.

Spot TV: Moderate

Some buyers are holding back over perceptions about inflated third-quarter rates, but there is movement in automotive, movies and athletic gear.

Radio: Robust

July has openings due to large top-market cancellations. August and September look healthy. Back-to-school and TV fall skeds are driving spot, with WB, UPN and NBC committed already.

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AT DEADLINE

UPN Tickets Movie Night as Promo Base

At a time when other networks are dumping movie nights, UPN will add one next season. The young network also will try a novel approach: the Thursday sci-fi movie will be thematically linked to the Wednesday-night fantasy adventure programming. "Since the other nets are decreasing their movies, people are knocking on our door," said the net's programming chief, Mike Sullivan. UPN's Wednesday-night lineup of *The Sentinel* and *Star Trek: Voyager* will provide a solid promotional base for the movie, which debuts in second quarter '98, Sullivan said during the Television Critics Association press tour last week in Pasadena, Calif. Other projects in

development at UPN include an Amy Heckerling comedy about men roommates; a Rae Dawn Chong sitcom about sisters; Montel Williams in a family show; *Henceforward*, a futuristic sitcom adapted from Alan Ayckbourn's play; and *Wishful Thinking*, a high-concept show from Columbia TriStar.

Fox Fetes 'Simpsons' With \$10Mil

Fox and marketing partners Pepsi, Subway, and Kaufman and Broad plan a \$10 million push in August behind the launch of the ninth season of the network's Sunday-evening hit, *The Simpsons*. The likenesses of the animated TV family will appear on 15 million 12-packs and bottles of Pepsi and other sodas. A contest through Pepsi packaging gives away a Kaufman and Broad-built home designed to mirror the TV house. Subway features a "Homersize" bargain drink and kids' meals with Simpsons toys. TV, radio and newspaper ads will tout the promotion and the show, which is a ratings high point for Fox and anchors its strongest night of programming.

WB Lures Litvack From Disney

The WB has hired longtime Disney exec John Litvack as senior vp, current programming. Litvack, who was at Walt Disney TV for eight years, will report to Susanne Daniels, who recently was promoted to executive vp. While at Disney, Litvack worked on developing and producing ABC's Home Improvement, Boy Meets World and Smart Guy (on The WB). He also guided development for hourlong shows for first-run syndication and international projects for Buena Vista Int'l. Ltd.

Petersen Revs Up 'Motor Trend'

Petersen Publishing is focusing considerable energy on its successful flagship, *Motor Trend*, hiring Marshall Flemion as the title's first marketing director and expanding the franchise in several

directions. In November, MT will add a regular automotive-oriented travel column, the book's first lifestyle content. And in January Petersen will launch a bimonthly spinoff, $Tnuck\ Trends$, and raise MT's rate base by 150,000, to 1.15 million, making it the highest-circulation car enthusiast book.

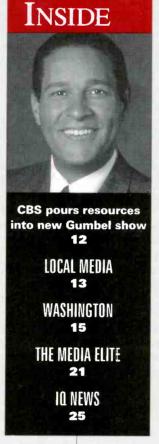
'VF': Brill May Test New Media Mag in Fall

Steven Brill, the founder of Time Warner's *The American Lawyer* magazine and cable network Court TV, may begin testing his new magazine about media, tentatively called *Content*, as early as September, according to the August issue of Condé Nast's *Vanity Fair*. Brill plans to eventually expand the book into a television program,

reports writer Jennet Conant. The six-page piece, titled "Don't Mess with Steve Brill," also slams Ted Turner for opposing Brill's plans to buy back the Brill legal-media company from TW, and it details alleged attempts by TW execs to kill some of Brill's stories unflattering to the corporation. The piece also notes that Brill received \$30 million when he sold his share of the company to TW in February; most press reports had set the figure at \$20 million. The August *Vanity Fair* is hitting newsstands now.

Addenda: Kevin Hale has been named vp/gm of Fox O&O WHBQ-TV in Memphis, moving from vp/gm at KSTW-TV in Seattle, where he had been directing the station's transition from independent to CBS affiliate. Hale replaces Tim Lynch, who left WHBQ in March to become COO for Atlantabased Grapevine Communications...Bob Kreek. former president of Comedy Central, has signed on as chairman of Burly Bear Network, an consortium of college TV stations and cable systems reaching 140 campuses in 40 states. Burly Bear is a unit of Broadway Video, Lorne Michaels' production company...Executives at the Classic Sports Network confirmed late last week that both News Corp. and Disney are interested in buying the cable net, which reaches 12 million homes... The Atlanta Journal-Constitution last week said it will appeal a judge's recent decision in an effort to regain \$800,000 in legal ads lost to a rival paper in suburban Gwinnett County...A source close to Baltimore-based Sinclair Broadcast Group said last

Friday that the company is close to buying Heritage Media Corp., a stazion group with six TV and 25 radio properties in small- and medium-sized markets. The source said that Heritage, bought by News Corp. last month, is one of several station-group buys that Sinckiir hopes to make with a \$500 million warchest that is earmarked for acquisitions.



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K-III's 'New Woman' to Rodale; McQuillen Honored at Service

K-III has sold *New Woman* magazine to Rodale Press, according to sources close to the deal. The price could not be determined. Rodale, publisher of several sports titles, is expected to recast the 2 million–circulation monthly into a more fitness-oriented book. K-III put *New Woman* on the block several months ago.

The sale comes as K-III mourns the death of COO and magazine division chief Harry McQuillen, who committed suicide two weeks ago. Sources in the magazine unit said little sales or acquistion activity is expected in the near future as stunned K-III execs determine the company's course. "Nothing's happening right now," said a somber K-III staffer. "The whole corporate office is so sad...they're moving very slowly." K-III CEO William Reilly has assumed McQuillen's title.

Hundreds of mourners turned out last Thursday for a memorial service for McQuillen in New York. K-III execs Reilly and Jack Farnsworth were among the speakers, along with McQuillen's sister and his close friend Regis Philbin, the TV host. McQuillen was remembered as a warm, fair leader whose great loves were his family, the publishing business and Notre Dame football. "Harry was a man who helped everybody but never asked for help himself," said Reilly. —Jeff Gremillion

Helms, Faircloth Go to Bat For Zebulon Lee in D.C.

Sen. Jesse Helms (R-N.C.) has raised the stakes in the case of broadcaster Zebulon Lee and WZLS-FM of Asheville, N.C. (Mediaweek, May 9). Helms and Sen. Lauch Faircloth (R-N.C.) have been quietly trying to get the FCC to review its decision to terminate Lee's WZLS license and turn the broadcast rights over to an ownership consortium that includes Rep. Mel Watt (D-N.C.). Last week, Helms and Faircloth sent a letter to Sen. Conrad Burns (R-Mont.), chairman of the Commerce Subcommittee on Telecommunications. "We need your help in a matter involving what appears to be a flagrant abuse by the FCC in connection with a constituent of ours," the letter began. "We feel strongly that (continued on page 6)

A Summer of

NBC, politicians, buyers question new ratings' value

WASHINGTON / By Alicia Mundy

s the vice president, members of Congress, the TV industry and three major broadcast networks signed a highly fragile new content-ratings agreement last week, one high-level CBS executive wondered aloud: "Where did NBC get the b---- to say 'No'?"

The answer is Rosalyn Weinman. As NBC's executive vp for broadcast standards and content policy, Weinman was the network's negotiator during rough-and-tumble ratings talks over the past month. Despite threats from Congress, she refused to go along with the new content-based system. With the backing of NBC chief Bob Wright, Weinman "kicked butt," according to a source who participated in the talks.

NBC late last week was joined by the Screen Actors, Writers and Directors guilds in opposing the ratings system, scheduled to take effect on Oct. 1. Several key figures on Capitol Hill are not going along, either, signaling potential pitfalls. Media buyers said the new jumble of ratings labels is unlikely to have much effect on how they buy TV spots. And what some are calling a momentous Hollywood–Washington deal is actually quite tenuous on several fronts.

"We were clear about our position from the start," Weinman said in an interview. While politicians and advocacy groups who backed the agreement attacked NBC late last week, Weinman said: "There have been scare tactics used to wage a war against network TV. These new labels are going too far. Ultimately we're talking here about dictating content. The politicians wanted control of a sexy, hot-button issue, to bring the industry to its knees, to empower special interest groups. This was all about cutting a deal."

A Washington outsider, Weinman said she was unimpressed by the delicate minuet danced by pols and lobbyists. "This was about giving the politicians something. Sometimes it seemed the only question was, 'How much should we trade away,' not whether it was right to trade at all."

While NBC believes the deal goes too far, several D.C. holdouts complained that the agreement does not go far enough. Sen. Kent Conrad (D-N.D.), who godfathered the V-chip law that led to the ratings system, denounced the three-year moratorium on new TV legislation that most other senators support. "We should see whether the networks comply with the ratings system



On the attack: NBC's Weinman believes the new labels go too far. Sen. Conrad (inset) said the networks got off easy.

appropriately, before we give them this [moratorium]," Conrad said at a news conference. He was joined by Sen. Joseph Lieberman (D-Conn.), supporter of legislation that would allow only "family-friendly" shows before 10 p.m.

Sen. Fritz Hollings (D-S.C.) not only refused

UPN Re-Rolls The Diceman

NETWORK TV / By T.L. Stanley

n the pilot of his new fall series for UPN, Hitz, Andrew Dice Clay swaggers across the screen playing a character very similar to Andrew Dice Clay. He insults women, flexes his muscles and launches into the opening line of a raunchy rhyme that Clay made infamous in his stand-up routine years ago.

But change is in store for Clay's character before the adult-targeted show hits the air on Tuesdays at 9 p.m. in September, UPN president Lucie Salhany admitted last week. Under

Dis-Content

to sign the pact but was trying to mobilize other senators to support his "safe harbor" TV bill.

Last week's deal will add the labels S (sexual content), L (adult language), V (violence) and D (dialogue with sexual innuendo) to the existing age-based ratings. The codes would appear longer on the TV screen and in larger letters. In return, Sen. John McCain (R-Ariz.), chairman of the Senate Commerce Committee, and Rep. Ed Markey (D-Mass.), a proponent of detailed ratings, promised networks the moratorium.

A little-noticed proviso of the new ratings could also pose a serious problem, Weinman said. The panel of industry execs who now review whether the nets rate shows appropriately will have an additional five representatives from parent- and child-advocacy groups that negotiated the deal. Those include parent-teacher associations, the American Psychological Association, the American Psychiatric Association and the Center for Media Education. "We're providing a fertile ground here for treading on TV programming," Weinman said.

NBC will continue to use the age-based ratings system introduced in January. Weinman expressed concern about how the new ratings would require labeling two of the net's hit dramas, *Homicide* and *Law & Order*. The series "show the consequences of violent actions," Weinman said. "You indiscriminately block out [viewers from] those shows when you label them."

Mona Mengun, head of Writers Guild East, agreed. "You can't [have] gradation, so an entire series could be labeled out when it actually has

something to teach children or adolescents." The Actors, Writers and Directors guilds issued a statement calling the pact "dangerous to American freedom, values and culture."

The networks' inadequate self-policing inspired Washington to press for the new content-based ratings, according to children's TV advocate Peggy Charren. "The broadcasters brought this on themselves," Charren said. "The industry is so dumb. Remember, the reason they got forced to do three hours of kids TV was because they said *The Jetsons* was a science show."

Media buyers said the new ratings system will not change clients' thinking about which networks and shows will get their commercials. Buyers noted that agencies routinely pre-screen all prime-time network programs.

"We're going to rely on our screening of each of the shows," said Bill Croasdale, president of national broadcast for Western International Media. Croasdale added that the current system has lacked credibility because the networks rate their own shows. "It's like letting the fox guard the henhouse," Croasdale said.

Steve Grubbs, executive vp/director of national broadcast for BBDO, said the new ratings still don't go far enough. "These descriptors are not descriptive enough," Grubbs said. "There are different degrees of sexual innuendo and violence." Grubbs added that rather than using the letters, "we'll continue to prescreen all the shows and then decide whether we'll participate or not depending on our clients' guidelines." —with Richard Katz

heavy questioning about the Diceman's appropriateness for prime time in light of the new content-ratings agreement, Salhany acknowledged that the pilot is a little over the top. "It'll be cut back a bit," Salhany said at the annual TV critics tour in Pasadena, Calif. Clay's character will be reigned in, and a smart, strong female character added to go toe-to-toe with him.

