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NORTHERN ILLINOIS STATIONS TO BROADCAST IN STEREO, TAKE PROGRAMMING FROM BOTH WNIU \*90.5 ROCKFORD AND WNIJ \*89.5 DE KALB. SEE WHICH STATIONS THEY ARE ON P. 3, COL. 2. (COL. 2. DETROIT'S WKRK-FM MOVING TOWARD ALL MONOPHONIC TALK, WITH STERN, MANCOW AND DAHL, P. 3/

EIGHT SENATORS SEEK FCC CRACKDOWN ON INDECENCY. FCC FINES KLBJ-FM 93.7 AUSTIN TX FOR MORNING SHOW ABUSES. P. 8, COL. 2.

BROADCAST PIONEER CHARLIE PERSONS, 89, DIES IN MN, WHILE JOHN MULVIHILL A NJ SCS PIONEER SUCCUMBS AT 63. MORE ON P. 7 COL. 3 AND P. 8, COL. 1.

"MINNESOTA HAS TAKEN THE JANITOR AND MADE HIM THE CEO," SAYS GARRISON KEILLOR OF JESSE VENTURA. READ MORE ON P. 8, COL. 1.

### **New FM Station, Translator Grants**

Translators have less than 100 watts unless shown otherwise

AZ Winslow K208DF \*89.5 (KAWZ 89.9 Twin Falls ID translator), v[ertical polarization]

CA Burney K224CM \*92.7 (KAWZ). Relicensed, and ownership changed to Calvary Chapel, Twin Falls; translator now noncommercial.

CA Lemon Grove K210CL \*89.9 (KLVJ 100.1 Julian), h,v [Holyoke Media Association CO Holyoke 92.3 100000 h,v; 170 m, Julesburg-/ CO Julesburg 96.5 100000 h,v; 170 m, J-H Media

Association [88.7 there), v CO Manitou Springs K215CB \*90.9 (KCME/

FL La Belle \*88.3 3000 h,v; 49 m, d-a (directional antenna), Toccoa Falls College

antenna), Community Public Radio

HI Kailua K211DO \*90.1 (KAWZ), v

IL Lincolnshire \*88.1 150 watts h,v; 15 m, d-a,
Adlai E. Stevenson High School [cola FL], v
KS Topeka K209CR \*89.7 (WPCZ 89.5 Pensa-/
KY Tyner (13 km ESSE McKee) \*89.3 3000 h,v;
100 m, Eternal Word Television Network, Inc.

NJ Collingswood (Camden) W246AQ \*97.1 (WXHL

89.1 Christiana DE), h,v

NM Clovis K205DA \*88.9 (WPCS), v

NY Quogue W206AU \*89.1 (WGRS 91.5 Guilford CT), 250 h,v [m, booster of Scranton station PA Honesdale WGGY-1 101.3 500 watts h,v; -10/SD Mitchell K215AI \*90.9 (KESD 88.3 Brookings assumed; FCC doesn't give primary), h. On air.

TX Beeville \*91.3 1000 v, 92 m, Paulino Bernal Evangelism [ily Assn. (see also "Deletions") TX Lamesa \*91.3 250 h,v; 48 m, American Fam-/

TX Temple K257DA 99.3 (KJFK 98.9 Lampasas assumed, although FCC does not give primary); owned by Power du Pree Bcstg., 100 h

VA Waverty W291AJ \*106.1 (WYCS 91.5 Yorktown), v. FCC does not give primary, but WYCS is assumed, [Creative] Educational Media Association.

WY Thermopolis 101.7 24500 h,v; 507 m, WY Resorts, Inc. [See also "Deletions," p. 4, col. 2.] BC Bralorne (50-46-24; 122-48-38) VF2327 101.1 1 watt v, 21 m, mono, on air, relaying CFMI 101.1 New Westminster [Community Radio ON Iroquois Falls 107.7 50 watts h,v; Seaway/

#### **Call Letters Assigned**

AL Cullman 101.1 WRRS (from WFMH-FM), gr, "Reality 101," still IDing with Birmingham

AL Holly Pond 95.5 WFMH-FM (WXXR-FM), k

AZ Chino Valley 103.1 KPBZ (KAKP)

AR Harrisburg 95.9 KKEY (KBJQ), o, expected on in February. Stereo, to ID with Jonesboro.

CA East Porterville 100.5 KMQA (KOJJ), "La Makeena"

CA Johannesburg 100.9 KRAJ (KBHM). "We're staying with the same format, which is a simulcast of our 103.9 station."

CA Merced 94.1 KBKY

CA Morro Bay 94.1 KLMM (KBZK)

CA Paso Robles 103.1 KLUN (KBZX)

CA Pleasanton 101.3 KIOI-2 (variously listed by the FCC as KIOI-1, but see listings below)

CA Roseville 93.7 KRAK-FM (KRAK), o, classic hits; AM is in Sacramento (1470, ex-KOME)

CA Walnut Creek 101.3 KIOI-1

FL Marianna 94.1 WTYS-FM (WBNF), g, Southern FL Port Charlotte 100.1 WOST (WXRM), "Star

100"

FL Sebring 105.7 WWLL (WYMR), op, "Wheels" FL Union Park \*88.3 WPOZ (WEAZ), "Positive Hits"

GA Buford 102.3 WLKQ"-FM" (FCC lists as WLKQ-FM, but there is no WLKQ AM)

GA Jasper \*88.3 WBCS

GA Talking Rock 100.1 WNSY (WCHK-FM), \$[tereo], "Sunny 100" (strict), o, signed on early in December as WCHK-FM and stunted with all Christmas music, "but almost immediately changed to WNSY." Oldies were effective as of Dec. 26. [format change to k(ountry)

GA Washington 100.1 WXKT (WLOV-FM),/ HI Aiea 107.9 KGMZ-FM (KGMZ); AM is in Honoulu

ID Island Park 102.9 KWYS-FM (KEZQ), k, AM is in West Yellowstone MT), **\$[tereo]**. "Yellowstone Country," ID with Idaho Falls

IL Arlington Heights 92.7 WKIE (WCBR-FM), "92.7 Kiss FM."

IL Chicago 103.5 WUBT (WRCX), "The Beat," selected in a contest that drew 20,000 entries, with the winner said to have won \$25,000.

IL Colchester 104.1 WMQZ

IL Kankakee 92.7 WKIF (WBRO), "92.7 Kiss FM."

IL Ramsey \*88.3 WJLY

93.3 WTRH ("WJLY); goes commercial, Countryside Broadcasting owner, "The Road Home."

IN South Bend 92.9 WNDV-FM (WNDU-FM), but still "U-93."

KS Hutchinson 97.1 KSKU (KLSI), r, CHR, stereo!

KS Ingalls 105.9 KSSA (KBIE)

KS Lyons 106.1 KXKU (KSKU), k, "Kix 106," ID with Hutchinson-McPherson

KY Harrodsburg 99.3 WJMM"-FM" (WHBN-FM)

KY Versailles 106.3 WCDA (WJMM"-FM")

ME Brunswick 98.9 WCLZ"-FM" (WCLZ; AM has new calls)

MI Atlanta 92.5 WBYC (WAIR), k, N. MI Radio MI Honor 100.7 WAIR (WIAR), now commercial, owned by Northern Radio of Michigan

MN St. Louis Park 104.1 WXPT (not KXPT, which is 97.1 in Las Vegas NV)

MN Spring Valley 104.3 KVGO (not KQOL). KQOL is 93.1 in Las Vegas NV—FCC error. KVGO now a C3 with transmitter between Spring Valley and Austin, "Kool 104.3."

MO Moberty \*90.1 KBKC

MO Tarkio \*93.5 KRSS (KTRX), "Cross FM"

MT Cut Bank 102.7 KARW

MT Shelby 97.9 KLHK (KBJF)

MT West Yellowstone 92.9 KEZQ (KWWF), mr, "Easy 93," ID with Idaho Falls ID. **\$[tereo]**. It made the big move from 96.5 Dec. 11.

NE Wilbur \*89.9 KFLV

[3 K Rock\*

NM Albuquerque 101.3 KRQS (KEZF), still "101-/

NM Cloudcroft 97.9 KTMN

["Y-107.1"

NY Briarcliff Manor 107.1 WYNY (WWXY), still/

NY Port Henry 92.1 WXNT (WMNM)

NC Wilmington \*89.7 WBID

ND Hettinger 93.5 KBKU

OH Delphos \*91.5 WBIE

OH Gallipolis 101.5 WRYV (WMGG), o, classic hits, "The River." [104" OH Lima 104.9 WAJC (WUZZ-FM), "Magic/ OH McArthur 98.7 WJLI (WCLX) OH Pleasant City 92.1 WBIK OK Oklahoma City 94.7 KQSR (not KOSR), facilities to 372 m (100000 h,v), removes beam tilt.

OR Ashland 101.9 still KCMX-FM; its AM is in Phoenix, not Ashland

OR Medford 95.3 still KTMT-FM; its AM shifts from Phoenix (now KCMX) to Ashland PA Pittston 102.3 WSHG (WILK-FM), mr, **\$[tereo]** resumed.

PA West Chester \*91.7 WCUR

RI Block Island 99.3 WERI"-FM" (WERI-FM; AM in Westerly RI [1290] has new calls [WRNI], becomes a noncommercial relayer of WBUR \*90.9 Boston). ["Cool"

SC Moncks Corner 105.3 WCOO (WNST),/ TN Signal Mountain 98.1 WLOV-FM (WXKT), "Love 98"; AM is in Washington GA.

TN Union City 104.9 WYVY (WKWT), k, "Young Country"

105.7 WQAK (WWUC), "The Quake"
TX Ballinger 103.1 KKCN (KCSE), 100000
h,v; 139 m, one-step C1

TX Brownfield \*88.5 KPBB ["Memories 96.7"

TX Flower Mound 96.7 KMEO (KNKI),/
TX Gilmer 95.3 KCGL (KFRO-FM)

TX San Antonio 107.5 KXTN-FM (KXTN)

TX Springtown \*89.1 KTPW (KMQX), g, parallel to KVTT \*91.7 Dallas. It claims it won't use the KTPW calls.

TX Sterling City 96.5 KCSE (KKCN), rm TX Winona 102.7 KBKV, seeks 9300 h,v; 162 m, no d-a, one-step C3

VA Emporia \*89.3 WJYA (WSVP), gr WA Ilwaco 103.9 KBKH

WI Sister Bay \*89.7 WHND (WHDI), to be cj, \$. [struction for both to begin this spring. \*91.9 WHDI, to be tj, "Ideas Network." Con-/ classical). Facilities to 600 h,v; 360 m, d-a (directional antenna). [8000 h,v), C1

AB High Level 106.1 CFKX, \$, 316 m, d-a/ AB Lake Louise 93.9 CKIS-2, -24 m, d-a, 20 watts h only, monophonic. [mono, on air. BC Invermere 97.3 CKIS-3, 20 h, 57 m, d-a/ PQ Saint-Remi 104.9 CHOC

**Facilities Changes Granted** 

AK Valdez KVAK 93.3 1200 h,v (-597 m)

AZ Flagstaff KWMX-1 96.7 100 h,v (from K244CP, which relayed KPPV 106.7 Prescott Valley, in favor of a KWMX 96.7 Williams AZ booster)

K265DN \*100.9 (from K221AY 92.1); not going to 95.1 as out-of-print FM Atias suggests on p. 77; K208AB \*89.5 is not going to 99.3.

AZ Oro Valley KOAZ 97.5 6000 h,v; 46 m

AZ Paradise Valley KHOT-FM 105.9 36000 h,v; 176 m, d-a, one-step C2

AZ Payson KESP 101.1 82000 h.v; 326 m CA Kerman KKPW 94.3 6000 h,v (100 m) CA Newberry Springs KAWU 103.7 86 m (6000 CA Weed KWHO 102.3 15500 h,v; 592 m CO Avon KZYR 103.1 5000 v, 15000 h (134 m) CO Manitou Springs K201EC \*88.1 (from K297AA 107.3), h,v KCME \*88.7 12000 h,v (668 m), C1 CO Ouray KURA 105.7 60000 h,v; 534 m, one-/ FL Coral Cove WYNF 107.9 47000 h.v: 155 m FL Jacksonville WNCM \*88.1 151 m, d-a (8000 [133 m, one-step C2 FL Naples WSGL 104.7 (from 103.1) 20000 h,v:/ GA Alma WAJQ-FM 104.3 4500 h,v; 113 m GA Fort Valley WIBB-FM 97.9 152 m (10500 h,v) GA Reidsville WRBX 104.1 4900 h.v: 110 m IL Champaign WPCD \*88.7 10500 h,v; 103 m, B1 IL Chicago WGCI-FM 107.5 3700 h,v; 472 m IL Crest Hill WCCQ 98.3 3000 h.v; 143 m IL Geneseo WAXR \*88.1 34000 v, 100 m, C2 IL Nashville WNSV 104.7 6000 h,v (100 ml IA Ottumwa KTWA 92.7 50000 h,v; 97 m, 1-step/ KS Topeka K205CS \*88.9 has KAWZ 89.9 Twin Falls ID (from WPCS 89.5 Pensacola FL) KS Wichita KEYN 103.7 100000 h,v; 268 m KKRD 107.3 100000 h,v; 268 m KY Campbellton WCBJ 103.7 4100 h,v; 121 m KY Manchester WTBK 105.7 5000 h,v; 142 m, [7500 v (154 m) one-step C3 [368 m, C2 ME Freeport WMSJ \*89.3/ ME Presque Isle WOZI 101.9 (from 101.7) 7900/ MD Cumberland W280CF \*103.9 (from W208CF 89.5). "It's still on the air, and blocking reception from other stations.

MN Grand Marais K288BF \*105.5 120 h MN Staples KSKK 94.7 143 m (50000 h,v), and to serve Brainerd.

MS Meridian W213AV \*90.5, h,v, new primary but FCC doesn't state what it is, so I assume it's KSKD 93.3 Chowchilla CA (from KLVC 88.3 Magalia)

MO Ellington KAUL 106.7 91 m (3000 h,v)
MO Festus KTBJ \*89.3 500 h,v; 83 m, d-a
MO Neosho KBTN-FM 99.7 16500 h,v; 123 m, C3
MO Shell Knob KQMO 97.7 2100 h,v; ;170 m
MO Van Buren KBIY \*91.3 150 m, d-a (100000 h,v)

MT Butte KAPC \*91.3 571 m (880 h,v)
MT Ennis KBJY 98.7 13000 h,v; 299 m
NE Holdrege KMTY 97.7 80 m (55000 h,v)
NE McCook KICX-FM 96.1 100000 h,v; 300 m
NV Carson City K206BI \*89.1 has KEAR 106.9
San Francisco CA (not KHAP 89.1 Chico). See
"Deletions," below. [(48000 h,v)

NH Mount Washington WHOM 94.9 1141 m/
NH Peterborough WNHQ 92.1 170 h,v; 423 m
NJ Wildwood Crest WDOX 93.1 4200 h,v; 66 m
NJ Zarephath WAWZ \*99.1 19500 h,v; 241 m, d-a
NM Jal KPZA 107.1 (moves from 103.7)
NM San Augustin K275AD \*102.9 (from K274AC 102.7)

NY Port Jervis WTSX 96.7 890 h,v; 186 m NY Watertown WFRY 97.5 97000 h,v; 145 m NY Woodstock WDST 100.1 3000 h,v; 96 m OH Harrison WNLT 104.3 5200 h,v; 100 m
OK Byng KYKC 100.1 50000 h,v; 150 m, one-step C2
[50000 h,v; 150 m, one-step C2
OK Enid KOFM 103.1/ [m, removes beam tilt OK Oklahoma City KXXY 96.1 100000 h,v; 372/
OK Woodward KWDQ 102.3 4700 h,v; 108 m
OR Ashland KCMX 101.9 42000 h,v; 438 m
OR Canon Beach KCBZ 96.5 950 h,v; 92 m
PA Bloomsburg WHLM 106.5 10500 h,v; 313 m
PA Honesdale WDNH 95.3 4300 h,v; 61 m
SC Hampton WBHC-FM 92.1 (from 103.1) now 6000 h,v (100 m), "B-92.1."
TN Memphis WEGR 102.7 87000 h,v; 288 m

TN Norris WBEH 106.7 1350 h,v; 212 m, d-a
TX Beaumont KYKR 95.1 131 m (100000 h,v), C1
TX Brownfield KLZK 104.3 145 m (50000 h,v)
TX Callisburg KPFC \*91.9 20 m, d-a (300 h,v)
TX Comanche KOXZ 94.3 32000 h,v; 189 m, format to k[ountry].

