

# Seducing PPM

The 7 Habits of Highly Successful Ratings



# Forensic Deep-Dive

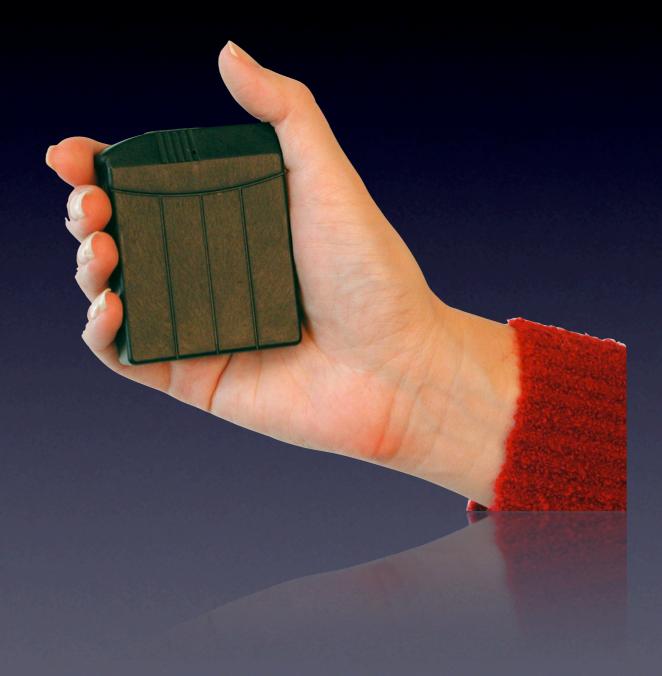




# What Works? What Doesn't?



# PPM or Diary





## Special Thanks to...





# Preliminary



## Recall DOES Matter

Habit #1



# Tactical vs. Strategic



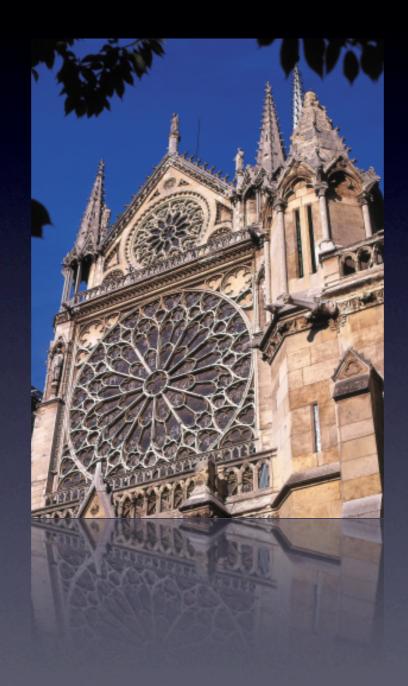


# Tactical Marketing





# Strategic Marketing





# Tactical: How to Raise Ratings Right Now?



## Tactical Marketing

- Directs listeners to do:
  - A specific thing
  - At a specific time or on a specific day
  - For a specific reason
  - With a specific benefit
- e.g., Direct Mail, Internet, some TV,
   Telemarketing



### Tactical Marketing

- The results may be temporary...
- But the results will be measurable...
- And the investment will be accountable

# Strategic: How to Build a Brand and Sustain Strong Ratings over the long haul



## Strategic Marketing

- Reinforces Recall Reminds listeners that we're there
- Reinforces the Brand Benefit
- Tells Listeners "what we are and what we do"
- Rarely a "Call-to-Action"
- "If we don't do it we might lose listeners"
- e.g., most Outdoor, TV



## Strategic Marketing

- The results may be ongoing...
- But the results will be tough to measure...
- Thus the investment may not be accountable in the short run

# Strategic and Tactical: Why you need both



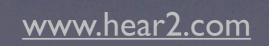
### 4 Things Listeners Can Do...

Tune **TO** a Stn



Turn Radio OFF

Tune AWAY from Stn





#### Tune Away



#### Station A

Because of what it's doing right now

#### Tune To



#### Station B

- Because of what it's doing right now
- Because of what it stands for (Strategic Marketing)
- Tactical Marketing
- Chance
- Habit



# Station A: Keeping Listeners



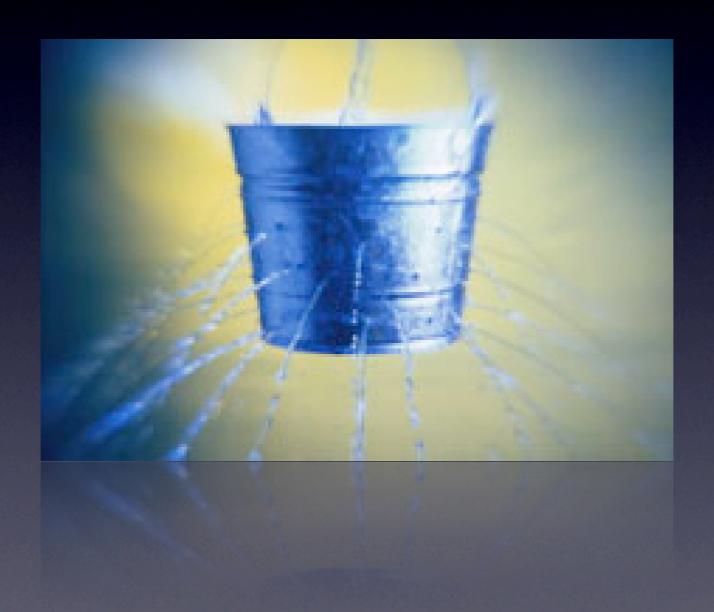
Retention

 (what your station is doing right now)

Station A



# Retention: "Leaky Bucket"



# Listening vs. Hearing

LISTENING	HEARING
Active	Passive
Emotional	Passionless
Getting "Deep"	Glossy Exterior
Listeners Seek Out Programming	Programming Seeks Out Listeners
Listen For Something	Switch to Avoid Something
Marketing is brand-building	Marketing is tactical
"I care about the station"	"I care about me"
Listen for favorite songs and personalities	Listen for basic expectation - simplicity
For Fans	For Aisle-Browsers
About Passion	About Comfort
Target Music Fans	Target Music Hearers



# Station B: Gaining Listeners

- Strategic Marketing (what your station stands for)
- Tactical Marketing (inducing trial right now)
- Chance
- Habit



Station B



## Recall DOES Matter

Habit #1



# Ride the High Tide

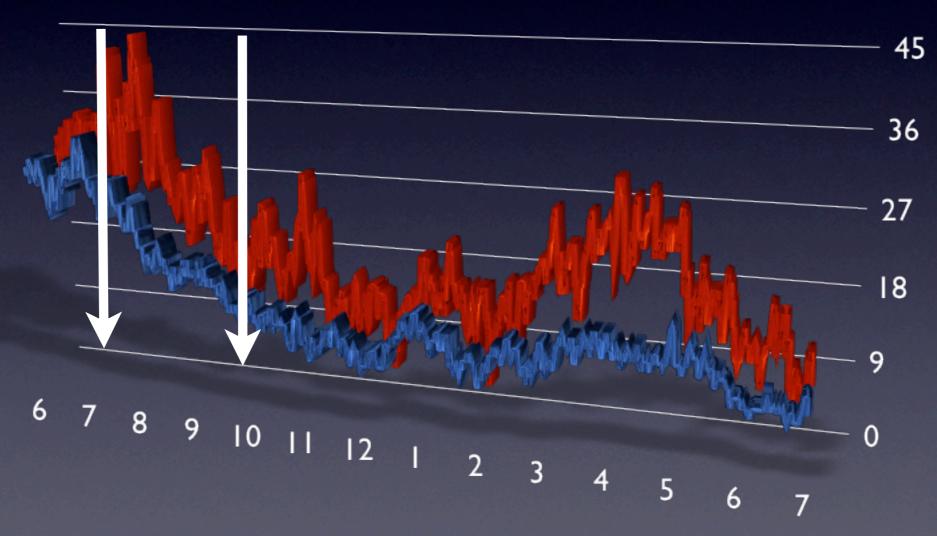
Habit #2



# Case Study: KYW - Impact of a Tragedy

Average Monday

VA Tech Shooting



## Ride the High Tide

- Direct listeners to the strong dayparts, not the weak ones
- That's the "high tide"
- The "high tide" floats all boats
- The higher the "high tide" the higher the ratings ocean

