

MEDIAware Newsletter

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Welcome to MEDIAware, PR Newswire's monthly media research newsletter.

MEDIAware aims to bring you a selection of the most important media updates from the thousands available every day via MEDIAAtlas, plus key media moves on the horizon, and a synopsis of interesting media news.

PR Newswire appreciates its members and we hope that this newsletter will serve to keep you up-to-date on what our team of researchers across North America is working on.

Media Briefs:

- ❖ America's newspaper, **USA Today**, launched an e-Edition on Aug. 3rd. It will cost \$99.00 a year for this complete copy of the newspaper version sent to your computer. You can read it online or download it for later viewing. It will be available at 5:30 a.m. EST Monday-Friday. You will also get bonus weekend coverage with your subscription. Videos related to the stories will also be available with this edition and ads will link directly to their internet sites for more information.
- ❖ **The Faster Times** (<http://thefastertimes.com>) recently launched online. It's designed to be an international online newspaper with former journalists contributing to more than 100 news categories including health, tech, international news and politics from all over the world. **Sam Apple** (samapple@thefastertimes.com) is the Editor-in-Chief/Publisher. The top Editors all have ownership shares in this venture hoping it will become accepted as a top news source around the world and eventually turn a profit.

- ❖ “Post”-poned dinner: **The Washington Post** withdrew its first planned paid dinner event in July that reportedly invited decision-makers and lobbyists to sign up and pay for dinner where they would have access to Reporters and Editors from the Post and discuss a topic (ex. Healthcare). Publisher **Katharine Weymouth** wrote an editorial discussing why they had to cancel the planned dinner events. She didn’t want to compromise the Post’s journalistic integrity. The first of these planned 10-12 dinners over the course of a year was scheduled to be held at Weymouth’s house.
- ❖ **KNBC-TV**’s secondary digital channel known as News Raw 4.2 is the first digital channel to be nominated for a local Emmy. News Raw airs raw news footage as well as weather forecasts during most weekdays.
- ❖ **ESPN** is preparing to launch a new Website focused on local sports in Los Angeles. Plans are in effect to launch the site by early 2010. ESPN is looking to hire about 15 staff members to run the site.
- ❖ **The Los Angeles Times** and **The Orange County Register** have announced a joint distribution agreement in which both papers will be delivered to homes and vending machines by the Los Angeles Times. While this will mean large savings for the OC Register in payroll and warehousing costs, the flip side will mean layoffs for full and part-time workers from independent contractors. For the LA Times, the Register will become its largest commercial delivery contract.
- ❖ Former NBC General Manager **Dan Abrams** has created **Mediaite**, a website about the media. Also working on the site are former Fishbowler **Glynnis MacNicol**; former TVNewser **Steve Krakauer** and **Rachel Sklar**, formerly of the Huffington Post. Managing Editor is **Colby Hall**. Tips can be sent to tips@mediaite.com while questions should be sent to info@mediaite.com.
- ❖ Popular music magazine **Vibe Magazine** has ceased. Despite having a circulation of over 800,000, the magazine shut down due to decreased advertising revenue. Vibe was founded by musician Quincy Jones and Time Warner in 1992. Vibe Magazine covered global music, urban culture and lifestyle.
- ❖ Publisher McGraw-Hill has laid off 550 employees in July -- 125 were from the Media/Information division of the company. McGraw-Hill also put **BusinessWeek** up for sale.
- ❖ The Economist Group (which owns **Roll Call**) announced the purchase of CQ (**Congressional Quarterly**) and the group will now be called the CQ-Roll Call Group. CQ Editorial Director **Robert Merry** is leaving and Roll Call Editorial Director **Mike Mills** will be running the group.

- ❖ **LobbyBlog** is a new blog by **The Huffington Post** that covers the behind-the-scenes world of lobbying on Capitol Hill. **Jason Linkins** (Jason@huffingtonpost.com) will be blogging on party politics.
- ❖ **Celebritology** is a gossip blog produced by **The Washington Post**. It features commentary and stories by **Liz Kelly**. You can contact her at: celebritology@washpost.com.
- ❖ One hundred employees of the **Associated Press** recently took buyouts and are moving on. Among those were: veteran Reporter **Richard Pyle**. You can find more of the names that have left AP in our regional news sections below.

MEDIAAtlas Updates by Region:

New York Metro Region:

WSJ (New York, NY) – **Sophie Raptis** (sophie.raptis@wsj.com) is the new Publisher of this **Wall Street Journal** lifestyle magazine. She replaces **Ellen Asmodeo-Giglio**.

The Star-Ledger (Newark, NJ) – Reporter **Carly Rothman** (crothman@starledger.com) has switched beats to cover health and medicine while Metro Editor **Steve Chambers** has left the paper to cover stories for **Hedge Fund Alert** as a Senior Editor. Rothman may be reached at crothman@starledger.com

The Wall Street Journal (New York, NY) – Health Reporter **Sarah Rubenstein** has left the paper.

Bloomberg News – New York Bureau (New York, NY) – Reporter **Kurt Heine** is now covering the education beat. He previously covered pharmaceuticals. His email address remains kheine1@bloomberg.net

Financial Times – New York Bureau (New York, NY) – **Gregory Meyer** is the new Commodities Reporter for the London-based FT. He also covers emerging markets. He can be reached at gregory.meyer@ft.com

Newsweek.com (New York, NY) – **Nancy Cook** has joined the magazine as a Business Writer. She can be emailed at nancy.cook@newsweek.com or followed on Twitter at: <http://twitter.com/nancook>.

