

New Music Format Smooth Jazz:

Smooth Jazz Returning To Seattle/Tacoma On 1560 KZIZ

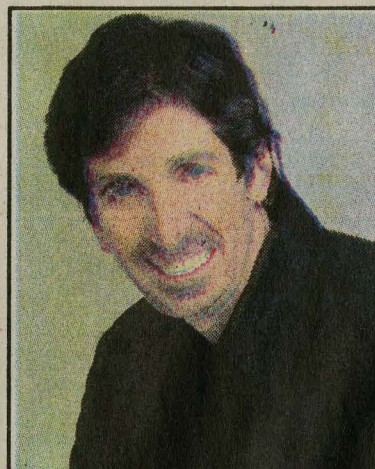
Are you feeling Jazzy? Get ready for the Jazzy "Z" On Your Radio Dial At 1560AM Smooth Jazz

Last Friday, Chris H. Bennett, Chairman of Kris Bennett Broadcasting (KBB), announced a major format change with Bennett's Broadcast stations.

"I'm proud to announce that we have acquired the exclusive rights to the Smooth Jazz format, and will become the officially licensed Pacific Northwest affiliate for the Smooth Jazz Network effective May 1, 2013," said Bennett.

"We are thrilled to bring the smooth jazz network to the Seattle area once again," says Smooth Jazz Network president Allen Kepler. "Our history in the market goes back to the mid-90's, and even very recently we have continued to hear the outcry from former supporters of the format."

The Smooth Jazz network daily host lineup includes format veterans; Sandy Kovach mornings, Miranda Wilson mid-days, Allen Kepler PM Drive and Maria Lopez evenings. Programming on the Smooth



(L-R): Smooth Jazz radio hosts Kenny G, Sandy Kovach, Miranda Wilson, Allen Kepler and Maria Lopez.

Jazz Network includes the first ever countdown show for the format; The Smooth Jazz Top 20®, Smooth Weekend (both hosted by format creator Allen Kepler), Contemporary Jazz with Kenny G and The Dave Koz Radio Show.

According to Bennett, Smooth Jazz in one of the most coveted niche formats in the country and was one of the highest rated formats in the Pacific Northwest. The format

consistently ranked in the top ten for radio listeners in this market for over 5 years.

"The audience in the region has some of the most avid supporters we've seen of any radio format," said Kepler. "The AM option is one everyone should be looking at. This format fills a wide void left open in most major markets right now, and the local AM signal, combined with a stream provides an excellent lane for

broadcasters who truly want to sell a unique position in the market; adult, upscale, intelligent listeners who have basically been abandoned by radio."

"We hope to fill a void in the marketplace and provide this huge under-served audience in the Seattle/Tacoma/Everett metro area with a great listening experience through our Jazzy "Z" KZIZ radio station and internet streaming," said

Bennett. "It certainly allows KBB, Inc. to diversify and market our various formats to include this particular listening audience."

In order to make room for the Smooth Jazz format, KBB will implement the following changes: The Gospel format currently on 1560 AM KZIZ will move to 1420 AM KRIZ. The Blues format on 1420 will be cut back to accommodate gospel format. The talk shows -

Community Potpourri, Rev. Al Sharpton, and GameTime Sports - heard on 1620 MA KYIZ will not be affected as the 1620 lineup will remain the same.

"It will take a few weeks to reconfigure the all of the stations for the format shift, but at the end of the day Kris Bennett Broadcasting will provide even more great listening options for the Pacific Northwest," concluded Bennett.

Chris Brown's Father Not A Fan Of Son's Relationship With Rihanna

Special to the NNPA from the Afro-American Newspaper

The father of mega-star singer Chris Brown finds singer Rihanna an engaging, attractive woman but, he recently told the New York Daily News, he believes his son should not be in an intense personal relationship with her.

"I personally really didn't want him and Rihanna back together," Clinton Brown, 48, said in an

exclusive interview with the Daily News.

Brown told the interviewer of his concerns that the roller-coaster romance could end tragically, citing other famous celebrities.

"I hate to use examples, but Michael Jackson, Whitney Houston and Amy Winehouse - I mean I could go on and on!"

Speaking in his modest bungalow in Tappahannock,

Va., a small town an hour northeast of Richmond, Va. he said "Is that a given - that you can't have fortune and fame without (death) being the end result?"

He explained that he met Rihanna "years ago" and that she "was very respectful and polite as well."

"She's beautiful, she's exotic, she's successful," Clinton said.

Still, he said, "You have to

have a balance in a relationship. You have to have someone who is spontaneous and whimsical but you also have to have someone who is grounded and logical."

Clinton was in Los Angeles in 2009 when Brown assaulted Rihanna en route to the Grammy Awards ceremony. The senior Brown said, while he would not share details about the attack, the entire story had not yet been

told.

