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John Miles, a former executive at Interpublic Group's defunct GM Mediaworks, is joining WPP Group's MediaCom as director of implementation, said sources. Miles will oversee all buying operations for broadcast, print and other media, reporting to MediaCom CEO Dene Callas, Miles will be able to put his knowledge of car accounts to good use; MediaCom handles Volkswagen's \$400 million North American assignment.

FOX "BLINKS" WITH 2-SECOND RADIO SPOTS

Fox Television is breaking ground today with a radio campaign that uses two-second spots, the shortest length ever, to promote returning network shows Prison Break, House and The Simpsons. Called "Blinks," the two-second spots air hourly (save for The Simpsons which airs twice an hour), along with a 60second spot, on the day the shows premiere on Aug. 21 (Prison Break), Sept. 5 (House), and Sept. 9 (The Simpsons). The campaign will air over all 1,100 Clear Channel stations. In the markets ranked 50 or smaller, the "blinks," a concept developed by Clear Channel, will air without the accompa-

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nying 60-second spot.

Hours after a federal court in Texas ordered EchoStar to halt the use and sale of TiVo's digital video recorders, the satellite service was granted a temporary reprieve by a federal court of appeals, U.S. District Court Judge David Folsom had ordered EchoStar to pay TiVo nearly \$16 million in interest and additional damages on top of the \$74 million award won in an earlier patent ruling. It is uncertain how long EchoStar's reprieve will last. The initial injunction called for EchoStar to shut off service to DISH Network subscribers with the DVRs within 30 days.

STARCOM RESTRUCTURES TOP MANAGEMENT

Publicis Groupe's Starcom USA has revamped its executive operations team with four new presidential appointments, CEO John Muszynski announced last week. The move coincides with managerial and structural changes at parent Starcom MediaVest Group. Joining Muszynski's executive suite are: Steven Feuling as president and chief consumer officer; Chris Boothe as president and chief activation officer;

Andrew Swinand as president and chief client officer and Kathy Ring as president and chief Los Angeles operations officer.

FOX 0&OS TO STREAM SHOWS ON WEB SITES

In an industry first, nine of Fox Television's ownedand-operated stations will stream network programming on their Web sites. Fox on Demand will offer free, sponsor-supported streaming of select episodes of several hit Fox series, including Prison Break and Stacked. Toyota has signed up as the exclusive sponsor to promote its new subcompact vehicle. Yaris. Fox on Demand will be available on

> Fox O&Os, including New York, Los Angeles and Dallas. Plans are to extend Fox on Demand to Fox affiliates, following up on the network's digital media agreement, giving the stations a share in the proceeds from multiplatform offerings.

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Edward Menicheschi, most recently president of WWD Media Worldwide, was named publisher of Condé Nast's Vanity Fair, replacing Alan Katz, who left the company...Mark Gray was promoted to president of Katz Media's Katz Radio Group, from president of Katz Radio. Chad Brown, recently vp and general manager of WCBS-FM in New York, will take over as president of Katz Radio...Radio personality Rick Dees has signed with Emmis Communications to host mornings on Los Angeles' KZLA-FM, which changed formats last week from Country to a Rhythmic Adult Contemporary format known as "Movin"... Eastman Kodak has launched a review to consolidate its global media buying and planning activities at one agency, sources said.

CORRECTIONS:

In the Aug. 7 Table of Contents, the name of Cookie's vp, publisher was misspelled. It is Eva Dillon. In the same issue, a story on celebrity circulation numbers, People's cover price bump to \$3.99 was for its June 19 "Brangelina" baby issue. The regular cover price is \$3.49.

■ MEDIAWEEK TAKES A BREAK

Mediaweek's next issue will be Sept. 4, after which the magazine will resume its weekly frequency. For breaking news coverage, go to Mediaweek.com.

Market Indicators

NATIONAL TV: MIXED Third-quarter scatter continues to limp along, but the lessexpensive morning davparts are seeing activity. Movies, pharmaceuticals and wireless are popping.

NET CABLE: STEADY Although most networks have put a fork in their respective upfronts, there remain a few holdouts. Scatter looks to be holding up in the third quarter, with many ad sales execs reporting yearover-year dollar increases in the highsingle digits.

SPOT TV: HOLDING Buyers anticipate political will intensify after Labor Day, San Franciscc. Philadelphia. Dallas, Chicago and Washington, D.C. are already tightening. Auto up, but still slow. Retail makes gains with backto-school campaigns.

RADIO: SLOW The soft market persists across the board, with only slight improvement due to backto-school campaigns and tune-ins for fall. Fast food, home improvement, financial, telecom steady. Auto, retail remain volatile.

MAGAZINES: FLAT Print remains sluggish, but bright spots like travel, apparel and tech are moving pages. Pharmaceuticals continue to build in the second half, making up for laggards in auto, health and beauty.

Time Moves On-Sale Date Up to Friday from Monday

Time will change its Monday publishing schedule to Friday, with a midweek close. The shift will begin in January 2007.



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Time (along with Time International) will return to its original Friday on-sale date established by the magazine's founding editor Henry Luce in 1923. The move will allow for a more seamless flow of news between the print

edition and its companion Web site

The reaction drew applause in the editorial meeting when the announcement was made, according a a staffer who was present. But some Time employees expressed concern about the pace of newsgathering, since the Web site will likely become even more aggressive about breaking and covering news events. Plus, they say it will be hard to relax on weekends since stories will be due shortly thereafter. "It's going to be 24/7," the staffer grumbled.

The change comes not long after veteran editor Rick Stengel rejoined Time in June as managing editor.

Time's paid circulation for the second half of 2005 was flat at 4 million, compared to the same period the year prior. according to the Audit Bureau of Circulations. Newsstand sales fell 16.3 percent to just 145,079 copies.

It's not the first time Time Inc. greenlit a publishing schedule change. Time Inc. CEO Ann Moore did just that when she oversaw People, moving its publishing day to Friday from Monday in 1997 to get a jump on weekend sales. People sells more than 1.5 million single copies.

The on-sale date for both Newsweek and U.S. News & World Report remains Monday. - Lisa Granatstein

Radio Broadcasters to Add 140 HD2 Sidechannels

Hoping to speed consumer purchases of HD radio receivers, radio broadcasters plan to multicast (Continued on page 6) THE MARKETPLACE BY ANTHONY CRUPI

Cable Sales Focus Shifts to Scatter

With September nigh and the upfront stuck in neutral, nets eye an inventory-heavy year-end

ike the proverbial group of blind men trying to ID an elephant by touch (It's a snake! It's a tree!) getting an accurate read on this year's cable upfront has been an exercise in warring perspectives.

Depending on which part of the pachyderm you're tugging on, cable will wrap up its most protracted upfront in five years somewhere between flat to down 2 percent from last year's \$6.5 billion marketplace. If you believe the final tally will fall at the low end of that range, that's \$130 million that has disappeared from the table.

If indeed the skies over the cable marketplace are as grev as an elephant's hide, both buyers and sellers remain generally optimistic about the next few quarters, thanks in large part to a scatter market that shows no signs of fizzling out. Ad sales executives at cable's powerhouse networks have been reporting third-quarter scatter increases of around 10 percent versus a year ago and many see the same holding true for the last three months of 2006.

One factor that could have an adverse effect on scatter is the surfeit of inventory that is expected to glut the market in the coming quarters, as cable in the aggregate moved less upfront inventory than last year. MTV Networks was the extreme case, selling about 50 percent of its total inventory in the upfront, versus the 60 percent it has put on the books in upfronts past.

Other volume shifts were less remarkable, and a few networks were flat versus 2005. In any event, cable ad sales execs didn't seem overly concerned about inventory discrepancies, given that they had fair warning going into this year's upfront. "Advertisers told us in no uncertain terms that they would be holding back money, and that their calendars have changed," said Spike TV senior vp, ad sales David Lawenda. "So we're adapting, developing opportunities for them throughout the year. Whenever they decide to come to the table, we'll be ready."

However much additional inventory will be out there in scatter, some ad sales execs say it's difficult to divine what, if any, effect the extra volume will have on scatter pricing.

Bruce Lefkowitz, executive vp, ad sales at FX Networks, said there were too many factors in play to get a true picture of how the next few quarters will play out. One factor that particularly stands out is the fuzzy math that is sometimes used when final sales tallies are added up.

"If someone says they sold 60 percent, it may actually be closer to 40," Lefkowitz said. "If everyone announces that their final numbers were up, but the top four [media buying agencies say they were down in volume between 6 percent and 12 percent, then the math just doesn't add up." For his part, Lefkowitz said he doesn't have any extra inventory lying around, saying that FX ended flat on volume, while National Geographic Channel was up 20-25 percent.

David Levy, president of Turner Entertainment ad sales and Turner Sports, also reported volume increases, saying that his networks finished up in the mid-singledigits and saw cost-per-thousand rate hikes that were "flat to slightly up" versus last year's upfront. And while Levy agreed with the assessment that cable would finish flatto-down, he said that he believed that thirdand fourth-quarter scatter would be strong.

"There's going to be tons of extra inventory, no question about it, and we're all going to have to work a little harder for that dollar, but if you have the brand clients want and if you have the digital extensions they want, you're going to get that money down," Levy said.

In the long term, Levy said he sees the 2006 upfront as a harbinger of what future markets are going to look like. "This really was a watershed year. Negotiations were far more intricate, and clients had an unprecedented number of options," Levy said. "We're going to look back and say that this was the year we began moving to a 52-week marketplace."

While conventional wisdom says a weak upfront leads to a strong scatter-market, at least one media buyer said upfronts aren't suited for the role as the industry's chief prognosticator. "I believe strongly that there is way too much emphasis placed on the upfront and what it means," said Rino Scanzoni, chief investment officer at Mediaedge:cia. "It's a futures market, and people invest in futures markets when they expect tightening. If anything, it's a rearview look at the marketplace."

Rather than looking to the upfront as a portent of future performance, Scanzoni suggests a more macro outlook. "The next few quarters will be a bit more of a challenge for cable," he said. "Clearly, they have more inventory to sell than broadcast...If the economic situation results in significant reduction of growth rates in consumer spending and there's pullback in advertising, cable will take a bigger hit than broadcast."

In order to anticipate such a hit, Levy is keeping his eye locked onto a few economic pressure points. "I always watch a couple things. Christmas, oil prices—those are the scary things we all need to look at," Levy said. "But sometimes advertising weathers those storms very well."

Presumably, clients would be able to react to the vicissitudes of the national and global economies more adeptly in a marketplace that's not beholden to the rigidities of the upfront. This alone could force a shift away from the traditional sales model, said Chris Boothe, newly minted president and chief activation officer at Starcom. "In line with the growing trend of 52-week programming schedules and careful yet timely investment decisions made on client's behalf, we could possibly see the emergence of a 'perpetual scatter' marketplace," said Boothe.

While the future remains murky, most ad sales execs agree that they don't see the upfront disappearing altogether. Steve Gigliotti, senior vp of ad sales, Scripps Networks, said, "as there is a limited amount of good programming, there's going to be a demand to get in ahead and lock it up at a good price." (Nor would Gigliotti necessarily want to see the upfront paradigm fade completely. Bucking the trend, Gigliotti said his upfront volume increased at a rate "approaching double digits.")

In the near term, scatter looks solid. "Unless the business has totally changed since I woke up this morning, money chases ratings points," said one ad sales exec. "Since ratings points are down, scatter should be healthy. Simple as that."

INTERACTIVE BY MIKE SHIELDS

Gaining My Religion

Despite skeptics, MTV Nets follows its own Web creed

There have been no multibillion-dollar Murdochian splurges, and no overnight game-changing deals for a MySpace or a YouTube. But over the last year or so, Viacom's MTV Networks has strung together a series of doubles in the face of News Corp.'s new-media home runs. The company's Aug. 10 \$200 million acquisition of Atom Entertainment—which specializes in short films and

casual gaming—was its fifth major Web purchase since June 2005. And while the headlines have been muted, most credit the cable giant for amassing a potential-filled online portfolio.