UPN executives said that

the decision to rework the show—not unusual at this stage of development—was made before last week's ratings deal. But the move does come against a backdrop of increased scrutiny



Taking a *Hitz*: Clay's schtick will get some toning down at UPN.

from Washington and parents' groups on content of TV shows.

That scrutiny has been top of mind for the networks, although they maintain they will seek out and schedule the shows they like best and think serve their audiences, regardless of edgy content. Thus, viewers can expect shows like CBS' Brooklyn South (via Steven Bochco), Fox's Millennium and ABC's NYPD Blue to push the content envelope

while shouldering added parental advisories. If other fall pilots are rejiggered, producers and network executives said, it will be for creative reasons, not legislative ones.

Number Crunch: Nielsen Ratings Trigger Turmoil

TELEVISION / By Richard Katz

his time, it's personal. For years, the cable and broadcast sides of the TV business have slammed each other's spin on Nielsen ratings data, but last week the sniping escalated into a war. A glowing analysis by the Cabletelevision Advertising Bureau of recent ratings data showed broadcast-network viewership at an all-time low. CBS uncharacteristically responded last week with an angry six-page rebuttal. Cable's data, CBS charged, is "misleading in their analysis and flawed in their conclusions."

The next day, the cable folks faxed their own salvo in a point-by-point refutation of CBS' accusations, while maintaining that cable's numbers were indeed the truth.

CBS stood its ground. "It was so analytically flawed," David Poltrack, executive vp/planning & research for CBS, said of cable' analysis. "The straw that broke the camel's back was when [Jonathan Sims, vp/research for the CAB] made the statement that the public didn't like our programming anymore."

At issue is a battle of perception: Is cable or broadcast the hot, growing media worthy of increasing ad dollars? Clearly, this whole numbers game is a public-relations attempt by both factions to sway the viewing public and the brand managers who sign off on advertising budgets. Media buyers, for their part, say they are not influenced by the new numbers game because they do their own ratings analysis. But Poltrack and his broadcast colleagues worry that the CAB's strategy may be taking its toll. And publicizing the Big Four networks' 2 million lost viewers to cable in the May sweeps just reinforces the perception "that broadcast networks are collapsing," Poltrack said.

But there may be hope for the broadcasters yet. "Many of the cable channels have been in a neutral or downward mode for two years," said David Marans, a media research director for J. Walter Thompson. Added Bill Croasdale, president/national broadcast for Western Media International: "The [big] cable guys are being hit by small networks the way the broadcast networks are getting hit by cable."

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the FCC unfairly and unconscionably revoked Mr. Lee's license...This action by the FCC is beyond the pale."

Helms and Faircloth want Burns to help them get legislation to allow Lee to run the station on a temporary basis and then grant Lee a permanent license. Sources in Helms' office and on the Senate Commerce Committee said that Helms was unhappy with a recent letter he received from FCC chairman Reed Hundt on the matter and decided to use a more direct strategy. —Alicia Mundy

No FCC Inquiry on Liquor Ads

The FCC last week rejected by a 2-2 vote a proposal to conduct a formal inquiry on hard liquor ads on TV. Outgoing FCC chairman Reed Hundt, who strongly opposes the liquor spots, was supported by commissioner Susan Ness, who like Hundt is a Clinton appointee. They were blocked by two other outgoing commissioners, Democrat James Quello and Republican Rachelle Chong.

The Distilled Spirits Council (DIS-CUS), the Association of National Advertisers, and the American Association of Advertising Agencies all praised the outcome. DISCUS had complained that Hundt's push for an inquiry amounted to trying to censor one kind of alcohol while ignoring beer and wine TV advertising.

Hundt has told the other commissioners that he intends to keep raising the issue in hopes of engendering political support. Ness chided her colleagues publicly for their veto votes, an unusual move. Ness is one of several contenders vying for Hundt's chairman spot. —Alicia Mundy

Meredith to Change News At 2 Florida TV Stations

Meredith Broadcasting, the Des Moines-based TV group, last week made several management moves. Tom Calato, station manager at Meredith's Fox affiliate in Orlando, Fla., WOFL-TV, is also taking on management of WOGX-TV in Ocala-Gainesville. Calato will start up news operations at both stations. Calato is being groomed to replace Norris Riechel, vp/gm of both stations, who is expected to retire within the next year, said Phil Jones, president of the Meredith TV group.

Jones said (continued on page 8)

Times Ticking on Sports Titles

Field said to narrow to five finalists for 'Tennis', other leisure books

MAGAZINES / By Jeff Gremillion

he New York Times Co. is getting closer to selling the sports and leisure magazines it put up for sale four months ago. The process is now in its "second round," and a large field of interested bidders has been narrowed to a handful, Gordon Medenica, senior vp and group publisher of the offered titles, said last week. Medenica, who is making presentations to the finalists, said the buyer could emerge early next month. Analysts have placed the asking price for the group in the \$100 million range.

The Times Co. titles for sale include *Tennis*, *Tennis Buyer's Guide*, *Cruising World*, *Sailing World*, *Snow Country* and *Snow Country Business*, which generated a combined \$44 million in total revenue last year, the company said. The Times is not selling its two other sports and leisure titles, *Golf Digest* and *Golf World*.

A source close to the negotiations said that K-III and Condé Nast are leading contenders among five finalists. A Condé Nast insider said that president Steve Florio has been "aggressively pursuing" the Times books, which would be grouped with CN's forthcoming *Sports for Women* and a newly sports-intensive *Details*.

"We would have a whole other division in one swift move," said the CN source, who added that the current asking price is "too expensive."

Others said to have expressed interest include Rodale Press and Reader's Digest, both of which have acquired small, niche-sports titles in recent months. Des Moines—based Meredith Corp., which has had success with its acquisition *Golf for Women*, is also a potential buyer.

Two companies viewed as highly compatible with the Times properties—Petersen and Times Mirror, both publishers of special-interest sports books—notably are not among the group of final bidders, said the source close to the process.

Medenica would not identify any finalists.

The Times Co.'s final selling price should be buoyed by recent strong advertising-page figures for the titles. *Tennis* (circulation 800,000) was up 27 percent in pages this year through June; *Snow Country* (circ 450,000), whose pages were flat through June, will publish a record 135-page September issue, said publisher Laura McEwan. "We're doing well," said Medenica, who downplayed the '96 results. "We've always had a high regard for these properties. Our story is bigger than just our success in the last few months."

Holding Back on Bohbot

Payment history prompts Sinclair, Tribune to balk at carriage

SYNDICATION / By Michael Freeman

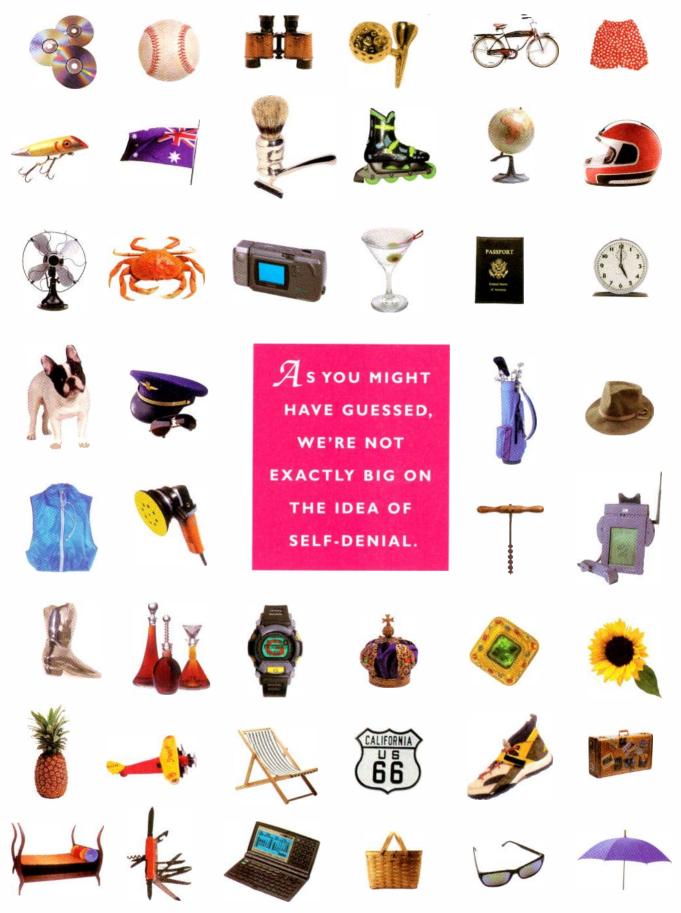
ncertainty looms over whether Bohbot Entertainment's syndicated kids programming will gain carriage on Sinclair Broadcast Group stations for the 1997–98 season, despite Bohbot's recent \$500 million back payment to Sinclair. For the time being, Sinclair has re-inserted Bohbot programming through July and August on nine of its 30 owned-and-operated stations. But executives at Baltimore-based Sinclair are holding back on making any further commitment because of Bohbot's history of delays on promised spot-dollar commitments from toy advertisers.

A Tribune Broadcasting official said that his station group has discontinued clearance negotiations with Bohbot. Tribune's stations are dropping Bohbot's programming in at least five markets by the end of August. To make up for

that loss, Bohbot has sought alternative clearances in Atlanta and other markets.

Company chairman Allen Bohbot asserted that "all of the paperwork is signed, sealed and exchanged" on a Sinclair clearance deal for the coming season. However, Michael Draman, Sinclair vp of sales and marketing, countered that with "no signed letter" from Bohbot, "we have no intention of airing any Bohbot programming next season at this point." Bohbot's shows include *The Mask* and *Sonic the Hedgehog*,

Bohbot added that the Tribune stations' affiliation with The WB network leaves few time periods available for outside-supplied programming such as his. "Basically, we've linked up with Chris-Craft/United and Paramount in the top markets, and we're finding most of our new opportunities with United Paramount Network affiliates," Bohbot said.



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WOGX will create its own local news program at 6 p.m., and WOFL will share its to-be-launched 10 p.m. newscast with WOGX. "There will be a [time] 'donut' in WOFL's 10 o'clock newscast which will accommodate local Ocala-Gainsville news insertions," Jones said.

Also last week, Meredith said that Chris Rohrs will remain vp/gm at the soon-to-be acquired WFSB-TV, a Post-Newsweek CBS affil in Hartford, Conn. Meredith last month agreed to swap its CBS affil in Orlando, WCPX-TV, for WFSB, due to FCC rules barring ownership of two stations in the same market.

At the group level, Chuck Poduska has been appointed controller. Poduska was operations manager at WOGX-TV. And Michelle Stiens takes the new position of director of sales and marketing for the 11-station group, effective July 28. Stiens was general sales manager at Des Moines ABC affil WOI-TV. —Claude Brodesser

Lazar Resigns Top Post At Cable's Rainbow Ad Sales

Kathryn Lazar, president/COO of Rainbow Ad Sales Corp., the sales arm of Cablevision Systems Corp., abruptly resigned late last week, two years after taking the job. Rainbow did not specify the reasons, and Lazar did not return calls. One source that did business with RASCO noted that Lazar had little direct operating control remaining over the five units that comprised RASCO.

Of those divisions, the sports ad sales arm (representing the seven regional SportsChannel services and some \$60-70 million of the \$180 million in annual revenue RASCO generated) recently was moved under the control of Fox Sports Net. WNY1, the New York area interconnect, has been operating without a contract among its operators and could end up under the control of the operator arm of Cablevision Systems. CNI, the cable rep firm, has lost some markets to competitor National Communications. And News 12 and the local ad sales unit of Cablevision do not generate substantial revenue.

Lazar became president/COO after having a consulting role with RASCO. Her duties will be handled by David Kline, who was senior vp/general manager of SportsChannel Ohio. —Michael Bürgi

Goodwill Gestures

Time Warner to add all its muscle to troubled Turner event for '98

TV SPORTS / By Michael Bürgi

urner Broadcasting Systems this week will kick off a yearlong, multimedia push for the 1998 Goodwill Games that will take full advantage of the cross-promotional clout of virtually every division of new TBS parent Time Warner. For the first time in their unprofitable 20-year history, the Goodwill Games will have the backing of a major media partner to attract TV advertising, viewers and attendance.

"By game time [July 1998], over 25 divisions of Time Warner will be involved in one way or another," said Michael Plant, president of the Goodwill Games. On the Time Warner side, the support and promotion will come from "print,

television, entertainment, merchandising, licensing and other areas," Plant said.

The quadrennial Games will be held next summer in New York City, headquarters of Time Warner. This week, two events in Times Square will launch the promo effort: A statue of track star Michael Johnson (who has committed to participate in the Games) will be erected, and a massive "building wrap" billboard will go up around the Marriott Marquis Hotel (GG's official hotel).

