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howard@broadcastdialogue.com www.broadcastdialogue.com ADIO: MOJO Sports Radio (CHMJ) Vancouver, owned by Corus, will see 14 people out of a job come this weekend. On Monday, June 5, CHMJ begins airing continuous traffic reports during the day and the best of talk from sister station CKNW Vancouver at other times. New ID is AM730 Continuous Drive Time Traffic and the Best of Talk and will also feature the Vancouver Whitecaps and Giants and Seattle Seahawks games. Among those out of work are CKNW Sports Director JP McConnell and MOJO personalities John McKeachie, Bob Marjanovich,

Jeff Paterson and **Blake Price**. Seen as the dagger to MOJO's heart

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Vancouver's acquisition of outs, owned for decades by

was CHUM-owned Team 1040 Vancouver's acquisition of Vancouver Canucks radio rights, owned for decades by CKNW. And earlier, Team 1040 took play-by-play rights to the BC Lions away from Corus... Y101 (CKBY-FM) Ottawa is in the midst of a three-day Radiothon – May 31 to June 2 - for the **Children's Hospital of Eastern Ontario** (CHEO). This is the 8th annual Y101 Country Cares Challenge for CHEO and organizers say they expect to break the \$1million dollar mark at this year's event... EZ Rock (CKXR-FM) Salmon Arm is about to be born, taking over from its long-time AM counterpart. GM/GSM Ron Langridge says a soft launch takes place this weekend but that the official wraps come off Monday morning (June 5). Says Langridge, "It's like Christmas, we know it's coming but we still scramble like crazy in the last few days getting the final preparations together"... JAZZ.FM 91 (CJRT-FM) Toronto moved into new digs April 3 but as work continues in fine-tuning the new facility, the broadcasting continues to be done from the boardroom. Everything should be up and running by the end of August, according to station people. The new address is 4 Pardee Avenue, Unit 100, Toronto, ON M6K 3H5. Phone is 416-595-0404... CBS and Sirius Satellite Radio reached settlement in the breach of contract lawsuit CBS brought against Howard Stern shortly after his January debut on Sirius. As part of the lawsuit, Sirius will pay CBS \$2 million towards release of the rights to tapes of Stern's old CBS broadcasts. The remaining terms and conditions of the settlement are said by both sides to be confidential... XM Canada and Aeroplan signed a multi-year deal enabling XM Canada subscribers to earn Aeroplan Miles. Mile values have been placed on various packages, with the Delphi RoadyXT being lowest at 2,500 Miles and the Pioneer Inno package highest at 7,500 miles. Somewhere in the middle, however, is the *Delphi SKYFi2* package. That receiver, and the Audiovox Xpress receiver, have been suspended by XM in the US this week because of an ongoing **FCC** inquiry into the possibility that they exceed the regulatory body's



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permissible emission limits. Further, an XM spokesman in the US says other receivers that may face shipment suspensions include the Roady XT and the *Sportscaster*... At *WFNX-FM Boston*, 40 days of just one sponsor – *Snapple*. And for that, Snapple pays a bit more than \$2-million. Through to July 4, air talent will acknowledge Snapple on-air for its sponsorship of the *Summer Free for All*. As well, WFNX will be the station *Playing the best stuff on earth* (a derivation on Snapple's tagline), and sound effects mixed in during stop sets such as the whoosh a Snapple cap makes when a bottle is opened... **Bill Carroll**, the morning Talker at *CFRB Toronto*, took a swipe Monday at people who were waiting at bus or street car stops, or trying to get into subways, for calling the station wondering why the transit commission wasn't operating. One listener, observed Carroll, said he didn't know about the walkout because he listened only to his iPod. After a mini-soapbox lecture about radio being the best source for local information, he tongue-in-cheek suggested that dedicated iPod users could download the morning's news and listen to it in the evening.

ENERAL: Governor General Michaelle Jean has warned against sensationalism and gossip replacing the reporting of critical news, urging an audience of journalists at *The Canadian Press* annual dinner in Halifax to remember their civic responsibility. She painted a bleak picture of transforming journalism into a commodity, where sales figures and deadline pressures erode the quality of reporting. The 24-hour news cycle which enslaves journalists with never-ending deadlines, she said, can create reporting devoid of insight. Before becoming G-G last year, Jean was a TV Journalist with *Radio-Canada* and the *CBC*... Marc Chikinda of *Mount Royal College* in Calgary will be the first recipient of the *Michael Monty Memorial Award*. The *Radio-Television News Directors Foundation* initiated the award – honouring the late Michael Monty – to be presented annually to a broadcast educator nominated by students for special recognition. The presentation takes place next Friday in St. John's as part of the *RTNDA* National convention... The *Canadian Communications Foundation* has an updated and exciting new Web site, particularly the NEWS section. Check it out by clicking www.broadcasting-history.ca.

V/FILM: Two CBS crew members were killed in Iraq this week, and Reporter Kimberly Dozier was seriously injured. It happened during an attack on a US military unit. The dead are Cameraman Paul

Douglas and Soundman James Brolan. All were embedded with a team from the US Fourth Infantry Division when the convoy was struck by a roadside bomb. Dozier's been reporting on the war in Iraq for nearly three years... Two days later, a 25-year old Iraqi TV sportscaster was gunned down in a drive-by shooting. The state channel and its employees have been targeted by insurgents waging a campaign against what they consider a US-backed government.