To review, in 2005 the company snatched up virtual pet Webiverse Neopets, the video hub iFilm and GameTrailers.com. Also this year, MTV acquired Xfire, a social-networking platform for gamers.

According to MTVN president Michael Wolf—while some might see a disjointed effort to buy Web leftovers—these properties have been careful selected. "Each of these fits into an overall plan—building and broadening MTV Networks' presence on the Internet," Wolf said.

Specifically, Wolf said that sites like Neopets boost online ad revenue, while properties like Atom could serve as talent farms for future TV shows. But clearly, the company sees an urgent need to tap into three of the more pervasive trends among the 18-34 demo: viral video, social networking and video games.

Greg Smith, COO for North America at Neo@Ogilvy, said MTVN's recent moves are indicative of a recent, top-level shift in thinking vis à vis the Web. "It's pretty clear now that [Viacom CEO Tom] Freston got the religion the way [News Corp CEO Rupert] Murdoch got the religion," he said.

In fact, it's difficult to look at Viacom's moves without citing Murdoch's deals for MySpace, IGN and several other Web brands. "News Corp raised the stakes," said Yankee Group analyst Adi Kishore. "MySpace is the MTV demo." Kishore said the big question going forward will be how the company plans to mix together its old and new brands.

Wolf said MTV doesn't plan to MTV-ize its growing network of sites. "This is how we've managed everything," he said. "We have 26 networks in the U.S. and each brand has a

distinct personality. In the back room, we may be creating a network for advertisers...but to consumers it really should be invisible."

Scott Witt, vp, concept director at Denuo, a digital strategic division of Publicis, cited Atom, iFilm and Neopets as being solid "offensive moves," but wondered about Viacom's gaming pickups. "Gaming was one of its blind spots," Witt noted.



Along with social-networker XFire, MTV Nets this year acquired Atom Entertainment, which produces short films.

Some observers would call social networking another blind spot for MTVN, and questions persist over why company didn't land MySpace—now one of the most trafficked sites on the Web. Yet Jeff Logsdon, analyst, BMO Capital Markets, doesn't think such a bold move was necessary. "News Corp. went in a totally different direction," said Logsdon. "MTV is not trying to catch up with anyone. They are being disciplined and deliberate."

Rumors persist that Viacom is cooking up a social networking play of its own—perhaps melding that trend with the virtual reality phenomenon. Wolf wouldn't get specific, but hinted something was in the works using avatars (virtual representations of people). "We're about the next wave of social networking," he said. Still, some observers expect MTV to make a push for MySpace rival Facebook or for red-hot YouTube. Wolf didn't declare MTVN's acquisition phase over, but said the immediate focus is on "organic growth."

As for YouTube, Wolf said he believes the more controlled environments of iFilm and Atom are "a lot more attractive to advertisers and much more attractive to owners of professionally produced content."

MEDIA WIRE

this fall an additional 140 HD2 sidechannels in 18 markets. In total, 600 stations in 68 of the top 100 markets offer HD2 multicast channels featuring commercial-free formats not normally heard on commercial radio; 961 stations broadcast in HD.

The 18 markets scheduled to get HD2 sidechannels are ranked No. 42 to No. 65 and include markets such as Austin, Texas; Raleigh, N.C.; Nashville, Tenn.; West Palm Beach, Fla.; Buffalo, N.Y.; Richmond, Va., and Tucson, Ariz.

The rollout of sidechannels is moving faster than expected, according to the HD Digital Radio Alliance formed last year by the nation's largest broadcasters to coordinate the selection of sidechannel formats and accelerate the adoption of digital radio by consumers, automakers, retailers and manufacturers. In addition to the rollout, broadcasters recently launched an advertising campaign using \$200 million of their own air time.

HD radio receivers are currently manufactured by 18 companies and are available from major electronics retailers.

Estimates of consumers with HD radio sets are in the tens of thousands, growing to hundreds of thousands by the end of the year. -KB

Brand Connections Buys Outdoor Agency SkiView

It may be deep summer and hotter than Hades, but Brand Connections is thinking snow with its purchase of SkiView, an outdoor advertising company. By combining SkiView with its own Keeplan Winter Sports, the Montclair, N.J.-based media and marketing company has created the largest snow sports media company in North America.

Outpacing the booming outdoor industry, place-based media networks—as an alternative to traditional media—have become increasingly popular with advertisers looking to target consumers when they are most receptive.

During the winter season, the Brand Connections Snow Sports network will reach 50 million visitors to 137 mountain resorts, for a total of more than 400 million media impressions.

Among the premiere venues in the network are resorts in Vail, Colo. and Sun Valley, Idaho. -KB

WASHINGTON BY TODD SHIELDS

Fake Out

FCC warns stations about airing video news releases

B roadcasters, including some of the biggest TV-station owners, have two months to reply to federal regulators about airing corporate videos as local news.

The Federal Communications Commission sent formal letters of inquiry to 42 owners of stations identified earlier in a report compiled by the Center for Media and Democracy, based in Madison, Wis., and Free Press, based in Northampton, Mass. The nonprofit groups said they had found newsroom use of 36 video news releases by 77 stations that collectively serve half the U.S. population.

The letters of inquiry that went out Aug. 11 mark an increase in scrutiny by the FCC. After news emerged that commentator Armstrong Williams had accepted undisclosed payments for backing Bush administration education policy, the agency last year issued a public notice reminding media of disclosure rules. "Listeners and viewers are entitled to know who seeks



to persuade them," the agency said. In a statement last week, FCC member Jonathan Adelstein said, "The public is misled by individuals who present themselves to be independent, unbiased experts or reporters, but are actually shills promoting a...corporate agenda." Letters were sent to companies including Sinclair Broadcast Group, News Corp./Fox Television Stations, Clear Channel Communications, Tribune Co. and Viacom/CBS Corp. Possible penalties include fines of up to \$32,500.

Several TV execs said use of VNRs stemmed from errors of judgment, rather than willing violations of federal law. While CBS stations aired tens of thousands of news stories during the nonprofit groups' study period. "human error" caused six stations on one occasion to breach policy against use of VNRs, the network said in a statement. Tribune spokesman Jeff Reiter acknowledged some of the company's 25 stations had used VNRs against policy that has since been tightened. "We support the FCC's action," Reiter said. Another TV exec, who requested anonymity, posed news directors' dilemma. "This thing shows up. You say, 'We don't have enough time to cover that. It's public service.'... They're just [deciding] this is worth putting on," the exec said.

That won't be good enough for some. "TV stations don't need to receive payment directly in order to trigger [the] disclosure requirements," said Diane Farsetta, senior researcher with the Center for Media and Democracy. She said nondisclosed use of VNRs continues. "And that's another reason the FCC needs not just to investigate, but to take action."

TV PROGRAMMING BY A.J. FRUTKIN

Cable Pushes Buttons

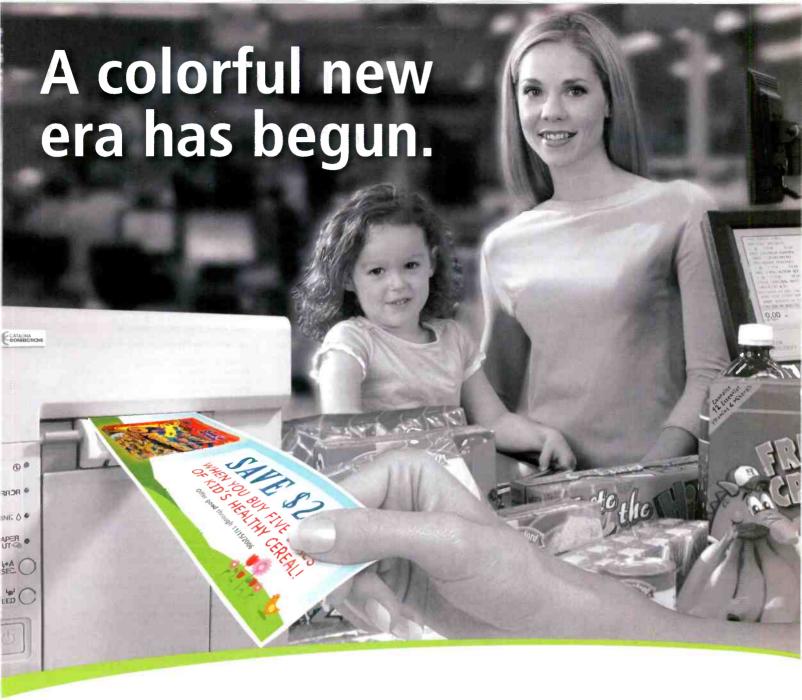
New sitcoms highlight comedians' unvarnished views

or broadcasters, finding comics with distinct points of view was always the holy grail of sitcoms. But following Seinfeld's 1998 finale, the format seems to have vanished. That is, until the recent cable launches of HBO's Lucky Louie, IFC's The Minor Accomplishments of Jackie Woodman and Comedy Central's upcoming The Sarah Silverman Program.

Of course, these particular comics—Louie's

Louis C.K., *Woodman's* Laura Kightlinger, and Silverman—frequently veer into territory that either is too dark or too risqué for broadcasters. But so do most comics.

"The networks pick these people because they have a great voice, and then they try to change that voice to make it palatable for everyone," said Lauren Corrao, executive vp of original programming and development for



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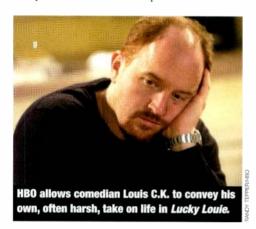
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Comedy Central. "So you end up with something that's bland and that no one likes."

Corrao said cable nets often act in direct contrast to those practices, largely because cable's ratings needs are lower than those on broadcast. "The advantage on cable is that we take a person, and while we know he may piss someone off, we also know other people will like him."

Whereas networks often must sand the edges off a comic, cable execs find they can sharpen them. Case in point: *Woodman*'s



Kightlinger. Having most recently been a featured actor on *Will & Grace*, the veteran comic was familiar enough with network standards that when she landed at IFC, execs there sensed she was holding back. "I told her to keep going," said Evan Shapiro, IFC's general manager and executive vp.

What's more, Shapiro is confident that the evening's sponsor, Heineken, has no problem with the show's subject matter. A longtime advertiser on IFC's Friday night movie block, Heineken "knows what's going on," Shapiro said. "Viewers appreciate the risk these sponsors are taking, and there's a warmth toward the brand as a result."

With cable offering comics platforms free of nearly all constraints, most advertisers believe it will become increasingly difficult for the networks to find, let alone sign, comedians with enough broad appeal to reach the masses.

"The three—even the four—network universe forced conformity on so many comics," said John Rash, Campbell Mithun's chief broadcast negotiator. "But the truth is, humor is very personal, and individual, and demographically distinct. And technology finally has caught up with that truth."

INTERACTIVE BY MIKE SHIELDS

SI Calls Out Competition

MySI to offer customized desktop app for sports nuts

S I.com, *Sports Illustrated*'s Web site, is attempting to build a far more intimate relationship with its readers while also letting them see what the competition has to offer.

On Aug. 30, the sports site will launch MySI, a downloadable desktop application that provides a customized and constant brand experience—complete with a minimizable toolbar displaying up-to-the-minute scores, along with a photo-rich screen saver.

At the same time, SI.com has quietly become an open-source environment for devout fans—one that incorporates content from non-SI properties. Last week, the site's 30 National Football League team pages began featuring a group of eight "Recommend Stories" that linked to articles from multiple sources using an SI-built algorithm that includes rivals such as ESPN.com, local newspapers sites and even fan blogs.