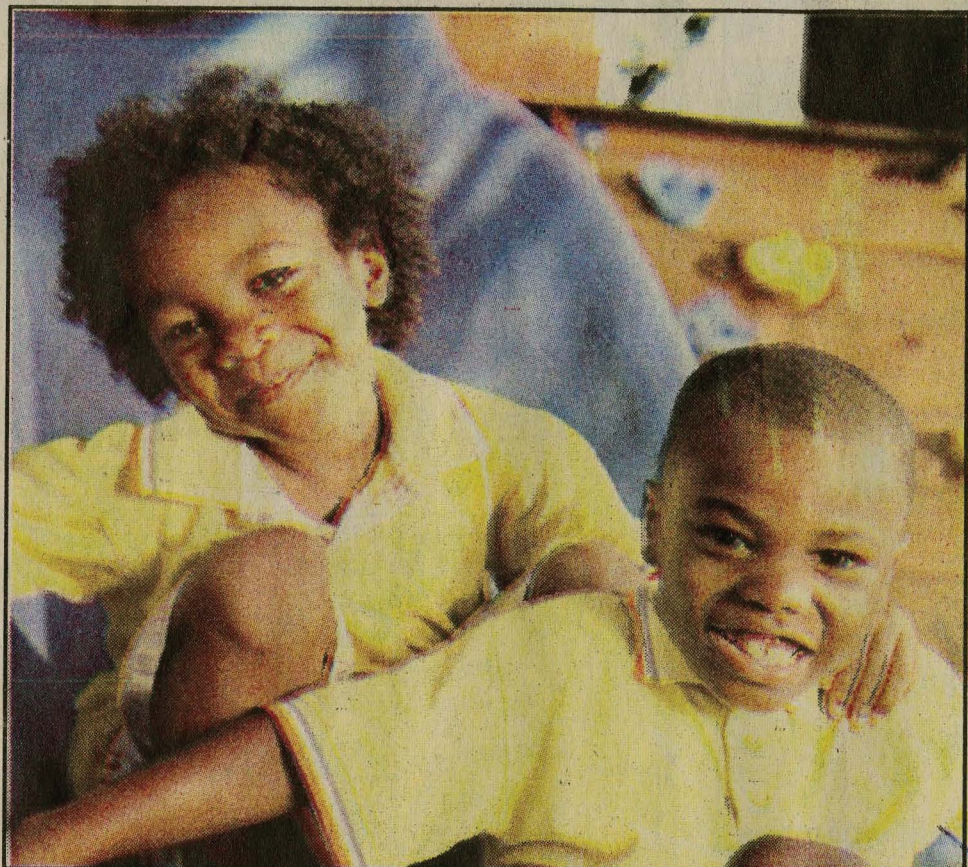
"One has to assume because they are back together that it wasn't one-sided," he said. "You just have to imagine it was a circumstance in which they both had a disagreement." If there are to be children in the future of their relationship, there would have to be behavior changes, he said.

Rihanna "would make a good mom. I think she would

probably have to change some of her antics - the party attitude would probably have to change," Clinton said. "I don't think they would just whimsically and spontaneously have a child with them being in this mode. That's why I don't see it happening - but anything's possible, man."

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Jackson's Health And Finances Part Of Civil Trial

By ANTHONY MCCARTNEY
AP Entertainment Writer

LOS ANGELES (AP) - Millions, and possibly billions, of dollars are at stake in a civil trial starting Monday over allegations from Michael Jackson's mother that the company promoting his comeback failed to properly investigate the doctor convicted in his death.

Katherine Jackson, her son Randy and daughter Rebbie came to court as attorneys prepared to deliver opening statements. Outside the courthouse, a large contingent of news media awaited developments. Two people won a lottery for the only seats in the tiny courtroom that were available to the general public.

Jurors will listen to remarks from attorneys who hope to frame the issues before testimony begins in the months-long trial.

Lawyers for concert giant

AEG Live contend the company did nothing wrong and could not have foreseen the circumstances that led to Jackson's death in June 2009 at age 50.

The case will focus on the last few months of Jackson's life and his overall health and financial history. Jurors will also hear evidence throughout the case about Conrad Murray, the former cardiologist convicted in 2011 of involuntary manslaughter after giving Jackson doses of the powerful anesthetic propofol as a sleep aid.

Any award in the case will be determined by a jury of six men and six women who have agreed to hear the case, which may last 90 days.

Lawyers for Katherine Jackson and the singer's three children have said AEG failed to spot red flags about Murray's finances and created a conflict of interest for him between a major payday and maintaining the

superstar's health.

Murray agreed to serve as Jackson's doctor for the planned series of "This Is It" comeback shows in London for \$150,000 per month, but Jackson died before the superstar and AEG officials signed the agreement.

AEG contends it did not hire Murray, who had previously treated Jackson and who the singer requested serve as his physician.

Murray remains jailed and is appealing his conviction.

The trial will address issues about Jackson's health and finances that were not factors in Murray's criminal trial, and may also feature testimony from the singer's two oldest children. Stars such as Diana Ross, Spike Lee and Quincy Jones are also listed as potential witnesses, and several top AEG executives are expected to testify.

AP Special Correspondent Linda Deutsch contributed to this report.

Nicki Minaj To Make Big Screen Debut Alongside Cameron Diaz

Special to the NNPA from the St. Louis American

According to Eurweb.com, Nicki Minaj is set to make her

live action film debut in "The Other Woman." The film, a Nick Cassavetes-directed comedy, stars Cameron Diaz as a woman

who finds out that she is "the other woman" in an affair. She

teams up with the wife (Leslie Mann) to get revenge on the cheater, being played by Nikolaj Coster-Waldau.

Minaj will play Diaz's opinionated assistant at a law firm, a woman on her third marriage.

Minaj - who is currently a judge on "American Idol" -

made her animated film debut as a character in Fox's "Ice Age: Continental Drift."

"The Other Woman" begins shooting in late spring/early summer in New York.

Information from Eurweb.com contributed to this report.

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