EVOLVING DOOR: *MIX 106* (CIXK-FM) Owen Sound Morning Man JD Moffat has been promoted To PD/Promo Bayshore Director for **Broadcasting's** three Owen Sound stations, CFOS, Country 93 (CKYC-FM) and Mix 106... Rick MacKenzie is the new Sales Manager at CTV Sudbury. He succeeds Wendy Watson... Ruth-Ellen Soles, for 10 years the Head of Media Relations at CBC and based in Toronto, is stepping aside

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from the Media Relations component in favour of Jeff Keay, newly appointed as Spokesperson for CBC English Services. Soles continues her support of the CBC English Management team (Radio, Television, Newsworld and CBC.ca)... Tricia Knowles is new Promo Director at Corus Kingston... CTV British Columbia ND Tom Walters rejoins CTV National as Los Angeles Bureau Chief, succeeding Graham Richardson who moves as CTV's Ottawa Bureau... New ND at CTV British Columbia is Margo Harper, the international assignment editor for CTV National News... Erin Harrison of Global Regina moves to CH Red Deer as News Anchor, effective June 12. She succeeds Al Redel.

IGN-OFFS: Bernard Ostry, 78, in Toronto of cancer. Ostry, described as stylish, intellectual and visionary, helped shape the country's cultural infrastructure as a government mandarin in Ottawa and Toronto, and late in his career (1985) as head of **TVOntario**. For seven years, he directed the educational channel's huge growth in international deals and became one of the country's most eloquent defenders of public broadcasting... John (JD) Dale, 54, in Barrie of cancer. The veteran broadcaster was most recently with CHAY-FM Barrie. Previously, though, his was the first voice heard on **CFNY-FM Brampton** (now Toronto) back in 1976. Dale had worked at many central and southern Ontario stations, including CHUC



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OPPLYLINES: Blake Noon, the GM/VP of *Eckel Industries* in Iroquois, Ont., is retiring. His last day on the job is today, June 1... *Novanet/MSC* has appointed **Michael Di Lillo** as its Quebec Sales Manager. He had been Sr. Account Mgr. with *Apollo Microwaves*.

OOKING: Other jobs we've heard about include: CTV Timmins - Photojournalist; Big Country 93.1 FM (CJXX-FM) Grande Prairie - Promotions Director; CJVR/CK750 Melfort/Country 105.3 Whitecourt - On air, News, and Sales people; Alliance Atlantis Toronto - Senior Financial Analyst and a Junior/ Intermediate Broadcast Technician; Global Television Toronto - Director of Finance, Programming; Bell ExpressVu Toronto - Manager, VOD Acquisitions and Inventory Planning; CBC Montreal - Manager, Radio Promotion; CBC Toronto - Associate Business Manager, English Radio and an Executive In Charge of Production; CBC Regina - Senior Broadcast Technologist; Teletoon Toronto - Manager, Interactive Sales; and, Rogers Radio Calgary - Web Producer.

EW SUBSCRIBERS THIS WEEK INCLUDE: Tracey Mills, The Beat (CFBT-FM) Vancouver. Welcome!

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howard@broadcastdialogue.com www.broadcastdialogue.com V/FILM: CTV has unveiled the first phase of its multi-channel, ondemand service, the CTV Broadband Network. It uses a free video player to deliver programming at broadband speeds and with enhanced resolution, supported by advertising. By clicking on the TV On Demand banner at ctv.ca, users can then choose from a number of CTV shows. Programming choices will be added leading up to the launch of Phase 2, scheduled for the fall... Microsoft Chairman Bill Gates says television "broadcast was a hack. It's gone. The marketplace will demand customization. The segment of a news show that you don't care about; why is it there? There's software that recognizes highlights of a ball game, providing value added on top of video. Broadcast will be limited to things

that are most popular." Or, in more succinct terms, said Gates, TV no future, "it's gone." Speaking at the San Diego D-4: All Things Digital conference, he also said, "the biggest thing with video, is taking all of television and putting it on the Internet, creating a video experience that blows away the broadcast model . . . there is no dividing line between TV and the Internet. We're finally getting to the point where richness and bandwidth are available." On networks and affiliates, Gates says, "affiliate stations and systems are artifacts of the broadcast world. There's a difference between what technology enables and what historic business models do"... An independent group called the **Public Policy Forum** says in a study that **CBC-TV** should run more news, arts and culture, less sports and fewer commercials. Politicians, claims the study, too often demand

more than they're willing to pay from the CBC and that that leaves the broadcaster to troll for spot revenues (at the expense of its mandate as a public body). Written by Bill Neville, a former member of the CBC board and who was chief of staff to Joe Clark during his Conservative government, the report says ratings and ad revenues are "the elephants in the room" as CBC TV tries to make ends meet. The feds provide about two-thirds of the corporation's \$1.5 billion annual budget. If the government won't provide more money to let the CBC drop most commercials, then it should rewrite the corporation's mandate to reflect the money available... The FCC has denied CBS's request for reconsideration of the \$550,000 fine for broadcast of indecent material during the 2004 Super Bowl half-time show when singer Janet Jackson's breast was briefly exposed to viewers. (**See Bigger Fines for Indecent Programming in the **GENERAL** section.).