# Ride the High Tide

Habit #2



### The "One" Rule

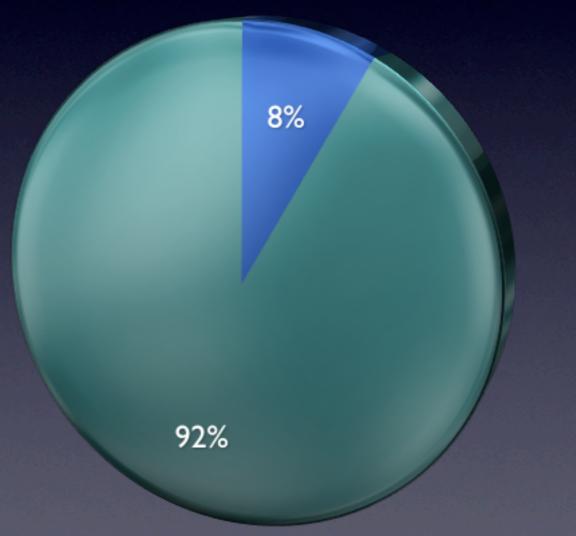
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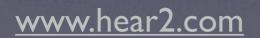


# How many diarykeepers can you impact this week?











# How many PPM Panelists can you impact this week?

This Week





# Move as many people as possible to one place at one time on one day for one reason



### The "One" Rule

Habit #3





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# When your Direct Mail drops, the Game is On

Habit #4



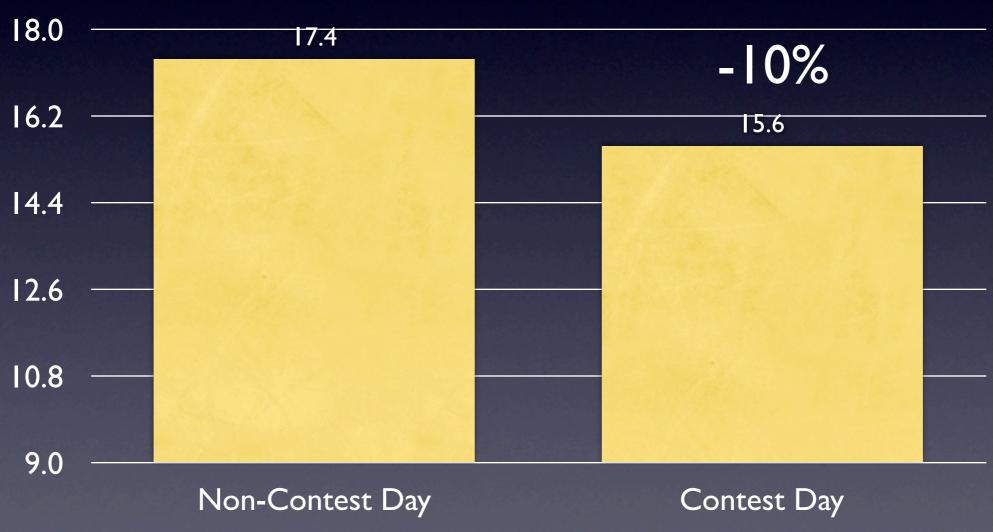
# Case Study: WBEB Direct Mail Campaign

- Three mailings one per month
- Virtually the same piece every mailing
- To the station's large database
- Direct listeners to tune in the following Thursday for \$5,000



## Share: What Happens on Contest Day?

Tgt Demo Share



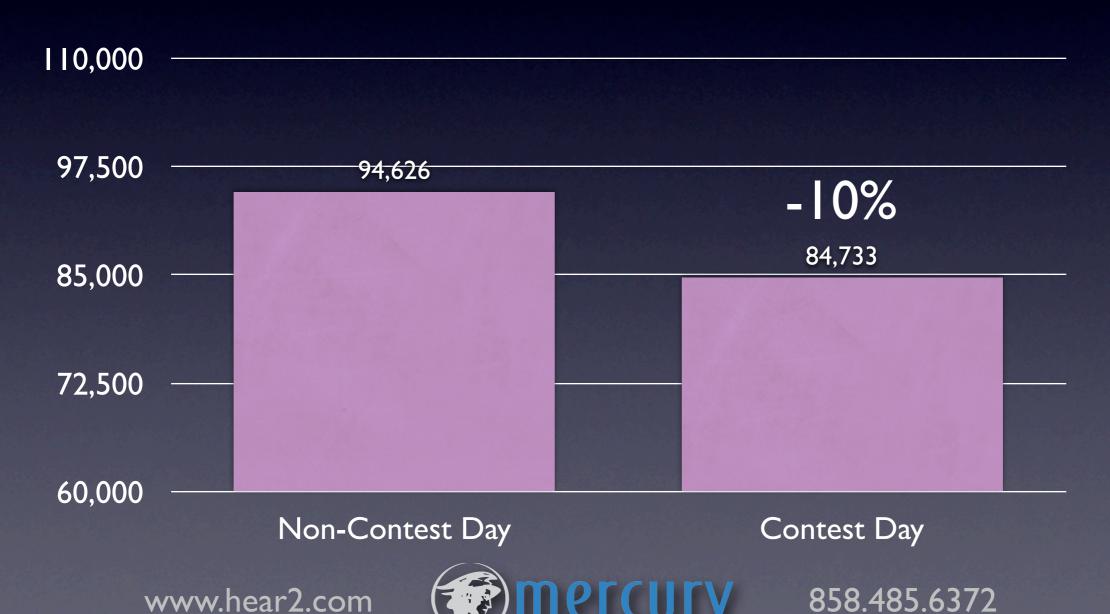
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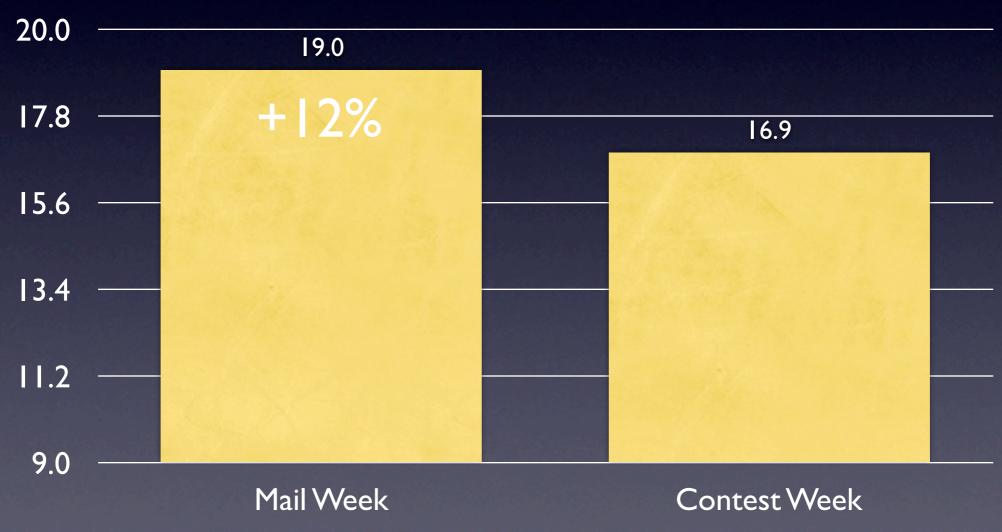
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Avg Daily Cume