Vain Magazine (New York, NY) – This new publication seeks to “capture the essence and core of all women, with a direct focus on self.” The magazine offers a robust web site, with a print edition appearing quarterly. Reach Editor-in-Chief **Rachelle Gauthier** at rachelle@vainmag.com.

WABC-TV (New York, NY) – **Dr. Marvell Scott** has decided to put his medical career first. So he is leaving his position as Weekend Sports Anchor at this station. Dr. Scott specializes in sports medicine.

WIVB-TV (Buffalo, NY) – This upstate station has let go of two members of its news staff. Meteorologist **Mary Beth Wrobel** and Anchor **Rob Macko** were both released. Meanwhile, we send out get well wishes to Anchor **Mylous Hairston**, who is recuperating after suffering a heart attack.

Times Union (Albany, NY) – The following editorial personnel are no longer with the paper: Business Editor **Marlene Kennedy**; Sports Editor **Bill Callen**; Senior Editor **Monica Bartoszek**; and Outdoors Columnist **Alan Wechsler**.

Your Questions, Your Money Live - Fox Business Network (New York, NY) – **Christine Thoma** is the new Senior Producer for this show. Her email is christine.thoma@foxnews.com.

PRESTIGE New York (New York, NY) – **Christine Schott** has been promoted to Deputy Editor at this glossy magazine. She was previously Social Editor/Fashion Director. Her email remains christine.schott@crmedia-us.com. Also getting a promotion is Editor-in-Chief **Rhonda Palmer** (rhonda.palmer@crmedia-us.com), who picks up the additional title of General Manager.

Fast Company (New York, NY) – This financial magazine promoted three of its interns to full-time staff members as **Dan Macsai** (dmacsai@fastcompany.com), **Anne Lee** (alee@fastcompany.com) and **Zachary Wilson** (zwilson@fastcompany.com) were all named Assistant Editors.

O, The Oprah Magazine (New York, NY) – One Susan replaces another here as **Susan Reed** leaves as Editor-in-Chief to be replaced by **Susan Casey**. Her email is scasey@hearst.com.

Natural Health (New York, NY) – **Daniel Mazori** has been promoted to Associate Editor from Editorial Assistant. He can be emailed at dmazori@naturalhealthmag.com.

Page Six - New York Post (New York, NY) – Long-time Columnist **Paula Froelich** has resigned from the Post. She is leaving to work on a book.

Us Weekly (New York, NY) – Editor **Janice Min** is leaving the magazine after seven successful years at the helm.

Shape Magazine (New York, NY) – Former Assistant Editor **Marissa Stephenson** (mstephenson@shape.com) is now Associate Editor.

Entertainment Weekly (New York, NY) – Former People Editorial Assistant **Archana Ram** (archana_ram@ew.com) is now an Editorial Assistant for EW.

Breakingviews - New York Bureau (New York, NY) – Correspondent **Jeff Segal** has left this site.

The Wendy Williams Show (New York, NY) – After 23 years on the radio, **Wendy Williams** is leaving **WBLS-FM** to focus on her new syndicated t.v. show, **The Wendy Williams Show**. **Lorraine Haughton** (lhaughton@wendyshow.com) is the show's producer.

Ladies' Home Journal (New York, NY) – **Erica Metzger** (erica.metzger@meredith.com) is now the new Beauty Director, responsible for all beauty coverage.

Men.Style.com (New York, NY) – The online publication is ceasing. **DETAILS** and **GQ** will be getting their own websites.

Good Housekeeping (New York, NY) – The magazine says goodbye to **Aretha Busby**, Fashion Director. A replacement has not been announced.

Glamour (New York, NY) – Lifestyle Editor **Joanna Bober** is no longer with the magazine.

Menshealth.com (New York, NY) – **Carolyn Kylstra** (carolyn.kylstra@rodale.com) is the new Columnist for “Ask the Girl Next Door” on **Menshealth.com**.

In Style (New York, NY) – The Magazine welcomes a new Editorial Assistant in **Alexandra Michler** (alexandra_michler@instylemag.com).

Real Simple (New York, NY) – Style Market Editor **PJ Mehaffey** has left the publication.

O, The Oprah Magazine (New York, NY) – **Alessandra Foresto** (aforesto@hearst.com) joins the magazine as a Beauty Editorial Assistant.

Blackbook (New York, NY) – **Eiseley Tauginas** (etauginas@blackbookmag.com) has been promoted to Assistant Editor, covering consumer general interest.

Natural Health (New York, NY) – Publisher **Eileen Chiafair** and Editor **Mary Bolster** are no longer with the magazine.

The AIDS Reader (New York, NY) – The magazine that shared practical, scientifically sound information on prevention, diagnosis and treatment of HIV disease and AIDS has ceased publication.

Men's Journal (New York, NY) – **Matt Mastrangelo** (matt.mastrangelo@mensjournal.com) is the new Publisher, replacing **Francis Farrell**.

WMGM-FM (Linwood, NJ) – WMGM's afternoon PD, **Rich Desisto**, has left the station due to budget cuts. No replacement has been named.

Wealth Manager (Hoboken, NJ) – Wealth Manager has converted to an online only publication beginning in September.

