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Long-time (16 years) *Corus Radio Winnipeg* GM **Garth Buchko** will become the new CEO/President of the *Winnipeg Blue Bombers*. His last day at Corus Radio Winnipeg is March 1. Buchko, of *CJOB/Power 97/ Groove FM*, was one of 75 candidates for the position... The new *100.7 THE BREEZE (CFJL-FM) Winnipeg* has added two well-known local personalities, **Don Percy** and **Stan Kubicek**. Percy, sometimes described as “*The Master of the Morning*”, takes mornings while Kubicek, a long time radio personality and best known as the weather man on *Global Winnipeg*, holds the reins on afternoon drive... *CTV Vancouver* Legislature Reporter **Jim Beatty** became the new Anchor at *CHEK News Victoria*. Beatty, already well-settled in the B.C. capital, was CTV’s legislative Bureau Chief for seven years and, before that, spent 10 years working there for Vancouver newspapers... **Christos Nikitopoulos** is the new VP, Revenue Planning and Strategy at *Rogers Media* and working across the company’s TV, publishing, digital and radio platforms. His broadcast background includes VP, Sports at *Shaw Media* and VP of Programming and Revenue Planning at Canada’s *Olympic Broadcast Media Consortium*... **Katie Malloch**, after almost 40 years with CBC Radio, is retiring in March. Malloch, the Montreal-based Host of jazz



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Don Percy



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show *Tonic* on *Radio 2*, spent much of her career at the public broadcaster in jazz programming, including hosting *Jazz Beat*, a show combining discs and live recordings that Malloch co-created and fronted for 23 years... **Ed Holmes** is the new Director of Engineering at *Maple Leaf Sports + Entertainment* in Toronto. Holmes made the move from *TVO Toronto* where he had been Manager of Technical Operations the last three years. Before that, he was Director of Broadcast Operations at *Global Television Toronto*. Holmes had been with Global for 28 years.

Samantha Stevens has moved across the road to *QX104 Winnipeg* from *92 CITI FM* to join **Brody Jackson** in mornings... New ND at *News1130 (CKWX) Vancouver* is **Doug Cheng**. The former Assignment Editor at *OMNI TV Vancouver* begins at *News1130* Feb. 6... **Tyler McLean** has succeeded **Tom Young** doing morning talk at *News*

91.9 Moncton/News 88.9 Saint John. McLean became the longest tenured producer for Young and last year shared in a national *RTNDA* award with Young for producing and hosting the best information radio program in Canada... Moving up to ND at *Corus Cornwall* is Asst ND **Bill Kingston**. He succeeds **Lorne Wiebe** who moved away from the industry... **Natasha Gargiulo** moves from afternoons at *Virgin Radio Montreal* to partner with morning show Host **Freeway Frank Depalo**. She succeeds **Lisa Player** who left the industry... **Becky Brenner**, a longtime Country programmer, is now a VP and Consulting Partner with *Albright & O'Malley* and working from the company's west coast office. She was most recently PD at *KMPS Seattle* and Digital Web Manager for the *CBS Seattle* Cluster... **Jacob Zehr** is the new Assignment Editor at *Global Regina*. He moved from *Newcap Television Lloydminster* where he was Senior Anchor/Senior News Producer... **Randy Kilburn**, the ND at four *Vista Radio* stations, and based in Courtenay, left Jan. 23, moving to the *Workers Compensation Board* in Edmonton as its Communications Advisor... *APTN Winnipeg* appointed **Vera Houle** as Director of Community Relations. Houle had worked at *CTV Winnipeg* for nearly 10 years prior to first joining APTN in April 2001. In October 2002, she joined the *Assembly of Manitoba Chiefs* as its Communications Advisor. Houle returned to the APTN National News team in January 2005 as Executive Producer and was appointed Director of News and Current Affairs in June 2005... **Chantal Desjardins** has joined *CJAD Montreal's* sports department... *Global News* and *Shaw Multicultural Channel* say broadcast veteran **Carol Wang** will anchor *Global National Mandarin*. Journalist **Frank Qi** will be the newscast's Correspondent.