The Games have alternated between U.S. and Russian cities since the inaugural event in 1986 in Moscow. The 1998 edition will mark one of the first

major tests of across-the-board synergy for Time Warner since the media giant's acquisition of Turner last year.

By next spring or sooner, Warner Music Group artists will headline concerts tied into the Goodwill Games. Time Inc.'s *Sports Illustrated* will act as the "print anchor" for the 15-sport meet, according to Steve Brunner, GG director of marketing. A Time Warner book publishing unit can be expected to produce a GG highlights coffee-table book after the event.

A representative of SI said that while the magazine has no plans yet for dedicated editorial coverage, it will participate in the advertising sales effort and run some advertorials

leading up to the Games.

The total expense of producing the two-week event is expected to be about \$140 million, of which \$85 million will be Turner's actual cash outlay.

With that kind of tab, the pressure will be greater than ever to turn a profit, something previous Games have never done. The '94 Games in St. Petersburg, Russia, lost \$39 million; '90 in Seattle lost \$44 million; and '86 in Moscow finished \$26 million in the red.

On TV, every Goodwill Games has failed to meet audience guarantees, resulting in extensive makegoods to advertisers. For the '98 Games, TBS Superstation will carry the bulk of cover-

age (45 hours). CBS will carry 10 weekend hours and Time Warner's HBO will cover all the boxing events as part of its *Boxing After Dark* series.

TBS will spend more than \$40 million to promote the Games—\$14 million on print, \$3 million on outdoor and up to \$28 million on TV. Most of the TV money will be recycled into Time Warner units, including all the Turner cable networks and a variety of Warner TV properties, including the WB network.

Sports media buyers are skeptical at this point, considering the bullish ratings guarantees TBS is said to be offering. One

buyer said that Superstation TBS is guaranteeing a 3 universe rating for its live coverage of the Games. "You can promote the hell out of it, and people still won't care," said another major New York buyer. In track and field, "there's the Olympics, and then there's everything else. This is everything else."

That said, ad sales are already moving, according to Jerry Canning, director of sports sponsorships at Turner Broadcasting Sales. Five of an expected total of 12 to 20 advertisers have been lined up, in the office products, domestic auto, film/film processing, timing and consumer electronics categories, said Canning, who would not identify the sponsors.



TBS will feature star Johnson prominently in its media push.

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ABC's Brave New 'World'

With A-list talent for revived Disney series, net is upbeat for Sunday

TV PROGRAMMING / By T.L. Stanley

ike the Disney-fied heroes Pecos Bill and Paul Bunyan, Charles Hirschhorn is faced with one tall order: Relaunch one of television's best-known franchises-the Wonderful World of Dis*ney*—and make it a ratings-grabber against some of network TV's most formidable competition. And he's not kidding himself about his Babe the Blue Ox-sized challenge. "I feel like Michael Jordan's replacement on the Chicago Bulls," said Hirschhorn, who as president of Disney Telefilms is overseeing the World revival that will put a mix of theatrical films and original movies on ABC's Sunday-night schedule this fall. "I'm not going to be Michael Jordan. I have to do something different."

What Hirschhorn plans is 15 features and 16 made-for-TV movies using A-list talent. The roster includes *Toy Story*, which will kick off the franchise in September; *Pocahontas; The Lion*

Coming: Kirsten Dunst and Steve Guttenberg in *Tower of Terror*

King; and The Santa Clause. Disney also is spending millions to produce a slate of new musicals, comedies and thrillers, among them Cinderella, The Love Bug and Oliver Twist. which ABC will use to reposition itself as a family-friendly net.

"It's crucial to the network's success," Paul Schulman, president of media buying firm Paul Schulman Co., said of *World*'s return. "It's not just two hours of the schedule. It's a chance for them to get back the mantle of, 'We are the family network.' They can't spend enough on it."

The Wonderful World of Disney, which will be hosted by Disney chief Michael Eisner, drops into the most-viewed and possibly most competitive night on TV. From 7-9 p.m. Sundays, Fox has attracted a strong audience with its specials, followed by *The Simpsons* and King of the Hill, while CBS usually wins the time period in households with 60 Minutes and Touched by an Angel. All those shows will return this fall, as will The WB's kid-targeted lineup. NBC has done well with its news-

magazine, Dateline, which also keeps its spot.

Against those shows, ABC will pit two-hour original movies that will feature Kirstie Alley (*Toothless*), Melissa Joan Hart (*Sabrina, the Teenage Witch*), Whitney Houston, Bernadette Peters and Whoopi Goldberg (*Cinderella*).

"We tried to get our hands on the best scripts," Hirschhorn said. "They're more ambitious than a typical TV movie, and there's a real

challenge to telling some of these stories for a family audience."

While the current dearth of family-oriented theatricals likely helped lure stars to the project, Hirschhorn said a big hurdle was attracting top-drawer talent from Hollywood's creative community, many of whom were not movie-of-theweek veterans. "We've had to convince people that we're going to make TV movies at theatrical quality," Hirschhorn explained.

From the feature side, Disney will stock World with a number of films making network debuts. Though the move could mean lost revenue in the video and cable arenas, the studio has decided to cherry-pick from its releases for the Sunday-night series.

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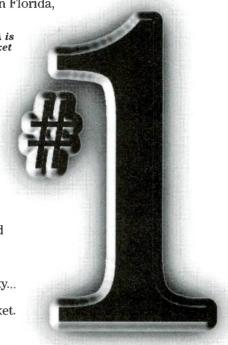
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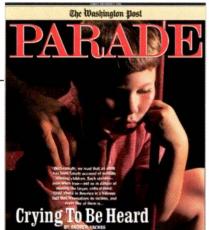
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Gumbel Show Grabs Talent MEDIAVEEK

In quest for young demo, questions arise about the show's vision

NETWORK TV / By Richard Katz

ess than three months before the show's premiere, CBS News is quickly diverting some of its top talent and gobs of money to Bryant Gumbel's new magazine show. The to-be-named program, set to launch Oct. 1, will feature correspondents Bernard Goldberg and Allison Stewart, said sources close to the project. Stewart's presence is designed to attract the Gen X crowd, an audience now largely underserved by CBS News shows.

One CBS News source said that in addition to Gumbel's \$7 million salary, the network is sparing no expense. "If you have a valuable resource at CBS News, such as staffers or computers, it's going to Gumbel," said the source.

However, a second CBS News source noted that Gumbel's show is attracting so much talent that his CBS newsmagazine cousins might suffer. In particular, the source cited Rand Morrison's shift from 48 Hours to become senior producer for Gumbel as a potential problem. Jon Klein, CBS News executive vp, said that 48 Hours' new senior broadcast producer, Jim Murphy, is qualified and up to the task.

The Gumbel show's format will include taped segments and live one-on-one interviews by the host. Experts also will appear to comment on stories, as well as add analysis and perhaps some controversy.

Senior producers at competing networks said that Gumbel's show has generated somefavorable buzz. But some questioned whether the show has an original, discernable vision and if 21/2 months is enough time to assemble it. "Our vision from the beginning is to get out of the way of Bryant Gumbel and let him do what he does best," countered Klein, adding that the alleged time crunch poses no problem for the show.

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PHOENIX/NEWSPAPERS

A War for Readers Heats Up the Valley

• EXPLOSIVE GROWTH IN AND AROUND PHOEnix has helped turn the market's newspaper business on its head this year. As new industry has attracted more residents to Phoenix's eastern Valley, The Arizona Republic-for decades synonymous with metropolitan Phoenix and

statewide coverageis refocusing much of its attention on the booming suburbs. At the same time, the suburban Tribune Newspapers chain-formerly a collection of five town papers-has combined into two large regional editions to combat the Republic's advances on its turf.

The battle between the Republic and the Tribune papers escalated last December when the Republic's afternoon companion, the Phoenix Gazette, folded after years of declining circulation. The shutdown prompted Phoenix Newspapers Inc. (PNI), a unit of Indianapolis-based Central Newspapers, to reorganize the a.m. Republic and expand its distribution. Then in January, Stamford, Conn.based Thomson Newspapers acquired the Tribune chain from Cox Newspapers and made significant investments in staff and presses.

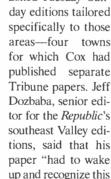
The Republic and the two Tribune papers (which serve different sections of the eastern Valley) have made some strategic detours to accommodate the fast-changing suburban Phoenix landscape. The competitors have even raided each other: Tribune this spring hired away five Republic ad staffers, while the Republic plucked four Tribune reporters.

Over the past few years, expanding hightech firms including Intel and Motorola have

generated new jobs and re-energized the real estate market.

The "Silicon Desert" communities of Mesa, Chandler, Tempe and Gilbert are commanding both papers' attention for readers and advertisers. In March, the Republic launched

zoned Tuesday-Sunday editions tailored specifically to those areas-four towns for which Cox had published separate Tribune papers, Jeff Dozbaba, senior editor for the Republic's southeast Valley editions, said that his paper "had to wake



area." While the Republic formerly served the region primarily with soft feature stories, "now we're giving the area breaking news," Dozbaba said. He noted that Thomson's move to consolidate the Tribune papers offered the Republic "an opportunity to become more personal and localized" for readers in the four communities.

Karen Wittmer, Tribune Newspapers publisher, said the decision to merge the five publications into two was made because research determined that "the former newspapers were just too parochial. Our definition of local now is different than it was." With so many newcomers to the east Valley area, most readers in the region no longer have the need for an individual town newspaper, Wittmer said. "We've repositioned ourselves as a regional newspaper" with special attention to the technology industry, she said. Once per week, "intensely local news" is published in the Tribune papers' Neighbors section.

John Oppedahl, PNI publisher since 1989,

said Thomson's changes at the Tribune papers are not of much concern. "They may see themselves as more competitive in the east Valley area," Oppedahl said of the competition, "but only time will tell." Circulation is growing for both publishers, which are running comparative ad campaigns on billboards, radio and cable.

Marcie Sullivan, controller and a print buyer at Phoenix's Cowen Agency, believes that the Republic still has some work to do in becoming more of a community-oriented newspaper. "I don't think they have convinced a lot of people that they are reaching the Valley any better than before," Sullivan said. "If you have a business in the east Valley, then you hit the Tribune [with advertising] a lot harder than you hit the Republic."

The larger daily's higher rates have kept some potential advertisers away, local media buyers said. The Tribune papers claim that special deals for homebuilders (each 32-inch ad is accompanied by a free advertorial) has helped secure the chain's status. "Our niche is eastern Maricopa County," Wittmer said. "If we do that well, it doesn't matter what they do."—VB

PHOENIX/TV STATIONS

Sorting a 'Train Wreck' **Of Affil, Channel Switches**

• THE PHOENIX TV MARKET IS STILL COMING to grips with a flurry of network affiliation switches and other changes triggered by Fox's 1995 acquisition of New World Communications. Four of the market's five affiliated stations have either switched allegiance or channel position in the past 21/2 years, leaving viewers and buyers confused. Despite flat spot TV spending (see chart on next page), population growth has boosted Phoenix from No. 20 to No. 17 in U.S. TV markets in just two years.

"The market has gone through a complete transition," said Mike Horn, president of Phoe-



Fighting back: Trib's boards defend the papers' suburban turf vs. the Republic.

Local Media

WHERE THE DOLLARS GO IN PHOENIX

Total local ad spending by media (in millions)

	Newspapers	Spot TV	Radio	
1995	198.2	331.8	104.2	000
1996	207.5	334.7	110.9	
% Change	+4.7	+0.9	+6.4	

Source: Competitive Media Reporting, BIA Research

nix-based buying service Results Media Corp. "It was a train wreck."

One example: CBS affiliate KTSP changed its call letters to KSAZ and became a Fox owned-and-operated station as a result of the New World deal. KSAZ had trouble adjusting its late newscast, *Arizona Prime*, to appeal to younger-skewing Fox network viewers.

"Even as a Fox station, KSAZ still had a CBS mindset," said Jenny Michaelson, a buyer at Phoenix-based Cramer-Krasselt. "You can't flow from Fox programming like *Party of Five* into CBS-type, 50-plus newscasts."

Arizona Prime sputtered along, with ratings in the low 5s. Then in April, Laureen Ong took over as vp/general manager of KSAZ and started making some changes. "This station had been asleep for the last three years," Ong said.

