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RADIO AND RACE. . . Did "Grease" Doug Tracht say the wrong thing at the wrong time in the wrong city? You're no doubt aware of the whole story of the fired WARW, Washington, D.C. morning personality and the uproar he caused in the nation's capital. Tracht has now embarked on a carefully-crafted rehabilitation campaign that has him addressing the local African-American community in a series of traveling mea culpas. We just wonder if other radio personalities have uttered things even more offensive than Tracht's "No wonder people drag them behind trucks" -- but essentially gotten away with it. We're not excusing Tracht's comment, but he sure picked the wrong moment to get caught, and then roasted by the local media. Another angle to ponder: The Infinity station aired "Grease" on a delay system -- and nobody used the "dump switch." And is there a double standard? CBS stuck with Howard Stern through the national Selena controversy, and as somebody pointed out on WOL Washington's Joe Madison show, Stern is a big syndicated star who makes the company a lot of money. While Grease appeared in just a single market on a 2-share-rated station.

NATIONAL PUBLIC REACH. . . NPR says 15% of Americans listened regularly to National Public Radio programming in 1998 -- an all-time high. In 1990, that figure was just 5%. NPR research says that 13.5 million US listeners checked out NPR programming in Spring 1998, up from 13.1 million the year before. The sonorous Bob Edwards drew a weekly cume of 8.4 million for Morning Edition, an 8% gain year-to-year. "All Things Considered" grew 6%. And "Car Talk" hit a new record of 2.9 million listeners on 486 stations. M Street notes that NPR has aggressively embraced both the Internet (through NPR Online) and international expansion (through NPR Worldwide). Its numbers are mostly invisible to commercial broadcasters because Arbitron lists only commercial stations in the printed reports. But to get a truer picture of the market's radio listening, include non-coms in a Maximiser run -- or go to "<http://www.rrconline.org>" to view the Radio Research Consortium's latest data on non-com listening. It's an eye-opener.

FORMAT CHANGES & UPDATES

(# change accompanies new ownership) (// simulcast)

		<u>formerly</u>	<u>becomes</u>
AK Fairbanks	KIAK-970	news & talk	sports & talk
AZ Glendale (Phoenix)	KWCY-103.5	# country	KLNZ, JRN - reg. Mexican
	(KLNZ is now a combo with Spanish hits KVVA-FM and CP KUET)		
AR England (Little Rock)	KHUG-96.5	# country	modern rock // KDRE
	(KHUG & KLRA are in an LMA-to-buy with standards KRNN and CHR KHTE)		
England (Little Rock)	KLRA-1530	# country // FM	CHR // KHTE
	(KLRA & KHUG are in an LMA-to-buy with standards KRNN and CHR KHTE)		
CA Auburn (Sacramento)	KSMH-1620*	new	EWTN - Catholic
	(KSMH is in an LMA with Immaculate Heart Radio)		
Burney (Redding)	KRRX-106.1	rock	adds Bob & Tom
FL Baldwin (Jacksonville)	WXQL-105.7	urban AC	reported silent
Tallahassee	WWLD-106.1	CHR	rhythmic oldies
GA McRae	WYIS-1410	adult standards	WV1 - oldies // WYSC
	(Look for a new format soon, LMA with Spinney Broadcasting ends)		
Savannah	WBMQ-630	# talk	adds CNN news 6-9am
Warner Robins (Macon)	WNML-1670	sports	WRNC, ABC Real - country
ID Bonners Ferry	KBFI-1450	talk & sports	talk & sports // KSPT

(KSPT and KBFI will run separate commercials)

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FORMAT CHANGES & UPDATES (cont'd)

IL De Kalb (Rockford)	WDEK-92.5	# CHR	CHR // WKIE & WKIF
IN Hartford City	WWWO-93.5	# classic hits	WHTY, AC // WAXT
ME Augusta	WKCG-101.3	# country	soft AC "Star 101"
	(WKCG and new sister WCTB swap programming)		
Boothbay Har. (Ptland)	WCME-96.7	# country // WKCG	country // WCTB
Fairfield (Augusta)	WCTB-93.5	# soft AC	country
	(WCTB & sports WSKW enter into an LMA-to-buy with WKCG, WFAU, WABK-FM, and WIGY)		
MS Jackson	WKXS-96.3	country	adds Young & Elder
NH Concord	WVNH-91.1*	new	cont. Christian/rel.
NM Hobbs	KPER-95.7	# country	adds ABC Real - country
	(KPER is now a combo with country KIXN, talk KYKK, AC KZOR and ranchera KPZA)		
NC Burgaw (Wilmington)	WKXB-99.9	country	rhythmic oldies
OH New Phila. (Canton)	WNPQ-95.9	country	cont. Christian/religion
	(WNPQ enters into an LMA with Otter Communications)		
OK Warner	KRQZ-FM-102.1	classic rock	KTFX, classic country
TN Cleveland	WALV-95.3	adult contemporary	CHR
UT Payson (Salt Lake C.)	KTCE-92.3	# adult contemporary	dance//KUUU "U 92"
Tooele (Salt Lake C.)	KMGR-92.1	# oldies	KUUU, dance "U 92"
	(KMGR enters into an LMA-to-buy with Deer Valley Broadcasting, LLC)		
VA Norfolk	WCKO-1110	# silent	black gospel-religion
WA Spokane	KTRW-970	# sports	religion
	(KTRW is now a combo with religion KSPO)		
WI Sheboygan	WHBL-1330	full service	adds 1 on 1 - sports

NEW STATIONS: APPLICATIONS (* non-commercial station) (& reapplication)

AR 89.7*	Russellville	500 w (v), 1328 ft	Educational Opportunities
MS 90.5*	Columbus	6000 w, 312 ft	Pensacola Christian College
MO 89.7**	Kirksville	1000 w, 197 ft	Truman State University
TX 91.9*	Port O'Connor	18000 w, 308 ft	Houston Christian College
WA 88.1*	White Salmon	16h/9v w, 1102 ft	World Radio Network, Inc.

Returned/Dismissed Applications

MI 91.1*	Coldwater (R)	Great Lakes Community Bcstg.
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NEW STATIONS: GRANTS

AZ 90.3*	Holbrook	250 w, 141 ft (as amended)	American Family Association
AR 89.7*	Heber Springs	1000 w (v), 184 ft	American Family Association
OH 88.9*	Steubenville	150 w, 259 ft (as amended)	American Family Association

TRANSLATORS/BOOSTERS/SYNCHRONOUS XMTR: APPLICATIONS

BC new-104.5	Riley Creek	CFMI-FM	Lillooet-Camelsfoot TV
new-98.7*	Riley Creek	CBU-FM	Lillooet-Camelsfoot TV

CONSTRUCTION PERMIT ACTIVITY

AL WGRW(CP)-90.7*	Anniston	requests replacement of expired CP
WFOV(CP)-106.1	Chatom	requests extension of time
CA KASK(CP)-91.5*	Fairfield	requests extension of time
CO KSPK-102.3	Walsenburg	dismissed extension of time to increase to 100000 w, 430 ft, class C1 as moot (CP expires 4/25/1999)
FL WHIM-1520	Apopka	granted replacement of expired CP to add 350 w nights, DA-2, increase to 4 towers days and nights
WKTS(CP)-97.7	Marathon	granted extension of time
NY WFUV-90.7*	New York	dismissed extension of time to increase to 492 ft, change xmtr location to 40-51-44 73-53-00
OK KRQZ-FM-102.1	Wagoner	increases to 6000 w, 276 ft, changes xmtr location to 35-34-39 95-12-36, changes city of license to Warner, OK
PQ CFDA-1380	Victoriaville	moves to 101.9 MHz, 1350 w

FACILITIES/PARAMETERS: APPLICATIONS (& reapplication) [docket number]

TN WKSX-1420	Pulaski	modify CP to change xmtr location to 35-11-59 87-04-31
TX KRNH-95.1	Comfort	one step application to increase to class C1, 100000 w, 925 ft, change xmtr location to 29-50-26 98-49-32

FACILITIES/PARAMETERS: APPLICATIONS (cont'd)

TX KLAR-1300	Laredo	decrease to 80 w nights, ND, change xmtr location to 27-31-45 99-31-15
ME WBLM-102.9	Portland	modify CP to build new auxiliary facility (this corrects last week's journal listing for main facility)
MB CICY-FM-105.5	Selkirk	increase to 100000 w

Returned/Dismissed Applications

FL WCCL(CP)-97.7	Punta Rassa (R)	decrease to 5300 w, 348 ft, class A, change xmtr loc. to 26-30-18 81-51-14
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FACILITIES/PARAMETERS: GRANTS

AL WFOV(CP)-106.1	Chatom	change to 12000 w, 272 ft, change xmtr location to 31-43-30 87-54-58, change city of license to Grove Hill, AL [97-71]
FL WCTQ-92.1	Venice	change to 10500 w, 476 ft
TX KDVE-99.9	Henderson	move to 100.3 A, change to 2350 w, 535 ft, change xmtr loc. to 32-22-38 94-34-13, change city of license to Tatum, TX

CALL LETTER CHANGES (# applied for by new owners)

AZ KWCY-103.5	Glendale	# KLNZ (requested) "La Zeta"
GA WNML-1670	Warner Robins	WRNC (requested)
IN WWWO-93.5	Hartford City	# WHTY (requested)
OK KTFX-102.3	Sand Springs (Tulsa)	# KRTQ (requested)
KRQZ-FM-102.1	Warner	KTFX (requested)
UT KMGR-92.1	Tooele	# KUUU (requested) "U-92"
PQ CFDA-101.9	Victoriaville becomes	CFDA-FM

PROPOSED STATION TRANSFERS

(314 asset sale, 315 transfer of control, 316 reorganization)

AL WEDA-97.3	Homewood	315 from Homewood Radio, LLC (WEDA, Ltd.) to Homewood Radio, LLC (Cox Radio, Inc.)
WCSN-105.7	Orange Beach	316 from Purchase Broadcasting, Inc. to Gulf Coast Broadcasting Co., Inc.
WFHK-1430	Pell City	314 from St. Clair Bcstg. System, Inc. to Williamson Broadcasting, Inc.
KUET-710	Black Canyon City	316 from KUET License Co. (Z-Spanish Net.) to KUET Lic. Co. (TSG Assoc. II/A. Bustos)
AR KJBR-93.7	Marked Tree	314 from B & H Broadcasting Company to Air Network, Inc.
CA KYOS-1480/ KABX-FM-97.5	Merced	316 from Merced Radio Partners, LP to Mission Broadcasting Corporation
FL WGUL-FM-106.3	Beverly Hills	316 from WXOF, Inc. to WGUL-FM, Inc.
WTAN-1340	Clearwater	314 from G. Bouris, V. Nikitakis to Wagenvoord Advertising Group, Inc.
WFLV-104.9	Havana	314 from Radiant Broadcasting Co., Inc. to Capitol City Radio Partners, Inc.
WRKG-104.9	High Springs	314 from Millstone Broadcasting, LLC to Asterisk Communications, Inc.
WSJT-94.1/ WRBQ-FM-104.7	Lakeland/ Tampa	314 from Clear Channel Radio Licenses, Inc. to CBS Radio, Inc.
WZTM-820	Largo	314 from Clear Channel Radio Licenses, Inc. to Mega Communications of St. Petersburg
WTBT-105.5	New Port Richey	(\$3.5 million) 314 from Citicasters Co. to Cox Radio, Inc.
WRBQ-1380	Saint Petersburg	314 from Clear Channel Radio Licenses, Inc. to ABC, Inc.
WHPT-102.5/ WFJO-101.5	Sarasota/ Saint Petersburg	(\$4,500,000) 314 from Clear Channel Radio Licenses, Inc. to Cox Radio, Inc.
IL WDZ-1050	Decatur	(\$15,000,000) 314 from Prairieland Broadcasters of Decatur to WSOY Decatur, Inc.
KS KSNP-95.3	Burlington	314 from Coffey County Broadcasting Co. to Southeast Kansas Broadcasting Co., Inc.
KXBZ-104.7	Manhattan	316 from Little Apple Broadcasting, Inc. to Manhattan Broadcasting Co., Inc.
KY WFPK-91.9*/ WFPL-89.3*	Louisville	314 from Louisville & Jefferson Co. Admin. to Kentucky Public Radio, Inc.

PROPOSED STATION TRANSFERS (cont'd)

ME WLAM-870/	Gorham/	316 from Wireless Talking Machine (Frizzell)
WMWX-99.9/	Auburn/	to Wireless Talking Machine (Kevin Keogh)
WZOU-1470/	Lewiston/	
WLAM-FM-106.7	North Windham	
MA WQVR-100.1	Southbridge	314 from Southbridge Radio Corporation
		to WBA, Inc.
MS WCHJ-1470	Brookhaven	314 from Ole Brook Broadcasting, Inc.
		to Tillman Broadcasting Network, Inc.
KSEN-1150/	Shelby	314 from Jerry Black and Bob Norris
KZIN-FM-96.3		to Marathon Media of Montana, LP
NE KNCY-1600/	Nebraska City/	314 from Sunrise Broadcasting of Nevada
KNCY-FM-105.5	Auburn	to Radio 2000, NC, Inc.
NC WCLY-1550/	Raleigh	314 from Mortenson Broadcasting Co.
WRDT-570		to Triangle Broadcast Associates, LLC
OH WERE-1300/	Cleveland	314 from Clear Channel Radio Licenses, Inc.
WENZ-107.9		to Radio One Licenses, Inc.
		(\$20,000,000)
WNCX-98.5	Cleveland	314 from Clear Channel Radio Licenses, Inc.
		to CBS Radio, Inc.
		(\$52,000,000; includes WNCX in OH, WRBQ-FM and WSJT in FL)
WING-1410/	Dayton/	314 from Clear Channel Radio Licenses, Inc.
WGTX-92.9/	Eaton/	to Blue Chip Broadcasting, Ltd.
WING-FM-102.9	Springfield	
		(\$16 million)
OK KTMC-FM-105.1	McAlester	316 from Bottom Line Bcstg. (Francis Stipe)
		to Bottom Line Bcstg. (Gene Stipe)
PA WTTC-1550/95.3	Towanda	316 from Twin Tier Broadcasting, Inc.
		to WATS Broadcasting, Inc.
TN WNPC-1060/92.9	Newport	316 from W.N.P.C., Inc.
		to Harris Broadcasting Corporation
TX KIKM-101.7	Denison	314 from First Broadcasting Co., LP
		to KZMP License Co., LLC
	(contingent upon sale	from Hunt Broadcasting, Inc.)
UT KREC-98.1	Brian Head	314 from Brian Head Broadcasting Co.
		to Marathon Media, LP
VT WKDR-1390	Burlington	314 from Hometown Broadcasting, Inc.
		to Radio Vermont, KDR, LLC
WDZQ-95.1/	Decatur/	314 from Mubles Corporation
WCZQ-105.5	Monticello	to WSOY Decatur, Inc.
VI WVPI-104.3	Charlotte Amalie	314 from Macau Traders, Inc.
		to Benjamin Broadcasting Corporation
WVIQ-99.5	Christiansted	314 from Zaca Canyon, Inc.
		to JKC Communications of the Virgin Islands

Form 316 Transfer Applications were filed for the following stations from various entities owned by Amador and Rosalie Bustos to shared control with TSG Associates II. The stations are: in Arizona KVVA-FM, Apache Junction; KWCY, Glendale; KZLZ, Kearny; and KZNO, Nogales. In California, KLOC, Ceres; KTDO, Columbia; KHZZ, Davis; KZSL, King City; KCVR, Lodi; KHOT and KZFO, Madera; KJAZ and KZCO, Oroville; KZSA, Placerville; KSQR, Sacramento; KTGE, Salinas; KZSF, San Jose; and KMIX, Tracey. In Florida, WLQY, Hollywood. In Illinois, WZCH, Dundee and WYPA, Chicago. In Indiana, WNDZ, Portage. In Texas, KRVA, Cockrell Hill; KZMP, Fort Worth; KGOL, Humble; KZDF, McKinney; and KZDL, Terrell.

Form 315 Transfer Applications were filed for the following Radio One stations from Catherine L. Hughes to Alfred C. Liggins, III. In Washington, DC, WKYS, WOL and WYCB. WFUN-FM, Bethalto, Illinois. In Maryland, WOLB, WWIN, and WERQ-FM, Baltimore; WMMJ, Bethesda; and WWIN-FM, Glen Burnie. In Michigan, WDTJ, Detroit; WJZZ, Kingsley; WWBR, Mount Clemens; WCHB, Taylor and WPHI, Jenkintown, PA.

DISMISSED STATION TRANSFERS

FL WTAN-1340	Clearwater (D)	316 from George Bouris, Virginia Nikitakis
		to Wagenvoord Advertising Group, Inc.
		(dismissed per applicant's request)
WV WXEE-1340	Welch (D)	314 from Mountaineer Broadcasting Corp.
		to Council of Southern Mountains, WV Branch
		(dismissed pursuant to the Telecommunications Act of 1996)

WASHINGTON THIS WEEK

Comments are now in re: the FCC's proposed new EEO rules, and the volume of responses may have surprised the Commission. For one, the NAB argues that the proposed rules are unconstitutional (like the old ones) because they would require

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reporting of the number of minorities and women in the annual EEO reports. The NAB suggests something like a station self-certification. Next stage in this process is Reply Comments, followed by whatever action the FCC might take. M Street will keep you up to date.

GOP lawmakers introduce a bill to do some things the FCC is studying but hasn't acted on yet: relaxing the TV ownership limits and newspaper/broadcast cross-ownership limits. Florida Representative Cliff Stearns already has six co-sponsors for the bill he put in the hopper Tuesday (3/2/99). It would raise the national ownership cap for TV to 45% and end the longtime official ban on print/broadcast cross-ownership. It would also eliminate the so-called "dual network" prohibition -- allowing CBS chief Mel Karmazin to buy NBC, if he wanted. M Street notes that Stearns introduced similar bills in 1995 and 1997 that failed.

The federal courts bedevil the FCC yet again -- on the populist issue of pirate radio. Is there a First Amendment right to broadcast, without a license from the FCC? A special panel of the 8th Circuit Court of Appeals thought there was enough merit in Alan Freed's argument to remand his case back to District Court for a hearing. The Commission thought it had seen the last of Minneapolis-based Freed a year or two ago, when he stopped his unlicensed over-the-air activity and leased time on many of the former Children's Broadcasting major-market AMs for his "Beat Radio" dance format. By the way: Freed doesn't call it "pirate radio." To his way of thinking he's not operating outside the law. (Case 97-3972)

The DOJ is finally clearing Capstar's \$190 million purchase of Triathlon, and now we wait to see what Capstar will finally have to divest. Capstar chief Steve Hicks tells analysts an announcement is coming from Justice momentarily, and he's expecting to close the Triathlon group purchase in April or May. But which stations have to be divested to satisfy the government? There will be plenty of interest in those spinoffs. Triathlon is the last of the Bob Sillerman-related radio groups to be sold off.

When the FCC speaks anonymously in the news media, it's often the Director of the Office of Public Affairs who's doing the talking. That job of chief PR person is about to turn over, as Joy Howell takes over from Elizabeth Rose. Rose leaves the government payroll to become a Senior VP of Washington PR firm M&R Strategic Services. Incoming OPA Director Howell had been Communications Director for New Jersey Senator Bob Torricelli.

Two FCC Commissioners tangled at the February 25 monthly meeting, as maverick Harold Furchtgott-Roth accused Chairman Bill Kennard of breaking an unwritten rule that lets Commissioners request a one-month delay on an agenda item. The item is something both men care about deeply: the FCC's power to scrutinize mass-media mergers. Furchtgott-Roth is one of the most original and articulate thinkers on the Commission in some time, and the philosophical split between him and the Chairman is becoming more and more public.

Moving is a pain -- and a continuing pain at the FCC, where they're again suspending public access to the FCC Library (Room TW-B505) while they complete the move to the Portals II building. Same for access to the Broadcast Engineering files in Reference Center. They may be ready for business by the time you read this -- but check before you make the trip.

Here's another going-away party at the Portals: Cathy Sandoval leaves her post as Director of the Office of Communications Business Opportunities. That's the part of the Commission that encourages small businesses (including women and minorities) to enter broadcasting. It was OCBO that commissioned last month's big study of how advertising practices hurt minority-formatted and minority-owned businesses. Sandoval -- the first Hispanic woman to win a Rhodes scholarship -- leaves the Commission on March 12, but hasn't disclosed her plans after that.

A familiar face is leaving the NAB after 20 years: Veteran NAB attorney Barry Umansky plans to join the expanding law firm of Vorys, Sater, Seymour and Pease in its Washington, D.C. offices. Umansky will continue to do communications law work, but he'll be missed as an able advocate for the NAB, and the quick-thinking moderator of many convention panels. M Street wishes Barry well in his new life.

CANADA THIS WEEK

Labor troubles continue at CBC as the strike by technicians goes into its third week and (as M Street went to press) another negotiating session ended with no contract. For radio, the impact is mostly felt (and maybe heard) at CBC's English-language radio operation. The union involved is the Communications,

CANADA THIS WEEK (cont'd)

Energy and Paperworkers union. Now there's also possible labor unrest at a second union: the Canadian Media Guild.

Sorry to note the passing of Jack Webster, a broadcast and print journalist whose work earned him the Order of Canada. Webster's Scottish brogue was familiar to listeners around western Canada for many years. He died Tuesday (3/2) at age 81.

ELSEWHERE

Radio One continues to grow its East coast base: For \$12 million, the group buys two more FMs in Richmond. It already had a quiet \$4.6 million deal to acquire contemporary Christian and religion WDYL, Chester, VA (101.1 MHz) from Hoffman Media. Now it finds more properties to buy there: urban AC WKJS, Crewe, VA (104.7 MHz) and urban WSOJ, Petersburg, VA (100.3 MHz). Seller is local owner FM 100, Inc., in a deal brokered by Mitt Younts of Media Services Group. Check the regional thrust: Radio One will have stations in Philadelphia, Baltimore, hometown Washington and now, just to the south of D.C., Richmond. M Street expects suburban D.C.-based Radio One to take the IPO route and try to go public sometime this year.

Up in Spokane, WA, Citadel picks up rock KNJY from American General Media -- which has owned KNJY only since last November. AGM paid a total of \$6.5 million for KNJY, Spokane (103.9 MHz) and country KCDA, Coeur d'Alene, ID (103.1MHz). So it's selling KNJY to Larry Wilson's Citadel for \$4.15 million and retaining KCDA, which remains in a Sales Marketing Agreement with Triathlon. Citadel's other stations in Spokane include country KDRK-FM. The Exline brokerage handled the sale of KNJY to Citadel.

Latest on the Cumulus Watch: Cumulus Media expands in Augusta, ME and shuffles a couple of formats around. Richard Weening's company is building a cluster in market #246 with building blocks from Tryon Seacoast and Mountain Wireless. Latest changes: There's a format swap between two FMs, as WCTB, Fairfield, ME (93.5 MHz) drops soft AC to go country (using Jones nights and overnights), and WKCG, Augusta (101.3 MHz) drops country to go soft AC as "Star 101." There's another FM involved, as WCME, Boothbay Harbor (96.7 MHz) stays country, but switches from simulcasting WKCG to follow the country format over to WCTB. Mountain Wireless owns WCTB and its sports sister WSKW, Skowhegan, ME (1160 KHz), which enter an LMA-to-buy with Cumulus.

Sinclair's publicly-announced station sell off begins in a smaller Texas market where the company doesn't have an integrated radio-TV presence. Looks to M Street as if Sinclair may be protecting its local radio-TV combos, since its first sale is the TV-only market of Tyler-Longview. Sinclair promised analysts and investors it would sell "non-strategic assets", and the speculation was that markets where it just has TV or radio would be the most likely candidates. Sinclair gets \$36 million for the non-license assets of current NBC affiliate KETK and the right to program KETK and cross-town KLSB, plus another \$2 million for an option to buy the "license assets" of KETK. Buyer is CCA (Communications Corporation of America). Sinclair's David Smith says it's the first step in "de-leveraging our balance sheet."

Hands across the ocean: Clear Channel breezes into England with a one-third interest in "jazz fm" owner Golden Rose. This fits Lowry Mays' familiar pattern-- expand into a new country by purchasing a minority interest in an existing broadcaster. This time he's paying 3 million pounds (\$4.8 million US) for about one-third of Golden Rose Communications. Not only does Clear Channel gain a footprint in British radio, it can immediately improve the bottom line by exploiting the vast billboard resources it acquired last year with More Group Plc. Clear Channel was already thinking England: On February 2 it announced a partnership with Virgin Radio and Rupert Murdoch-backed Talk Radio to bid for regional DAB licenses.

Go for the green: Heftel is officially rolling out its new "HBC Radio Network." It's got the stations -- 39 in "all of the top U.S. Hispanic markets." It's got the listeners -- a claimed 18.5 million, or 65% of the entire U.S. Hispanic population. It's got programming like the red-hot LA-based morning personality Renan Almendarez Coello, the "Hablando Deportes" sports show and the new "Heftel Countdown Program." Now Heftel wants to exploit its national reach to bring in more dollars, as "one-stop shopping" for advertisers who want to reach a national Hispanic audience. M Street's given you some earlier glimpses of Heftel's strategy with the growing in-house syndication of KSCA, LA-based Renan and the Texas regional sports network. Now they're ready to tie it up in a package and make some money with it all.

ELSEWHERE (cont'd)

Selling on the web: Interep has just taken an equity stake in the Burst! website rep. Interep's Ralph Guild sees a "natural compatibility" between radio stations and websites, since both provide "highly-specialized content which is free to the user and paid for by advertiser dollars." They didn't reveal the size of Interep's investment in privately-held Burst!, but it's more than an investment. Interep calls it a "formal alliance" between sellers.

We haven't written anything about the Sonny Bloch saga in months, but there's a new development: Jailed Sonny Bloch associate Milton Sonnenberg had been found guilty of wire and mail fraud and got sentenced to 76 months' jail time and ordered to pay \$5.2 million in restitution. Sonnenberg had a previous security fraud conviction, and Dow Jones reports his appeal was based on the contention that he wasn't obligated to disclose that to investors in the Bloch-related operation. Bloch was a syndicated financial talkshow host who became a fugitive from justice over charges that he bilked investors in schemes to buy AM radio stations and suspect wireless cable companies. Bloch himself is past worrying about courts -- he was released early from his prison sentence and died last March of lung cancer.

You can't say that: Former KMBZ, Kansas City talkhost Steve Glorioso owes a \$1 million slander verdict related to his 1996 on-air claim that Bob Dole had impregnated a local woman in the early 1970s, and that he'd helped her get an abortion as a result. Actually, Steve Glorioso's insurance company apparently owes the bill, since he didn't contest the judge's award, on condition that the judgment be limited to the amount his insurance company would pay. Both Dole and Phyllis Wells Smith deny she'd had an abortion. Glorioso's now a political consultant.

US West just brought the future closer, and it may not be good for radio as we know it: The powerful Regional Bell Company will offer "@TV", which lets non-computer users perform tasks like check email, surf the web and watch TV at the same time, all using a fast DSL connection. The US West set-top box would bring a lot of miracles into the home entertainment center -- and offer another way to pick up Internet radio stations or remote broadcast stations. Overall, the package combined the Internet, TV and phone service.

Arbitron's growing headache is how to credit listeners to multi-station and multi-market simulcasts and services. That problem just triggered a revision of the Fall 1998 Miami Arbitron, as Arbitron switches credit for 0.3 of a share 12+ from West Palm Beach market-WWLV to the Miami-market WLVE. The West Palm station literally repeats the programming of WLVE and both use the "Love 94" handle. Arbitron says some listening to Miami was "inappropriately credited" to West Palm. The revision boosts WLVE from a tie for eighth to seventh place 12+, out of a 3.4-share tie with CHR WHYI and past rock WZTA (with a 3.5) to the #7 spot.