Mid-Atlantic Region:

The Huffington Post (Internet) – Former **Washington Post** White House Watch Blogger **Dan Froomkin** has become HuffPo's Washington Bureau Chief. Former **Washington Post** New Media Reporter **Jose Antonio Vargas** has also accepted a position as Technology & Innovations Editor at HuffPo.

Intelligencer Journal/Lancaster New Era (Lancaster, PA) – The **Intelligencer Journal** and **Lancaster New Era** have merged into one newspaper -- Intelligencer Journal/Lancaster New Era -- which will be delivered in the morning. In the transition there were a few layoffs. Health Reporter **Susan Lindt** has left this publication.

The Washington Post (Washington, DC) – **Richard Leiby** (leibyr@washpost.com) is the new Sunday Style & Arts Editor. And **Scott Vogel** (vogels@washpost.com) is taking the role of Arts Editor. **Sydney Trent** (trents@washpost.com) has been promoted to Style Section Narrative Editor. **Doug Jehl** (jehld@washpost.com) has left the New York Times to become the Foreign Editor at the Post. **Michael Bolden** (michaelb@washpost.com) has been promoted to Development & Transportation Editor. Travel Columnist **Carol Sottili** is no longer with the Post. **Nils Bruzelius** has taken early retirement from his post as Deputy National Editor/Science & Health. **Frances Stead Sellers** (health@washpost.com) has been promoted to replace Bruzelius. **Hank Stuever** (stueverh@washpost.com) is the new TV Critic taking over for **Tom Shales** (shalest@washpost.com) who is now the Culture Critic.

The Washington Times (Washington, DC) – Former Washington Post Virginia Desk Editor **Matthew Mosk** (mmosk@washingtontimes.com) has been named White House Bureau Chief at the Times. **Jennifer Harper** (jharper@washingtontimes.com) has taken over **John McCaslin's** "Inside the Beltway" column. **Stephen Dinan** (sdinan@washingtontimes.com) has been promoted to Deputy Managing Editor/Politics.

The Hill (Washington, DC) – Former **Washington Post** Tech Reporter **Kim Hart** (khart@thehill.com) joins on as a Reporter exploring technology in government and politics.

WBAL-AM (Baltimore, MD) – Station Manager **Jeff Beauchamp** is no longer with the station. No replacement has been named as the station moves to a harder news format.

Roll Call (Washington, DC) – **Erin Billings** (epb@rollcall.com) has been promoted from Senior News Editor to Deputy Editor.

Washington Flyer (Washington, DC) – **Steve Mytinger** (steven@themagazinegroup.com) is the new Publisher and **Michael McCarthy** (michaelm@themagazinegroup.com) lands back at the Flyer after five years away to become the Editor-in-Chief.

WTFX-TV (Philadelphia, PA) – **Mike Jerrick** (mike.jerrick@foxtv.com) returns to “Good Day Philadelphia” as a Co-Host after a national stint with Fox where he co-hosted the morning show with **Juliet Huddy**.

WCAU-TV (Philadelphia, PA) – **Rosemary Connors** returns home to Philly to be a News Reporter at this NBC affiliate. Rosemary formerly worked at **WFTX-TV** in Fort Myers, Florida.

Associated Press - Washington Bureau (Washington, DC) – Daybook Night Editor **Bill Sautter** took the recent AP buyout offer and has moved on.

Associated Press - Philadelphia Bureau (Philadelphia, PA) – Reporter **Bill Bergstrom** took the recent AP buyout offer and has left.

The Politico (Washington, DC) – **Kendra Marr** (kmarr@politico.com) has joined this publication as a Reporter after previously working in the same role at **The Washington Post**. **Katherine Lehr** (klehr@politico.com) will keep you up-to-date on all the DC gossip in her role as Gossip Editor.

National Public Radio (Washington, DC) – Defense Correspondent **Guy Raz** (graz@npr.org) has taken over hosting of the **Weekend All Things Considered** show on NPR. He’s taking over for **Andrea Seabrook** (aseabrook@npr.org) who is going to be the Congressional Reporter.

Bloomberg News - Washington Bureau (Washington, DC) – Former Chicago Tribune DC Bureau Reporter **John D. McCormick** has switched to Bloomberg and will cover political news.

WPVI-TV (Philadelphia, PA) – **Katherine Scott** joined the Action News team as a News Reporter in July. She replaced **Jessica Borg** whose contract was not renewed.

TLC- The Learning Channel (Silver Spring, MD) – **Steve Cheskin** (steve_cheskin@discovery.com) has returned to become Vice President of Programming at this network after a stint at WEtv. Steve worked at Discovery Networks for 18 years before trying out WEtv.

New England Region:

Portland Press Herald (Portland, ME) -- Publisher and Editor **Rich Connor** of the **Times Leader** in Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania is expanding his role to include the leadership of their Maine sister publications, **Kennebec Journal**, **The Morning Sentinel** and the Press Herald effective immediately. He may be reached at his main location in PA, rconnor@timesleader.com.

Rhode Island Monthly (Providence, RI) – Longtime President and Publisher of Rhode Island Monthly, **John J. Palumbo**, has purchased the magazine from parent company A.H. Belo Corp. He may be reached at jpalumbo@rimonthly.com.

