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At the fall Radio Show, noed "hybrid radio," of combining broadcast o create a better radio ick Piggott of the UK's chairs the RadioDNS lemo with Clear Channel x Radio stations, he the technology can switch dio station's over-the-air streaming signal using band. The demo used the uded in a Sony Ericsson which was also con-AT&T 3G mobile broadk. He used a special hybrid

radio "app." It selects the FM signal when possible, but when that signal becomes weak, it switches to the IP streaming signal. As the broadcast signal improves, it switches back. Listeners can choose which station they want to listen to, rather than which delivery technology, such as FM analog, HD Radio digital or an IP stream.

WINSTON LOYD: Winston Loyd, former engineer for New York's WABC(FM) and WPLJ(FM), died in September in Matawan, N.J. He was 88. He retired in 1987 as chief engineer after 35 years. He also had worked for ABC on the TV side.

rm petition: The FCC accepted comments on a petition from a station owner who says short-spaced commercial FMs should be able to upgrade their facilities more easily. Matt Wesolowski owns Class A FM WYAB in Flora, Miss., serving the Jackson market. Wesolowski asked the FCC to eliminate its hypothetical allotment site requirement for commercial FMs.