TX Fort Worth KEGL 97.1 99000 h,v; 508 m, with beam tilt.

TX Harker Heights KYUL 105.5 33000 h,v; 183 m, no d-a (directional antenna)

TX Pittsburg KXAL 103.1 25000 h,v; 92 m, one-step C3. It has been sold by Ron and Diane Gray's Gray Communications for \$425,000 to Jerry Williams-owned EW Communications. Format o, classic hits.

TX San Diego KUKA 105.9 10000 h,v; 126 m, C3 TX Temple (move from Gatesville) KBDE \*89.9 11500 v, 149 m, d-a, C2

UT Park City KPCW \*91.9 120 h,v; 647 m, d-a
UT Tremonton KNFL 104.9 (apparently not moving
to 105.1, although FCC mentions both frequencies) 100000 h,v; 323 m, Class C

VA White Stone WNDJ 104.9 2550 h,v; 146 m
WA Walla Walla KUJ-FM 99.1 9400 h,v; 341 m,
C2 [102.3, but must move because of Wautoma
WI Berlin WBJZ 104.7 3400 h,v; 104 m, still on/
WI Mitwaukee WVCY-FM \*107.7 43000 h,v; 161
m, d-a

WI Sturtevant WEXT 104.7 6000 h,v; 98 m, d-a NB Fredericton CJPN 90.5 1560 h,v; height not announced

ON Cornwall CFLG 104.5 30000 h,v (91 m)
ON Peterborough CBCP \*98.7 (from 93.5) 10200 h,v (244 m, d-a)

ON Welland CHOW 91.7 25000 h,v; 150 m, d-a, B

# Stereo—Or to be \$tereo

AZ Red Mesa KRMH \*89.7, er. "It's off the air for Christmas vacation—until about Jan. 4. It is stereo and plays 'Native Voices' 9 to 12 and 'Dedications' 12 to 3:30."

AZ Williams KWMX 96.7, "Cool Oldies 96.7 FM," ID with Flagstaff.

CA Modesto KEJC 93.9, k, to be "The Ranch 93-9." "We're having some problems with the antenna, which prevents our getting FCC licensed, but we expect to be coming on soon."

FL Crystal River WAQV \*90.9, \*Life 88 and Life 91,\* simulcasting with WHIJ 88.1 Ocala

GA Dahlonega WNGU \*89.5, has †T, 67 kHz. Signed on late summer '98 as Peach State Public Radio's 14th affiliate. [yet on air. IL Freeport WNIE \*89.1, to be cjn, but not/ IL La Salle WNIW \*91.3, on air with cjn, taking programming from both WNIU \*90.5 Rockford and WNIJ \*89.5 De Kalb. IL Sterling WNIQ \*91.5, cjn, parallel to WNIW KS Cawker City KZDY 96.3, op, ID with



NY Saratoga Springs WSSK \*89.7
OH Athens WJKW 95.9, g, with music like Michael W. Smith, Amy Grant, "but no Christian rock!" NonID during music segments: "95.9 FM Your Positive Music Choice." Has four hours daily of Christian talk, and apparently turns its stereo off for those programs, which is a commendable practice.

TX Bells KMKT, ID with Sherman-Denison, "Katy Country." Named after an old railroad depot. [88.3 Amarillo.

TX Borger KASV \*88.7, parallel to KJRT/
TX San Angelo KYZZ 100.1, S, kl
KMDX 105.7 r, hot AC, "Mix 105." "I don't
have a number for them, but sure they're in
stereo!"

VA Bowling Green WUZZ 96.9, still o, "modern oldies plus classic hits," 24 hours' operation, automated. Signed on Oct. 9, ID with Ashland and Mechanicsville.

AB Caigary CJSI \*88.9

#### Monophonic

ME Yarmouth WYAR \*88.3, m—with a stereo light. "But doesn't have any stereo programming. Right now, all music from the '40s back." Run by Gary King, 64, from his basement. He often plays 78s on "clunky equipment." With "100 watts ERP, horizontal polarization only... his signal does not go very far [but] he gets into Portland well. It is on 6 a.m. to 1 p.m. "I am going to visit his station soon as I helped him find the frequency and found equipment for him," P.R., via e-mail.

RI Newport W243Al 96.5—probably because WAKX 102.7 Narragansett Pier RI interferes with reception of WCRB 102.5 Waltham MA.

### **Format Changes**

Formats are the same as in the "FM Atlas"
CA Oakdale KHOP 95.1 still rp, adds Bob & Tom
CO Montrose KPRH "88.3 cj, parallel to KCFR 90.1
Denver

KSTR-FM 96.1 op, duplicated by KSTR 620 Grand Junction [97" puts on vanishing cream) GA Bainbridge WMGR-FM 97.3 r, 'Hit Radio' ('Magic/

- IL Golconda WDXR-FM 94.3 still o, now classic hits IL Henry WRVY 100.5 o, classic hits, list as commercial IN Greenwood WBKS 106.7 so, with Joyner [8, Tom IA Dubuque KXGE 102.3 still r, "The Edge," adds Bob/ IA Le Mars KKMA 99.5 o, with Imus KS Colby KWGB 97.9 k
- KS Winfield KAZY 95.9 o, classic hits. KY Campton WCBJ 103.7 op

IL Centralia WRXX 95.3 o. '70s

- KY Clinton WCBF 102.1 o, classic hits, parallel to WDXR-FM 94.3 Golconda IL [country KY Cynthiana WCYN-FM 102.3 still k, now classic/
- LA Laplace WCKW-FM 92.3 still r, adds Bob & Tom ME Fairfield WCTB 93.5 still mr. Was all Christmas
- music in December. [Broadcasting' Mi Allendale WGVU-FM \*88.5 nj, "West Michigan Public/
- MI Ann Arbor WQKL 107.1 r, AC and oldies
  MI Detroit WKRK-FM 97.1 tr, centimetering toward all
  monophonic talk, adding Steve Dahl afternoons
  (syndicated from WCKG 105.9 Elmwood Park IL) and
  Mancow Muller from WKQX 101.1 Chicago. Mancow'tl
  be heard on a delayed basis in the evening.
- WDTJ 105.9 s, adding Russ Parr in a simulcast with his show on WKYS 93.9 Washington DC.
- MI Whitehall WKBZ-FM \*95.3 nj, still stereo, simulcasting WGVU-FM Allendale as "West Michigan Public Broadcasting." Has NPR news and talk by day, jazz at night. [@ 95.5."
- MO Pleasant Hope KTOZ-FM 95.5 r, modern AC, "Alice/ NV Reno KNHK 92.9, o, classic hits, \$, "The Hawk." NV Sun Valley KXXL 93.7 k, "Kat Country." It had been stunting. LMA with KNHK 92.9-KBUL-FM 98.1-AMs.
- NJ Manahawkin WJRZ 100.1 k, 'Jersey Shore Country' (from 'JRZ')
- NM Angel Fire KKIT 99.1 k, to return to air with Radio One Country; LMA-to-buy with Alpine Broadcasting. List as stereo. 'They were stereo, but are off the air,' with the phone disconnected.
- NM Taos KTAO 101.9 p, "K-Taos." "We're progressive and the only solar-powered radio station [with the equivalent] of 100 kw!" [They're actually 6 kw at 860 m.] It moved from 101.7 in September.

NY Brockport WASB-FM 105.5 g

NY Irondequoit WYSY 106.7 sr

NY Mechanicville WXLE 104.5 so, rhythmic oldies

NY New York WBIX 105.1 so, rhythmic oldies

NY South Bristol WMAX-FM 107.3, sr, parallel to WYSY Irondequoit.

- NY Willsboro WXPS 96.7 k +Imus, "Kix," having moved from Vergennes VT. In a combo with WCPV 101.3

  Essex NY, WEZF 92.9 Burlington VT. [Windsor VA]
- NC Moyock WSVV 92.1 so, parallel to WSVY 107.7/ NC Wanchese WOBR-FM 95.3 r, with John Boy & Billy
- mornings.
  OH Ottawa WQTL 106.3 o, classic hits, adds Bob & Tom
- OK Ardmore KLCU \*90.3 cb, parallel to KCCU 89.3 Lawton

OK Bartlesville KYFM 100.1 rm, back to

- OR Corvallis KLOO-FM 106.1 still o, now classic hits, in a combo with KRKT-FM 99.9 Albany-AM
- OR Sutherlin KAVJ 101.1 mr, parallel to KEUG 105.5 Cottage Grove.
- PA Freeland WWFH 103.1 mr, **\$[tereo]** resumed, parallel to WSHG 102.3 Pittston.
- PA Jenkintown WPHI 103.9 s, adding Russ Parr with a simulcast from WKYS 93.9 Washington DC.
- PA McConnellsburg WEEO 103.7 p, modern rock, similar to co-owned WGMR 101.1 Tyrone, and owned by Cary Simpson's son, Ted, who traded in a Porsche for a 1971 Volkswagen Beetle, a control board and computer system for 'Revolution 103.7' which is back on the air, now with studios in Chambersburg. Beautiful signal. They have a storefront studio, but were offering coupons to go to a local gin mill for free beer—a Bud-

weiser promotion on a youthful station. No local phone number, or even an 800 number I'm aware of... The community feels alienated, but I wish them luck." It has 'no news—no [local] school closings, no weather.

... We did not offer land or equipment—only the paper-work for two translators for WSYC \*88.7 Shippensburg (see FMakings, Dec. p. 8, col. 2), \*Glenn W. Morris.

- RI Wakefield WXEX 99.7 o, classic hits ["The Planet")
  TN Belle Meade WNPL 106.7 so, "Kiss 106-7" (tossing/
- TN Gallatin-Nashville WGFX 104.5 so, 'Jammin' Oldies 104.5' (from 'Arrow 104.5')
- TX Alice KOPY-FM 92.1 S, kl, "Pure Tejano"

TX Borger KQTY-FM 106.7 k

TX Eagle Pass KINL 92.7 o

- TX Galveston KQQK 106.5 still Tejano, list as S, kl TX Lufkin KAVX \*91.9 gt, owned with KSWP \*90.9, g, which takes its teaching programs to KAVX.
- TX Pittsburg-Tyler-Longview (IDing with all those cities, although not serving all of them well) KXAL 103.1 sr, "K 103 The Beat' (from "The Rock 101").
- TX Plainview KVOP-FM 97.3 k, parallel to KKYN-FM 103.9 there, but "look for a new format soon."

TX Post KOFR 107.3 gr

TX Sillsbee KWDX 101.7 k, seeks 5000 h,v; 109 m.

VA Fredericksburg WYSK-FM 99.3 r, still "Y-99.3"

VA Windsor WSVY 107.7 so, perallel to WSVV Moyock NC [little country now."

WA Colville ('call-ville') KCRK 92.1 rk. 'They play very/ WA Davenport KKRS "97.3 g, parallel to KAWZ 89.9

Twin Falls ID; noncommercial. ['Carry')
WA Grandview KARY-FM 100.9 o, 'The Cherry' (from/
WI Marathon WKQH 104.9 still o, dropping Bob and Tom

WI Marathon WKQH 104.9 still o, dropping Bob and Tori ON Tyendinaga "CKWE" 105.9 ke, "Gway," \$[tereo], but its Real Audio streaming is mono.

PE Charlottetown CHLQ 93.1 r, CHR

PQ Les Escourins CHME 94.9 rm PQ Sacre-Coeur CHME-2 94.9 rm

# On Air—Real Stations and Pirates (Selected)

- CO Eagle K21OAH \*89.9, still licensed despite nearby KPRE \*89.9 Vail.
- GA Statesboro 90.5 at Julia P. Byrant Elementary School, with school news by fifth-graders, serving 1/4 to 2 km, varying with the weather. Supposedly legal as a Part 15 device.
- IN Wabash W203AS \*88.5, on with \*Rejoice Radio\* network from FL (WPCS 89.5)

KS El Dorado KBTL \*88.1

LA Many KAVK \*89.7 AFA

MA East Boston 97.9 with 'a wide variety of great
Christmas music. Last year they occupied 101.3 until
WFNX put a repeater on that frequency." [channel."

MN Bloomington K22OEG \*91.9 has been 'missing one/ MN New Ulm KXLP 93.1 low power lately. "Very weak, compared to normal."

MN Ortorwille KCGN 101.5—in preliminary stages of being sold to KBHL \*103.9 Osakis. KCGN may turn noncomercial, let staff go.

MS McComb WAQL \*90.5

NY West Chili "WBOB" 91.9—heard with a Roberts Wesleyan College basketball game. Previously the station was used for real estate radio to sell college-owned houses.

PA Clearfield W284AK \*104.7

PA Franklin WAWN \*89.5

SD Fort Pierre K272CJ 102.3—now in stereo; heard previously as a monophonic translator.

BOLIVIA—Cochabamba 105.5 FM is the 72nd station of Red de Radiofusion Biblica of Charlotte NC. Harold Richards: <HRichard@bbnradio.org>.

#### Off Air-Or Not Yet On

FL Miami area—FCC closes down 19 unlicensed

stations, all on FM. This is in addition to 15 shut down earlier this year. Frequencies of affected stations not given, nor would FCC disclose if it would ask for fines. This makes 260 the number of illegal stations shut down by the FCC in the past 12 months.

KY Mount Sterling WMST-FM 105.5, but its AM on 1150

MI Detroit pirate Edwin Raices still fined \$5000 by the FCC for his 106.3 operation of over a year ago. Raices appealed, saying he wasn't interfering, and that he dismantled his tower as the FCC requested.

MN Moose Lake KBFH 107.1

MN Pillager KBKK 95.9

NJ Hackettstown W284AF 104.7, permitting WSPK Poughkeepsie reception in the area, along with occasional WBBS 104.7 Fulton-Syracuse reception 'with phasing."

NM Taos KHYF 99.9 SD Pierre K276EA 103.1

# **Deletions**

AZ Ajo KTTZ 98.3

AZ Bullhead City K223AA 92.5

AZ Flagstaff K252CD 98.3

AZ Page K209AM \*89.7

AZ Prescott K237AU 95.3

AZ Prescott Valley K221BD 92.1

AZ Punkin Center K240BD 95.9

CA Alturas K265CN 100.9

CA Bakersfield K227AB 93.3

CA Big Pine K228CT 93.5

CA Burney K224CM 92.7, but seeks reconsideration

CA Ferndale K265CC 100.9

CA Lone Pine K240AO 95.9

CA Mission Viejo K208DD \*89.5, because of protests from \*89.3 Pasadena, but the FCC refuses to listen to WPKN \*89.5 Bridgeport CT, and allows W209BB \*89.7 Port Chester NY, which petitioned for reconsideration.

CA Olancha and Big Pine K252CE 98.3

CA Pioneer K276BA 103.1

CA Portola K257BV 99.3

CA Trinity Center K265AO 100.9

CA Ukiah K272CD 102.3

CA Willow Creek/Blue Lake K237CQ 95.3

CO Colorado Springs K280AU 103.9

CO Durango K296DF 107.1

[88.3 CO Montrose K218BO \*91.5---to be replaced by KPRH/ K251AF 98.1, K274AF 102.7

**GA Rome \*91.3** 

IL Newman W202BL \*88.3

IA Cedar Rapids W206AO \*89.1. It was opposed by KHKE 89.5 Cedar Falls.