Latest on satellite-delivered radio in cars: specifically, the need to get those new satellite-capable receivers installed in new cars. CD Radio is opening a Detroit office and hires automotive audio veteran Charles Chapman as Senior VP to oversee "marketing alliances" with automakers, according to Dow Jones. The biggest challenge for satellite radio may not be technical, but a matter of changing people's habits. If CD Radio can persuade Ford or Chevy or Chrysler to offer a satellite radio receiver as a new-car option -- they're half-way there.

More web-radio news, as "WebRadio.com" aims to compete with Broadcast.com. Israeli-owned Geo Interactive Media Group says 25 US stations have already signed up to be on its site. One claimed advantage: stations which use Geo's "Emblaze" technology won't have to buy special software, and online listeners won't need high-speed access or plug-in software.

Off to the races: NASCAR brings its broadcasting rights in-house as of next year, and that could have a big effect on the radio rights to the increasingly lucrative stock-car racing circuit. NASCAR's also got its eye on other "electronic media rights", like the Internet. No immediate changes for the Winston Cup Series and the NASCAR Busch Series Grand National Division events -- but wait until next year.

Radio can be dangerous -- REALLY dangerous. Just a reminder that listener protests are one thing, but a firebombing is serious. That's what happened in Spain, where Basque separatists threw petrol bombs at the offices of Spain's state-run radio station in the Basque capital city of Vitoria. The early-morning attack caused property damage, but no injuries.

M STREET BAZAAR. . . PEOPLE, PRODUCTS, AND PROGRAMMING

How did the leading formats make out in the Fall Arbitrons? Interep's new analysis shows that News/Talk easily remains the leading format in Arbitron's continuous-measurement markets. News/talk was hanging steady (14.2 in Fall 1997, 14.2 in Fall '98). In fact there aren't many changes from at least the summer -- Urban's up to a new five-book high (9.8 a year ago to 10.6). Country eases down another notch (going 9.0, 8.7, 8.5, 8.4, 8.3 over the last five quarterlies). And AC may have stopped its slide (9.5, 9.3, 8.6, 8.3 and another 8.3). Shares are total week 12+; Interep uses M Street format definitions.

Expansion or competition? Syndicated late-night talker Art Bell puts live video on the Web, and just like Premiere stablemate Rush Limbaugh, Bell's feed is available only via Broadcast.com, which Premiere parent Jacor has an investment in. Art's audio has been accessible on Broadcast.com for two years. But to see the streaming video you'll have to go to "Broadcast.com." And you'll have to catch it live, using RealNetworks' G2 technology. The show's on the computer -- like watching a TV show -- from 10 pm to 3 am Pacific. We can't help wondering: Who's the next big radio personality to go live on the web?

Premiere re-signs Jim Rome, changes the show to a three-hour format and adds a daily short-form piece. By extending his contract (and adding revenue opportunities for itself), Premiere keeps Rome committed to syndicated radio while his Fox Sports Net show is taking off. Rome and his radio "Jungle" will be reformatted to air live 9 am to noon Pacific, as of May 17. The new 90-second afternoon drive "Rome Report" also debuts May 17 -- and presumably gives Premiere some additional inventory to sell. The syndicator says Rome now clears on 130 stations.

The San Diego-based Catholic Family Radio hires another talkhost for its weekday lineup. The new voice is psychologist Dr. Raymond Guarendi, who hosted "Lifetalk" on religious-formatted WHLO, Akron (640 KHz) for six years. He takes over the 9 am to 11 am Pacific time slot -- presumably following morning personality Alan Keyes. CRN also says it's arranged with the Vatican to air commentaries by Archbishop John P. Foley, President of the Pontifical Council for Social Communications in Rome.

Cow TV: Chicago-based Mancow Muller is finally getting the daily TV show he's been craving. The one-hour "Mancow TV" debuts March 29 on Chicago's WCIU, Channel 26, based on that same day's morning show on Emmis-owned WKQX, Chicago. Channel 26 owner Weigel Broadcasting slots the show at 12:30 am, and producer Radio TV Network has less than a month to arm the radio studio with robotic cameras and video gear. Howard Stern's had a daily show on E! for a couple of years, but it isn't necessarily based on that day's radio show.

ESPN chief Steve Bornstein moves up to President of ABC, Inc., as Michael Eisner pulls ABC Inc. President Bob Iger up to Chairman of ABC and -- more significantly -- President of international operations for parent Disney. Last year Eisner lost some key people, like cable doyenne Geraldine Laybourne, and he's under pressure to look less like a one-man show at the top of Disney. Iger's promotion to President of ABC, Inc. means ESPN maven Steve Bornstein will have much more to do with ABC -- including the ABC-owned radio stations.

At Premiere Radio Networks, Len Klatt joins as Director of Research. This is an important post since Premiere's increasingly using audience and marketing info to sell its shows (and advertising). Klatt was Research Director for Westwood for 11 years. M Street notes that Premiere is increasingly involved with the national RADAR network sales ratings, now delivered quarterly.

A shameless plug for M Street friend and internationally-recognized consultant Valerie Geller, who's speaking at the Country Radio Seminar on March 11. After that she's booked to deliver the "Creating Powerful Radio News" seminar at the AP seminar in San Jose, CA on April 10, and then "Creating Powerful Radio" and developing talent, at the Spring NAB convention in Las Vegas, on April 19. Valerie's been promising us delivery of her second M Street-published book, called "The Powerful Radio Workbook" -- and now she says it's coming this summer. Keep writing, Valerie!

If you're coming to Nashville for CRS30, March 10-13, look for M Street. Nashville's our hometown, and we welcome you to Music City and some pretty darn friendly people and good food. (Ask an M Streeter for a restaurant recommendation, unless some record company is buying you dinner for free!) See you back next week here on M Street.

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MUSIC MIGRATION. . . . Spanish-language radio is watching its music formats gradually migrate to FM -- just as top 40/CHR did in the 1970s and 1980s, and as country did some years later. The latest bellwether of this phenomenon is powerhouse Spanish operator Heftel, which announces it's paying \$20.3 million to acquire its first FM in Las Vegas, and will transfer the regional Mexican music of KLSQ (870 KHz) to the FM it's buying (KISF at 103.5 MHz). Heftel specifically says its current strategy is to move music to FM. M Street notes that Heftel is also developing a strong core of talk and sports programming to syndicate inside the structure of its new HBC Radio Network on AMs. Looks like Spanish-language listeners who were long content to hear their ranchera and Caribbean music on the AM band are behaving like other groups before them -- and beginning to get used to hearing music on FM. Overall, M Street notes that there's still plenty of music on the AM band, from oldies and AC to country and adult standards. But a listener who was cryogenically frozen 20 years ago would have a hard time finding his familiar music stations on AM.

FIXING THE FIXER. . . . WKTU, New York has fired morning host Hollywood Hamilton for allegedly fixing a contest. It dismisses Hamilton -- real name Timothy Bello -- over the alleged rigging of an on-air contest for a trip to Cancun. This sad story serves as a reminder that licensees place their trust in their personnel -- not to mention their very licenses. In this case, Chancellor played it by the book: it suspended Hamilton, immediately launched an investigation and then terminated him. WKTU GM Scott Elberg tells M Street "It's about protecting the license." Hamilton and old pal Johnny Sialiano took over the WKTU morning show when RuPaul left last year, under the name of "Hollywood Hamilton and Goumba Johnny." Now Chancellor-owned AMFM Radio Networks faces a difficult choice about the Hamilton-hosted weekly syndicated rhythmic show, because it doesn't want to lose him to another syndicator. Lots more of the week's radio news inside this week's M Street Journal, starting with the format news --

FORMAT CHANGES & UPDATES (# change accompanies new ownership) (// simulcast)

		<u>formerly</u>	<u>becomes</u>
AZ South Tucson	KJLL-1330	KMRR, silent	talk
AR Heber Springs	KAWW-1370	modern rock //KDRE	JRN - standards // KRNN
	(KAWW joins KAWW-FM in simulcasting KRNN Little Rock)		
Hot Springs	KSBC-90.1*	religion	adds MGS - c. Christian
CA Gonzales (Monterey)	KMBY-FM-104.3	rock	adds Mancow
King City (Monterey)	KZSL-93.9	# regional Mexican	adds JRN - reg. Mexican
	(KZSL & Mexican regional sister KTGE are now owned and operated by Z-Spanish)		
Oakhurst (Fresno)	KTNS-1090	JRN - oldies	JRN-standards "Kittens"
Redding	KNRO-600	talk & sports	country "Giant Country"
CT Ridgefield (Danbury)	WREF-850	oldies	adds JRN - oldies
FL Fernandina Bch (Jack.)	WYHI-1570	# adult standards	WGSR, JRN - standards
	(WGSR enters into an LMA-to-buy with RJM Communications, Inc.)		
Lake City	WOLR-91.3*	cont. Christian	adds WAY-FM, c. Christ.
Marianna	WTOT-980	talk	reported silent
	(WTOT expects to return early summer)		
Marianna	WJAQ-100.9	country	talk, sports & oldies
Melbourne	WBVD-95.1	classic rock	adds Lex & Terry
Punta Rassa (Ft Myers)	WCCL-97.7	new	Super - classical
GA Donalsonville	WGMC-106.3	ABC - AC	ABC - hot AC

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FORMAT CHANGES & UPDATES (cont'd)

IL	Belvidere (Rockford)	WXRX-104.9	rock	adds Bob & Tom
	Highland (St. Louis)	WCBW-1510	# WBDI, new	contemporary Christian
KS	Lawrence	KLWN-1320	adult contemporary	adds 1-on-1 - sports
ME	Portland	WZAN-970	talk	adds ESPN - sports
	York Center (Dover)	WXHT-95.3	modern rock	WUBB, country "The Bee"
MN	Hutchinson	KKJR-106.9	country	Radio 1 - hot AC
	(KKJR has moved from 107.1 MHz and is now a class C3 in Dassel, MN)			
MO	Birch Tree	KBMV-FM-107.1	silent	JRN - country
	Birch Tree	KBMV-1310	silent	AFA - cont. Christian
	(KBMV changes to American Family's programming after a brief simulcast with country KBMV-FM)			
NC	Camp Lejeune	WWJV-1580	contemporary Chr.	Reach - southern gospel
	(This corrects an earlier listing)			
OK	Broken Arrow (Tulsa)	KOAS-92.1	# smooth jazz	soft AC
	(KOAS & KQLL AM/FM are in an LMA-to-buy with KAKC, KMOD-FM and KMRX)			
	Tulsa	KQLL-1430	sports	adds Art Bell
OR	North Bend (Coos Bay)	KACW-107.3	hot AC	adds Radio 1 - hot AC
	(KACW, KBBR, KHSN and KOOS have a sale pending to New Northwest Broadcasters)			
PA	Masontown	WYFU-88.5*	# WLWJ, new	religion
	Ridgebury (Elmira)	WREQ-96.9	silent	MGS - cont. Christian
SC	Lexington (Columbia)	WLXC-98.5	# urban AC // WWBZ	ABC - urban AC "Kiss"
	(WLXC enters into an LMA-to-buy with AC WTCCB, oldies WOMG and news WISW)			
TX	Bastrop (Austin)	KYCM-88.5*	contemp. Christian	EWTN - Catholic
	Bowie	KRJT-FM-100.7	# country	reported silent
	(KRJT-FM has been sold to Sunburst and will return pending technical changes)			
	Bowie	KRJT-1410	country // KRJT-FM	country
	(KRJT is no longer a sister to KRJT-FM)			
	Daingerfield	KKLK-106.9	AC // KALK	reported silent
	(KKLK's LMA with Sungroup has dissolved)			
	Mount Pleasant (Tyler)	KPXI-100.7	# country	silent (new format soon)
	(The country programming moves to former sister KSCN; KPXI becomes a combo with talk KFRO, oldies KFRO-FM and country KYKX)			
	Pittsburg	KSCN-96.9	new	country "Star Country"
	Sulphur Springs	KSCH-95.9	soft AC	country // KSCN
	Winnie (Houston)	KRTX-FM-100.7	tejano	adds Spanish dance
	(KRTX-FM adds Spanish club dance music 7pm to 12 midnight)			
WA	Spokane	KEZE-96.9	# religion	stunting with rhyme
	("Twinkle, twinkle little star, find out Monday what we are")			

NEW STATIONS: APPLICATIONS (* non-commercial station) (& reapplication)

			(+ competes with existing application)	
AR	89.7*	Booneville	no facils given	Vision Ministries, Inc.
CO	91.7*	Trinidad	no facils given	American Family Association
GA	91.9*	Cuthbert	no facils given	American Family Association
KS	91.9*	Winfield	no facils given	American Family Association
MI	91.3*	Charlevoix	550 w (v), 177 ft	Great Lakes Community Bcstg.
NY	90.3*	Skaneateles	no facils given	Syracuse Community Radio
NC	89.7*	Wilmington	no facils given	Praise Bcstg. Network
OH	89.7*	Findlay	no facils given	Church of the Living God
WI	90.1*	Abbotsford	no facils given	Christian Life Communications
WY	90.9*	Pinedale	no facils given	University of Wyoming
	91.3*	Thermopolis	no facils given	University of Wyoming
BC	102.3	Kelowna	2000 w	Kelowna Broadcasting, Ltd.
	(The applicant is proposing a country format)			
	107.3	Surrey	27 w	Community Communications, Ltd.
	(The applicant is proposing a news-talk format)			
	101.7	Tofino	50 w	P.L.M. Broadcasting, Ltd.
	(The applicant proposes an adult standards format)			
	89.7*+	Victoria	1700 w	Canadian Broadcasting Corp.
	(This station would rebroadcast CBUF-FM)			
	107.3+	Victoria	20000 w	Seacoast Commuications Group
	(The applicant proposes a modern rock format)			
ON	88.3	Kitchener	4000 w	Conestoga College Comm. Corp.
PQ	105.1	Restigouche	50 w	Micmac Historical Cultural Soc.

TRANSLATORS/BOOSTERS/SYNCHRONOUS XMTR: APPLICATIONS

CA	new-104.9	Bennett Valley	KRPQ	Results Radio of Sonoma
	new-90.1*	Durham	KAWZ	Calv. Chapel/Twin Falls
	new-88.9*	Newhall	KAWZ	Calv. Chapel/Twin Falls
	new-88.9*	Simi Valley	KAWZ	Calv. Chapel/Twin Falls

TRANSLATORS/BOOSTERS/SYNCHRONOUS XMTR: APPLICATIONS (cont'd)

FL new-88.7*	Gainesville	KLOV-FM	Educ. Media Foundation
new-88.1*	Panama City	KAWZ	Calv. Chapel/Twin Falls
GA new-89.7*	Danielsville	KAWZ	Calv. Chapel/Twin Falls
HI new-91.9*	Kalaoa	KEFX	Calv. Chapel/Twin Falls
new-88.7*	Wainaku	KEFX	Calv. Chapel/Twin Falls
ID new-88.1*	Twin Falls	KLOV-FM	Educ. Media Foundation
IL new-88.1*	Lincoln	WLGGM	Cornerstone Comm. Radio
IA new-89.5*	Cherokee	KAWZ	Calv. Chapel/Twin Falls
KY new-91.3*	Glasgow	KAWZ	Calv. Chapel/Twin Falls
MO new-89.7*	Kansas City	WPCS	Pensacola Christ. Coll.
NE new-90.1*	Hadar	KEFX	Calv. Chapel/Twin Falls
new-91.7*	Norfolk	KAWZ	Calv. Chapel/Twin Falls
NV new-88.9*	Winnemucca	WMBI-FM	Moody Bible Institute
NM new-89.5*	Roswell	KLOV-FM	Educ. Media Foundation
NY new-89.3*	Grand Island	WCOU	Family Life Ministries
ND new-90.3*	Minot	KAWZ	Calv. Chapel/Twin Falls
OK new-91.1*	Berlin	KEFX	Calv. Chapel/Twin Falls
new-90.3*	Durant	KAWZ	Calv. Chapel/Twin Falls
new-89.1*	Mooreland	KEFX	Calv. Chapel/Twin Falls
new-89.3*	Poteau	KAWZ	Calv. Chapel/Twin Falls
new-89.9*	Wister	KAWZ	Calv. Chapel/Twin Falls
OR new-90.9*	Hines	KAWZ	Calv. Chapel/Twin Falls
new-90.9*	Prineville	KEFX	Calv. Chapel/Twin Falls
new-88.5*	Redmond	KAWZ	Calv. Chapel/Twin Falls
PA new-90.9*	Milford	WXHL	JC Radio, Inc.
PR new-104.7	Fajardo	WKAQ-FM	El Mundo Bcstg. Corp.
SC new-91.9*	Frogmore	KAWZ	Calv. Chapel/Twin Falls
new-88.1*	S. Chaleston	KEFX	Calv. Chapel/Twin Falls
SD new-88.1*	Mina	KAWZ	Calv. Chapel/Twin Falls
TN new-88.5*	Fairmont	KSKD-FM	Educ. Media Foundation
new-90.1*	Walden	KLOV-FM	Educ. Media Foundation
TX new-91.1*	Daingerfield	WSUZ, Gatney, PA	KEGG Communications
(FCC's database shows above calls as the primary station; we believe they are in error)			
new-90.1*	Paris	KAWZ	Calv. Chapel/Twin Falls
new-88.3*	Reno	KEFX	Calv. Chapel/Twin Falls
new-88.9*	Texarkana	KLOV-FM	Educ. Media Foundation
WA new-91.9*	Delphi	KEFX	Calv. Chapel/Twin Falls
new-89.7*	Shelton	KAWZ	Calv. Chapel/Twin Falls

CONSTRUCTION PERMIT ACTIVITY

AL WGRW(CP)-90.7*	Anniston	dismissed replacement of expired CP as moot; CP expires 9/12/99
WFOV(CP)-106.1	Chatom	dismissed extension of time as moot; CP expires 10/20/99
WBCF-1240	Florence	changes xmtr location to 34-48-40 87-43-28
AK KWJG-91.5*	Kasilof	license to cover for new station
KSWD-950	Seward	corrects coordinates to 60-05-27 149-20-20
AR KAUG-91.9*	El Dorado	license to cover for new station
KAMJ-93.9	Gosnell	license to cover for new station
CA KORG-1190	Anaheim	increases to 20000 w days, 4 towers days
KBNF-98.9	Chester	increases to 2463 ft
KKTR-1650	Costa Mesa	decreases to 490 w nights, changes xmtr location to 33-53-30 118-11-03, changes city of license to Torrance, CA
KHZZ-104.3	Davis	changes to 6000 w, 328 ft
KASK(CP)-91.5*	Fairfield	dismissed extension of time as moot; CP expires 12/26/99
KACE-103.9	Inglewood	increases to 4100 w
CO KSKE-FM-104.7	Vail	decreases to 335 ft, changes xmtr location to 39-08-05 105-26-47
FL WHIM-1520	Apopka	adds 350 w nights DA-2, increases to 4 towers days and nights
WCIF-106.3*	Melbourne	increases to 13500 w, 446 ft, class C3, changes xmtr loc. to 28-08-15 80-42-11
WNTF-1580	Mount Dora	decreases to 2100 w days, changes xmtr location to 28-32-11 81-05-06, changes city of license to Bithlo, FL
WIRP-88.3*	Pennsuco	license to cover for new station
WKLN-1170	St. Augustine Beach	increases to 830 w days, changes xmtr location to 29-54-05 81-23-15

CONSTRUCTION PERMIT ACTIVITY (cont'd)

FL	WHBT-1410	Tallahassee	decreases to 18 w nights, changes xmtr location to 30-29-03 84-17-13
GA	WRDW-1480	Augusta	changes xmtr loc. to 33-31-00 82-00-36
	WOKA-1310	Douglas	increases to 3900 w days
IL	WITY-980	Danville	changes to DA-1, changes xmtr loc. to 40-04-41 87-38-20
	WZZT-102.7	Morrison	increases to 6000 w, changes xmtr location to 41-50-16 89-55-29
		(WZZT has already moved from 95.1 MHz)	
IN	WAUZ-89.1*	Greensburg	changes to 800 w (v), 518 ft
	WQMF-95.7	Jeffersonville	changes to 29500 w, 633 ft
IA	KICD-FM-107.7	Spencer	decreases to 285 ft
KS	KBDA-89.7*	Great Bend	license to cover for new station
KY	WCBL-1290	Benton	corrects coordinates to 36-51-31 88-20-11
	WJMM-FM-99.3	Harrodsburg	increases to 7000 w, 617 ft, adds DA, class C3, changes xmtr loc. to 37-47-18 84-40-49
	WGKY-95.9	Wickliffe	changes xmtr loc. to 36-56-17 88-58-01
LA	KBRH-1260	Baton Rouge	increases to 5000 w days
MD	WCTR-1530	Chestertown	increases to 1000 w days, adds 270 w critical hours, ND
	WYII-95.9	Williamsport	increases to 3300 w
MA	WQVR-100.1	Southbridge	increases to 2850 w, 479 ft, adds DA, changes xmtr loc. to 42-13-28 71-52-51
MI	WUOM-91.7*	Ann Arbor	correct coordinates to 42-24-24 83-5450
	WHFB-FM-99.9	Benton Harbor	decreases to 407 ft, changes xmtr location to 41-57-42 86-21-02
	WWWW-FM-106.7	Detroit	built new auxiliary facility
MN	KARZ-107.5	Marshall	increases to 15000 w, 430 ft, changes xmtr location to 44-19-32 95-52-19
MS	WOXD-95.5	Oxford	increases to 6000 w
MO	KLOW-105.1	Caruthersville	increases to 4800 w, 328 ft
	KAKU-90.1*	Springfield	increases to 5500 w
MT	KAPC-91.3*	Butte	license to cover for new station
NY	WAVR-102.3	Waverly	moves to 102.1 MHz, increases to 4100 w
NC	WERX-FM-102.5	Edenton	increases to 64000 w, class C1, changes xmtr location to 35-55-05 76-20-48, changes city of license to Columbia, NC
	WDZD-93.5	Ocean Isle Beach	license to cover for new station
OH	WCER-900	Canton	decreases to 75 w nights, changes xmtr location to 40-49-24 81-25-45
OR	KTMT-580	Ashland	corrects coordinates to 42-09-52 122-38-52
	KAUB-89.1*	Reedsport	license to cover for new station
PA	WJCS-89.3*	Allentown	increases to 150 w (v), changes xmtr location to 40-33-52 75-26-24
	KQV-1410	Pittsburgh	corrects coordinates to 40-31-24 80-00-40
PR	WVOZ-FM-107.7	Carolina	changes to 12000 w, 2758 ft, changes xmtr location to 18-18-36 65-47-41
SC	WTMA-1250	Charleston	corrects coordinates to 32-49-21 79-58-49
	WXTC-1390	Charleston	corrects coordinates to 32-49-28 80-00-10
TN	WBCR-1470	Alcoa	reinstated CP to increase to 956 w days, decrease to 82 w nights, change xmtr location to 35-45-08 83-55-04
	WXOQ-105.5	Selmer	increases to 6000 w, 298 ft
TX	KEFH-99.3	Clarendon	license to cover for new station
	KCLE-1120	Cleburne	changes xmtr loc. to 32-16-57 97-24-50
	(this is an interim facility; station has applied for 1140 KHz, 850/710 w DA-2)		
	KLUV-FM-98.7	Dallas	increases to 1653 ft, changes xmtr location to 32-35-19 96-58-05
	KVIL-FM-103.7	Highland Park	increases to 1653 ft, changes xmtr location to 32-35-19 96-58-05
	KLIS-96.7	Palestine	increases to 50000 w, 384 ft, class C2
	KMDX-105.7	San Angelo	license to cover for new station
VA	WXGI-950	Richmond	decreases to 3900 w days, 45 w nights
WA	KEYF-FM-101.1	Cheney	built new auxiliary facility

FACILITIES/PARAMETERS: APPLICATIONS

(& reapplication) [docket number]

AZ	KCDX(CP)-103.1	Florence	change to 2700 w, 3057 ft, drop DA, change xmtr loc. to 33-17-55 110-50-28
AR	KKTZ-107.5	Mountain Home	change to 90000 w, 1017 ft, change xmtr location to 36-29-13 92-29-39
	KDRS-FM-107.1	Paragould	increase to 3000 w, 423 ft, change xmtr location to 36-01-46 90-35-50

FACILITIES/PARAMETERS: APPLICATIONS (cont'd)

CA KURS-1040	San Diego	direct measurement of antenna power
KBUA-94.3	San Fernando	build new auxiliary facility
CO KRGD(CP)-99.3	Burlington	change to 55000 w, 351 ft, change xmtr location to 39-17-41 102-15-37
KOTO-91.7*	Telluride	change to 900 w, 1594 ft, change xmtr location to 37-59-57 107-57-42
FL WQOP-1600*	Atlantic Beach	direct measurement of antenna power
WXBM-FM-102.7	Milton	build new auxiliary facility
WTKX-FM-101.5	Pensacola	build new auxiliary facility
WMEZ-94.1	Pensacola	build new auxiliary facility
WCVK-1330	Tallahassee	direct measurement of antenna power
GA WCJM-FM-100.9	West Point	change to 5800 w, 328 ft, change xmtr location to 32-51-07 85-08-14
IL WCIL-FM-101.5	Carbondale	increase to 86000 w, 1050 ft, class C1, change xmtr loc. to 37-37-38 89-43-16
WPNA-1490	Oak Park	direct measurement of antenna power
WXKO-FM-100.9	Pana	change to 4200 w, 384 ft, change xmtr location to 39-18-22 88-56-08
IA KDTH-1370	Dubuque	direct measurement of antenna power
KY WGKY-95.9	Wickliffe	correct coordinates to 36-56-17 88-58-01
LA KQIS-102.1	Basile	modify CP to increase to 100000 w, 981 ft, class C1, change xmtr location to 30-05-13 92-22-54
	(FCC listed as applied for and granted this week)	
WYLA-94.7	Lacombe	change to 3000 w, 472 ft DA, change xmtr loc. to 30-18-42 89-54-54
MD WWZZ-104.1	Waldorf	build new auxiliary facility
MI WUOM-91.7*	Ann Arbor	correct coordinates to 42-24-24 83-5450
WXDG-105.1	Detroit	change to 13500 w, 955 ft, change xmtr location to 42-27-13 83-09-50
MN KTIS-900*	Minneapolis	direct measurement of antenna power
WWTC-1280	Minneapolis	direct measurement of antenna power
MO KCRV-1370	Caruthersville	direct measurement of antenna power
KXEO-1340	Mexico	direct measurement of antenna power
KBHI(CP)-107.1	Miner	change xmtr loc. to 36-56-33 89-41-47
(CP)-92.3	Thayer	one step application to increase to class C2, 50000 w, 426 ft, change xmtr location to 36-21-58 91-28-35
NY WYUL-94.7	Chateaugay	change to 50000 w, 449 ft DA, change xmtr loc. to 44-46-56 74-13-09
WCPV-101.3	Essex	build new auxiliary facility
WZZZ-1300	Fulton	correct coordinates to 43-17-41 76-26-35
WMCA-570	New York	direct measurement of antenna power
WMXO-101.5	Olean	correct coordinates to 42-06-18 78-23-25
WCJW-1140	Warsaw	modify CP to decrease to 2500 w days, change xmtr loc. to 42-43-35 78-06-43
NC WBXB-100.1	Edenton	increase to 492 ft, drop DA, change xmtr location to 36-18-18 76-52-56
OH WMOH-1450	Hamilton	correct coordinates to 39-24-12 84-31-50
OK KCLI-1320	Clinton	direct measurement of antenna power
SD KOKK-1210	Huron	direct measurement of antenna power
KJJQ-910	Volga	direct measurement of antenna power
TN WCQR-FM-88.3*	Kingsport	build new auxiliary facility
WSRR-FM-98.1	Millington	increase to 840 ft, change xmtr loc. to 35-09-16 89-49-20
TX KKHR-98.1	Anson	increase to 80000 w, class C1, change xmtr location to 32-39-49 99-51-18
KRJT-FM-100.7	Bowie	build new auxiliary facility
KKUB-1300	Brownfield	correct coordinates to 33-10-49 102-14-49
KSWA-1330	Graham	direct measurement of antenna power
KPBM-95.3*	McCamey	increase to 761 ft, change xmtr loc. to 31-12-41 102-16-28
KQHN-1510	Nederland	direct measurement of antenna power
WI WKPO-105.9	Evansville	increase to 1700 w
WKTI-94.5	Milwaukee	build new auxiliary facility
WY KGAB-650	Orchard Valley	direct measurement of antenna power
BC CKAY-1500	Duncan	move to 89.7 MHz, 2146 w
	(CKAY is competing with CBC in Victoria for 89.7 MHz at 1700 w)	
CKBL-1150	Kelowna	move to 103.1 MHz, 11000 w
CJVI-900	Victoria	move to 107.3 MHz, 7400 w
	(CJVI is competing with Seacoast Communications in Victoria for 107.3 MHz at 20000 w)	
CKXM-1200	Victoria	move to 91.3 MHz, 1766 w