According to *SI*, both the desktop app and the RSS-like customization features are aimed at the estimated audience of 10 million "team enthusiasts"—fans that consume everything written online about their favorite teams.

The links-to-competitors approach is a daring step that only a handful of traditional publishers have been willing to take. Still, customization is nothing new in the online sports arena, as sites like ESPN.com and Yahoo Sports have for several years allowed fans to preset their favorite teams.

But SI officials believe that the one-stopshopping nature of the new desktop application offers a distinctive value. "Even for a smart fan on the Web, they don't have the time to create what we've created," said Jeff Price, president, SI Digital. "There's not another experience that is anywhere close to this."

Melissa Romig, associate media director, Carat Fusion, credited *SI* for its willingness to relinquish some editorial control. "Users are going to do what they want anyway," she said. Romig's client, Radio Shack, signed on as a category-exclusive sponsor for the MySI launch along with Nissan, Comcast, Circuit City and Miller Lite. The platform's proximity to users was particularly compelling, Romig said: "The desktop is something we haven't been able to explore very deeply."

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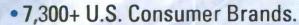
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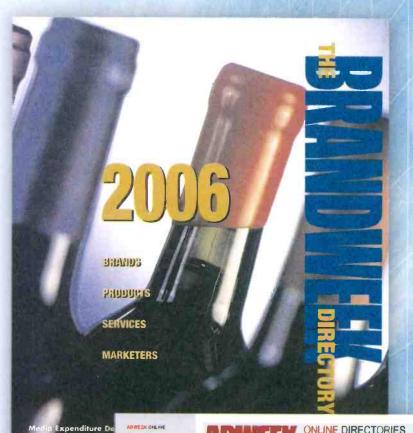
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Back From the Brink

A New Orleans media director details the challenges since Katrina

IT IS HARD TO BELIEVE, particularly for those of us in the New Orleans area, that the anniversary of Hurricane Katrina is upon us. Looking around at my friends and neighbors as they work, play and go about their daily lives, I can't help but wonder if we have overcome the pain and heartache we all experienced on Aug. 29, 2005. More likely, we have found a way to repress our personal sorrows in order to move forward.

Colleagues from other parts of the country have asked what the days and weeks following Katrina were like at the agency-located in the heart of New Orleans-where I have worked for the past five years. I was one of the lucky few able to quickly find temporary housing in Baton Rouge and work from our satellite office there. The initial response we received from clients was to put most of their campaigns on hiatus. Our media team spent most of its time canceling insertion orders utilizing methods probably not seen since prehistoric days. Fax machines and phone lines were down, e-mails were returned as undeliverable and mail-delivery services were unavailable in several areas.

After several weeks of doing little more than canceling media placements, I told one of our buyers we would have to do something outrageous to celebrate our first post-Katrina media approval. After careful consideration, we sounded an air-raid siren in the office. Despite our cramped quarters, the revelry was well received—one small sign of progress in our post-Katrina world. Even though the media team has long since returned to New Orleans, we still sound the air-raid siren with any approval. The staff comes heading down the hall every time to get details on the good news, reassuring new employees along the way that we are not under attack.

As marketers, we faced unprecedented challenges: working with a lack of accurate population and demographic estimates, the need to somehow increase sales for our clients dealing with labor shortage issues and planning and buying media without current Arbitron or Nielsen ratings, among others.

Nevertheless, our region has not only survived, it's thrived in relation to the local advertising industry. Fundamental in this success has been the application of a common-sense perspective to ad efforts. Campaigns that moved the needle for clients resulted from strategic, adapted thinking and an increased level of agency-client interaction. Within all agency departments, we have had to closely analyze how to reach consumers, as many of them live in one media market while working in another. We continue to see displaced New Orleanians commuting in to work from Baton Rouge or lesser-impacted communities in Mississippi. Whereas this creates a mul-

titude of challenges for us in the advertising world, it clearly indicates the commitment these residents have to returning to their former hometowns.

Thankfully, these consumers continue to contribute to the economy, reinvesting their insurance settlements and substantial tax refunds. The increased need for certain goods and services has boosted ad spending among these categories and resulted in a subsequent strain on broadcast inventory. Categories such as furniture, construction and automotive continue to be extremely active. Another challenge in the broadcast arena came with the launch of the "best rate" pricing system by Clear Channel Radio, which eliminates any possibility for negotiation or added value. Buyers pay rates based on the number of spots left in inventory at the time the schedule is being placed. If the stations are sold out, agencies and clients must accept buys that potentially do not contain key stations in the market.

Some advertisers have attempted to divert some broadcast dollars into outdoor billboards with limited success. Billboard inventory throughout the affected markets is in short supply with many damaged structures still not repaired. Despite the reduced inventory, the demand for out-of-home advertising has increased, as consumers spend more time than ever before commuting. Upcoming elections and runoffs in September, November and December will make securing good boards difficult if not impossible for at least the next five months.

The only easy ads to buy right now seem to be visitor media. Print publications and hotel in-room channels targeting visitors have offered deeply discounted rates and bonus space. While the state of Louisiana has bolstered spending to attract visitors, regional businesses have reallocated dollars targeting leisure travelers into local outlets in hopes that residents will make up for some of the lost tourism income. Will it replace the millions lost? No. Will it keep some local business open? Hopefully.

Along with the anticipated increase in tourism and conventions this fall, there are many positive signs of progress. One major development has been a widespread improvement to emergency operations plans. Companies have opened regional offices, expanded their trade areas to ensure diversity of customer and income bases and implemented more sophisticated data backup systems.

But we've come a long way, and judging from how our industry has rebounded from Katrina, I know that we can weather any storm.

Joann Habisreitinger is media director for Zehnder Communications, a full-service agency headquartered in New Orleans.



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Punt, Kick and Pass

Time Warner Cable played by the numbers and got beat by the NFL

ON THE MORNING OF Aug. 1, I switched on my interactive TV guide and went hunting for upcoming reruns of preseason NFL games on the NFL Network. It was gone.

At midnight, Time Warner Cable had taken over my local cable system from the beleaguered Adelphia Communications, and its first decision was to summarily drop NFL Network from the channel lineup. There was no notice that TW planned to do this, so I moved over to my computer (where incidentally I found the Internet to be working intermittently, which it has been doing since the takeover) and e-mailed customer service. I got a reply several hours later that said the company thought it in the best interest of its customers to place NFL Net on a pay

> sports tier. Of course, they offered no information on what that sports tier may comprise nor about how it could be obtained.

> The **FCC** promptly spanked Time Warner and ordered it to put NFL back on, which it did. But I have since been told by a customer service representative that it will remain on only into September and that "we are

still negotiating." What hubris! Not only does Time Warner up and decide to pick a fight with the most powerful sports league there is, it also decides that it, Time Warner, will be the first media entity in history to get away with charging viewers for NFL games (DirecTV's Sunday Ticket, which

The NFL Network this year will, for the first time, air games live, exclusively, in most of the country, including several that look to be key late-season matchups. I suspect hoards of TW subscribers will not be pleased by the prospect of having to pay for a new sports tier, onto which the company will no doubt attempt to hang the glut of regional sports nets that air such barn-burning events as high-school football games and women's spelunking.

is an entirely different proposition, excepted).

What is so shocking about this is that TW is doing it just as DirecTV is running a most compelling promotion: a free HD box, its top-of-the-line movie net package and NFL Sunday Ticket for 70 bucks a month for four months, then \$99 thereafter. Does TW not understand that its most coveted customers will find this attractive? Do they want to lose subscribers who pay almost \$200 a month for their services?

The good news, as I see it, is that Time Warner is not powerful enough to pull off its intended coup. It is a broken company. It became clear that it was broken back when Gerry Levin, before he was deposed as TW CEO, spoke to The New Yorker's Ken Auletta in October 2001. "I'm a hawk on margins," Levin told Auletta, Auletta also reported that Levin told analysts earlier in July, "We're running the company through the financial function."

Indeed. The merger with AOL was a numbers-driven enterprise. At the time the deal was done, even my pet orangutan knew that AOL was toast once broadband became readily available (okay, I admit, I do not have a pet orangutan). Time Warner, which owns a cable company that was just then starting to roll out high-speed Internet service, didn't see this?

The problem with Time Warner is that it is overrun with bean counters. The Luces, Warners, Rosses, Turners, Daleys, Semels, Moonveses, Erteguns and dozens of other people of talent and vision are gone, replaced by paper shufflers with MBAs who "do everything by the numbers." Apparently, they are not very good at that either. They can't seem to budge the stock price, which should be their specialty. (Full disclosure: I purchased a relatively small amount of TW stock for my retirement account when I was an editor in Primedia's consumer magazine division. It remains in my account.)

What Time Warner needs is new management drawn from its stable of movie makers, TV producers, writers, artists-zounds, even editors! Bean counters are, unfortunately, a necessary accessory in corporate life, but they should be herded back into the accounting department, forced to wear green eyeshades and stripped of all line management responsibility. A media company is, by definition, a creative enterprise, and MBAs are, by definition, not creative (come to think of it, maybe they actually are, but not in a good way: see Enron).

Meantime, Time Warner has succeeded in making a pretty good argument for à la carte cable programming. I would gladly pay for the NFL Network if I could choose not to pay for TBS, TNT, CNN and Court TV. I would be keep TCM, which, incidentally, would not exist were it not for Ted Turner, who, naturally, was unceremoniously dumped by TW.

In its battle with the NFL, I think, TW will be forced to punt. And it will probably shank the ball, to boot.

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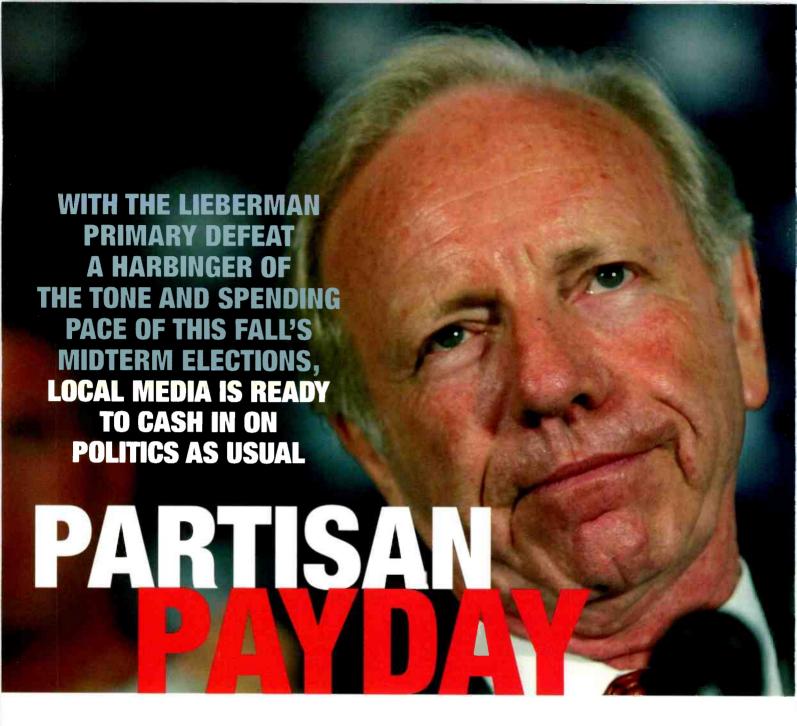
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BY KATY BACHMAN

IF ANY EVENT PREDICTS THE UNPREDICTABILITY of political advertising, it's Sen. Joseph Lieberman's defeat in the Democratic primary in Connecticut two weeks ago. A race that was supposed to be a shoe-in became contentious. No one was expecting the veteran Senator from Connecticut to face opposition in the primary, let alone lose to upstart cable executive Ned Lamont. Now, Lieberman is vowing to run as an independent, setting up a three-way race that promises to flood the Nutmeg State with even more political ad dollars.