KS Hutchinson K232BU 94.3

MS Jackson W280DC \*103.9

MO Overland KRHS \*90.1. \*because of financial difficulties within the Ritenour School District, which owned the station. Also, WLCA \*89.9 may have caused some interference in the fringes of the KRHS listening area. There's also a co-channel station in Granite City IL (W211AD), and an adjacent channel station 8 km away (KWUR \*90.3 Clayton MO). \*From a programming standpoint, KRHS (as KRSH) was basically an album rock format from its inception, and carried Ritenour High School basketball games. The station operated primarily on school days, from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. (later for sporting events). When the station changed calls to KRHS, it became more of a modern rock station (a la KCFV \*89.5 Ferguson MO), and the basketball games were gone, moved to KFNS 590." It was 'a regular' in Hazelwood, 10 km to the northwest. 'The only interference was splatter from WLCA \*89.9 Godfrey IL. I have an aircheck of the station (as KRSH) from 1984 in my collection.

\*WFUN-FM 95.5 Bethalto IL has been sold to Radio One of Baltimore MD. They own WERQ 92.3-AM in that city, along with WKYS 93.9-WOL AM in nearby Washington DC, WHTA 97.5 Fayetteville GA, along with leasing WAMJ 107.5 Roswell GA. The station's new format is being kept hush-hush for now, but the pre-teen format will be gone soon," E.B., via e-mail.

NE Beatrice K288EK 105.5. 'My daughter-in-law owned it. She had no interest in it any longer, and nobody took over the license. . . I think there is an opportunity for a commercial FM to make it in Beatrice, and there's a channel that could be allocated," H.H., Glen Elder KS, The 94.1 translator in Seneca KS was deleted some time ago. "Nobody was interested in continuing it."

NV Caliente K272DK 102.3

NV Carson City K201BI \*88.1 (now on 89.1 there).

K201Bl is in Cordova AK.

NV Logandale K292CZ 106.3

NV Lovelock K252BE 98.3

NV Searchlight K280AM 103.9

NH Laconia W243AH 96.5

NM Clovis K228CH 93.5

NY Castorland W240AV \*95.9

PA Wilkes-Barre W216BG \*91.1—back to FCC pending file. It wants 90.3. [See Dec. p. 1, col. 2.]

TX Lamesa K217BX \*91.3 (see 'New,' above)

TX Nacoadoches K280DE 103.9

TX Paris K224AZ 92.7

VT West Rutland WRUT 107.5 stays deleted, despite Brian Dodge's petition for reconsideration.

WY Casper K204AD \*88.7

WY Thermopolis K269CK \*101.7 (see 'New,' above)

VI Charlotte Amalie WSTA-FM 102.1. "Has been silent over 12 months," but is said to be working with the Commission to get things resolved, having been off part of that time because of Hurricane Georges. The FCC also announced several MN-ND radio stations as deleted, but on air and probably will stay that way.

# FMistakes—FMedia! December

GA Atlanta WRFG \*89.3 †( )O, I. The 67 is O, Vietnamese, not I, p. 6, col. 2.

HI Kahalu'u KLEO 106.1—town misspelled, p. 3, col. 2. IL Cairo WBEL \*88.5--town misspelled, p. 3, col. 2.

IN Union City no calls or frequency given for off air station p. 5, col. 3. Is WOEI \*88.9. Also off in that city and with no calls is a 105.7 station.

IA Osceola KJJC 107.1 is moving from 106.9, not from 107.1, p. 4, col. 1.

MN Spring Valley KQOL 104.3: There's a misplaced line from last month under it, p. 2, col. 2.

MS Columbus W213AY \*90.5, not 91.7, p. 1, col. 1.

NM Hobbs K211CW is on \*90.1, not 91.1, p. 1, col. 2.

NY Brooklyn 91.3 "Evangelique" misspelled, p. 5, coi. 2.

NY Buffalo 102.5 is WMJQ, not "WMGQ," p. 6, col. 3.

NY Watertown 93.3 is WCIZ, not "WCIS," p. 4, col. 3.

OK Bartlesville \*102,7 K274AJ, not \*K247AJ, p. 1, col. 2.

OK Stillwater \*89.1—licensee of new station, American

Family Association, not given, p. 1, col. 2. PA Johnstown WKYE 95.5, not 95.3, p. 6, col. 3.

PA St. Marys WPKX 97.5 is not 'B-94' (from "Variety 94"). That honor belongs to WKBI-FM 93.9 there (p. 7, col.

[AM on its 92 kHz (not 'WSFA'), p. 7, col. 1 SC Greenville WFBC-FM 93.7 relays WSPA 950/

TX Tahoka 100.3 is KMMX, not WMMX, p. 5, col. 1.

VT Springfield 93.5 calls are WCFR'-FM' (not WCFR-FM), p. 2, col. 2. Seeks 1450 h,v; 144 m. "You must be the only one in the industry who feels that a station forfeits its '-FM' suffix when there's no longer a similarly-named AM, even if the AM that's changing calls is in a different market," N.L., Atlanta GA. (col. 2.

WA Wenatchee \*88.7 K204DD, not \*K240DD,\* p. 6,/

VI Viegues Island WVIS 106.1 frequency missing p. 6, [not 53000, p. 4, col. 1 [437 m, d-a]) col. 1. BC Courtenay CFCP 98.9 has 2700 watts (h only:/ MB Winnipeg 95.9's calls are CKUW (not 'CKUM'), p. 6, col. 2. (misspelled, p. 7, col. 3. ON Cornwall CKON 97.3 "Akwesasne"/ [2, col. 1. PQ La Grande-1 VF2283 93.1 is 150 watts v. no h. p./ PQ Poste Laverendrye VF2155 103.9 d-a missing, p. 2,

# **SCS/SAP Services** Symbols are as in the FM Atlas

CA Fremont—Balbir Singh wants to start an east Indian SCStation, and needs to know what the prospects are for stations with unused SCS capacity. He estimates a need for 7000 radios once his service in the San Francisco area is underway.

DC Washington WAMU \*88.5 †() is back.

MN Austin KAUS-FM 99.9 still †( ), with the RDS reading "KAUS-FM." "It automatically set the dock on my new Radio Shack 398 radio!"

MN Mankato KYSM-FM 103.5 no SCS. Had TM,R. Now "not even unmodulated" subcarrier. "Will keep you posted if anything more develops."

PA-the last remaining unknown format SCStation there is WVCC 101.7 Linesville. "Perhaps R.R. of Jersey Shore can check [on it]... As of early December there were still 88 'unknown format' SCStations, including two each in Missoula MT, Ogden UT and Lynchburg VA. Why don't you visit some of those places during your next vacation?"

WI Milwaukee—WMYX 99.1 mentioned last month as possibly not giving up its music SCS because of cost to convert all the radios (p. 7, col. 1), is questioned by a reader: "I really got a kick out of your misinformation regarding the last musicprogrammed SCS in the Milwaukee area. I've been listening to SCSince 1971, my first tuner being a McMartin TR-55. Here is the real situation. Wisconsin Music Network is the local AEI franchisee. They are tired of paying the outrageous SCS charges on WMYX. They have operated two 956 mz systems in Milwaukee for about four years now. Their 'foreground' (vocal) programming is on 956.2625 mz, and up until two months ago they featured classical music on 956.3375 mz. Since the SCS contract expires in February 1999, they switched off the dassical music on 956,3375 and replaced it with instrumental music that is now simulast on the 67 kHz SCS of WMYX. Every day their technicians are out there replacing SCS tuners with 956.3375 mz tuners. As soon as all the customers are converted, those checks that LeRoy likes (and I know LeRoy) will stop coming. The target, of course, is February, but they have 1200 receivers to replace!

I got an e-mail from Tim Rupp, Wisconsin Music Network/Clef, Inc., 770 N. Jefferson, Milwaukee WI 53202; (414) 771-0783. He's the chief engineer of a company broadcasting music on 956 mz in Milwaukee, and leaving SCS. "As such, we will have a large inventory of surplus FM SCA receivers. Rather than scrapping these serviceable items, I am looking for organizations that would like to put these items to use. I'm sure we would even consider donation of these items to recagnized charitable organizations."

Since Wisconsin Music Network only has one 956 mz frequency in Cleveland WI, it will remain foreground music and the SCS will continue. Of course, the monthly rental for the SCS in Cleveland isn't even dose to what WMYX charges! If you want to have some fun with LeRoy, have him tune in 956,3375 and compare the programming with hiSCS. Better still ask him to observe the two and three-element FM broadcast antennas aimed at his FM station being replaced by smaller 956 mz

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yagi antennas aimed at Waukesha WI. The 956 mz transmitters are there on a 152 m tower. . . Actually, it's kind of sad that the last music SCS is going away since I have quite a collection of receivers. Oh well, that's progress," T.O.M., Caledonia WI, who renews "after many years of subscribing to FMedia! and buying the FM Atlas since edition one."

#### NonIDs, Not Just Slogans

Mentioned usually without call letters; "strict" if a station uses call letters once per hour (at or near top of hour) as required by FCC and Industry Canada

AL Carrolton WZBQ 94.1 94-1 ZBQ CA Ellwood KSPE-FM 94.5 La Musical

CA San Rafael KJQI-FM 100.7 K-Joy, continues to ID with San Francisco, along with AM stereo 1510.

FL Rock Harbor WKLG 102.1 Star 102.1

IN Danville WSYW-FM 107.1 Smooth Jazz 107.1

IN Delphi WNJY 102.9 Oldies 103 (from "Joy 103")

IN Indianapolis WNAP-FM 93.1 The Buzzard

IA Alta KBVU 97.5 The Edge 97.5 FM IA Belle Plaine KZAT 95.5 Z-95

IA Dubuque KLYV 105.3 Y-105 (from "K-Live 105")

IA New Hampton KCZE 95.1 The River

KS Downs KDNS 94.1 KD Country 94, ID with Beloit. Studios with KZDY 96.3 Cawker City in Glen Elder

# KDNS FM

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MN Marshall KARZ 107.5 Cars FM MO Pleasant Hope KTOZ-FM 95.5 Z 95-5 The Edge MT Ronan KQRK 92.3 The Q (from "KQ 92 FM")

NY Fenner WXXE \*90.5 Double X, ID with Syracuse, monophonic. Weak signal in Syracuse, "audio fair at best as is being fed through phone lines at present time, local WBXL Baldwinsville, high school station . . . is off the air for the holidays." Format is "alternative." Programs only in the evenings; open carrier the rest of the 24 hours, "with no IDs to speak of." Group is trying to get on with various transmitters around Syracuse. "You couple this with about 10 translators for the local 100.9, 99.5 bunch, SU's two FM stations creating all sorts of intermod havoc in the university area. . . I need a 10-element antenna just to hear Rochester," J.M. via e-mail.

WXXE is at http://www.serve.com.syracomradio/.
NY Wellsville WJQZ 103.5 Z-103.5

OH Middletown WPFB-FM 105.9 Hot Country (from "105.9 Rebel").

OK Altus KRKZ 93.5 Rock Solid 93.5 (from "Z-93"). SD Sisseton KBWS-FM 102.9 Country 103 (from "B-103"). ["Big Country")

WA Ephrata KULE-FM 92.3 Coulee Country (from/ Multi-City IDs In Use

FL Havana WFLV 104.9 with Tallahassee
GA Gray WIBD 96.5 with Milledgeville (not with
Macon), remains parallel to WIBB-FM 97.9 Fort

IL Galena WJOD 107.5 with Dubuque IA.

Valley-Macon.

IN Greensburg WAUZ \*89.1 with Columbus-Batesville

SD Redfield KGIM-FM 103.7 with Aberdeen. TX Lampasas-Austin KJFK 98.9 adds Killeen in middle of ID list. Still monophonic.

VA Roanoke WSLQ 99.1 with Lynchburg "and the New River Valley."

WV Martinsburg WKMZ 97.5 with Hagerstown MD, Winchester VA, Chambersburg PA.

WI Brillion WEZR 107.5 with Green Bay. "Look forward to another year of *FMedia!*" R.T., Concord CA.

#### Selected AM Happenings

GA Atlanta—WSB 850 takes its duo of Neal Boortz and Clark Howard to syndication. Boortz' show is 8:30 a.m. to noon and Howard's is 3-6 p.m. weekdays, with portions of thjose shows (up to two hours each) heard in other markets. Boortz said, "These people [in Atlanta] are used to me. I can commit all sorts of high crimes and misdeameanors, and they say 'that's just Boortz'. But in Duluth [MN?] stations might want to take out an insurance policy." Howard's show is already on Cox owned WHIO 1290 Dayton OH and WDBO 580 Orlando FL. MD Brunswick WTRI 1520 silent; sale pending to Capital Broadcasting.

MI Taylor WCHB 1200 had been silent, now black gospel and talk, "Spirit 1200."

NY New York WQEW being leased to Disney-ABC in a local marketing agreement, valued at around \$40 million. After eight years ABC will have the right to buy the station. It does not affect WQXR 96.3. "WQEW 1560 turned Radio Disney 12-28 at midnight." An 'urgent search' was underway to find a station for the popular standards' station—the only one left in the market.

About 100 protesters turned up at a rally outside the New York Times building, complete with big-bands' musicians. 'Fans of the old format swing-danced to live big-band music as other supporters occasionally chanted 'QEW!'. New York is a diverse city. There's room for Ella Fitzgerald and Mickey Mouse,' said George Gee, who organized the rally. 'The deal with Disney for a kids network will remove from the people of New York the tast remaining outlet for American popular standards.' 'This deal proves that greed is alive and well in the '90s, WQEW fan Meredith Thomas said. [See also Dec. p. 4, col. 1.]

ND Wishek KDRQ 1330 off the air. "It comes and goes. I can't remember when it last operated. I listen to KFYR (AM 550) or Y-93 (Bismarck ND)."

TN Englewood WENR 1090, a daytimer, was off the air while its equipment was rehabilitated. "Previous owner left it a mess." Now Music of Your Life. It will be teamed with WCPH 1220 Etowah ("rhymes with Ottawa") TN, which also will have Music of Your Life. WCPH has 1 kw day and 108 watts night, and on 24 hours. "We're meeting a good amount of success," said Paul Wilson, owner of the 1220 station.

TN Hartsville WJEM 1090 delete.

TN Jackson WDXI 1310 delete.

TX El Paso KFNA 1060 was silent, now regional Mexican TX Odessa KOYL 1310 delete.

WA Everett "KYZK" 1700 was on with all Christmas muisic, "The Season 1700."

WV Berkeley Springs WCST 1010 reported silent. WI Milwaukee WEMP 1250 no longer uses AM stereo.

# FMakings—Selected FCC and Industry Canada applications

AL Andalusia \*91.5 WSTF 20500 h,v; d-a, C3 AL Gadsden WTBB \*89.9 4800 v, 153 m AL Hope Hull \*91.7 (WPCS 89.5 Pensacola FL) AL Union Springs \*91.5 20000 v, 66 m, d-a, Pensacola Christian College

AZ Laveen \*88.7 (KSKD 93.3 Chowchilla CA)

AR Jonesboro KDEZ 100.5 124 m

AR Mountain Home KCMH \*91.5 26000 v, 144 m, C2

CA Anaheim \*88.9 (WBCS 88.3 Jasper GA)

CA Arvin KBDS 92.5 1150 h,v; 229 m

CA Brownsville \*91.3 (KAWZ 89.9 Twin Falls ID)

CA Clearlake \*90.3 (KAWZ)

CA Davis KQBR 104.3 6000 h,v; 100 m

CA Firebaugh \*90.5 9100 h,v; 337 m, Your Christian Companion Network

CA Fresno KFNO \*90.3 2200 h,v; 594 m, d-a

CA Glen Ellen \*89.5 (KLVR 91.9 Santa Rosa)

CO Goshen \*91.1 (KLVK 106.3 Kingsburg)

CA Happy Camp \*89.5 (KVIP-FM 98.1 Redding)

CA Kerman KKPW 94.3 6000 h,v

CA Lancaster \*90.3 (KCZO 92.1 Carrizo Springs TX)

CA La Presa \*89.1 (KAWZ)

CA La Mirada \*88.9 (KLRO 88.1 Nile WA)

CA Laytonville \*91.9 110 h,v; 72 m, Redwood Com'ty R.