The new gm axed Arizona Prime and launched the reformatted Fox 10 News at 9, featuring more breaking news stories and entertainment-oriented pieces with appeal to those Fox prime-time viewers. The new newscast posted a 6.3 rating/9 share in the May sweeps, up 1 point in rating and half a point in share. "They've made some good changes," said buyer Michaelson.

Phoenix also boasts what is believed to be television's briefest local newscast—eight minutes. KPHO-TV, Meredith Broadcasting's CBS affiliate, at 10 p.m. serves up four minutes of news, followed by a two-minute commercial break and then one minute each for weather and sports. Then it's off to Seinfeld at 10:08.

"A good portion of the [KPHO newscast viewers] are there just for *Seinfeld*," said Kim Flagg, a broadcast manager for CSK Auto, a local auto parts chain that buys time on the station. "But [KPHO] has done a good job of putting out a decent enough product that they don't offend [the *Seinfeld* fans]."

Patrick North, vp and general manager of KPHO, noted that the newscast placed second in household ratings in the May sweeps behind KPNX, the Gannett Co.-owned NBC affiliate and news leader. In the 10–10:15 p.m. period, KPHO's turbo-charged news report and the opening minutes of *Seinfeld* win among adults 18-49 and 25-54.

KPHO is able to charge a 10–20 percent premium for spots on the 10 p.m. news, Horn said. "I have one client [a radio station] that wanted to be in it every night," he said. —*CB*

SAN FRANCISCO/NEWSPAPERS

'Chronicle' Reaches Out For Suburban Circulation

• THE SAN FRANCISCO CHRONICLE NEXT MONTH will introduce additional local news columns, three suburban zoned editions and a partial redesign. The paper has promoted four senior editors to new assistant managing editor positions to coordinate the changes.

Jerry Roberts, *Chronicle* managing editor, said the paper hopes to boost its current "fair" circulation numbers on the Peninsula south of San Francisco and in Contra Costa and Alameda counties in the East Bay. With the zoned editions for those areas, "we're trying to expand our suburban coverage to boost single-copy and subscription sales," Roberts said.

In the Metro section, the *Chronicle* will add eight to 10 columns daily of local news.

As for the new AMEs, *Chronicle* sports editor John Curley has moved to the paper's news desk, where he will be responsible for editing and production; Pamela Reasner will oversee graphics; Linda Strean will handle all staff-produced local copy in the Metro section;

and Liz Lufkin, formerly the arts and entertainment editor, will handle features. —VB

HARRISBURG, PA./TV STATIONS CBS Affiliate Turns Off Four Daily Newscasts

• FIREWORKS WENT OFF A BIT AHEAD OF INDEpendence Day at WHP-TV in Harrisburg, Pa. Just before July 4th, the Clear Channel Communications station eliminated four daily newscasts and dismissed 15 of its 45 news staffers. The station's ailing 6 and 7 a.m., noon and 5 p.m. newscasts—which had won critical praise but never surpassed a 2 rating in any demographic—are history.

"We've not had a successful news product since 1981," said John Feeser III, vp/general manager of WHP. The decision, Feeser said, "is not a reduced commitment to news. It's a move to consolidate our forces" and focus on the 6 and 11 p.m. news reports and the 10 p.m. news that the station produces for WLYH-TV via a local marketing agreement.

The Harrisburg-Lancaster-York-Lebanon DMA has a somewhat jumbled history. In the early 1980s, three CBS affiliates competed in the market (WSBA in York switched to Fox in 1983). As of November 1995, there were still two CBS affils—WHP and Gateway Communications' WLYH. WLYH switched to UPN as part of its LMA deal with WHP. The oversaturation of CBS network fare spelled trouble for all the CBS affiliates in local news. WHP unsuccessfully tried to cope by making frequent changes to its news talent lineup.

"WHP has put a lot of different people in the anchor chair," noted Scott Davis, a media supervisor at Harmelin & Associates in Philadelphia who buys regularly in the market. Davis said WHP's dropping of morning and afternoon news in favor of improving 6 and 11 p.m. makes sense. "If they can gain one rating point in late news rather than in early [morning] news, they'll make more money," he said.

Feeser did not rule out WHP's return to morning news at some point. For now, WHP's exit leaves the daytime news race to Pulitzer Broadcasting's NBC affiliate WGAL (the market's news leader) and Price Communications' ABC affil, WHTM-TV.—CB

WASHINGTON

Alicia Mundy

Pull the Plug on Pols' Ads

For the presidential election in 2000, let's make the candidates speak for themselves in their TV spots



As a journalist, I confess that I had a great time covering the advertising wars in the last presidential campaign. They were easier to explain than the real issues (which is certainly what the candidates believed, because

they too avoided the issues). They provided comic relief (not always intentionally). And they were a great bell-weather of the candidates' progress.

Most importantly, the ads told the real story of the candidates and their campaigns. The infighting over Dole's ads and his media-buying strategy reflected turmoil in his camp over where the candidate was supposed to stand on different issues, and over which cabal was in charge at any time. This situation revealed a candidate so desperate to be president that he dropped his own compass and let the midgets in his machine chart his course.

Bill Clinton's glass-smooth operation, in which issues played bit parts in the advertising strategy, also reflected

ty sick of both sides' ads early on, and would love to limit them in future presidential races. (Of course, this is not to denigrate the fine work of Alex Castellanos for Dole and Squier Knapp Ochs for Clinton. Their offerings were more interesting than the networks' prime-time lineups last fall. None of their ads was a *Friends* rip-off).

So here's my modest proposal to add to all the current suggestions for campaign reform. Eliminate political ads. Well, not entirely. But from the end of the two parties' conventions in August through Election Day, there should be no more commercials in the conventional sense—no attack ads; no taped travels in the candidate's soft-focused, gauze-covered past; no snaps of the candidate getting his war medals 30 years ago; no lovingly crafted scenes of a known hell-raiser rocking on some wooden porch with a flock of someone else's kids climbing all over him (or her).

In 2000 the boys from Tennessee, Al Gore and Fred Thompson, will be trying to Southern-fry each other to get to the White House. The TV commercial possibilities are terrifying—Uncle Fred sweet-talkin' his mother,

Al hugging Tipper and a tree. We must stop this. After the conventions three years from now, we should allow only TV ads starring the candidates—by themselves or together, or with their VP choices. The candidates could tape their segments, but in similar studio setups (no using the flag factory as a backdrop).

This has several advantages (although none of them good for reporters because it would require us to work harder). First, forced to actually talk on their own, candidates might eventually cut through the boilerplate and address individual issues seriously. If one candidate saw an advantage in raising a controversial matter that would make his competition squirm ("Well,

when is my opponent, Mr. Friend of the Elderly, going to take on Social Security?"), the other side would have to answer.

And rather than ending attack ads, such a policy would allow candidates to fine-tune them. No faceless voice would claim that one contender cheated to avoid the draft or that another cheated on his wife 20 years earlier. If such allegations really matter, then candidates

should have the guts to make them themselves, on camera. They might see that mouthing those words reveals how petty some of their "character" issues really are and inspire them to stick to real problems.

In addition, all these messages should be televised nationally. The past election saw Clinton and Dole sneaking off to do spot-market ads in which the candidates revised their statements from other whistle stops. Requiring each TV appearance to reach the same national audi-



the man and his presidency—style over substance, packaging over praxis. Policy matters were mere speed bumps, rolled over gently, but quickly. Serious issues advisors were MIA in this campaign. Once Clinton was reelected and his media team left the building, what remained of the Clintonian persona had neither purpose nor poise. But we knew what mattered to him—winning.

Unfortunately, none of this really mattered to the American people. Recent polls show that voters got pret-

MY GOLDBER

WASHINGTON

ence would limit the contenders' ability to be two-faced.

This idea won some favor among politicos and former legislators who heard me present it this spring at a Kennedy School seminar at Harvard University. But a serious question was raised: Will uncharismatic candidates die on the air? The answer is no.

First, charisma is not the sole attribute of leadership. That quality involves believing in a goal, a policy or a message, and being able to deliver it convincingly, so that others will follow. If the candidate is so lackluster that she or he cannot inspire followers, then they deserve to lose. In fact, they probably shouldn't be running in the first

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place. Public speaking—"inspiration"—is part of a candidate's job description. Preachers who can't preach find themselves tending flock in wheat fields. They don't grouse that since they're purer of heart, they should be allowed to mumble at St. John the Divine.

So it is (or should be) with pols. What they say should grab your attention (if not your vote). This is no place for slackers.

Second, since Dole indeed fared poorly face-to-face against Clinton on TV, two factors should be noted. Reporters and Republicans who followed his campaign trail saw very well that Dole was best when he was himself, without packaging. Furthermore, that Dole came off poorly in the debates reflected on his handlers, who practically scared him off the stage, and on his own inability to respond quickly as ideas and words popped out.

That's the purpose of ending political ads: If politicians have to stand up on their own, frequently, in front of the same audience, they may have to reveal what they really feel.

Former Washington Post star Paul Taylor last year began a crusade for free airtime for candidates, so that they would speak directly to viewers every night, or every other night. Taylor's point was that the frequency of such appearances (and the probability that at any point, a candidate would be forced to respond either to the previous night's two-minute drilling by the opponent, or to that day's news) would compel the candidate to be somewhat honest. (Well, maybe not honest, but at least direct.)

Unfortunately, the free-time concept is about as popular with broadcasters as the proverbial nun at the cathouse. One potential remedy would be to have the federal government reimburse the networks to some extent.

That brings up federal funds for candidates. Only candidates who accepted the rule (no conventional ads from the conventions to Election Day, just candidate spots) would be eligible for federal funds. They would get free airtime in short bursts during prime time or perhaps very heavily discounted prime-time spots (say, 80 percent off regular unit prices). Candidates who did

not go along would pay a premium.

And what about ads that highlight one of the candidates' flaws or previous, uh, missteps? Well, opposition research is pretty thorough. Most of what is known about a candidate has been dug up (if not publicized) well before the acutal nomination. If you don't have the goods on your opponent by the close of the convention in August, you're too slow to be in this business.

Again, there is nothing to prevent one candidate from using his time in front of the camera to discuss the other guy's big secret. But this would be a good test of how the candidates evaluate the importance of some issues, and

how they feel past mistakes weigh in forming policies. In other words, if a candidate feels silly talking about his opponent's pot experiment in 1965, then it's probably a silly issue to raise near the end of a presidential race. "The accountability of candidates on camera would have a major impact on our electoral politics,"

Taylor said in an interview. "But there are some serious constitutional problems with trying to get candidates to abandon slick ads in favor of their own appearances."

One problem, of course, is how to deal with the two broad groups of political advertisers who front for the candidates. The independent expenditures groups, such as the national political parties, can spend what they want doing conventional ads, as long as they do not coordinate their activities with the candidate. That flimsy prohibition has been little more than a joke in the last two campaigns, both for Republicans and Democrats. In addition, the First Amendment allows any group to buy airtime supporting a candidate if it chooses.

The other problem is the issue-advocacy ads from various organizations (in the last campaign, the two egregious examples were Big Labor and Big Business, which found more loopholes than Chantilly lacemakers). As Taylor has pointed out, the kinks in the various campaign-reform ideas have not been completely ironed out.

President Clinton recently appointed CBS Entertainment president Les Moonves and Washington commentator Norman Ornstein to a new commission reviewing the public-interest obligations of broadcasters and the free-time-for-candidates matter. Sens. John McCain (R.-Ariz.) and Russ Feingold (D-Wis.) have also introduced a campaign-reform bill involving the carrot-stick approach with federal funds. And there's even a "Stand by Your Ad" bill rattling around the House (it has no chance of becoming law) that would make candidates accountable on the air for ads run on their behalf.

Americans are sick of the political-advertising assault on their airwaves. Ultimately, what American electoral politics needs is an advertising-free period on TV, close to the election, when the candidates must live or die by their own actions. They would still have newspapers and radio for their artistic-advertising outlets. But no voters or viewers should have to endure a solid month of Bob Dole the Veteran and Bill Clinton the Daddy Bear as they did last fall. Give the people the real thing—and save the commercials for detergent.