What is predictable is that every two years, political advertising brings a basket of goodies to the media business, especially TV stations that reap as much as 85 percent of those dollars. Since 1996, political ad dollars have more than tripled, a major contributor to the cyclical revenue pattern in TV. But it's the local dynamics of politics, which practically institutionalizes surprises, that keeps TV stations and buyers guessing about how it will all shake out.

"You know the money will be there, what you don't know is what will come out of the woodwork," says Sue Johenning, executive vp and director of local broadcast for Initiative. "You don't know about the runoffs and primaries. Every election, there is some race or proposition that takes off and you don't know what will catch the attention of the voters."

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An acrimonious three-way runoff among Lieberman, Democratic primary winner Ned Lamont and Republican challenger Alan Schlesinger this fall would certainly fatten Connecticut TV stations' ad coffers.



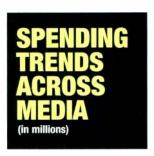
New York, a state usually flush with political money, is softer than usual, with only Eliot Spitzer dropping some cash in his bid for the governorship. All is quiet on the Senate front, which is likely to roll come September. "We'll be lucky to get half of the \$70 million we got last time," says one New York broadcaster who requested anonymity.

While this year is an off-election year, it has the potential to surpass spending in the 2004 presidential-election year due to the sheer number of political races across the U.S.: 36 governor posts, all 435 seats in the House of Representatives and 33 Senate seats. And nearly half of the gubernatorial races, 10 to 13 Senate races and as many as 60 House seats are considered "in play."

There are also numerous down-ballot races, including mayors (in New Orleans, for example, where Ray Nagin is being challenged), lt. governors, attorneys general, state houses, judges and ballot initiatives.

In 2004, Florida, Ohio and Pennsylvania drew most of the action. This year, governor's races in several states are expected to generate strong political spending: Florida, California, Wisconsin, Arkansas, Massachusetts, Maryland, Iowa, Ohio, New York, Michigan, Pennsylvania, Colorado, Tennessee, Illinois and Minnesota. Many of those states also have the prospect for lively Senate and/or House races, in addition to down-ballot races in California, Ohio and Pennsylvania.

TNS Media Intelligence's Campaign Media Analysis Group is forecasting this year's TV political spending will come in between \$1.5 billion and \$2 billion, topping the \$1.4 billion spent in 2004. Of



	1996	1998	2000	2002	2004
Spot TV	\$336.1	\$677.1	\$735.5	\$823.0	\$711.6
Cable TV	3.8	2.3	0.8	0.8	25.8
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the total, Evan Tracey, COO for CMAG, is forecasting \$500 million will be spent on governor races, \$200 million each on House and Senate races, \$200 million on ballot initiatives, \$150 million on downballot political seats and \$400 million on public policy issues.

Other prognosticators are more conservative. Bear Stearns analyst Victor Miller is forecasting \$1.25 billion, while BMO Capital Markets' Lee Westerfield is forecasting spot TV will total \$970 million—about the same as 2002—and account for 3.7 percent of total spot dollars this year.

Spending depends on the state of political desperation among the political parties and advocacy groups. As the last election leading up to a wide open race for the White House, the stakes are high. That realization could generate more dollars than usual in an off-election year.

"There are a lot of people looking past these midterm elections to 2008," says Tracey. "People will realize there is just as much at stake now to prepare for the presidential election, so you'll see a lot of late-breaking money. It will be fast and furious down the stretch, due in large part to the extremely competitive Congressional races and some important governor races that will be extremely valuable to control for the presidential election."

The big wild cards are the 527 advocacy groups. Although such organizations tend to focus on presidential elections, they could see 2006 as the opening skirmish for 2008. "You never know how much

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money they have or what their strategy will be. It's not like the old days when it came from parties and candidates. They tend to spend in a more unpredictable manner," says Jack Poor, vp of marketing for the Television Bureau of Advertising.

Even before the biggest concentration of spending in September and October, more than \$637 million has been spent through the first week in August, with 75 percent of the dollars so far going to spot TV (see chart below). "You have literally close to \$500 [million] to \$600 million alone sitting on the sidelines between the political parties. 527s and labor unions," Tracey adds.

Estimates of just how much TV stations will get is not easy to pin down given the volatility of spending. But one thing is certain: The secondlargest ad category in spot TV after auto will be a real factor, boosting the industry's year-end growth performance into the high single digits.

"People keep saying political is becoming a category; it's been a category for the last 10 years," says Julio Marenghi, president of sales for CBS Television Stations. "With partisan politics the way they are, the price of running for office has jumped sky high. This cycle has controlled a lot of revenue that comes into our world."

In 2004, political spending accounted for 5.2 percent of local TV revenue in third quarter and nearly 10 percent in fourth quarter. TVB's Poor expects that percentage to be higher this year since presidential year spending spreads out more evenly throughout the year beginning in first and second quarter. "The cycle compresses itself more every time and it gets later and later. The candidates know that advertising has more impact closer to election," Poor says.

How tight inventory will be depends on the health of the overall ad market and the individual regions. While a few areas, particularly those in California, have already experienced some tightness, in the nonpolitical markets, revenue growth is in the 2 to 3 percent range. "The swell of political will offset the erosion of auto and retail categories, but it won't be enough to put pressure on rates nationwide," Westerfield says.

Tracey's group has identified several cities as "perfect storm" markets, which will likely benefit from multiple and contentious races: Phoenix; San Diego; Denver; Hartford; Tampa, Fla.; Miami; Atlanta; Chicago; Cedar Rapids, Mich.; Cincinnati; Cleveland; Charleston, S.C.; Providence, R.I.; Philadelphia; Louisville, Ky.; Baltimore; Minneapolis; Manchester, N.H.; Charlotte and Greenville, N.C.; Seattle; Burlington, Vt., and Oklahoma City.

Although the largest markets (such as Los Angeles, San Francisco and Chicago) will get the biggest dollars, markets outside the top 10 tend to be more affected by political spending, causing tighter inventory conditions at TV stations.

Many agencies have intricate software systems in place to navigate the influx of dollars from elections, primaries, ballot initiatives and issue campaigns to help their clients plan around the political crunch. Some markets have already experienced tight conditions, but agencies expect

the tightest conditions from about Oct. 10 on, when both political and another American pastime—baseball—will collide to soak up a lot of inventory. But while some advertisers can afford to avoid periods when spending is heaviest, others—such as retailers running back-to-school campaigns, or advertisers with new product launches—simply can't.

Buyers are also keeping an eye on more sophisticated spending practices. Political campaigns, which traditionally flood the news dayparts to target voters 35 and older, are also segmenting buys by targeting specific demographic or ethnic groups. "In the California primary, they were targeting women—buying more non-news early fringe.

> late fringe and in programming such as Sex and the City and Oprah," says Initiative's Johenning.

> Of all the TV groups, CBS, which has backed up its newscasts with programming leading into news, has the most to gain, analysts believe. Bear Stearns calculates the CBS owned-and-operated stations will bring in more than \$116 million in political this year. Other groups in good position to attract political dollars include Gannett at \$86.4 million, Hearst-Argyle at \$69.7 million. ABC at \$62 million and Belo at \$42.6 million.

> Hearst-Argyle, Belo and Gannett have forecast spending levels more in keeping with 2002 rather than exceeding 2004. Hearst-Argyle, for example, is projecting \$50 million to \$60 million versus the \$87 million it took in for 2004. "The gubernatorial races are going to be significant. The variable, though, that makes me a little bit more measured here is some of the Senate races. which in past years have generated very significant money," says David Barrett, president/CEO of Hearst-Argyle. "There's more uncontested elections going on, much more limited activity than we've seen in the past on the Senate side."

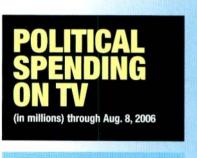
> Other media generally receive only 10-15 percent of political dollars. In 2004, only 9 percent of political and issue ad-spending went outside of broadcast TV, according to CMAG. This year, that could creep up to 18 to 22 percent. There will be some spillover to cable, which draws more and more dollars each election, especially with the growing popularity of Fox News and its healthy rivalry with CNN and MSNBC. Candidates, wanting to get on TV earlier and earlier, go onto cable because it's less expensive. "It's a poor man's way of getting onto TV earlier," says Tracey. "They're spending more than ever on TV and going on longer. We're starting to see the threshold get pushed further out—in some cases more than a year."

> If TV is tight enough, radio may get more dollars, but it's still a relatively small percentage of the total, amounting to only 1 to 2 percent, says Tracey. News/Talk stations tend to get some

ads in the final days leading up to an election and for propositions.

The Internet, while drawing interest, is also not causing any dramatic shifts in spending. Candidates may have their own Web sites, but they aren't rushing to place banner or display ads just yet.

For now, TV tends to be the politician's medium of choice. Says Kathy Crawford, president of local broadcast for MindShare: "Political will probably make the year for TV."



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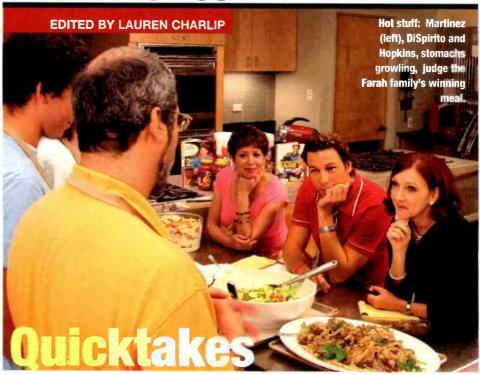
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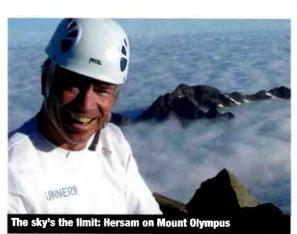
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FOOD HAS ALWAYS BEEN a priority at Better Homes and Gardens; the eponymous cookbook is the No. 1-selling cookbook of all time. The magazine has once again stepped into American kitchens with a second run of its Family Cook-off contest this year, which wrapped in New York on Aug. 11. The final round was filmed in the BH & G test kitchen, with celebrity judges Rocco DiSpirito; Daisy Martinez, of Daisy Cooks! and Nancy **Hopkins**, BH & G deputy food and entertaining editor, for a half-hour television special to air in syndication this fall. To narrow the field, BH&G staffers made house calls to 20 semifinalist families—out of over 8,000 entries around the country who submitted holiday menus, recipes and essays to enter. They evaluated not only the food, but how the families interacted in the kitchen. West Coast editor



Paige Porter was charmed by the "generosity and graciousness" of the families she met judging a Mexican Easter meal in San Antonio, Texas, and a Southern New Year's Day lunch in Tucson, Ariz. "It's like all the walls come down in the kitchen," she said. The Farah family of Minneapolis beat out three other finalist families for \$15,000 cash and other prizes, with a traditional Lebanese holiday meal...By his own admission, the closest Runner's World publisher Andrew Hersam had ever come to mountain climbing was running up Heartbreak Hill in the Boston Marathon. He is well-versed in raising money, though, so when the opportunity to climb Washington's Mount Olympus and raise funds benefitting the children of his late **Sports Illustrated** ad sales colleague, Jim Houran, appeared, he knew he was up for at least half the task. Houran, 42,

passed away after a heart attack in April, days before the birth of his second son, Michael. "His short life was marked by an uncanny ability to attract legions of friends, and I figured it was up to all of us to do something positive in his memory," Hersam said. He enlisted the help of Jon Dorn, editor in chief of Rodale sibling Backpacker, for the 7,500-foot climb. Dorn put him on a crash-course program which included daily Stairmaster sessions with 50 pounds of weight plates in a backpack. "I heard the word 'wacko' whispered a few times" at the

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British broadcasting veteran Jamie Roberts is joining GSN as senior vp of programming, effective Aug. 21. Roberts comes to GSN after a 10-year stint at Sky Networks in the U.K., where he served in development and programming...Rainbow Media music network Fuse has elevated Fernando Romero to vp, advertising sales, digital media. Previously he was director of interactive sales...Discovery Networks has upped Fred Norris to vp, Southeast sales region, where he'll oversee the Atlanta ad sales office. Norris joined Discovery in 2002 as an account executive for the New York region...Gospel Music Channel tapped Molly Rahiya, former TBS and WE: Women's Entertainment research executive to head up its new research department.