Returned/Dismissed Applications

AL WTBB(CP)-89.9* Gadsden (R) change to 4800 w (v), 502 ft, change
xmtr location to 34-06-03 85-59-37
MT KMTA-1050 Miles City (D) add 200 w nights, build new auxiliary
facility
(dismissed 2/26/99)
OH WTVN-610 Columbus (Resc.) change to DA-2, change xmtr location to
39-34-37 82-53-14
(grant rescinded per letter 2/26/99)
OK KBCW(CP)-91.9* McAlester (R) change to 1750 w, 446 ft, change xmtr
location to 34-59-13 95-42-10

FACILITIES/PARAMETERS: GRANTS

CA KJOY-99.3 Stockton modify CP to change to 4800 w, 361 ft,
add DA, change xmtr location to
37-59-30 121-17-17
CO KNUS-710 Denver direct measurement of antenna power
KHNC-1360 Johnstown modify CP to increase to 4000 w days,
increase to 4 towers days, 3 towers nights
(application was previously dismissed;
petition for reconsideration granted and application reinstated)
FL WCCL(CP)-97.7 Punta Rassa decrease to 5300 w, 348 ft DA, class A,
change xmtr loc. to 26-30-18 81-51-14
IL WCIC-91.5* Pekin increase to 47000 w, 505 ft DA, change
xmtr location to 40-33-28 89-34-04
LA KOUZ-89.9* Alexandria correct coordinates to 31-22-40 92-28-27
KQIS-102.1 Basile modify CP to increase to 100000 w, 981 ft,
class C1, change xmtr location to
30-05-13 92-22-54
(FCC listed as applied for and granted this week)
NC WHNC-890 Henderson change xmtr loc. to 36-20-08 78-22-11,
make changes in antenna system
OH WHK-1420 Cleveland direct measurement of antenna power
OK KYLV-88.9* Oklahoma City increase to 4400 w, 676 ft, change xmtr
location to 35-34-24 97-29-08
PA WDAS-1480 Philadelphia direct measurement of antenna power
TX KNAL-1410 Victoria correct coordinates to 28-46-43 97-00-13
WA KKPL-630 Opportunity correct coordinates to 47-36-31 117-22-25
KXLY-920 Spokane correct coordinates to 47-36-31 117-22-25
WV WWRN-620 Beckley decrease to 25 w nights, ND, change
xmtr loc. to 37-45-18 81-14-12
WY KAOX(CP)-107.3 Kemmerer one step application to increase to
class C2, 16000 w, 886 ft, change xmtr
location to 41-50-18 110-30-12

CALL LETTER CHANGES (# applied for by new owners)

AL WWSF-98.1	Andalusia becomes	WTKE	3/01/99	"The Ticket"
WULA-FM-92.7	Eufaula	WIOL	2/26/99	
AZ KMRR-1330	South Tucson	KJLL	3/04/99	
CA KRCX-1110	Roseville	# KLIB	3/05/99	"Libre"
CO new-96.5	Julesburg	KEGK	2/26/99	
KURA-105.7	Ouray	KWGL	3/01/99	"The Eagle"
FL WKGF-1480	Arcadia	WZTK	2/24/99	
WYHI-1570	Fernandina Beach	# WGSR	(requested)	"Star 1570"
WRKG-104.9	High Springs	WXJZ	3/02/99	"Jazz"
WJBW-1000	Jupiter	# WDBE	(requested)	
WWFX-99.5	La Crosse	WQVR	3/05/99	
GA WGPC-FM-104.5	Albany	# WKAK	3/01/99	"K-Country"
WKAK-101.7	Albany	# WNUQ	3/01/99	
WNML-1670	Warner Robins	WRNC	3/01/99	
IL WBDI(CP)-1510	Highland	# WCBW	2/22/99	"Christian Broadcast"
IA KLNQ(CP)-89.3*	Des Moines	KJMC	3/01/99	
ME WPOR-1490	Portland	WBAE	3/01/99	
WXHT-95.3	York Center	WUBB	3/01/99	"The Bee"
MA WQVR-100.1	Southbridge	WWFX	3/05/99	"The Fox"
MI WKBZ-850*	Muskegon	# WGVs	3/01/99	"Grand Valley Shoreline"
WQWQ-1520	Muskegon Heights	WKBZ	3/02/99	
WKBZ-FM-95.3*	Whitehall	# WGVs-FM	3/01/99	"Grand Valley Shoreline"
MS new-104.3	Bude	WMJU	2/26/99	
MO KBUG-92.3*	Osceola	# KCVJ	(requested)	
NV KXXL-93.7	Sun Valley	KATG	3/01/99	"Cat Country"

CALL LETTER CHANGES (cont'd)

NJ WBNJ-105.5	Cape May Court House	WZBZ	3/01/99	"The Buzz"
WDOX-93.1	Wildwood Crest	# WBNJ	3/01/99	"New Jersey"
NY WBIK-105.1	New York	WTJM	3/01/99	"Jammin' Oldies"
OK KBKF(CP)-100.3	Snyder	KJCM	3/01/99	
KTFX-102.3	Sand Springs	# KRTQ	2/22/99	"Rock 102"
KTOW-1340	Sand Springs	# KTFX	2/22/99	
KRQZ-FM-102.1	Wagoner	# KTFX-FM	2/22/99	
PA WLWJ(CP)-88.5*	Masontown	WYFU	2/22/99	"Where you find understanding"
WVFC-1530	McConnellsburg	WMEX	2/25/99	
UT KCNR-860	Salt Lake City	KBEE	3/03/99	"The Bee"
VT WWAY-100.7	Wilmington	WMTT	3/01/99	"The Mountain"
VI WPPD(CP)-98.5	Frederiksted	WREY	3/01/99	

PROPOSED STATION TRANSFERS

(314 asset sale, 315 transfer of control, 316 reorganization)

AL WIJK-1470/	Evergreen	314	from Wolff Broadcasting Corporation
WPGG-93.3			to Gulf Coast Broadcasting Company, Inc.
WABF-1220	Fairhope	314	from Jubilee Broadcasting Co., Inc.
			to Gulf Coast Broadcasting Company, Inc.
WLVV-1410	Mobile	314	from Estate of A. Crain, J. Crain
			to WLVV, Inc.
			(\$263,750; includes promissory note for \$138,750)
WCSN-105.7	Orange Beach	316	from Purchase Broadcasting, Inc.
			to Gulf Coast Broadcasting Co., Inc.
AZ KPTY-103.9	Gilbert	316	from NPR Phoenix (Shareholders of RDS)
			to NPR Phoenix, LLC (Pengo, LLC)
KWCY-103.5	Glendale	316	from Owensmac Radio (A. & R. Bustos)
			to Owensmac Radio (TSG Assoc.II/Bustos)
CA KAHI-950/	Auburn	314	from KAHI Corporation
KSMH-1620*			to Immaculate Heart Radio
KPOD-1240/97.9	Crescent City	316	from Patricia R. Stamps
			to William Stamps, Sr., Executor
KIRV-1510	Fresno	314	from New Life Enterprises, Inc.
			to Gore-Overgaard Broadcasting, Inc.
CO KKIK(CP)-106.5/	La Junta/	315	from The Meadowlark Group (Brian Moore)
KAVD(CP)-103.1/	Limon/		to The Meadowlark Group (Coloradio, Inc.)
KOOO(CP)-95.5	Rocky Ford		
KKLI-106.3	Widefield	314	from Citadel License, Inc.
			to Triathlon Bcstg. of Colo. Springs
CT WNTY-990	Southington	314	from WNTY Associates
			to The Add Radio Group, Inc.
FL WANX(CP)-88.1*	Holly Hill	314	from Ark Communications Network, Inc.
			to Central Florida Educational Foundation
GA WKZZ(CP)-92.5	Douglas	314	from Orchon Media, Inc.
			to M & M Broadcasting, Inc.
IN WSFR-107.7	Corydon	314	from Jacor Licensee of Louisville, Inc.
			to CXR Holdings, Inc.
KS KSSA(CP)-105.9	Ingalls	314	from Mas Communications, Inc.
			to KBUF Partnership
KNSS-1240	Wichita	314	from Capstar TX, LP
			to Capstar II, Henry Rivera, Trustee
KNSS-1240	Wichita	314	from Capstar TX, LP
			to Marathon Media, LP
KY WFIA-900/	Louisville	314	from Jacor License of Louisville, Inc.
WLRS-102.3/			to Blue Chip Broadcasting, Ltd.
WDJX-99.7			
WVEZ-FM-106.9	Louisville	314	from Jacor Licensee of Louisville, Inc.
			to CXR Holdings, Inc.
LA KREH-900	Oakdale	314	from Jeffrey N. Eustis
			to Amador S. Bustos
			(\$750,000; includes LMA with KGOL; KREH has a CP which will put them in the Houston market)
MA WLLH-1400	Lowell	314	from Wireless Talking Machine Co.
			to Mega Communications of Lowell Licensee
			(\$866,000; broker is Harold Bausemer of The Sales Group)
WNEB-1230	Worcester	314	from Heirwaves, Inc.
			to Great Commission Broadcasting, Inc.
MN KBKK(CP)-95.9	Pillager	314	from DJ Broadcasting
			to DJ Broadcasting Corporation
MO KOKO-1450	Warrensburg	314	from Johnson County Broadcasters, Inc.
			to Bick Broadcasting

PROPOSED STATION TRANSFERS (cont'd)

MT (CP)-100.7	Livingston	314	from Jann Holter Berntsen to Marathon Media of Montana, LP
NV KAXA (CP)-98.9	Pioche	316	invol from Highland (Quinton Goode, Dec.) to Highland Broadcasters (Mark Nolte)
NJ WRDR-104.9	Egg Harbor City	314	from New Jersey Bcstg. Partners, LP II to Mega Communications of Egg Harbor
NY WWFY (CP)-93.7	Hague	316	from John A. Bulmer to Bulmer Communications of Vermont, Inc.
WGHQ-920/ WBPM-94.3	Kingston	314	from Historic Hudson Valley Radio to WGHQ/WBPM, LLC
WNCQ-FM-102.9/ WYSX-98.7	Morristown/ Ogdensburg	316	from Cartier Communications, Inc. to Waters Communications, Inc.
OH WJLI-98.7	McArthur	314	from Jac-Vin Religious Broadcasters to Davis Broadcasting Media, Inc.
OR KHSN-1230/ KBBR-1340/ KOOS-94.9/KACW-107.3	Coos Bay/ North Bend	314	from Bay Broadcasting Corporation to New Northwest Broadcasters II, Inc.
PA WEAE-1250	Pittsburgh	314	from Jacor Broadcasting Corporation to ABC, Inc.
PR WEKO-930	Cabo Rojo	314	from David Ortiz Radio Corporation to Bestov Broadcasting of Puerto Rico
WMIO-102.3	Cabo Rojo	314	from Maria I. Ortiz Aviles to Bestov Bcstg., Inc. of Puerto Rico
RI WNRI-1380	Woonsocket	314	from American Independant Radio, Inc. to Willow Farm, Inc.
SC WLXC-98.5	Lexington	314	from Baker Communications, Inc. to Radio South Carolina, Inc.
TX KRJT-FM-100.7	Bowie	316	from Bowie-Nocona Broadcasting Co. to Sunburst Media, LP
KYOK-1590	Houston	314	from Faith Broadcasting, LP to ABC, Inc.
KXPZ-91.3*	Lytle	314	from The Stronghold Foundation, Inc. to Educational Media Foundation
KALK-97.7	Winfield	314	from Mount Pleasant Radio, Inc. to Sunburst Media, LP
KALK-97.7	Winfield	314	from Sunburst Media, LP to East Texas Broadcasting, Inc.
	(contingent upon consummation of sale from Mount Pleasant Radio)		
KVLL-1490	Woodville	314	from Radio Woodville, Inc. to Stargazer Broadcasting, Inc.
			(\$25,000)
UT KONY-1210/ KONY-FM-101.1	Washington/ Kanab	314	from Red Rock Broadcasting to Marathon Media, LP
VA WFNR-710/ WPSK-990	Blacksburg/ Narrows	314	from New River Valley Radio Partners to Perception Media Group, Inc.
	(contingent upon consummation of sale from Bocephus Broadcasting)		
WDYL-101.1	Chester	314	from Hoffman Communications, Inc. to Radio One Licenses, Inc.
	(\$4.6 million; broker is		Media Venture Partners)
WFOG-FM-92.9	Suffolk	314	from Sinclair Radio of Norfolk to Norfolk Trust, Ralph Becker, Trustee
WA KBKW-1450/ KAYO-FM-99.3	Aberdeen	314	from Kayo Broadcasting to Gregory J. Smith
KNJY-103.9	Spokane	314	from AGM-Nevada, LLC to Citadel License, Inc.
AB CKIK-FM-107.3/ CHAR-770	Calgary		from Western International Communications Ltd to Shaw Communications, Inc.
CKNG-FM-92.5/ CHED-630	Edmonton		from Western International Communications Ltd to Shaw Communications, Inc.
BC CKNW-980/ CFMI-FM-101.1	New Westminster		from Western International Communications Ltd to Shaw Communications, Inc.
MB CJOB-680/ CJKR-FM-97.5	Winnipeg		from Western International Communications Ltd to Shaw Communications, Inc.
ON CKOC-1150/ CKLH-FM-102.9	Hamilton		from Radiocorp, Inc. to Telemedia Communications, Inc.
CHML-900/ CJXY-FM-95.3	Hamilton		from Western International Communications Ltd to Shaw Communications, Inc.
CJBK-1290/ CJBX-FM-92.7	London		from Radiocorp, Inc. to Telemedia Communications, Inc.
CHOG-640/ CILQ-FM-107.1	Richmond Hill/ Toronto		from Western International Communications Ltd to Shaw Communications, Inc.

PROPOSED STATION TRANSFERS (cont'd)

Form 314 Transfer Applications were filed this week from Triathlon Broadcasting of Wichita to Capstar Trust II, Henry Rivera, Trustee for Kansas stations KWSJ, Haysville; KQAM, KFH and KEYN-FM in Wichita. Also transferring from Triathlon Broadcasting of Spokane to Capstar Trust II, Henry Rivera, Trustee are Washington stations KEYF-FM, Cheney and KEYF in Dishman. The Kansas stations subsequently have been transferred to Marathon Media, LP for \$8 million, cash at close. The Washington stations have been transferred to Citadel License, Inc for \$10 million, cash at close. Triathlon Broadcasting of Colorado Springs filed Form 314 Transfer Applications to Capstar Trust II, Henry Rivera, Trustee for KSPZ, KTWK, and KVOR, Colorado Springs and KVUU in Pueblo. KSPZ, KTWK and KVOR have subsequently been transferred to Citadel License, Inc. KCLI in Widefield Colorado transfers from Citadel License, Inc. to Triathlon Broadcasting of Colorado Springs.

Form 314 Transfer Applications were filed from Jacor/Citicasters to The Clear Channel Trust II, Charles Giddens, Trustee. Florida stations involved in the transfer are: WDUV, Bradenton; WXTB, Clearwater; WYNF, Coral Cove; WLTF (CP), Englewood; WSPB and WSRZ-FM, Sarasota; WAKS, WDAE, WFLA and WFLZ, Tampa; and WCTQ and WAMR, Venice. Ohio stations are WXEG, Beavercreek, WGAR-FM, WMJI, WMMS, WTAM and WMVX, Cleveland; WMMX, WONE, and WTUE, Dayton; WBTT, Englewood; WBKI, Greenville; WLQT, Kettering; WZLE, Lorain; and WIZE in Springfield. WSFR, Corydon, IN and WVEZ-FM in Louisville, KY are being transferred to CXR Holdings, Inc.

Form 314 Transfer Applications from Clear Channel Radio Licenses, Inc. to Clear Channel Trust II, Charles Giddens, trustee include Florida stations WZNZ, Jacksonville and WBGB Ponte Vedra Beach; Indiana stations WQSH, Clarksville; WQMF, Jeffersonville; WHKW in Salem; Kentucky stations WTFX, WHAS, WKJK, WWKY, and WAMZ in Louisville are also part of the transfer.

CXR Holdings, Inc. filed Form 314 Transfer Applications to Clear Channel Broadcasting Licenses for New York stations WBBS, Fulton and WHEN, WSyr, WYYY and WWHT in Syracuse.

DISMISSED STATION TRANSFERS

NM KICA-980	Clovis (D)	316 from Southwestern Broadcasting Corp. to Broadcast Entertainment Corporation
TX KICA-FM-98.3	Farwell (D)	316 from Southwestern Broadcasting Corp. to Broadcast Entertainment Corporation
KMUL-1380/103.1	Muleshoe (D)	316 from Southwestern Broadcasting Corp. to Broadcast Entertainment Corporation

WASHINGTON THIS WEEK

Whoa, and slow down on that proposed Low Power FM service! That's what the NAB, literally every state broadcasters association and even CEMA -- the consumer electronics manufacturers trade group -- say in a big FCC filing. They ask for a much longer window to conduct engineering research and file comments. The request is to lengthen the deadline for comments a full 90 days, from April 12 back to July 12. The filers also want Reply Comments extended from May 12 to October 11. LPFM advocates will call this a slowdown attempt by the big broadcasters. But nobody really knows the technical issues involved in a new service of 100-watt and 1000-watt Low Power FMs.

You need that Secret Decoder Ring! Speaking of Low Power FM, the FCC is now offering a free diskette that contains the "spectrum availability program" it used to create their original models of how many LPFMs might be feasible in selected markets for the proposed LP-100 and LP-1000 classes. It's been modified to conform to Microsoft FORTRAN Power Station 1.0. First you get the diskette, then download the FCC's FM Engineering database from its website. Call the FCC's Jordan Brinn at (202) 418-2700.

Just who IS a "religious broadcaster"? The National Religious Broadcasters group is complaining loudly about the FCC's proposed new definition. The Commission wants to narrowly define religious broadcasters as those "closely affiliated with" a church, synagogue or other religious entity. But the NRB says that would exclude 40% of its members who aren't directly affiliated with a church. The question is important because of the FCC's proposed new EEO rules, allowing religious broadcasters the latitude to consider religious beliefs when hiring (as a "bona fide occupational qualification"). That's an outgrowth of the FCC's stinging court loss in the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod case involving St. Louis-market KFUD and KFUD-FM. The NRB suggest expanding the definition to those licensees who "set forth a religious purpose" in their corporate documents or who devote "a majority of airtime to religious programming."

WASHINGTON THIS WEEK (cont'd)

Is Staples having a special on "red flags"? The agency claims a public interest justification for its new and as yet untested notion of red-flagging deals that might create too much local concentration of revenue. Just this past week, it's stuck red flags on these applications: Jacor's deal to acquire the existing five-station Cox cluster in Syracuse. (The stations are news/talk WSYR, sports WHEN, AC WYYY, country WBBS and CHR WWHT. Also on Cumulus deals in Columbus, GA (for WDAK at 540 KHz and WSTH-FM, Alexander City, AL at 106.1 MHz), and Augusta, ME (for WSKW, Skowhegan (1160 KHz) and WCTB, Fairfield (93.5 MHz). And on a proposed Capstar acquisition in Birmingham (WENN, Trussville, AL at 105.9 MHz), from American General Media. Does the "red flag" call by the referees in D.C. lead to any meaningful delays or penalties? M Street will be watching that for you.

Back in line: Snow College first had its license renewal for KAGJ, Ephraim, UT (89.5 MHz) dismissed, and now it's been reinstated and the app restored to its place in line.

If you build it wrong, they will come: Hoosier Broadcasting temporarily put its antenna higher than it was authorized to do, while constructing the facility for WWRE, Lebanon, IN (91.1 MHz). It was visited by the FCC and (last year) fined \$11,000. Hoosier pleaded for relief and wins a reduction in the Notice of Apparent Liability to \$7,000.

The Commission refused to lower an \$8,000 fine against unlicensed Kansas broadcaster Mark H. Fulling, who had operated a facility at 102.1 MHz in Garden City, KS. The FCC says you could hear his station up to seven miles away from its transmitter (which is roughly the range of the proposed LP-1000 service, we note). In his response, Fulling said he thought he was operating within FCC specs and didn't intend to violate the law. In fact, he's now interested in applying for a Class A FM facility. But the Commission is unmoved and sticks with the \$8,000 NAL.

You can ask, but the FCC won't tell: The Commission refuses to tell the licensee of WXGI, Richmond, VA (950 KHz) who filed complaints against it for operating over power. The new owner filed a Freedom of Information Request with the Compliance and Information Bureau, but the CIB says the complainants had a reasonable expectation that their identity(ies) would be protected. Licensee David Gee is concerned that four "terminated. . . disgruntled employees" may be behind the complaints, and he'd like "peace of mind knowing the source" of them. But the FCC refuses to divulge their identities, saying that the public interest benefits of disclosure wouldn't outweigh the "potential harmful effects."

One less pirate: FCC has busted a Texas pirate who was operating as "Canyon Lake Radio" on 105.7 MHz in the area of Canyon Lake, TX. The FCC, US Marshals Service and US Attorney's Office seized the station's equipment.

CANADA THIS WEEK

The Canadian Radio-television and Telecommunications Commission (CRTC) has issued a call for applications for new radio stations in six communities. In each case the CRTC is asking applicants to submit a letter of intent to file by April 6 and follow this with a formal application by May 6. Applicants are required to "provide evidence giving clear indication that there is a demand and market for the station and the proposed service." Along with this evidence there needs to be a statement of the expected audience for the proposed service as well as an analysis of the market and potential advertising revenue. The six communities are Lloydminster, Red Deer and Taber, all in Alberta; Brandon, Manitoba; Chatham, Ontario and Saskatoon, Saskatchewan.

ELSEWHERE

The "Number One Contemporary Christian station" in the U.S. was just sold for \$63.3 million. After spirited bidding, John Borders' Sunburst Media buys contemporary Christian KLTY, Dallas. With this deal, Sunburst buys a station in its own hometown, after building up a Texas-sized group of stations in Abilene, Bryan-College Station, Longview and McAllen-Brownsville. (Sunburst also has five stations in Springfield, MO.) Borders tells M Street he's not planning any changes at KLTY, Ft. Worth (94.1 MHz). On the seller's side, the Rodriguez family has been involved with the station since former Cuban broadcaster Marcos Rodriguez, Sr. helped sign it on in 1964. Marcos Jr. has run it for the past 12 years. After selling full class-C KLTY, the family will likely continue operating Dallas-market adult standards KXEB (910 KHz), religious KTCY (104.9 MHz) and brokered ethnic/religious KDMM (1150 KHz).

ELSEWHERE (cont'd)

To wrap up details on Heftel's first FM purchase in Las Vegas: For \$20.3 million, it's acquiring George Tobin's KISF, Las Vegas (105.3 MHz), and sometime around mid-summer will take it to a regional Mexican format. That's the one migrating from Heftel's existing Las Vegas AM -- KLSQ, Laughlin, NV (870 KHz). Tobin had been the market's modern rock pioneer until he flipped then-KEDG to urban AC as "Kiss", last summer. Heftel says it will "re-launch" the AM in a new format. M Street notes KLSQ actually has two transmitters in the larger area: the suburban Laughlin signal (10,000 watts day, 1,000 night, DA-2), and a synchronous transmitter in East Las Vegas (5,000 watts day, 500 night). The Hispanic population of Las Vegas is about 16% -- and growing fast.

The referee is still calling fouls at 40%: The Department of Justice is the traditional arbiter of antitrust and local competition, and it continues to approve settlements that seem to point toward 40% as the approximate threshold of allowable local revenue for a cluster. The DOJ has finally okayed its purchase of Triathlon in such a way as to keep Capstar's Wichita cluster below the 40% revenue level. Capstar accomplished the trim-job by selling five stations from the combined Capstar-Triathlon Wichita portfolio to a new owner there: Jeff Warshaw's Connoisseur. From Triathlon, Connoisseur gets oldies KEYN-FM (103.7 MHz), smooth jazz KWSJ (105.3 MHz), talk KFH (1330 KHz) and sports KQAM (1480 KHz). From Capstar, Connoisseur acquires news/talk KNSS (1240 KHz). Capstar keeps four stations -- all FMs: CHR KKRD (107.3 MHz), rock KRZZ-FM (96.3 MHz), country KZSN (102.1 MHz) and soft AC KRBB (97.9 MHz). (DOJ release 99-080, dated March 5)

But wait: There's still more horse-trading involving Capstar, Triathlon and Citadel. In Colorado Springs, Capstar sells three Triathlon stations to Larry Wilson's Citadel -- news/talk KVOR (1300 KHz), adult standards KTWK (740 KHz), and oldies KSPZ (92.9 MHz). Two Triathlon stations in Spokane also go to Citadel: oldies simulcast KEYF (1050 KHz)/KEYF-FM (101.1 MHz). In return Capstar gets \$10 million and one Citadel station in Colorado Springs: soft AC KCLI (106.3 MHz).

In southern California, group owner Art Astor is picking up his fifth station: Riverside-market "Muscle" KMSL, Ontario (1510 KHz). (No surprise that a station named "Muscle" would be doing sports.) The price is \$2.5 million and the seller is Henry Stickney's Stickney Associates. Astor currently owns Los Angeles-market country KIKF, Garden Grove (94.3 MHz) and the San Diego-area trio of classical KFSD (92.1 MHz), adult standards "K-Spa" KSPA (1450 KHz) and business/financial talk KCEO (1000 KHz). Broker Ray Stanfield did the "Muscle" deal.

DOJ concentration worries are producing yet another chapter and another spinoff from the busted Bocephus deal in the Virginia mountain market of Blacksburg-Christiansburg. Local owner Ben Peyton is scooping two AMs from the original seven-station Bocephus group: WFNR, Blacksburg (710 KHz) and WPSK, Narrows-Pearisburg (990 KHz). Peyton currently owns gospel WWRW, Roanoke (910 KHz). The rest of the Bocephus group, including prize WPSK-FM (a double-digit share country station), goes to New River.

Want to buy a couple of FMs in Louisville? Cox is selling. Cox Radio just filed to put its two Louisville spinoffs in a trust as Bob Neil gets ready to improve his situation in the River City through the Clear Channel-Jacor spinoff plan. The stations being sold and temporarily parked in a trust are all-80s classic hits WRVI, Valley Station (105.9 MHz) and R&B oldies WLSY, New Albany, IN (94.7 MHz).

If the DAB Derby were "Gameboy", Lucent would've just advanced to the next level. It will field-test the FM model of its latest IBOC Digital Audio system on NPR affiliate (and Jersey shore non-com) WBJB, Lincroft, NJ (90.5 MHz). That test includes Lucent Digital Radio's new "Multi-Streaming" feature, to simulate the reception characteristics of current FM analog signals. Lucent's AM system will start testing in mid-year, and Lucent is confidently predicting completion of field tests by year-end. The two main horses in the USA's DAB Derby are Lucent and the USA Digital Radio consortium.

Infinity's WKRQ admits it pulled a hoax on Jacor -- and writes a six-figure check and a note of apology that was faxed to 1,000 Jacor advertisers. The Cincinnati Enquirer reports that recent actions by Q102 GM Jim Bryant are part of an out-of-court settlement that ends a truly bizarre episode. Bryant admits that a letter signed by "Margaret Flanagan" and sent to 300 Jacor advertisers was a fake. Last August Jacor's Randy Michaels filed a \$1 million damage suit against Bryant and then created a new competitor for WKRQ. Jacor flipped WAQZ, Milford, OH (107.1 MHz) from modern rock to CHR as "Kiss" WKFS. The Enquirer's John Kieseewetter says settlement terms aren't being made public -- but he believes Infinity wrote Jacor a check for "more than \$100,000."