### Share: Mail Week vs. Contest Week

Tgt Demo Share



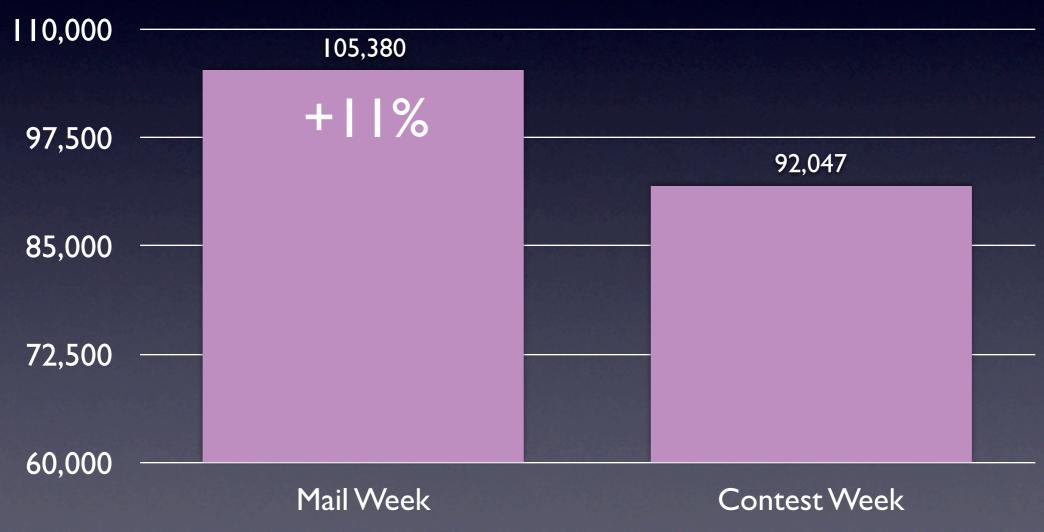
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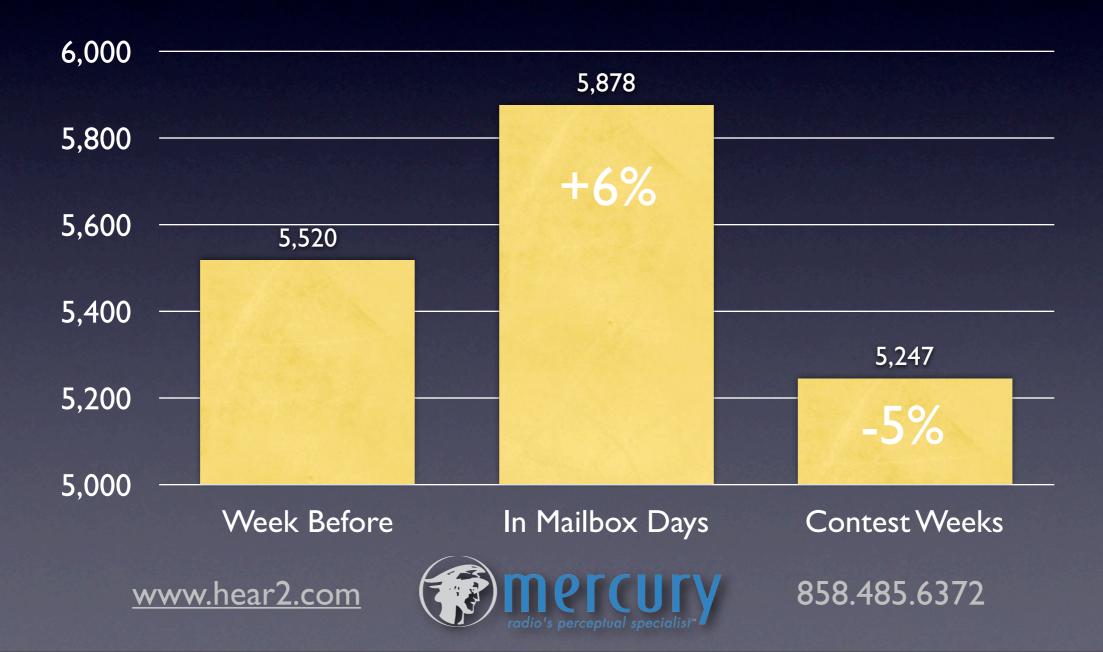
### Case Study: KRBE Direct Mail Campaign

- Three mailings one per month
- Same or different piece?
- How large was the mailing?
- Contest directed listeners to tune in during a two-week period following receipt of the mail piece
- Evaluate by Target Demo



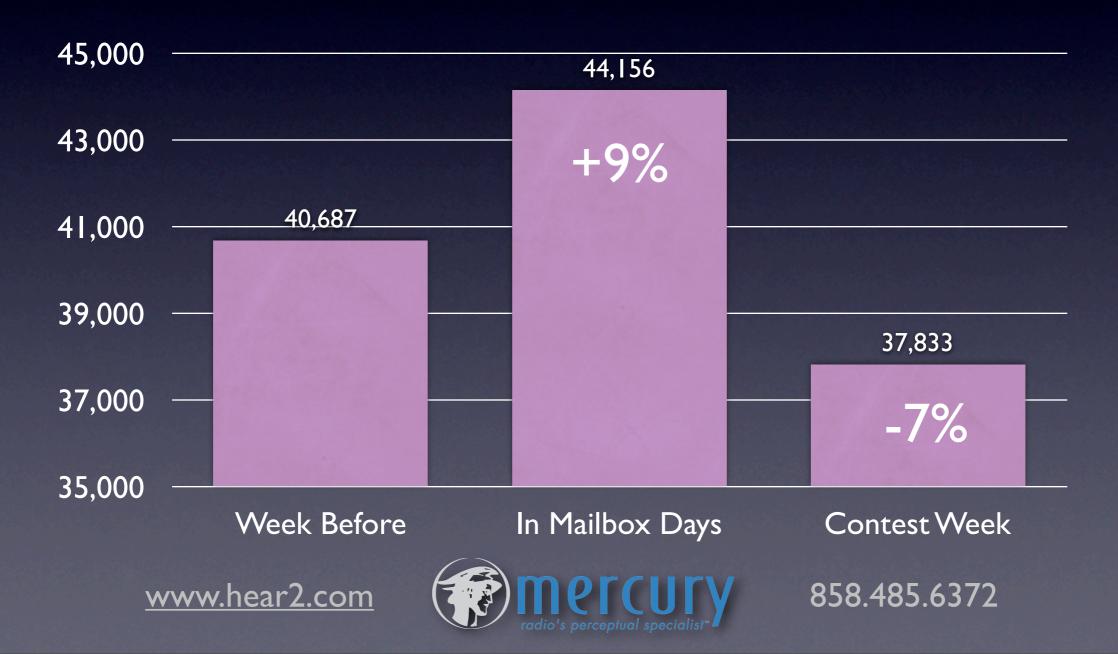
### AQH Persons: What Happens?

AQH Persons



### Cume: What Happens?

Avg Daily Cume



#### So...

- Direct Mail makes a bigger ratings impact during the week the listener gets the mail than on the day or during the week we ask them to listen
- That is, the IMPACT and RECENCY of the mailing trump the message



#### To do...

- Send Mail that "Pops"
- "The Game is On" as soon as the listener opens the mail - not days later
- Instructions may be perceived as blah-blah-
- You want them to listen and listen now and here's why....
- Out of sight, out of mind
- The impact is ephemeral temporary



## When your Direct Mail drops, the Game is On

Habit #4



### "Tactical" is the New Black

Habit #5

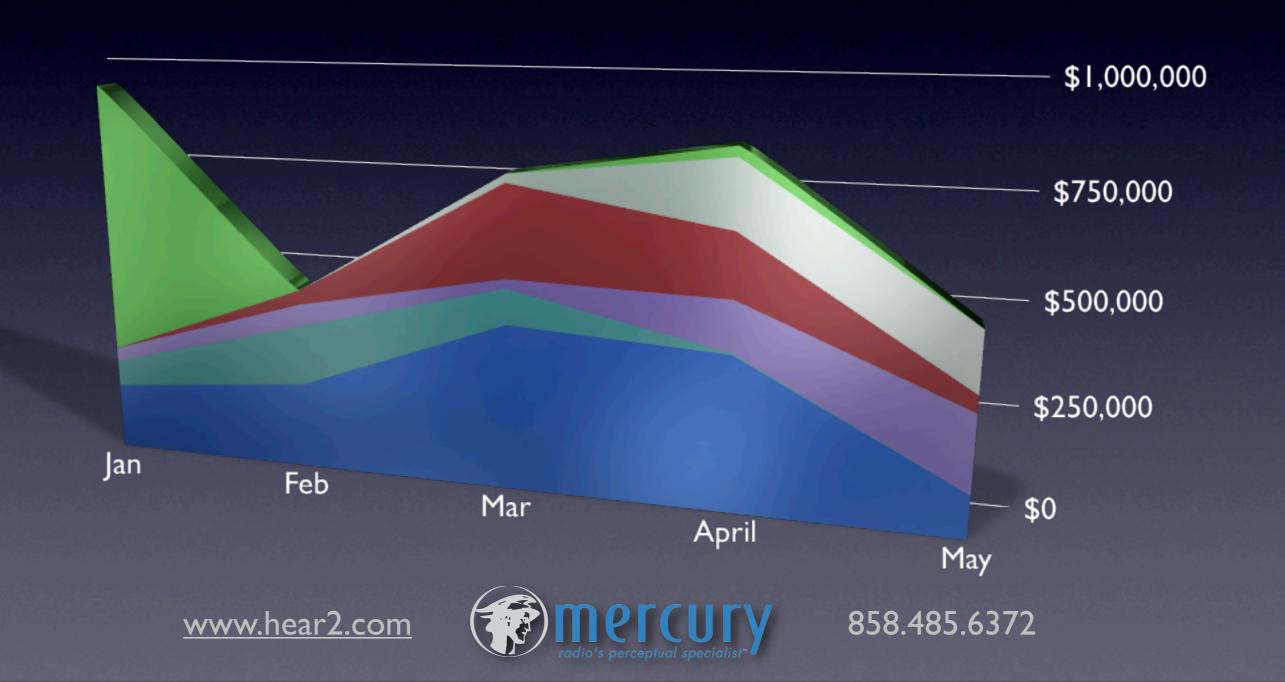




# Case Study: Strategic TV \$3.5 Million

Total amount of TV purchased by Philadelphia Radio Stations in the first five months of 2007