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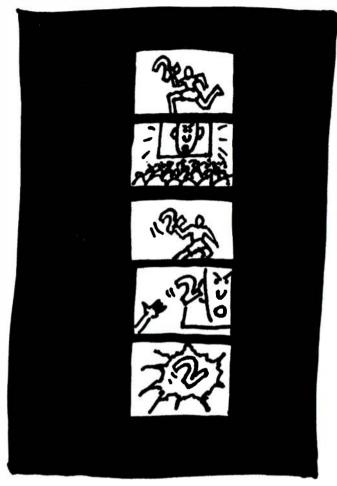
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COMPETITIVE MEDIA REPORTING

Movers

NETWORK TV

Paula Cwikly has been appointed director, daytime programs at NBC Entertainment, overseeing programming aspects of Days of Our Lives, Leeza and other daytime specials and projects. Cwikly had been director of daytime promotion. Also at NBC, Kate Juergens moves up to vp. prime-time series, continuing in her responsibilities as head of development and production for such prime-time shows as Fired Up and newcomer Jenny. Juergens was director, prime-time series.

RADIO

Two new hires at United Stations Radio Networks: Debbie Brand, previously regional director of affiliate relations at Westwood One Radio Networks, becomes affiliate relations manager; and Martin Quinn, most recently operations manager for Rutherford, N.J.-based Shadow Broadcast Service, joins United as general manager, comedy relations.

TV STATIONS

Deborah Collura has been named news director at NBC affiliate WDIV-TV in Detroit. Collura was news director at NBC affiliate WTVJ in Miami...Dan Salamone has left a position as vp of news for NBC O&O WJAR-TV in Providence, R.I., to become the news director at Scripps-Howard's ABC affiliate WXYZ-TV in Detroit.

PRINT

The New Yorker has named Pamela H. Older senior vp for manufacturing and (continued on page 23)

The Media Elite

BY ANYA SACHAROW

Edited by Anne Torpey-Kemph

Mag Editors Declare War on Words

ith a wave of the hand and a pointed memo, an editor can summarily ban an offending word or phrase. And they do.

Take Michael Hirschorn, the new editor of *Spin*. He won't sit still for "eponymous record," "plangent" and "lysergic," all of which he calls "classic, pretentious rock-crit words." He doesn't like "sophomore effort" to describe a band's second album. And Hirschorn pledges to ban "..., well, ..." and "..., um, ..." although he will permit "..., you know, ..." on occasion.

The music-book editor further notes his disdain for the overused "fabulous." Hirschorn says he tried to ban the word when he was an editor at *New York*, but staffers resisted.

Travel & Leisure editor Nancy Novogrod maintains her own hit list. She doesn't care for "eatery" and "hostelry," and she's not wild about "the best nosh" or "gourmet food." "What does 'gourmet' really mean anyway?" asks Novogrod.

Don't give Southern Accents editor Katherine Pearson "whimsical," "charming," "embellish," "returned to its former glory" or "attention to detail." Pearson also has little use for "fine" or "upscale." "If it's in Southern Accents," she says, "you can just assume it's fine and upscale."

At Ziff-Davis' *PC Magazine*, editor Michael Miller doesn't allow "AC current" or "PIN number" because they are redundant. He also steers clear of "hot links," "information highway," "just the fax" and other fax/facts puns, "nice," "cute" and "cool."

Brian Donlon

VP, Sports, New Media and Public Affairs,

SPOTLIGHT ON ...

Lifetime Television

riday nights
lately have
been pretty
tense for Brian
Donlon, as he
faces a new challenge of getting
viewers to tune in to the

women-oriented cable network's coverage of WNBA games.

"It's a big risk because we're trying to attract the hard-core basketball fans while keeping the traditional Lifetime viewer, typically not a sports fan," Donlon says.

His strategy: a personality-driven and storytelling approach. For instance, when other TV sports networks pumped WNBA

president Val Ackerman with questions about the league, Lifetime did an extended halftime interview that delved into Ackerman's career as a player, lawyer, NBA exec and working

Lifetime's WNBA: Courting a new breed of fan

mom. A halftime segment called "Girl Talk" features

young girls asking questions of WNBA stars.

Donlon always has the viewer in mind. During a recent telecast, when Lifetime announcers commented about one

team's zone defense, Donlon—who sits on the sideline at games wearing headphones—told the on-air team to explain what a zone is and why the alignment is used.

Donlon says the 0.7 rating for Lifetime's first WNBA telecast on June 27 exceeded expectations, although Lifetime's averages in prime time are usually nearly double that number.

Though some WNBA

brass have questioned Lifetime's approach, Donlon contends: "It would be more risky if we went out and produced basketball the way everybody else does."

-Richard Katz



Cosmopolitan editor-in-chief Bonnie Fuller won't have "'em" as a replacement for "them" or "bod," short for body. And the Hearst title's editor says the word "sizzling" drives her insane.

Finally, *Newsweek*'s Maynard Parker doesn't like "stumping" as a stand-in for "campaigning,"

and he doesn't care for "surface" as a verb meaning "to become known." "Only submarines surface," he says. Parker has also banned the ubiquitous "Show me the money!" "The half-life of these phrases-of-the-moment gets shorter and shorter," he says. —Jeff Gremillion

LIFETIME TELEVISION

MEDIA DISH

Team Turner Celebrates Expansion

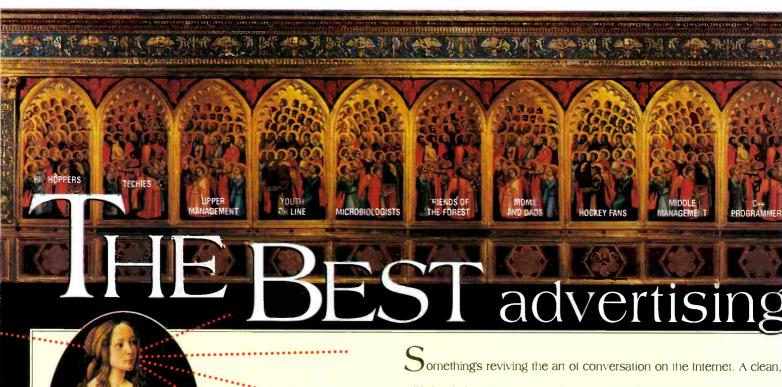
In Atlanta recently to announce the Turner-owned Thrashers hockey team joining the NHL: (I. to r.) Terry McGuirk, chairman, Turner Broadcasting Systems; Harvey Schiller, president, Turner Sports; Atlanta Mayor Bill Campbell; and Stan Kasten, vp., sports teams, TBS





News Groups Go Live From Hong Kong at Lunch

At the Asia Society in New York on June 30 for the Time Int'I/CNN/Asiaweek/Fortune—sponsored lunch to view live coverage of the handover of Hong Kong to China: (I. to r.) Mike Federle, Eastern ad sales director, 'Fortune'; Heather DiBenedetto, media planner, J. Walter Thompson; Nancy Getlan, assistant district sales manager, Cathay Pacific; David Levy; evp, Turner Int'I; and Hugh Wiley, president, Time Latin America



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Here Comes the 'Modern Bride' Bride

Planning a wedding is never easy. And if you're the publisher of a bridal magazine, the pressure could be pretty intense.

But not for Nina Lawrence, publisher of K-III's *Modern Bride*. She and new husband Scott Reichhelm skipped the

fancy church ceremony in favor of a "very cool," small family wedding on Lawrence's fatherin-law's dock in Westport, Conn. "My nieces were flower girls," the bride says. "I wore a pretty little white dress—and a white jacket because it was cold."

The newlyweds

were later feted with a formal wedding gala at a boat club in Greenwich. About 100 friends showed up for the affair, which Lawrence says was a perfect night, complete with a full moon reflecting on the water. Lawrence wore a fitted, eveningstyle wedding gown by Badgley

Mischka with a small train, a beaded lace bodice and spaghetti straps.

The big question:
Did she get a deal on
the dress? "That's
the funniest thing,"
Lawrence said. "I'm
publisher of *Modern*Bride, but I walked
into Saks Fifth
Avenue and bought
it right off the rack.
I'm crazy."—JG



K-III's Lawrence, husband Reichhelm

MOVERS



NBC ups Juergens



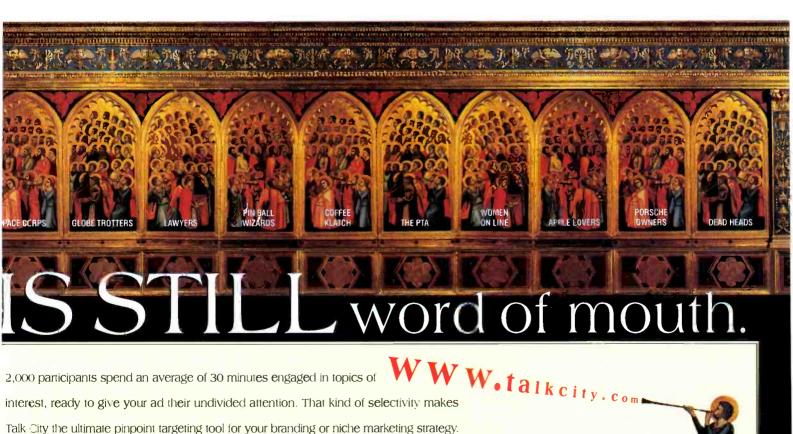
Salamone moves to WXYZ



Grenier goes

(continued from page 21) information technology. She joined the magazine in 1990 as director of manufacturing...Jane Grenier has been appointed creative services director at Gourmet, replacing Randi MacColl, who moves to Architectural Digest as director of marketing and creative services. Gre-

nier had been marketing services director at Hearst's Esquire...In Style has named Jacqueline Goewey as its new design editor. Goewey had been editor of Metropolitan Home, and she recently completed text for a book entitled Color Palettes for architectural color consultant Donald Kaufman.



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If the earnings report last week from Yahoo! is any indication, there is a viable business in online media despite the steady drone of the naysayers. The directory service, which is drawing 38 million page views per day, posted its third consecutive quarterly profit and watched its stock rise to a record high. While technologists may credit the company for being the first out of the gate, it seems likely that the success is due to good old-fashioned branding.—Catharine P. Taylor

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ANA's Nay to Web Rule

The Association of National Advertisers stated its opposition to a proposal from U.S. senator Dianne Feinstein that would require Web sites to gain parental permission to gather personal data from children. The ANA made the complaint in a letter to members of the U.S. Senate Judiciary Committee last week.

Local Parent Pull

Time Warner Cable and Procter & Gamble have launched Local Time, regional parent guides located on ParentTime (www.parenttime.com), the companies' jointly owned Web site. Local Time has partnered with the Family Marketing Network, a consortium of local publications that are also licensed by Disney's Family.com.

Cyber Thievery

Starwave Corp. suffered a security breach last week when hackers retrieved credit card information on the **ESPN SportsZone**

(espn.sportszone.com) and **NBA.com** sites. The hackers took credit card data and informed the victims of their loss in an email.

US West's Money Wire

US West Interactive has invested in Wire Networks, making US West the largest investor in Wire. The company publishes Women's Wire (www.women.com). Terms of the deal were not disclosed.

Rolling Thunder

By Laura Rich and John Spooner

CCann-Erickson
Worldwide has
just launched a
global new media unit that
McCann says will be the
third-largest agency network in the online advertising industry, boasting
revenue of \$17 million
worldwide.

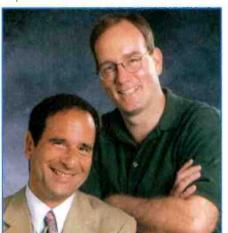
As expected [Adweek, April 21], the new unit, called Thunder House Online Marketing Communications, combines McCann Interactive's

13 offices worldwide and McCann new media unit Thunder House, with offices in Cambridge, Mass., and Palo Alto, Calif. The new unit, unlike its earlier incarnations, reports to John Dooner, chairman and CEO of McCann.

As part of the new structure, Thunder House will also maintain an alliance with Anderson & Lembke, the McCann-owned agency based in San Francisco that handles Microsoft's online advertising.

Anderson & Lembke's relationship to the unit will be one of sharing resources, according to Ira Carlin, currently McCann executive vice president, worldwide media director, who becomes chairman of Thunder House.

The idea of integrating A&L's online services was discussed, but did not become serious enough to warrant contacting Microsoft,



McCann has named Ira Carlin (left) and Joe McCambley to head its new Thunder House new media unit.

Carlin said.

The consolidation of the agency's new media capabilities was first proposed by a task force composed of Carlin, McCann executive vice president Art Tauder and Larry Weber, president of McCann's public relations agency The Weber Group. Thunder House will be headed up by Carlin; former Thunder House managing director Joe McCambley

will serve as president; and Hans Ullmark, who was A&L chief executive, will be the worldwide strategic director.

Weber, who created Thunder House at the beginning of last year, will play no part in the new unit, however. The Weber Group, and its Thunder House subsidiary, were sold to McCann in December.