The Boston Globe (Boston, MA) – The paper has shutdown its South Boston Bureau in Hanover, Mass. Reporters **Matthew Carroll** (mcarroll@globe.com), **Emily Sweeney** (esweeney@globe.com) and **Monique Walker** (mwalker@globe.com) have been relocated to The Globe's main office.

Technology Review (Cambridge, MA) – Editor **Kate Greene** has left the magazine to become a freelance writer covering science and technology topics. No replacement has been named.

WOMR-FM (Provincetown, MA) – Executive Director, **David Myers** handed in his resignation effective at month's end. No replacement has been named.

WGGB-TV (Springfield, MA) – **Kathy Tobin** is stepping down as Evening Anchor to pursue a career as development director for Friends of the Homeless.

WTIC-TV (Hartford, CT) – In addition to her current responsibilities as the 11:00 p.m. Anchor, **Erika Arias** has been promoted to Co-Anchor of the 10:00 p.m. news, alongside **Brent Hardin**. She may be reached at earias@fox61.com.

WEQX-FM (Manchester, VT) – Morning host **Brian “Darwin” Bushner** has left the station. There are no immediate plans for a replacement.

Associated Press - Portland, ME Bureau (Portland, ME) – **Jerry Harkavy** has taken the recent AP buyout.

Associated Press - Concord Bureau (Concord, NH) – News Editor **Joseph Magruder** has taken the recent AP buyout.

Associated Press - Hartford Bureau (Hartford, CT) – Broadcast Editor **Steven Feica** took the AP buyout offer and has moved on.

Southeast Region:

WFTS-TV (Tampa, FL) – The station has announced that Sports Director **Al Keck** (akeck@wfts.com) is leaving the station when his contract expires in September.

WTVJ-TV (Miramar, FL) – Sports Features Reporter **Andrea Brody** (andrea.brody@nbcuni.com) has left the station. No replacement has been named.

CNN/Cable News Network (Atlanta, GA) – News Correspondent **Susan Roesgen** is no longer with the network as her contract with CNN has expired.

CNNRadio (Atlanta, GA) – The station regrets to announce that National Correspondent **Ed McCarthy** has passed away. McCarthy spent 23 years with the network. His past working experience included News Director and Co-Host of a morning show at **WIRA-AM** based in Ft. Pierce, FL.

WTVJ-TV (Miramar, FL) – **Tisha Lewis**, who has served as General News Reporter at WTNJ-TV since October 2006, is no longer with the station. No replacement has been made.

The Tennessean (Nashville, TN) – The publication announced the departure of Higher Education and State Government Reporter **Colby Sledge**. No replacement has been named.

The Weather Channel (Atlanta, GA) – TWC debuted its new show “**Wake Up with Al**” starring NBC Today Show Weatherman Al Roker on July 20th. **Nick Palladino** (npalladino@weather.com) is the show’s new Producer. It airs from 6:00- 7:00 a.m. EST Monday thru Friday.

The Miami Herald (Miami, FL) – The publication has just announced that Assistant Features Editor **Marjie Lamber** (mlambert@miamiherald.com) has had the role of Travel Editor added to her duties. Lamber also covers home, gardening, and the special section tropical life- family and values. **Jane Woolridge** (jwooldridge@miamiherald.com), who was the Travel Editor, has become the Business Editor.

WLLD-FM (Saint Petersburg, FL) – Music Director **Kristi Reif** has left the station. No replacement has been named at this time.

Journal of Accountancy (Durham, NC) – The magazine has named **Alexandra DeFelice** (adefelice@aicpa.org) Senior Editor of the publication. Before joining the Journal, DeFelice was a Senior Editor at Accounting Today and Accounting Technology.

Florida Health News (St. Petersburg, FL) – This online news publication has re-launched its website with added features such as a new editorial section. The site now features information and news links in the Consumer Corner section and editorials, columns and blogs found in the Analysis & Opinion section. They can be found at: <http://www.healthnewsfl.org>.

Midwest Region:

WFLD-TV (Chicago, IL) – **David Novarro** (david.novarro@foxchicago.com) will fill in as weekday morning news Co-Host for this station. Reporter **Anne Kavanagh**, whose contract has expired, will remain with the station as a regular Contributor. **Patrick Elwood** (patrick.elwood@foxchicago.com) has been filling in on "Good Day Chicago" for **Mike Barz**, who left the station after an inquiry of his behavior at an off-site farewell party for Health Reporter **Margaret Shortridge**, whose contract was not renewed. Also, seven full-time off-air positions were eliminated, including an assignment desk editor, a special projects producer, a news writer, and Web producer. The station will no longer produce its 10:00 p.m. weeknight news program, "The Ten," less than 30 months after its launch.

The Cincinnati Enquirer (Cincinnati, OH) – Page One Deputy News Editor **Bill Ferguson** was let go due to recent layoffs. The paper also let go Assistant Business Editor **Randy Tucker** and Business Reporter **John Eckberg**. The Enquirer had eliminated several positions, including Editorial Page Editor **David Wells**, Columnist **Peter Bronson**, and the entire staff of **CinWeekly**.

The Indianapolis Star (Indianapolis, IN) – **Keith Manring** has left his position as the education, courts and religion Team Leader for this publication. He also served as the Editor of the paper's special section, **Faith and Values**. No replacement has been named. Due to recent layoffs, **Jacqueline Thomas** is no longer Senior Editor for this paper. Arts and Entertainment Editor **Shelby Roby-Terry** (shelby.robby-terry@indystar.com) will fill in temporarily overseeing features, lifestyle and fashion coverage for the paper. Senior Editor **Jenny Green** (jenny.green@indystar.com) has been promoted to Managing Editor at the paper.