ELSEWHERE (cont'd)

The RAB tries to crack Wal-Mart. And even though Paul Harvey talks up the folksy virtues of the late "Mr. Sam" Walton, Wal-Mart has had a devastating effect on smaller stores, and it's a notorious non-user of radio. The RAB says it has landed a meeting with Wal-Mart VP/Marketing Mike Cockrell next month, and it's looking for "Wal-Mart Stories" from radio, both positive and negative. The RAB's Gary Fries and EVP/Marketing Judy Carlough are spearheading the meeting, and they want stations to hit them with real-life stories via e-mail to "JudyC@rab.com".

Arbitron is calling the Personal Portable Meter field test in the UK a success. Pierre Bouvard tells an RAB board meeting that participating stations were able to encode the necessary signals, that the PPM device picked up those signals, and that respondents cooperated by docking their meters every day. However: Arbitron says radio alone can't support the PPM (and replace the diary). You'd need to spread costs among TV, cable and radio, which is why they picked Manchester, in the UK, as a test case for a combined radio and TV sample. Arbitron says it will continue to the next level of PPM tests in England (where it would someday like to win the RAJAR radio ratings contract.)

Terrific idea that's crying out for more support: A school to train disabled people for careers in radio. Chicago-based owner and syndicator Brad Saul announces the Chicago-based "Radio Center for People with Disabilities" with an initial funding commitment from Arbitron. He's inviting additional corporate sponsorship for his new non-profit corp, and points out that 66% of the country's 48 million disabled people are unemployed -- not by their own choice. For many of them, radio would be a terrific career. Saul says the new Radio Center will also assume national syndication and ad sales for Greg Smith's weekly "On A Roll" show. (You may have read about Smith in a recent Wall Street Journal profile.) Brad Saul is looking for board members, for input from the NAB, RAB and radio groups, and funding. Reach him at (312) 640-5000. Fax (312) 640-5010. E-mail "Bradsaul@Earthlink.net".

M Street's willing to support the new Radio Center for People With Disabilities: We're committing to supplying the Center with copies of the 8th Edition M Street Directory of U.S. and Canadian stations. That could come in handy when the graduates are ready to do some job-hunting. We wish them luck!

M STREET BAZAAR. . . PEOPLE, PRODUCTS, AND PROGRAMMING

We've got a look here at the Z-Spanish strategy in Dallas: It just announced it's buying KIKM, Denison (101.7 MHz), and KIKM has a pending app that moves it from a Class C3 to C1. Group owner and program producer Z-Spanish now operates a three-way simulcast of its regional Mexican "La Zeta" on these stations: KZMP, Ft. Worth (1540 KHz), and FMs KZDF, McKinney (106.9 MHz) and KZDL, Terrell (107.1 MHz). Once KIKM is in the door, Z-Spanish plans to re-name it "KZMP-FM" and simulcast it with KZMP [AM], doing La Zeta. That frees up KZDF and KZDL to do some other format.

The Chicago-based Radio Hall of Fame announces nominations for its 1999 awards, and the names are indeed mostly household names: For Network or Syndicated (Active), Rick Dees, Bob Kingsley, Walt "Baby" Love and Bruce Williams. For Network or Syndicated (Pioneer), Fred Foy (narrator of radio serials like The Lone Ranger), Gale Gordon (radio's "Flash Gordon", among other roles), Elliott Lewis (director and actor from radio's Golden Age), and Mercedes McCambridge (the voice of "The Guiding Light" and "Lights Out"). For Local/Regional (Active), Ron Chapman (KVIL, Dallas), Jim Dunbar (KGO, San Francisco), Michael Jackson (30-year KABC veteran, now at KRLA) and Hy Lit (noted Philadelphia radio personality). For Local/Regional (Pioneer), Walter "Salty" Brine (WRPO, Providence), John A. Gambling (son of founder John B. Gambling and father of current WOR personality John R. Gambling), Robert W. Morgan (Los Angeles personality, recently deceased), and Harden and Weaver (heard for decades on WMAL, Washington, D.C.). Voting deadline is August 1. The Hall of Fame will also induct Kate Smith during this year's ceremonies.

Westwood launches a new financial radio network. This new competitor to Dow Jones/Wall Street Journal carries multiple brand names: "CBS." "MarketWatch." And the voguish ".com" Westwood's corporate cousin CBS gives it some strong affiliates to start with, stations like WINS, NY and KDKA, Pittsburgh. CBS has a stake in MarketWatch.com.

No redneck jokes here: Comedian Jeff Foxworthy hosts a new country countdown for MJI. The new three-hour weekly music, comedy and interview show debuts in April on a market-exclusive basis. Syndicator MJI: (212) 896-5200.

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LET'S DON'T MAKE A DEAL. . . . Pressure from Wall Street forced Chancellor Media Chairman Tom Hicks to say "no deal", in a sweeping set of strategic and top-level management moves announced on Monday (March 15). For one thing, Chancellor cancels its planned \$1.6 billion purchase of the Hicks Muse-controlled LIN TV group. So radio and outdoor giant Chancellor won't add a TV group. Hicks also ousted old friend and former Dallas neighbor Jeff Marcus as CEO; promoted radio head Jimmy de Castro to oversee both radio and outdoor; and brought in the respected Steve Hicks (Tom's brother) to run a new "Chancellor Media Services Group" that encompasses the Katz media rep, a new Internet initiative, the company-wide management systems like Star System (centralized programming), and Chancellor's new Houston-based "Star Training" effort. And for now, Chancellor halts its two-month effort by no fewer than six Wall Street firms to sell all or part of the company. Will Chancellor, as widely expected, eventually bond with Clear Channel, or some other buyer or buyers? As Merrill Lynch analyst Jessica Reif Cohen put it, "Once for sale, always for sale."

COUNTRY SINGS THE BLUES. . . . Country radio shares are slumping and to its credit, the Country Radio Broadcasters group is tackling the problem head-on. It commissioned not one but two studies that drew large crowds at the just-concluded CRS 30 in Nashville. The Wimmer-Hudson research drew on focus groups from Kansas City, where participants complained about sound-alike "clone groups" and lack of "spark" and authenticity (some even like a little "twangy" music every now and then). These folks remain "ingrained" country fans, but they're "taking a break" to check out other formats. Larry Rosin of Edison Media Research laid out a series of fundamental challenges to country operators, like "Are we killing ourselves with loyalty to the superstars?" You can read Rosin's report ("A statistician looks at country") on the web: <http://www.edisonresearch.com>. Our thanks to the terrific folks at CRB for making Nashville (our home town) such a hospitable place for country radio to gather each year. And by the way: country radio must still be pretty healthy if Jacor's paying \$84 million to buy legendary country KNIX-FM, Phoenix from Buck Owens. Details on that and more radio news and trends, inside this week's M Street Journal.

FORMAT CHANGES & UPDATES

(# change accompanies new ownership) (// simulcast)

		<u>formerly</u>	<u>becomes</u>
AZ Oracle (Tucson)	KIXD-106.3	country	rhythmic oldies "Mega"
Tucson	KZPT-104.1	modern AC	hot AC "The Point"
AR Heber Springs	KAWW-FM-100.7	standards // KRNN	standards // KDRE
Heber Springs	KAWW-1370	standards // KRNN	standards // KDRE
North Little Rock	KRNN-1380	# adult standards	to be Disney-child. (Apr.)
	(KRNN enters an LMA-to-buy with Nine Communications)		
North Little Rock	KDRE-101.1	modern rock //KHUG	adult standards
	(KDRE remains in its LMA with Equity Broadcasting)		
Texarkana	KTWN-FM-107.1	CHR // KHTE	CHR
	(KTWN-FM will continue to simulcast KHTE in morning drive)		
CA Beverly Hills (L.A.)	KGIL-1260	adult standards	WW1 - adult standards
	(The Westwood One standards programming moves over		from KLAC)
Carmel (Monterey Bay)	KXDC-101.7	smooth jazz	KBTU, dance-CHR
Costa Mesa (L.A.)	KKTR-1650	all traffic	WW1 - standards // KGIL
San Martin (San Jose)	KZSJ-1120	ranchera	Vietnamese
	(KZSJ is an LMA with Que Huong, Inc.)		
Santa Maria	KXFM-99.1	oldies	adds Bob & Tom

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CO Grand Junction KEXO-1230 # contemp. Christian JRN - regional Mexican
 (KEXO and sisters KQIL & KKNN enter an LMA-to-buy with oldies KBKL,
 country KEKB, and CHR KMKY)
 Grand Junction KSTR-620 classic rock // FM KRDY, Disney - childrens
 Ouray KWGL-105.7 country // KZKS ABC - adult contemporary
 CT Waterbury WATR-1320 talk adds JRN - AC
 (WATR programs AC from 1-3 pm and 7 pm-6 am)
 FL Bradenton (Tampa) WDUV-103.5 easy listening to be WTBT, classic rock
 (The intellectual property of WDUV along with WTBT's 105.5 MHz frequency
 has a pending sale to Cox)
 Coral Cove (Sarasota) WYNF-107.9 rock to be WSRZ-FM, oldies (April
 (WYNF's calls and programming will move to Jacor's new station, WLTF)
 Englewood (Sarasota) WLTF-105.9 new to be WYNF, rock (April)
 Naples (Ft. Myers) WPRW-93.5 dance-CHR soft AC "Lite 93.5"
 New Pt. Richey (Tampa) WTBT-105.5 # classic rock format to be announced (April
 (WTBT's calls and programming will move to WDUV's 103.5 MHz frequency)
 Sarasota WSRZ-FM-106.5 oldies to be WCTQ, country (April)
 (WSRZ-FM's calls and programming will move to WYNF's old 107.9 MHz frequency)
 Venice (Sarasota) WCTQ-92.1 country to be standards "Dove" (April
 (WCTQ's calls and programming will move to WSRZ-FM's old 106.5 MHz frequency)
 IN Indianapolis WTLC-1310 R&B oldies SGN - black gospel
 Newburgh (Evansville) WGAB-1180 sports JRN - adult standards
 ME Farmington WKTJ-FM-99.3 adult contemporary hot AC
 MA Northampton (Spgfld.) WEIB-106.3 new variety
 MI Saginaw WTLZ-107.1 # urban urban AC "Hot 107"
 (WTLZ carries ABC's Tom Joyner mornings)
 MO Osceola KBUG-92.3* # southern gospel KCVJ, cont. Christ.//KCVO-FM
 NY Johnstown (Albany) WSRD-104.9 # oldies modern AC
 (WSRD and standards sister WIZR are now a combo with urban WAJZ,
 soft AC WYJB, CHR WFLY, and talk-sports WROW)
 OH Bowling Green (Toledo) WJYM-730* religion, gospel religion // WJFM
 OR Bonanza (Klamath Fls) KAQX-102.9 # new AC "Kiss 102"
 (KAQX is currently stunting with all Celine Dion and is now a combo
 with country combo KLAD-A/F, & in an LMA with talk KAGO and classic rock KAGO-FM)
 PA Harrisburg WTCY-1400 urban AC adds ABC's Tom Joyner
 McConnellsburg WMEX-1530 # country reported silent
 Pittsburgh WEAE-1250 # sports adds ESPN - sports
 (WEAE had planned to switch to Radio Disney but will go to ESPN instead)
 TX Dallas KRBV-100.3 urban AC dance-CHR "Hot 100"
 Longview KFRO-1370 # news, talk, sports ABC - urban AC "Magic"
 (KFRO & oldies KFRO-FM are now a combo with country KYKX and in an
 LMA with silent KPXI)
 Lubbock KFMX-FM-94.5 rock adds Bob & Tom
 VA Radford (Blacksburg) WNRV-FM-101.7 # soft AC WBXW, classic hits "The Box"
 WA Spokane KEZE-96.9 # stunting hot AC "Star"
 (KEZE is now a combo with KHTQ, KKPL, KVNI, KXLY-AM & FM, and KZZU-FM)
 WV Rainelle WRRL-1130 silent southern gospel

NEW STATIONS: APPLICATIONS

(* non-commercial station) (& reapplication)
 (+ competes with existing application)

CT 89.3* Norfolk no facils given Revival Christian Ministries
 IN 90.1* Linton no facils given Salt & Light Communications
 MI 91.5* Big Rapids no facils given Great Lakes Comm. Bcstg.
 91.3* Caro no facils given Great Lakes Comm. Bcstg.
 90.1* Clark Lake no facils given Great Lakes Comm. Bcstg.
 88.5* Oakley no facils given Great Lakes Comm. Bcstg.
 WY 91.1* Jackson no facils given Abundant Life Bcstg.
 PQ 96.7* Ste-Anne-de-Beaupre 124 w Canadian Broadcasting Corp.
 (This station would rebroadcast CBV-FM)

Returned/Dismissed Applications

CO 89.5* Almont (D) Educ. Communications
 MO 91.7* Salem (R) Miracle Radio, Inc.
 (returned by staff letter dated 3/8/99)
 NY 88.1* Eagle Bridge (D) Northeast Gospel Bcstg.
 ON 98.9 Simcoe (Denied) Telephone City Broadcast, Ltd.

NEW STATIONS: GRANTS

GA 89.9* Helen 15 w, 561 ft Toccoa Falls College
 90.5* Jesup 6000 w, 102 ft Gospel Radio Ministries

TRANSLATORS/BOOSTERS/SYNCHRONOUS XMTR: APPLICATIONS

AZ new-91.5*	Clifton	KAWZ	Calv. Chapel/Twin Falls
AR new-91.5*	Jonesboro	KLOV-FM	Educ. Media Foundation
CA new-88.7*	Hamilton City	KEFX	Calv. Chapel/Twin Falls
new-91.3*	Logandale	KAWZ	Calv. Chapel/Twin Falls
new-100.7	Redding	KCEZ	Phoenix Broadcasting
new-90.3*	Westwood	KEFX	Calv. Chapel/Twin Falls
new-90.9*	Willows	KEFX	Calv. Chapel/Twin Falls
GA new-88.5*	Blue Ridge	KAWZ	Calv. Chapel/Twin Falls
ID new-90.5*	Ammon	KEFX	Calv. Chapel/Twin Falls
MS new-88.9*	Tupelo	WPCS	Pensacola Christian Coll.
NM new-89.3*	Carlsbad	KLVN	Educ. Media Foundation
NY new-89.9*	Norwich	WCII	Family Life Ministries
WY new-90.7*	Casper	KSKD-FM	Educ. Media Foundation

TRANSLATORS/BOOSTERS/SYNCHRONOUS XMTR: GRANTS

CA K213CV-90.5*	Pine Grove	10 w (v), KAWZ	Calv. Chapel/Twin Falls
CO K217DC-91.3*	Holyoke	170 w, KJLT-FM	Tri-State Bcstg. Assoc.
FL W203AY-88.5*	Golden Lakes	19 w DA, KAWZ	Calv. Chapel/Twin Falls
MI W203AX-88.5*	Caro	10 w, KAWZ	Calv. Chapel/Twin Falls
MT K205DI-88.9*	Butte	10 w (v), WPCS	Pensacola Christian Coll.
NE K217DD-91.3*	Hastings	250 w, KLOV-FM	Educ. Media Foundation
NY W209BF-89.7*	Albion	27 w, WCOU	Family Life Ministries
NC W216BH-91.1*	Henderson	55 w, WOTJ	Grace Missionary Church
TX K213CU-90.5*	O'Donnell	250 w, KLOV-FM	Educ. Media Foundation

CONSTRUCTION PERMIT ACTIVITY

CA KBUE-105.5	Long Beach	changes to 3000 w, 466 ft
KLOA-1240	Ridgecrest	reinstated CP to change xmtr location to 35-38-04 114-40-15
CO KBUT-90.3*	Crested Butte	increases to -633 ft
KYGO-FM-98.5	Denver	built new auxiliary facility
FL WNCV-100.3	Niceville	changes to 3500 w, 440 ft
WTMP-1150	Temple Terrace	decreases to 500 w nights, DA-1, changes xmtr loc. to 28-00-42 82-29-53 changes city of license to Egypt Lake, FL
GA WDDK-103.9	Greensboro	increases to 5300 w
IL WNKK-92.1	Carthage	change xmtr loc. to 40-35-37 91-06-48
IA KLGA-1600	Algona	decreases to 1000 w days, changes xmtr location to 43-04-05 94-18-16
LA KWDF-840	Ball	decreases to 8000 w days, changes xmtr location to 31-22-40 92-28-27
MA WFHN-107.1	Fairhaven	changes to 6000 w, 325 ft, adds DA, changes xmtr loc. to 41-37-43 71-00-24
WHMP-FM-99.3	Northampton	reinstated CP to change to 5800 w, 381 ft, change xmtr loc. to 42-22-25 72-40-26
MI WCSX-94.7	Birmingham	changes to 14000 w, 738 ft
MN WVAL-800	Sauk Rapids	license to cover for new station
MO KOQL-106.1	Ashland	increases to 69000 w, 958 ft, class C1, changes xmtr loc. to 38-45-01 92-33-31
MT KCMT-96.3	Billings	license to cover for new station
NH WHOM-94.9	Mt. Washington	built new auxiliary facility
NJ WBJB-FM-90.5*	Lincroft	changes to 900 w, 371 ft, DA, class A
WJPH-89.9*	Woodbine	license to cover for new station
NM KXKS-1190	Albuquerque	adds 24 w nights, ND
NY WSRD-104.9	Johnstown	changes to 570 w, 1050 ft, DA, changes xmtr location to 42-37-00 74-00-45, changes city of license to Altamont, NY [98-31]
		(as amended)
OK KYBE-95.9	Frederick	increases to 6000 w, 249 ft
	(CP was previously canceled and reinstated)	
KIXO-100.9	Sulphur	moves to 106.1 MHz, changes to 2650 w, 499 ft, changes xmtr location to 34-39-03 96-59-24
OR KQFE-88.9*	Springfield	increases to 1250 w
KJUN-94.1	Tillamook	license to cover for new station
PA WDSY-FM-107.9	Pittsburgh	built new auxiliary facility
WSHG-102.3	Pittston	increases to 5800 w
PR WIOC-105.1	Ponce	decreases to 47000 w, -200 ft, changes xmtr loc. to 17-59-27 66-37-45
SD KGGK-98.3	Wessington Springs	license to cover for new station
TX KYKR-95.1	Beaumont	increases to 430 ft, class C, changes xmtr loc. to 30-03-43 93-58-50

CONSTRUCTION PERMIT ACTIVITY (cont'd)

TX KSLR-630	San Antonio	changes xmtr loc. to 29-51-50 98-07-13
KUBR-1210*	San Juan	increases to 5000 w nights, changes xmtr location to 26-14-38 98-05-25
UT KYFO-FM-95.5	Ogden	increases to 718 ft, changes xmtr loc. to 41-14-59 112-14-11
VA WUVA-92.7	Charlottesville	decreases to 899 ft
WI WEVR-1550	River Falls	decreases to 920 w days, adds 4 w nights, ND

FACILITIES/PARAMETERS: APPLICATIONS

AL WHOD-FM-94.5	Jackson	(& reapplication) [docket number] modify CP to change to 31000 w, 627 ft, change xmtr loc. to 31-28-54 87-47-27 increase to 2000 w
WSSY-FM-97.5	Talladega	increase to 2000 w
AZ KNAU-88.7*	Flagstaff	change xmtr loc. to 34-58-07 111-30-24
CA KAEH-100.9*	Beaumont	change to 1500 w, 479 ft
KEJC-93.9	Modesto	modify CP to change to 4000 w, 403 ft DA
KBUA-94.3	San Fernando	build new auxiliary facility
CO KIQX-101.3	Durango	one step application to increase to class C, change to 30000 w, 2014 ft, change xmtr loc. to 37-21-46 107-47-37
KRSJ-100.5	Durango	one step application to increase to class C, change to 30000 w, 2014 ft change xmtr loc. to 37-21-46 107-47-37
IL WXKO-FM-100.9	Pana	change to 4200 w, 384 ft, change xmtr location to 39-18-22 88-56-08
WRAN-98.3	Tower Hill	change xmtr loc. to 39-18-22 88-56-08
IA KLGA-1600	Algona	augment standard patterns
MA WNRB-1510	Boston	make changes in antenna system
MI WXDG-105.1	Detroit	build new auxiliary facility
MS WGNG(CP)-106.3	Belzoni	increase to 8000 w, 456 ft, class C3, change xmtr loc. to 33-18-06 90-27-09
MO KTBJ-89.3*	Festus	modify CP to increase to 1150 w DA, change xmtr loc. to 38-13-56 90-23-51
OK KQSR-94.7	Oklahoma City	modify CP to modify beam tilt
KXXY-FM-96.1	Oklahoma City	modify CP to modify beam tilt
SC WPAL-FM-100.9	Walterboro	modify CP to drop DA, change xmtr loc. to 33-04-16 80-21-31
TN WCQR-FM-88.3*	Kingsport	build new auxiliary facility
TX KDET-FM-102.3	Center	modify CP to increase to 2050 w, 567 ft change xmtr loc. to 31-43-34 94-15-27
KVIL-FM-103.7	Highland Park	modify CP to increase to 1663 ft
KLJT-102.3	Jacksonville	modify CP to increase to 50000 w, 492 ft, class C2, change xmtr location to 31-52-18 95-10-00 [98-57]
KLVW-99.1*	Odessa	correct coordinates to 31-50-53 102-27-04
KRZB(CP)-97.5	Olney	change to 42000 w, 367 ft, change xmtr location to 33-49-00 98-32-00, change city of license to Archer City, TX
KPLT-FM-107.7	Paris	one step application to chg to class C1
VA WJNV(CP)-99.1	Jonesville	modify CP to change to 4000 w, 403 ft, change xmtr loc. to 36-42-05 83-10-14
WA KISW-99.9	Seattle	change to 58000 w, 2342 ft, add DA, change xmtr loc. to 47-30-14 121-58-29
WI WKTI-94.5	Milwaukee	change to 14000 w, 955 ft
ON CKDX-FM-88.5	Newmarket	increase to 11300 w

Returned/Dismissed Applications

IN WIRE-91.1*	Lebanon (D)	increase to 3200 w (v), 220 ft, add DA, change xmtr loc. to 40-03-48 86-26-36
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FACILITIES/PARAMETERS: GRANTS

CA KIEZ-540	Carmel Valley	correct coordinates to 36-39-36 121-32-29
FL WXBM-FM-102.7	Milton	build new auxiliary facility
WUNA-1480	Ocoee	direct measurement of antenna power
WWFR-91.7*	Okeechobee	change to 2650 w, 499 ft, add DA, change xmtr loc. to 27-07-14 80-23-59, change city of license to Stuart, FL
WTKX-FM-101.5	Pensacola	build new auxiliary facility
WMEZ-94.1	Pensacola	build new auxiliary facility
IL WMVP-1000	Chicago	direct measurement of antenna power
IN WGNR-1470	Anderson	direct measurement of antenna power

FACILITIES/PARAMETERS: GRANTS (cont'd)

KY WEZJ-1440	Williamsburg	increase to 2400 w days, change xmtr location to 36-43-25 84-08-25
MN KUOM-770*	Minneapolis	direct measurement of antenna power
MO KMAL-92.9	Malden	increase to 50000 w, 476 ft, class C2, change xmtr location to 36-40-31 89-46-19 [97-136]
NC WTZQ-1600	Hendersonville	decrease to 1000 w days, 12 w nights, ND change xmtr loc. to 35-18-53 82-25-58
OH WKKJ-93.3	Chillicothe	decrease to 43000 w, 532 ft, add DA, change xmtr loc. to 39-37-17 82-53-13
WWMK-1260	Cleveland	direct measurement of antenna power
PA WZUM-1590	Carnegie	modify CP to change to 4000 w days, 60 w nights, DA-2, change xmtr loc. to 40-25-28 80-05-05
	(petition for expedited action filed)	
WRWA-1340	Reading	direct measurement of antenna power
RI WADK-1540	Newport	direct measurement of antenna power
TX KDAE-1590	Sinton	direct measurement of antenna power
WA KEYF-1050	Dishman	decrease to 260 w nights, change xmtr location to 47-36-27 117-21-40
	(returned in 9/98; petition for reconsideration filed; app. reinstated)	
WY KZWY-94.9	Sheridan	increase to 75000 w, 1207 ft, class C, change xmtr loc. to 44-37-20 107-06-57

CALL LETTER CHANGES (# applied for by new owners)

CA KXDC-101.7	Carmel	becomes	KBTU	(requested)	"The Beat of the Bay"
KKTR-1650	Costa Mesa		KGXL	(requested)	
FL WDUV-103.5	Bradenton		WTBT	(requested)	
WYNF-107.9	Coral Cove		WSRZ-FM	(requested)	
WLTF-105.9	Englewood		WYNF	(requested)	
WXTF-106.3	Key Largo		WZMQ	3/2/99	
WSRZ-FM-106.5	Sarasota		WCTQ	(requested)	
TX KIKM-101.7	Denison		# KZMP-FM	(requested)	"Z Spanish"
VA WNRV-FM-101.7	Radford		# WBXW	(requested)	"Box"

PROPOSED STATION TRANSFERS

(314 asset sale, 315 transfer of control, 316 reorganization)

AL WSTH-FM-106.1	Alexander City	314 from Solar Broadcasting Co., Inc. to Cumulus Licensing Corporation
WAWV-98.3	Sylacauga	314 from W. O. Powers to Coosa Valley Broadcasting, Inc.
WENN-105.9	Trussville	314 from AGM-Birmingham, LLC to Capstar Royalty II Corporation
AR KDAB-94.9	Prairie Grove	316 from Vinewood Comm. (Norman McChristian) to Vinewood Comm. (J. & Cheryl Hart)
CA KSCA-101.9	Glendale	315 from Golden West Bcstrs. (Gene Autry) to Golden West (J. Autry/Schneider, Trustees)
KEJC-93.9	Modesto	315 from Modesto Comm. (E. Gunkel/P. B. Gun) to Modesto Communications (E. & J. Cardoza)
KMSL-1510	Ontario	314 from Stickney Assoc. LLC to Orange County Broadcasting, Inc.
FL WGTX-890	Freeport	314 from Sonshine Communications, LLC to Wasco Enterprises, Inc.
GA WDAK-540	Columbus	314 from Solar Broadcasting Co., Inc. to Cumulus Licensing Corporation
WJAT-800/98.1	Swainsboro	314 from Box Broadcasting Corporation to Lacom Communications, Inc.
	(\$500,000; broker is Bob Thorburn of Thorburn & Company)	
ID KSIL(CP)-100.7	Wallace	314 from Alpine Broadcasting, Ltd. to Battani Communications, Inc.
IN WLSY-94.7	New Albany	314 from CXR Holdings, Inc. to Cox Radio Trust, Paul Stone, Trustee
IA KCLN-1390/ KZEG-94.7	Clinton	314 from K & K Broadcasting, Inc. to WPW Broadcasting, Inc.
KS KWSJ-105.3/ KEYN-FM-103.7/ KQAM-1480/KFH-1330	Haysville/ Wichita	314 from Triathlon Bcstg. of Wichita to Connoisseur Communications of Wichita
KBGL(CP)-106.9	Larned	314 from Shank Communications Co., Inc. to Radio, Inc.
KNSS-1240	Wichita	314 from Capstar TX, LP to Connoisseur Communications of Wichita

PROPOSED STATION TRANSFERS (cont'd)

KY WRVI-105.9	Valley Station	314	from CXR Holdings, Inc. to Cox Radio Trust, Paul Stone, Trustee
LA KOUZ-89.9*	Alexandria	314	from Missionary Action Projects to Family Life Educational Foundation (\$500,000)
ME WSKW-1160/ WCTB-93.5	Skowhegan/ Fairfield	314	from Mountain Wireless, Inc. to Cumulus Licensing Corporation
MI WHSB-107.7	Alpena	316	from Daraka Broadcasting, Inc. to Northern Radio Network Corporation
WHAK-960/99.9/ WHST-106.1/ WBMI-105.5/ WCLS-100.7	Rogers City/ Tawas City/ West Branch/ Oscoda	316	from Ives Broadcasting, Inc. to Northern Radio Network Corporation
MN KVOX-1280/99.9/ KFGX-95.1	Moorhead/ Detroit Lakes	314	from KFGO, Inc. to James Ingstad Broadcasting, Inc.
KMRS-1230/ KKOK-FM-95.7	Morris	314	from Western Minnesota Broadcasting Co. to James Ingstad Broadcasting, Inc.
(\$24 million; assumption of liabilities for KVOX, KFGX, KMRS and KKOK-FM in Minnesota; KFGO and KPHT in North Dakota; See Story, Page 7)			
NV KBJG(CP)-97.5	Mesquite	316	from Virgin Broadcasting, Inc. to Kemp Communications, Inc.
NY WMSA-1340	Massena	314	from Community Broadcasting, LLC to Seaway Broadcasting, Inc.
(CP)-92.9	Saugerties	314	from Saugerties Broadcasting Company to Straus Ulster Media, LLC
NC WTCK-1320	Greensboro	314	from Capstar TX, LP to Truth Broadcasting Corporation
ND KFGO-790/101.9/ KPHT-92.7	Fargo/ Kindred	314	from KFGO, Inc. to James Ingstad Broadcasting, Inc.
OK KLBC-107.1	Durant	314	from Durant Broadcasting Corp. (DIP) to Texhoma Broadcasting, Inc.
PA WTPA-93.5/ WNCE-FM-92.1	Mechanicsburg/ Palmyra	314	from Quaker State Bcstg. Corporation to Capstar TX, LP
TX KBNB-1060	Gilmer	314	from Hawkins Electronics, Inc. to Witko Broadcasting, LLC
KPLT-1490/107.7	Paris	315	from KPLT, Inc. (J. & K. Methven) to KPLT, Inc. (Carephil Communications) (\$165,000)
KVOP-FM-97.3	Plainview	314	from Equicom, Inc. to KBL Broadcasting Corporation
KHDY(CP)-106.9	Plainview	314	from KBL Broadcasting Corporation to Equicom, Inc.