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EVOLVING DOOR: Lyndon Friesen adds COO to his Exec VP duties at **Golden West Broadcasting**. The appointment was effective June 1. President/CEO Elmer Hildebrand says he will continue looking for ways to grow the company... Pat Cardinal is no longer GM/PD at JACK-FM (CJAQ) Toronto. Succeeding him is Steve Kennedy, in from sister Rogers station JACK-FM Calgary. He's expected to be in Toronto by July 4. Meantime, his PD position at Calgary has not yet been filled... Brian Williams moves at year-end from CBC-TV to CTV/TSN where he's been named the Prime Time Host of the 2010 Winter Olympic Games from Vancouver-Whistler. It's a six-year deal through 2012 that will see Williams performing several assignments, including the 2012 Summer Games from London... Edmonton-based Rob Mise has been promoted to Director of Programming, Newcap Radio. He had been Ops. Mgr. at the Newcap Edmonton stations and is succeeded in that role by two appointments: Jackie Rae as PD at Big Earl/CFCW and by Terry Evans as PD at K-Rock... Roger Currie, whose News career has been primarily in Winnipeg, begins as Morning Anchor at CKRM Regina June 12... Morning Show host Gloria Evans moves from Zed 99 (CIZZ-FM) Red Deer to Q14 (CKSQ) Stettler. The Newcap shift for Evans, after eight years in her old role, takes her into the Station Manager's position... After 11 years with The Drive (CHDR-FM)/CHBZ-FM Cranbrook, ND Nadine Berkhout departs June 15. No word on a successor... Russ Tyson has succeeded Jay Thomas at Cool FM (CJZZ-FM) Winnipeg. Tyson is now PD/Promotions Director at the CanWest station... Kent Schumaker, ex APD/Morning Show Host at CKWV-FM Nanaimo joins CKGY-FM/CIZZ-FM Red Deer as MD for CIZZ and Midday Host at KG Country... New ND at CJOK/KYX 98 Fort McMurray is Randy Pike. Pike had been ND at **CKDR-FM Dryden**.

IGN-OFF: Krista Harris, 42, suddenly at her home in Barrington, NS. Harris was Executive Director, digital programming and business development for CBC's English Networks.

ADIO: A Desjardins Securities analyst says Standard Radio Income Trust's planned initial public offering should provide an impetus for Astral Media to convert itself into a trust and, in turn, take a run at Standard. Carl Bayard says Standard's filing of a preliminary prospectus last month highlights just how attractive it is, particularly for a player such as Astral. A takeover of Standard, Bayard wrote in a report, makes strategic and financial sense and would allow Astral to shed its regional status. Further, he said, Astral would need to convert into a trust to make the transaction accretive (that's the process of shared growth [yeah, I had to look it up])... Coarse language shouldn't be broadcast on radio during the day, says the Canadian Broadcast Standards Council in a decision about CJMF-FM Quebec City. The weekday morning show, Bouchard en parle, aired comments about politics and freedom of speech but, in the process, also used coarse language, a violation of the CAB Code of Ethics. The decision may be found HERE... The National Association of Broadcasters wants the FCC to look at free access to satellite radio by non-subscribers, e.g. in rental cars or the certain number of freebie months after the purchase of a new car. NAB President/CEO David K. Rehr charges that, because of this, mainline broadcasters aren't being treated equally – particularly as it relates to "indecent" programming. Rehr notes instances where over-the-air listeners have heard indecent satellite programming caused by interference from terrestrial satellite radio devices. (**See Bigger Fines for Indecent Programming in the GENERAL section.)... The National Hockey League has teamed with American Sports, Rock and Talk radio stations in Chicago, Detroit, Los Angeles, Philadelphia and New York to promote the Stanley Cup Final. Themed prize packages can be won through on-air, on-line and outdoor "My Stanley Cup" promotions – all designed to drive TV tune-in to 2006 Stanley Cup Final broadcasts on **NBC** and **OLN**...

ENERAL: BCE CEO Michael Sabia told the company's AGM in Toronto yesterday (Wednesday) that he plans to take subsidiary satellite company *Telesat* public. Sabia also said Canada's largest communications company will continue to reshape itself and intends to compete head on with cablecos... Nancy Smith, Founder/CEO of The NextMedia Company in Toronto, has been appointed to the Board of Directors of *Palm Springs Women in Film & Television* (PSWIFT). Smith is a winter resident of the Coachella Valley and active in local organizations, including PSWIFT and the **Media Mayens** press club for prominent female journalists. She is a co-Founder of Canadian Women in Communications and also served as a Director of Women in Film and Television Toronto (WIFT-T) as well as being a Columnist in Broadcast Dialogue magazine... Paul Shaffer, the bandleader on CBS's late night David Letterman Show and Jeopardy host Alex Trebek were among stars inducted into the 2006 Walk of Fame in Toronto on the weekend. Others were actors Brendan Fraser and Pamela Anderson, singers Jann Arden and Robert Goulet, comic actor Eugene Levy and the surviving members of the Crazy Canucks ski team. Their names

were unveiled in slabs of sidewalk snaking through Toronto's entertainment district... The US House of Representatives was set to vote on bigger fines for indecent programming yesterday (Wednesday) afternoon. The Senate-passed bill would increase – by 10 times – the top fines the FCC could impose on broadcasters, up from \$32,500 to \$325,000 for each violation. Insiders expected President Bush to sign the bill... Two broadcast conventions are on the go this weekend. In St. John's, the Radio-Television News Directors Association of Canada begins its national gathering today (Thursday) while at the other end of the country - almost - the Western Association of Broadcasters begin their annual convention today at Kananaskis (just a bit east of Banff).