Chicago Tribune (Chicago, IL) -- **John McCormick** recently left the Trib to join **Bloomberg News**. He had served as Political Reporter. McCormick will join Bloomberg News in Chicago serving as Government Reporter.

Detroit News (Detroit, MI) -- **Rick Blanchard** has left this publication, where he served as an Assistant Business Editor. No replacement has been named.

IndustryWeek (Cleveland, OH) – **Peter Alpern** (palpern@industryweek.com) has been named Associate Editor for this publication, where he will be responsible for technology and factory automation. Alpern replaces **John Teresko**, who retired from this publication. He previously served as an Associate Editor of **Material Handling Management** magazine.

WEAU-TV (Eau Claire, WI) – Sadly, News Director **John Hoffland** has passed away.

WOOD-TV (Grand Rapids, MI) – **Patti McGettigan** has been promoted to News Director for sister station **WISH-TV** in Indianapolis, IN. She will replace **Kevin Finch** who left the station last month.

The Ann Arbor Business News (Ann Arbor, MI) – **The Ann Arbor Business News** has ceased its print publication. Business content will move to **AnnArbor.com**, the entity replacing the **Ann Arbor News**.

Sheboygan Press (Sheboygan, WI) – **Mike Knuth** (mknuth@sheboygan-press.com) has been named Executive Editor of this publication. He succeeds **Richard Roesgen**, who assumed the same position at the **Fond du Lac Reporter**.

WLWT-TV (Cincinnati, OH) – News Director **Brennan Donnellan** is leaving this Hearst-owned NBC affiliate after six years.

WLS-TV (Chicago, IL) – Anchor/Reporter **Harry Porterfield** is leaving this ABC owned-and-operated station as a result of the economic downturn that has affected the media business.

The Star-Press (Muncie, IN) – **Gene Williams** (gwilliams@muncie.gannett.com) has assumed the position of General Manager of this publication. He replaces **Juli Metzger** (juli.metzger@indystar.com), who left her position as Publisher to become Executive Editor of Digital and Custom Content at the **Indianapolis Star**.

WTTW-TV (Chicago, IL) – **Christian Farr** is leaving this public broadcast station for NBC-owned **WMAQ-TV**, where he will assume the position of General Assignment Reporter and fill-in Anchor.

WGBA-TV (Green Bay, WI) – News Director **Megan Rushmore** has left this Journal Broadcasting owned NBC affiliate. No further information is available.

WXIN-TV (Indianapolis, IN) – This FOX affiliate will add a 4:00 p.m. newscast and extend its morning newscast beginning September 21, 2009. The newscast will be anchored by **Bob Donaldson** (bdonaldson@tribune.com) and **Cheryl Parker** (cparker@tribune.com), and Chief Meteorologist **Brian Wilkes** (bwilkes@tribune.com) will be on hand with weather. In addition, the station will also begin offering **Fox 59 Morning News** 30 minutes earlier.

The Church Herald (Grand Rapids, MI) – This Michigan-based publication for members of the Reformed Church in America will cease publication after its September/October issue. The magazine focused on worldwide religious news, editorials and missions.

WJW-TV (Cleveland, OH) – Reporter **Belinda Prinz** and Sports Reporter **Dan Coughlin** have accepted buyouts from this FOX affiliate.

[AutoWeek](#) (Detroit, MI) – **AutoWeek** magazine has launched [AutoWeek Radio](#), a show hosted by **Thomas Michael Berg**. The show provides its listeners with news, reviews and updates on automobiles.

Chicago Reader (Chicago, IL) – Publisher **Kirk MacDonald** has left his post at this publication He will take on the role of Executive Vice President for sales, marketing and digital sales for the **Denver Newspaper Agency**.

WMYD-TV (Detroit, MI) -- **Sarah Norat-Phillips**, President/General Manager of this Detroit station, has resigned from her position to pursue personal endeavors.

WGN-AM (Chicago, IL) – **Charlie Meyerson** is set to return to talk radio as News Director of this Tribune station. Meyerson previously served as the Chicago Tribune's Senior Web Producer and "Daywatch" Columnist.

WMAQ-TV (Chicago, IL) – Anchor **Anna Davlantes** has left this station. **Rob Stafford** (rob.stafford@nbc.com) will join **Allison Rosati** (allison.rosati@nbc.com) for the 10:00 p.m. news, taking over a position vacated by **Warner Saunders**, who recently retired.

WCMH-TV (Columbus, OH) -- **Amy Basista**, Co-Ancor of "NBC 4 Today" and "The NBC 4 Midday Update" has been let go due to recent layoffs.

WBBM-TV (Chicago, IL) -- **Don DuPree** has been named Assistant News Director for this station. DuPree previously served as the Executive Producer of **Siskel & Ebert** and **Ebert & Roeper**.

Closets and Custom Woodworking Business (Chicago, IL) -- **Brad Walseth** has left his position as Assistant Editor of these two publications. No replacement has been named.

Southwest Region:

Today Newspapers (Dallas/Fort Worth, TX) – A group of local newspapers in the Dallas-Fort Worth area has ceased publication. **Duncanville Today**, **Cedar Hill Today**, **Lancaster Today**, and **Desoto Today** were among the newspapers shut down. Publisher **Kim Petty** said their advertisers were hurt by the economy and they couldn't keep it up.