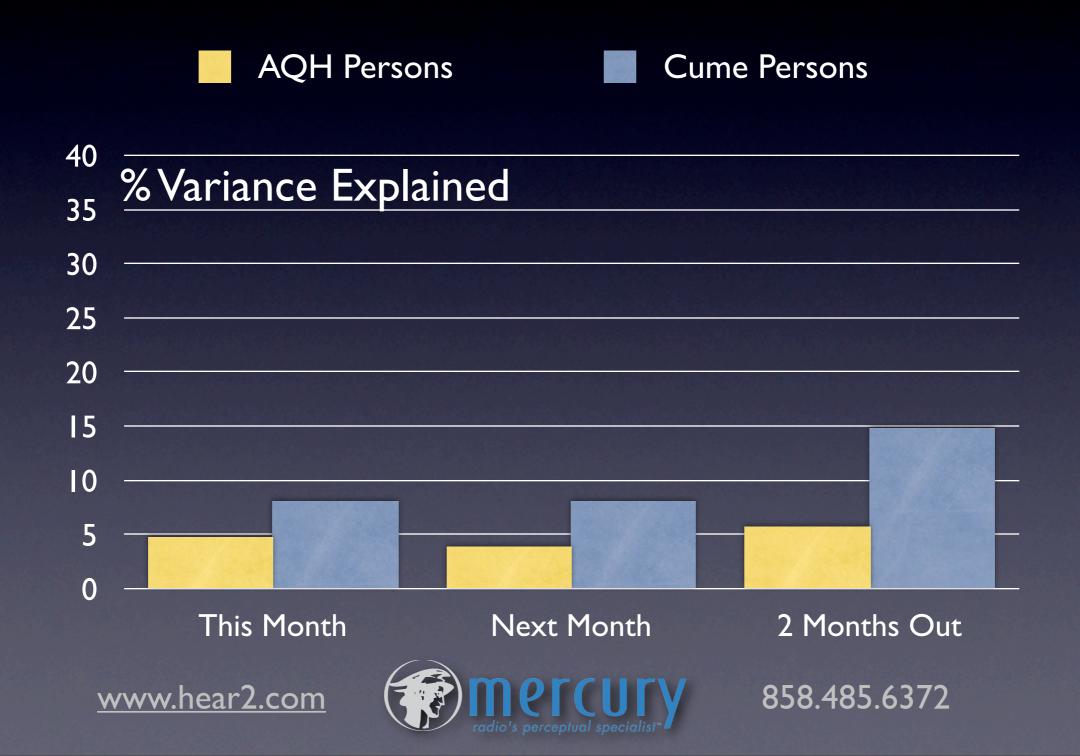
#### Philadelphia TV Spending



### Does TV spending correlate to ratings...

- During the month of spending?
- One month later?
- Two months later?

#### How much of the ratings change can be explained by the TV spend?



#### No correlation between TV spending and PPM ratings this month, next month, or the month after that



#### Why didn't it "work"?

- Maybe you expected long-term results too fast
- Maybe the message was wrong
- Maybe the buy was wrong
- Maybe the spend was too low
- Maybe the creative was wrong
- Maybe it did work because your ratings didn't fall

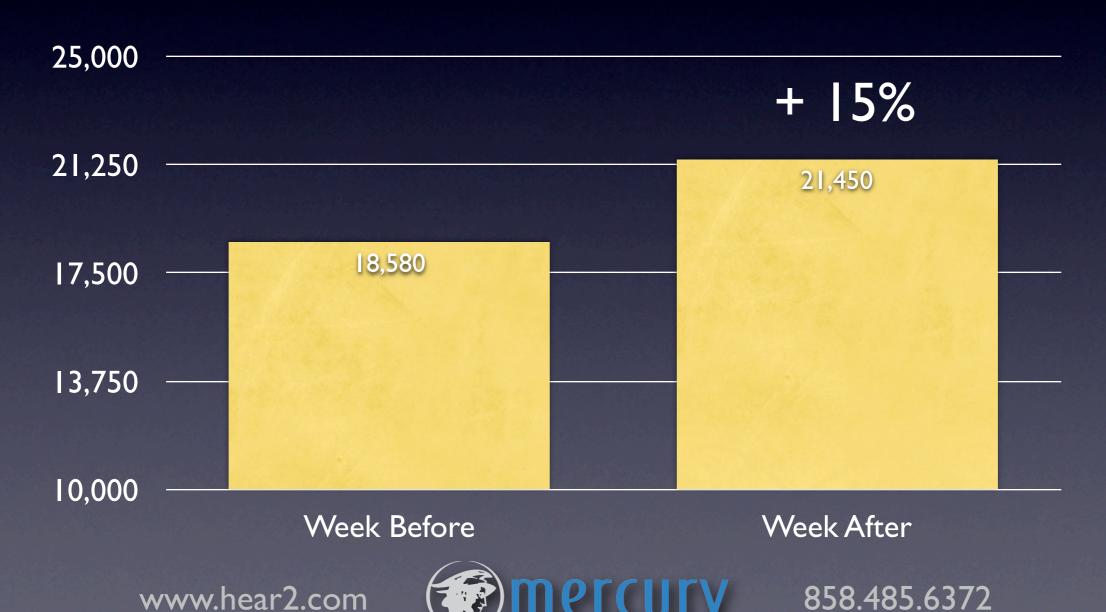


#### Case Study: Tactical TV WBEB

- Two Wednesday Nights
- Direct Listeners to Thursday, \$5,000 giveway
- Strong buy
- For one Thursday in January and a second in February