"While I hope to have [Weber's] moral support, his focus is in [public relations] and ours is in this area," said Carlin. Carlin himself is expected to slowly relinquish his McCann media department duties over the next year or two.

Said Weber, "I'm still on an advisory board that helps position [Thunder House] and manage its growth and personnel."

Carlin described his hopes for the unit as "small and fiesty and hugely successful."

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bits

Pinfoseek in Santa Clara, Calif., launched five new international services last week, including Infoseek Nederlands, Infoseek Denmark, Infoseek Brasil, Infoseek Sverige and Infoseek en Espanol. Infoseek now offers a total of 11 international services.

DSony Station (www.station.sony.com) has started an online shopping service. Movie ticket gift certificates for Sony's movie theater chains are now available. The site will soon offer products from **Columbia TriStar Home Video** and children's video and audio tapes from **Sony Wonder.**

DTBWA Chiat/Day, Venice, Calif., has created a new site for battery-maker **Energizer** (www.energizer.com). The redesign adds four new content areas, including information about the brand, product firsts and an archive dedicated to the brand's drum-beating icon, dubbed "Energizer Bunny Memories."

DExcite (www.excite.com), Redwood City, Calif., has received a three-year, multi-million dollar advertising commitment from online bookstore **Amazon.com**. In return, Amazon.com, Seattle, Wash., has been granted exclusive status as Excite's only bookseller. Amazon made a similar deal to add book reviews to search results on **Yahoo!** (www.yahoo.com) in return for banner ads on **Yahoo!** sites and **America Online** (www.aol.com) agreed to carry an Amazon button on its Internet home page.

PReal Media and Journal Square Interactive have teamed up to develop a Web site for the National Football League's American Bowl, slated for July 27 in Dublin, Ireland. The site will incorporate news and features from Real Media's international network of sites.

Netscape Communications has agreed to package **Yahoo!** as the featured search engine on its Web browsers in 12 countries, including Australia, Denmark, France and Germany.

For the third straight quarter, **Yahoo!** has posted a profit, with a gain of \$610,000 in net income and \$13.5 million in revenue. Traffic grew to some 38 million daily page views. The news pushed the company's stock up 10.7 percent to \$44 at press time.

▶ Clarification: The Major League Baseball Players Association has no plans to permit its players or agents to negotiate sponsorship deals for an individual player's Web page on the union's Web site, located at www.bigleaguers.com [IQ News, July 7].

Intel Looks to Take 'Intel Inside" Onto the Web

BY JOHN SPOONER—Chip maker Intel is holding talks with select online media to

explore the possibility of bringing its famous Intel Inside co-op advertising program to the Internet.

The company and its ad agency, Euro RSCG Dahlin Smith White, Salt Lake City, Utah, met with several large technology Web sites, including CNET, last week, executives familiar with the meetings said.

Intel, the no.13 ranked online advertiser as of

February, according to Jupiter Communications, asked representatives of the sites if they would be willing to discount ad rates for participants in the Intel Inside program.

The Intel Inside campaign is advertised in partnership with large computer makers, such as Compaq and Dell. Such discounts, if they were offered, would likely secure online ad buys from several large computer makers.

In the past, computer companies have taken advantage of discounted advertising rates that Intel has negotiated with print and broadcast media. Intel also traditionally provides participants with co-op funds to further support their advertising efforts.

CNET's senior vice president of marketing, Ellen Atkinson, confirmed that the company was among those approached by Intel about participating in the advertising plan. "CNET is considering it, but hasn't made any decisions," she said. Intel holds a 6 percent stake in CNET.

Representatives of Web sites said privately

that if Intel were to bring the Intel Inside program to the Web, it would create several million dollars worth of advertising for sites that carry high-tech ads.

Intel stopped short of confirming that it is meeting with sites explicitly to negotiate discounted ad rates for the Intel Inside program.

Media relations manager Joanne Hasegawa said that the company is in the midst of preparing a list of next year's coop advertising opportunities for vendors involved in the plan. However, she would not say whether that list included any media opportunities on the Web.



Music Boulevard to Sell Downloadable Singles

BY ANYA SACHAROW—The music industry will see new developments in the online distribution of music this week during the Intel New York Music Festival.

Online music company N2K, with technology partners Liquid Audio and RSA Data Security, will make downloadable singles available for purchase over the Internet as soon as this week, industry sources said. The company plans to sell the singles over its Music Boulevard Web site (www.musicblvd.com).

Believed to be an online first, the singles will be piracy-protected, so that it will not be possible for third parties to make additional digital copies of the singles. The singles will also be watermarked, which makes analog copies of the music traceable. Additionally, the companies have worked to ensure that the transactions themselves are secure.

Neither N2K nor Liquid Audio would comment about the plan.

Each single is expected to cost \$.99 per download, and artists believed to be part of the initial sale include Blake Morgan and Tragically Hip, sources said.

The release of this music is different from N2K's release of the David Bowie single "Telling Lies," which over 300,000 users have downloaded for free since last September when it was first available.

Users will have to download Liquid Audio's Liquid MusicPlayer at no cost before they can purchase and download the singles. Liquid Audio is also said to be working on deals with a number of major record labels to expand the effort to sell music over the Internet.

The deal is one step toward making recordable CDs available at the mass consumer level. The process to record on blank CDs has been technically complicated and posed copyright and anti-piracy issues that have held up the possibility of making them commercially viable. ■





Internet users who log on to Sprint's NFL Edition will receive links to football content.

Sprint Tackles NFL Promo

BY BERNHARD WARNER—Sprint, the official telecommunications provider of the National Football League, plans to leverage its \$24 million-a-year sponsorship pact this fall to promote Sprint Internet Passport to football fans.

The co-branded Internet access service, dubbed Sprint Internet Passport—NFL Edition, features a gateway to NFL and football-related sites and access to an online catalog selling Pro Line NFL merchandise.

Among the sites the NFL Edition will link with are the league's official Web site, nfl.com; ABC's Monday Night Football site at abcmnf.com; and a site by Sprint content partner Sanctuary Woods, marketers of Head Coach learning software.

Offers for the NFL Edition, plus Sprint's long-distance and paging services, are tucked into packages for 330,000 season ticket holders that were scheduled to be mailed last week, said Jeff Hallock,

senior marketing manager for Sprint Internet Private Passport, the unit that markets co-branded versions of Sprint's Internet access service. In addition, stadium samplings, logo placement on ticket backs and ad buys in such football media outlets as pro coaches' radio shows, game day programs and newspaper sports pages are being planned.

There are no plans now for TV buys. Links to an NFL Edition registration page will be on Sprint Sports, a channel of sports-related sites. Other Web ad placements and buys are being considered, Hallock said.

Sprint introduced Passport last fall to its long-distance customers at the industry standard price of \$19.95 per month. Since then, Sprint has teamed up with Blockbuster, Showtime, Simon & Schuster Interactive and MacMillan Publishing to market tailored Internet access offers. Sprint has exceeded 100,000 subscribers.

I-traffic Cooks Up Online Sales Plan

The deals that online bookseller Amazon.com struck last week with America Online, Excite and Yahoo! are about to be replicated elsewhere on the Web.

The three deals call for Amazon to become the exclusive bookseller on AOL.com, Excite and Yahoo!, with a percentage of each sale going to the three Web sites. With the help of New York online media planners i-traffic, two lesser-known online retailers—CDNow and CyberMeals—are both in the process of setting up cyberstores on the Web that will also give sites who work with them a cut of the sales that are generated.

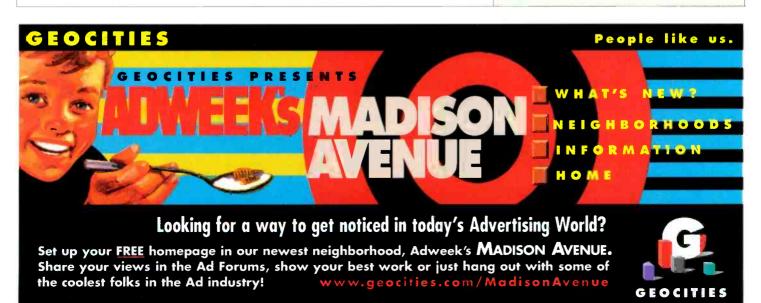
I-traffic is about to launch a strategy similar to Amazon's for CyberMeals, at www.cybermeals.com, an online aggregator of food delivery services. Though details of the plan were not available last week, i-traffic executives said that the company plans to target sites that will help CyberMeals draw traffic during the lunch period.

"In the bricks and mortar world of retail, it's 'location, location, location,'" said Scott Heiferman, president of i-traffic.

The company also plans to expand an existing program for music retailer CDNow that it has been working on since last February. CDNow already has an arrangement with Time Warner's Pathfinder and USA Today's online venture.

I-traffic has also started to implement a "storefront" or "jukebox" concept for CDNow, beginning with a small version in Excite's shopping area. "You will start seeing CDNow storefronts in contextually sensitive places," explained Scott Heiferman, president of i-traffic.

I-traffic recently doubled its revenues and client list. Recent client wins include Consumer Info, whi0ch offers consumer credit checks and NetBot's Jango a high-end shopping service.—LR



The Online Times Targets Ads

The New York Times Company is finally using the registration information from its nytimes.com Web site to help advertisers target their messages on the site.

Last week, the Times' New York Times Electronic Media unit began a targeting program based on information about the site's 1.7 million users. The Times has been gathering data since the January 1996 launch of nytimes.com. "It is efficiency delivered online," said Martin Nisenholtz, president of NYT Electronic Media.

The New York Times Co. unit built a targeting engine to pinpoint users based on gender, age, income and zip code. The technology can also control ad frequency, and the number and types of users viewing the ads. Campaigns can be tweaked according to users' actions, taking users to a more specific level of information, or abandoning them as the wrong target.

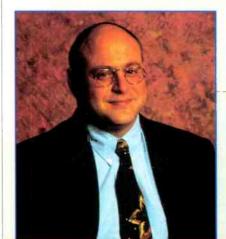
The targeting mechanism can also incorporate other data, from third-party sources or advertisers' own consumer information. Advertisers will be charged a premium of 25 percent in addition to their budget for the first targeting level, and 5 percent for each level after that. The cost per thousand that the company charges for untargeted ads on the site ranges from \$20-50.

Nisenholtz expects this type of filtering to distinguish the Internet from other media, noting that some forms of targeting are already prevalent in mass media. "It's called 'dayparting,'" he said, referring to one of TV's targeting options. "Without differentiated value, advertisers have no reason to use this medium."

The Times' move comes as targeting is becoming more central to online advertising. Juno Online, the ad-supported free email service, last week also unveiled a new targeting program for advertisers.—*LR*

IQ movers

Michael Crotty has joined Sony Online Ventures as director of retail operations from electronic commerce manager at Time Warner's DreamShop. . . . Sara Stein has joined The Electronic Newsstand as vice president, marketing from account manager, Poppe Tyson Interactive, New York. Auditor BPA has promoted Ronald Spink to director, interactive marketing services, from manager. . . . E! Online, Los Angeles, named Jill Higson western advertising director and Justin Nesci eastern advertising director. Higson was national ad manager at CitySearch; Nesci was national ad director at 2d Interactive. Correction: IQ News' June 30 issue incorrectly reported Ken Orton's title. He is CEO of Preview Travel.



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CREATIVE FINK-ING

By Anya Sacharow

On a recent afternoon, Charlie Fink was talking from his cell phone

on the way to LAX airport. As senior vice president and chief cre-

ative officer of Greenhouse Networks, an online production unit

within America Online's AOL Studios' division, he is forced to conduct interviews and other business while traveling the Los Angeles—New York circuit, with pauses at AOL's Vienna, Va. head-quarters. Fink, 37, has been key in producing such popular areas on AOL as Urban Legends, which takes a jaundiced view at alleged truths; Gen-X—targeted channel The HUB; and Christmas site Santa's Home Page.

Fink's current pet development pro-

ject is what he describes as an "E.T. meets The Tonight Show meets Friends" program. These days, Green-

house properties are just as likely to appear up on the Web as they are on the AOL service.

In between racking up frequent flier miles, Fink spends a lot of time explaining the Internet to Hollywood and explaining the entertainment industry to AOL. He says he prefers AOL culture to Hollywood's "because it's free of a lot of the egos and baggage typical in a lot of the entertainment industry."

"On the other hand getting things done in new media . . . is so complicated," he admits. "Everyone knows what the process is to make a movie."