Associated Press - Oklahoma City Bureau (Oklahoma City, OK) – Oklahoma Bureau Chief **Lindel Hutson** has retired after 27 years with the news service. Hutson received a Pulitzer Prize for his photo of a firefighter holding an infant after the Oklahoma City bombing in 1995. He was inducted into the Journalism Hall of Fame in 2008. No replacement has been named at this time however **Richard Green** (rgreen@ap.org) is still the News Editor at the Oklahoma bureau.

KDFW-TV (Dallas, TX) – **Lauren Pryzbyl** will join the Dallas FOX affiliate as Co-Ancor of Good Day in September. She will replace **Megan Henderson** who left for a

position with **KTLA-TV** in Los Angeles. Currently, Pryzbyl is an Anchor/Reporter for **WHDH-TV** in Boston.

KXAS-TV (Fort Worth, TX) – Reporter **Brett Johnson** passed away at age 48 due to complications of Pancreatitis. Johnson, a native of Fort Worth, Texas, had been a Reporter with KXAS-TV since 2006, but freelanced for the station for a number of years before then.

Associated Press - Montgomery Bureau (Montgomery, AL) – **Gary Clark** has retired from the Montgomery bureau after 40 years with the news service. Clark was Bureau Chief of the Atlanta bureau as well. A permanent replacement for Clark has not been named at this time.

Associated Press - Mobile Bureau (Mobile, AL) – Correspondent **Garry Mitchell** has accepted a buyout and left the news service. There is no longer a contact in Mobile, so this bureau has closed.

Associated Press - Jackson Bureau (Jackson, MS) – News Editor **Ron Harrist** has departed the news service.

WFAA-TV (Dallas, TX) – **Gary Cogill** (gcogill@wfaa.com) has been named the station's Performing Arts Reporter in addition to his role as Movie Critic. Cogill has been replaced on Good Morning Texas by local actor and comedian **Robert McCollum** (rmccollum@wfaa.com), who began co-hosting the morning show the week of July 27.

Texas Monthly (Austin, TX) – Editor-in-Chief **Evan Smith** has left the Austin-based magazine to pursue a web-based start-up called the Texas Tribune. This position will not be filled. **Jake Silverstein** (jsilverstein@texasmonthly.com) will remain Editor.

KPRC-TV (Houston, TX) – Sports Anchor **Keith Norton** has left the station after two and a half years.

KIAH-TV (Houston, TX) – Sports Reporter/Anchor **Ray Fisher** recently departed this Tribune-owned station involuntarily. More information is unavailable at this time.

Austin American-Statesman (Austin, TX) – Metro Editor **Gary Susswein** has left the Austin daily newspaper to pursue a career as the Director of Public Affairs for the College of Liberal Arts at the University of Texas.

E&P Magazine (Houston, TX) – **Judy Maksoud** (jmaksoud@hartenergy.com) has been promoted to Editor at the Houston-based oil and gas publication. She replaces **William Pike** who was formerly the Executive Editor.

KOKI-TV (Tulsa, OK) – **Lyndsay Levingston** (llevingston@fox23.com) has joined the Tulsa FOX affiliate as a General Assignment Reporter covering Education. Previously she worked for KPRC-TV in Houston.

Abilene Reporter-News (Abilene, TX) – **Jaime Adame** (adamej@reporternews.com) is covering Business and Personal Finance for the Reporter-News.

Arkansas Life (Little Rock, AR) – **Phyllis Brandon** (pbrandon@arkansasonline.com) has been hired as the new Editor-in-Chief for the lifestyle magazine. Previously, Brandon was the High Profile Section Editor for the **Arkansas Democrat-Gazette**.

KDAF-TV (Dallas, TX) – Reporter **Sandra Hernandez** has left the station. No replacement has been named at this time. Hernandez joined KDAF-TV in 2007.

Arkansas Democrat-Gazette (Little Rock, AR) – **Rachel O’Neal Chaney** has been named Editor of the High Profile Section of the daily newspaper. She replaces **Phyllis Brandon** who is now the Editor of **Arkansas Life**. Also, Business Reporter **Laura Stevens** has left the paper.

Free Press (Diboll, TX) – **Randy Reese** (editor@dibollfreepress.com) has been named Editor. He replaces **Jerry Gaulding** who passed away last month.

Quick (Dallas, TX) – **Tracy Martin Taylor** is the new Publisher of The Dallas Morning News’ Entertainment supplement. She is also General Manager of the Arts and Entertainment department. Previously she worked for Clear Channel in Dallas.

The Clarion-Ledger (Jackson, MS) – Assistant News Editor **Tammy Yates** and Assistant Metro Editor **Monte Williams** have departed the paper.

Sun Herald (Gulfport, MS) – Publisher **Ricky Mathews** is leaving the Southern Mississippi daily at the end of the month.

Rocky Mountain/Plains Region:

KSAX-TV (Minneapolis, MN) – **Cristi Jessee** has been named News Director. She most recently served as a Multi-Media Journalist at KXTV-TV in Sacramento. Cristi may be contacted on Twitter at: <http://twitter.com/cjessee2>

KSTC-TV (Minneapolis, MN) – This ABC affiliate adds newscasts **Channel 45 Local News Mornings** and **Channel 45 News at 9 PM**. **Julie Holton** produces the morning show and Producer **Rachel Remele** runs the evening show.