FM Idaho Co. filed Form 316 Transfer Applications for FM Idaho Co., LLC for Idaho stations KMXM, Gooding; KIKX, Ketchum; KMHI and KTPZ, Mountain Home; and KTFI, Twin Falls.

FM ALLOCATIONS: PROPOSED AMENDMENTS

FL new	Cedar Key	add 96.7 A, comments due April 26, replies May 11
new	Gulf Hammock	add 99.3 A, comments due April 26, replies May 11
MO KYLS-FM	Ironton	to 95.9 C3 from 92.7 A, comments due April 26, replies May 11
(station has a granted amendment to move to 92.9 MHz)		
KKID	Salem	to 92.9 C3 from 95.9 A, comments due April 26, replies May 11
MT KQRV	Deer Lodge	to 96.9 C1 from 96.5 C2, comments due April 26, replies May 11
KBMG	Hamilton	to 96.3 C from 95.9 C3, comments due April 26, replies May 11
KZIN-FM	Shelby	to 96.7 C1 from 96.3 C1, comments due April 16, replies May 11
TX KROX-FM	Giddings	to Buda, TX from Giddings, TX, comments due April 26, replies May 11

FM ALLOCATIONS: GRANTED AMENDMENTS

AR KMVK	Malvern	to Bryant, AR from Malvern, AR
MA new	* West Tisbury	add 104.3 A
MT new	* Manhattan	add 105.7 A
OK KCLI-FM	Clinton	to 106.7 C2, Okarche, OK from 106.7 C1, Clinton, OK (station is moving from 106.9 MHz to 106.7 MHz)
KICM	Healdton	to 93.7 C3, Krum, TX from 93.7 C2 Healdton, TX
KGOK	Pauls Valley	to Healdton, OK from Pauls Valley, OK

FM ALLOCATIONS: GRANTED AMENDMENTS (cont'd)

TX new	* Knox City	add 107.3 A
new	* Refugio	add 100.5 A
WI new	* Augusta	add 101.5 C3

(For the above allocations indicated with an "*", windows will be addressed by the Commission in a subsequent order)

FM ALLOCATIONS: DISMISSED AMENDMENTS

NC new	Avon (Den.)	add 106.7 A
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WASHINGTON THIS WEEK

FCC Chairman Bill Kennard, like all agency heads, must face both the House and the Senate for budget requests and agency reauthorizations, and Kennard has been getting an earful. He's facing harsh criticism from both the GOP-controlled House and Senate over his purported failure to properly administer the 1996 Telecom Act, his attempts to force diversity in ownership and employment and his desire to trim back ownership consolidation. Not to mention Low Power FM, his pet project.

The FCC waves a red flag at Jim Ingstad for buying an existing six-station cluster in Fargo. Back on December 23 M Street told you that the 1997 Duncan's American Radio revenue share for the cluster was 58%. The BIA number the FCC looks at is even higher -- nearly 70%. The stations are country KVOX-FM, talk KFGO, country KFGO-FM, rock KFGX, oldies KPHT and sports KVOX. Jim Duncan figured KFGO [AM] by itself did 27% of the market revenue. Jim Ingstad already had four stations in Fargo, including classic rock "Fox" KPFX. The red flag may have already produced the result the FCC wanted, since Jim Ingstad has reportedly filed plans to answer the FCC questions about local concentration.

And the FCC red-flags a proposed Marathon Media purchase in Wausau. Chris Devine and Bruce Buzil want to add Sharon Broadcasting's WYTE, Whiting, WI (96.7 MHz) to Marathon's cluster in Wausau-Stevens Point, WI.

More FCC flags, for a Capstar deal in Harrisburg. This one was just announced a couple of weeks ago: the \$15 million purchase of rock WTPA, Mechanicsburg, PA and easy listening WNCE-FM, Palmyra, PA from Quaker State Broadcasting. The FCC's apparent concern is that Capstar already owns big-billing CHR WNNK-FM, Harrisburg and urban AC WTCY, Harrisburg.

What's up with all these red flags? Panelists at this week's Kagan Seminar in New York City say the Commission is practically "frozen" into inaction regarding a number of deals, for various reasons. A probable three-Commissioner majority disapproves of all the concentration and is behind the new "processing guidelines" that are creating these unprecedented red flags. And the Department of Justice has actually written the FCC about some apps that it thinks the Commission should look into. But the Commissioners on the 8th Floor may be afraid to move, for fear of angering Congress. So for now -- some things are frozen in place.

The NAB goes to battle stations to block Low Power FM. It's taking Chairman Kennard's pet project VERY seriously and just launched a grassroots lobbying campaign with a mailing to all radio members, according to Cox Radio's Dick Ferguson. There's even advice in the package on how to word the letter to Washington: Stress your concerns about interference. Not proposed economic harm that might be caused by a new low power service of FM stations. The NAB's Spectrum Integrity Task Force just held its first meeting and they're ready to go the mat to stop Bill Kennard from creating Low Power FM.

Better wait until the FCC says "build." Otherwise you might be facing a \$5,000 Notice of Apparent Liability, like California State University-Sacramento, which jumped the gun and prematurely installed the antenna, transmitter, transmission line and related wiring for KKTO, Tahoe City, CA (90.5 MHz). The full Commission ruled last September 14 that CSUS was liable, and now the staff judges the amount of the fine: \$5,000. (DA 99-472)

Wash your mouth out, says the FCC: Back Bay Broadcasting's Providence-market WWKX, Woonsocket, RI (106.3 MHz) faces a \$7,000 Notice of Apparent Liability for airing allegedly indecent material outside the 10 pm to 6 am "safe harbor" time. Dance WWKX is a Howard Stern affiliate, but this incident from March 16, 1998 occurred during the "Real Deal Mike Neil Show", according to the FCC (DA 94-510).

Over at the International Bureau, Rod Porter is the new Acting Chief, overseeing the Bureau in the absence of the departed Regina Keeney. No surprise there, since Porter had been Deputy Chief since the International Bureau was created in 1994.

ELSEWHERE

A stunner in Phoenix, where Bucks Owens and his family have owned country KNIX-FM for more than 30 years -- and are now selling it and sort-of-sister AC KESZ to Jacor for a whopping \$142 million. That gives Jacor its third and fourth FMs in the Valley of the Sun, since it already owns modern AC KZZP and hot AC "Mix" KMXP. KNIX-FM (102.5 MHz) and AC KESZ (99.9 MHz), both licensed to Phoenix, have been operated by Buck Owens son Michael. (Owens owns KNIX-FM outright; it owns a piece of KESZ through a two-year-old partnership with MAC America called "OwensMAC Radio.") Michael Owens says (quite truthfully) "We have spent our lives building these stations" -- but consolidation means that "smaller, locally-owned companies" are having a more difficult time getting access to resources. M Street notes the \$142 million purchase does NOT affect Owens interests outside these two FMs: The Owens-programmed "Real Country" satellite format, Owens' radio interests in Bakersfield (country KUZZ, KUZZ-FM and KCWR). It also doesn't affect MAC America's other interests, including KTVK, Phoenix (Channel 31), its LMA with WB affiliate Channel 61, the Desert Production Center or the "azfamily.com" web operation. Blackburn's Bruce Houston and Dick Blackburn brokered the deal for KNIX-FM and KESZ.

Urban radio specialist Radio One pays Sinclair Telecable \$34 million to add four more stations in Richmond, which it says is the 19th largest African-American market. And with this deal, Radio One will control all the FMs in the market currently doing urban, R&B oldies or urban AC -- plus one of its black gospel AMs. It also gets a couple of non-urban FMs. This purchase cashes the Norfolk-based Sinclair Telecable completely out of Richmond, after selling urban WCDX, R&B oldies WPLZ-FM, country WJRV and black gospel WGCV. Radio One's future cluster in the onetime capital of the old Confederacy looks like this: urban WCDX, Mechanicsburg, VA (92.1 MHz); urban AC WKJS, Crewe, VA (104.7 MHz); R&B oldies WPLZ-FM, Petersburg, VA (99.3 MHz); urban WSOJ, Petersburg, VA (100.3 MHz); country WJRV, Richmond, VA (105.7 MHz); black gospel WGCV, Petersburg, VA (1240 KHz); and contemporary Christian WDYL, Chester, VA (101.1 MHz). Broker on the Sinclair Telecable deal was Star Media Group's Peter Handy.

We'll note here that Radio One just filed for a \$115 million Initial Public Offering led by Credit Suisse First Boston, and it's stressing its management experience and ownership of stations that do formats appealing to African-Americans. Credit Suisse First Boston is lead underwriter, with NationsBanc Montgomery Securities, Bear Stearns and Prudential Securities participating in the syndication. Radio One will be operating in nine of the top 20 African-American markets (Washington, D.C., Baltimore, Atlanta, Philadelphia, Detroit, St. Louis, Cleveland, Richmond and "an East coast market" it hasn't identified). Pricing and determination of the number of shares to come this Spring, along with the Radio One road show. After the IPO, Cathy Hughes and son/partner Alfred Liggins will continue to control the company as majority shareholders, though the percentages aren't clear yet. Radio One's symbol on Nasdaq will be "ROIA."

In Peoria, we can now confirm the \$10,750,000 management buyout of news/talk WMBD (1470 KHz) and oldies WPGB (93.3 MHz) from Midwest TV, Inc. Principals of the new "JMP Media, LLC are current managers Jack Everette and Mike Wild. Broker is Larry Patrick of Patrick Communications.

Charity begins in your home market, and the Minneapolis-based Cargill family donates its remaining Minneapolis stations to Minnesota Public Radio, one of their favorite charities. The Minneapolis Star-Tribune reports that the adult standards simulcast of KLBB, St. Paul (1400 KHz) and WLOL, Brooklyn Park, MN (1470 KHz) will be leased to a for-profit subsidiary of MPR. That's the same unit that runs commercial all-newser WMNN, Minneapolis (1330 KHz). This is the final exit from radio for Jim and Susan Cargill: Two years ago they sold three FMs (WREV, KREV and KCFE) to ABC, which is now simulcasting the trio as the adult alternative "Zone." In addition to WMNN, the amazing Minnesota Public Radio also runs non-com news/talk KNOW-FM, St. Paul (91.1 MHz) and non-com classical KSJN, Minneapolis (99.5 MHz).

\$2.1 million sale in Duluth, where KDDS, KQDS-FM and KNLD-TV owner Curtis Squire is buying a couple more FMs: Modern AC WWAX, Hermantown, MN (92.1 MHz), from Harbor Broadcasting, and adult standards KZIO, Two Harbors, MN (104.3 MHz), from the related Eclectic Enterprises. Principals in both Harbor and Eclectic are Cheryl Pfiefer and Tom Lijewski, who don't have any other broadcast interests. Buyer Curtis Squire's simulcasts a rock format on KDDS/KQDS-FM. Kalil and Company brokered the sale of WWAX and KZIO.

ELSEWHERE (cont'd)

In the Fort Smith, AR market we've just spied the always-quiet Cumulus Media, filing to buy two FMs from companies associated with Elkhead Broadcasting. For a total of \$2.1 million Cumulus gets rock KLSZ-FM, Van Buren, AR (102.7 MHz) and classic country KOMS, Poteau, OK (107.3 MHz).

"There's still a lot of consolidation left to happen." That's Citadel President Larry Wilson speaking at the recent Kagan Seminar in New York. You think consolidation is over? No way, says Wilson, with agreement from others at the Kagan Seminar. Right now there's a big dropoff on the group revenue list after the Big Three of Chancellor, Clear Channel and Infinity. Prediction: Look for lots of consolidation among the groups below the top three.

Steve Samet and John Borders win run-offs for NAB Board seats, and Jimmy de Castro will fill out Tom Milewski's unexpired term. WZOE Broadcasting's Steve Samet takes the District 17 seat (he's based in Princeton, IL) and Sunburst Media group head John Borders wins in District 19. Chancellor's Jimmy de Castro steps onto the board to replace Tom Milewski, former Greater Media group head who died last month at 49 of lung cancer. (M Street can't help noting that Milewski was an advocate for diversity of ownership and the small guy.)

National Public Radio and Minnesota Public Radio team to create a new online network (and make money). The two biggest content producers in public radio -- think "Morning Edition" and "Prairie Home Companion" -- have been looking for ways to work together. Some possibilities they're discussing: Programs could be extended past their broadcast sign-off time, listeners could interact with hosts and producers, and join in chat rooms. Public radio is often invisible to commercial broadcasters because the shares aren't listed in Arbitron. But if you look at MaxiMiser the local NPR and/or MPR affiliate is often a significant player 25-54. The new NPR/MPR venture also strengthens the web offerings of local stations -- not to mention their revenue opportunities.

Remember that all-traffic station in LA? It's gone. Yes, KKTR is actually playing music, not traffic reports. Saul Levine ends his experiment of an all-traffic format on expanded-band KKTR, Costa Mesa, CA (1650 KHz) and prepares to enter a simulcast with adult standards sister KGIL and change the calls to KGXL. So M Street hopes you'll remember those "KGXL" calls, next time you start playing Radio Trivia...

Julius LaRosa (if you have to ask, you don't know the adult standards format) joins the on-air lineup at the New York market's newest adult standards station, WNJR, Newark, NJ (1430 KHz). Owner Arthur Liu is gradually converting the brokered station over to the musical format abandoned by WQEW, New York. LaRosa will host a show with a legendary name: "Make Believe Ballroom", from 9 am to 1 pm daily. The station begins the transition to standards on Monday, March 22 with a week of Perry Como, Frank Sinatra and Tony Bennett, says the New York Daily News. New slogan: "Sunny 1430."

Sports or children's programming? ABC is busy signing or buying more Radio Disney affiliates -- and at least one more of its new ESPN radio affiliates. Looks as if it changed its mind about what to do with the Pittsburgh station it's buying. M Street originally caught signals that ABC would drop the sports programming on WEAE (1250 KHz) and convert it to Radio Disney. But it looks like the jocks have won out, because as of Monday (3/15) WEAE added much of the ESPN lineup in an LMA with seller Jacor. The former WTAE posted a substantial 2.2 share 12+ in the Fall 1998 Arbitron. Perhaps the built-in sports audience was just too valuable to blow off. But M Street can't believe that ABC won't look for another place to park Radio Disney in Pittsburgh.

Albany gets a modern AC "Point" as WSRD moves into the market. WSRD had been oldies when it was licensed to Johnstown, NY and outside the Albany-Schenectady-Troy market. Now it's a player in market #59, even though it's still a Class A directional facility at 104.9 MHz. That's because it's been relicensed to the much closer Altamont, NY and its antenna is located with some other Albany-market FMs. (It's now licensed to Altamont with 570 watts at 1050 feet.) Albany Broadcasting is buying both WSRD and sister adult standards WIZR, Johnstown (930 KHz); they now combo to Albany's WFLY (CHR), WYJB (soft AC), WROW (talk-sports) and new urban outlet WAJZ (the former WPTR).

M STREET BAZAAR. . . PEOPLE, PRODUCTS, AND PROGRAMMING

At the ABC-owned radio stations, newly-promoted ABC Radio President John Hare picks New York GM Mitch Dolan to succeed him as head of Group 1. That gives Dolan oversight of ABC stations in Washington, D.C., Los Angeles, Dallas, Detroit as well as New York. Group 2 is run by Minneapolis-based Mark Steinmetz.

RAB extends President Gary Fries' contract through 2006. The association's numbers are good and getting better -- Membership has doubled to more than 5,000 stations since Fries took over the association in 1991. Attendance at the annual conference is up better than 60%, and of course radio industry revenues have increased the last 77 consecutive months.

More time to win the prize money -- the Radio-Mercury Awards extends entry deadlines for three ad categories. For best station-produced commercial. For client-produced commercials entered by stations on behalf of their own advertisers. And for Hispanic ads. There's big money at stake, since the annual Radio-Mercury Awards bills itself as the richest competition in advertising. Deadline for those categories has been punched back a full month, to April 9. Details at (212) 681-7207 or "www.rab.com".

Play ball! CBS/Westwood have extended their NFL deal for three more years. This new contract underlines just how important football has become to CBS and Mel Karmazin: He paid heavily to win it back for CBS-TV and now he's ensured more cross-promotional opportunities with radio. While CBS-TV dropped the ball a couple of years ago when it gave up the NFL, it continued to feature the games on CBS Radio.

The Hardest-Working Man In Radio is gonna have to work to find a new affiliate in his hometown of Dallas. The Man is the ABC-syndicated Tom Joyner, and he's temporarily off the air in Dallas because local affiliate KRBV (100.3 MHz) dropped him (3/15) along with its whole urban AC format. Infinity's Mel Karmazin dislikes format changes as much as stock-price drops, but this one was just too tempting. That's because Chancellor CHR "Kiss" KHKS is winning both 12+ and 25-54 in the Fall Arbitron. So Infinity chose to attack with a new dance station called "Hot." (KRBV went 2.5 to 2.4 12+ in its last two Arbitrons.)

Former CBS Radio syndicated talkshow host Gil Gross is headed to Philadelphia to "emcee" mornings for Beasley talker WWDB-FM. Joining him to create a personality-driven morning drive news show will be Pat Farnack, from crosstown all-newser KYW. After trying a succession of talkers in morning drive, Beasley is making a major commitment to a new approach to try putting a dent into the lucrative numbers of CBS-owned KYW.

Premiere launches a "Hot Mix" dance show for country. The established "Hot Mix" show is targeted at dance stations, but this one's different -- it's all about country. Premiere Country Division Affiliate VP Vanessa Thomas says the newest spinoff can either be hosted locally or run as a complete three-hour show. Premiere's existing country products include the Blair Garner-hosted "After Midnite" and "Weekends with Whitney Allen."

One of the friendliest conventions you could ever attend is the annual Conclave, held this year in Minneapolis from July 22-25. The Conclave folks (612-927-4487) have just announced their keynoter: Detroit radio personality, best-selling author, syndicated radio host, and ESPN expert Mitch Albom. Hard to believe this will be the 24th annual Conclave.

To go where no classical station has gone before. . . Non-com WCPE, Raleigh, NC (89.7 MHz) claims it's the first public radio station to offer both satellite service (via Galaxy 5) and unlimited audio streams to Internet listeners. The satellite feed is available to dish owners and cable systems at no charge. And WCPE claims it's already got regular Internet listeners in faroff places like Argentina. Its website: www.WCPE.org.

Got a job opening to fill? Looking for that next position (confidentially, of course)? The Journal's sister publication, the M Street Daily fax, has just begun a daily employment section called "The Opportunity Page." We think it's an effective and affordable addition to the employment-search process. For details, contact M Street's new associate, the respected Georgia broadcaster Sanders Hickey. Reach Sanders at (770) 433-9292 or fax him at (770) 435-8882.

That's the radio news and the trends for this week -- see you back next week here on M Street!

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FREQUENCY FIGHTS. . . . How much spectrum should God get? Religious and educational broadcasters are scrapping over proposed new FCC policy toward the remaining non-commercial frequencies. This tug of war comes as educational (secular) organizations have become alarmed by the aggressive filing activities by some religious broadcasters. Meanwhile the National Religious Broadcasters group also feels threatened. It claims the FCC's proposed new policy would "zone" its members out of new allocations by granting preferences to applicants that get government funding. Religious broadcasters, of course, can't qualify for such funding. The NRB also protests a preference for applicants who demonstrate that "their leadership is broadly representative of the community." The NRB says it just wants a "level playing field." On the educational side, we're seeing some of those institutions get aggressive themselves in filing for FM translators. It's one of the developing stories in the M Street Journal -- and you can catch the play-by-play action every week with the applications for new frequencies and translators.

"STANDARDS, SWING AND BIG BAND, TOO". . . . Is it a new way to target both standards fans and the martini-sipping, swing-dancing 20-somethings? Chancellor's already using "Standards, Swing and Big Band, Too" to brand the unorthodox swing-heavy standards format that's airing on KABL, San Francisco, and now it's spreading the format down to Los Angeles. KLAC (570 KHz) was already doing standards, using Westwood. Consultant Bob Hamilton is tailoring a version of KABL for Los Angeles, and he tells M Street the format is heavy on the hits -- particularly the swing hits -- of Sinatra, Tony Bennett, Rosemary Clooney, Nat "King" Cole and Ella Fitzgerald. After 9 pm there's an even hipper "Swing Lounge" that mixes in compatible tracks from current artists like Brian Setzer. Meanwhile the Westwood format is adopted by adult standards KGIL (1260 KHz) and its new simulcast partner, the former all-traffic KKTR (1650 KHz), now called KGXL. Will granddad and granddaughter both dig the swing music? And how about the sales? We'll try to track it all for you.

FORMAT CHANGES & UPDATES

(# change accompanies new ownership) (// simulcast)

		<u>formerly</u>	<u>becomes</u>
AL Georgiana	WFXX-107.7	WWGA, new	adult contemporary
AR El Dorado	KAUG-91.9*	new	AFA - cont. Christian
CA Alturas	KKFJ-570	JRN - cls. CW/talk	JRN CD - CW & talk
Alturas	KCNO-94.5	JRN - classic CW	JRN CD - country
Arroyo Grande (S.L.O.)	KKOM-1280	# KKAL, sports	talk "K.KOM"
Paso Robles (S.L.O.)	KDDB-92.5	country	WW1 - AC "Star 92.5"
CO Denver	KRRF-1280	talk	oldies // KXKL-FM
Montrose	KVMT-89.1*	KAZD, new	info & altern. // KVNF
FL Dade City (Tampa)	WBDN-FM-96.1	# standards // WGUL	tropical // WBDN
	(WBDN-FM is silent for a week or two and will be on by April)		
IN Princeton	WRAY-1250	country // FM	adds talk
Princeton (Evansville)	WRAY-FM-98.1	country	adds JRN - Nash. Nights
KS Arkansas City (Wich.)	KYQQ-106.5	country	adds JRN - Nash. Nights
ME Portland	WBAE-1490	WPOR, CW // FM	JRN - adult standards
MD Cambridge	WCEM-FM-106.3	AC	hot AC
	(WCEM-FM picks up Jones' hot AC for nights)		
MS DeKalb (Meridian)	WJXM-105.7	new	urban "105.7 Jamz"

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MS Laurel	WMXI-98.1	# cont. Christian	JRN - soft AC "Mix"
	(WMXI is in an LMA-to-buy with Dominant Communications Corp.)		
Tunica	WMPS-96.1	modern AC	Tunica travel info.
	(WMPS remains in its LMA with Flinn Broadcasting)		
NE Omaha	KEFM-96.1	adult contemporary	adds Delilah
NM Eunice (Hobbs)	KEJL-100.9	# KYRK, classic rock	JRN - cls. rock (4/1)
	(KEJL is temporarily silent pending an upgrade to class C2; it is now a combo with KIXN, KYKK, KZOR, KPZA and KPER)		
NY Carthage (Watertown)	WTOJ-103.1	WW1 - AC	WW1 - soft AC
New City (Rockland)	WRKL-910	# news & talk	Polish talk & music
NC Pinehurst (Fayettev.)	WIOZ-550	news & talk	JRN - standards & talk
Shallotte (Wilmington)	WCCA-106.3	oldies	JRN - classic country
Southern Pines	WIOZ-FM-102.5	adult standards	adult contemporary
Wilson	WALQ-1420	WVOT, talk	WW1 - 70's oldies
	(WALQ "Q-1420" keeps Dr. Laura 2 to 5pm)		
OH Tiffin	WTTF-1600	AC // FM	remains AC
Tiffin	WCKY-FM-103.7	# WTTF-FM, AC	country "Buckeye"
	(WCKY-FM/WTTF are now a combo with classic hits WQTL and country WIMJ; WCKY-FM is using Jacor's "Buckeye Country" system)		
OR Reedsport	KAUB-89.1*	new	AFA - cont. Christian
Tillamook	KTIL-FM-94.1	# KJUN, adult cont.	adult standards
	(KJUN 94.1 and KTIL-FM 104.1 have swapped facilities; 94.1 is now a combo with talk KMBD)		
Tillamook	KJUN-104.1	# KTIL-FM, standards	adult contemporary
	(KJUN is simulcasting standards with KTIL-FM 6am to 12noon)		
PA Doylestown (Phila.)	WBUX-1570	# news	EWTN - catholic
Williamsport	WWPA-1340	oldies	reported silent
SD Aberdeen	KBFO-106.7	new	JRN - hot AC
	(KBFO adds Bob & Sheri for mornings)		
Aberdeen	KSDN-930	reported talk	remains AC & talk
	(The expected change to all talk never took place)		
TN Farragut (Knoxville)	WKFN-670	# WTNN, silent	oldies // WESK
	(WKFN is in an LMA-to-buy with WESK, WATO, WBLC, WGAP, WLOD; look for a new format soon)		
Murfreesboro (Nash.)	WAPB-810	# s. gospel/Spanish	Spanish/sports
	(WAPB is in an LMA-to-buy with sports WNSR and will simulcast WNSR sunset to 6am)		
TX Comanche	KYOX-94.3	# KOXZ, new	ABC Real - country
Decatur (Dallas)	KRNB-105.7	urban AC	adds ABC's Tom Joyner
Lytle (San Antonio)	KXPZ-91.3*	# cont. Christian	K-Love - cont. Christian
Silsbee (Beaumont)	KKAS-1300	country // FM	JRN - standards & talk
Silsbee (Beaumont)	KWDX-101.7	country	adds Radio 1 - country
S. Padre Isl. (McAllen)	KESO-92.7	modern rock	adds Radio 1 - modern
	(KESO remains in its LMA with KZSP)		
S. Padre Isl. (McAllen)	KZSP-95.3	JRN - country	JRN - smooth jazz
Tulia	KJMX-104.9	silent	WW1 - country
Tulia	KTUE-1260	silent	WW1 - country // KJMX
UT Brigham City (S.L.C.)	KRAR-106.9	# rock	to be soft AC // KOSY
	(KRAR will combo with KOSY, adult contemporary KISN-FM and classic hits KUMT)		
Centerville (S.L.C.)	KUMT-105.7	soft classic hits	KCPX, classic hits
Roy (S.L.C.)	KSNU-107.9	adult standards	soft AC // KOSY
	(Look for an LMA with KOSY to end and for a new format in June)		
VA Blacksburg	WVMJ-105.3	# oldies	WBRW, classic rock
WV Buckhannon	WBUC-1460	country // WBRB	ABC - adult standards
Princeton (Bluefield)	WSTG-95.9	WAEY-FM, country	hot AC "Star 95"
	(WSTG adds Steve and D.C. for mornings)		
WI Balsam Lake	WWLC-104.9	# silent	ABC - AC
	(WWLC is now a combo with WBEP and has in turn been LMA'ed to WCMP Broadcasting)		
Kewaunee (Green Bay)	WAUN-92.7	# polka	reported silent
	(WAUN is now a combo with AC WSRG; look for a new format in May)		
Rudolph (Wausau)	WIZD-99.9	# oldies	oldies // WOFM
	(WIZD is now a combo with WOFM, WDEZ, WIFC, WRIG and WSAU)		
Wisconsin Dells	WNNO-900	sports	WDLS, AC // WNNO-FM
	(WDLS & WNNO-FM are now a combo with WIBU and WBKY; look for a new format soon)		
WY Fox Farm (Cheyenne)	KKWY-1630	new	classic country

NEW STATIONS: APPLICATIONS (* non-commercial station) (& reapplication)

			(+ competes with existing application)
AL 89.1**	Heflin	250 w, 718 ft	Covenant Communications, Inc.
89.1*	Oxford	16500 w (v), 92 ft	Bama Broadcasting, Inc.
IL 89.5**	Effingham	400 w, 164 ft	The Cross Foundation
MA 91.7*	Newburyport	400 w (v), 354 ft (DA)	University of Massachusetts
MI 89.7*	Woodhull Township	no facils given	Great Lakes Community Bcstg.
MN 90.9**	Windom	250 w, 171 ft	Des Moines Earlham, Inc.