RESEARCH

IAG Research upped Steve Walsh to executive vp. director of sales. Walsh joined IAG in 2001... Nielsen Media Research announced that Jack Oken was named to the newly created position of general manager of strategic measurement initiatives, from gm of local business. Catherine Herkovic was upped to replace him, from senior vp, sales and marketing, for the local TV service.

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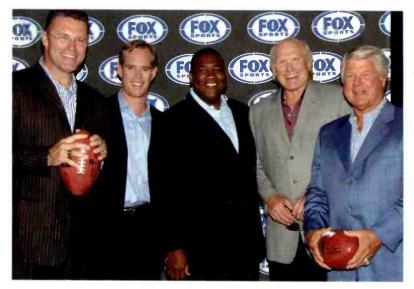
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gym," Hersam noted. Within 48 hours of sending an e-mail throughout the ad sales industry asking for pledges of "a penny per foot climbed," on behalf of the Jameson and Michael Houran Trust, more than \$12,000 had been pledged, and by the time Hersam came down on July 30, the total had jumped to more than \$17,000...The heatwave New York City endured was no match for music legend Patti LaBelle at VH1's The Summer of Soul Party at Crobar. On hand to introduce multiplatinum recording artist Kelis' half-hour set, LaBelle joked during a photo op with Eric Sherman, gm, senior vp VH1 Classic and VH1 Digital Television that "only real men and women can stand the heat."

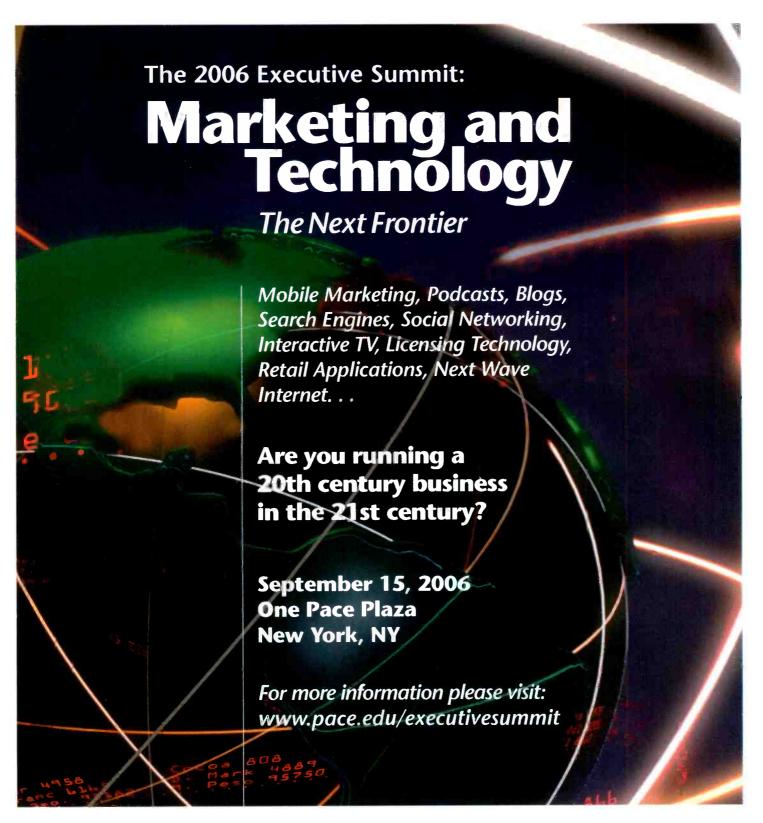
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All trumped up: Stuff threw a fall fashion preview luncheon with cover model and boardroom beauty Ivanka Trump at NYC's Cafe Gray Aug. 9. From left: Megan Mcintyre, senior manager, emerging media and print buying, Anheuser-Busch; Trump; John Lumpkin, publisher, Stuff.





Screen pass: (from left) **Howie Long,** Joe Buck, Curt Menefee, Terry **Bradshaw and** Jimmy Johnson at a New York press conference announcing the addition of Buck and Menefee to Fox's NFL Sunday team.



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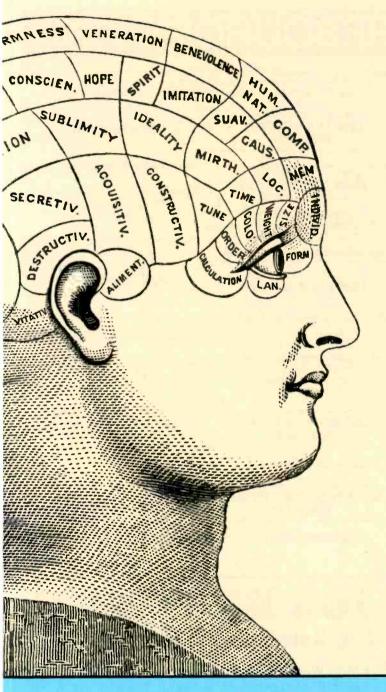
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- The Next Big Idea (East): The **Future of Nontraditional Marketing**

takes place Sept. 14 at the Millennium Broadway Hotel in New York. Hosted by Adweek, Mediaweek, Brandweek, The Hollywood Reporter, Billboard, and Sporting Goods Business, in association with NYU's Stern School of Business. the third annual event examines the convergence of marketing, music, Hollywood, sports and gaming. It will also showcase marketing visionaries and their media and agency partners. For more, visit thenextbigidea.com.

■ At the Crowne Plaza Hotel in New York, the MIXX Conference and Expo will run for two days, Sept. 25-26. The "official" interactive event of Advertising Week 2006, the conference is geared toward marketing and agency professionals, as well as the publishers and technology firms that help drive their efforts. The event culminates in a multi-media creative awards show, MIXX Awards, judged by an independent panel. See mixx-expo.com.

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CBS to Stream Seven Top Shows for Free

CBS has announced that starting in September, it will begin offering fans, at no cost, the ability to stream episodes of seven leading shows on its broadband Web channel, innertube. The shows are available the day after airing and include all three versions of CSI, as well as Survivor. Each show will carry a limited amount of advertising, with most episodes available on the site for one month after their original air date.

DirecTV Offers an Interactive U.S. Open

USA Network will introduce a variety of interactive elements tied to its broadcast of the U.S. Open this year for DirecTV subscribers. When the tennis tournament begins Aug. 28, DirecTV subscribers will have access to additional channels that air every match from the tournament's first five days. In addition, a special "Mix Channel" will feature visual feeds from all of the event's matches on multiple screens. Fans can also opt to display an on-screen scoreboard during match play.

ABC Nabs Comedy Pilot, Miss/Guided

After a bidding war with NBC, ABC has greenlit the single-cam comedy pilot Miss/Guided. Revolving around a woman who returns to her high school as a guidance counselor, the project was created by Caroline Williams (The Office), through Ashton Kutcher's production company Katalyst. Todd Holland (Malcolm in the Middle) will direct the pilot, set to film in September, with Gabrielle Allan (Scrubs) on board as showrunner.

Fox Sports en Español Scores InterLiga

Fox Sports en Español has re-upped with rights holder Soccer United Marketing, locking in exclusive rights to televise the annual InterLiga Tournament through 2010. Under the terms of the deal, Fox Sports en Español and sister net Fox Latin America will carry all 14 InterLiga Mexican soccer club matches. The deal includes online, wireless and video-on-demand rights. Last year's second final between Veracruz and Guadalajara scored a 3.4 national Hispanic rating among men 18-49.

Harvard Alums Gain a New Mag, 01238

Named for Harvard University's zip code, 02138, a magazine aimed at Harvard alumni, debuts in October. The startup is funded by The Atlantic Monthly parent Atlantic Media.

The first issue, at 120 pages, will feature a cover story on "The Harvard 100," a ranking of the university's most influential living graduates. The first two issues will be mailed to 50,000 alums and distributed at select Harvard events.

Radio Disney Expands Its Base to iTunes

In keeping with Disney's strategy to extend its brands to new media platforms, Radio Disney is now available on Tunes, where the kids radio network is streamed live on the iTunes radio tuner. Radio Disney can be accessed under the Top 40/Pop section. In addition to iTunes, Radio Disney plays on more than 50 radio stations, on both satellite radio channels, on digital cable's and Verizon's music channels, on DirectTV and on its own web site at RadioDisney.com.

AMC Enters World of Dramatic TV Series

Rainbow Media's AMC greenlit its first dramatic series, committing to 13 episodes of Mad Men, a one-hour period piece about a 1960s-era Madison Avenue advertising agency, set to debut in June 2007. AMC execs Vlad Wolynetz, vp of production, series and movies, and Christina Wayne, vp of scripted series and movies, will oversee development and production.

NY's Public Television Aligns With NBCU

WNBC-TV, NBC Universal's owned-andoperated New York flagship, will air programming from one of the market's public TV stations NYC-TV. This pact is the first of its kind between commercial and noncommercial television stations. Beginning Sept. 4, WNBC will broadcast five NYC TV series on its station for three months. Its digital channel, WNBC 4.4, will run those programs for six months, plus two others. In exchange for the content, NYC-TV will gain broader distribution and four minutes per day of advertising inventory.

IAC Buys Stake in CollegeHumor.com

IAC/InterActiveCorp said it has acquired a 51 percent stake in Connected Ventures, the parent company of CollegeHumor.com, a fast-growing comedy Web site geared for college students. The site will become the first property housed within IAC Programming, an initiative launched earlier this year by the company to develop Web properties built around branded content.

Failure to Launch

Publishers, slow to roll out new magazines, focus their efforts on growing established brands By Tony Case

WHERE ARE THE NEW MAGAZINES? FOLLOWING A FLURRY OF MAJOR LAUNCHes last year - among them, Condé Nast's Domino, Cookie and Men's Vogue, Rodale's Women's Health, Hearst Magazines' Quick & Simple and Weekend and Northern and Shell's British import OK!—publishers have put the brakes

on developing new titles, focusing instead on growing their established brands.

A handful of high-profile startups that have hit the market this year include Martha Stewart Living Omnimedia's Blueprint, Disney Publishing's Wondertime and Hachette Filipacchi Media's French import Shock. On the launchpad is Condé Nast's business title Portfolio, slated for next April. Otherwise, startups are few and far between.

Samir Husni, the University of Mississippi journalism professor who tracks new magazines, confirmed there are far fewer launches this year than last. Even the number of startups in 2005, considered an active launch year, "declined dramatically" from the previous year, he said. "The numbers are going down and down and down."

To be sure, market forces-including escalating production and distribution costs, a depressed ad market, saturated magazine categories and an ever-crowded newsstandare principal factors. It's tougher than ever to make a launch fly, even for the big publishers.

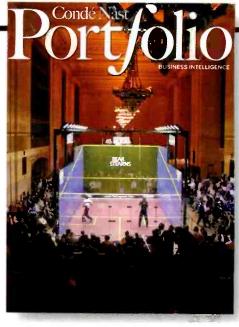
Witness the number of recent startups,

including Condé Nast's Cargo and Vitals and American Media Inc.'s Celebrity Living, that quickly came and went.