OOKING: CKIQ Iqaluit - On-Air person; Astral Media, Toronto - Broadcast Network Systems Technician; CKIS-FM Calgary - Program Director; CHDR-FM (The Drive)/ CHBZ-FM Cranbrook - News Director; CKWV-FM Nanaimo - Morning Host/Music Director; Teletoon Toronto - Director of Traffic; CTV Toronto - Senior Network Engineer and a Segment Producer for Daily Planet; CBC Toronto -

Broadcast Technologist: CBC Windsor - Managing Editor; and, CBC

Montreal - Sales and Marketing Officer.

UPPLYLINES: Husam Hassan, the Senior Account Manager at Ottawa-based Rohde & Schwarz Canada, has been promoted. As of July 1, Hassan moves to R&S headquarters in Munich to create a new position, Marketing Manager in the TV Broadcast Transmitters division. Peter Foulger, President of Rohde & Schwarz Canada, will handle Hassan's broadcast product line responsibilities until a successor can be found.



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howard@broadcastdialogue.com www.broadcastdialogue.com ADIO: Standard Radio has indefinitely called off its planned issue of income trust units. Citing "recent market conditions," Standard says it hasn't withdrawn its preliminary prospectus filed with the Ontario Securities Commission but it has not yet indicated a date for commencing the marketing of the Standard Radio Income Fund IPO. While it hadn't been publicly priced, SRIF was expected to raise as much as \$300 million in a spinoff of about one-third of the business... CHUM Radio Limited's Exec. VP Paul Ski, VP Industry Affairs Duff Roman, Director Radio Research Kerry French plus EAs Camilla Billingsley and Marlo Kates have moved to the CHUMCity Corporate Head Office in downtown Toronto. They are the first CHUM Radio Ltd. execs who are

destined to leave the famous old CHUM Radio building in favour of having radio and TV corporate people at one location... The BC Court of Appeal has ruled that former *CKNW Vancouver* talk show Host **Rafe Mair's** on-air comments almost seven years ago were defamatory. The defence of them being "fair comment", ruled the court, was invalid. Mair had taken exception to **Kari Simpson**, then the executive director of the *Citizens Research Institute*, during an editorial in which he was critical of her public support for a school board decision to ban three books depicting same-sex parents. During the editorial, Mair slammed Simpson and made allusions to skinheads, Adolf Hitler and the Ku Klux Klan, although he acknowledged Simpson did not condone violence... The *National Association of Broadcasters* wants the US regulatory body to put permanent rules in place that would halt both *XM Satellite Radio* and *Sirius Satellite Radio* from offering localized content via terrestrial repeaters. NAB thinks the two may be developing a next generation of receivers that can deliver

localized programming. Repeaters now in place are regulated under temporary authority. NAB says the FCC "... must ensure that XM and Sirius do not utilize new technology to fundamentally alter the nature of satellite radio service"... CD989 (CHCD-FM) Simcoe, which began life as CFRS, celebrates 50 years of service to that community next Friday, June 23. **Ted Fielder**, a co-founder of the station, and Fred Sherrat, who moved on to corporate fame at **CHUM Limited** – and who both signed-on CFRS lo those 50 years ago - will be there. And all past employees are invited to an open house beginning at 4 pm that afternoon. Audio greetings via e-mail (to production@cd989.com) are invited and welcome, says GM Blair Daggett. Trivia: The CFRS opening was a big deal, with coverage of the launch carried in Time magazine. First song played was Fancy Pants by the David Caroll Orchestra.



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EVOLVING DOOR: Don Kille, GM at CKLQ/CKLF-FM Brandon, is set to retire from that post come the end of September... Clyde Ross, a former GM at Dave FM Cambridge and Standard Radio St. Catharines – a 30-year radio sales and management veteran – has become a Principal with Lagoon City, ON-based *ENS Media Inc.*.. Brad Hooper is new Engineering/Operations Manager at *CTV Edmonton*. He's served on the board of the **Western Association of Broadcast Engineers** (WABE) the past nine years and is a holder of the WABE Ambassador Award... Former Canadian Cable Television Association President Michael Hennessy is now VP broadband and video policy at the Ottawa office of Telus. There's some irony at work here. His immediate supervisor is the CCTA President he succeeded, Janet Yale. She is Exec. VP, Corporate Affairs... At Corus Quebec, Mario Cecchini has been appointed VP, Montreal Region and Jacques Papin becomes VP, Network. Both appointments take effect July 31. This organizational redistribution means that the Montreal stations - 98.5 FM, Q92 FM, CKOI, CKAC, Info 690 and 940Montreal - will come within Cecchini's jurisdiction, while Papin will be responsible for CIME Saint-Jérôme, CFEL Montmagny, CHLN Trois-Rivières, CHLT Sherbrooke, CJRC Gatineau, CKRS Saguenay, CKTS Sherbrooke, CFOM Lévis and CHRC Quebec City... Maurice Cyr, Coordinating Producer at CBC Moncton, has been appointed Manager, Operations for CBC Moncton. The appointment takes effect at mid-August...

OOKING: Jobs we've heard about this week include: GM at CKLQ/Star 94.7 Brandon, a GSM for two-FM'ers in Central Ontario, Sales Execs for VISTA Radio stations in BC, and Hosts and News people at AVR stations in Vancouver, Calgary, Ottawa and Toronto. See the ads in this week's edition... Other jobs we've heard about include: Rogers Radio Timmins - Morning Show Host; Rogers Radio Halifax - Weekend News Anchor/Reporter; Alliance Atlantis Toronto - Sales Manager, Brand Sell; CTV British Columbia - Senior Electronic Graphics Operator: CBC Toronto - Director, Business, Rights and Content Management and a Director of Business Planning and Strategy; and, *Teletoon Toronto* – Director of Traffic.