CA Madera \*91.7 (KCZO)

CA Merced \*89.5 (KCZO)

CA Montecito \*89.1 (KLOV 89.3 Winchester OR)

CA Oroville \*88.9 (KCZO)

CA Pacoima \*91.1 (KTLW 88.9 Lancaster)

CA Tehachapi KKZQ 100.1 1750 h,v; 189 m, no d-a

CA Sacramento KBMB 103.5 6000 h,v; 95 m, d-a

CA Stockton KJOY 99.3 110 m, d-a

CA Yankee Hill \*88.7 (KEFX 88.9 Twin Falls ID)

CO Craig \*90.1 1000 h,v; 277 m, CO Christian U. CO Grand Junction KBFE 100.7 42000 h,v; 420 m

CO Hayden \*89.7 10000 h,v; 159 m, Bcstg. for Challenged

CO Starkville \*91.1 370 h,v; 303 m, CO College CO Steamboat Srpings \*89.3 6500 h,v; 511 m, CO Christian University

\*90.3 2400 h,v; 186 m, Aspen Public Radio, Inc.

CO Windsor KUAD 99.1 212 m

FL Beverly Hills WXOF 106.3 10500 h,v; 154 m FL Orlando WMMO 98.9 44000 h,v; 159 m

FL Plantation Key WFKZ 103.1 50000 h,v; 137 m, one-step C2

FL Punta Rassa WCCL 97.7 5300 h,v; 106 m, Class A

FL Venice WCTQ 92.1 12000 h,v; 145 m FL Whitehouse \*91.3 (WBCS)

GA La Grange \*91.9A: Bostg. for Challenged, Family Stations, Inc. and NC Public Bostg. Inc.

GA Valdosta WWRQ 107.9 50000 h,v; 137 m, C2

HI Honolulu KTUH \*90.3 3000 h,v; -25 m  $\,$ 

ID Lewiston \*89.5 (KAWZ)

ID Shelley KBJX 107.9 194 m, C1 downgrade

ID Sun Valley \*89.3 150 h,v; 570 m, ID State Bd./Educ.

IL Bristol \*88.7 2000 h,v; 202 m, Best Media, Inc.

IL Danville \*88.3 5000 v, 52 m, d-a, Bostg for Challenged IL Fairfield \*88.7 230 h,v; 68 m, Bright Light Bostg.

IL Vandalia \*91.7 1500 h,v; 81 m, IL Bible Institute

IN Danville \*89.1 5000 v, 127 m, CSN International

IN Ellettsville WGCT 105.1 1700 h,v; 189 m

IN Greencastle \*90.5 20000 v, 51 m, Pensacola Christian College

IN Howe WQKO \*91.9 20000 h,v; 100 m, B1 IN Indianapolis WBDG \*90.9 380 h,v; 31 m

IN Ladoga \*89.1 25 h, 13000 v, 140 m, d-a, CSN Int'l.

IN Lebanon WIRE \*91.1 3200 v, 67 m, d-a

WYJZ 100.9 6000 h,v; 100 m, d-a

IN Oolitic \*88.9 8000 v, 49 m, Good Samaritan Educ. R. IN Rensselaer WPUM \*88.5A (from 90.5D), 1000 h,v; 36

m[eters above average terrain]
IA Dubuque KXGE 102.3 2000 h,v; 94 m

IA Mitchellville \*88.9 180 h,v; 72 m, U. of N. IA

IA Oskaloosa \*90.5 6000 h,v; 134 m, d-a, Family Stations, Inc.

\*90.5 1500 h,v; 89 m, Iowa State University

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IA Saint Ansgar KHAM 95.5 6000 h,v; 100 m
KS Independence *88.5 250 h,v; 55 m, Optimum Impact,/
KS Salina KCVS "90.7 11500 h,v; 228 m
KS Thayer *89.1 (KAWZ)
KY Madisonville *91.7 200 h,v; 80 m, Pennyrile Christian
  Community, Inc. Also has an app. for a translator there
KY Radcliff WASE 103.5 7000 h,v; 165 m
LA Gibsland KBEF 104.5 6000 h,v
LA Jennings *88.1 (KAWZ *89.9 Twin Falls ID)
LA Lafayette *88.1 (KAWZ)
LA Oak Grove KWCL-FM 96.7 23000 h,v; 104 m
ME Searsport WBYA 101.7 2000 h,v, 1-step B1
MD Lexington Park *88.1 (WOTJ 90.7 Morehead City
MA Winchendon *91.1 160 h,v; 63 m, Toccoa Falls/
MI fronwood *88.3 25000 v, 83 m, Bostg. for Challenged
MI Lansing WHZZ 101.7 4100 h,v; 121 m
MI Level Park *91.9 100 v, 27 m, d-a, Pensacola Chris-
  tian College
                      [Community Broadcasters
MI Michigamme *88.1 100000 v, 125 m, Northland/
MN Albert Lea *90.1A Bostg. for Challenged and CSN In'I
MN Bemidji KKZY 95.5 129 m; KBHP 101.1 159 m
MN Fergus Falls *89.7 2700 h,v; 69 m, *91.5 100 h,v; 69
                                 [V. Harris Foundation
  m, MN Public Radio
MN Glyndon (Fargo ND) *89.5 10000 h,v; 109 m, Mary/
MN Grand Marais *88.7C3 and *89.7C3. MN Public R.
MN Hayfield (Albert Lea) *90.1A Lifetalk Bostg. Assn.
KS Independence KARF *91.9 28000 h,v
MN St. Francis *89.7 (KLRO), one of five translators to
 be applied for in the Twin Cities area by Lifetalk Broad-
  casting of Yakima WA.
MN Windom *90.9 25000 h,v; 100 m, MN-IA Christ. R.
MN Worthington *90.1 250 h,v; 38 m, Solid Rock Bestg.
MO Mexico KWWR 95.7 91000 h,v; 451 m, 1-step C
MO Nevada *89.1 (KAWZ)
MO Owensville KBDQ 95.3 50000 h,v; 150 m, 1-step C2
MO St. Charles KCLC *89.1 35000 h,v; 54 m, d-a
MO Salem *91.7 6000 h,v; 72 m, Miracle Radio, Inc.
MO Springfield KAKU *90.1 5500 h,v
MT Black Eagle 93.7 (KEIN-FM Conrad booster)
MT Culbertson *88.1 (KAWZ)
MT Glendive *90.9 (KAWZ)
                                     [Christian Radio
MT Lewiston *91.1 4000 h,v; 573 m, Big Country/
NE Grand Island *90.7A Bostg. for Challenged; Family
  Stations, Inc.
NE Holdrege *90.7 (KJLT-FM 94.9 North Platte)
NE Juanita *90.9 100 h,v; 164 m, Aspen Public Radio
NV Elko *90.7 (KAWZ), *91.9 (KEFX)
NV Las Vegas *89.5 (KFLQ 91.5 Albuquerque)
NV Lovelock *88.1 (KAWZ); *90.9 (KEFX)
NV Winnemucca *88.1 (KAWZ); *89.7 (KEFX)
NJ Chester *88.1 1500 h,v; 188 m, Best Media, Inc.
NJ Glassboro WGLS *89.7 750 h,v; 149 m, d-a
NJ Hanover *91.7 600 h,v; 28 m, Best Media, Inc.
NM Carlsbad *91.3 (KLYT 88.3 Albuquerque)
NM Hobbs *90.9 500 v, 100 m, El Hispano, Inc.
NY Albany *89.9 (WNGN 91.9 Argyle)
NY Arcade *89.5 110 h,v; 189 m, CSN International
NY Buskirk *91.1 (WNGN)
NY Riverhead *90.7 (WMHR 102.9 Syracuse)
NY Warsaw WCOU *88.3 4000 h.v; 163 m, d-a
NY Water Mill *89.3 (KLVN 88.3 Livingston CA)
NC Salisbury WEND 106.5 84000 h,v
NC Warrenton WXNC 107.3 1400 h,v; 207 m, Class A
ND Fargo *89.5 25000 v, 80 m, Bostg. for Challenged
ND Horace *89.5 8000 v, 62 m, Selah Corp.
ND Williston *88.1 (KAWZ)
OK Atoka KHKC 103.1 40000 h,v; 112 m, C2
OR Bend *89.3 1800 h,v; 175 m, Jesuit Mission, Inc.
OR Blue River *88.5 (KAWZ)
OR Burns *88.5 (KAWZ)
OR Deschutes Riverwood *89.3 1800 h,v; 175 m, Wm.
 Patrick Donnelly Ministries
OR Redmond *89.3 5000 h,v; 166 m, CSN Int'l.
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OR Sisters *89.3 1000 h,v; 161 m, Lane Community
 College
OR Walton *88.5 (KAWZ)
SD Sioux Falls KMXC 97.3 256 m
TN Olivehill WDNX *89.1 100000 h,v; 70 m
TX Big Spring *89.7 (KLVW 99.1 Odessa)
TX Brownwood KOXE 101.3 (from 101.5) 176 m
TX Byrne *88.5 500 v, 159 m, Southpoint Ed'l. Radio
TX Cameron (new) 105.1C3 (from 94.3A), 10000 h,v
TX Camp Wood *89.7 500 h,v; 110 m, Houston Christian
 Broadcasters
TX Clarendon KEFH 99.3 36000 h,v; 176 m
TX Fort Worth KEGL 97.1 508 m
                                      downgrade
TX Kerrville KITE 92.3 3000 h,v; 135 m, Class A/
TX McKinney (move from Denton) KNTU *88.1—at the
 same site
TX Portland KRMP *91.1 25000 h,v; 100 m, d-a, C3
TX Winters (new) 96.1 50000 h,v; 150 m, one-step C2
VA Accomac *91.9 (WYFG 91.1 Gaffney SC)
VA Boone Mills *88.7 (KAWZ)
VA Buena Vista WREL-FM 96.7 2000 h,v; 346 m
WA Aberdeen *89.7 (KEFX)
WA Chinook *88.7 (KEFX); *89.1 (KAWZ)
WA Ephrata KTAC 93.9 18000 h,v; 117 m
WA Forks *88.1 (KAWZ)
WA Shelton KRXY 94.5 710 h.v: 291 m.
WA Vancouver KKLQ 105.9 81000 h,v; 329 m, C1
WV Bernardstown *89.7 (WMLJ 90.5 Summersville WV)
WI Lancaster WGLR-FM 97.7 11500 h,v; 147 m
WY Casper KHOC 102.5 567 m
WY Cheyenne *89.9 (KLOV); KIGN 97.9 247 m
WY Elk Mountain *88.1 (KAWZ)
WY Evanston *89.7 (KAWZ)
WY Glendo KUUY 100.1 55000 h,v; 139 m, 1-step C1
WY Powell *90.1 430 h,v; 495 m, U, of Wyoming
WY Rawlins *91.3 (KAWZ)
WY Tipton *91.3 (KAWZ)
WY Walcott *89.5 (KAWZ)
BC Big White Ski Mountain 103.9 (CILK 101.5 Kelowna)
BC Granisle 101.9 (CJFW 103.1 Terrace)
 100.5 (CISN 103.9 Edmonton)
MB St. Theresa Point 93.5 (CINC 96.3 Thompson)
ON Barrie 100.3 1800 h,v, Scott Jackson for a Christian
 music format
ON Simcoe 98.9 1100 h,v, a CKPC-FM 92.1 Brantford/
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# FM Rulemakings Proposed First date is for filing comments at the FCC; second date is for replies. Stations affected, if any, are listed

AR Cherry Valley 99.3A, Feb. 1, 16 MA West Tisbury IL Clinton 107.3A, Jan. 25, Feb. 9 104.3A, Feb. 8, 23 IL Rantoul 103.3A, Jan. 25, Feb. 9 IA Sibley 104.3A, Jan. 25, Feb. 9 MT Manhattan 105.7A !A Sioux Rapids 98.3A, Jan. 25, Feb. 9 Feb. 8, 23 LA De Ridder 97.9A for 101.7A, KEAZ, Jan. 19, Feb. 3 NAA Hurley (move from Lordsburg) 105.5C1 for C3, Feb. 1, 16 NY Wellsville 97.1A, Jon. 25, Feb. 9 | SD Lennox 93.1C3 ND Belfield 93.9C1, Feb. 1, 16 Jan. 25, Feb. 9 ND Burlington 103.1C1, Feb. 1, 16 ND Gackle 99.1C, Feb. 8, 23 TX Knox City 107.3A, ND Hazelton 103.9C, Feb. 8, 23 Feb. 8, 23 ND Medina 92.3C, Feb. 1, 16 ND New England 92.3C, Feb. 8, 23 UT Logan 98.3C3, WV Arnoldsburg 100.7A, Jan. 25, Feb. 9 Jan. 25, Feb. 9 WV Gassaway 98.5A, Jan. 25, Feb. 9 WV Peterstown 96.7A, Jan. 25, Feb. 9

# A Back-Door Way for AM Stations To Get Into FM? Group Wants FM Translators for AM Stations—And the FCC's Listening

WI Augusta 101.5C3, Feb. 8, 23

Comments are being received at

the Commission on a petition by the American Community AM Broadcasters Association (ACAMBA). The National Association of Broadcasters so far has been neutral, but has asked the FCC to delay the comments' deadline from Jan. 11 to Feb. 10. That will be after the next NAB radio board meeting (Jan. 9-13). Public notice of the ACAMBA petition is RM-9419.

The FCC envisions only AM stations with daytime-only or limited nighttime signals should be allowed to be relayed on FM translators. "The idea's been kicking around for years and feelings run very deep, both pro and con," mused the *M Street Journal*.

### Small Print Happenings and FM Industry News

The FCC's showing it is beholden to the industry and Congress. It pulled a consideration of the proposed broadcast ownership rules from its Dec. 17 meeting. It wanted to limit the number of radio stations in a local cluster to between four and six. Senate Commerce Committee chairman John McCain, in a second letter to FCChieftain Bill Kennard reiterated his concern that the FCC follow the will of Congress as spelled out in the 1996 Telecommunications Act, Section 202(h) of the act "clearly and unambiguously directs the FCC to review its broadcast ownership rules biennially with an eye to lessening them, not increasing them." Even Disney's Michael Eisner went to Washington to lobby against the Kennard crusade. Almost lost in the shuffle-the Commission's crusade for microradio. It's date for consideration was changed from mid-December to January. The Commission did create a website for the various low-power FM proposals at <a href="http://www.fcc.gov/mmb/prd/lpfm">http://www.fcc.gov/mmb/prd/lpfm>.</a>

Partnering-Minnesota Public Radio and KPCC \*89.3 Pasadena CA, It's an unusual plan that might help ever-expansionist MPR get into the California market. MPR and Pasadena City College are exploring a relationship that could use KPCC as the cornerstone of a regional public radio network. MPR had learned that the two-year college was having problems maintaining a radio station, which prompted meetings between the two organizations. KPCC is supposed to be self-supporting, as required by the college, and exceeded its most recent pledge goal. But the station needs more resources to do the "deeper development" necessary to enlarge its audience and improve its programming-something MPR might be poised to do for

KPCC has a signal that reaches a potential audience of 11 million with its monophonic news, talk format. It carries a variety of student-produced programs, National Public Radio staples such as <u>All Things Considered</u>, and one MPR show, *A Prairie Home Companion*.

The new partnership might result in a bureau in Sacramento, where there is no statewide office for public radio. KPCC's annual budget is \$1 million, a fraction of MPR's \$23 million, even though Los Angeles has more population than in all of Minnesota.