It's no wonder publishers are more cautious about launching, considering that a mass magazine rollout today can run anywhere from \$30 million to over \$100 million. according to those in the know.

"The barrier for entry, because of industry consolidation, only gets higher and higher every year, leaving a lot of launch activity to the majors," explained David Carey, group president, publisher at Condé Nast Business Media, who oversees Portfolio. "To launch a magazine today, you need a great editor, a solid business team and world-class circulation resources," Carey said. "The odds of coming up with all three as an independent venture are much harder to do."

To Carey's point: Maer Roshan's indie Radar, the celebrity-skewering startup that's had its plug pulled twice already and is making a third run with the backing of Integrity Media, whose investors include Yusef Jackson, son of the Rev. Jesse Jackson. Radar's



Condé Nast is one of the few publishers daring to launch a new magazine next year.

Web site starts up next month while the magazine hits early next year, said Roshan.

When it comes to growing their businesses now, the major publishers are playing it safe rather than risking multimillions on startups.

Burned from jumping into hot categories that quickly became overpopulated and edged out the weakest players, publishers are concentrating instead on extending proven brands via online and mobile offerings, events, merchandising, TV programming and print spinoffs.

Several recent launches, including Men's Vogue and Women's Health, were, in fact, offshoots of established titles. That lack of big, new ideas is distressing to some. As Husni put it, "Uniqueness is becoming rare."

One top editor who has shopped around magazine proposals expressed frustration that publishers seem less willing to take chances. The editor, who did not want to be identified, complained that the first thing a publishing exec asks when presented with a business plan is, "What's it like that's been successful?"

Robin Steinberg, senior vp, print director at MediaVest, added, "I would agree there's probably saturation within most categories, and it would be ideal when launching if we could identify something new and different that creates consumer demand and doesn't cannibalize something already out there."

John Loughlin, executive vp, general manager at Hearst Magazines, mused, "I think you've seen a marketplace that has rewarded both truly new ideas but also has rewarded fragmentation and the slicing of a category into subcategories." Hearst launched 10 titles over the last seven years, three in 2005 alone. No launches are on the horizon, however.

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ESPN The Magazine	28-Aug	76.14	29-Aug	77.15	-1.31%	943.66	1.052.33	-10.33%
Forbes	14-Aug	77.26	15-Aug	60.99	26.68%	1,847.07	1,775.31	4.04%
Fortune [®]	21-Aug	65.20	22-Aug	102.58	-36.44%	1,693.15	1,705.62	-0.73%
National Review	11-Sep	14.30	12-Sep	17.30	-17.34%	282.60	278.20	1.58%
Rolling Stone	24-Aug	75.30	25-Aug	80.65	-6.63%	867.75	917.58	-5.43%
CATEGORY TOTAL		308.20		338.67	-9.00%	5,634.23	5,729.04	-1.65%

Meredith Corp., publisher of *Better Homes and Gardens* and *Parents*, has focused on special-interest publications and custom publishing over launching new brands.

Time Inc., which turned out three startups in the fall of 2004, including All You, Cottage Living and the relaunch of Life (see story below), has unveiled no new titles since, focusing instead on growing its digital businesses. This year, Time Inc. launched online men's magazine Office Pirates. Ned Desmond, president of Time Inc. Interactive, explained, "Launching a new media brand is often a rocky, iterative, nail-biting kind of experience. But it's gratifyingly smooth to apply the editorial energies and acumen of existing titles to online."

Roshan believes the lure of interactive—so much easier and cheaper than producing a magazine—has kept many entrepreneurs like himself away from print as well. That's a mistake, he said: "There's great synergy they'll miss out on by focusing just on online."

For his part, Condé Nast's Carey is confident we will see a rash of magazine launches again. "If you look over long periods of time, you will find upticks and slower periods," he said. "But there are a lot of products in some form of development and growth all the time."

Life Goes On

Iconic mag turning corner

Despite a range of incarnations and a rocky relaunch as a newspaper supplement nearly two years ago, Time Inc.'s iconic *Life* has begun to grow its reach and ad business.

Much speculation has swirled about Time Inc.'s commitment to the reborn *Life*—indeed, it fell short of initial ad-page benchmarks. But Nora McAniff, Time Inc.'s co-COO, said, "During all our recent strategic planning discussions, the subject of closing *Life* has never been part of the conversation. There are no plans to close *Life* now or in the future."

McAniff's avowal is backed up by *Life*'s latest performance. Despite initial tepid support from advertisers, ad pages are growing, up 21.6 percent to 259 year-over-year through Aug. 25, reports *Mediaweek* Monitor. Publisher Peter Bauer boasts 41 new accounts this year, including Wal-Mart and Frito Lay. Drugs/remedies has been especially fertile, with clients including Pfizer upping their investment. *Life* has also scored unique placements, including a single-sponsor issue last December promoting ABC's midseason shows.

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ast Company®	725,000	750,728	39.08	36.41	7.33%	267.82	345.79	-22.55%
ortune Small Business ¹⁰	1,000,000	1,006,564B	52.09	63.54	-18.02%	351.43	377.98	-7.02%
nc.	665,000	698,267	99.32	92.07	7.87%	576.26	582.77	-1.12%
Vired Category Total	575,000	603,259	151.16 489.72	69.51 425.54	117.47% 15.08%	843.74 3,462.72	646.14 3,334.17	30.58% 3.86%
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ENTERTAINMENT Blender ¹⁰	630,000	693,230	86.08	72.37	18.94%	505.25	472.57	6.92%
eople en Español ¹¹	450,000	469,110	119.18	98.05	21.55%	683.38	578.66	18.10%
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ATEGORY TOTAL	0.50,000	0,0,011	387.25	387.78	-0.14%	2,605.37	2,644.89	-1.49%
NTHUSIAST								
utomobile	550,000	557,655	75.65	64.17	17.89%	554.77	509.88	8.80%
Jackpacker ⁹	310,000	312,907	55.47	60.90	-8.92%	393.90 549.93	383.20 411.79	2.79% 33.55%
licycling ¹¹	400,000 None	405,121 197,343	50.47 79.33	44.31 92.41	13.90% -14.15%	916.47	1,030.07	-11.03%
ar and Driver	1,350,000	1,357,956	99.19	90.56	9.53%	840.81	914.75	-8.08%
rulsing World	150,000	151,338 DID	NOT REPOR		N.A.	848.36	770.89	10.05%
cycle World	325,000	330,140	94.83	78.59	20.66%	736.42	770.23	-4.39%
lying Colf Digost	None 1 550 000	276,198	68.16	61.33	11.14% 5.97%	575.46 1,147.76	584.50 1,231.33	-1.55% -6.79%
Golf Digest Golf Magazine	1,550,000 1,400,000	1,575,000 1,416,047	126.83 96.83	119.68 98.20	-1.40%	861.00	969,19	-0.79%
Notor Boating	None	147,379	59.40	74.75	-20.54%	532.21	685.90	-22.41%
Notor Trend	1,100,000	1,108,501	92.55	94.50	-2.06%	904.42	865.91	4.45%
opular Mechanics	1,200,000	1,210,126	60.16	85.02	-29.24%	540.12	657.40	-17.84% -22.53%
opular Photography & Imaging opular Science	450,000 1,450,000	453,475 1,467,894	86.33 54.20	96.33 65.50	-10.38% -17.25%	759.32 481.00	980.16 522.43	-7.93%
ower & Motorvacht	155,000	159,147B	203.66	212.18	-4.02%	1,865.88	1,863.41	0.13%
load & Track	750,000	760,020	98.01	91.00	7.70%	831.49	896.27	-7.23%
alling World ¹⁰	50,000		NOT REPOR		N.A.	369.67	312.84	18.17%
itereo Review's Sound & Vision 10	400,000 700,000	400,214 720,790	57.33 78.70	52.00 59.52	10.25% 32.22%	327.68 453.34	378.19 411.89	-13.36% 10.06%
ennis Magazine ¹⁰ achting	None	129,124	78.70 204.07	228.41	-10.66%	1,518.96	1,591.32	-4.55%
ATEGORY TOTAL			1,741.17	1,769.36	-1.59%	16,008.97	16,741.55	-4.38%
ASHION/BEAUTY								
llure	1,000,000	1,071,700	182.36	146.90	24.14%	1,082.97	961.29	12.66%
cosmopolitan	2,900,000	3,007,349	209.81	248.81	-15.67%	1,299.68	1,326.13	-1.99%
lle	1,000,000	1,077,786	371.00 133.14	346.93 150.52	6.94% -11.55%	1,583.07 977.86	1,372.94 1,017.55	15.31% -3.90%
ssence	1,050,000 2,200,000	1,054,981 2,403,013	274.62	237.88	15.44%	1,339.08	1,246.44	7,43%
iarper's Bazaar	700,000	722,359	311.67	275.00	13.33%	1,157.50	1,091.12	6.08%
Style	1,700,000	1,772,568	365.00	378.00	-3.44%	2,387.82	2,416.11	-1.17%
ane 10	700,000	700,546	120.97	109.03	10.70%	425.42	573.71	-25.85% 0.11%
atina ¹¹ ucky	400,000 1,050,000	416,162 1,094,876	92.18 302.08	119.99 245.89	-23.18% 0.70%	670.41 1,278.19	669.70 1,240.14	3.07%
Marie Claire	950,000	970,617	171.35	175.01	-2.09%	921.58	948.66	-2.85%
Shop, Etc.	400,000	N.A. C	102.14	106.90	-4.45%	463.87	434.05	6.87%
/ogue	1,200,000	1,301,468	625.66	690.98	-9.45%	2,137.46	2,121.55	0.75%
V CATEGORY TOTAL	450,000	469,958	390.00 3,651.98	384.00 3,615.84	1.56% 1.00%	1,378.00 17,102.91	1,334.00 16,753.39	3.30% 2.09%
OOD/EPICUREAN								
Bon Appétit	1,300,000	1,326,198	81.22	97.67	-16.84%	630.17	671.55	-6.16%
Cooking Light ¹¹	1,700,000	1,720,168	143.33	119.60	19.84%	1,056.60	1,069,95	-1.25%
veryday Food ¹⁰	850,000	898,931	73.50	32.86	123.68%	396.60	281.95	40.66%
Food & Wine Gourmet	900,000 950,000	916,011 984,813	116.37 144.71	86.34 97.34	34.78% 48.66%	954.86 863.25	859.65 782.04	11.08% 10.38%
CATEGORY TOTAL	500,000	004,010	559.13	433.81	28.89%	3,901.48	3,665.14	6.45%
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Guideposts	2,600,000	2,628,767	46.67	23.00	102.91%	334.10	228.40	46.28%
larper's Magazine	210,000	226,425	17.50	17.83	-1.85%	178.37	170.46	4.64%
National Geographic	5,250,000	5,376,750	35.25 92.98	45.17 96.85	-21.96% -4.00%	305.24 745.75	312.30 761.58	-2.26% -2.08%
Reader's Digest Smithsonian	10,000,000 2,000,000	10,094,602 2,047,582	92.98 54.50	52.39	4.03%	400.83	411.02	-2.48%
The Atlantic Monthly ¹¹	355,000	395,620	60.17	65.73	-8.46%	415.93	441.36	-5.76%
anity Fair	1,075,000	1,208,644	331.91	271.03	22.46%	1,264.46	1,339.20	-5.58%
ATEGORY TOTAL			638.98	572.00	11.71%	3,644.68	3,664.32	-0.54%
HEALTH/FITNESS (MEN)		444.040	100.00	101.57	0.470/	1 701 07	1 510 50	10 470
Flex Muscle & Fitness	None 450,000	111,640 451,554	198.22 150,96	181.57 156.18	9.17% -3. 3 4%	1,791.97 1,452.81	1,512.59 1,208.42	18.47% 20.22%
Nuscie & Fitness Runner's World	600,000	603,873	73 .00	67.86	7.57%	535.79	516.24	3.79%
ATEGORY TOTAL			422.18	405.61	4.09%	3,780.57	3,237.25	16.78%
HEALTH/FITNESS (WOME	N)							11-21
itness	1,500,000	1,488,657	81.41	66.17	23.03%	597.25	632.18	-5.53%
lealth10	1,350,000	1,360,786	115.30	115.90	-0.52%	783.73	778.62	0.66%
Prevention Self	3,300,000 1,350,000	3,345,214 1,420,543	111.11 152.77	105.64 119.49	5.18% 27.85%	885.72 909.38	918.84 889.79	-3.60% 2.20%
Shape	1,650,000	1,685,262	122.16	128.95	-5.27%	1,042.49	1,018.75	2.33%
Vomen's Health 10/F/H	400,000	N.A.C	53.99	41.50	17.25%	305.08	157.67	93.49%
CATEGORY TOTAL			636.74	577.65	10.23%	4,523.65	4,395.85	2.91%
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Boys' Life	1,300,000	1,130,526 1,206,987 ⁸	13.35 25.73	12.19 19.90	9.52% 29.30%	88.72 179.35	96.30 164.39	-7.87% 9.10%
Disney Adventures ¹⁰ Nickelodeon Magazine ¹⁰	1,200,000 1,075,000	1,090,082B	48.40	37.92	27.64%	228.13	220.35	3.53%
Sports Illustrated for Kids	1,000,000	1,004,076 ^B	33.85	34.52	-1.94%	205.58	180.79	13.71%
CATEGORY TOTAL			121.33	104.53	16.07%	701.78	661.83	6.04%
MEN'S LIFESTYLE								
MEN'S LIFESTYLE BestLife 10/F Details 10	300,000 400,000	333.720 426,239	63.95 252.39	44.50 200.91	43.71% 25.62%	258.10 807.45	174.63 799.53	47.80% 0.99%