NEW STATIONS: APPLICATIONS (cont'd)

MS 88.5*	Columbus	980 w, 89 ft	Bcstg. for the Challenged
NJ 89.3**	Dover	500 w (v), 148 ft	Christian Educ. Association
NM 91.1*	Espanola	100 w, -312 ft	Board of Ed. of Albuquerque
	Hobbs	250 w, 174 ft	Abundant Life Broadcasting
NY 88.7**	Montauk	no facils given	Bcstg. for the Challenged
	Montauk	no facils given	Montgomery NYC Broadcasting
OH 89.5*	Lexington	120 w (v), 246 ft	Hellinger Foundation, Inc.
TN 90.1*	Rockwood	no facils given	Educ. Media Foundation
TX 91.9**	Dripping Springs	6000 w, 279 ft DA	Principle Bcstg. Foundation
	88.5*	Sterling City	44000 w, 564 ft
WY 88.5*	Laramie	130 w, 1007 ft	Concho Public Bcstg. Educ. Comm. of Colo. Springs

Returned/Dismissed Applications

AR 88.1*	Blytheville (D)		New Life Evangelistic Center
GA 89.3*	Douglas (D)		World Enterprises, Inc.
IL 89.7*	East St. Louis (D)		American Family Assn.
	91.1*	Quincy (D)	Quincy University
LA 88.7*	Monroe (D)		American Family Assn.
MS 91.5*	Pontotoc (D)		Southern Cultural Foundation
MO 91.7*	Hannibal (D)		American Family Assn.

NEW STATIONS: GRANTS

AR 88.1*	Blytheville	225 w, 190 ft (as amended)	American Family Assn.
GA 89.3*	Americus	11000 w (v), 479 ft	American Family Assn.
	89.3*	Folkston	16000 w, 308 ft DA
IL 89.7*	East St. Louis	250 w, 187 ft DA	Lighthouse Christian Bcstg.
KS 90.7*	Emporia	3000 w, 328 ft	New Life Evangelistic Center
	90.5*	Enterprise	Family Stations, Inc.
LA 88.7*	Monroe	250 w, 171 ft	Solid Rock Broadcasting
MS 91.5*	Oxford	25000 w, 167 ft	Media Ministries, Inc.
	91.7*	Tupelo	2000 w, 564 ft
MO 91.7*	Hannibal	350 w, 75 ft	American Family Assn.
	89.9*	High Point	9700 w, 518 ft
		(as amended)	Believers Bcstg. Corporation
TX 88.5*	Victoria	7000 w (v), 377 ft	American Family Assn.
		1000 w, 157 ft	American Family Assn.

TRANSLATORS/BOOSTERS/SYNCHRONOUS XMTR: APPLICATIONS

GA new-91.5*	Brunswick	KAWZ	Calv. Chapel/Twin Falls
MI new-89.1*	Fremont	WAPC	Great Lakes Comm. Bcstg.
NV new-89.3*	Round Mountain	KUNR	Smokey Valley TV
NY new-91.7*	Wellsville	WCID	Family Life Ministries
VA new-91.7*	Norton	WCVC-FM	Clinch Valley College

TRANSLATORS/BOOSTERS/SYNCHRONOUS XMTR: GRANTS

AK K203CT-88.5*	Fairbanks	10 w, KLOV-FM	Educ. Media Foundation
AZ K220GZ-91.9*	Payson	23 w, KAWZ	Calv. Chapel/Twin Falls
CA K203CU-88.5*	Burney	250 w (v), KAWZ	Calv. Chapel/Twin Falls
MT K220GY-91.9*	Butte	10 w, KLOV-FM	Educ. Media Foundation
	K208DI-89.5*	Kalispell	34 w (v), KLOV-FM
NM K219DR-105.3*	Clovis	62 w DA, KCZO	Educ. Media Foundation
	K214DH-90.7*	Portales	99 w, KLOV-FM
VT W213AZ-90.5*	Burlington	80 w, KLOV-FM	Paulino Bernal Evangelism Educ. Media Foundation

CONSTRUCTION PERMIT ACTIVITY

CA KLVK-106.3*	Kingsburg	increases to 16000 w, 420 ft, adds DA, class B1, changes xmtr location to 36-26-50 119-32-10
FL WHIM-1520	Apopka	adds 350 w nights, DA-2
WDRR-98.5	San Carlos Park	increases to 20500 w, class C3, add DA
GU KGUM-FM-105.1	Dededo	license to cover for new station
IL WJLY-88.3*	Ramsey	license to cover for new station
MI WGKL-105.5	Gladstone	license to cover for new station
MN KTIS-FM-98.5*	Minneapolis	decreases to 1033 ft
MS WVIV-93.9	Pearl	increases to 25000 w, 328 ft, class C3, changes xmtr loc. to 32-14-06 89-53-46
NY WZKZ-101.9	Alfred	license to cover for new station
NC WHLC-104.5	Highlands	increases to 460 w, 1158 ft
WJRI-1340	Lenoir	changes xmtr loc. to 35-53-47 81-33-57
WMXF-104.3	Old Fort	changes to 550 w, 1043 ft, adds DA, changes xmtr loc. to 35-35-29 82-17-29
WEND-106.5	Salisbury	increases to 84000 w

CONSTRUCTION PERMIT ACTIVITY (cont'd)

OH WGDE-91.9*	Defiance	license to cover for new station
PA WRTL(CP)-90.7*	Ephrata	reinstated CP and granted extension of
		time, permit extended to 9/15/2000
TX KSLR-630	San Antonio	changes xmtr location to 29-31-50 98-07-13
KUBR-1210	San Juan	increases to 5000 w nights, DA-2, change
		xmtr location to 26-14-38 98-05-25

FACILITIES/PARAMETERS: APPLICATIONS

FACILITIES/PARAMETERS: APPLICATIONS		(& reapplication) [docket number]
AL WESP-102.5	Dothan	change to 16500 w, 403 ft, change xmtr location to 31-15-48 85-18-24
AZ KLVA-105.5*	Casa Grande	correct coordinates to 33-00-14 111-58-53
AR (CP)-91.9*	Harrison	change to 5500 w, 341 ft, DA, change xmtr location to 36-22-12 93-13-23
CA KAHI-950	Auburn	direct measurement of antenna power
KTYM-1460	Inglewood	direct measurement of antenna power
KPCO-1370	Quincy	direct measurement of antenna power
CO KIQX-101.3	Durango	one step application to increase to class C, 30000 w, 2014 ft, change xmtr location to 37-21-46 107-47-37
KRSJ-100.5	Durango	one step application to increase to class C, 30000 w, 1965 ft, change xmtr location to 37-21-46 107-47-49
FL WXQL-105.7	Baldwin	one step application to increase to class C3, 12000 w, 479 ft, change xmtr location to 30-26-56 82-05-45
WMFJ-1450*	Daytona Beach	direct measurement of antenna power
IA KLNG-1560	Council Bluffs	direct measurement of antenna power
KS KBDD(CP)-91.9*	Winfield	increase to 5000 w, 518 ft, class C3, change xmtr loc. to 37-22-56 96-57-20
LA KREH-900	Oakdale	direct measurement of antenna power
MD WNAV-1430	Annapolis	direct measurement of antenna power
MI WUOM-91.7*	Ann Arbor	make changes to auxiliary facility
MN KROC-1340	Rochester	direct measurement of antenna power
KNSI-1450	St. Cloud	direct measurement of antenna power
MO KRRY-100.9	Canton	modify CP to change to 28000 w, 656 ft, class C2, change xmtr location to 39-53-09 91-36-38 [96-32]
NC WRQR-104.5	Wilmington	change to 3100 w, 449 ft, change xmtr location to 34-10-00 77-56-40
NJ WSSJ-1310	Camden	direct measurement of antenna power
NY WNYK-88.7*	Nyack	change to 2 w, 456 ft, change xmtr loc. to 41-04-56 73-55-50
OK KLaw-101.5	Lawton	move to 101.3 MHz, decrease to 584 ft, change xmtr location to 34-32-59 98-32-21 [97-225]
KQSR-94.7	Oklahoma City	modify CP to modify beam tilt, change xmtr loc. to 35-35-52 97-29-22
KXXY-FM-96.1	Oklahoma City	modify CP to modify beam tilt, change xmtr loc. to 35-35-52 97-29-22
KTST-101.9	Oklahoma City	modify beam tilt
KJYO-102.7	Oklahoma City	modify beam tilt
OR KPDQ-800	Portland	correct coordinates to 45-28-39 122-45-01
KSLM-1390	Salem	direct measurement of antenna power
PA WFRM-600	Coudersport	direct measurement of antenna power
WRTL(CP)-90.7*	Ephrata	increase to 850 w, 969 ft, DA
	(underlying CP reinstated and application returned to pending status)	
SC WMCJ-950	Moncks Corner	direct measurement of antenna power
WALD-1080	Walterboro	direct measurement of antenna power
TX KYKR-95.1	Beaumont	one step application to modify CP to increase to class C, 1070 ft, change xmtr location to 30-09-31 93-59-11
KDET-FM-102.3	Center	modify CP to change to 2050 w, 567 ft, change xmtr loc. to 31-43-34 94-15-27
KLUV-FM-98.7	Dallas	modify CP to 1663 ft, change xmtr loc. to 32-35-19 96-58-05
KIKM-101.7	Denison	increase to 92000 w, 2034 ft, class C, change xmtr loc. to 33-26-13 97-29-05, change city of license to Azle, TX [97-225]
KAZF(CP)-91.9*	Hebbronville	increase to 295 ft, change xmtr loc. to 27-19-00 98-40-07

FACILITIES/PARAMETERS: APPLICATIONS (cont'd)

TX KPLT-FM-107.7 Paris one step application to increase to class C1, 100000 w, 981 ft, change xmtr location to 33-38-24 95-22-12
 KVWG-1280 Pearsall decrease to 460 w days, ND, add 190 w nights

Returned/Dismissed Applications

TX KWDX-101.7 Silsbee (D) increase to 5000 w, 358 ft

FACILITIES/PARAMETERS: GRANTS

AR KARQ-92.1 Ashdown move to 93.3 C3, increase to 7400 w, 597 ft, change xmtr location to 33-30-24 94-12-25 [97-223]
 AR KAFW(CP)-103.7 Wilson change xmtr loc. to 35-18-04 90-19-34, change city of lic. to Turrell, AR [97-215]
 CA KSCA-101.9 Glendale change to 1750 w, 3090 ft, change xmtr location to 34-13-36 118-03-56
 KVPC(CP)-105.5 San Joaquin one step application to increase to class B1, 25000 w, 328 ft
 CO KBFE(CP)-100.7 Grand Junction change to 42000 w, 1378 ft
 FL WGUL-FM-106.3 Beverly Hills correct coordinates to 28-26-40 82-28-04
 WSBR-740 Boca Raton direct measurement of antenna power
 IL WXAJ(CP)-99.7 Hillsboro add DA, change xmtr location to 39-21-12 89-31-53
 WJOL-1340 Joliet correct coordinates to 41-32-06 88-03-15
 IN WGCT-105.1 Ellettsville change to 1750 w, 620 ft
 IA KXGE-102.3 Dubuque change to 2000 w, 308 ft, change xmtr location to 42-35-07 90-38-50
 KIDA-92.9 Ida Grove increase to 25000 w, 328 ft, change xmtr location to 42-29-23 95-17-40
 LA WYLA-94.7 Lacombe change to 3000 w, 472 ft DA, change xmtr location to 30-18-42 89-54-54
 MA WBET-1460 Brockton direct measurement of antenna power
 MS WBBV-101.1 Vicksburg move to 101.3 C3, increase to 13000 w, 394 ft, change xmtr location to 32-20-42 90-52-55
 MT KUHM(CP)-91.7* Helena change xmtr loc. to 46-46-11 112-01-22
 NV KBAD-920 Las Vegas change to DA-N, decrease to 1 tower days
 NY WCOU-88.3* Warsaw change to 4000 w, 535 ft, add DA
 NC WYNA-104.9 Calabash change to 23500 w, 338 ft DA
 SC WBAJ(CP)-890 Blythewood decrease to 8500 w critical hours, change xmtr loc. to 34-06-31 81-04-28
 WPAL-FM-100.9 Walterboro modify CP to drop DA, change xmtr loc. to 33-04-16 80-21-31, change city of license to Ridgeville, SC
 TX (CP)-94.3 Cameron one step application to move to 105.1 C3, increase to 10000 w, 328 ft
 VA WODC-88.5* Virginia Beach change antenna supporting structure height
 WA KZOK-FM-102.5 Seattle modify CP to increase to 67000 w, 2345 ft, DA, change xmtr loc. to 47-30-17 121-58-04
 KRXY-94.5 Shelton change to 710 w, 955 ft
 KFMY(CP)-105.7 South Bend increase to 951 ft, DA
 WI WTLX-100.5 Columbus drop DA, change xmtr location to 43-16-28 89-16-32

CALL LETTER CHANGES (# applied for by new owners)

AL WWGA(CP)-107.7 Georgiana becomes WFXX 3-15-99
 AZ KWCY-103.5 Glendale # KLNZ 3-8-99 "La Nueva Zeta"
 AR KHUG-96.5 England # KLEC 3-15-99 "Lick 96.5"
 CA KKAL-1280 Arroyo Grande KKOM 3-15-99 "K.KOM"
 KKTR-1650 Costa Mesa KGXL 3-15-99
 CO KSTR-620 Grand Junction KRDY 3-15-99 "Radio Disney"
 KYGO-1600 Lakewood KCKK 3-8-99 "Kicks"
 KCKK-104.3 Longmont KCKK-FM 3-8-99 "Kicks"
 KAZD(CP)-89.1* Montrose # KVMT 3-8-99 "Mountain Grown Public Radio"
 FL WXTF-106.3 Key Largo WZMQ (requested)
 GA WBCS(CP)-88.3* Jasper WNEE 3-15-99
 WCHY-FM-94.1 Savannah WSCA 3-12-99
 HI KAUI(CP)-103.3 Kekaha KSHK 3-8-99
 KS new-90.7* Emporia KPOR 3-9-99
 LA KROF-FM-105.1 Abbeville KPEL-FM 3-19-99
 MI WCSY-940 South Haven WGMV 3-8-99

CALL LETTER CHANGES (cont'd)

MN	KDDS-1490	Duluth	becomes	#	KQDS	3-8-99	
NV	new-88.7*	Lund			KWPS	3-8-99	
	new-89.7*	West Wendover			KITY	3-15-99	
NM	KHTZ-1520	Albuquerque			KQKL	3-8-99	
	KYRK-100.9	Eunice		#	KEJL	3-15-99	"Eagle 100.9"
NY	WHTT-1120	Buffalo			WMNY	3-8-99	
NC	WVOT-1420	Wilson			WALQ	3-19-99	
OH	WHMQ-107.7	North Baltimore			WIMJ	3-15-99	
	WTFM-FM-103.7	Tiffin		#	WCKY-FM	3-15-99	"Buckeye"
OR	new-100.3	Malin			KHAT	3-8-99	
	KTIL-FM-104.1	Tillamook		#	KJUN	3-8-99	
	KJUN-94.1	Tillamook		#	KTIL-FM	3-8-99	
PA	WRJS-98.5	Oil City		#	WOYL-FM	3-19-99	
	new-88.7*	Stroudsburg			WBYX	3-15-99	
TN	WTNN-670	Farragut		#	WKFN	3-10-99	
TX	KOXZ (CP)-94.3	Comanche		#	KYOX	3-19-99	"The Ox"
	new-88.5*	Marble Falls			KBMD	3-19-99	
	new-96.1	Winters			KAFR	3-15-99	
UT	KUMT-105.7	Centerville			KCPX	(requested)	
	KCPX-1600	Centerville			KSGO	3-12-99	
	KMGR-92.1	Tooele		#	KUUU	3-8-99	"U-92"
VT	new-88.5*	St. Johnsbury			WBJU	3-19-99	
VA	WVMJ-105.3	Blacksburg		#	WBRW	(requested)	"The Bear"
	WPSK-990	Narrows		#	WNRV	3-19-99	
	WNRV-FM-101.7	Radford		#	WBXW	3-19-99	"The Box"
WV	WPVO-1490	Princeton			WAEY	3-19-99	
	WAEY-FM-95.9	Princeton			WSTG	3-19-99	"Star"
WI	WNNO-900	Wisconsin Dells		#	WDLS	(requested)	"Wisconsin Dells"

New call letters not used (station retains old call letters)

GA	WPPG-92.3	Macon			WMKS	10-27-98
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(Station has never used the WPPG calls)

PROPOSED STATION TRANSFERS

(314 asset sale, 315 transfer of control, 316 reorganization)

AL	WXR-1170	Hanceville	314	from ROJO, Inc. to Maplewood Properties, LLC
AR	KLSZ-FM-102.7	Van Buren	314	from Elkhead Broadcasting, LLC to Cumulus Licensing Corporation
CA	KFOG-104.5	San Francisco	316	from Radio San Francisco, Inc. to KFFG Lico, Inc.
	KIOI-101.3	San Francisco	316	from KIOI License Corporation to Chancellor Media Corporation
CO	KALC-105.9/ KIMN-100.3	Denver	316	from Chancellor Media/Shamrock Bcstg. to Chancellor Media/Shamrock Radio Licenses
FL	WVCG-1080	Coral Gables	316	from WVCG License Corporation to Chancellor Media Radio Licenses, LLC
	WEDR-99.1	Miami	316	from WEDR License Corporation to Chancellor Media Radio Licenses, LLC
	WPIK-102.5	Summerland Key	314	from WPIK, Inc. to Keys Radio Corporation
GA	WHFE (CP)-105.9	Lakeland	314	from Capital Assets, Inc. to Albert Leon Brooks
IL	WBDM (CP)-101.1	Canton	314	from Neil Rones and Luann Dahl to Two Petaz, Inc.
	WIDB-950	Chicago	314	from One-On-One Sports License of IL to Radio Unica of Chicago License Corp.
	WMBD-1470/ WPBG-93.3	Peoria	316	from Mediwest Television, Inc. to MWT-N, LLC
IN	WLNB-102.7	Ligonier	314	from Brian Walsh to GBC Media, LLC
MN	KOWZ-100.9	Blooming Prairie	315	from Blooming Prairie Farm (L. Ketelsen) to Blooming Prairie Farm Radio (J. Linder)
NV	KISF-103.5	Las Vegas	314	from Radio Vision, Inc. to HBC License Corporation
OK	KOMS-107.3	Poteau	314	from Pinnacle Radio Group, LLC to Cumulus Licensing Corporation
SC	WDXZ-106.3	Newberry	314	from GHB of Little Rock, Inc. to Douglas M. Sutton, Jr.
	WDXY-1240/ WKHT-93.7/ WIBZ-95.5	Sumter/ Bishopville/ Wedgfield	316	from Raymond F. Reich to Reich Communications, Inc.

PROPOSED STATION TRANSFERS (cont'd)

TN WHHQ-1520	Elizabethton	314 from Elizabethton Broadcasting Corp. to St. Thomas More Bcstg. Association, Inc.
WSDT-1240	Soddy-Daisy	314 from Lamar Bearden to Willis Broadcasting Corporation
TX KTUE-1260/ KJMX-104.9	Tulia	314 from Amburn Communications to Dove Media, Inc.
KKTK-1460	Waco	314 from Capstar Royalty II Corporation to M & M Broadcasters, Ltd.
VA WKJS-104.7/ WSOJ-100.3	Crewe/ Petersburg	314 from FM 100, Inc. to Radio One Licenses, Inc.
WLES-580/ WHFD-105.5	Lawrenceville	314 from William Carlton Link to Willis Broadcasting Corporation
WY KMKX-104.5	Rock Springs	314 from Sunset Broadcasting, Inc. to Big Ticket Broadcasting Co. of Wyoming

Salem Communications Corp. filed Form 316 Transfer Applications this week from a California Corp. to a Delaware Corp. Stations involved in the transfer are: In Arizona, KPXQ, Phoenix. In California, KFIA, Carmichael; KIEV, Glendale; KLTX, Long Beach; KKLA-FM, Los Angeles; KDAR, Oxnard; KTKZ, Sacramento; KKLA, San Bernardino; KFAX, San Francisco; and KPRZ, San Marcos. In Colorado: KRKS-FM, Boulder; KRKS, KBJD(CP), and KNUS, Denver; KPRZ-FM, Fountain; KBIQ, Manitou Springs; and KGFT, Pueblo. In Illinois, WYYL, Des Plaines. In Maryland, WITH, Baltimore. In Massachusetts, WEZE, Boston. In Minnesota, KYCR, Golden Valley; KKMS, Richfield. In New Jersey, WWDJ, Hackensack. In New York, WMCA, New York. In Ohio, WHLO, Akron; WHK-FM, Canton; WTSJ, Cincinnati; WHK, Cleveland; WRFD, Columbus; and WCCD, Parma. In Oregon, KPDQ AM and FM in Portland. In Pennsylvania, WFIL and WZZD, Philadelphia; WORD-FM and WPIT, Pittsburgh. In Texas, KTEK, Alvin; KWRD-FM, Arlington; KKHT, Conroe; KENR, Houston; KSLR, San Antonio. In Virginia, WAVA, Arlington. In Washington, KGNW, Burien; KLFE and KAZJ, Seattle; and KKMO, Tacoma.

Chancellor Media/Trefoil Communications filed Form 316 Transfer Applications to Chancellor Media Corporation for California stations KYSR and KBIG, Los Angeles; and KMEL, San Francisco. Illinois stations included are WNUA and WLIT-FM, Chicago; and WVAZ, Oak Park. Massachusetts stations are WJMN, Boston; WXKS, Everett; and WXKS-FM, Medford. Michigan stations are WYUR and WNIC, Dearborn; WMXD, WJLB, WWWW-FM, WDFN, and WKQI Detroit. Other stations included are WKTU, Lake Success, NY and KSKY, Balch Springs, TX.

In Washington, DC, stations transferring from Chancellor Media D.C. License Corporation to Chancellor Media Radio Licenses, LLC are WWDC AM and FM, WTEM, WGAY and WMZQ-FM.

The following Illinois stations transfer from Chancellor Media IL License Corp. to Chancellor Media Radio Licenses, LLC: WGCI AM and FM, WUBT, and WMVP, Chicago.

DISMISSED STATION TRANSFERS

KS KWSJ-105.3/ KQAM-1480/ KEYN-FM-103.7/KFH-1330/KNSS-1240	Haysville (D)/ Wichita (D)	314 from Triathlon Bcstg. of Wichita to Marathon Media, LP
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(dismissed per assignor's attorney)

WASHINGTON THIS WEEK

Lose the booze? Looks like the Federal Trade Commission is poised to crack down on alcohol ads, in a protect-the-kids campaign that reminds M Street of the banishment of Joe Camel. The Federal Trade Commission is reportedly close to issuing a report calling for tighter regulation (though not elimination) of advertising for alcohol. That action could threaten millions in beer money for radio. House Telecom Subcommittee Chairman Billy Tauzin just dashed off a March 19 letter to the FTC urging caution. Variety quotes from the letter: "Self regulation should prevail over government intervention, plain and simple." The FCC has previously shown interest in alcohol advertising, sparked by the reappearance of ads for hard liquor. But now it's the FTC that's expected to flex its muscles, and advertisers will be paying close attention.

FCC 1, New York pirates 0 -- a New York Federal District Court victory gave the FCC an injunction against Manhattan pirate "Steal This Radio." And a favorable verdict by a federal jurist isn't a foregone conclusion these days: judges in California and Minnesota have unexpectedly given unlicensed operators some breathing room in the last couple of years. This time US District Court Judge Michael Mukasey rejected the First Amendment arguments of "Steal This Radio" and dismissed its challenge to the FCC's licensing process. "Steal" had won a

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preliminary victory when the judge agreed that its principals could remain anonymous in the court action.

The FCC accepts late EEO comments by the Minority Media and Telecommunications Council, and extends the deadline for reply comments in the Notice of Proposed Rule Making yet again, to April 15. But the NAB and others wanted it set even later -- 60 days after the MMTC's last filing, which happened on March 19. MMTC attorney David Honig tells M Street the filing effort was burdened by illness, but staffers (many of them volunteers) worked night and day to get it in to the Commission. Now the clock is running on Reply Comments. Honig notes that most of the filings by cable companies have been generally favorable to the FCC's proposed new EEO rules -- while broadcasters favor voluntary standards only.

Will the Republican Congress ever really reform the FCC? Representative Billy Tauzin was also busy nagging the FCC, and says Congress made a "fundamental mistake" with the Telecom Act by not reforming the FCC. The House Telecommunications Subcommittee Chair scorns the FCC for delving into "controversial areas" like free airtime for politicians, banning liquor ads and "conditioning" telecom mergers better left to the DOJ and FTC. He proposes doing away with unnecessary activities, privatizing others, devolving some to the states, and restructuring the current bureau setup. FCC Chairman Kennard had a different theme in his March 17 address during reauthorization hearings: "Change, not chaos."

How much do you want to pay? The FCC has just begun a proceeding to revise the schedule of regulatory fees for Fiscal Year 1999. Comments are due April 19, replies April 29. (Docket No. MD 98-200)

Latest on Low Power FM concerns time: The FCC gives the NAB, DAB developer Lucent Digital Radio and others a bit more time to conduct research and file their comments and reply comments -- but not nearly as much as they asked for. The agency declares that four months is ample time to conduct tests about LPFM's possible impact on existing facilities and the future In-Band DAB. It did extend the deadlines for comments and reply comments by about 45 days -- but that's far short of the extensions suggested by Lucent Digital Radio and the NAB. New deadlines: June 1 for Comments and July 1 for Reply Comments.

The SEC's action against syndicated radio financial talkshow host Ed Taxin ends with Taxin paying \$30,000 in penalties to settle the charges. The New Jersey-based host and Internet newsletter publisher settles the allegations without admitting or denying them. The feds claim Taxin was being compensated in cash and/or stock for positive comments about companies mentioned on his show. The legal question is whether that arrangement was adequately disclosed to listeners.

