

# RadioRow

## RADIO TIMES

*The Washington Times* is placing a big toe into the pool of talk radio. The newspaper announced plans to launch a talk-radio show in the spring, featuring news, investigative reports and commentary from *Times* staffers. The show will be hosted on Talk Radio Network, which is also home to syndicated hosts Laura Ingraham and Michael Savage. The step into radio is part of the *Times*' continuing efforts to revamp its presence outside of print, which have included a complete revamping of its popular Web site.



## Bookmark This

Fans of public radio could have one more thing to clip on their key chains. A device called Radio Bookmark allows users to record a stopping point during radio shows, and recall them later.

The bookmark looks more like a keyless entry remote than it does high-tech gadget. Its concept is fairly simple—just press a button when you want to leave your car, and the bookmark documents the date and time. When you plug the bookmark into your computer via USB port, it will bring up your saved entries and search the Internet for them.

The Radio Bookmark is available to members who donate above a certain amount. To find if you are qualified, go to [RadioBookmark.com](http://RadioBookmark.com).



(AP/J. Scott Applewhite)

## NY HEARTS RUSH

As it turns out, Rush Limbaugh has an unlikely ally in New York. The radio host daily draws great ratings in the New York metropolitan area, where thousands upon thousands tune into WABC to listen to his red state leanings during the noon to 3 p.m. slot. In an area where liberal talking points seem to reign supreme, Limbaugh is placing fifth to seventh in the overall numbers, also making his the top non-music program in the area, beating local hosts and news channels.

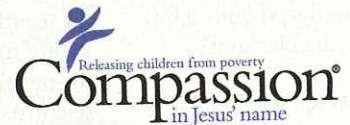
Conservative talkers aren't uncommon for WABC, which has its weekday hours blocked off for the likes of Joe Scarborough, Sean Hannity, Mark Levin and Laura Ingraham.

## IDAHO RADIO GEMS HONORED

Two of Idaho's Christian radio stations, KBXL-FM and KSPD-AM, received the "Small Market Station of the Year" award from Focus on the Family for its dedication to local families.

Both radio stations are owned by Beth Schafer's Boise-based Inspirational Family Radio, which she started with her late husband, Lee, and are operated by her son, David.

The accolades were announced at the National Religious Broadcasters Convention held in Nashville, Tenn. The two stations are cited as being leaders in educating families on public policy during the 2008 elections and for their continuing support of the Christian community through 24-hour religious programming.



## Still Giving

Amid talks of recession, depression and bailouts, more than 27,000 Christian radio listeners from coast to coast gave \$3.1 million to those less fortunate in an effort to alleviate global hunger. Compassion International, the world's largest Christian "child advocacy ministry," works with churches and schools in 25 countries to provide food, education and spiritual support for children. March 11 was designated Global Food Crisis Awareness Day, and through the work of nearly 1,000 Christian radio stations across the country, Compassion International smashed their goal of \$1 million.

**"We look on our children and grandchildren as a credit card without limit, and we all come pre-approved. ... I think that's disgusting, and I think it's disgraceful. ... The unprecedented levels of deficit ... are a moral outrage, and if people had any sense, they would be far more annoyed about that than the comparative nickel and dime bonuses of some no-name vice president at AIG."**

**Mark Steyn** on "The Hugh Hewitt Show"