V/FILM: The CRTC has agreed to delay CBC/Radio-Canada's licence renewal for a year while it reviews over-the-air TV. CRTC chair Charles Dalfen confirmed the postponement after Heritage Minister Bev Oda's announcement of a six-month review of new TV technologies, also to be performed by the Commission. The two reviews could create the framework for that medium's broadcasting through the foreseeable future. The review will touch on the role of the Internet, downloading technologies, phone and high-def TV. The Canadian Association of Broadcasters (CAB) says it welcomes the review. The deadline for filing written comments with regard to the fact-finding on a new TV landscape is Sept. 1 while the deadline for submission is September 27. The Public Hearing is scheduled to start November 27... As reported last week. Brian Williams -- for 32 years the go-to on-air guy for CBC-TV-- gave his long-time employer notice of his departure, including six-months notice. But that notice period isn't going to happen. Williams was apparently terminated this week by fax. In case you missed it. Williams is moving to CTV on a six-year deal that includes the Olympics... CHUM Television's online news service, Pulse24.com, has re-launched as CityNews.ca. The redesigned site, among other features, offers on-demand broadband video.



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of Broadcasters annual convention at Kananaskis on the weekend are: GOLD RIBBON (RADIO) – Country 105 (CKRY) Calgary; GOLD RIBBON (TELEVISION) – CH Red Deer; and, BROADCASTER OF THE YEAR – Dave Rutherford, CHQR Calgary... Tomorrow morning (Friday), the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) and the Ontario Association of Broadcasters (OAB) will be conducting a test of the Amber Alert system. This will allow the OAB to check the accuracy of its recently updated station contact list. Stations are asked to respond to OPP headquarters by fax or e-mail, confirming receipt of the alert notification. OAB says it hopes the test will remind all station management to review their Amber Alert procedures... The new President of RTNDA

Canada is Bob McLaughlin of CHUM Television's A-Channel Barrie. He was elected to the post at the Annual General Meeting last Friday morning in St. John's and officially accepted the presidential gavel from outgoing president Terry Scott (see photo. McLaughlin on left) at the President's Banquet Saturday night... A revision to



the RTNDA Code of Ethics has been passed that includes this new clause: Article Six (Integrity) — Producers of news broadcasts will not pay subjects or sources that have a vested interest in a story. Commentators or contracted experts are exempted. Broadcast journalists will not accept financial compensation from those who seek to influence news coverage thereby compromising journalistic integrity and independence... The Radio-Television News Directors Association of Canada honoured the best in electronic journalism Saturday night in St. John's as the RTNDA National and Network Awards were presented. Winners announced at the 2006 RTNDA National Conference are:





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Dave Rogers Award – Long Feature:

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CJME Regina (Medium Market)

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CKAT North Bay (Small Market)

CBC Newfoundland and Labrador – (Medium Market)

CBC Radio Edmonton (Large Market)

CBC Radio Vancouver

680News (CFTR) Toronto

CJME Regina

CJWW Saskatoon

NETWORK RADIO:

Byron MacGregor Award - Best Newscast: Charlie Edwards Award - Spot News: Dan McArthur Award - In-depth/Investigative: Dave Rogers Award – Short Feature: Dave Rogers Award – Long Feature: Ron Laidlaw Award - Continuing Coverage:

CBC National Radio News

TELEVISION:

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CBC Radio Halifax

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Gord Sinclair Award – Live Special Events: Ron Laidlaw Award - Continuing Coverage: Sam Ross Award – Editorial/Commentary: Website Award:

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KHJ Fredericton **CBC Newfoundland and Labrador**

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Elizabeth Roscoe Conservative insider who may be prevented from her lobbying career as VP of Public Affairs at the CAB because she sat on Prime Minister Harper's transition team. She'd volunteered to help Harper last January, then took a job the CAB VP. Within weeks of the election, Harper brought in rules retroactively outlawing members of the transition team from lobbying for five years. Roscoe wrote to the parliamentary committee studying Accountability Act saying she would never have taken the job if she knew she'd be banned from lobbying. Derek Burney, the former ambassador and senior bureaucrat who led Harper's transition team, has broken with the PM on the issue. While most MPs think the Accountability Act is a good thing, there are those who question its retroactivity thus trapping people such as Roscoe... The US House of Representatives has passed legislation to boost maximum fines the **FCC** can impose for indecency on TV and radio stations. It's now

up 10 times what it was, to \$325,000. The bill also sets at \$3 million the maximum a US broadcaster can be fined in one broadcast day, or for one broadcast event...

UPPLYLINES: Toronto-based **Specialty Data Systems** (SDS), having expanded its broadcast management software to include radio, says the first radio station onboard is **OZ-FM St. John's**. The system is said to give broadcasters automated tools to maintain market share, increase revenue and reduce costs.

EW SUBSCRIBERS THIS WEEK INCLUDE: Pam Leyland, Rawlco Saskatoon. Welcome!