None of this should cost MPR anything, according to spokesman Will Haddeland, but there is a potential benefit: a talent pool. "They have a wonderful program in digital technology. Like a lot of other entities, we're having a difficult time recruiting the kind of talent we need. This would allow us to integrate into an academic program," Haddeland said. He's "very hopeful" the college will accept the proposal, "but there's no guarantee."

Another deadline extension at the FCC is the dates for filing comments and replies in Docket MM 95-31. That docket is concerned with how the Commission will handle licensing of new noncommercial educational facilities, and major change applications when more than one party has filed. Comments are now due Jan. 28; replies Mar. 15.

Among the stations recently announced as sold are several in the Albany NY market. Tele-Media is picking up WABY-FM 94.5 Ravena-AM, WKLI 100.9 and WKBE 100.3 Warrensburg from Bendat Communications and Broadcasting. Bendat employs 15 people for all three stations; no announcement about staff changes was made. Tele-Media owns several stations in California, but is based in Bellefonte PA. One of its partners, Ira Rosenblatt, grew up in Albany. His father, Sam Rosenblatt, began a radio career at WROR (frequency not available; not the Framingham MA station) in the 1960s.

Albany Broadcasting adds WSRD 104.9
Altamont NY-AM to a stable that includes WFLY
92.3-WYJB 95.5 and WPTR 96.3 Voorheesville
NY-AM.

Radio One is buying WWBR 102.7 Mount Clemens MI for \$27 million, and is expected to oust "The Bear." Radio One owns WDTJ 105.9 Detroit-WCHB 1200 AM Taylor MI. Latter is silent, "pending an engineering upgrade, but should return with black gospel and talk."

Sunburst Media is paying \$4.5 million for a station with the potential to cover Dallas, but not Fort Worth. The station, licensed to Bowie, is KRJT-FM 100.7. It has an application to change to Highland Village TX (a place not shown on the official TX road map), but will have its antenna on the mast of KDGE 94.5 Gainesville.

Indiana Radio Partners is buying WAXT 96.7 Anderson-WERK 104.9 Muncie, WLHN 101.7 Elwood and WWWO 93.5 Hartford City.

The FCC announced it will subject Jacor's \$7.5 million deal to buy various Intermart stations in the Fort Myers FL market to "additional analysis" because of possible over-concentration. Involved in the look-see are WIKX 92.9 Charlotte Harbor, WCVU 104.9 Solana-AM. Chairman Bill Kennard wants the FCC to play a role in deciding matters of concentration of control, separate from antitrust rulings coming from the department of justice. But Republican FCCommissioner Harold Furtgott- Roth does not want the FCC to interfere with Congress, along with two senators who agree with him.

Out on a limb for community control of the radio airwaves—that's where some activists were found. They climbed a giant 30-m redwood tree and set up shop on a large branch, on what looks like a treehouse or deer stand, judging by the APicture story of Dec. 5. They climbed the tree and vowed to keep broadcasting from half way up the tree (frequency not available). They were up about two weeks before federal marshals threatened to haul them away.

They went out on a limb to protest a court ruling shutting down Free Radio Berkeley. They were also trying to call attention to the need for micro-radio. DJs kept "Tree Radio Berkeley" going with a 40-watt signal powered by car batteries, and sending out an eclectic mix of punk rock, gospel and tapes made by death-row inmate Mumia Abu-Jamal. It was from the city's Willard Park, and the broadcasts stopped, partly in sympathy for the city's nightly park curfew, which had been waived for the occasion. Willard Park is also known to activists as Ho Chi Minh Park, a reminder of Berkeley's past as a hotbed of anti-Vietnam War protest.

Tree radio had been supported by residents, who brought hot food and other goodies to the broadcasters, but the weather was less cooperative, chilling the participants with wintry rains. The protest was thought by its organizers to have been a success in pointing the need for community radio, with plans for more protests. The next one probably won't be in a tree. "What we want to do is keep bringing public attention to it [microradio]" said the group's spokesperson Russell Bush.

Paul J. McLane, writing in Radio World, said some don't ever want to see digital broadcasting, unless it's a hybrid solution. Most listeners own multiple radios—in their living room, bedroom, bathroom, workshop, car and office. "When we replace radio with a digital-only system, those receivers will be obsolete. Consumers might buy one new digital receiver, but they are unlikely to buy four or five. Once the listener gets accustomed to not having radio in the bathroom or garage . . . they might not come back. Other media will serve them, and radio loses ground."

Digital broadcasting is to begin in Montreal, with several new digital frequencies assigned. All must simulcast their associated FM or AM stations except for 14 hours a week. Given digital slots at 1458.048-1452.816 mz were CBF-FM, CBFX, CBM-FM, CBME, CKGM, CHOM, CITE, CKAC and CKMF.

A competitor to conventional radio is USA Digital Radio, which wants a 12-year transition period ending in an all-digital radio industry.

The NAB and the Consumer Electronics Manufacturers Association (CEMA) submitted to the FCC a document titled, "In-Band/On-Channel (IBOC) Digital Audio Broadcasting (DAB) System Guidelines, Part I—Laboratory Tests." This document was intended for the FCC to consider along with an earlier one asking for a petition for rulemaking filed by USA Digital Radio (USADR). The USADR petition asks the FCC to set rules and standards that will permit the introduction of IBOC DAB in the United States via existing FM and AM stations.

The guidelines drawn up by the NAB and CEMA "are the result of a cooperative effort among broadcasters, receiver manufacturers and IBOC system developers, and were designed to support independent testing of systems by either the DAB opponents themselves or by independent test contractors."

One company claims to have actually conducted IBOC tests. Digital Radio Express (DRE) conducted "a few hours of field testing of its FM system on San Francisco's KSAN (107.7 San Mateo). DRE combined its digital FM signal with the host station's analog signal. Documents describing the van tests filed at the FCC said, "When sufficient IBOC RF field strength was available, the IBOC FM system performed as

expected, providing a recovered audio signal with noticeably higher quality than the analog FM receiver. However, there were digital audio failures (i.e. muting) particularly in the stop-and-go traffic in the downtown area'."

The FCC says stations can ask for personal identification (name and address) of those seeking information from their public files. But they can't ask what organization they belong to, or why they might want to look at the file.

Gradually, the Commission is making its physical move away from the pressures of Congress and the NAB to The Portals in the southwest part of the District. The new mailing address for the FCC is 445 12th Street SW, Washington DC 20024-2101.

A computer hacker broke into the website of WHFS 99.1 Bethesda MD and "canceled" a station-sponsored concert. It happened over a three-day period, with e- mails sent to listeners saying the "HFSmas Holiday Nutcracker" show was off. The station then shut off its e- mail while trying to upgrade its security.

National Public Radio found Kevin Kose, a journalist and most recently director of the U.S. International Bureau, for its head. This follows the resignation of Delano Lewis.

Internal Promotion by Michael Langevin, Langevin Consulting and Publishing, is being distributed by the NAB. He's a consultant based in Duluth MN, and works at the local Shockley stations. I have several of his reports, and find them purposeful for a person or group interested in reaching a goal. Contact the NAB at (202) 429-5350; FAX (202) 429-5406.

The Great Lakes Broadcasting Conference and EXPO is Feb. 23-24 in Lansing MI. It's for broadcast owners, programmers, air talent, news directors and reporters, sales managers and for public broadcasters. "Registration as low as \$55." For more information call the MAB at 1-800-968-7622, surf to www.michmab.com. Keynote speaker is Larry Csonka on "The Winning Edge."

Charles Persons, 89, Brainerd MN, who founded KVBR AM (later on FM as KFGI 103.5) and held a CP for an FM in Minneapolis on 102.1 in the early '60s, died. He was the original engineer for pioneer FM station WEBC-FM 92.3 Superior WI (and later Duluth MN, deleting in 1950). I interviewed him in the mid-'70s for a series of articles on the early history of WEBC-FM. The articles were co-authored by John Ebeling, and were published in Radio World. Persons, along with the late Walter C. Bridges, long-time general manager of WEBC, and Morgan Murphy, publisher of the Superior Evening Telegram, were early FM pioneers. Murphy owned WJMC-FM 96.3 Rice Lake WI and WEAU-FM 94.1 Eau Claire WI, and later KXLY-FM 99.9 Spokane WA, plus their AMs.

Persons was an aviator, having gotten his pilot's license at 54, his instrument rating at 65 and wrote articles for flying magazines. He died after he fell and struck his head; his son, Mark, is a broadcast technical consultant in the area.

Another obituary: John Mulvihill, 63, who founded EIES of New Jersey (on the 67 kHz of WSOU \*89.5 and on the SAP of NJPTV stations). In 1974 he founded the Electronic Information and Education Services of New Jersey in South Orange, a nonprofit agency for the visually impaired. EIES of New Jersey was one of the nation's first radio reading services for the blind. John sat next to me at a function at the conven-

tion of the Association of Radio Reading Services in St. Paul two years ago. An interim director has yet to be named. Ms. Peemoy Walters has left the WUSF Radio Reading Service in Tampa FL, but will consult the group until a successor is named.

Another death to report is Dr. Kenneth Jernigan of Baltimore, former president of the National Federation of the Blind. "In the early 1970s he started an open channel radio reading service in Des Moines IA" (on KDPS \*88.1). Jernigan was a nationally known leader in his field, and changed the way many people perceived blindness. He has been succeeded at the NFB by Marc Mauer.

The American Council of the Blind has petitioned the FCC to grant at least 60 kilobits per second (KB) of all digital television (DTV) signals for services "which allow for full access to information for persons who are blind, visually impaired, or who have other print disabilities." The ACB, in its petition, mentioned its long-time support of radio reading services "as a viable means of information access for people who are blind and visually impaired."

Minnesota has a new fighting governor,

Jesse Ventura, of the Reform Party. He's been on Leno and other shows, written up in *Doones-bury*, and the subject of a joke by PRI's Garrison Keillor. Keillor wrote in the Nov. 16 Time Magazine that "Minnesota is a \$12 billion a year operation, and we have taken the janitor and made him the CEO."



Ventura

Ventura shot back: "Garrison probably wouldn't like me anyway because I earned my living in the radio doing advertising, not at the public trough." Ventura has been a host on KSTP 1500 AM talk radio, and heard on KQRS 92.5 Golden Valley MN. "Besides, sometimes the janitor might be smarter than the CEO, because the janitor will know the business from the floor up."

WBCL \*90.3 Fort Wayne and relayers did very well with the annual Prison angel tree drive. It generated over 7000 gifts for children of prisoners in the area. "The purpose of the project," according to Terry Foss, director of outreach ministries for WBCL, "was to share the love of Jesus by providing Christmas gifts for children of prisoners. Our !steners were so generous! Their giving demonstrated true Christianity in action!" Volunteers sorted and distributed the items.

The CRTC has announced it was to have accepted letters of intent to apply for new English language FM station to serve the London ON region by Jan. 8—for 102.3. Affinity Broadcasting has already shown an interest in the channel. There could be no grant, however, if the CRTC finds that a new station would have an adverse economic impact on existing broadcasters. Formal applications would be required by Feb.

Noncommercial KRTM \*88.9 Temecula found that it went "over the line" in describing the Silverhawk real estate development, and is having to pay \$4000. The FCC reduced the fine from the \$6000 originally asked.

Also fined was KLBJ-FM 93.7 Austin TX \$5000 for a June 12 episode of the *Dudley and Bob with Debra Show* over an outburst with a

female caller. Said g.m. Scott Gillmore: "We're embarrassed and apologetic, and we've assumed some new checks and balances to make sure this doesn't happen again."

The FCC is going too easy on raunchy broadcasters, and a group of eight senators is asking the FCC to investigate and impose "severe penalties" on offenders. The senators cited an Aug. 25 Washington Post story about smutty broadcasts. "This is shock radio at its worst, but without effective FCC oversight it is, sadly, unlikely to change," they said in their memo, signed by: Herb Kohl (D-WI), Mike DeWine (R-OH), Byron Dorgan (D-ND), Dianne Feinstein (D-CA), Jeff Sessions (R-AL), Charles Grassley (R-IA), John Ashcroft (R-MO) and Strom Thurmond (D-SC).

Those feisty Missouri Synod Lutherans get their stations renewed: KFUO-FM 99.1 and 850 AM in the St. Louis area. Not only that, but they had the various EEO-related issues dismissed, including the originally-imposed \$250,000 fine.

Also in St. Louis, it's the Ku Klux Klan that loses. They weren't threatening the Missouri Synod Lutherans, but KWMU "90.7, which lost a court battle to force its underwriting on the public station. The Klan claims a First Amendment right to purchase underwriting announcements like, "A white Christian organization, standing up for the rights of white Christian America since 1865." KWMU feared the Klan connection would drive away other support, with donors giving about 22 percent of the station's \$1.8 million budget. Watch for this case to go to higher courts.

Speaking of EEO, the FCC's decided to play it safe and avoid the Supreme Court. Thus, the FCC won't be appealing its latest EEO setback, but will instead encourage the industry to hire more women and minorities. Move could actually help employment at small stations, where before if a broadcaster had five or fewer employees, it did not have to file EEO forms with the FCC. Now, presumably, broadcasters can add staff without having to worry about crossing an EEO threshold.

Scott Muni, who left WNEW 102.7 New York, (see story last issue, p. 8, col. 3) lands a job at WAXQ 104.3. He's probably only parttime, doing a one hour show from 12 to 1 p.m. weekdays.

KQRS 92.5 Golden Valley MN finally apologized for insensitive remarks toward the Hmong community by morning host Tom Barnard. ABC group vice president Mark Steinmetz said: "We apologize for these comments. It was not our intention to offend the Himong community. Hmong are deserving of our fullest respect. Like all Americans, Hmong people have the right to free speech, life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness under the protection of the U.S. Constitution." Note it was Steinmetz, not Barnard, who apologized. Nevertheless, the community accepted the apology as sincere. KQRS also had to pay for ads in the Minneapolis [Star-]Tribune, the St. Paul Pioneer Press and ethnic newspapers.

Terms of the agreement call for a \$5000 scholarship and internships for Hmong and other people of color, expected to cost the station about \$25,000 a year. This is "a drop in the bucket to KQRS. But it represents a small bright spot amid a series of industrywide threats to programs aimed at bringing more diversity to broadcast staffs and ownerships."

From the classifieds: Wanted to buy AM or FM in New England area, noncommercial or commercial,

no station too small, will consider partnership. M. Cardillo, (401) 942-8341.

Network looking for stations! Dark, brokered, AM and FM, FAX details to programming: (954) 735-0370.
Tuners: Sequerra, R.E.L. Precedent, Fisher FM 10000, Scott 4310, Marantz 10B, Mike, (619)

1945/46 Broadcasting magazines and 1920-1950 Radio News magazines, S. Horner, (805) 654-0577.

#### FM FORUM

Two Macomb IL area radio fans have created a new radio show devoted to AM, FM and TV info, call ins, "big ugly dishes, progressive politics, hi-tech, strange music." Hear the <u>Tom and Darryl Show</u> on shortwave WBCQ 7415 mz from Saturdays at 2200 CST to early Sundays at 0100.

In October, I had a fine trip to Hamilton ON, with a breakfast audience Oct. 4. On the trip, I sold a restored G-E Superadio II and other electronics goodies. It was a pleasure to meet longtime newsletter and *FM Atlas* reader Dr. Ken Walter of Toronto, and to welcome Wayne Plunkett of Weston ON as a subscriber. Wayne has visited here at the "Publishing Estate," and in the '50s in Duluth.

"A new Chicago FM history page at http:// www.zecom.com/zecom/museum/fm40.htm includes station lists from 1940-49; FM Atlas 11th ed. 1988 is also mentioned as a source." My book is also mentioned in two consecutive paragraphs near the middle of the article in a report I wish the Internet would delete reference to: in the American Atheist magazine at http://www.atheists.org/visitors. center/rm2493.html. Their report used the FM Atlas to track how many religious broadcasters there were, and to lend support to the discredited Lanzman-Milam petition to curb applications for religious FM stations in the educational part of the band (87.9-91.9 mz). That proposal generated so much mail to the FCC that the Commission has cried. "No more!" The petition was dismissed.