Woodbury Bulletin (Minneapolis, MN) – **Hank Long** has been named Editor of this daily newspaper. He has served as Reporter since 2006. Contact Hank at editor@woodburybulletin.com.

Star Tribune (Minneapolis, MN) – **Jeffrey Meitrodt** (whistleblower@startribune.com)

has been hired as the Investigative News Editor. He arrives from the Chicago Tribune, where he served as Political Correspondent. “The Investigators” will also have their own spot on the site too: <http://www.startribune.com/investigators/>

Des Moines Register (Des Moines, IA) – **Linda Fandel** (lfandel@dmreg.com) was promoted to Editorial Page Editor and **Carol Hunter** (chunter@dmreg.com) has taken the Political and Investigative News Editor role at the daily. The Register has also faced a number of layoffs including: Feature Reporters **Dawn Sagario** and **Mary Challenger**; Metro Reporter **Lisa Colunno**; High School Sports Reporter **Dan McCool**; and Iowa City, IA Bureau Chief **Erin Jordan**. The Iowa City bureau is now closed.

Sioux City Journal (Sioux City, IA) – **Jeff Tobin** (jtobin@siouxcityjournal.com) was hired as Managing Editor/Sports. He transfers from St. Louis, where he recently served as Suburban Journals’ Managing Editor.

KDVR-TV (Denver, CO) – Investigative News Reporter **Charlie Brennan** and Chief Meteorologist **Chris Dunn** left this Fox affiliate.

KWGN-TV (Denver, CO) – Reporter **Audra Ensign** has been cut from this station.

The Gazette (Colorado Springs, CO) – **Carmen Boles** (carmen.boles@gazette.com) was promoted from Online News Editor to Director of Interactive Content and Audience Development.

Associated Press - Topeka Bureau (Topeka, KS) – **Carl Manning** has taken a buyout and left the AP.

Associated Press - Omaha Bureau (Omaha, NE) – **Gordon Mcfarland** is no longer at the Associated Press after accepting its buyout offer.

Associated Press - Denver Bureau (Denver, CO) – **Roger Wallace** is no longer with the AP after taking the buyout offer.

Associated Press - Kansas City Bureau (Kansas City, MO) – **Terry Stover** has accepted the buyout offer and exited.

Pacific Northwest:

InvestigateWest (Online) – This new online publication focuses on investigative journalism in the Western United States. The site was launched by some former staffers of the **Seattle Post-Intelligencer**, a daily newspaper that ceased its print edition earlier this year. Contact Editor-in-Chief **Rita Hibbard** at: rhibbard@invw.org.

1859 Magazine (Bend, OR) – This new quarterly regional consumer magazine explores landscapes, personalities, history and architecture of the Pacific Northwest. Reach Editor **Kevin Max** at Kevin@1859magazine.com.

Media News Group - East Bay (Oakland, CA) – The newspaper group that includes **The Oakland Tribune** and the **Contra Costa Times** has eliminated more than a dozen newsroom staffers. Those taking buyouts include Theater Critic **Pat Craig** and Reporters **Karen Holzmeister**, **Paula King** and **Christine Morente**.

San Jose Mercury News (San Jose, CA) – Longtime Sports Columnist **Ann Killion** has left this newspaper.

West Region:

Los Angeles Times (Los Angeles, CA) – Executive Editor **John Arthur** has left the LA Times after 23 years with the paper. Sports Editor **Randy Harvey** (randy.harvey@latimes.com) takes the position of Associate Editor and **Mike James** (mike.james@latimes.com) replaces Randy as the new Sports Editor. Obituary Editor **Jon Thurber** (jon.thurber@latimes.com) moves to the position of Managing Editor. Online editor **Meredith Artley** (Meredith.artley@latimes.com) has been named Managing Editor of Online News. Meredith was previously Executive Editor of Online News. Entertainment Editor **Richard Rushfield** moves to **Gawker** as its West Coast Editor.

L.A. Weekly (Culver City, CA) – **Drex Heikes** (dheikes@laweekly.com) is joining this weekly as Editor-in-Chief, replacing **Laurie Ochoa**. Heikes was previously with the **Las Vegas Sun** where he won a **Pulitzer Prize Gold Medal for Public Service** for an investigation that he assigned and edited.

Santa Barbara News-Press (Santa Barbara, CA) – **Chris Trenchard** (ctrenchard@newspress.com) has taken the position of acting Arts & Entertainment Editor replacing **Keri Bradford** who has left the paper.

702.tv (Las Vegas, NV) – This recently launched show from Greenspun Interactive provides coverage of Las Vegas entertainment, news and sports.

The Hollywood Reporter (Los Angeles, CA) – Reporter and Editor **Steve Brennan** has passed away after a year-long battle with cancer. Mr. Brennan was with **THR** for 20 years. Our condolences go out to his family and colleagues.

Los Angeles Daily Journal (Los Angeles, CA) – **Jean-Luc Renault** will take over the entertainment beat at the LA Daily Journal, replacing **Mindy Farabee**. Contact Jean-Luc via email at jean-luc_renault@dailyjournal.com.

The Best Damn Sports Show Period (Fox Sports Network) – This sports program from Fox Sports Network is no longer in production. FSN will air reruns this fall.