Back on track: Fairview Broadcasting got a letter last September 28 cancelling its license for WPFM, Fairview, TN (850 KHz), and now it's back on track to keep its license. The Commission treated its October 15, 1998 renewal app as a petition for reconsideration, granted that on March 11, 1999 and has reinstated the call sign, allowed WPFM to continue operations under licensed parameters, and accepted its modification app for filing.

Three AM stations get their licenses canceled by letter: soft AC KIGO, St. Anthony, ID (1400), licensed to Fremont Broadcasting. Oldies KTMP, Heber City, UT (1340 KHz), licensed to Creek Broadcasting. And talk KUTA, Blanding, UT (790KHz), licensed to Mueller Broadcasting.

On the FM side, two non-commercial and one commercial station receive cancellations by letter of licenses to cover: non-coms KGLP, Gallup, NM (91.7 MHz), licensed to Gallup Public radio and doing news/variety; and KVCE, Fallon, NV (91.9 MHz), licensed to Fallon Educational Broadcasting and doing religious programming. And also KADQ-FM, Rexburg, ID (94.3 MHz), licensed to Ted W. Austin, Jr. M Street notes that KDAQ-FM and KIGO (see the paragraph above) have been simulcasting a soft AC format.

Pleading poverty wins WJNT, Pearl, MS a reduction in fines (\$18,000 to \$10,000). The Commission wasn't buying most of Buchanan Broadcasting's arguments about operating with improper power and nighttime pattern, but it did review Buchanan's tax returns and lower the fine of news/talk WJNT (1180 KHz) by \$8,000.

The Commission's Compliance and Information Bureau reports it handled over 1,200 interference complaints from federal, state and local public safety and emergency

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officials last year. Local FCC Field Agents get to jump on the problem when there are reported problems with police communications channels, air traffic control frequencies and lost vessels at sea. (Report No. CI 99-15)

At next month's NAB Convention in Las Vegas, longtime Media Ratings Council Executive Director Dick Weinstein will receive the Hugh Malcolm Beville, Jr. Award for contributions to audience research. The EMRC (formerly known as the Electronic Media Rating Council) is the entity that reviews and accredits ratings and other audience research.

CANADA THIS WEEK

It's very Canadian to head off labor troubles before they get ugly (as with the CBC's last-minute settlement with the Canadian Media Guild on March 19). But very UN-Canadian to have a couple of dozen striking engineers storm into a CBC facility and stage a sitdown protest. That's what happened at a CBC radio station in St. John's, Newfoundland, where picketers suddenly burst into the building and prevented the morning show from broadcasting. They did leave, under police escort, a couple of hours later. So the 3,300 editorial workers in the Guild get a 10% pay increase spread over the next three years, but the 2,000 striking techs are still frustrated as they enter the sixth week of strike activity.

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The "KAAA" and "KZZZ" calls both belong to one owner (Regent Communications), and it's selling the Arizona pair and its country "K-Flag" sisters to a company run by Chicago-based Chris Devine. The deal is worth a combined \$5.4 million, and it was brokered by Star Media Group's Peter Handy. Stations involved: news/talk KAAA, Kingman (1230 KHz); AC "Sunny" KZZZ, Kingman (94.7 MHz); and the country simulcast of KFLG (1000 KHz) and KFLG-FM (102.7 MHz), both licensed to Bullhead City, AZ. Devine's buying entity is called Mag Mile Media, LLC. M Street notes that Devine is also a principal in the Marathon Media group.

In Nashville, one AM owner (WAPB, Murfreesboro, TN at 810 KHz) enters an LMA-to-buy with another WNSR, Brentwood, TN at 560 KHz as Radio 810 of Nashville -- but the deal's contingent on WAPB's current licensee paying an \$11,000 FCC fine for power-related violations. The LMA means a partial format change on WAPB with the station switching from southern gospel/Spanish variety to Spanish variety and sports. (WNSR does sports and will simulcast part of that programming on WAPB after sundown.)

Expanded testing for DAB: New Jersey-based Lucent Digital Radio chooses New Jersey's Nassau Broadcasting for commercial-station tests of its new In-Band, On-Channel Digital Audio Broadcasting technology. Last month Suren Pai's crew picked non-com WBJB-FM, Lincroft, NJ (90.5 MHz) as its first test site for the new multi-streaming technology. Now it pairs up with Princeton-based Nassau Broadcasting Partners for additional field testing. Nassau owns and/or operates 15 stations in New Jersey and four more in neighboring NY State and Pennsylvania. The expected first FM test station will be Nassau CHR WPST, Trenton, NJ (97.5 MHz).

How will juries feel about consolidation -- and doesn't it make the Little Guy an even more sympathetic plaintiff? The former Albany, NY morning team Mason and Sheehan is suing Clear Channel for \$50 million. They charge that after a failed move from WPYX to WXCR, they have few local employment options because of ownership consolidation. The duo was expecting great things in terms of promotion and syndication when they jumped to WXCR, then owned by Clear Channel-backed Radio Enterprises. The Capital District Business Review says they now claim there was a conspiracy to get them off WPYX and out of competition with Howard Stern, who's on Clear Channel-owned simulcast WQBK/WQBJ. The company's statement says the charges "have no merit" but won't discuss them further.

All last year, we watched the national revenue figures for US radio go through the roof, and now there's more confirmation of that. National spot radio spending grew 21%, to \$2.04 billion, according to a Competitive Media Reporting survey reported in Ad Age. That category grew even faster than outdoor (+18% to \$1.73 billion) and cable (+15.4% to \$6.67 billion). GM was the country's leading ad spender, just ahead of Procter & Gamble.

And we wish good luck to some radio broadcasters who REALLY have it tough: "B92", which has just been shut down by the Yugoslavian government for allegedly exceeding its authorized power. The real story is that B92 was an independent station that's given the government a hard time over its policies in places like Kosovo. B92 is reportedly staying active using satellite and its RealAudio webcast. Stay away from bombs and cops, guys!

M STREET BAZAAR. . . PEOPLE, PRODUCTS, AND PROGRAMMING

Los Angeles-based personalities John and Ken exit KFI to do mornings (5-9 am) at KABC starting July 1st, which has big ramifications for their syndicated daily show. Fisher Entertainment's Glenn Fisher says that will continue until May 21, but he tells M Street he's surprised and shocked John Kobylt and Ken Chiampou would "leave 110 affiliates and a lot of money behind" to join KABC. M Street notes the recent ratings for John and Ken's daypart have lagged the station. (KFI averaged a 3.9 share 12+ in the Fall Arbitron; the 3 to 7 pm daypart did a 2.7.) Fisher says he's negotiating with several "top five-market hot talk talents" to fill the syndication slot. Over at KFI, Cox plugs the afternoon opening in part by picking up one hour of WSB, Atlanta-based consumer advocate Clark Howard.

New syndicator on the scene, as former ABC execs Bob Carey and George Green launch "Syndicated Solutions." The Stamford, CT-based firm says it's already signed "three strong shows" and will represent news/talk and sports shows -- and do everything except ad sales. It's also promising "intense cyberspace marketing techniques." Carey was a Regional Director at Disney/ABC Radio Networks. George Green ran KABC, Los Angeles for many years (and later also the former KMPC). Syndicated Solutions: (203) 921-1510.

Dittoheads, meet Dennis Prager: The KABC-based Dennis Prager show will be syndicated by MediaAmerica/Jones. So the LA talker's daily show won't be handled by ABC Radio Networks. KABC will carry Prager as the flagship of the daily noon to 2 pm Eastern time show -- which puts Prager on the satellite as a live competitor for two of Rush Limbaugh's three weekday hours. Prager's been a fixture at KABC since 1982 and was part of the 1980s ABC Talkradio network that included Dr. Toni Grant, Dr. David Viscott and Ira Fistell. (Prager held down a weekend shift on Talkradio.) He's written four books and been a frequent guest on Tom Snyder's late-night CBS TV show.

Satellite broadcaster CD Radio announces some more deals with content providers, but they're not exactly mainstream radio broadcasters this time: CD Radio's 100-station lineup will include programming based on the Speedvision and Outdoor Life cable TV channels. CD Radio will offer 50 channels of commercial-free music programming and 50 channels of talk, sports and other entertainment (which WILL carry ads).

Tribune Radio group head (and former NAB Joint Radio/TV Board Chairman) Wayne Vriesman is retiring on April 6. Vriesman spent the majority of his working life at Tribune and most of it was at WGN, Chicago. He managed 'GN from 1978 to 1987 when he became VP/Radio, and then again from 1996 to 1998 before Steve Carver came in. Vriesman has held lots of industry leadership positions, including Chairman of the NAB's joint Radio/TV Board and Chairman of the Board of the RTNDA. No indication from corporate whether there will be a new VP/Radio for Tribune Broadcasting. M Street notes that Tribune, once a nationwide group, is down to two radio markets (Chicago and Denver).

Pay attention when the general speaks: Bonneville and the NAB have booked General Colin Powell for the first ever Service to America Summit. This one-day symposium and awards event is June 21 in Washington, D.C., co-sponsored by the NAB Education Foundation and group owner Bonneville International.

It's "Goooooooooal" for Miami-based Radio Unica, which just secured the U.S. rights to the soccer competition called Copa Tecate 1999, produced by Tecate Beer and promoter Mundial Sports. The tournament brings some of Mexico's pro soccer teams to the U.S, ending in a Cinco de Mayo final in the Los Angeles Coliseum.

Now on video: 30 years of the Country Radio Seminar. Offered by -- who else? -- Art Vuolo. Radio's Best Friend is now selling two different new country videos. One is the "30 Years of the CRS" that was produced specifically for the Nashville event. The other is Art's "WCRS-TV", the "two-hour hotel video channel" featuring video airchecks and new music videos. Art Vuolo's RadioGuide: (248) 355-0022.

See you back next week here on M Street -- with a reminder that if you have a job vacancy to fill, or need to find your next position, the "M Street Daily" fax now publishes a classified section called the Opportunity Page. Phone Sanders Hickey at (770) 433-9292 for info. And we'll leave you with this possibly scary thought: Version 5.0 of Microsoft's new Internet Explorer browser has a highly-touted new feature that looks just like a radio -- complete with buttons and default radio choices. Everybody wants a piece of what radio's got.

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MUTUALLY EXTINCT. . . Mutual News -- which traces its roots back to radio's pre-WWII Golden Age -- will disappear as a brand name on April 18. It's the victim of late-20th Century consolidation that also rendered extinct the old-time model of a "radio network." Westwood One acquired what was left of Mutual in the 1980s when it was rolling up assets like the NBC Radio Network. Westwood told affiliates that "Effective Sunday, April 18, services provided under the Mutual News banner will be eliminated. The hourly newscast feed. . .at that time will be produced by CNN." Another legendary radio network name is getting its feathers clipped the same day: "Services provided under the NBC News banner will be restricted to weekday mornings (5 am to 11 am Eastern)." Westwood's featured radio network brands now will be CBS, CNN and Fox (based on the Fox News Channel). Westwood also confirmed it has pink-slipped 12 staffers at its CBS Radio Network operation -- just a case of too much product and too much duplication. In the old days, radio talent and execs wanted to "go network." Now -- that doesn't seem like such a great idea.

CHANGE FASTER. . . The FCC just streamlined pages of technical rules for AMs and FMs that should speed up "minor changes" of facilities that could actually be pretty major. What the Commission DIDN'T do in its Report and Order (FCC 99-55) was address the more controversial issue of "negotiated interference" among FM licensees. But the latest streamlining should help licensees greatly: It expands "first come/first served", now used on commercial FMs, to apps for minor changes to AM, non-commercial FM and FM translator stations. It greatly expands the definition of a "minor change" for AMs, non-com FMs and FM translators to include changes in power, antenna height and/or antenna location, even moving to an adjacent channel. And it allows filing of up to four related and simultaneously filed FM minor-change CP applications. (News Release is Report No. MM 99-2, in MM Docket 98-93.) The rest of the week's news in radio, from the FCC and beyond, inside this week's M Street Journal.

FORMAT CHANGES & UPDATES

(# change accompanies new ownership) (// simulcast)

		formerly	becomes
AL Prichard (Mobile)	WKSJ-1270	news & talk	ABC - adult standards
AZ Show Low	KRFM-96.5	# adult contemporary	adds ABC - AC "Mix"
Show Low	KVSL-1450	# classic country	talk
	(KVSL & KRFM are now a combo with oldies KVWM & country KSNX)		
CA Burney	KMCA-1450	country	talk & sports
Lompoc	KAKV-106.7	new	adult standards
CO Grand Junction	KAFM-88.1*	new	jazz-folk-blues
Grand Junction	KBFE-100.7	new	KSNJ, WW1 - standards
Yuma	KNEC-100.9	new	JRN - adult standards
	(KNEC looks to be on air April 12th)		
FL Bradenton (Tampa)	WDUV-103.5	easy & standards	WTBT, classic rock
	(WDUV's programming moves to 105.5 and 92.1)		
New Port Richey (Tmpta)	WTBT-105.5	# classic rock	WDUV, easy & standards
	(The new WDUV 105.5 will simulcast WDDV 92.1 mornings then shadowcast the programming the rest of the day until the sale to Cox closes)		
GA Albany	WNUQ-101.7	WKAK, country	dance - CHR "Q-101.7"
	(WNUQ breaks its simulcast with the former WGPC-FM, now WKAK)		
Augusta	WKIM-1230	R&B oldies	United - news & talk
Fort Valley (Macon)	WIBB-FM-97.9	urban	adds ABC's Doug Banks
	(Banks has moved here from siser WIBD for mornings)		

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GA Gray (Macon)	WIBD-96.5	urban // WIBB-FM	WRNC-FM, ABC Real - CW
	(WRNC-FM is now simulcast on WRNC(AM) 1670 KHz)		
Washington	WLOV-1370	country // WXKT	JRN - soft AC // WXKT
Washington	WXKT-100.1	country	JRN - soft AC "Love"
ID Mountain Home	KMHI-1240	talk & sports	JRN - adult standards
IL Peoria	WBGE-92.3	R&B oldies	adds ABC's Tom Joyner
	(Joyner returns to WBGE after six weeks away)		
IN East Chicago (Gary)	WWCA-1270	black gospel	Spanish standards
	(WWCA continues its LMA with Alliance Broadcasting)		
LA Lake Charles	KXZZ-1580	gospel/R&B oldies	Joyner & R&B oldies
ME Sanford (Portsmouth)	WCDQ-92.1	# classic rock	to be modern rock
	(WCDQ will sell to and simulcast with WFNX; look for the new call letters of WPHX when the deal closes)		
MD Rockville (D.C.)	WINX-1600	Spanish AC	tropical // WZHF (May 1st)
	(WINX's programming moves to WBZS 730 KHz)		
Silver Spring (D.C.)	WKDL-1050	tropical	Unica - Spanish talk (May)
	(WKDL's tropical programming will move to WZHF 1390 KHz)		
MN Rochester	KRCH-101.7	classic rock	adds Bob & Tom
MS Bay Springs	WIZK-1570	# silent	black gospel
Gluckstadt (Jackson)	WYOY-101.7	CHR	adds Steve and D.C.
Lucedale	WRBE-1440	CW & gospel // FM	JRN - CW & gospel // FM
Lucedale	WRBE-FM-106.9	country & gospel	JRN - country & gospel
MT Hardin	KHDN-1230	talk // KBSR	reported silent
Laurel (Billings)	KBSR-1490	talk & sports	reported silent
NE Kimball	KBFZ-100.1	new	country // KOLT-FM
Wayne	KTCH-1590	country	adds ABC Real - country
Wayne	KTCH-FM-104.9	oldies	adds ABC - oldies
NM Milan	KCIB-1130	country	WW1 - country // KQEO
	(KCIB is in an LMA with KQEO)		
OR Portland	KXL-FM-95.5	adult alternative	urban "Jammin' 95.5"
PA Mill Hall (Williamsp.)	WZRZ-98.7	# oldies	JRN - soft AC "River"
	(WZRZ has been sold to Forever Broadcasting but has been LMA'ed back to former sister CHR WVRT)		
Mount Carmel	WMIM-1590	adult standards	reported silent
Philadelphia	WWDB-FM-96.5	talk	news & talk
	(WWDB-FM launches its morning all news block with Gil Gross as host)		
SD Lowry	KMLO-100.7	country // KPLO-FM	ABC - country // KPLO-FM
Pierre	KGFX-1060	country & talk	adds ABC Real - country
	(KGFX picks up ABC Real Country for overnights)		
Reliance	KPLO-FM-94.5	# country	adds ABC - country
	(KPLO-FM is now a combo with country KGFX & classic hits KGFX-FM)		
TN Gallatin (Nashville)	WGFX-104.5	rhythmic oldies	adds Rick & Bubba
(Rick & Bubba move over from sister WKDF; they originate at WYSF, Birmingham, AL)	WKDF-103.3	modern rock	country "Music City 103.3"
	(see story page 10)		
TX Ballinger	KKCN-103.1	ABC - oldies	ABC - country
	(KKCN will use ABC Country Coast-to-Coast for nights)		
Comanche	KCOM-1550	# country	JRN - classic country
Gainesville (Dallas)	KDOS-107.9	new	regional Mexican // KDXX
	(KDOS joins a simulcast with KDXX, KDXX-FM and KDXT-FM)		
Greenville	KIKT-93.5	country	adds JRN - Nash. Nights
Point Comfort (Vict.)	KAJI-94.1	new	ABC - oldies
	(KAJI enters into an LMA with soft AC KVLTL)		
Sherman (Dallas)	KTBK-1700	new	sports // KTCK
UT Provo (S.L.C.)	KOVO-960	# standards // KDYL	Spanish talk & music
	(KOVO ends its LMA with KDYL and enters into an LMA-to-buy with Lobo Broadcasting, Inc.)		
VA Alexandria (D.C.)	WBZS-730	# business	Spanish AC (May 1st)
	(WBZS & WZHF enter an LMA-to-buy with WINX, WKDV and WKDL)		
Arlington (D.C.)	WZHF-1390	# talk	tropical (May 1st)
	(WZHF & WBZS enter an LMA-to-buy with WINX, WKDV and WKDL)		
Manassas (D.C.)	WKDV-1460	Spanish AC // WINX	Unica - talk // WKDL
WA Hoquiam	KJET-1490	country	WW1 - oldies
Hoquiam	KGHO-FM-95.3	WW1 - oldies	WW1 - 70's oldies
	(KJET & KGHO-FM enter into an LMA with country KAYO-FM & talk KBKW)		
Olympia	KGHO-920	oldies	WW1 - country // KAYO-FM
	(KGHO enters into an LMA with country KAYO-FM & talk KBKW Aberdeen-Hoquiam)		

NEW STATIONS: APPLICATIONS (* non-commercial station) (& reapplication)

		(+ competes with existing application)
AK 88.5*	Anchorage	11000 w, -95 ft Educ. Media Foundation
AZ 89.5*	Drake	250 w, 1702 ft St. Paul Bible College
AR 91.9*	Arkadelphia	250 w, 98 ft Henderson State University

NEW STATIONS: APPLICATIONS (cont'd)

CA 88.1**	Yucca Valley	7000 w, -351 ft	Bcstg. for the Challenged
88.1**	Yucca Valley	50000 w, 380 ft	Sacramento Brain Trust, Inc.
GA 88.7*	Sparta	2000 w (v), 134 ft	Augusta Radio Fellowship
IL 89.5**	Effingham	400 w, 164 ft	Pana Public Radio, Inc.
90.7*	Morris	6000 w, 184 ft	Bcstg. for the Challenged
IN 88.1*	Danville	5000 w(v), 410 ft DA	Calv. Chapel of Crawfordsville
88.3*	New Whiteland	4600 w(v), 495 ft DA	Horizon Christian Fellowship
88.3**	Trafalgar	4000 w (v), 39 ft	Bcstg. for the Challenged
KS 89.7*	Hays	250 w, 292 ft	Salt & Light Communications
MN 90.9*	Willmar	510 w, 289 ft	Educ. Media Foundation
MS 90.9*	Hickory	16000 w, 321 ft	CSN International
90.9*	Meridian	3000 w, 384 ft	Family Stations, Inc.
MO 88.9*	Anderson	20000 w (v), 262 ft	CSN International
NY 91.1*	Houghton	360 w, -298 ft	Houghton College Radio Corp.
OH 88.7*	Anna	3000 w (v), 272 ftDA	Friends of Radio Maria
OK 89.1*	Bartlesville	facils not given	Educ. Media Foundation
PA 88.1*	Altoona	6000 w (v), -358 ft	Bcstg. for the Challenged
TX 88.9*	Bastrop	facils not given	Principle Bcstg. Foundation
88.5*	Beaumont	25000 w (v), 226 ft	Bcstg. for the Challenged
88.3**	Big Spring	3000 w (v), 282 ft	Bcstg. for the Challenged
90.7**	Brownfield	3000 w, 226 ft	Bcstg. for the Challenged
88.3*	Casper	no facils given	Bcstg. for the Challenged
91.3*	Markham	5000 w, 256 ft	Christian Educ. Association
88.1*	Stanton	facils not given	Educ. Media Foundation
88.5**	Vidor	facils not given	Friends of Radio Maria
88.5**	Vidor	12000 w, 367 ft	Houston Bay City, Inc.
WY 88.3*	Casper	740 w, -328 ft	WCN, Inc.
88.5**	Laramie	25000 w, 7 ft	Bcstg. for the Challenged
88.5**	Laramie	1500 w, 981 ft DA	CSN International
88.3**	Laramie	no facils given	Educ. Media Foundation
88.5**	Laramie	150 w, 895 ft	Laramie Union Bcstg., Inc.
88.5**	Laramie	no facils given	Mountain West Inspirational
88.5**	Laramie	235 w, 200 ft	WCN, Inc.
PQ 89.9	Ste-Anne-de-Beaupre	124 w	Canadian Broadcasting Corp.

(If granted, this station would rebroadcast CBVX-FM)

Returned/Dismissed Applications

AZ 88.5*	Tucson (D)	American Family Association
ID 106.3	Homedale (D)	Roy Henderson/Homedale Bcstg.
MI 91.5*	Big Rapids (R)	Great Lakes Comm. Bcstg.
91.3*	Caro (R)	Great Lakes Comm. Bcstg.
88.7*	Clarklake (D)	Great Lakes Comm. Bcstg.
90.1*	Clarklake (R)	Great Lakes Comm. Bcstg.
88.5*	Mackinaw City (R)	Great Lakes Comm. Bcstg.
88.5*	Oakley (R)	Great Lakes Comm. Bcstg.
89.7*	Woodhull Township (R)	Great Lakes Comm. Bcstg.
TN 88.5*	Sneedville (R)	Duck Creek Baptist Church

NEW STATIONS: GRANTS

ID 106.3	Homedale	100000 w, 1968 ft (as amended)	R & S Media
TX 89.5*	Odessa	2000 w, 194 ft (as amended)	American Family Assn.

TRANSLATORS/BOOSTERS/SYNCHRONOUS XMTR: APPLICATIONS

AL new-89.7*	Huntsville	KAWZ	Calv. Chapel/Twin Falls
CA new-88.3*	Fort Jones	KVIP-FM	Pacific Cascade Comm.
new-88.1*	Johnstonville	KEFX	Calv. Chapel/Twin Falls
new-88.9*	Valle Vista	KAWZ	Calv. Chapel/Twin Falls
CT new-89.7*	Vernon	WESU	Revival Christian Minis.
FL new-88.5*	Panama City	WJIS	Radio Training Network
LA new-89.1*	Lafayette	WJFM	Star Communications
OH new-88.9*	Pemperville	KAWZ	Calv. Chapel/Twin Falls
UT new-90.5*	Ephraim	KAWZ	Calv. Chapel/Twin Falls

TRANSLATORS/BOOSTERS/SYNCHRONOUS XMTR: GRANTS

FL W214BD-90.7*	Gifford	50 w, WJFP (as amended)	Black Media Works, Inc.
IN W204BF-88.7*	Fort Wayne	10 w DA, WBKE-FM	Public Bcstg. of IN
MS W220CL-91.9*	Raymond	10 w (v), KAWZ	Calv. Chapel/Twin Falls
NV W206AW-89.1*	Pawling	250 w DA, WFGB	Sound of Life, Inc.
K219DS-91.7*	Round Mountain	230 w (v) DA, KAWZ	Calv. Chapel/Twin Falls

TRANSLATORS/BOOSTERS/SYNCHRONOUS XMTR: GRANTS (cont'd)

NC W215AZ-90.9*	Boone	10 w, WLFJ	Radio Training Network
SC W220CN-91.9*	Charleston	19 w, WLFJ	Radio Training Network
W216BJ-91.1*	Wando	10 w, WLFJ	Radio Training Network

CONSTRUCTION PERMIT ACTIVITY

AL WKLD-97.7	Oneonta	increases to 341 ft (CP was previously canceled)
AZ KOAZ-97.5	Oro Valley	built new auxiliary facility
CA KRAB-106.1	Green Acres	built new auxiliary facility
KCSS-91.9*	Turlock	increases to 400 w (v), 105 ft
CO KSPZ-92.9	Colorado Springs	increases to 79000 w, 2198 ft, changes xmtr location to 38-44-44 104-51-39
KBFE-100.7	Grand Junction	license to cover for new station
KAFM-88.1*	Grand Junction	license to cover for new station
KVUU-99.9	Pueblo	increases to 79000 w, 2198 ft, changes xmtr location to 38-44-44 104-51-42
KUAD-FM-99.1	Windsor	increases to 695 ft
FL WHIM-1520	Apopka	adds 350 w nights, DA-2, increases to 4 towers nights
WKSG-89.5*	Cedar Creek	license to cover for new station
WQVR-99.5	La Crosse	changes to 2200 w, 472 ft
WDNA-88.9*	Miami	increases to 7400 w, 1145 ft, adds DA, class C2, changes xmtr location to 25-32-24 80-28-07
GA WYNR-107.7	Darien	increases to 482 ft
WVKX-103.7	Irwinton	increases to 6000 w
WNSY-100.1	Talking Rock	changes to 15000 w, 423 ft, class C3, changes xmtr loc. to 29-41-17 97-40-39
IL WMQZ-104.1	Colchester	license to cover for new station
WVLI-95.1	Kankakee	changes to 2300 w, 367 ft
WLJY-106.5	Marshfield	built new auxiliary facility
WJLY-88.3*	Ramsey	license to cover for new station
IN WORX-FM-96.7	Madison	changes to 1050 w, 551 ft, changes xmtr location to 38-44-32 85-21-43
IA KSKB-99.1*	Brooklyn	changes to 43000 w, 525 ft, changes xmtr location to 41-41-22 92-21-33
KKDM-107.5	Des Moines	built new auxiliary facility
KMAQ-FM-95.3	Maquoketa	moves to 95.1 MHz, increases to 6000 w
KIYX-106.1	Sageville	license to cover for new station
ME WAKN-97.7	Winter Harbor	license to cover for new station
MA WATD-FM-95.9	Marshfield	changes to 1450 w, 469 ft
NH WUNH-91.3*	Durham	changes to 6000 w (v), 250 ft, adds DA
NM KTAO-101.7	Taos	moves to 101.9 C1, changes to 1200 w, 2795 ft, changes xmtr location to 36-14-48 105-39-15
NY WBAB-FM-102.3	Babylon	increases to 6000 w
NC WETC-540	Wendell	increases to 8000 w days
OK KCES-102.3	Eufaula	moves to 102.5 C3, increases to 10500 w, 505 ft, changes xmtr location to 35-06-09 95-36-53
OR KBBT-FM-107.5	Banks	increases to 37000 w, 1443 ft, class C1, changes xmtr loc. to 45-30-58 122-43-59
KUFO-101.1	Portland	built new auxiliary facility
PA WDNH-FM-95.3	Honesdale	changes to 4300 w, 200 ft
WIOQ-102.1	Philadelphia	built new auxiliary facility
SC WKSO-103.9	Orangeburg	increases to 9200 w, 531 ft, class C3, changes xmtr loc. to 33-40-13 80-52-25
TN WAYB-FM-95.7	Graysville	increases to 6000 w, 328 ft, adds DA
TX KBNR-88.3*	Brownsville	increases to 5500 w
KEGL-97.1	Fort Worth	increases to 1666 ft, changes xmtr location to 32-35-19 96-58-05
KPAN-FM-106.3	Hereford	increases to 30000 w
KSLR-630	San Antonio	changes xmtr loc. to 29-31-50 98-07-13 nights
KOES-106.9	Stamford	license to cover for new station
VA WKEY-1340	Covington	changes xmtr loc. to 37-46-03 79-59-06
WXGI-950	Richmond	decreases to 3900 w days, 49 w nights
WI WVCF-90.5*	Eau Claire	changes to 900 w, 312 ft