Allen Lloyd of High Point NC has sold SCS-modified radios, but e-mails that business has been slow lately and he might get out of it. "I'm sure you know by now that the main 'workhorse' in our decoders (LM 3089) has been taken off the market. . . This was SUCH a good FM chip, why is it suddenly 'obsolete'?"

Four people in a '98 VW Beetle proved you could stay confined for 38 days and win a prize from Smyrna GA's Star 94 WSTR. Only two VWs were awarded, with a drawing telling Sonja Banks and John Crow they won. Previous losers were on hand to congratulate the winners.

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DODGE CITY KS' KDCC, A FORMER ALF LANDON STATION, IS COMMERCIAL, NOW OWNED BY DODGE CITY COMMUNITY COLLEGE. SEE "SELECTED AM HAPPENINGS," P. 5, COL. 2.

ATLANTA ONCE HAD THREE MUSIC SCSES, NOW HAS NONE, BUT DOES HAVE FOUR ETHNICS. SEE F. 5, COL. 1.

TAMPA FL'8 COMMUNITY STATION REGAINS STATE FUNDING. READ MORE ON P. 7, COL. 3. NAB OPPOSES EXPANSION OF SATELLITE DARSERVICES. SEE P. 7, COL. 2.

NFCB TELLS HOW TO THWART TRANSLATOR APPLICATIONS THAT MIGHT AFFECT YOUR COVERAGE, PP 6-7.
TOM LEYKIS CITED AS AN EXAMPLE OF FM'S TALK EXPLOSION. READ ABOUT HIM, OTHERS ON P. 8, COL.

### **New FM Station, Translator Grants**

Translators have less than 100 watts unless shown otherwise

AZ Springerville K218CV \*91.5 (WYFG 91.1 Gaffney SC translator), h,v polarization

CA Bena (ENE Bakersfield, SW Lake Isabella at 35-27-10; 118-35-25) \*90.5 K213CT (KAWZ 89.9 Twin Falls ID), h,v

CA Lakehead K207CT \*89.3 (KAWZ), v

CA Livermore KZQZ-2 95.7 90 v, 495 m, booster of San Francisco station

CA Willits K223AJ \*92.5 (KNDL 89.9 Angwin), h; replacing displaced K217AN 91.3 (because of KZYZ 91.5 there).

FL Melbourne W232AZ \*94.3 (WJFP 91.1 Fort Pierce), 120 h,v. FCC denied petition to deny by Midway Broadcasting Co.

GA Buford W201CC \*88.1 (KAWZ), h,v

IA Adel K215CL\*90.9 (WPCS 89.5 Pensacola FL), 250 v [Hays), 220 watts vertical only

KS Phillipsburg K216ED \*91.1 (KPRD 88.9/ KY Lerose (between Beattyville and Hazard at 37-29-30; 83-37-26) \*88.3 100 h, 49 m, White

Sky Broadcasting/Robert J. Schuman MI Mackinaw City \*88.5 3800 v, 127 m, Great Lakes Broadcast Academy. Transmitter to be between Mackinaw City and Cheboygan.

NE Alma K211DP \*90.1 (WJCG 88.9 Monee IL), 250 h.v

NJ Woodbine WJPH (not "WPRS" as given in Dec., p. 8, col. 2) \*89.9 300 h,v; 28 m, Maranatha Ministries/Joy Communications.

NM Eagle Nest K236AK 95.1 (KRTN-FM 93.7 Raton), h,v {88.3 Albuquerque), 100 v NM Gallup K207CQ \*89.3 (KLYT 88.3/

NM Raton KBKZ 96.5 650 h,v; 295 m, David F. Phillips

NY Lockport W214BD \*90.7 (WCOU 88.3 Warsaw), h,v

NY Medina W207BD \*89.3 (WCOU), h,v NY Truxton W210BJ \*89.9 (WXXE 90.5 Fenner), v OH Findlay W209BE \*89.7 (KLVC 88.3 Magalia CA), h,v OR Florence \*91.7 100 watts h, 50 watts v, 488 m, d-a, OR State Board of Higher Education (see also "Deletions," below).

K281AH 104.1 (KKNU 93.1 Springfield), h K284AF 104.7 (KAKT 105.1 Phoenix), 100 v SC Greenville W214BC \*90.7 (KAWZ), h,v

TX Bushland (19.8 km W. Amarillo) K208DH \*89.5 (KAWZ), h,v [Houston), 250 h,v

TX Galveston K208DG \*89.5 (KPFT 90.1/ UT Ephraim KAGJ \*89.5 100 watts h,v; -354 m, Snow College, reinstatement of "The Cage," rp

VT Woodstock WCKP \*91.7 100 h,v; 694 m, d-a, Christian Ministries, Inc. FCC dismissed Mountain Educational Fellowship's 91.5 bid for Wallingford VT.

WA Delphi (WSW Olympia, SSW Shelton at 46-58-22; 123-08-17) K218CU \*91.5 (KTLW 88.9 Lancaster CA), v

WA Shelton K205DH \*88.9 (KAWZ), v

WA Wishram K220GX \*91.9 (KSOH 89.5 Wapato WA), h,v

BC Nelson VF7032 100.9 50 v, -305 m, a temporary station to be on Feb. 22-28; licensed to Kootenay Co-op Radio.

NF Gander CKXD-FM 103.7 6000 h,v; 100 m, to be \$[tereo], Newcap Bcstg., Inc.

ON Paris \*90.7 4000 h,v; \$, c, to relay CBL-FM 94.1 Toronto ON., CBC. Igiver

BS Guerrero Negro XHGNB 94.1, parameters not/ QU Cancun XHQOO 90.7 3000 h,v, "Radio Pirata," parallel to XEQOO 1050 AM.

#### **Call Letters Assigned**

AZ Flagstaff 100.1 KBLC

AZ Lake Havasu City 96.7 KBBC-FM (from KANG)

AR Maumelle \*96.9 KWLR (KSIZ),g, in an LMA from Flinn Broadcasting by LifeTalk.

AR Paragould 107.1 KDRS-FM (KLQZ), r, "The Ridge," in a combo with KDEZ 100.5 Jonesboro-KJBX 106.7 Trumann-AM.

CA Roseville 93.7 KXOA (KRAK-FM), op, "Arrow 93-7," taking format which was on 107.9 Sacramento.

CO Holyoke 92.3 KKYT

I-L Apopka 95.3 WYPO (WILN), sr, dance, "The Party." Stereo resumes after a period of monophonic talk, when it was parallel to WDBO 590 Orlando. [AM is in Dunedin.

FL Beverly Hills 106.3 WGUL-FM (WXOF); AM/ FL La Belle \*88.3 WBIY

FL New Port Richey 96.1 WBDN-FM (WGUL-FM), S, I, "Tropical." AM is in Bradenton.

FL Yankeetown 96.3 WXOF (WBKX), "The Fox," still k[ountry].

GA Albany 104.5 WKAK (WGPC-FM), k, with a new format expected by spring.

IL Lincolnshire \*88.1 WAES

IA Onawa 102.3 KZSR (KOLK), rm format KY Midway 107.9n WBTF (WAHY). "The Reet."

KY Midway 107.9n WBTF (WAHY), "The Beat," ID with Lexington.

MI Benton Harbor 94.9 WCNF (WYKL), r, hot AC, "Coast 94.9."

MI Mount Clemens 102.7 WKSK (WWBR), mr, "Kiss." Owned by WDTJ 105.9 Detroit-WCHB AM.

MI South Haven 98.3 WCSY-FM (WCSY)

MN Alexandria \*89.5 KBHG

NY Albion 102.1 WBJA (seeks transfer to noncommercial CSN International)

NY Dansville \*88.7 W204AS

NY Jewett 97.9 WRIP (WAXK)

NY Voorheesville 96.3 WAJZ (WPTR), "Jamz 96.3," s, "hip-hop and urban contemporary." "WPTR had been a distant competitor to local country giant. . . WGNA-FM 107.7." Also carrying the Tom Joyner show. WPTR is in Albany County, "the weakest country for country listening." The new format is considered more of a "metro format. . . It is a drastic change. For years people who liked this type of music had to switch on and off and flip through college stations."

NC Belhaven 101.1 WANJ (WKJA)

NC Havelock 105.1 WANG-FM (WANG)

OH Washington Court House 105.5 WCHO-FM (WCHO)

OH Willard \*96.9 WLRD (WHHA)

PA Masontown \*88.5 WYFU (WLWJ)

PA Port Matilda 107.9 WNCL (WIKN)

TN Etowah 103.1 WLLJ (WDRZ), "J-103.1." FCC continued to show its calls as WDRZ, until I pointed out the error and then they corrected their listings. Station website was of no help; it did not mention calls, but two people there e-mailed with the correct info.

TX Lamesa \*91.3 KBKN

TX Port Arthur 98.5 KTJM (KHYS)

TX Sanger \*89.7 KTPW (KBJY)

TX Springtown \*89.1 KMQX (back to, from KTPW)

UT Levan 99.1 KBLN

UT Randolph 102.3 KAIO

WY Thermopolis 101.7 KBIK

AB Medicine Hat 96.1 CFMY (not CJCY)

BC Reveistoke \*97.1 VF2328

ON Iroquois (not "Iroquois Falls") 107.7 CISQ, \$, 40 m (50 watts) h, only. Iroquois is ESE Smiths Falls on the border, nowhere near Iroquois Falls, which is NNW of Kirkland Lake.

PQ Maniwaki 99.3 CFOR (CKMG)

NU Iqaluit \*93.3 CIQA (note new name for this part of the Northwest Territories—Nunavut).

CI Chihuahua 106.1 XHSU (not XHSO, which is 99.9 Leon GN), "El Lobo."

QU Cancun 91.5 XHCCQ, 92.3 XHCAQ 93.1 XHYI

QU Cozumel 89.9 XHRB

# **Facilities Changes Granted**

AL Greenville WKXN 95.9 4000 h,v; 69 m, no d-a (directional antenna)

AK Kuparuk K203BY 88.5 has KBYR AM Anchorage—a commercial station relayed on the non-commercial part of the FM band!

AR Des Lacs KBDO \*91.7 56000 v, 208 m, d-a AR Pocahontas KPOC-FM 103.9 (from 104.1) 5100 h,v (44 m)

CA Callahan K206AN \*89.1 has 150 h, for large-type listing in the out-of-print FM Atlas.

CA Crescent City(move from Gasquet) K206AE \*89.1, h[orizontal polarization only].

CA Davis KHZZ 104.3 6000 h,v; 100 m

CA Fort Jones K216BD \*91.1 is 300 h,v; big type! CA Fremont KOHL \*89.3 120 v, d-a (150 h, 124 m)

CA Hollister K206BQ \*89.1 (from K204CE 88.7

San Juan Bautista), 120 h,v. K204CE is on 88.7 in Clifton AZ.

CA Livermore KKIQ 101.7 4500 h.v (116 m) CA Pleasanton KZQZ-1 95.7 has 190 v—large

CA Santa Cruz K206BO \*89.1 (from 89.3), 170 h,v CA Susanville K220DB \*91.9 assumed to have KCHO 91.7 Chico (from KUNR 88.7 Reno, possibly received via K209AY 89.7 Chester).

CA Walnut Creek KITS-1 105.3 610 h

CO Leadville K228AG (from KLOD) 93.5, a translator for KKHK 99.5 Denver, 110 h. KLOD, a CP to Rocky Mountain Radio Network, had its permit canceled. Leadville Chamber of Commerce had no knowledge of this station when I called.

FL Cape Coral WXKB 103.9 341 m (100000 h,v), one-step C

FL Naples WPRW 93.5 6000 h,v; 100 m FL Rockledge WHKR 102.7 removes d-a FL Vero Beach WPAW 99.7 50000 h,v (134 m) GA Clayton WRBN 104.1 370 h,v (395 m)

GA Ellijay W215AY \*90.9 (from W210AY 89.9), h,v GA Fayetteville WHTA 97.5 6000 h,v (194 m)

IL Clinton WHOW-FM 95.9 3000 h,v (91 m) IL Crete WYAA 102.3 1050 h,v; 152 m

IL Des Plaines WYLL 106.7 129 m (50000 h,v)

IL Glenview WGBK \*88.5 190 h,v (32 m, d-a)

IL Joliet WLLI 96.7 84 m (3000 h,v)

IL Oglesby WALS 102.1 1400 h,v; 147 m IN Jeffersonville WQMF 95.7 28500 h,v; 196 m

IN Princeton WSJD 100.5 6000 h, 5500 v (100 m, d-a)

KS Fort Scott KOMB 103.9 4100 h,v (122 m) KS Seneca KMZA 92.1 4000 h,v: 123 m

LA Jena KJNA-FM 102.7 6000 h,v (91 m) LA Oak Grove KWCL-FM 96.7 23000 h,v; 104 m

MA Southbridge WQVR 100.1 2850 h,v; 146 m, d-a

MI Grand Rapids WCUZ 101.3 50000 h,v; 128 m, CP for 214 m canceled. [h,v; 100 m, one-step Mł Pentwater WMOM 102.7 (from 103.1) 6000/ MI Stephenson WZRK 106.3 150 m (50000 h,v) MN Walker KQKK 101.9 50000 h,v; 119 m, one-step C2. "Coverage area will be rural, covering the area between Bemidji, Brainerd and Grand Rapids." [100 watts, affecting FMaps MS Biloxi W201BK \*88.1 drops power below/ MS Meridian W213AV \*90.5 has KLOV 89.3 Win-

MS Meridian W213AV \*90.5 has KLOV 89.3 Winchester OR (not KSKD 93.3 Chowchilla CA; see Jan. p. 2, col. 2).

MO Bonne Terre KDBB 104.3 790 h,v; 202 m MT Missoula KMZL \*91.1 62 m (1000 h,v) NE Lincoln KIBZ 106.3 3000 h,v; 65 m, C2 permit

canceled. [(from K293AA 106.5)

NV Battle Mountain K291AA 106.1, 250 v/ NV Orovada K276BG 103.1 170 h

NM Alamogordo KZZX 105.3 (from 105.5) 8000 h,v; -185 m, C3

NM Taos KTAO 101.9 1200 h,v; 852 m

NY Amsterdam WBKK 97.7 790 h,v (190 m)

NY Canandaigua WCIY \*88.9 70 watts h,v (323 m) NY Fulton WBBS 104.7 150 m(50000 h,v)

NY Syracuse WRVD \*90.3 280 h,v; 13 m, d-a

NY Vestal WMXW 103.3 590 h,v; 309 m [m, d-a NY Webster WFRW \*88.1 11000 h, 8500 v, 103/

NC Highlands WHLC 104.5 460 h,v; 353 m

NC Salisbury WEND 106.5 84000 h,v (319 m) ND Williston K219CB \*91.7 180 h,v

OH Ironton WFXN 107.1 3000 h,v; 38 m

OK Madill WMAD-FM 102.3 (not moving to 102.5) OR Florence K265AB 100.9 240 h

OR Grants Pass K241AG 96.1 (from K237BP 95.3), 100 v [CP for 12 kw canceled.

OR Lakeview KQIK-FM 93.5 290 h,v; 305 m;/ PA Hazleton WZMT 97.9 19500 h, 17500 v, 222

m, d-a PA Mansfield WNTE \*89.5 120 h,v; -104 m PA Sharon WYFM 102.9 33000 h,v; 184 m

SD Rapid City K221DN 92.1 has 220 h,v

106.3 (new) 304 m (100000 h,v), Steven E. Duffy in a settlement agreement. One of the parties withdrawing was Harbor Broadcasting, which should receive its settlement monies in March

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TN Henderson WFHC \*91.5 10500 h,v; 94 m, C3
TN Setmer WXOO 105 5 3000 h v (91 m)

TN Selmer WXOQ 105.5 3000 h,v (91 m)
TX Arlington KWRD-FM 94.9 98000 h,v (460 m),
with beam tilt. [C3 CP canceled.