The Advocate (Los Angeles, CA) – The Arts & Entertainment Editor position at The Advocate has been eliminated. Editor **Corey Scholibo** (corey@scholibo.com) will continue to cover arts & entertainment, but as a freelance journalist. **Jeremy Kinser** is the new Senior Editor. Contact Jeremy via email at Jeremy.kinser@regentmedia.com.

Wall Street Journal – Los Angeles Bureau (Los Angeles, CA) – **Alexandra Berzon** (alexandra.berzon@wsj.com) joins the L.A. bureau of the Wall Street Journal as a Reporter. Ms. Berzon was previously with the **Las Vegas Sun** where she won a **Pulitzer Prize Public Service Medal** for a series of stories on the high death rate of construction workers on the Las Vegas Strip.

The Arizona Republic (Phoenix, AZ) – Recent layoffs at the AZ Republic include: Page One Content Manager **Jennifer Johnson**, Sports Reporter **John Davis** and Pets Editor **Theresa Cano**.

Daily Breeze (Torrance, CA) – Executive Editor/Interim Publisher **Phillip Sanfield** is leaving the Daily Breeze to take the position of Director of Media Relations for The Port of Los Angeles.

Road & Track Magazine (Newport Beach, CA) – Senior Editor **Jim Hall** has left Road & Track. There has been no replacement named.

Los Angeles Daily News (Woodland Hills, CA) – **Jason Kandel** has accepted the position of Online Managing Editor for **KPCC-FM**, leaving an opening for an online breaking news reporter at the LA Daily News. Contact Online Editor **Ryan Garfat** at ryan.garfat@dailynews.com to inquire about the position.

KGTV-TV (San Diego, CA) – Weather Reporter **Geni Cavitt** has left after eight years with KGTV to accept a communications position with San Diego City Council member **Marti Emerald**. Emerald was previously the Consumer Reporter for KGTV. **Robert Santos** will replace Cavitt. Contact Robert via email. 10news@kgtv.com. **Preston Phillips** joins as an Anchor and Reporter. Phillips was previously with **KSEE-TV** in Fresno, CA.

KLAS-TV (Las Vegas, NV) – **Jonathan McCall** (jmccall@klastv.com) joins this CBS affiliate as a News Reporter. McCall was most recently with **KSLA-TV** in Shreveport, LA.

KRQE-TV (Albuquerque, NM) – This CBS affiliate has lost News Director **Forrest Carr**. There has been no replacement as yet. Assistant News Director **Iain Munro** can be reached via email at newsdesk@krqe.com.

KCBS-TV/KCAL-TV (Studio City, CA) – Starting this fall these CBS-owned duopoly stations will be known as **CBS 2 NewsCentral** and **KCAL 9 NewsCentral**. Together the stations will produce more than 60 hours of live, local newscasts each week.

KVBC-TV (Las Vegas, NV) – News Director **Deborah Clayton** is no longer with this NBC affiliate. Assistant News Director **Kim Sherwood** will take over as interim News Director. Contact the news department via email at news3@kvbc.com.

Hispanic U.S., Florida Region:

KVDA-TV (San Antonio, TX) – **Edward Romero** has been named General Manager of this ZGS Communications station. He can be contacted at info@kvda.com.

Latin America Region:

Jornal Placar (São Paulo, SP, Brazil) – This daily print newspaper covering Soccer has gone from daily to bi-weekly. It will be out on the stands on Mondays and Fridays. **Celso Miranda** is no longer the Editor-in-Chief. Replacing him is **José Vicente Bernardo** and he may be emailed at jose.bernardo@abril.com.br. **Jornal Placar** may be followed on Twitter at: <http://twitter.com/placar>.

Metro (São Paulo, SP, Brazil) – **Marcello D'Angelo**, former Content Director at **Gazeta Mercantil** replaces **Antonio Telles de Carvalho** as President of this newspaper in Brazil. **Metro** is a joint-venture between **Grupo Bandeirantes de Comunicação** and **Metro International**. Mr. D'Angelo may be reached at marcello.dangelo@metrojornal.com.br and followed on Twitter: <http://twitter.com/marcellodangelo>.

SpeedBLOG (Blog) – This blog created for the fans of Formula One has been re-launched. The website address is <http://www.speedblog.com.br>. Journalist **Mair Pena Neto** writes the blog and can be contacted at contato@speedblog.com.br. It can be followed on Twitter at: <http://twitter.com/speedblog>.

Agora São Paulo (São Paulo, SP, Brazil) – Columnist **Fabiola Reipert** has left the newspaper. She will be writing a column on R7, a new website for **TV Record** expected to be launched next semester. Reporter **Alberto Pereira Jr.** (alberto.pereira@grupofolha.com.br) will take over her duties writing the Zapping Column.

Rádio Globo AM (São Paulo, SP, Brazil) – Former soccer player **José (Zé) Elias** is now one of the hosts. He may be reached at cbnrio@cbn.com.br.

Veja (São Paulo, SP, Brazil) – Reporter **Expedito Filho** is no longer with the magazine.

Rede Record de Televisão (São Paulo, SP, Brazil) – Rede Record hired **André Basbaum** as Editor. He previously worked at **Rede Globo de Televisão - TV Globo's Jornal Nacional**. He may be reached at abasbaum@recordrj.com.br. **Douglas Tavoraro** has been promoted to Vice President of the Journalism Department.

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