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howard@broadcastdialogue.com www.broadcastdialogue.com recommends that there be measures to stop media conglomerates from dominating newspaper, radio and TV in a single market. It also recommends that *CBC-TV* become a commercial-free broadcaster and therefore truly public. Further, the Senate's transport and communications committee recommends that the Competition Act be beefed up. The CBC proposal would mean that the feds would have to boost the corporation's almost \$1-billion annual budget to make up for the ad losses... In the United States, the *Federal Communications Commission* has voted to re-examine media ownership rules. FCC Chairman *Kevin J. Martin* promises that his agency will approach the issue

differently than the it did last time (two years ago), when a court blocked changes. The FCC's next rewrite of media-ownership rules will determine how many media outlets a company can own in a single market. Six hearings will likely be held in different US locales even as the FCC also undertakes its own research on the issues, including how the public gets the news and changes in the media marketplace... Here at home, *CanWest Global Communications* CEO **Leonard Asper** told business leaders in Toronto that Canada's media industry may be headed for another round of consolidation and that the federal government needs to step aside and let it happen. Speaking to the *Empire Club*, Asper said traditional media outlets are scrambling to maintain their share of advertising dollars. The Internet has created a multitude of new competitors and to

compete with the Web giants, Canadian media companies not only need to get bigger, they need Ottawa to let them consolidate. Concentration has been a touchy subject for almost 20 years as smaller newspaper and TV companies have been bought, merged or taken over. Ottawa studied the issue after several deals reshaped the industry. Says Asper: "In the inevitable consolidation that will come for all companies . . . the Competition Bureau has to look at it on the basis that the world is just bigger than Canada"...

Canadian Association **Broadcasters** VP Elizabeth Roscoe still has the Accountability Act hanging over her head but there is some relief. The Conservative government has climbed down from its hard line toward senior Tories who worked on its transition team. The Tories brought in an amendment to their ethics bill that would allow volunteer transition workers to become lobbyists under certain conditions. Team members who placed people in top jobs in ministers' offices and the Prime Minister's Office can lobby the very people they hired if an

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independent commissioner exempts them from the five-year ban that the new law creates.

V/FILM: A US reality show called The One (where young musicians compete for a recording contract) will bump CBC's The National from 10 p.m. to 11 o'clock on Tuesdays in Ontario and Quebec for part of the summer. The National won't be affected from Manitoba westward. Friends of Canadian Broadcasting describes the move as "shocking and surprising." Spokesperson lan Morrison says CBC has a mission that involves explaining Canada to Canadians, and not importing American commercial programming. Exec Director Arthur Lewis of Our Public Airwaves says bumping The National for a reality show is "sad testimony of the extent to which CBC Television has become a commercial network" (see lead item in the GENERAL section)... The CRTC has allowed HDNet - the US channel offering 24/7 HD programming - to be added to the list of eligible satellite services for digital distribution by cable and satellite BDUs. HDNet was launched in September, 2001, by Mark Cuban and Philip Garvin. The Canadian Association of Broadcasters, the Director's Guild of Canada, the Canadian Film and Television Production Association and the Alliance of Canadian Cinema Television and Radio Artists had intervened opposing the application... Nielsen Media Research says it will integrate TV and Internet measurement, add ratings for viewing on cell phones and iPods, and it gave a firm date of 2011 for the end of paper diaries. The announcement came months after Nielsen told Arbitron that it wouldn't go ahead with the joint venture involving Arbitron's Portable People Meter technology.

ADIO: Moses Znaimer, the man who founded Citytv Toronto, has a deal with Trumar Communications, the owner of Classical 96 (CFMX-FM) Toronto, to acquire the only private Englishlanguage radio station in the country formatting classical music. Purchase price is \$13 million. Znaimer said he would keep the classical format but build on the station's links to Toronto-area arts organizations to generate a wider listening audience. "The new 96.3's goal will be to further popularize classical music to make it more accessible to the public at large and to help people know about it and like it," Znaimer's MZ Media Inc. says in the CRTC application... Talk show Host Charles Adler may have been rude but he wasn't in breach of the CAB's Code of Ethics when he said some of his callers were "stupid." So says the Canadian Broadcast Standards Council in its decision concerning comments Adler made on CKNW Vancouver. The complete decision may be found by clicking **HERE**... In another **CBSC** decision, the Council came down on the side of Fairchild Radio (CHKG-FM) Vancouver after the station broadcast announcements last year saying it would no longer accept phone calls from a particular individual who had criticized a local Vietnamese program in a Vancouver publication. That decision may be found in its entirety HERE... EMI Music North America is the latest to settle a pay-for-play investigation into air time sold or traded in the US to benefit artists. New York Attorney General Eliot Spitzer said the \$3.75 million compensation for radio airplay was paid by EMI, which includes Virgin Records America, Capitol Records, EMI Christian Music Group and S Curve Records. Last month, Universal Music Group Recordings agreed to pay \$12 million to settle a payola case that claimed the company provided vacations, electronics and other bribes to increase radio play for their

artists. Spitzer opened his investigations into alleged wrongdoing by music and radio companies in 2004... *XM Satellite Radio* in the US is finding itself under pressure from the *Recording Industry Association of America* as well as from US Senators Dianne Feinstein, D-Calif., Lindsey Graham, R-SC, and Majority Leader Bill Frist, R-Tenn. Together, the three have introduced legislation targeting a feature of two new portable XM players that download programming blocks. The RIAA says the feature violates copyright law... *CKDR Dryden*, a supporter of the *Canadian Cancer Society's Relay for Life*, helped raise over \$250,000. In the photo, CKDR Sales Rep Gord Kauer (also President of the Dryden Branch of the Canadian Cancer Society) and Senior Reporter Mike Ebbeling have their heads shaved during the Dryden portion of the Relay for Life.