TX Coleman KSTA-FM 107.1 3000 h,v; 55 m,/
TX Fort Worth KLTY 94.1 485 m (980000 h,v with beam tilt)

TX Overton (move from Mount Pleasant) KPXI 100.7 8100 h,v; 174 m, severe downgrade to C3. TX Palestine KYFP \*89.1 25000 h,v; 128 m, d-a, C2

TX Temple K257DA 99.3 is for KQQQ-FM 92.1 Hutto-Austin (not for KJFK 98.9 Lampasas) VA Chester WDYL 101.1 3000 h,v; 100 m, not

moving to either 93.1, 105.7, or back to 92.1.

VA Vinton WZZI 101.5 510 h,v; 239 m; format rp.

WA Ellensburg KCSH \*88.9 380 h,v; 167 m [C

WA Mabton KLES 98.7 5800 h,v; 207 m, one-step/ WA Pateros (move from Manson) K276BY 103.1.

K215AA \*90.9 Pateros no longer seeks 100.1. WA Yakima KHHK 99.7 4100 h,v; 245 m

WI Madison WORT \*89.9 287 m (2000 h,v)
WY Casper KHOC 102.5 89000 h,v; 567 m, plus beam tilt.

PR Las Piedras (move from Vieques Island)
WSAN 98.9 760 h,v; 597 m, d-a [200 h,v
PR Roosevelt Roads AFCN \*92.9 (from 91.1),/
ON Cornwall CFLG 104.5 89 m (3000) h only
ON Simcoe CHCD 106.7 3900 h (150 m, d-a), B
NU Nunavut—several cities, stations move to this

new territory, carved from the eastern and northeastern mainland plus most of the islands of the Northwest Territories. "NT" is still the Canada Post abbreviation for the entire province, but web sites are showing the new "NU" abbreviation. The rest of the province is expected to take the name Denendeh. Cities with FM stations in Nunavut are: Alert (a base with 9 people), Arctic Bay, Arviat, Baker Lake, Cambridge Bay, Cape Dorset, Holman, Igloolik, Iqaluit (its capital), Kangirtuqaapik, Kaujuitoq, Kugluktuk, Mittimatalik, Nanisivik, Pangnirtung, Pelly Bay, Rankin Inlet, Taloyoak, Whale Cove. All are to be

listed in small print in the new <u>FM Atlas.</u>
CL El Pinalito XHZCN 96.5, exact location unknown, except it is near Monclova, as indicated by one web page.

NL Galeana XHGAL 93.7 11000 h,v

# Stereo—Or to be \$tereo

CA South Lake Tahoe KRLT 93.9. It seems to have finally settled into broadcasting in stereo. Now "The Lake" (from "FM 94"). IL Colfax WSNI 92.9, "Sunny 92.9" IA Belle Plaine KZAT 95.5, "Classic Hits Z-95



FM," ID with Tama-Toledo.

IA Milford KUQQ 102.1, op

KS Colby KWGB 97.9, "B-97.9" (not strict); ID with Goodland-Burlington (CO).

KS El Dorado KBTL \*88.1. \*Went full power last March. Our permanent license is still pending, but should come through soon." Students choose their music in two-hour shifts, and it is on 2 p.m. to 10 p.m. Monday through Friday when school is in session. Sometimes signs on weekends for sports. About 28 students are signed up for the activity. List format as rk, with a "preponderance of rock (with the variety ranging from classic to alternative), and both old and new country."

KS Salina KAKA \*88.5. "This is our new highpower station."

KS Winfield KAZY 95.9, ID with Arkansas City ["ar-KANS-es sitee"] -Ponca City OK KY Benton WTRT \*88.1, g, Skylight Network, ID with Hardin.

KY Campton WCBJ 103.7, not yet on, but hopes to be on soon. Its stereo status is provisional. "If we find there's a problem with reception in this hilly area we'll turn the stereo off. Other stations in this area have gone mono. [Which ones?] I won't rat on them to a rag like yours. Click!" [Town misspelled last month, p. 2, col. 2.]

LA Many KAVK \*89.7

ME Islesboro WAYD 105.5, "The Bay 105.5," to ID with Camden, m format. Was to have signed on by Feb. 1.

MS McCook WAQL \*90.5

MT Hamilton KUFN \*91.9

MT Kalispell KUKL \*89.9, cj, IDs with KUFM 89.1 Missoula and its other relayers.

NE South Sioux City KSFT-FM 107.1, "Soft 107," no ID with Sioux City IA, where its studios are. ["Kat Country"

NV Sun Valley KXXL 93.7, ID with Reno,/ NY Brockport WASB-FM 105.5, ID with Rochester, "Sunshine Network."

NY Willsboro WXPS 96.7, ID with Burlington VT, "Kix 96.7."

OK Ardmore KLCU \*90.3, cn, \*The Classic FM,\* receiving programming via microwave from KCCU 89.3 Lawton. Has a separate ID. **KCCU** 

# "The Classic FM"

OK idabel KQIB 102.9, r, hot AC, "Q-102," owned by KKBI 106.1 Broken Bow.

OK Shawnee KQCV-FM \*95.1, ID with Oklahoma City.

OR Cottage Grove KEUG 105.5, "Lite FM," ID with Eugene-Springfield. PA Franklin WAWN \*89.5

TX Borger KQTY-FM 106.7, to be on by April. "Sure, it'll be stereo. I used to work in retail here and took over the station. It's kind of fun running a radio station. High winds are what might delay climbing the tower to put the FM antenna up."

TX Comanche KOXZ 94.3, but not yet on the air . "We'll be on during the first quarter of the year. I can't tell you about any slogans or cities we may ID with because of competitive pressures."

TX Plainview KVOP-FM 97.3, m, no longer parallel to KKYN-FM 103.9, which is k[ountry].

VA Emporia WJYA \*89.3, IDing with WJYJ 90.5 Fredericksburg. "I enjoy your newsletter," E.E., WJYJ.

WA Davenport KKRS \*97.3

WV Elkins WBHZ \*91.9, on air

WI Reedsburg WBDL 102.9, ID with Baraboo, "B-102"

ON Iroquois Falls CJWL 104.9, on air. PQ Trois-Pistoles CIBM-2 104.9, facilities to 32 m, d-a (180 h).

### Monophonic

KY West Liberty WLKS-FM 102.9 had tried stereo, but went mono (see above comments from owner of co-owned WCBJ 103.7 Campton KY). Now "Kick 102.9." "Yeah, it's mono. What do you have to know about its being stereo for anyway?"

# Format Changes

Formats are the same as in the "FM Atlas"

AL Atmore WYOK 104.1 s, "KK-104"

AL Citronelle WQUA L102.1 s, urban gold

AL Trussville WENN 105.9 so. Had been stunting; in an LMA with WMJJ 96.5 Birmingham-WOWC 102.5 Jasper-AMs.

AR Heber Springs KAWW-FM 100.7 m

AR White Hall KTRN 104.5 rm, 'soft rock'

CO Yuma KNEC 100.9 no format; remains an ubuilt CP.

FL Crawfordville WAKU 94.1 gr, still \${tereo}

GA Sasser WEGC 107.7 mr; in a combo with WGPC-AM-WKAK 104.5 Albany.

GA Statenville WHLJ 97.5 still sr, adds Tom Joyner. IN Auburn WGL-FM 102.3 sr, "Z-102.3" (from "Star 94.1") KY Princeton WAVJ 104.9 mr, "Lite"

KY Stanton WSKV 104.9 k, ID with Clay City-Winchester and other towns.

KY Vancleve WMTC-FM 99.9 kg

KY Versailles WCDA 106.3 r, \*CD 106.3,\* returns to air. LA Baker-Baton Rouge WTGE 107.3 so, by satellite,

'Jamz' (releases 'The Tiger').

MA Plymouth WPLM-FM 99.1 m, standards/soft AC mix, similar to what KMEO 96.7 Flower Mound-Dallas has. Now 'Easy 99.1' (from 'Smooth FM').

MI Ann Arbor WIQB 102.9 still pr, adds Bob & Tom MI Tuscola WWBN 101.5 still rp, adds Bob & Tom

MS Moss Point WDWG 104.9 k, classic country MO Kansas City KOZN 102.1 rm, in a combo with KFKF 94.1 Kansas City KS-KBEQ 104.3-AMs. Now "Star 102" (from "The Zone").

MO Lexington KNRX 107.3 so, "K-107" (from "The X"). It's "a heavily gold-leaning urban AC" plus Joyner. MO Moberty KCSX 97.3 k, "Kicks."

MO St. Louis KSD 93.7 r, hot AC, "Mix 93.7."

NE Omaha KKCD 105.9 still op, adds Bob & Tom

OK Lawton KCCU \*89.3 cn, "The beautiful music is gone." Now "The Classic FM."

OK Sand Springs-Tulsa KTFX 102.3 r, "Rock 102.3." May be an LMA with Cox, "since it apparently was simulcasting KRMG 740 briefly before the debut of the rock format."

SC Hartsville WHSC-FM 98.5 rp, modern rock, "The Buzz"; its former format moves to Pamplico.

SC Marion WBZF 100.5 r, hot AC, "Star 100" (from "The Buzz") [102.1")

SC Pamplico WMXT 102.1 op, "The Fox" (from "Mix/

TN Gallatin-Nashville WGFX 104.5 rs, with some adult contemporary, some urban and some oldies from the '60s through the '80s. Now 'Groovin' Hits Hot 104.5." It is 'ostensibly with soul oldies of the '60s and '70s. Sounds more like urban hot adult contemporary." For a while it was 'Jammin' Oldies 104.5" until a competitor made them stop.

VA Front Royal WFTR-FM 95.3 o, "Oldies 95.3" WFQX 99.3 rp, "The Fox" (ousts "Froggy 99")

VA Petersburg WPLZ-FM 99.3 so

WI Iron River WNXR 107.3 o, "Oldies 107.3" (strict; but operating at low power).

WI Marathon WKQH 104.9 op [Bay W

WI Neenah WROE 94.3 mr, parallel to WLTM Sturgeon/

WI Stevens Point WSPT-FM 97.9 r, modern AC.

WI Sturgeon Bay WLTM 99.7 mr

MB Winnipeg CJAE 92.9 rs, plus blues. "Arts and Entertainment FM 93" slogan. Expected to start full operation this month. "It is run by a broadcast training school."

ON Ottawa CHEZ 106.1 op, "Classic Rock Chez 106.1" (from "Shay 106")

BN Rumorosa XHFJ 98.3 pr, English

CY Colima XHCC 89.3 rs, along with A/C ballads, about half Spanish and half English, but from midnight to 6 a.m. it's 70% English and 30% Spanish. Still "Volcan FM," but also known as "NRG Radio."

# On Air—Real Stations and Pirates (Selected)

DE Newark area—95.3 pirate with '70s rock and R&B. 'Audio quality is fair. Estimated power at 10 watts.'

KY—the following have changed frequencies and are now on the air on the new channels shown: Cartisle WSTL 92.1, g format; Irvine 100.7 WCYO; WMOR-FM 106.1 Morehead (having moved from 92.1).

MA Dorchester or Braintree area—a station with French, possibly Haitian, to such an enclave in Dorchester.

MN Bloomington K220EG \*91.9—back on with both stereo channels. I stumbled across the one channel being dead and it was corrected soon afterward.

NY Brooklyn 91.9—Haitian pirate No. 7 in the area, with a name sounding like "La Radio des Enfilles."

NY Fenner WXXE \*90.5, still mono and 'will be in mono for most or all of 1999. . . We are currently broadcasting from 6 p.m. until at least midnight (3 a.m. on Friday and Saturday). By mid-February we should be on 24 hours per day. Programming is the typical community radio patchwork of regionally focused volunteer produced music and public affairs, and a few hours of nationally produced public affairs.\* Not yet on is WXXC \*88.7 Tructon and an 89.9 relayer.

ND Cavalier KAOC, "Can Am Country 105.1," is truly an international broadcaster, marketing to Winnipeg MB. Winnipeg has about half a million people, and less than a dozen stations. Those stations are said to be selling :30 spots in the neighbourhood of \$400 U.S., so along comes KAOC with a "half decent" signal and is charging only \$5 for such an ad. KAOC has set up an "agent" to sell the ads. "This way the ads can be deducted as a business expense. The 'agent' buys the ads from KAOC.... so why not?"

- OR Portland—a drive starting in North Porland heading south gives you 104.1 reception of K281AK \*104.1 Hazel Dell WA, then in 6 km KRRC (mono) Reed College, 'which since last spring has been running carrier only.' Then in another 2 km 'The Milwaukie Pirate (stereo), with Tec-Rock-Rap-Album Rock and no talk. Then in another two km The Oak Grove Pirate (mono) with TRN Talk Radio Network and USA Radio News, but no IDs—all a raw feed. 'All this has been going on for months... Who knows what lies farther south on 99-E?'
- PA Lancaster area—strong Spanish pirate on 106.3, with yelling, like a dictator, little music. Estimated at 200 watts. Audio often distorted, overmodulated. "The FCC needs some restaffing to bust some of these pests!"
- TX Houston 'Montrose Radio' 94.9, alternative rock since January, 1998.
- VA Springfield-Washington DC area—a Spanishspeaking latino pirate, in stereo, probably vertically polarized.
- WV Hansford "KCUF" 97.9, \$, oldies and local artists. WI Muskego "Lake 101.5" with 1/2 watt, claims to serve a 1-km radius. Also still on is WCCX \*104.5 Waukesha (13 watts h,v; 15 m).

BC Castlegar CKQR 99.3 **JON Thunder Bay** MB Churchill VF2312 96.9 CJOA \*95.1 MB Moose Lake VF2313 96.9 **JPQ Paspebiac** MB Oxford House VF2314 96.9 CIFU-1 106 1 NF St. John's 88.5 temporary station (until probably Feb. 9) for Tory candidate Rick Fifield. Since he won't have time to shake hands with all his constituents before the election, he's turned to a localized FM frequency in the Topsail neighborhood. From campaign headquarters, the station can be heard within 6 km. 'The cost of advertising for a campaign is so high that trying to get your message out to people is difficult. Each day, I'll be giving

updates on how the campaign is going, what I'm hearing and the views that I'm developing," said Fifield, a small business operator and former civil servant. He's up against two other candidates.

ON Toronto CIUT \*89.5 \*may soon find itself without a

microphone. Some members, after revelations that the plucky U of Toronto campus radio station is almost \$100,000 in debt, are even predicting it won't last past [the end of January, 1999]. Seven board members have resigned. 'Business at the station has effectively stalled.' Tensions between volunteers and management over how CIUT should be run "have come to a high boil amid charges of financial mismanagement." Said Gord Chauajn, a volunteeer rep on the board, "We're going to have to do some quick thinking to get out of this mess, yeah. But to say CIUT is going down, that's a total exaggeration."