Ryan Ellis became ND at *Global Regina* Jan. 16. He moved from *Global Edmonton* to succeed former ND **Brent Williamson** who moved to *Global Winnipeg* as its new Station Manager/News Director... **Mike Eckford** joined *The Bro Jake Morning Show* on *Classic Rock 101 Vancouver* Jan. 3, succeeding **Mike Reno** who returned to *Loverboy* for over 100 concert dates this year... **Susan Knight** is now with *up! 97.7 Calgary* and doing weekday afternoons, 4 to 9 p.m. Knight moved from *SUN FM Kelowna*.

Three high-profile *CTV* executives have retired. **Peggy Hebden**, the Station Manager at *CTV Two (CKVR-TV) Barrie*, left Dec. 23, **Dennis Watson**, the VP/GM of *CTV Southwestern Ontario (CKCO-TV Kitchener)*, retired Dec. 30, and **Don Bastien**, the Sr. VP/GM at *CTV (CFCF) Montreal* packed it in Jan. 20. Watson had been responsible for his station's day-to-day operations since 1995. He began his career with *CHUM Ltd.* and rose through the sales organization to become GSM at CKVR-TV Barrie and then at *Citytv Toronto* before becoming VP/GM of *CHUM Group Television Marketing Services*. Before moving to Kitchener, Watson was Exec VP/GM at *CHEX-TV/CKRU-AM/CKWF-FM Peterborough*. He's also a former VP of *TVB*. Bastien has overseen Montreal station operations since December 2001. He joined the company (then *Baton Broadcasting*) in 1972 as Director of Sales, Radio. He then led CTV's national sales for 10 years as Sr VP, Sales. He's given credit as being integral in creating the CTV network of stations. In mid-January, Bastien was appointed a Director at *St. Elias Mines* in Vancouver, a company focusing on the acquisition and development of high potential gold properties. Hebden's entire broadcast career was with the Barrie TV station. She began 38 years ago as a Traffic



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Clerk then moved upward to become Program Manager and Head of Program Acquisitions for **CHUM Television**. Hebden had been Station Manager at CTV Two Barrie since 2006.... With these retirements—and that of **Elaine Ali**—**Bell Media** has integrated radio and television even more, especially in the areas of marketing and promotion. Four new positions—Regional Vice-Presidents, Radio & Local TV, Bell Media—were created to reflect this integration. They report to **Chris Gordon**, President, Radio & Local TV, Bell Media. The new Regional VPs are: **Richard Gray** (Atlantic Canada, Quebec, Northern and Eastern Ontario), currently VP Ottawa Radio (**CFGO/CFRA/CJM/JCKKL Ottawa** and **CTV Two (CHRO-TV) Ottawa**); **Don Mumford** (Ontario), currently VP/GM at **CTV Two (CFPL-TV London & CHWI-TV Windsor)**; **Len Perry** (Prairies), currently VP/GM at **CTV (CFCN) Calgary**; and **James Stuart** (British Columbia), currently VP/GM at **Bell Media Radio Vancouver (CFBT-FM/CFTE/CHQM-FM/CKST)**. Further, **Louis Douville** moved from **CTV Ottawa** to become VP/GM at **CTV Montreal**. Local GMs at radio and TV stations now report to these new VP positions. Radio operations in Toronto continue to report directly to Gordon.

New PD at **CHFI Toronto** is **Kath Thompson**, a 30-year radio veteran who most recently helped launch **up! 97.7 (CHUP-FM) Calgary** and was the **Rawlco** station's first Program Director. She succeeds **Rogers** National PD **Julie Adam** who will focus entirely on that responsibility. Thompson begins March 1... **Q107 Calgary** has signed a new morning show to succeed **Terry DiMonte** and **Tim Morgan**. The **Corus** station scooped the morning team of **Jeff Brown** and **Sarah Crosbie** from **Rogers' K-Rock 105.7 Kingston**, also a Corus market. As reported earlier, DiMonte returned to **CHOM-FM Montreal**. The Brown & Crosbie start in Calgary, due to contractual obligations, won't happen until late Spring... **Darell Plummer** has returned to **89.5 the Lake (CJRL-FM) Kenora** as Station Manager, succeeding **Mark Duggan**. Plummer had worked at CJRL from 1989 to 2002 as an on-air personality. After 10 years, he joined the sales department. In 2002, he left the industry to work as a Regional Manager for **Superior Propane**... **Teletoon's** new Director, Programming is **John Rooney** who most recently was Director of Programming for **Kids** and **Family** at **Corus Entertainment**... The new **Disney** Junior Brand Manager is **Laura Mingail** who moved to **Astral** after similar experience in fields outside of broadcasting... **Angie Norton** has become GM of **Fox FM (CFGW)/GX94 (CJGX) Yorkton**. The **Saskatchewan Harvard Broadcasting** Business Manager began her new role Dec. 12, succeeding **Lyle Walsh** who left the business... On Dec. 12, **Tim Micallef** and **Sid Seixeiro** became the new afternoon co-Hosts of **Tim and Sid** on **Sportsnet 590 The FAN Toronto**. Micallef and Seixeiro were at **The Score** for 13 years and co-Hosts of **Tim and Sid: Uncut**, the No.1-ranked sports podcast on **iTunes Canada**... **Kevin Cotter**, APD and Morning Show Host at **94X Prince George**, has been promoted to PD. Cotter, a **BCIT** graduate, has been with **Vista** for four years and started as a Swing Announcer, progressively moving up.