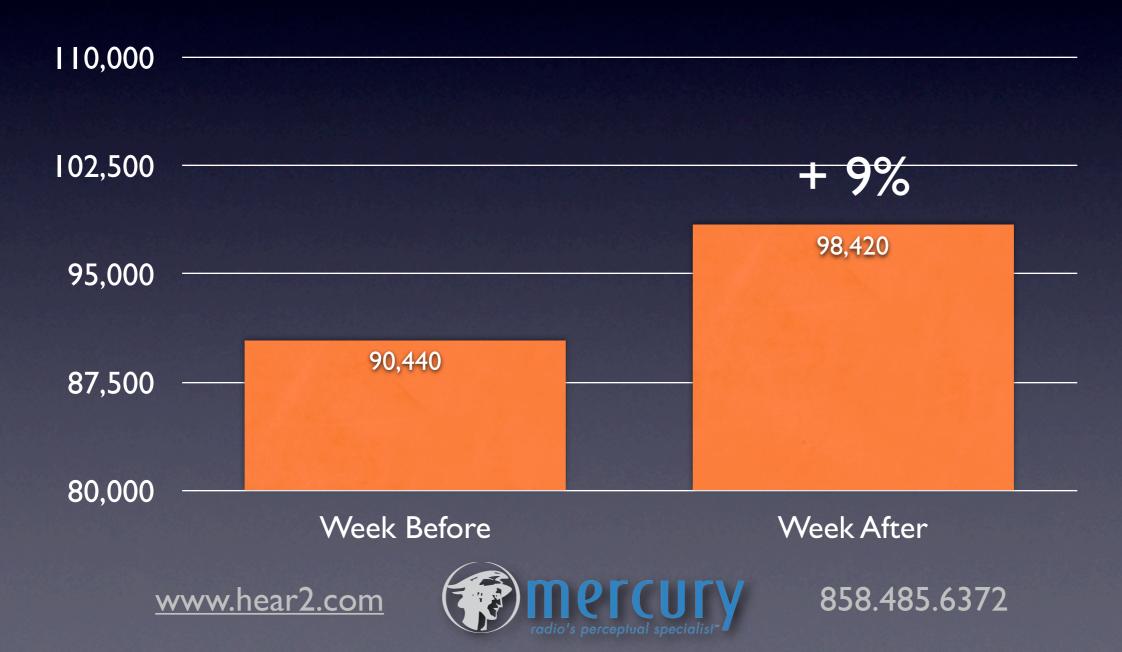
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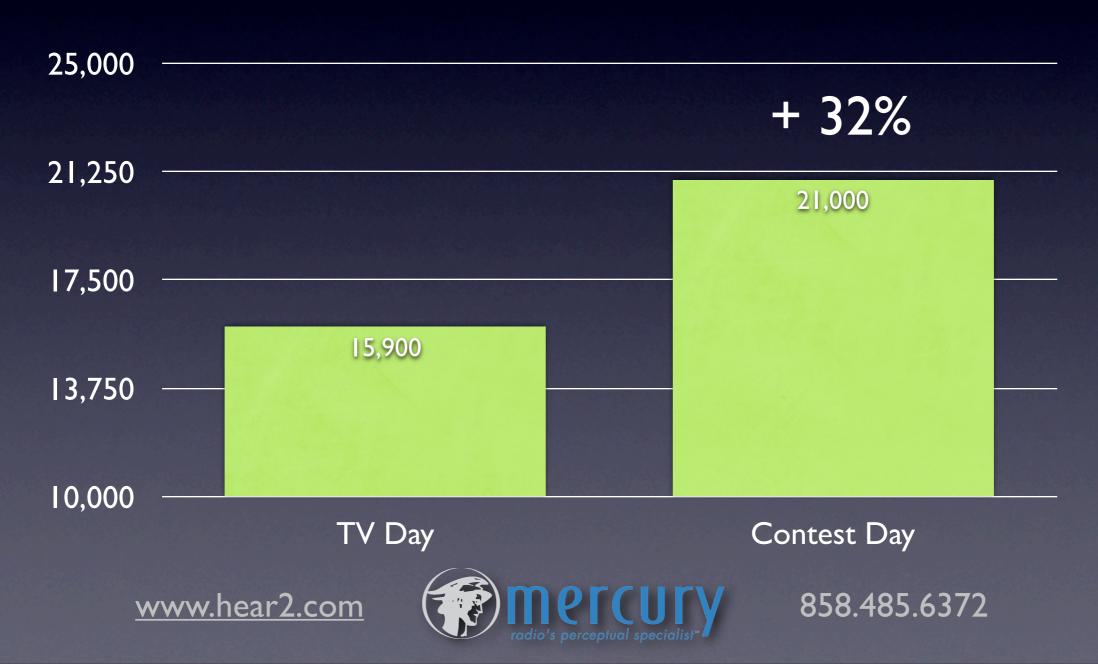
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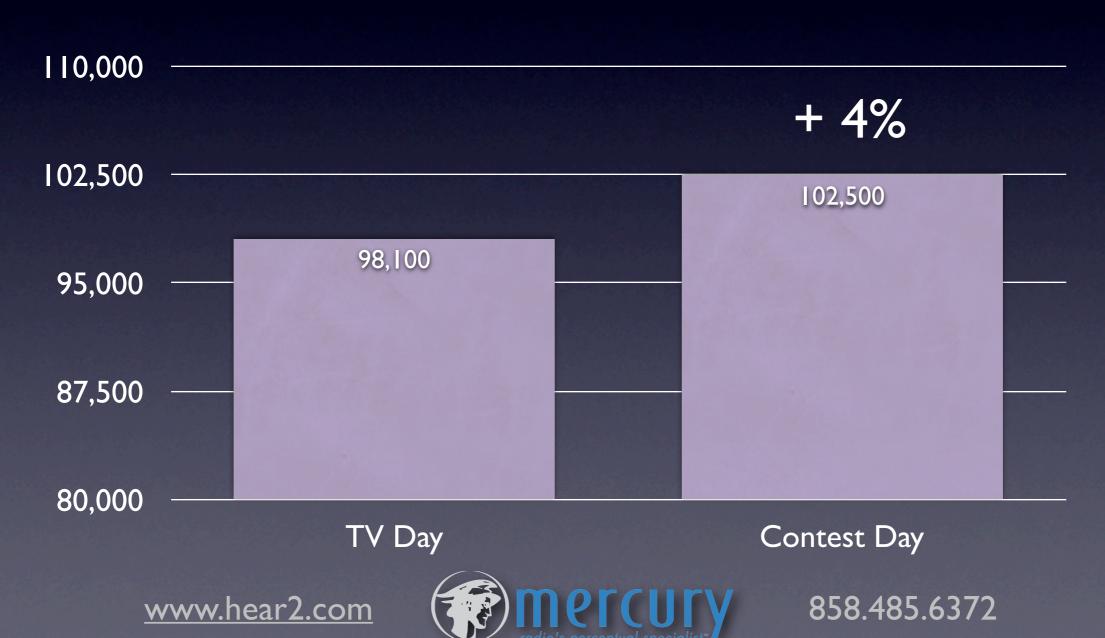
### Impact of Tactical TV Next Day

Avg Persons



### Impact of Tactical TV Next Day

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#### Marketing will be more Accountable



### "Tactical" is the New Black

Habit #5



## Events Drive Ratings (Up or Down)

Habit #6



# Events vs. Anti-Events

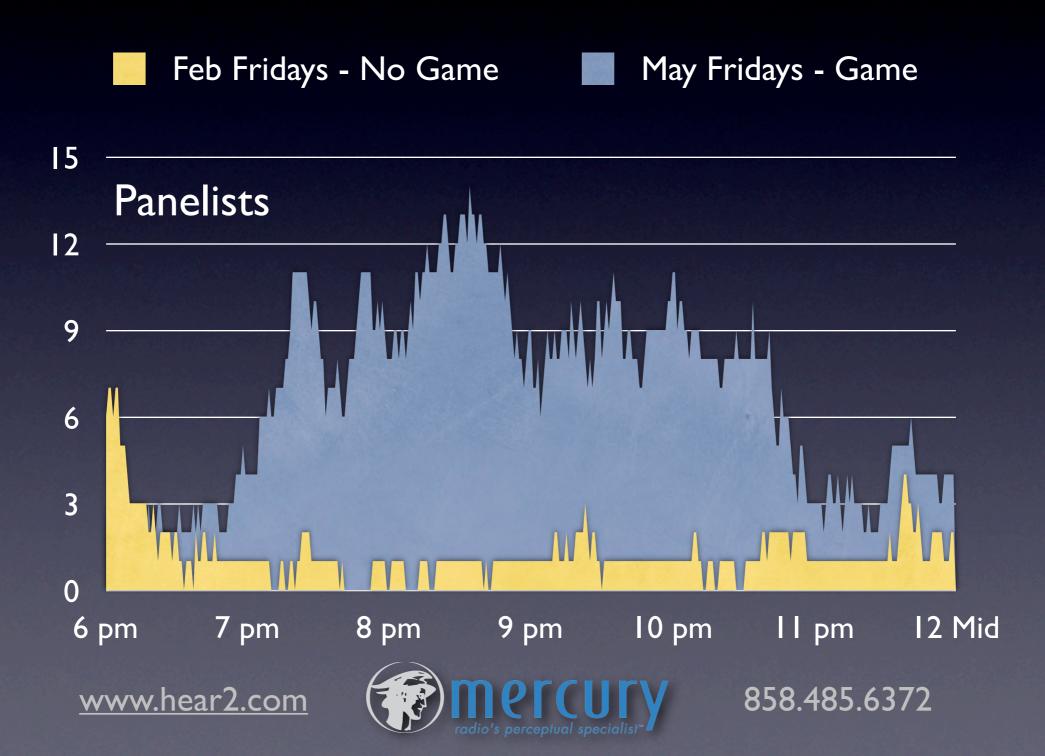


#### Case Study: WPHT-AM

- Compare listening during Phillies games...
- ...to listening when there's no game on
- Result...



#### WPHT: Batter Up!



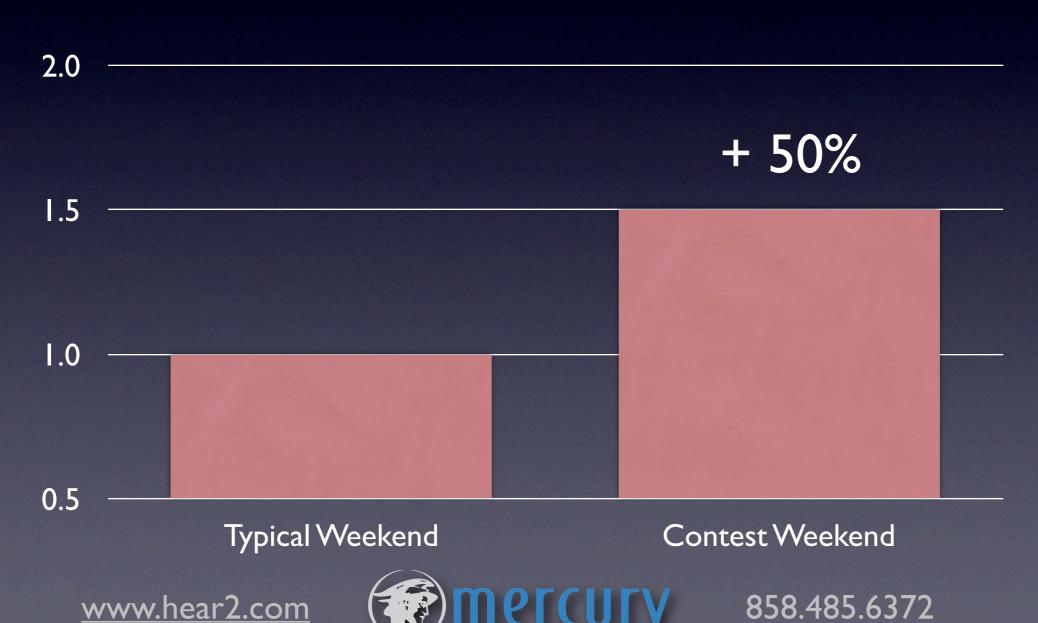
#### Case Study: KRBE-FM

- Weekend Tix giveaway for Gwen Stefani/ BlackEyed Peas show
- Mid-Summer
- Promoted all week
- Result...