FACILITIES/PARAMETERS: APPLICATIONS

AL WESP-102.5	Dothan	(& reapplication) [docket number] change to 16500 w, 403 ft, change xmtr location to 31-15-48 85-18-24
AZ KFMR(CP)-95.1	Winslow	change xmtr loc. to 34-58-04 111-30-30

FACILITIES/PARAMETERS: APPLICATIONS (cont'd) (& reapplication) [docket number]

CA KLVG-103.7	Garberville	modify CP to change to 10500 w, 2348 ft
KUNX-1590	Ventura	correct coordinates to 34-14-13 119-12-09
CO KCMN-1530	Colorado Springs	add 15 w nights, ND
FL WXQL-105.7	Baldwin	one step application to increase to class C3, 12000 w, 479 ft, change xmtr location to 30-26-56 82-05-45
WTKT-98.5	Crystal River	change main studio location
WZNS-96.5	Fort Walton Beach	change xmtr loc. to 30-24-50 86-37-40
WAVW-94.7	Gifford	change to 22500 w, 354 ft
WBG(CP)-98.7	Pensacola	change to 43000 w, 525 ft, change xmtr location to 30-35-30 87-26-50
WQYK-FM-99.5	Saint Petersburg	correct coordinates to 27-56-51 82-27-33
WWLD-106.1	Tallahassee	change xmtr loc. to 30-23-09 84-16-34
WXEL(CP)-90.7*	West Palm Beach	increase to 50000 w, 899 ft, add DA, class C1, change xmtr location to 26-34-37 80-14-32
GA WNEE(CP)-88.3*	Jasper	increase to 200 w, 46 ft DA, change xmtr loc. to 34-28-10 84-25-50
WHFE(CP)-105.9	Lakeland	increase to 19000 w, 377 ft, class C3, change xmtr loc. to 31-00-51 83-04-58 [90-214]
WPEZ-107.9	Macon	change to 55000 w, 1256 ft, change xmtr location to 33-13-12 84-10-07, change city of license to Hampton, GA
IL WBDM(CP)-101.1	Canton	change to 3300 w, 449 ft, change xmtr location to 40-39-00 89-46-46, change city of license to Glasford, IL [97-186]
WRAN-98.3	Tower Hill	correct coordinates to 39-18-22 88-56-08
IN WATI-89.9*	Vincennes	modify CP to change to 2600 w, 374 ft, change xmtr loc. to 38-41-02 87-26-08
KS KUSN-98.9	Coffeyville	change to 3200 w, 453 ft
MI WLNZ-89.7*	Lansing	increase to 420 w (v), change xmtr location to 42-44-15 84-33-12
MN KKBK-FM-103.7	Bemidji	correct coordinates to 47-33-21 94-48-04
MS WLPX-105.5	Water Valley	increase to 328 ft, change xmtr location to 34-12-45 89-44-49
NE KBFZ-100.1	Kimball	increase to 328 ft
(CP)-98.5	McCook	correct coordinates to 40-29-16 100-39-34
NM KXKS-1190	Albuquerque	add 24 w nights, ND
(CP was previously canceled; petition for reconsideration granted; CP reinstated)		
NY WEHH-1590	Elmira Heights	modify CP to decrease to 410 w nights, change xmtr loc. to 42-07-11 76-48-37
NC WAAV-980	Leland	correct coordinates to 34-14-54 78-00-06
OH WNKO-101.7	Newark	increase to 4100 w, 397 ft
WRTK-1390	Youngstown	decrease to 4200 w nights, change xmtr location to 40-56-45 80-36-36
OK KCDL-99.3	Cordell	one step application to increase to class C2, 41000 w, 541 ft, change xmtr location to 35-32-23 98-48-03
KTST-101.9	Oklahoma City	modify beam tilt
KJYO-102.7	Oklahoma City	modify beam tilt
OR KRSK-105.1	Salem	increase to 1889 ft, change xmtr location to 45-00-35 122-20-17
PA WDNH-FM-95.3	Honesdale	modify CP to change to 1600 w, 459 ft, change xmtr loc. to 41-34-59 75-10-34
PR WZGX-91.7*	San German	change to 5000 w (v), 364 ft, change xmtr location to 18-03-28 67-02-54
TN WBEH(CP)-106.7	Norris	change to 1500 w, 666 ft DA, change xmtr location to 36-08-04 83-55-19
TX KVWG-FM-95.3	Pearsall	decrease to 164 ft
KVPA-101.1	Port Isabel	one step application to increase to class C2, 50000 w, 492 ft, change xmtr location to 26-19-30 97-25-25
TX KWDX-101.7	Silsbee	one step application to increase to class C3, 25000 w, 328 ft, change xmtr location to 30-23-35 94-01-39
UT KAIO(CP)-102.3	Randolph	one step application to increase to class C, 99000 w, 1975 ft, change xmtr location to 40-52-16 110-59-36
VT WEXP(CP)-101.5	Brandon	change to 350 w, 174 ft, add DA, change xmtr location to 43-39-31 73-06-26
WA KUGS-89.3*	Bellingham	increase to 700 w, 482 ft, add DA
WY KUWC(CP)-91.3*	Casper	change to 530 w, 1784 ft

FACILITIES/PARAMETERS: APPLICATIONS (cont'd)

BC CIOC-FM-98.5 Victoria decrease to 47000 w, increase antenna height

FACILITIES/PARAMETERS: GRANTS

AL WLBK-89.1* Montgomery correct coordinates to 32-24-13 86-11-49
 CA KXXZ-95.9 Barstow increase to 7900 w, 512 ft, change xmtr location to 34-51-20 117-20-57
 (as amended)
 KZPE(CP)-102.1* Ford City decrease to 128 ft
 KNRO-600 Redding direct measurement of antenna power
 FL WSTU-1450 Stuart direct measurement of antenna power
 IL WGNJ(CP)-89.3* St. Joseph increase to 6000 w, 351 ft, class B1, change xmtr loc. to 40-05-16 87-53-42
 KY WKLX(CP)-100.7 Beaver Dam increase to 7000 w, 620 ft [98-12]
 WMST-FM-105.5 Mount Sterling one step application to increase to class C3, 25000 w (circular), 328 ft, add DA, change xmtr location to 38-04-09 84-18-44
 (as amended)
 KY WXXZ-FM-105.5 Prestonsburg one step application to move to 105.3 MHz, change to 4700 w, 371 ft
 NV KBJG(CP)-97.5 Mesquite one step application to increase to class C, 1968 ft
 NY WSIV-1540 East Syracuse modify CP to change to 1000 w days, 57 w nights, ND, change xmtr location to 43-03-31 76-10-00
 WENY-1230 Elmira correct coordinates to 42-04-29 76-46-47
 WBGK(CP)-99.7 Old Forge change to 1400 w, 676 ft, change xmtr loc. to 43-08-28 75-01-49, change city of lic. to Newport Village, NY [97-179]
 NC WHKP-1450 Hendersonville direct measurement of antenna power
 WALQ-1420 Wilson direct measurement of antenna power
 OK KGFF-1450 Shawnee direct measurement of antenna power
 OR KKPZ-1330 Portland direct measurement of antenna power
 SC WTMA-1250 Charleston correct coordinates to 32-49-21 79-58-49
 TX KJAV-104.9* Alamo increase to 6000 w, 328 ft
 KMOO-FM-96.7 Mineola one step application to move to 99.9 MHz, increase to 6000 w, 295 ft [96-10]
 KQHN-1510 Nederland correct coordinates to 30-03-40 93-58-48
 WI WCLO-1230 Janesville direct measurement of antenna power
 WTDA-1480 Madison direct measurement of antenna power
 WJMC-1240 Rice Lake correct coordinates to 45-30-31 91-46-26
 PQ CJMS(CP)-1320 Saint-Constant change frequency to 1040 KHz, decrease night power to 1100 w

CALL LETTER CHANGES (# applied for by new owners)

CO KBFE-100.7 Grand Junction becomes KSNJ (requested) "Sunny"
 FL WTBT-105.5 New Port Richey # WDUV (requested) "The Dove"
 WCTQ-92.1 Venice WDDV (requested) "The Dove"
 IN WGL-FM-102.3 Auburn WCKZ (requested) "Z-102.3"
 ME WCDQ-92.1 Sanford # WPHX (requested)

PROPOSED STATION TRANSFERS

(314 asset sale, 315 transfer of control, 316 reorganization)
 AL WSMQ-1450 Bessemer 314 from Bessemer Radio, Inc. to Powernomics Birmingham, LLC (\$250,000 cash at close; broker is Hadden & Associates)
 WRHY-105.9 Centre 314 from Cherokee Broadcasting Corporation to Williams Communications, Inc. (\$380,000 for assets and \$120,000 for real estate)
 WRMG-1430 Red Bay 314 from H. Sparks/J. Pyle, Partners to G. Duncan/D. Duncan (\$46,000 includes \$16,000 promissory note and tower site lease)
 WXWY-1000 Robertsdale 314 from JTL Broadcasting to Gulf Coast Broadcasting Co., Inc. (\$224,000 cash at close and assumption of debt)
 AK KSWD-950 Seward 314 from Glacier Communications, Inc. to Phoenix Broadcasting, Inc.
 KPFN-105.9 Seward 314 from William M. Holzheimer to Phoenix Broadcasting, Inc. (\$10 each for KSWD and KPFN; assumption of all leases for real estate and equipment)
 CA KKAL-1280 Arroyo Grande 314 from F & L Broadcast Development Corp. to Pamplin Broadcasting, Inc.

PROPOSED STATION TRANSFERS (cont'd)

CT	WNLC-98.7/	East Lyme/	315	from Hall Communications (R. Hall, Dec.)
	WTYD-100.9/	New London/		to Hall Communications (B. Rowbotham)
	WCTY-97.7	Norwich		
	WICH-1310	Norwich	315	from WICH, Inc. (Robert Hall, Deceased)
				to WICH, Inc. (Bonnie Rowbotham)
FL	WWRZ-98.3/	Arcadia/	315	from Hall Communications (R. Hall, Dec.)
	WPCV-97.5	Winter Haven		to Hall Communications (B. Rowbotham)
	WMXP-103.5/	Callaway/	314	from Root Communications License Co.
	WLHR-107.9/	Panama City/		to Waitt Broadcasting of Florida, LLC
	WAKT-105.1/	Panama City Bch./		
	WRBA-95.9	Springfield		
	WINK-1240/96.9/	Fort Myers/	315	from Ft. Myers Bcstg. (McBride Trust)
	WTLQ-1200	Pine Island Ctr.		to Ft. Myers Bcstg. (Shareholders)
	WLKF-1430	Lakeland	315	from WLKF, Inc. (Robert Hall, Deceased)
				to WLKF, Inc. (Bonnie Rowbotham)
	WONN-1230	Lakeland	315	from WONN, Inc. (Robert Hall, Deceased)
				to WONN, Inc. (Bonnie Rowbotham)
	WPOM-1600	Riviera Beach	314	from WPOM Radio, Inc.
				to Hibernia of West Palm, LLC
		(\$1.2 million; broker is Hadden & Associates)		
GA	WNEX-1400	Macon	314	from TM Communications, Inc.
				to Radio Peach, Inc.
ID	KVTY-105.1	Lewiston	314	from Robert Prasil/Melvin Prasil
				to Idavend Co., Inc.
IL	WMBD-1470/	Peoria	314	from Midwest Television, Inc.
	WPBG-93.3			to JMP Broadcasting, LLC
IN	WFMS-95.5	Indianapolis	316	from Radio Indianapolis, Inc.
				to WFMS Lico, Inc.
	WPCO-1590/	Mount Vernon	314	from Posey County Broadcasting Corp.
	WBLZ-FM-106.7			to The Original Company, Inc.
		(\$360,000; \$260,000 at close; \$100,000 promissory note)		
IA	KIKD-106.7	Lake City	314	from Lake City Bcstg. Co.
				to Carroll Broadcasting Company
		(\$975,000; sale includes auxiliaries and LMA)		
	KUQQ-102.1/	Milford/	314	from Campus Radio Co., Inc.
	KUOO-103.9	Spirit Lake		to Waitt Radio, Inc.
	KAYL-990/101.5	Storm Lake	314	from Northwest Iowa Bcstg. Corporation
				to Waitt Radio, Inc.
KY	WJMM-FM-99.3	Harrodsburg	316	from Mortenson Broadcasting of KY, LLC
				to Mortenson Bcstg. Co. of Central KY, LLC
	WNAI-680	Newburg	314	from Gore-Overgaard Broadcasting, Inc.
				to Word Broadcasting Network, Inc.
MA	WCTK-98.1	New Bedford	315	from Hall Communications (R. Hall, Dec.)
				to Hall Communications (B. Rowbotham)
	WNBH-1340	New Bedford	315	from WNBH, Inc. (Robert Hall, Deceased)
				to WNBH, Inc. (Bonnie Rowbotham)
MN	WWAX-92.1	Hermantown	314	from Harbor Broadcasting, Inc.
				to KQDS Acquisition Corporation
		(no purchase price given; request for waiver of one-to-a-market rule)		
	KZIO-104.3	Two Harbors	314	from Eclectic Enterprises, Inc.
				to KQDS Acquisition Corporation
NE	KUSO(CP)-92.7	Albion	314	from David M. Kelly
				to Flood Communications, LLC
NM	KDAZ-730	Albuquerque	316	from Pan American Bcstg. (B. Gonzalez)
				to Pan American Bcstg. (A. Gonzalez)
NY	WKOL-105.1	Plattsburgh	315	from Hall Communications (R. Hall, Dec.)
				to Hall Communications (B. Rowbotham)
	WXXI (CP) FM-91.5*	Rochester	314	from WXXI Public Broadcasting Council
				to Houghton College Radio Corporation
	WTOR-770	Youngstown	316	from Multinat, Inc.
				to Birach Broadcasting Corporation
		(assignment of stock to parent company)		
NC	WTZK-1350	Black Mountain	314	from John McLeod, Jr.
				to Black Mountain Broadcasting Corporation
OH	WRRM-98.5	Cincinnati	316	from Radio Cincinnati, Inc.
				to WFMS Lico, Inc.
PA	WROZ-101.3/	Lancaster/	315	from Hall Communications (R. Hall, Dec.)
	WEGK-92.7	Starview		to Hall Communications (B. Rowbotham)
	WLPA-1490	Lancaster	315	from WLPA, Inc. (Robert Hall, Deceased)
				to WLPA, Inc. (Bonnie Rowbotham)

PROPOSED STATION TRANSFERS (cont'd)

PA WPPA-1340	Williamsport	314 from DHRB, Incorporated to Sabre Communications, Inc. (\$65,000)
SD KQKD-1380/ KGIM-FM-103.7	Redfield	316 from James River Broadcasting to Pheasant Country Broadcasting, Inc.
KNBZ (CP)-97.7	Redfield	314 from Paula Broadcasting of SD to Pheasant Country Broadcasting, Inc.
TX KTON-940/ KOOC-106.3	Belton	316 from Sheldon Communications, Inc. to Sheldon Communications, Ltd.
KMIL-1330	Cameron	315 from Milam Bcstg. (Est. of E. Smitherman) to Milam Bcstg. (Barbara Smitherman)
KTMR-1130	Edna	314 from Maranatha Church of Laredo, Inc. to Siga Broadcasting Corporation
(purchase price not given; LMA ending June 1, 1999 or at consummation at \$10 per month changing to \$2000 per month after June 1; Licensee reserves M-F 6:30-7:30 am for locally-oriented public affairs programming)		
KLTY-94.1	Fort Worth	315 from Delaware Radio (Marcos Rodriguez) to Sunburst Texas, LP
(stock purchase agreement for a base price of \$63.3 million)		
KVLL-FM-94.7	Woodville	314 from Radio Woodville, Inc. to Yates Broadcasting Company
VT WOKO-98.9	Burlington	315 from Hall Communications (R. Hall, Dec.) to Hall Communications (B. Rowbotham)
WJOY-1230	Burlington	315 from WJOY, Inc. (Robert Hall, Deceased) to WJOY, Inc. (Bonnie Rowbotham)
WA KWYZ-1230	Everett	314 from Quality Broadcasting Corporation to Radio Hankook
(\$480,000 cash at close; Jean Suh is exercising an Option to Purchase under a current TBA; sale does not include main studio location)		
ON CJET-630/ CFMO-FM-101.1/ CHEZ-FM-106.1	Smiths Falls/ Ottawa	CHEZ-FM, Inc, to Rogers Broadcasting, Ltd.

Citadel License, Inc. filed Form 314 Transfer Applications to Marathon Media, LP. In Montana: KBUL, KCTR-FM, KBBB, KKBR, Billings; and KMHK, Hardin. In Oregon, KTMT and KCMX-FM, Ashland; KEHK, Brownsville; KUGN and KKTT, Eugene; KBOY-FM and KTMT-FM, Medford; KTHK, Milton-Freewater; KCMX and KAKT, Phoenix. In Pennsylvania, WBLF, Bellefonte; WQKK, Ebensburg; WGLU, Johnstown; WNCL, Port Matilda; WRSC, State College; WQWK, University Park. In Washington, KFLD and KEYW, Pasco; KORD-FM, Richland; KXRX in Walla Walla.

DISMISSED STATION TRANSFERS

AL WYAM-FM-105.7	Addison (D)	316 from Newman Family Partnership to Alvin Abercrombie
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WASHINGTON THIS WEEK

Something strange just emerged from the FCC -- approval for three radio-TV ownership waivers. The Commission had seemed virtually frozen over the granting of "one-to-a-market" waivers for locally-owned radio and TV licenses. Suddenly (on Friday, March 26) we got three, and they're all in small markets, where the issue of concentration is more urgent than in larger ones. It wasn't unanimous, though: Commissioner Gloria Tristani slams the FCC for not following its own rules, and she dissents in all three cases. Here are the particulars: In Sioux City, IA, Waitt Broadcasting, which owns CBS affiliate KMEG-TV, gets a permanent waiver to own AC KZSR (the former KOLK), Onawa, IA (102.3 MHz). Saga had petitioned to deny, and its attorney Gary Smithwick tells M Street they're "carefully" studying the decision. In Lubbock, TX, Ramar, which owns Fox affil KJTV-TV and radio stations KXTQ/KXTQ-FM, gets a permanent waiver to own dance-formatted KLZK, Brownfield, TX (104.3 MHz). And in Santa Barbara, CA, KEYT-TV owner Smith Broadcasting gets a permanent waiver to own news KEYT (1250 KHz). M Street knows that more waiver requests have been gathering dust at the Portals. Maybe they, too, will finally get action.

Is radio ready for January 1, 2000? The FCC's not sure. Commissioner Michael Powell says more than 10% of radio and TV licensees who were mailed a survey about Y2K readiness didn't respond -- not an encouraging sign. It's trying to re-contact the non-respondents (and see what century they're in?). Generally, the Commission found the larger groups more aware of the Y2K problem, and overall, judges that "the American public should continue to have access to critical news, emergency information and entertainment services on January 1, 2000."

WASHINGTON THIS WEEK (cont'd)

Does Big Brother want to start watching you again? Several members of Congress call the FCC's proposed new EEO rules "Orwellian" (reminiscent of the famous novel "1984"). For example: Instruction 9 says "Minority group identification" could be made "visually, from post-employment records or in accordance with what the person is regarded as being in the community." Reps. Mike Oxley (R-OH) and Ralph Hall (D-TX) say "No government agency has any business ordering prospective employers to guess the ethnicity of job applicants based on physical or any other characteristics." Oxley and Hall follow up their letter with a bill named the "Communications Personnel Paperwork Reduction Act." It would end record-keeping and reporting requirements for purposes of monitoring employment by "race, gender and ethnicity."

Watching FCC license cancellations and related activities for you: Dorsey Broadcasting's license to cover for KLOM, Lompoc, CA (1330 KHz) is canceled by letter of March 23 (M Street has shown it silent for some time). Renewal for non-com KJQN, Stockton, CA (89.5 MHz), licensed to the San Joaquin Delta Community College District, is canceled by letter of March 23. The station has been reported to be silent for some time. And the license to cover for a new station (Gold Coast Radio's KMLA, El Rio, CA at 103.7 MHz) was canceled by letter of March 23 (the Spanish contemporary station tells M Street their lawyer submitted the correct forms to the FCC).

And following up on some license cancellations we reported last week: KGLP, Gallup, NM (91.7 MHz) tells M Street they've filed a petition for reconsideration because the app got lost in transit. The management at simulcast KADQ-FM, Rexburg, ID (94.3 MHz) and KIGO, St. Anthony, ID (1400 KHz) says they're on air and were unaware of the FCC actions. And Mueller Broadcasting, licensee of KUTA, Blanding, UT (790 KHz) is asking for reversal of the action; talk-formatted KUTA is reportedly still on the air.

Promotions for three in-house NAB attorneys, as 20-year veteran Barry Umansky leaves to join private practice (as a partner in Vorys, Sater, Seymour and Pease). New business cards, please, for this trio: New Deputy General Counsel Valerie Schulte (specializing in HDTV, children's TV and satellite radio). New Senior Associate General Counsel Ben Ivins (satellite TV). And new Assistant General Counsel Lori Holy (point person for Low Power FM and EEO).

CANADA THIS WEEK

Canada's big Okanagan Skeena group is in merger talks. With 31 radio stations, it's probably Canada's largest group in terms of number of stations. Bloomberg reports trading was halted on the Toronto Exchange after the companies revealed talks with an unidentified bidder.

Looks like the CBC's new long-range plan to expand took an early hit from Heritage Minister Sheila Copps, who said (according to Canadian Press) the national public broadcaster may be spreading itself too thin. The radio part of the CBC's proposal is to add two new channels: "Radio Three", targeting young Canadians (which Copps seemed to support) and a Francophone all-news format. Government Minister Copps' message is that the CBC should be doing more to improve its existing services. The CBC isn't asking for extra funding, but does want assurances in funding stability. It's up for a major license review by the CRTC.

ELSEWHERE

We could be witnessing the birth of a New England regional network of modern rock radio stations (based out of Boston Phoenix-owned WFNX) and alternative newspapers: The Boston Phoenix is buying an FM in Maine to simulcast WFNX, and the signs are publisher and station owner Stephen Mindich is contemplating expanding his pioneering weekly paper up the rocky New England seacoast. The station Mindich is buying is WCDQ, Sanford, ME (92.1 MHz), which will apparently simulcast WFNX, Lynn, MA (101.7 MHz) under the new calls of WPHX. WCDQ is currently doing classic rock. The deal with locally-owned WSME, Inc. also gives him news/talk WSME, Sanford (1220 KHz). M Street expects Mindich to look for possibilities in other New England areas.

We thought D.C.-area AMs WZHF, Arlington, VA (1390 KHz) and WBZS, Alexandria, VA (730) might be snapped up by Catholic Family Radio. Nope: They're going instead to East coast Spanish radio specialist Mega Communications, which will pay Douglas Broadcasting \$11 million for the pair. Mega is already operating three AMs in the area: WKDL, Silver Spring, MD (1050 KHz), WKDV, Manassas, VA (1460 KHz) and (in an LMA-to-buy) WINX, Rockville, MD (1600 KHz). M Street research turns up some changes to come on May 1 involving all FIVE stations, which we detail up-front in

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the "Formats" section of the Journal. We wouldn't be surprised if Mega eventually sells off WINX and WKDV -- and if it continues to look for an FM in the Washington, D.C. area.

Mickey Mouse is apparently headed to West Palm Beach, FL: When we see Hibernia buying a station like WPOM, Riviera Beach, FL (1600 KHz), M Street figures that Mickey and his top-40 kids format aren't far behind (though there's been no communication from Hibernia to that effect). WPOM currently does black gospel and urban as "Power 16." Hibernia is paying WPOM Radio Inc. \$1.2 million for the facility. It's got 5,000 watts daytime and 4,700 watts nighttime, with different directional patterns for both. Deal was brokered by Doyle Hadden.

The Cedar Knolls, NJ-based New Jersey Broadcasters group, which owns adult standards WMTR, Morristown, NJ (1250 KHz), rock WDHA-FM, Dover, NJ (105.5 MHz) and Jersey shore rocker WRAT, Pt. Pleasant, NJ (95.9 MHz) just closed on their acquisition of another Jersey AM: WSPW, Bridgewater, NJ (1170 KHz). The facility continues doing sports for now, and M Street remembers that it was once the station known as WBRW. New Jersey Broadcasters says it will conduct a format search for WSPW.

Arbitron updates for the Spring: Decatur, IL and Muskegon, MI become markets and get qualitative research. Decatur is now Market #246 and Muskegon #217 (both become Condensed Markets), and both get Arbitron's qualitative diary service. Also buying qualitative for the first time: Waterbury, CT and Worcester, MA. Meanwhile Arbitron drops Lexington-Fayette, KY as a qualitative market. And some geographical shifts: the Gainesville-Ocala, FL market adds Gilchrist and Levy counties to its Metro, while the San Antonio Metro tacks on four counties: Atascosa, Bandera, Kendall and Medina.

Small-market business turns into a new big-time rep firm: Cumulus Media is moving its 220 stations to a dedicated rep at Interep. Interep's Ralph Guild tells M Street the new "Cumulus Radio Sales" firm will be a "pure sales" organization that educates and sells media buyers and planners on the company's small-market concentration strategy. (And Guild remembers that his own company's roots are in smaller markets around Sacramento.) The new Cumulus Radio Sales will be managed by a Sales Director to be named soon.

After months and years of rumors, SW Networks has finally been sold -- and it's to a website company (Launch Media), not another radio syndicator. SW Networks -- with its show-prep and music news services -- should tuck neatly into Launch. Launch tells M Street it will "absolutely" continue to service the 1,200 radio stations which have deals with SW. One big prize for Launch: access to the Sony labels-owned catalogue of music video, to stream on its website. (Think Bruce Springsteen, Billy Joel and Lauryn Hill.) Launch Media is at www.Launch.com.

Nashville has more country stations than Nevada (8) or New Hampshire (9). Yet Nashville gets still another country station outlet as Dick Broadcasting will drop decades of rock heritage on WKDF on April 1 and made it a country outlet called "Music City 103.3". That's also the day that Dick Broadcasting unleashed new morning personality Carl P. Mayfield. Carl P. has always said he wanted to do country again -- he previously did afternoons on WSIX -- and Dick made that happen. Also as predicted, the new Birmingham-based "Rick and Bubba" morning team shift to sister rhythmic oldies WGFX. You don't believe M Street's assertion about Nashville-area country stations outnumbering Nevada or New Hampshire? Nashville now has 14. Amazingly, Nashville now has NO modern rock or mainstream rock. We're taking bets on who's next to change formats there.

Syndicated sports personality Scott Ferrall gets a second job: calling play-by-play for Atlanta's new NHL team. He says "I'll be the most bizarre announcer in the league", and we agree with him. The Westwood-syndicated Ferrall will continue to do "Ferrall On The Bench" when the Atlanta Thrashers take to the ice next season.

Step by step: future satellite broadcaster CD Radio says Lucent Technologies has finished designing the chipset for its receiver, to receive and process the satellite signals -- and "buffer" the programming if they're temporarily blocked while a motorist is out of "sight" of the three CD Radio birds. And shortly afterwards, CD Radio announces design and development deals with Recoton and Delphi Delco to produce compatible receivers for its new system. Just a reminder: the CD Radio system won't be compatible with that of rival XM Radio.