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FHM11/@	1,250,000	1,262,788	61.00	89.66	-31.97%	525.74	646.72	-18.71%
Gentlemen's Quarterly	800,000	854,155	320.53	293.92	9.05%	1,144.36	1,112.35	2.88%
Maxim	2,500,000	2,503,218	115.00	94.42	21.80%	672.16	716.99	-6.25%
Men's Fitness Men's Health ¹⁰	650,000	668,572	73.82	77.72	-5.02%	520.53	497.66	4.60%
Men's Journal	1,700,000 650,000	1,775,503 682,502	144.86 97.06	140.16 95.97	3.35% 1.14%	681.90	763.52	-10.69%
Penthouse	None	326,358	25.03	23.28	7.52%	713.88 244.83	690.82 256,26	3.34%
Playboy	3,150,000	3,005,753	39.06	44.74	-12.70%	333.78	422.06	-20.92%
Stuff	1,300,000	1,310,900	70.33	70.31	0.03%	483.20	486.39	-0.66%
CATEGORY TOTAL			1,414.95	1,341.12	5.51%	7,158.21	7,272,01	-1.56%
OUTDOORS Field & Stream ¹¹	1 600 000	1 542 570	CE OC	70.07	45.040/	400.47	407.00	
lational Geographic Adventure ¹⁰	1,500,000 500,000	1,543,678 522,091	65.96 54.96	78.37 54.02	-15.84% 1.74%	408.47	487.29	-16.18%
Outdoor Life ¹⁰	925,000	948,410	52.77	67.84	-22,21%	412.51 283.78	339.22 340.32	21.61%
Outside	650,000	657,725	62.76	57.97	8.26%	655.20	633.93	-16.61% 3.36%
CATEGORY TOTAL			236,45	258.20	-8.42%	1,759.96	1,800.76	-2.27%
PARENTING/FAMILY					14 -			
merican Baby	2,000,000	2,003,367B	50.86	68.37	-25.61%	482.69	524.32	-7,94%
abyTalk ¹⁰	2,000,000	2,002,441B	53.57	59.31	-9.68%	376.33	392.25	-4.06%
hild10	1,020,000	1,030,371	99,17	119.40	-16.94%	617.22	734.73	-15.99%
amilyFun ¹⁰	1,900,000	1,956,553	83.52	91.78	14.31%	467.85	490.53	-4.62%
arenting ¹⁰	2,150,000	2,160,190	127.92	158.16	-19.12%	879.66	1,043.71	-15.72%
arents Ategory Total	2,200,000	2,204,037	134.10 549.14	149.11 646.13	-10.07% -15.01%	1,006.77 3,830.52	1,063.45 4,248.99	-5.33% -9.85%
PERSONAL FINANCE								3,007,0
iplinger's Personal Finance	800,000	871,436	45.53	50.57	-9.97%	399.54	439.37	-9.07%
Money martMoney	1,900,000	2,036,237	73.33	80.43	-8.83%	674.73	725.35	-6.98%
martMoney ATEGORY TOTAL	800,000	809,038	52.43 171.29	58.96 189.96	-11.08% -9.83%	503.72 1,577.99	516.71 1,681.43	-2.51% -6.15%
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lscover	850,000	846,712	20.67	22.67	-8.82%	177.58	204,87	-13.32%
latural History10	250,000	252,073	23.71	22.71	4.40%	187.22	175.53	6.66%
cientific American	555,000	580,071	50.72	32.51	56.01%	323.86	345.21	-6.18%
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rchitectural Digest	800,000	813,495	165.20	181.67	-9.07%	1,161.65	1,203,22	-3.45%
oastal Living10/+	625,000	636,515	120.24	125.15	-3.92%	647.47	588.01	10.11%
ountry Home ¹⁰	1,250,000	1,307,303	104.52	76.80	36.09%	649.45	597.36	8.72%
ountry Living	1,700,000	1,741,462	100.76	115.04	-12.41%	810.55	899.57	-9.90%
omino10/L welf ⁹	400,000	N.A.C	98.00	61.35	59.74%	455.25	168.37	170.39%
weir ^s lle Décor ¹⁰	250,000	269,710	158.89	108.88	45.93%	817.50	643.38	27.06%
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ouse Beautiful	850,000	861,704	67.78	93.66	-10.79%	499.92	552.88 561.01	-9.58% -18.46%
ouse & Garden	900,000	922,482	106.81	89.81	18.93%	633.51	515.78	22.83%
letropolitan Home ¹⁰	600,000	618,438	127.90	127.58	0.25%	623.44	688.77	-9.49%
outhern Living ¹³	2,700,000	2,736,389	132.72	139.37	-4.77%	1,014.74	1,126.04	-9.88%
unset	1,450,000	1,479,618	92.83	87.85	5.67%	811.88	792.96	2.39%
his Old House ¹⁰	950,000	964,601	71.95	104.95	-31.44%	492.07	610.34	-19.38%
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			1,703.00	1,714.35	2.26%	10,793.97	10,731.93	0.58%
EEN osmoGirl! ¹⁰	1,350,000	1,371,108	136,72	120.54	13.42%	591.46	580.90	1.82%
-14	550,000	500,033	26.98	31.33	-6.86%	171,28	163,34	4.86%
Magazine	350,000	375,556	89.93	19.33	365.24%	200.51	129.67	54.63%
eventeen	2,000,000	2,031,466	132.44	126.90	4.37%	733.58	752.56	-2.52%
een People ¹⁰	1,450,000	1,500,119	131.90	139.39	-5.37%	522.20	608.58	-14.19%
een Vogue	850,000	1,293,227	268.88	171.24	57.02%	897.79	725.14	23.81%
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ondé Nast Traveler	750,000	782,551	185.58	163.21	13.71%	1,120.67	1,059,25	5.80%
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etter Homes and Gardens amily Circle ¹⁵	7,600,000	7,607,694	170.03	188.28	-9.69%	1,400.91	1,510.38	-7.25%
rst for Women 17/+	4,200,000 1,350,000	4,294,841	146.84	109.38	34.25%	1,108.39	1,028.44	7.77%
ood Housekeeping	4,600,000	1,437,020	33.45	37.29	-10,30%	393.22	412.98	-4.78%
adies' Home Journal	4,100,000	4,662,725 4,112,010	135.41 163.97	149.91 136.81	-9.67% 19.85%	1,248.69	1,260.77	-0.96%
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oman's Day 17/S	4,000,000	4,086,381	169.42	181.58	-6.70%	1,068.04	1,085.41 1,277.15	-1.60% 3.12%
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Footnotes: Rate base and circ figures according to the Audit Bureau of Circulations for the 2nd half of 2005; B=Audited by BPA Worldwide; C=Non-audited; X=Did not file by deadline; F=Frequency changed from a bimonthly in 2005 to a monthly in 2006; H=Two more Issues in 2006 than in 2005; L=Launched April 2005 with a frequency of 5 times per year, now with frequency of 10 times per year; S=September had two issues—numbers reflect total of both; 9=Publishes 9 times per year; 10=Publishes 10 times per year; 11=Publishes 11 times per year; 13=Publishes 13 times per year; 15=Publishes 15 times per year; 17=Publishes 17 times per year; 19=Publishes 10 times per year; 10=Publishes 10 times per year; 1

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Distributed in 75 papers when it debuted in October 2004, *Life* today puts out 12 million copies through 90 papers every week. By next year, the title expects to add another 1 million circ. Its reach, however, is still dwarfed by Advance Publications' *Parade* (circ 33.9 million) and Gannett Co.'s *USA Weekend* (22.7 million). "There is value in being more targeted, in focusing on top markets," Bauer said. (But in fact, *Life* runs in towns as far-flung as Duluth, Minn., as well as New York City.)

Anthony White, vp, marketing at Hall-mark Channel, said, "We understand the circulation is 12 million, but we think it's a good 12 million. It's a perfect match for us."

Business for supplements as a group,



The Time Inc. weekly has added 41 new accounts this year, including Wal-Mart and Frito Lay.

including *The New York Times Magazine* and a range of local and regional titles, is booming, with ad pages growing by double digits year-to-date.

Driving much of that business: strong support from direct-response marketers, promoting everything from vacuum cleaners to tacky porcelain collectibles.

While it does business with the likes of Dell and Bose, *Life* doesn't carry as many DR ads as other supplements—by design, according to Bauer. Many potential advertisers, he explained, are turned off by the supplements' DR-heavy environment.

Another key difference: *Life*'s pre-weekend distribution. Most supplements are distributed on Sunday, but more than 90 percent of *Life* copies are carried on Friday, allowing advertisers to grab readers before making weekend plans, a characteristic that has attracted media buyers like OMD print supervisor Ailee Sia.

On the edit side, *Life* purveys much the same warm-and-fuzzy, family-friendly fare of other weekend inserts. Sia points to features like *Life's* Picture Puzzle, which challenges readers to spot differences in side-by-side photos that, at first glance, seem identical.