#### KRBE-FM

W18-34 AQH Rtg



#### Case Study: WMR-FM

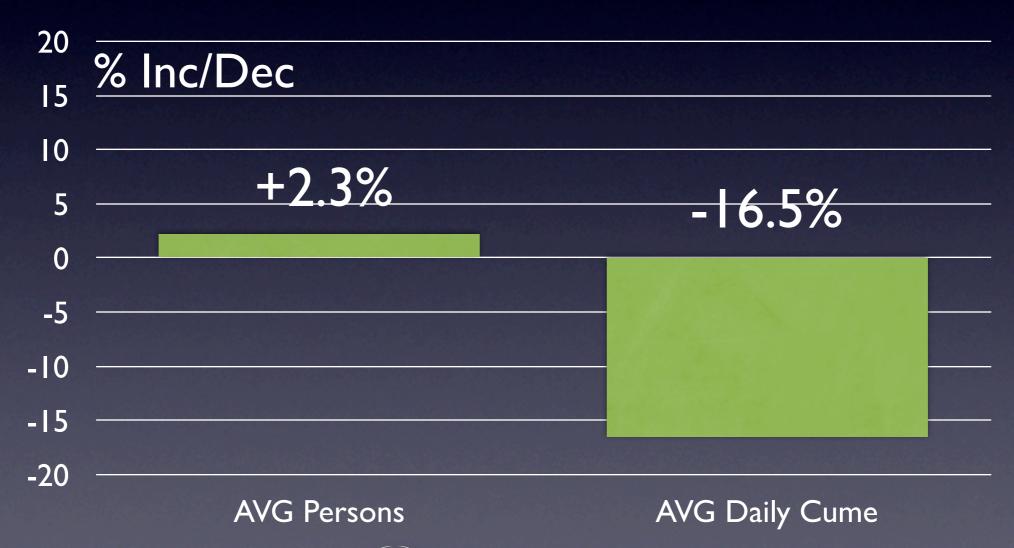
- Smashing Pumpkins Ticket Giveaway
- July 13 2007 10a 7pm, every hour
- Promoted all week
- Result...



#### WMR-FM

#### Smashing Pumpkins Tix Giveaway

P25-54 Ratings Impact





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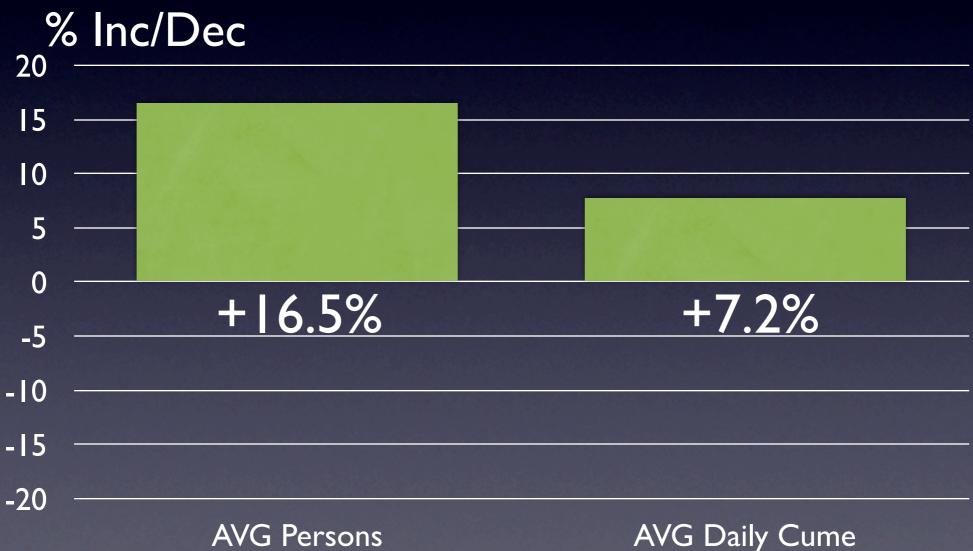
- The Police Reunion Ticket Giveaway
- Wed, July 18 2007 10a 10pm, every hour
- Promoted all week
- Result...



#### WMR-FM

#### The Police Tix Giveaway

P25-54 Ratings Impact



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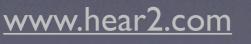
#### Case Study: KSBJ Houston

- Non-Commercial Contemporary Christian station
- Morning Show at Gospel Music Association
  - Music plus conversation with the biggest artists in Christian music

#### KSBJ - Morning Show at GMA (Non-GMA days vs. GMA days)

% Change - Normal vs. GMA Days







## Events Drive Ratings (Up or Down)

Habit #6



#### Fulfill Expectations

Habit #7



# When you're known for music... what happens when you're not playing any?

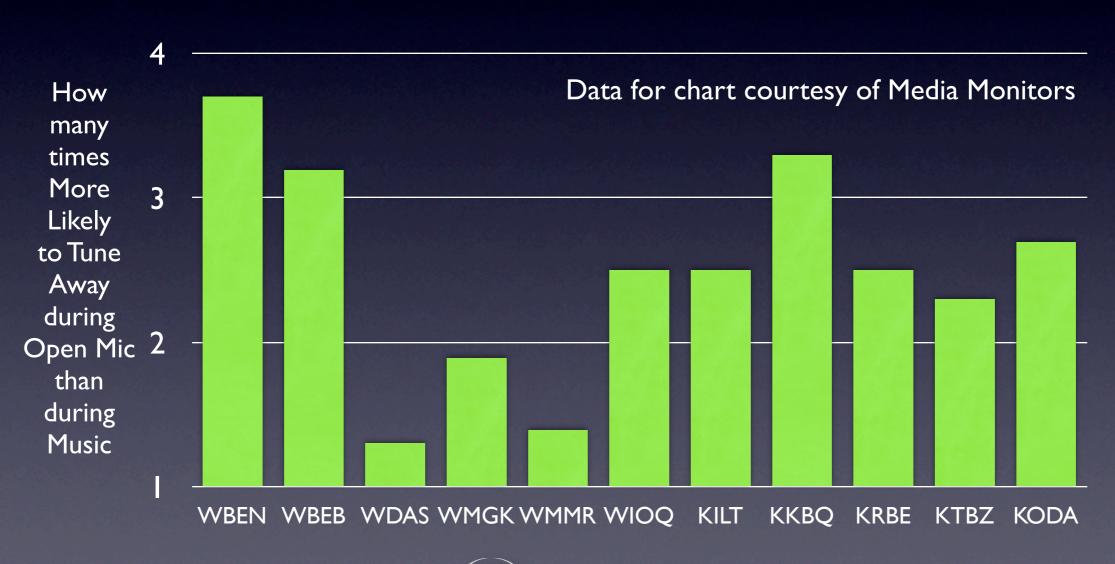


### When you're known for music...

- Look at music minutes in PPM
- Look at non-music minutes in PPM (i.e., when the mic is open, not in spots)

#### "Mic Flight"

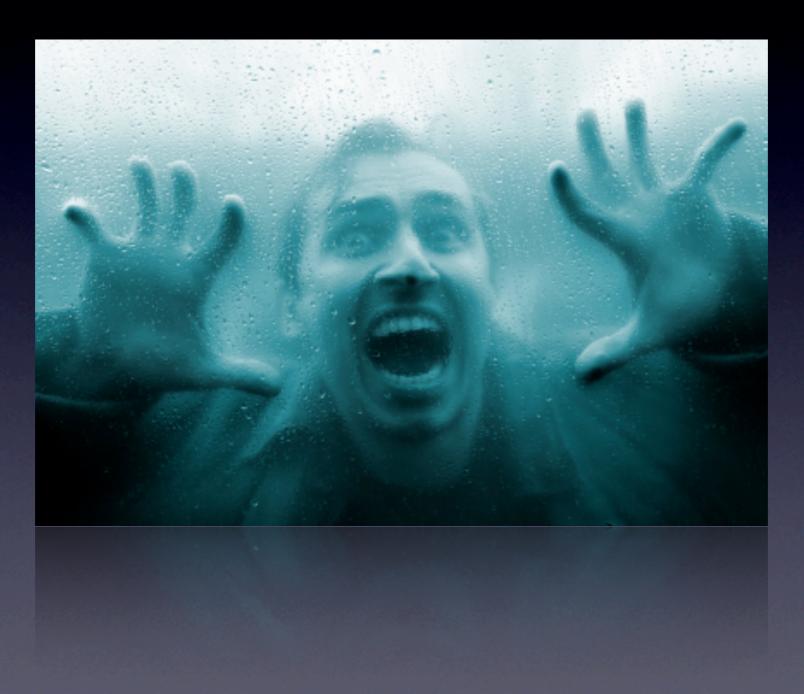
How many times more likely are listeners to tune away during an open mic than during music?



