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Local franchise holder to debut new look for national burger chain's restaurants.

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New mixing console has 48 channels.

Monster mixing console tunes up music studio

Tierra Studios didn't have to wait long for music producers to come calling after installing a state-of-the-art mixing console. Music World Entertainment was the first to rent the studio.

The production company founded by Matthew Knowles that helped make daughter Beyonce and Destiny's Child famous is recording a new girl group.

Country singer Bryan Harkness has also been by to try out the new equipment.

Last month, the Tierra Studios switched on the Solid State Logic Duality console that incorporates both analog and digital components into the making of music.

"The new equipment allows us to in-

crease our capacity and work flow," says Aaron Morris, sound engineer. "We used to have recall sheets, so we knew where to put all of the knobs when a certain artist would be recording. But now, with the digital controls, all of the settings can be recalled instantaneously."

Morris says the console has 48 channels and cost about \$300,000. He notes there are consoles with 24, 48, 72 and 96 channels, with the most expensive units running into the millions and mainly used by movie production houses.

Tierra Studios, founded as a music recording studio in 2005, has since added a record label and music publishing to the business mix.

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