"It's about lifestyle," Sia said, "reading that simple article to better your life." —TC

WEEKLIES AUGUST 21, 2006 CURRENT ISSUE DATE PERCENT PERCENT PAGES YTD LAST YEAR NEWS/BUSINESS 22/29-Aug 1.589.34 21/28-Aug 55.23 44 66 23 67% 1,616.65 -1 69% BusinessWee The Economist® 12-Aug 13-Aug 2F 00 27.00 -3.70% 1.274.00 1.283.00 -0.70% Newsweek 21-Aug 22-Aug 35.91 9.16% 1,093.08 1,105.90 -1.16% 39.20 28-Aug The New Republic 3.24 DOUBLE ISSUE 161.78 187.29 -13.62% TimeE 21-40 31.20 22-Aug 31 38 -0.57% 1 215 92 1 242 94 -2.17% DOUBLE ISSUE 0.41% ILS. News & World Report DOUBLE ISSUE N.A. 959.49 955.60 138.95 CATEGORY TOTAL 154.87 SPORTS/ENTERTAINMENT/LEISURE 17.83 22-Aug 20.87 -14.57% 764.54 1.65% **AutoWeek** Entertainment Weekly 18-Aug 19-Aug -24.25% 960,40 1.060.88 -9.47% 40.15 53.00 18-Aug Golf World 6.87 19-Aug 32 16 -78 64% 825 24 881 87 -6 42% 21-Aug 22-Aug 39.70% 542.77 388 64 39 66% 19.32 13.83 In Touch Life & Style 21-Aug 10.33 29-Aug 9.83 5.09% 272.98 249.79 9.28% New York 21-Aug 36.09 22-Aug 35.57 1 46% 1 906 92 1 682 11 13 36% -1.98% Pennie 21-Aug 48.67 22-Aug 69.33 -29.80% 2.266.84 2.312.63 Sporting News 2.45% 25-Aug 16.87 26-Aug 15.83 6.57% 492.33 Sports Illustrated 21-Aug 46.54 22-Aug 29.85 55.91% 1.254.75 1,257,32 -0.20% 21-Aug 631.15 18 17 22-Aug 18 33 -0.87% 562 24 12.26% Star The New Yorker® 21-Aug 17.87 22-Aug 19.44 -8.08% 982.73 1.175.79 16.42% Time Out New York 16-Aug 58.38 17-Aug 49.06 19.00% 2,004,06 2,003.98 0.00% 21-Aug TV Guide (redesign)T 24 08 NΔ NA NA 498 55 NA NA 1,133.15 21-Aug 4-.08 22-Aug 35.00 17.37% 1,164.06 2.73% Us Weekly 22-Aug Woman's World 6.00 23-Aug 6.67 -10.04% 234,98 226.48 3.75% CATEGORY TOTAL 408.25 408 77 -0 13% 14.802.30 14,167,59 4 48% **WEEKEND MAGAZINES** 20-Aug American Profile 12 27 21-Aug 8 80 39 43% 342.65 324.59 5.56% 213.12 21.72% 26-Aug 7.55 10.33% 259.40 25-Aug 8.33 21-Aug 5.29% Parade 20-Aug 17.15 15.27 12.31% 430.34 408.71 **USA** Weekend 20-Aug 12.27 21-Aug 11.59 5.87% 459 47 434 60 5 72% 1,491,86 1.381.02 8.03% CATEGORY TOTAL 50.02 43.21 15.76% TOTALS 613,14 3.76% 22,587.77 21,939,99

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	ISSUE DATE	CURRENT PAGES	ISSUE DATE LAST YEAR	PAGES LAST YEAR	PERCENT	YTD PAGES	LAST YEAR	PERCENT CHANGE
NEWS/BUSINESS	DATE	rauts	LASI TEAR	LASTICAL	CHANGE	FAGES	LAST TEAM	Unavac
BusinessWeek	14-Aug	23.16	15-Aug	35.33	-20.29%	1,534,11	1.571.90	-2.409
The Economist®	5-Aug	24.00	6-Aug	22.00	9.09%	1,248.00	1,256.00	-0.649
Newsweek ^E	14-Aug	23.20	15-Aug	19.80	17,17%	1,053.88	1,069.99	-1,519
The New Republic DOUG	BLE ISSUE		22/29-Aug	3.16	N.A.	158.54	187.29	-15.359
TimeE	14-Aug	32.00	15-Aug	43.54	-26.50%	1,184.72	1,211.56	-2.229
U.S. News & World Report	14-Aug	33.37	15-Aug	27.37	10.96%	959.49	955.60	0.419
CATEGORY TOTAL		137.73		151.20	-8.91%	6,138.74	6,252.34	-1.829
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AutoWeek	14-Aug	23.60	15-Aug	19.25	22.60%	746.71	731.27	2.119
Entertainment Weekly	11-Aug	20.45	12-Aug	31.33	-34.73%	920.25	1,007,88	-8.69
Golf World ^P	11-Aug	32.33	12-Aug	17.16	88.40%	818.37	849.71	-3.69
In Touch	14-Aug	14.24	15-Aug	9.17	55.29%	523.45	374.81	39.66
Life & Style*	14-Aug	7.33	22-Aug	10.33	-29.04%	262.65	239,96	9,46
New York	14-Aug	59.17	15-Aug	33.53	76.47%	1,870.83	1,646.53	13.629
People	14-Aug	54.12	15-Aug	58.21	-7.03%	2,218.17	2,243,30	-1.129
Sporting News	18-Aug	19.83	19-Aug	20.00	-0.85%	475.46	464.74	2.319
Sports Illustrated	14-Aug	32.59	15-Aug	47.56	-31.48%	1,214.90	1,227.47	-1.029
Star	14-Aug	18.83	15-Aug	20.17	-6.64%	612.98	543.91	12.70
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Time Out New York	9-Aug	47.88	10-Aug	52.38	-8.59%	1,945.68	1,954.92	-0.479
TV Guide (redesign) ^T	14-Aug	18.94	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	474.47	N.A.	N.A
Us Weekly	14-Aug	37.33	15-Aug	26.00	43.58%	1,122.98	1,098.15	2.269
Woman's World	15-Aug	6.83	16-Aug	6.83	0.00%	228.98	219.81	4.179
CATEGORY TOTAL		393,47		351.92	11.81%	14,400.06	13,758.81	4.66
WEEKEND MAGAZINE	s							
American Profile	13-Aug	9.17	14-Aug	11.85	-22.62%	330.38	315.79	4.629
Life@@	18-Aug	12.86	19-Aug	4.40	192.27%	251.07	205.57	22.139
Parade	13-Aug	8.80	14-Aug	9.89	-11.02%	413.20	393.44	5.02
USA Weekend	13-Aug	13.91	14-Aug	22.43	-37.98%	447.20	423.01	5.72
CATEGORY TOTAL		44.74		48.57	-7.89%	1,441.85	1,337.81	7.78
TOTALS		575.94		551.69	4.40%	21,980.65	21,348.96	2,969

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Q. What was the biggest transition for you after moving in February to BA as publisher from sibling Details? A. The biggest transition is it's a different sell. Details and Vanity Fair, where I was earlier, are more of an image-driven sell. Those advertisers are there because they need to be seen. For Bon Appetit, it's a more tactical sell, with more endemic advertisers. Also, you can measure the results. Q. Ad pages through September fell 6.3 percent to 630. What do vou see as BA's biggest challenge? A. In an age when epicurean is becoming so big-Food Network has a new show every day, and all these Web sites are cropping up - it seems like advertisers are looking for the new darling. We're celebrating our 50th anniversary in October, and when I came to the magazine we may have been perceived as a little tired. But that's about to change. For instance, Bose is so technologically advanced that they perceived us as not innovative; we had to show them it was not the case. We're getting the business back. We're scheduled to carry Bose in November. Q. What impact have the new magazines such as Everyday With Rachael Ray had on the epicurean category's established, upscale titles? A. Editorially the Bon Appétits of the world have paid more attention to creating easier, quicker meals, but the attention those books have gotten has really helped the category overall. Q. How are ad pages tracking for October's 50th anniversary issue? A. We're up 42 percent over last year, with 126 pages. One of the wins for us is an eight-page poster for Las Vegas. The culinary scene in Vegas is out of control. Q. Speaking of food, what's the most daring meal you've had since joining BA? A. At Charlie Trotter's I had braised deer heart. And he was sitting with us when it was being served, so I had to eat it. Q. O.K., I have to ask, what did it taste like? A. [laughs] It tasted like chicken! -IG

mr. television

BY MARC BERMAN



Serial Killers

MOST OF THE SESSIONS AT THE RECENTLY CONCLUDED TELEVISION CRITICS

Association Summer Press Tour dealt with what viewers will be seeing this fall. But in the executive sessions, there was an ongoing conversation about what is happening now, with scripted and nonscripted serialized

shows that are canceled midstream. ABC recently gave the heave-ho—without any warning—to *The One: Making of a Music Star*, which was pulled after just two weeks. The show had about 2.8 million viewers. ABC also canceled *One Ocean View*, a nonscripted docudrama that scored similarly lackluster results. CBS swung the ax this summer after just two episodes of *The Tuesday Night Book Club*, a reality hour that was patterned after ABC's *Desperate Housewives*.

You can't blame a network for canceling a series that is struggling in the ratings. But in the case of The One: Making of a Music Star; a musical competition, you have to ask: Is it fair to leave the almost 3 million viewers who tuned in hanging, wondering how their favorite contestants would fare? I don't think it is. And it's not just reality shows. This is a common occurrence among scripted serialized series as well. Five scripted freshman dramas this season—ABC's Invasion; CBS' Threshold; Fox's Reunion and UPN's Sex, Love & Secrets and South Beach—were unceremoniously pulled, leaving viewers with a slew of questions about what happened to their favorite characters.

You might ask, what's the big deal? There was a time when networks rarely offered conclusions to any series, hit or miss. Aside from *The Fugitive*, which in 1967 pitted Richard Kimble (David Janssen) against the one-armed man who framed him, shows didn't really start tying up loose ends until the 1970s. One

GRAND FINALE These shows ended in fine style

1. Newhart CBS: 1990

2. The Fugitive ABC: 1967

3. The Mary Tyler Moore Show CBS: 1977

4. The Wonder Years ABC: 1993

5. M*A*S*H CBS: 1983

6. Frasier NBC: 2004

7. Good Times CBS: 1979

8. Family Ties NBC: 1989

9. N.Y.P.D. Blue ABC: 2005

10. Murphy Brown CBS: 1998

scripted show, 1987 ABC sitcom *I Married Dora*, officially ended when the lead actor (Daniel Hugh-Kelly) actually told his co-star (Elizabeth Peña) the show was canceled. Then the camera pulled back to reveal the crew waving goodbye to the audience. A bit strange, maybe, but it accomplished something incredibly important: It acknowledged the viewers. Viewers are valuable no matter how big or small the audience—and that is a lesson most network executives need to learn. In today's environment of multiple tuning options, it certainly does not pay to anger a viewer.

As a fan of television who has invested time in dozens (OK, hundreds!) of series, I am still angry that I never found out what happened to the characters in 2001 Fox soap Pasadena, the couple on the run in 1984 NBC drama Hot Pursuit, or young lovers Jeff and Anita on 1974 CBS soap Sons and Daughters. This season alone I invested time in the aforementioned Threshold and Sex, Love & Secrets, and was left dangling when they hit the chopping block.

If a network is going to offer a serial drama or a reality competition, the viewer is entitled to some kind of resolution when that show ends prematurely. And I think it is time for the networks to make contingency plans if the ratings warrant cancellation. So, here are a few suggestions to the networks on how a low-rated serialized or reality/competition

could end with some dignity while satisfying viewers:

- 1. Never pull a show—any show—without airing all the episodes. If you ordered 13, run the 13, and keep in mind that it sometimes takes an audience time to find a series. Canceling any series after only a handful of episodes makes you look desperate.
- 2. Have a final script ready to shoot. It may be costly, but it sends the message that you care about the viewer. That's critical.
- 3. If you start a competition, like ABC did with *The One: Making of a Music Star*, you must see it through. In this case, ABC could have found a way to decrease the number of telecasts per week from three to one, which would have cut costs and kept

whoever was watching in the loop.

4. Utilize the Web. If you don't want to invest the time, or money, to film a final episode, at least put something on your Web site explaining how the series will end or who was chosen as the winner.

If the networks want viewers to make commitments to their series, they need to learn to respect the audience. And that's the most valuable lesson anyone can learn.

Do you agree or disagree with Mr. TV? Please e-mail mberman@mediaweek.com and let him know if you would like your response published in an upcoming issue.

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