## Listeners are almost 4x more likely to tune away from WBEN during an open mic than during a song



#### "Mic Flight"



#### Actions...

- An open mic is a privilege, not a right
- Get to the point
- Use that time wisely
- Keep it tight
- Plan, don't Spam



## and Molits"?

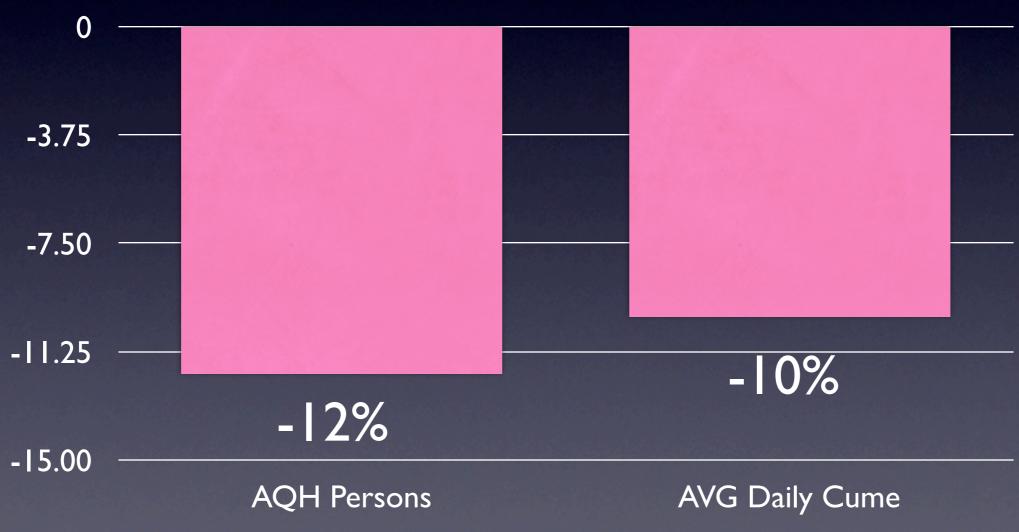


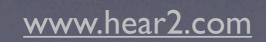
#### Case Study: KSBJ Houston

- Christian Non-Commercial
- Primarily Music-oriented
- "Sharathon" pledge drive 3 consecutive days

## KSBJ - Sharathon (Non-Sharathon days vs. Sharathon days)

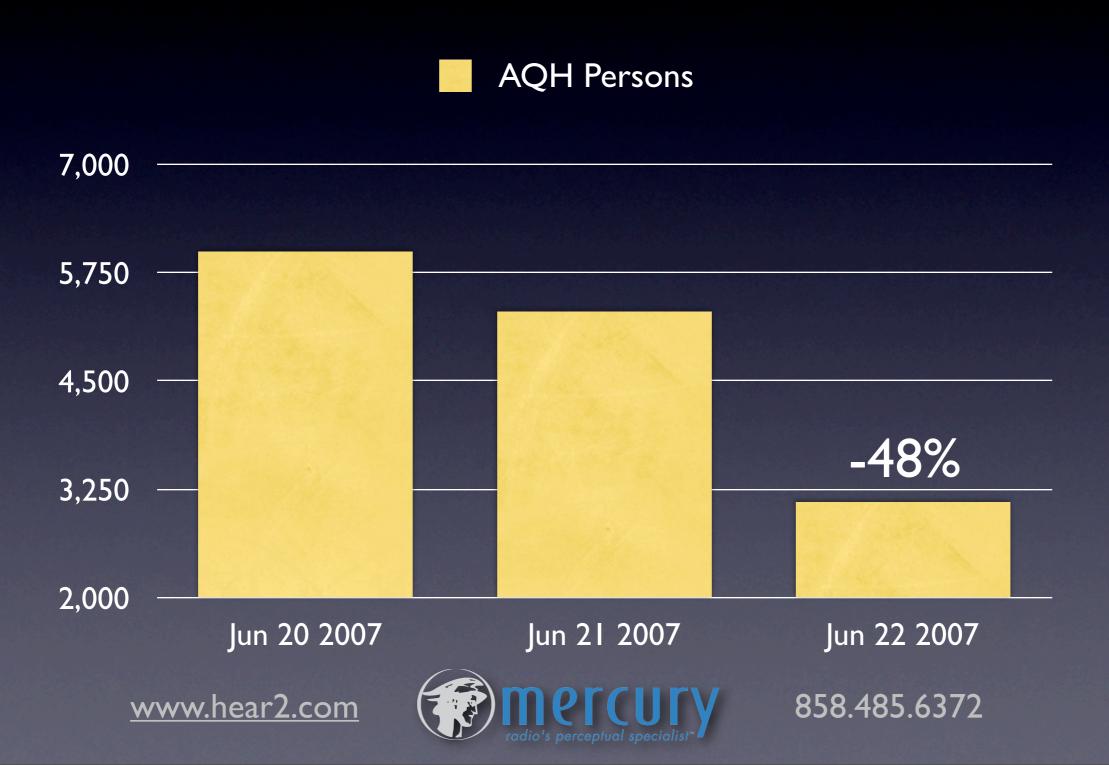
% Change - Normal vs. Sharathon Days



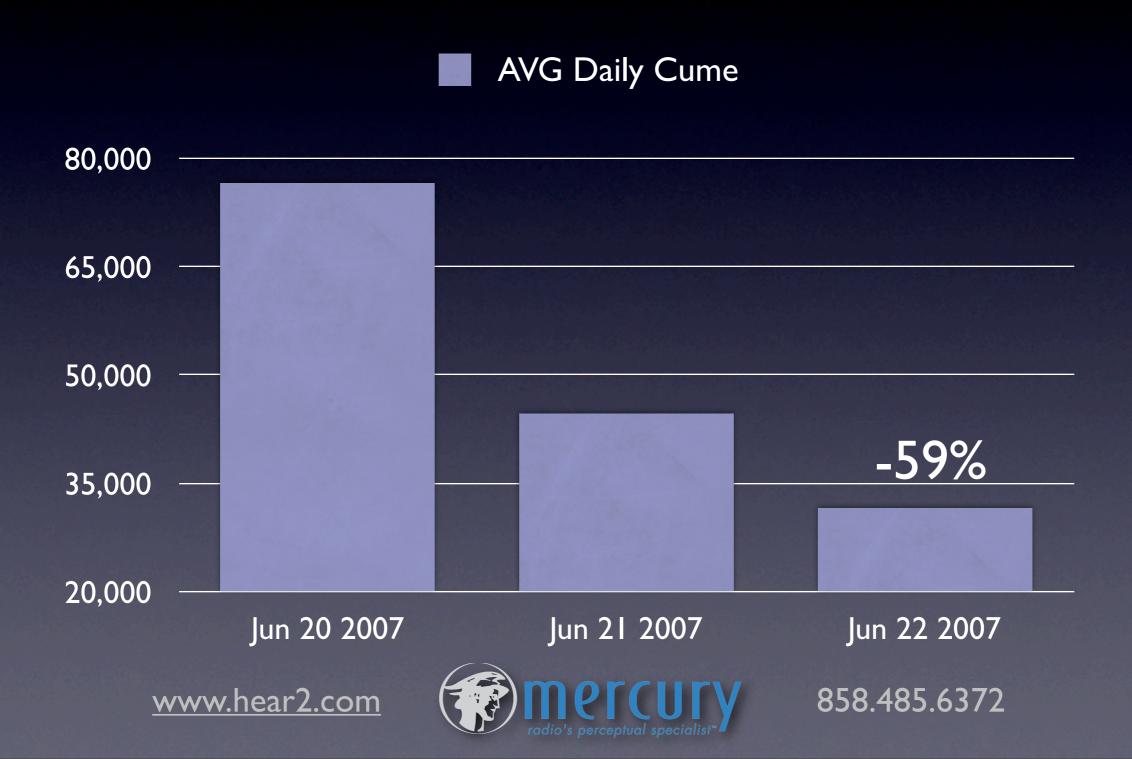




#### KSBJ - "Sharathon" by Day



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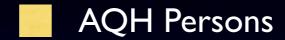