Nonetheless, Fink loves new media,

and talks with the heady conviction of many Internet executives. His conversion came in 1991, when he first experienced interactivity through email. "I started in 1993 surfing the Internet using [early Web browser] Mosaic. It blew my mind," he says. At that time Fink was COO of Virtual World Entertainment, a Walt Disney-backed company that makes first-person and virtual reality simulation games. Prior to that, as vice president of production



Santa's Home Page on America Online is among Fink's online successes.

for Walt Disney Pictures, he developed animated features, most notably *The Lion King*.

He went to AOL in early 1996 to help the company begin to produce its own content. His Hollywood roots gave him ample preparation for new media production. Fink also trained at the University of Chicago, receiving a master's degree in Fine Arts, concentrating in film. "I thought I was more interested in film as an art form than film as an industry," he says.

When asked if he sold out, he replies, "It happened so gradually that by the time I was selling out I didn't view it that way," he answers.

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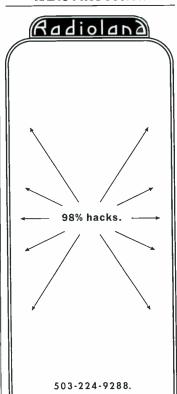
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Billboard's Top 15 Singles

Compiled from a national sample of retail, store and rack sales reports, for the week ending July 12th provided by $Sound\ Scan.$

This Week	Last Week	Peak Pos.	Wks on Chart	Title	Artist
1	1	1	5	I'll Be Missing You	Puff Daddy & Faith Evans
2	3	2	12	Bitch	Meredith Brooks
3	2	1	11	МММВОР	Hanson
4	4	2	20	Return Of The Mack	Mark Morrison
5	5	4	4	Look Into My Eyes	Bone Thugs In Harmony
6	7	6	18	I Belong To You	Rome
7	6	3	8	Say You'll Be There	Spice Girls
8	New	8	1	Sunny Came Home	Shawn Colvin
9	12	9	7	Do You Know	Robyn
10	13	10	3	Quit Playing Games	Backstreet Boys
11	9	8	10	G.H.E.T.T.O.U.T.	Changing Faces
12	8	8	9	It's Your Love	Tim McGraw (with Faith Hill)
13	17	13	2	Semi-Charmed Life	Third Eye Blind
14	10	5	21	The Freshman	The Verve Pipe
15	11	2	33	You Were Meant For Me	Jewel

Billboard's Heatseekers Albums

Best selling titles for the week ending July 12th by new artists who have not appeared on the top of Billboard's album charts.

This Week	Last Week	Wks. on Chart	Artist	Title
1	1	13	K's Choice	Paradise In Me
2	2	5	Boney James	Sweet Thing
3	New	New	Robyn	Robyn Is Here
4	New	New	The Beatnuts	Stone Crazy
5	New	New	Ween	The Mollusk
6	6	18	Sneaker Pimps	Becoming X
7	4	7	Lee Ann Womack	Lee Ann Womack
8	5	2	Los Tigres Del Norte	Jefe De Jefes
9	8	26	Barenaked Ladies	Rock Spectacle
10	3	2	Blink 182	Dude Ranch
11	7	20	Freak Nasty	Controversee
12	13	47	Jaci Velasquez	Heavenly Place
13	17	8	Allure	Allure
14	New	New	Suga Free	Street Gospel
15	New	New	Edwin McCain	Misguided Roses

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Week of 7/7/97

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Chelsea
4. Puff Daddy w/ I'll Be Missin You

5. Daft Punk Around the World

MTV Latino

Faith Evans

Artist	Title
1. Andres Calamaro	Flaca
2. Jon Bon Jovi	Midnight In
	Chelsea
3. Hanson	MMMBop
4. Man Ray	Amorazul
5. Savage Garden	I Want You

MTV Brasil

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Artist	Title
1. Planet Hemp	Queimando
2. Titas	Pra Dizer Adeus
3. Michael Jackson	Blood On the
	Dancefloor
4. U2	Staring At The Sun
5. Claudinho &	Conquista
Bochecha	

MTV Japan

Artist	Title
1. Michael Jackson	Blood On the
	Dancefloor
2. The Seahorses	Love Is the Law
3. Jamiroquai	Alright

4. Aerosmith Falling In Love5. Jon Bon Jovi Midnight In

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MTV US

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Artist	Title
1. The Wallflowers	The Difference
2. R. Kelly	Gotham City
3. Meredith Brooks	Bitch
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4.Smashing Pumpkins The End Is the...
5. Mighty Mighty The Impression
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The Outdoor Advertising Association of America presents an out-of-home media seminar July 20-21 at the Waldorf-Astoria Hotel in New York. Sessions will cover planning strategies, creative concepts, case studies, measurement and new products. Contact: 212-688-3667.

The Marketing Society of the Cable and Telecommunications Industry (CTAM) will hold its annual conference July 20-23 at Marriott's Orlando World Center, Orlando, Fla. Contact: 703-549-4200.

Summer Internet World '97 will be held July 21-25 (conference runs July 21-25, exhibits run July 23-25) at McCormick Place in Chicago. Contact: 1-800-MECKLER.

The National Association of Broadcasters presents its "Service to Children" symposium July 30 at the Park Hyatt Hotel in Washington, D.C. Contact Victoria Cullen at 202-429-5368.

The Florida Magazine Association annual conference and trade show will be held Aug. 21-23 at the Sanibel Harbor Beach Resort in Fort Myers, Fla. Contact Lynn Hupp at 407-774-7880.

The National Association of Broadcasters radio show will be held Sept. 17-20 at the New Orleans Convention Center. Contact: 202-429-5419.

Suburban Newspapers of America presents the Fall Publishers'/Retail Advertising Managers' "Focus" Conference Sept. 21-24 at the Sutton Place Hotel in Vancouver, B.C., Canada. Contact: 312-664-6610, ext. 3296.

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NEWS OF THE MARKET

Edited by Anne Torpey-Kemph

Ford Named 'Atlantic' Publisher

U.S. News & World Report New York sales manager Scott Ford has been named publisher of U.S. News' sister book The Atlantic Monthly. Both magazines are owned by Mort Zuckerman. Ford replaces Jayne Young, who resigned in May.

Ludwin's Loyal to NBC

A senior NBC executive who has been pivotal to the network's late-night success has renewed his contract. Rick Ludwin, senior vp of specials, prime-time series and late night, has signed a multiyear renewal. Ludwin, a 17-year veteran of the network, also is credited with developing NBC's top-rated sitcom, Seinfeld, which he still supervises. He also shepherded the franchise series Unsolved Mysteries, which recently left the schedule, and was involved in choosing Jay Leno to host The Tonight Show.

ABC to Do More A&E Bios

ABC News will increase its production for A&E's signature series, *Biography*. The news division already has produced about 40 episodes of *Biography* since 1994 and will produce 40 more over the next two years, including installments on James Earl Ray, Thurgood Marshall, Wayne Newton, Leni Riefenstahl and Nelson Rockefeller. ABC owns 37.5 percent of the cable network.

CBS Extends PGA Deal

CBS Sports last week reached an agreement with the Professional Golf Association of America to extend the broadcast rights to the PGA Championship through 2005. CBS acquired the rights to the PGA Championship in 1991. Sites for upcoming PGA Championships are: Winged Foot Golf Club, Mamaroneck, N.Y., 1997; Sahalee Country Club, Seattle, 1998; Medinah Country Club, Chicago, 1999; Valhalla Golf Club, Louisville, Ky., 2000; Hazeltine National Golf Club, Chaska, Minn., 2002; Oak Hill Country Club, Rochester, N.Y., 2003; and The Country Club, Brookline, Mass., 2005. the contract out or wait for it to expire, and then add the station to the company's planned seventh national broadcast network.

Lucent, Nielsen Share Info

Lucent Technologies and Nielsen Media Research have signed an agreement to partner in a broad range of information technologies. Nielsen said it plans



Riding a bullish tide to higher frequency

'Personal' Issues Go Monthly

Less than a year after its launch, Bloomberg Personal last week announced that it will double its frequency to monthly, starting with the September issue. Bloomberg Personal has positioned itself as a book that teaches readers how to an-

alyze and choose investments with a long-term view, said editor Bill Inman. "A growing number of investors are realizing there's a world of choices beyond information presented in mass-market magazines," Inman said. "Those are the investors we had in mind when we created *Bloomberg Personal*, and the response has been overwhelming." *Bloomberg Personal*'s circulation is 160,000. The September issue will hit newsstands on Aug. 19. The title is published by Bloomberg L.P., the finance-oriented multimedia company.

Paxson Bids First on KADY

Paxson Communications has made an \$8 million bid for Riklis Broadcasting's recently bankrupted Oxnard, Calif., UPN affiliate, KADY-TV. But the sale of the UHF station is far from final; it is subject to an auction to occur in the fall that may unseat Paxson. In any case, the purchase would be subject to Federal Communications Commission approval. The station's affiliate contract with the UPN remains at issue. Paxson could either buy

to leverage Lucent's work in advanced video and audio in an accelerated series of research and development projects that may enable the introduction of new audience-metering technology.

HBO Gets Into Kids Biz

Venturing into kids territory, HBO has made a deal with Jim Henson Productions to air an episode of Jim Henson's *The* Storyteller and four installments of Jim Henson's *Greek Myths* that have never been seen on

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U.S. television. In all, nine episodes of *The Storyteller* will be shown, including one "lost" segment that never aired. The animated series, which premiered on HBO in 1987 combining live action and puppetry, was written by Oscar winner Anthony Minghella (*The English Patient*). Neither *The Storyteller* nor *Greek Myths* has been available in the U.S. on home video or in syndication. Specific airdates have not been set.

Prisma to Shop World Cup Rights

Prisma Sports & Media, a Swiss-based sports rep firm, will market the worldwide TV rights to the 2002-2006 F1FA World Cup soccer tournaments. The Kirch Group, which controls the rights to the world's largest sports event, not only granted Prisma the rights, it has taken a 25 percent ownership stake in Prisma. The rights package covers all TV markets outside the U.S.

Clear Channel to Buy WZTR

Clear Channel Communications has expanded its presence in Milwaukee with last week's purchase of oldies-format WZTR-FM from Madison, Wis.—based Shockley Communications for \$14.5 million in cash. Clear Channel also owns Milwaukee's WKKV-FM, an urban contemporary; WMIL-FM is country; and WOKY-AM is nostalgia/big band. Clear Channel owns or programs 170 radio stations and 19 TV stations in 39 markets.

Universal Rolling With 'Maury'

Just a month after signing a deal to become the new distributor for *The Maury Povich Show* starting with the fall 1998 season, Universal Enterprises has already received re-up commitments from 41 TV stations (representing 56

percent U.S. market coverage) currently carrying the talk show. Top-market stations that have resigned include WNBC in New York, KCAL in Los Angeles and WGN in Chicago. In addition to the NBC Television Stations, other major group deals have been signed with Fox, Hearst-Argyle, Post-Newsweek, Young Broadcasting, Pulitzer Broadcasting, Scripps-Howard Broadcasting and LIN Television Corp. Universal takes over the distribution rights from Paramount.

Kramer Upped at DIC

Gary Kramer has been promoted to director of sales, DIC Merchandising, overseeing licensing of DIC Entertainment properties including the new Mummies Alive syndicated series by Ivan Reitman and Where on Earth Is Carmen San Diego?, formerly on Fox Kids Network. In related news, Mummies Alive will get a major promotional push this fall from retail giants K mart and Wal-Mart through contests and in-store signage. Toy licensee Hasbro Inc. has committed to a "six-figure" on-air campaign prominently mentioning K mart and Mummies, according to Joy Tashjian, president of worldwide marketing for DIC Entertainment. Claster Television has sold the morning half-hour strip within 7-9 a.m. windows in 112 markets representing 89 percent of the country.

Y&R Sells Clients Reruns

Young & Rubicam New York plans to lead some of its clients down the path of addressable advertising, thanks to a deal signed with Your Choice TV. Y&R is the first agency to sign with YCTV, which plans to offer time-shift programming, letting subscribers purchase



Mob scenes: (I. to r.) John Cazale, James Caan, Marlon Brando and Al Pacino make a comeback on USA

USA Honors the Father

USA Network will celebrate the 25th anniversary of the release of *The Godfather* the week of July 21, as part of its summer prime-time lineup. Beginning July 22, USA will run the original movie airing over two nights, followed by *The Godfather II* the next two nights, all from 9-11 p.m. The following weekend, USA will air a recut, nine-hour amalgam of both movies, rearranged chronologically. That film, called *The Godfather Saga*, includes footage not included in either original flick. The first five hours run on July 26 from 5-10 p.m.; *Saga* concludes July 27 from 4-8 p.m.

reruns of popular programming for a nominal fee on a pay-perview basis. By selling advertisers into those reruns, YCTV hopes to deliver a far more targeted audience.