Betty Selin, whose Regional ND job was discontinued at **Astral's** BC Interior stations in early November (as were eight others), accepted a new role with the company. She's now co-Host/News Anchor on **SUN FM Vernon's** morning show... **John Oliver** of **BCIT** in Burnaby, the **CFML** Ops Mgr/Ass't Instructor Radio, retired Dec. 16 after 10 years with the institute. Succeeding him is **Brian Wiebe**, an alumni of **BCIT**, and the PD/morning show Host at **Q101 Merritt**



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where he worked the last nine years. And, succeeding Wiebe at Q101 is **Taylor Landry**, the midday Host/Producer at **FREE FM Grande Prairie**. **Ross Davies**, VP Operations/Programming at **Haliburton Broadcasting** and based in Toronto, is no longer with the company. He may be reached at rossdavies@sympatico.ca... **Candice Molnar**, the **CRTC's** Manitoba and Saskatchewan regional Commissioner, has been reappointed for another five-year term, through to 2017. Her term was due to end Jan. 6... **Todd van der Heyden**, the anchor of **CTV Montreal's** noon and 6 p.m. newscasts, joined **CTV News Channel** Jan. 16 as co-Anchor with **Amanda Blitz** of **EXPRESS**. van der Heyden's last newscast at CTV Montreal was Dec. 30.

Andrée Noël became the new National Chair of the **Canadian Broadcast Standards Council** Jan. 1, succeeding **Ron Cohen** who'd held the post for 18 years and who retired at year-end. Noël, for more than nine years, was the **CRTC's** Regional Commissioner for Quebec... New ND at **Newstalk 1010 (CFRB) Toronto** is **Kym Geddes**. She was the afternoon news Anchor at **CHUM-FM & TSN Radio Toronto** and a member of the faculty at **Seneca's School of Communication Arts**. Geddes began at CFRB Dec. 14... **Ross MacLeod**, in from sister **Astral** station, **The Team 1260 Edmonton**, is **CJAY 92** and **Classic Country 1060 Calgary's** new Brand Director (BD). Succeeding him in Edmonton is **Rob Vavrek** who adds Team 1260 programming duties to his BD role at **The Bear Edmonton**... **Rock 107 Belleville-Trenton** morning show Host **Tommy James**, after 20 years in broadcasting, has left the **Quinte Broadcasting** station for a position outside the industry. Succeeding him was **Max Major**, who moved from morning show Host at **Rock 92 Timmins**. Also at Quinte, **Tim Durkin** joined the News department from his morning news spot at **FM 96 Kingston**... **TJ Connors** is the new PD at **Mountain FM Castlegar** and Senior PD for the **Vista Group**. He also does the morning show at Mountain FM. Connors moved from mornings at **The Wolf Peterborough** and, prior to that, was at **BOB FM Lindsay**... **Josh Miller** is now Chief Engineer/Director of IT at **Starboard Communications (CJOJ/CHCQ) Belleville**. He had been with the **Evanov Broadcast Group** in Toronto... **Duane English**, a former **Global TV Edmonton** Weather Specialist, is now with **CTV British Columbia** and working CTV News weekends at 6 PM and 11:30 PM... **680News Toronto** hired veteran Traffic Reporter **Rob Valentine** for weekday mornings, 6 to Noon. Valentine, who began Dec. 7, was most recently with **NEWSTALK 1010/99.9 Virgin Radio Toronto** where he worked for nearly 17 years... **Michael Cassar** is the GSM for **Corus Entertainment Hamilton**, moving to radio from outside the industry. He'd been with **Grand & Toy** and **Canon Canada** as Sales Manager/Director.