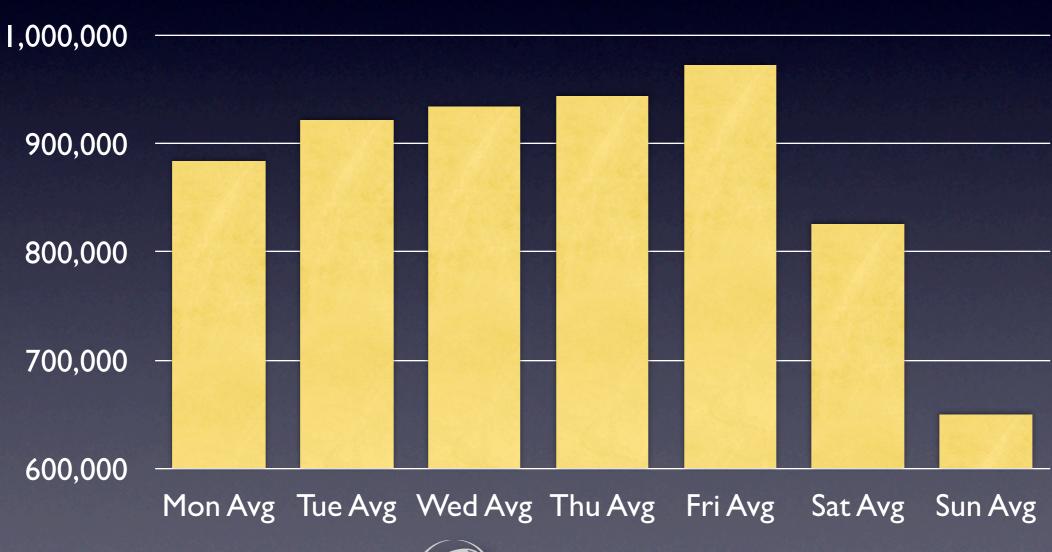
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Bonus Habit



#### AQH Persons by Day





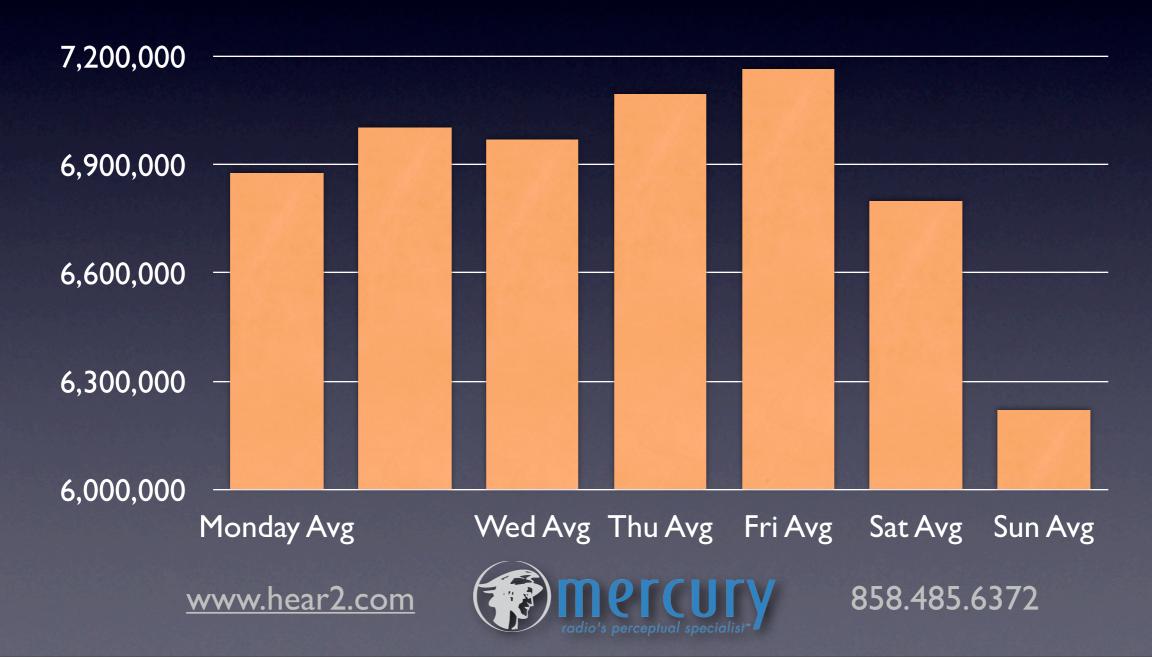
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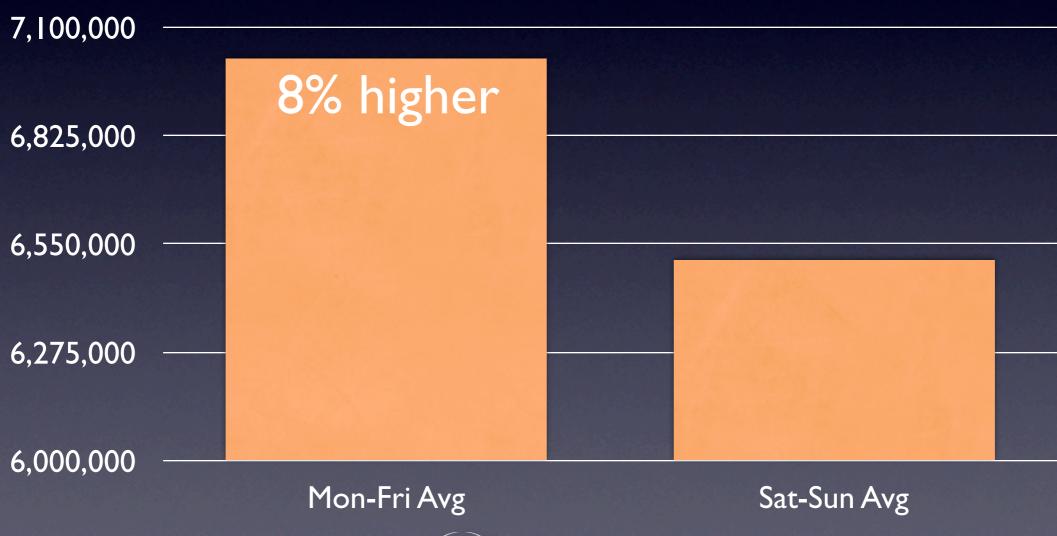
#### Avg. Daily Cume

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#### M-F vs. Sat/Sun

Avg Daily Cume



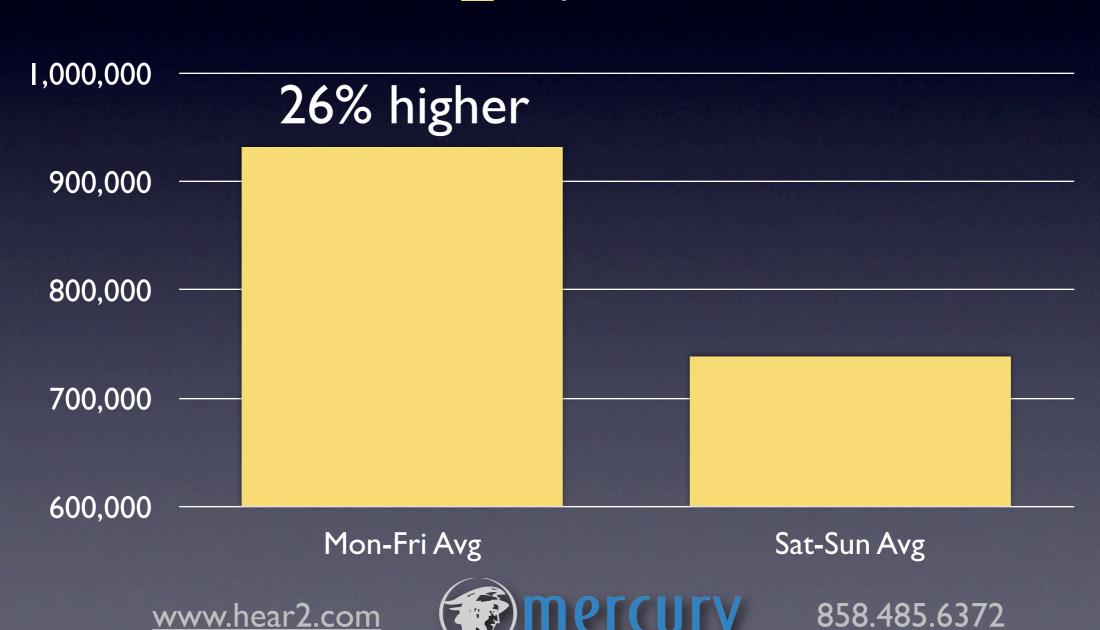
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#### M-F vs. Sat/Sun

AQH Persons



## Monday is the New Thursday

Bonus Habit



#### What if...

- I. Tactical TV on Sunday night
- 2. Across numerous Sundays throughout the ratings period
- 3. Directing listeners to Monday...
- 4. ...Middays (the "high tide")
- 5. Then on Monday, implement on-air strategies to attract listeners back on Tue, Wed, etc.





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