The WB Ups Daniels to EVP

One of the top execs at The WB has signed a new four-year contract and has been promoted. Susanne Daniels becomes executive vp of programming for the young network. She has been instrumental in developing many WB shows, including the breakout hit Buffy, the Vampire Slaver, the net's top-rated show: The Jamie Foxx Show; and Dawson's Creek, which premieres later this year. Daniels was hired by WB founders Jamie Kellner and Garth Ancier at the network's inception.

'Despierta' Scores for WXTV

WXTV, the Univision Television Group's Spanish–language station in the New York market, scored big ratings with its Maysweeps debut of a.m. talk show Despierta America (Wake Up America). DA pulled in a topranked 7.8 rating/27 share average from 7-9 a.m. in Nielsen's Hispanic Station Index. The two-hour morning program helped WXTV post an impressive 170 percent share increase over yearago programming in its time period (a 2.5/10).

'Arthel & Fred' Preps for Fall

All American Television has added to the production ranks of its syndicated talker The Arthel & Fred Show in preparation for a Sept. 8 launch. Paul Buccieri and Robert Weiss, the show's creators and executive producers, along with co-executive producer Judy Meyers. named the following new staffers: Michael Weinberg, supervising producer; Steve Grant, director; Susan Gold and Laurie Muslow, talent execs: writing partners Liz Tucillo and Craig Carlisle have signed on as comedy executives; and Kevin Rupnick is on board as production designer.



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BIG DEAL

COLGATE TARTAR CONTROL PLUS WHITENING

Advertiser: Colgate-Palmolive Agency: Young & Rubicam, N.Y.

Begins: Oct.1 Budget: \$29 million

Media: Breakdown unavailable

he marketing battle over shiny smiles will intensify next month when Colgate-Palmolive drops \$29 million in ad support behind a new toothpaste entry, Colgate Tartar Control Plus Whitening. It's the latest salvo in a category-wide whitening-product blitz that will also see entries this summer from SmithKline Beecham and Chesebrough-Pond's.

The Colgate product ships to retail in August and will flank last year's big entry, Colgate Baking Soda & Peroxide Whitening toothpaste. C-P's marketing plan includes specific campaigns for Hispanic and African-American consumers.

The support level for Tartar Control Plus Whitening exceeds the budget for the baking soda and peroxide product launch last year, indicating C-P's belief in whitening technology. According to Colgate, the whitening segment of the \$1.5 billion U.S. toothpaste category is growing by 66 percent, versus less than 1 percent growth for the category as a whole.

The new entry also offers Colgate a whitening product that competes in the tartar control segment, which remains the biggest slice of the category overall.

In the year ended May 25, Colgate was the No. 2 toothpaste manufacturer with \$288 million in sales, up 3.3 percent from the year before, according to Information Resources Inc. Crest, from Procter & Gamble, was the top-seller with \$387 million in revenues.

SmithKline Beecham will also add to its whitening arsenal with the launch of Aquafresh Whitening Striped Gel, now rolling into stores. Budget couldn't be determined, but one buyer said Beecham and agency Grey Advertising, N.Y., will tag mentions for the new product onto spots for Aquafresh Whitening toothpaste, launched in 1995. That brand got \$16.7 million in ads last year, according to Competitive Media Reporting.

-Sean Mehegan

Real Money

ADVERTISING ACTIVITY IN THE MEDIA MARKETPLACE

WRANGLER WESTERN WEAR

Advertiser: VF Corp.

Agency: The Martin Agency, Richmond, Va.

Begins: July 25 Budget: \$13 mil-

lion-plus
Media: TV
VF Corp.'s Wrangler will on July 25
launch its biggestever fall Western
wear campaign, a
\$13 million-plus
effort aimed at the
everyman and
everywoman who'd
like to tap into the

sense of freedom the Western life evokes.

The two spots, directed by Bob Giraldi, will air nationally on network and cable in 30- and 60-second versions. The buy includes *Monday Night Football* and movies on ABC; *Walker, Texas Ranger* and 48 *Hours* on CBS; and other sporting events and sitcoms.

Both spots in the "Urban Fantasy" campaign highlight Wrangler's core product, cowboy-cut jeans, and provide escapism through Western imagery. Although "Cattle Drive" features only men's product, both spots should appeal to both men and women, said Brian Goldberg, Wrangler's vp-marketing communications.

Wrangler's 1996 market share of the denim category was slightly more than 10 percent. Along with its other brands, such as Lee, VF Corp.'s share was about 30 percent, said Oppenheimer & Co. analyst Leslie McCall. VF's total sales were \$5 billion. Ad spending for the overall Wrangler brand, which includes Western and Mass Market divisions, was \$23 million in 1996, according to Competitive Media Reporting. This figure has increase about 35 percent during 1997, a Wrangler rep said. —Becky Ebenkamp

CELESTIAL SEASONINGS PRODUCTS

Advertiser: Celestial Seasonings Agency: Dailey & Associates, L.A.

Begins: August Budget: \$12 million Media: TV, print, radio

Celestial Seasonings will devote \$12 million in advertising to its various products during

the fall cough and cold season, about three times what the company spent last year, as it extends its franchise with a line of herbal dietary supplements.

The new Celestial Herbal Extracts, seven products ranging from ginkgo to echinacea to ginseng, will get about \$2 million in ads starting in August with radio ads, to be followed by print in Health and Prevention Family, among other publications.

CS will also spend \$10 million on ads for its teas via network cable and spot TV start-

ing in early September, with FSIs planned for November and January. Last year, CS spent about \$4 million on its tea line, per CMR.

The sharp ramp-up in spending is the result of heightened competition in the estimated \$900 million herbal remedy category, growing by 20 percent or more yearly. A number of smaller companies have launched herbal lines with aggressive ad budgets of \$10 million or more, raising the stakes for the more established players.

In the year ended May 25, Celestial Seasonings was the No. 2 brand in the \$640.4 million tea category with \$72.3 million in sales, per Information Resources Inc. Lipton led the segment with about \$250 million in sales. —Sean Mehegan

HARLEY-DAVIDSON

Advertiser: Harley-Davidson

Agency: Carmichael-Lynch, Minneapolis

Begins: August

Budget: \$3 million (est. annual total)

Media: TV

Harley-Davidson next month takes the wraps off two new bikes as it returns to active advertising to soften its image with less testosterone and leather and more "poetry" of the open road.

The No. 1 cruiser motorcycle manufacturer did minimal advertising last year, but next month it will break a TV spot for its



Wrangler spots: escapist fare

CMR Top 50

A Weekly Ranking of the Top 50 Brands' Advertising in Network Prime Time

Week of June 23-29, 1997

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Ranked in order of total spots. Includes ABC, CBS, NBC, F0X, UPN and WB. Regional feeds are counted as whole spots.

Spots indexed to average spots for all brands advertising in prime time, i.e., if McDonald's Index=1308, McDonald's ran
1208 percent more spots than the average.

Source: Competitive Media Reporting

new Sportster bike, its least expensive cruiser, and will roll out another model soon thereafter, both under the 4-year-old tagline, "The Legend Rolls On." Harley spent less than \$1 million last year, according to Competitive Media Reporting, but is expected to spend more than \$3 million by year's end as it looks to paint a more accessible image with a more accessible product as it faces a raft of new competition and cannot meet demand for its bikes, with consumers selling their spots on dealer waiting lists.

BMW is launching its first-ever cruiser this summer. Polaris Industries is gearing up for its entry into the motorcycle, specifically the cruiser, market. A startup company, Excelsior-Henderson is starting in the cruiser category as well.

Harley ads in July magazines offer an image teaser to the upcoming product launch, themed around an imaginary book. In one ad, the headline reads, "Chapter 16: The Hopelessly Addicted," while the copy that follows is presented as an excerpt from "The Book of Harley-Davidson." "There's devotion, and there's whatever you call what



Harley rolls a more accessible image.

gets inside the heart of the Harley-Davidson rider," the copy begins. It is a big departure from the large art and short headline format used in recent years, and the print schedule includes *Rolling Stone* and *Men's Journal* along with enthusiast magazines.

"Because of our heritage, we can say things that others wish they could say," said advertising manager Tom Watson. "We have incredibly high unaided awareness. What we're going for here is strategic awareness through the long copy and by being in a new assortment of titles." —David Kiley

Media Person

BY LEWIS GROSSBERGER



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SHOCKING POLLING FIGURES FROM THE MEDIA PERson Research Bureau indicate that an unacceptably

high percentage of you have been using summer vacation and general lethargy as excuses to slack off on your responsibility to keep up with current events. MP ought to chastise you severely for your dereliction. But because he is a caring, giving, nurturing human being, he instead opts for a better way: education. • Simply take the quick and convenient Media Person Current Events Quiz and you'll learn all you need to know to be a good citizen who pays his or her taxes on time and does

not play heavy-metal music at night, disturbing the neighbors. Just check the correct answer after each question below. Because MP knows your patience is limited, the test is single-choice.

1. Name a famous space station that breaks down two or three times a day. (CLUE: It's "rim" spelled backwards.)

Answer: Technically, Mir is not actually a space station at all but the press preview of a

realistic new ABC sitcom that will be premiering in the fall. Titled *Men Behaving Ineptly*, the series follows the wacky adventures of

a rickety old spacecraft piloted by two Russians and two Americans, none of whom can understand the others' language and constantly bicker over who should go outside and fix the solar power panels that are always on the fritz. From all indications, the show should be a laff riot, unless it crashes and burns before September and/or Jamie Tarses gets fired.

2. What well-known international military organization, based in Europe and named after a prominent ocean, recently admitted new members?

Answer: Once the evil Soviet Union suffered its embarrassing collapse, NATO could have simply gone the way of so many obsolete military alliances, handing out medals to everyone involved, calling the movers and turning off the power. But that would have been the coward's way out. Instead, NATO officials did some hard thinking and came up with a creative solution: expansion! Today NATO has well over 640 member nations, including the latest three initiates, Bermuda, Sea World and The Sharper Image, and is eagerly looking forward to the day when an enemy will appear. In the meantime, it is con-

Turner, with 11 percent favoring "We Will, We Will Rock You." (The rest were tone-deaf.) The only American dissenting was Andy Rooney, who stated, "I think you need a warlike anthem to get the players riled up before hockey games."

4. What insect is being imported from South America to control the ferocious fire ant, a builder of mounds across the South and the source of a painful bite that can kill allergic people and livestock? (Clue: Correct answer DOES NOT involve Mike Tyson.)

Answer: Department of Agriculture scientists began releasing thousands of Brazilian phorid flies in Florida last week. This creature, the mortal enemy of the fire ant, lays its egg inside the ant's body. The larva then hatches and eats its way toward the ant's head, eventually causing the head to fall off. This confuses the fire ant and causes it to bump into other ants, causing arguments and fights to break out in the anthill. Once the fire ants have been eliminated, the scientists will begin searching for a way to control the phorid flies.

5. What corrupt Western desert state revoked Mike Tyson's boxing license for reckless dining?

What unstable Time Warner exec recently called for replacing what country's unsingable national anthem with "America the Beautiful"?

sidering the possibility of declaring war on Mike Tyson.

3. What unstable Time Warner executive married to a humorless actress recently called for replacing what country's unsingable national anthem with "America the Beautiful"?

Answer: In a speech before the prestigious American Association of Dozing Chair Fillers, Ted Turner proclaimed that "The Star-Spangled Banner," one of America's few patriotic songs not written by Irving Berlin, was too warlike. Immediately, the PC light flashed on and the audience rose as one, pumping fists into the air and chanting, "Ted! Ted! Ted!" A Time/CNN/TBS poll showed that 86 percent of Americans agreed with

Answer: Nevada. (Sometimes you have to give 'em an easy one or they get frustrated and quit.)

6. What two amazing facts have scientists gleaned from NASA's Mars Pathfinder mission?

Answer: First, they learned for the first time the chemical composition of the Red Planet's surface: It is made up of dirt. Second, and perhaps even more important, they discovered that the six-wheeled Sojourner rover, which in three days on Mars covered a distance of approximately 10 feet, is not going to sell as well as had been hoped as a sport-utility vehicle for the average middle-class Martian family.

Key: If you answered four questions correctly, you're safely average and will blend in happily with the populace. More or less than that, you stick out. You're a nonconformist. Watch out, they're gonna get you.



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