EVOLVING DOOR: David Scapillati is the new GM of Media Sales and Marketing for *CBC Television*. He arrives at CBC from *Prime Restaurants of Canada* where he was Sr. VP of Brand and Marketing... *Citytv Toronto's* new Meteorologist is *Michael Kuss*, effective June 26. Kuss, who had been with *Global Ontario* (in Toronto), moves "across the street" to succeed long-time Meteorologist *Harold Hosein*. Hosein has decided to move on to a new business venture... *Kathleen Petty* has been named the new host

of Ottawa Morning, as well as the host of CBC News: The House. Petty succeeds Anthony Germain, who is heading up the CBC news bureau in Shanghai... Dan Rather's departure, after 44 years with CBS News, happened Tuesday. Without a CBS-TV show for him to appear on, Rather decided to pull the plug and move on to "do the work I love elsewhere." Elsewhere may be with Mark Cuban's HDNet cable channel (see TV/FILM). Rather issued a statement critical of CBS, saying it "had not lived up to their obligation to allow me to do substantive work there. As for their offers of a future with only an office but no assignments, it just isn't in me to sit around doing nothing"... James Cybulski, after eight years with The Score, joins TSN July 1 as a Toronto Reporter... Tim Roszell, having moved from Rogers sister station News 95.7 Halifax to News 88.9 Saint John, will be become – in addition to his off-season duties as afternoon News Anchor – the Saint John Sea Dogs play-by-play host for the 2006-07 broadcast season.

IGN-OFFS: Lee Facto, 73, in Santa Rosa, California, of emphysema. Facto was Andrew Economos' early partner at *Radio Computing Services* (RCS), having grown the company from a five-person operation. Facto, over more than two decades at RCS before his 2002 retirement, served in sales, administration, international development and finances... William J. Lamb, 76, in Los Angeles after a stroke following heart surgery. Lamb was a public TV pioneer who helped spearhead shows such as *American Playhouse*, *Nature* and *Cosmos*.

OOKING: Spirit FM (CJTS-FM) Lethbridge - Sales Manager; CanWest MediaWorks Toronto - Executive Assistant; Report On Business Television, Toronto - Chase Producers; Global Quebec - News Director; CanWest MediaWorks Toronto - Executive Assistant; CBC Toronto - Executive Director of Digital Programming and Business Development, English TV Networks; CTV Toronto - Producer, TSN Digital Media; CTV Winnipeg - News Promotion Writer/Producer; Corus Entertainment Inc. - Technical Development Engineer IT; CMT Toronto - Marketing Manager; CBC Vancouver - Production Manager Television; CBC Ottawa - Sr. Communications Advisor and a Sr. Designer Production and Resources; CBC Montreal - Accounting Officer; CHNU-TV Surrey - Retail Sales Representative; VisionTV Toronto - Manager Master Control & Ingest and a Senior Editor; Telus TV Vancouver - Product Manager; Family Toronto - Production Coordinator; Team 1040 Vancouver - Account Executive; Boom fm 104.1 St-Jean-sur-Richelieu - Adjoint(e) administratif(ve), ventes et promotions & Conseiller(ère) publicitaire; RockDétente 102,7 Estrie - Conseiller(ère) publicitaire; and, énergie 99.1, Rouyn-Noranda - Directeur(trice) des ventes & représentant(e) des ventes locales. Be sure to see ALL of the recent job availabilities and ads by clicking HERE.

UPPLYLINES: CFTF-TV Rivière-du-Loup has purchased For-A's Hanabi HVS-3800S 2 M/E HD production switcher for its news broadcasts. It's an upgrade that handles all HD formats.

EW SUBSCRIBERS THIS WEEK INCLUDE: Doug Flaherty, *Woodbine Entertainment Toronto*. Welcome!

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howard@broadcastdialogue.com www.broadcastdialogue.com ADIO: American radio stations, according to a study by *Media Monitors*, have cut 60-seconds off commercial loads. Two years back, in 2004, average spot breaks ran 8:30 per hour. This year, the average at those stations dropped to seven minutes 30 seconds. Those and other results were announced at the annual *Interep Radio Symposium* in New York... The *CRTC* has renewed 73 transitional digital radio licences for another 12 months, extending licence terms through to Aug. 31, 2007. The Commission, meanwhile, will be developing a new commercial radio policy, including the transitional digital radio policy, introduced in 1995... The *Jim Pattison Broadcast Group* has won *CRTC* approval for its purchase of *Island Radio Ltd.'s CHWF-FM/CKWV-FM*

Nanaimo, CIBH-FM/CHPQ-FM Parksville, CKLR-FM Courtenay and CJAV-FM Port Alberni. Purchase price was \$12.5 million... Sunny 94 (CJUV-FM) Lacombe launched yesterday (Wednesday) under the direction of President/PD Troy Stevens... Corus-owned CJDV-FM (Dave) Cambridge has been denied a power increase that would have changed Dave FM's status from a Class A to a Class B1 service. Also, the authorized contours of the station would have been significantly increased... American Bob Coen, described as an "ad guru," has lowered his financial expectations for US radio in 2006. Back in December, he predicted that both local and national would see growth of 4%. Now, however, Coen's revised numbers show national

growth at 1% and local showing no growth whatsoever... The National Association of Broadcasters has notified **FCC** Chairman **Kevin** Martin and the US Senate Commerce Committee that several FM modulator devices used in satellite radio receivers exceed allowable interference limits. Tests were performed on 17 wireless FM modulator devices used consumers to transmit audio signals from their satellite radio or MP3 player to their in-dash car radio. Of that number, 13 exceeded field strength limits set by the FCC (six by 2,000%), and one transmitted a signal 20,000% stronger than allowed. Many of the devices also transmitted signals that were substantially wider in bandwidth than permitted, causing potential interference to first and second adjacent channels as well.