SIGN-OFFS:

Doug Sellars, 50, suddenly in Los Angeles. The former Exec Producer of **CBC Sports**, died only months after taking over as an Exec VP at **Fox Sports** in Los Angeles. Sellars, a multiple **Gemini Award** winner, began his career at **CBC** in 1985, working for **Hockey Night in Canada**. By 1989, he was promoted to head of sports production, responsible for all CBC Sports properties, and was instrumental in several Olympic Games and Commonwealth Games presentations.



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Ross Perigoe, in Montreal of a brain tumor. The *Concordia* broadcast professor taught there for over 25 years and, in 2009, received the *Michael Monty Award* for excellence in broadcast teachings and mentorships from the *Radio Television News Directors Association*. The “Coach”, as he was nick-named, was one of the youngest national current affairs radio Producers on *CBC*. At the age of 32, he became the Ottawa *CBC-TV* bureau station manager.

Ian Douglas Glenday, 78, in the palliative care wing of Toronto’s St. Michael’s Hospital. Before joining *CBC*, Glenday was a *Reuters* Correspondent and, later, became the first Bureau Manager for *CBC TV* News on Parliament Hill (1976). He is given credit as the person responsible for the introduction of Electronic News Gathering (ENG) which made *CBC* an early leader in the field. Glenday was also President of the *Radio-Television News Directors Association of Canada* for two terms, the first in 1983 and then again in 1986. He was looking forward to attending the association’s 50th anniversary in Toronto this June.

Larry Solway, 83, of bladder cancer at Toronto General Hospital. The often abrasive 1960s *CHUM Toronto* talk show host (*Speak Your Mind*) also acted in film and theatre, was an author, and also had a brief stint in politics. In the ’70s, he was a panelist on the *CBC-TV* quiz show *This Is the Law*. At one point he was a VP at *CHUM* but left in 1970 after a public furor over a series of explicit sex shows. The next year he wrote a book, *The Day I Invented Sex*.

Bill Ozard, 73, in Bedford, N.S., of colorectal cancer. He had a long career as a broadcaster in Victoria and Halifax, first at hometown stations *CJVI* and *CKDA* in Victoria and later at *CJCH Halifax* in 1960. He left radio briefly in 1969 to become a publicist but soon returned to *CJCH* as Station Manager.

Dave Abbott, 74, at St. Paul’s Hospital in Vancouver. He began his radio career working for *CJOR* and *CKNW* in Vancouver and at *CJVI Victoria*. In 1965, he moved to *CBC* where he stayed for the next 20 years.

Kevin Nelson, 52, in Ottawa of liver disease. The former *Majic 100 Ottawa* morning Host had been on sick leave for 15 months. After working at small market stations in Ontario, he spent 10 years in Calgary before moving to Ottawa for the launch of *Majic 100*. Nelson’s was the first voice on *Majic* when it launched Aug. 12, 1991. The first song? *Do You Believe in Magic*. Nelson’s father, the late “Jungle” **Jay Nelson** is given credit for inspiring the broadcast magic in his son. The longtime *CHUM Toronto* morningman’s guidance pointed the way for the then-17 year old to begin a life in radio.



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Andy Stephen, 84, in the palliative care unit of Saanich Peninsula Hospital on Vancouver Island. The TV news pioneer was *CHEK-TV Victoria*’s first Anchor. A graduate of the *Lorne Greene* broadcasting school in Toronto, Stephen began his broadcast career at *CFRA Ottawa* after the end of the Second World War. In 1953, he moved to *CKDA Victoria*. When that station’s owner, **Dave Armstrong**, set up *CHEK TV* in 1956, Stephen added TV news to his duties. He did *CKDA* news in the morning and *CHEK-TV* news in the evening, plus reporting from the B.C. legislature and hosting the *Capital Comment* public affairs show for 20 years.