Schneider is new PD and mid-day Announcer at KICX (CIKZ-FM) Kitchener-Waterloo. Most recently he was



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Assistant PD and afternoon drive Announcer at KOOL FM (CFCA FM) Kitchener-Waterloo... Zack Hewitt, ex of Q107 (CFGQ-FM) Calgary, moves home to take over the reins of the morning show at KYX 98 (CKYX-FM) Fort McMurray... Elizabeth Whiting is the new Media & Public Affairs Officer at the British High Commission in Ottawa, succeeding Laura Markle. The British High Commission handles radio programming from the BBC... Dan Abrams has been selected by NBC as the new day-to-day boss of MSNBC. Abrams, 40, has worked as a Legal Analyst and

News Anchor.

IGN-OFF: Aaron Spelling, 83, in Los Angeles shortly after suffering a stroke. Spelling was the TV Producer behind such hits as *Charlie's Angels, Dynasty, Starsky and Hutch* and *Beverly Hills* 90210.

V/FILM: Go to Page 3 for a complete list of Canadian winners at *Promax/BDA*... Knowlton Nash has slammed the decision of the *CBC* to simulcast a US reality show for the first time in its history. "If the CBC really wants reality TV," he says, "let people get the reality of what's happening in the world by turning on The National at 10 p.m. every night." Nash's comments were contained in a speech read by his wife, Lorraine Thomson, during his acceptance of a Lifetime Achievement Award from the *Canadian Journalism Foundation*. Nash is unable to speak at times because of problems caused by Parkinson's disease... *NBC* has agreed to promote its fall shows on *YouTube.com*, marking the first time a broadcast network has linked up with a major video-sharing Web site. Under the deal, NBC will buy ads on YouTube and the network will promote the partnership on the air.

ENERAL: CanWest Global Communications has given The Canadian Press (Broadcast News) a year's notice of its intent to resign CP/BN by the end of June, 2007. CanWest remains free to change its mind at any time over the next 12 months... There are five Canadian winners in the Radio-Television News Directors Association International Edward R. Murrow Awards for 2006. The awards, announced in Washington, honour excellence in electronic journalism. Canadian winners are:

Radio Small-Market - Spot News Coverage: VOCM St. Johns

Radio Network/Syndication Service - Feature - Hard News: CBC National Radio News, Toronto

<u>Television Large-Market – News Series</u>: CTV British Columbia (CIVT-TV Vancouver)

Website: CP24 Toronto

Television Small-Market - News Documentary: CTV Atlantic (CJCH-TV Halifax)...

OOKING: Maritime Broadcasting System seeks a Regional GSM. See the ad on Page 1... Other jobs we've heard about include: Newcap Television Lloydminster - Graphic Artist; Global Television Toronto - Senior Manager of Advertising Strategy and a Floor Director, Entertainment Tonight Canada; CBC Ottawa - Manager of Operations, Production and Resource; CBC Toronto - Creative Director, a Promotions Manager, a Manager, Advertising Coordination and a Director Financial Management English Radio; SUN TV Toronto - Creative Director; Alliance Atlantis Toronto - Production Executive Life Network, a Production Executive Food Network and HGTV, a Finance Unit Manager Digital Media, and a Director Online Product; Newsnet Toronto - Producer; CBC Montreal - Accounting Officer; and, CFDV-FM/CHUB-FM Red Deer - a Creative Writer.

UPPLYLINES: Harris Corporation says CHUM Television in Toronto has placed a "significant order" for that company's standard- and high-def conversion, processing, and control and monitoring equipment. Beginning in September, Citytv Toronto plans to broadcast two locally-produced morning shows and three newscasts in HD... Also from CHUM Television, the purchase of 49 Ikegami Editcam tapeless camcorders for Citytv Vancouver, Citytv Toronto and for the company's Alberta News Bureau.

Seventeen Canadian broadcast companies were awarded 256 awards at **Promax/BDA**. That organization is described as a "worldwide association of entertainment marketers, promoters and designers, representing more than 500 television stations and all major broadcast and cable networks from the US as well as more than 3,000 individual members in 70 countries." The Canadian winners are:

Company	Gold	Silver	Bronze	Total
Alliance Atlantis Communications	12	17	2	31
Astral Media Inc.	26	25	6	57
Bell ExpressVu	12	6	1	19
CBC (English)	4	1	1	6
CBC (French)	9	3	4	16
channel m	5	6	0	11
CHUM Limited	15	10	5	30
Corus Entertainment	2	2	1	5
CPAC/Front	2	1	0	3
CITS-TV (CTS)	0	1	0	1
CTV Inc.	21	21	5	47
Global Television	0	3	2	5
Groupe TVA	3	2	0	5
OMNI	0	2	0	2
Rogers Cable	4	5	0	9
Rogers Sportsnet	3	4	0	7
Telelatino	0	1	0	1
TFO-TVOntario	1	0	0	1
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