### Off Air-Or Not Yet On

AZ Tucson area "Radio Limbo" 103.3, 20 watts, has been off since Election Day, 1998, when the FCC seized its antenna and transmitter from a wilderness area in the Cataline Mountains. It had been on since June '97 with a variety format. They recently held a fundraiser to buy new equipment, and operator "Edwin Armstrong Jr." and friends hope to have it back on the air by March. \*Armstrong took his broadcast name from an inventor who perfected FM radio technology in the 1930s, reported the Arizona Daily Star, in an article which included comments from legal broadcasters: 'Chuck Roast, program director, alternative rocker, KFMA 92.1 FM: 'It waws kind of cool, with a lot of neat, weird music. As long as it doesn't interfere wiht any other radio stations, that's fine. It should have to pay fees for usage of music and abide by rules that everyone else has to, but other than that, the more the merrier'. Jeff Rice, managing editor at classical station KUAT \*90.5 FM, and jazz-public affairs KUAZ \*89.1 FM,

speaking for himself, not the station: 'My tastes run all over the place. That's why I was interested in it to tune in. You never knew what you were going to get. They were so brash. They had a huge signal, and I sourt of couldn't believe they were doing it. I don't advocate illegal broadcasting, but I just sort of couldn't help tune it in. It added a lot to the radio dial, I think a lot of people sort of felt the same way'. Mark Landwher, program director, community radio KXCI \*91.3 FM: 'I felt pretty supportive of what they were doing. Knowing what we have to go through with the FCC to get things done, we have to wait so long just for routine beureaucratic clearance to improve our signal. It kind of makes me feel good to see someone able to bypass all that stuff and do pretty much what they want to with broadcasting'."

- FL Gainesville "Free Radio Gainesville" 94.7 shut down by FCC Nov. 209 (see Nov. '97 p. 3, col. 3).
- FL Monticello WTAL-FM WTAL-FM 105.7 'still off.'
- GA Mableton WAWE 102.5, despite having been assigned call letters in fall of 1997. "The Hispanic owners must be taking a really long siesta!"
- MI Grand Rapids WBYW "89.9, probably gearing up for the switch to WAYG, which should take place very soon."
- MN Two Harbors KZIO 104.3, now and for about four days earlier in January. Its 106.3 translator in downtown Duluth remains on, fed by a studio line. "I complained about a similar occurence with 104.3/106.3 on my site in July '97. An engineer wrote to tell me that fill-in translators (within the primary contour) can be fed in any way they want, and they can stay on the air for a limited amount of time when the primary station is off. He said this was a recent change," Jon Ellis by e-mail. The manager of "The Candle," KNDL "89.9 Angwin CA, tells me that K209AI "89.7 Eureka CA gets its signal via microwave, which he claims is legal for educational licensees.
- OR Brookings K208DC \*89.5, an unbuilt CP. OR Sisters KPXA 104.1, seeks C1
- TX Leander—an unauthorized station which used 88.5 and 95.9—ordered to pay \$11,000 by the FCC.
- WA Chewelah 95.3, operated by Lewis B. Arnold "since at least August, 1997," and also subject to an \$11,000 fine. Also a "KYZK" 94.5 Everett WA (and before that known as "KOAX" in the late '80s. Since 1996 it was run by former broadcasting student Kaci Martin, 20, who ran it with "digital hardcore" electronic rock. She ran the 40-watt station with classmates and recently added AM outlets on 910 and 1700 playing Christmas music. The FCC people were very courteous, and "allowed us to finish the programming hour without any on-the-air interruptions. We have \$37,000 worth of studio and transmitting equipment and they could have taken it all. We were lucky."
- WI Ashland W275AF \*102.9, W284AN \*104.7, but should be on in a month. They're working on a building to house the equipment. Will use Morse IDs hourly, \*plus we'll mentijon them on some of the KUWS/WHSA IDs (more often when they first come on).\*
- \*The FCC is doing a good job of shutting down illegal radio operators. The Commission's actions are further evidence that pirates should not be legitimized through the creation of a microradio service," said the NAB. It denied Joel L. Efrein's petition for rulemaking to reserve FM channel 300 (107.9) for unlicensed (Part 15) low-power operation.

#### **Deletions**

AK King Salmon AFRN \*101.7 AK Shemya AFSN \*90.5, AFFMR \*101.1 AK Tok AFR-FM \*90.5, AFR-FM \*101.1 CA Crescent City K217AV \*91.3. Still on there is doomed K219AB \*91.7, which will be displaced by the new KHSR \*91.9 there.

CA Fresno K237CQ "95.3 CA Hornbrook K214AI "90.7 CA Livermore KBRG-1 100.3 CA Pleasanton K257BE "99.3 CA Trinity River K207AC "89.3 CA State of the control of the control

CA Walnut Creek KZQZ-3 95.7, replaced by an upgrade at KZQZ-1 95.7 Pleasanton.

KOIT-FM1 96.5. Change calls of Martinez CA 96.5 to KIOT-FM1 from KIOT-FM2 (although FCC doesn't make that change, even though I have e-mailed them about it).

KMEL-1 106.1

CA Weaverville K296BF \*107.1, because of new KISK 107.1 Shasta Lake City CA

DE Camden W261AE 100.1 FL Panama City W219BP \*91.7

ME Madawaska W237AP 95.3 | NH Franklin MN Red Lake W228AA \*93.5 | W257AS 99.3

MN Roseau KRWB-FM 103.5

NV Battle Mountain K221AT 92.1 NV Lima W215AD NV Hawthorne K240AD 95.9 "90.9 NV Imlay K249AD 97.7 NV Las Vegas KEDS "88.7 W288BA 105.5

NV Pioche KAXA 98.9

NV Reno K214AN \*90.7. "We have our foot in the door, but odds are we will not get back on. . . We were on the air for 10 years in Reno."

NV Verdi K229AA, displaced by KXXL 93.7 Sun Valley. NY Coming W228AS 93.5

OK Ardmore K210BD \*89.9, replaced by KLCU 90.3 OR Florence K218CR \*91.5 (see \*New,\* above)

K224AQ \*92.7, because of new KLFO 88.1

PA Bellwood W240AC 95.9 | VT West Brookfield
PA Erie W285AI 104.9 | W280CG 103.9
PA Loyalsock W224AI 92.7 | PR Salinas
VT Barrie W280CD 103.9 | AFCN \*89.5 |
WA Aberdeen K216DL \*91.1 | IPR Viegues Island

WA Aberdeen K216DL \*91.1 WA Wenatchee K208BP \*89.5

PR Roosevelt Roads AFCN \*91.1

PR San Juan AFCN \*91.9

VC Orizaba XHPP 100.3; calls belong to 93.5 Panuco VC

AFCN \*89.5

# FMistakes—FMedia! December

AZ Chino Valley KPBZ 103.9, not 103.1, Jan. p. 1, col. 2 GA Atlanta WSB is on 750 AM, not 850, Jan. p. 5, col. 2 GA LaGrange—"just a friendly reminder that, according to local custom, it is spelled without a space," Jan. p. 5, col. 3.

KS Topeka \*89.7 K209CR\*s primary will be WPCS, not \*WPCZ,\* 89.5.

MO Pleasant Hope KTOZ-FM 95.5 two different nonIDs given, Jan. p. 3, col. 2 and p. 5, col. 1. I don't know which is correct—maybe both are.

NY Nassau County Long Island—"WQNR" is on 91.9, not 91.3, Dec. p. 5, col. 2. [column 3.

OR Ashland 101.9 is KCMX-FM, not "KCMX," Jan. p. 2./
TX Pittsburg KXAL 103.1—two conflicting formats given,
Jan. p. 2, col. 3 and p. 3, col. 3. List as oldies (o).

VA Bowling Green 96.9 is WWUZ, not "WUZZ," Jan. p. 3, col. 1.

VA Spotsylvania (not "Fredericksburg") WYSK-FM 99.3, Jan. p. 3, col. 3.

PR (not "VI") Vieques Island WVIS 106.1, Jan. p. 4, col. 3
PQ Sacre-Coeur CHME-2 is 99.7, not 94.9, Jan. p. 3, col. 3
[1, column 2.]

BN Murguia XHMUG 94.1 town misspelled, June '97, p / CH Tapachula 90.7 XHHTS, not "XHTTS," Aug. '98, p. 1, col. 3. [2, column 1.

YU Chemax \*90.5 XHCHX, not \*XHCMX,\* Aug. '98, p./
Copyright date, last line of masthead, Jan., p. 1, still says
\*1998 \*

- "I have let my subscription expire as of 12-98. Reasons: Now being of senior age, with leanings toward classical and so-called beautiful music, I have little interest in the plethora of rock, country and talk stations now dominating the scene with sameness. Too, it bothers me that radio evangelism is filling in every available spot on the dial," K.T.C., Joplin MO.
- "Yes, that was me in Muscatine IA, in the [1968 list]. I was in high school, and the early years of FM growth in eastern lowa. My local KWPC-FM 99.7 didn't go stereo until the mid-1970s (as KFMH). Now it's KBOB and has moved to the Quad Cities. KFMH was a great, unique format and presentatijon. I miss it when I go home (KCJJ 1630 AM lowa City comes in strong here!)," D.B., Tallahassee FL.
- "I won't be renewing my subscription to FMedia! I do feel that it is an excellent publication for anyone owning or running an FM radio station! I do, however, own and run a standalone AM radio station without the possibility of ever being able to put an FM on the air in my market. Keep up the good work with the FM dial," D.M., KDWA Hastings MN.

# SCS/SAP Services Symbols are as in the FM Atlas

- FL Clearwater area: W48Ay Oldsmar has 'Greek Voice Radio' on SAP, and a variety of ethnics on its main channel. Co-owned with WPSO 1500 New Port Richey and WXYB 1520 Indian Rock Beach FL.
- GA Atlanta WRFG \*89.3 f( )O,O. The 92 changed from Farsi to Chinese. \*Atlanta now has four ethnic SCSes: Vietnamese, 67, and Chinese, 92, on WRFG, Haitian French, 92, on WABE \*90.1, and Korean, 92, on WNNX 99.7. The nearest music SCS is 145 km away on WHMA-FM 100.5 Anniston AL. This is quite a change from the early '70s, when background music SCAs were copius. Atlanta had three, and there were many more in nearby cities. After a period of consolidation which saw local Muzak operators gobble up many of their competitors, the much-discussed shift to direct satellite delivery began. This trend has accelerated in recent years, producing an end result of the movie \*The Last Picture Show.\*
- IA Sioux City KGLI 95.5 †( ), Cue Paging, plus, Z, 92 kHz high speed data. "We don't use 67 kHz any more!" KSEZ 97.9 †X, 67, for Midwest Energy Company. It sends out a data signal to control air conditioners in the summer. "It's on all year, but I'm not sure what it sounds like!" T.M., g.m.
- MA Cambridge WHRB 95.3 still Greek, Hetlenic Radio, believed to be 92 kHz. "We've been buying our SCA radios from Sound City in New YOrk. They sell Panasonic 430s with SCA for \$55.00, but I'm looking to see if there's a radio more sensitive. WHRB is a low powered station."
- MI Battle Creek WBXX 95.3 † ,G, 92, African American Gospel, an \*exciting new concept in Gospel radio

# We're African American Gospel WAAG FM SUBSCRIPTION RADIO

programming. We at WAAG will prove to be a wonderful blessing to numerous families throughout the greater Battle Creek and surrounding areas."

MI Grand Rapids WBLU-FM "89.9 still has the Sight Seer radio reading service on its 67 kHz, but that service is faced with having to move. Ken VanProoyen's service has been headquartered at Reformed Bible College 10 years, and now the college needs the space. Van-Prooyen, 77, doesn't look forward to having to move. The 16-year-old SCStation has 7000 listeners and 132 volunteers. VanProoyen and wife Ruth began the service in 1983 after he retired from a job in broadcast-

## Sight Seer SCService Faces Move

- ing. They've sent letters to every real estate agency in town in hopes of finding a new place by this month. Once a site is found, they'll face the tedius process of wiring 900 m of cable and soldering 500 connection, a procedure that could take up to three months, said VanProoyen.
- NY New York WCBS-FM 101.1 no †X, 76 kHz. It apparently dumped Digital DJ, with the web page no help. 'They no longer list the participating stations. Digital DJ uses the DARC technology mentioned Dec. p. 7, col. 1.' The Digital DJ web page is <www.digitaldi.com>. [67 kHz.
- ON Toronto CJRT \*91.1 †1, 80% in the Tamil language,/ PQ Montreat CKUT \*90.3 †X 67 or 76 kHz assumed; used for \*multipoint data.\*

#### NonIDs, Not Just Slogans

Mentioned usually without call letters; "strict" if a station uses call letters once per hour (at or near top of hour) as required by FCC and Industry Canada

- AK Houston KQEZ 92.1 EZ 92.1 (spelled that way, not "Easy")
- CA East Porterville KMQA 100.5 La Maquina (proper spelling of its nonID (see June p. 5, col. 1; last month p. 1, col. 2).
- KS Girard KSEK-FM 99.1 Real Rock NV Reno KRNO-FM 106.9 Sunny 106.9 (from "FM 107
- NJ Egg Harbor WRDR 104.9 Stereo 104.9 (from "FM-105")
- NY Mechanicville WXLE 104.5 The Beat (from "Magaic 104.5"), with a jammin' oldies format.
- TX Dallas-Fort Worth KYNG 105.3 The New 105.3 FM Superstar Country or "Superstar Hits and a Young Country Attitude." It is de-emphasizing "Young Country" in favor of a format with a broader playlist and appeal.

  [Only Alternative]



WI Stevens Point WWSP \*89.9 90 FM The/
ON Ottawa CKKL 93.9 93 Dot 9 Kool FM (from "Kool 93.9") [; the format having moved from 95.7 in CA)
BN Tijuana XHRM 92.5 Magic 92.5 (from "The Flash"/
CI Chihuahua XHCHH 94.9 D 95, "even though there's no D in the calls!"

# CI Manzanillo XHMZO 92.9 Radio Turquesa Multi-City IDs In Use

- CA Modesto KEJC 93.9 with Stockton-Turlock, \$, \*The
- Ranch\*
  GA Talking Rock WNSY 100.1 with Canton
- MN Spring Grove KQYB 98.3 with La Crosse WI. Its 103.9 translators in Rochester and Winona are on.
- MN Spring Valley KVGO 104.3 with Austin-Rochester, now "Kool 104" (not "Kool 104.3").
- NV Incline Village KTHX 100.1 adds Reno, \*100.1 X Radio" (from "The X").
- WI Trempeleau-La Crosse WFBZ 105.5 adds Winona MN to middle of ID list, still "The Buzz."

#### **Selected AM Happenings**

KS Dodge City KDCC 1550, a former Alf Landon station, now owned by Dodge City Community College, simulcasting KONQ "91.9 to noon, then it turns Hispanic Remains commercial.

- It's Covington WCVG 1320 has urban gaspel. "We're the No. 2 Christian station in the Cincinnati market, second to an FM Christian station."
- MO Independence KCTE sports radio 1510 had a fire at the transmitter, which is "a total loss. . . Off air pending replacement of the 20-year-old transmitter, which malfunctioned, causing the fire."
- NJ Toms River WJRZ 1550 remains deleted. Petition for reconsideration dismissed by the Commission.
- NY Huntington W6SM 740 drops Radio Disney (now on WQEW 1560). It is parallel to WHLI 1100 Hempstead, m. "No dual ID."
- OK Cushing KUSH 1600 deleted
- OR Phoenix KTMT 580 (was 880) confirmed they won't be going to 1650 "basically because of cost and changes." KCMX Medford now on 880; both owned by Citadel Communications.
- TN Farragut WTNN 670 reported silent; in a new LMA and expected to return to the air.
- TN Lenoir City WBLC 1360 off air; expects to be on later this month in a new LMA with a different format; had been southern gospel.
- USA—A federal court judge in St. Paul MN overturned a \$20 million jury award to Children's Broadcasting Corp. from Walt Disney Co. CBClaimed the demise of its kids' network stemmed from the ending of an agreement it had with ABC. Until last year CBC operated Radio Aahs. In 1995 the company made a deal with ABC to sell national advertising for Radio Aahs, but in 1996 Disney, Burbank CA, ended the agreement and set up its own kids' network, Radio Disney. The network was mainly on AM. In September, a federal court jury ordered Disney to pay \$20 million in damages. At the time CBC president Christopher T. Dahl hailed the verdict as a message that big companies can't push around smaller companies like his. ABC said it was very pleased with the verdict, but CBC issued a statement saying it will appeal.
- PQ Montreal CBF "690 off the air as of Jan. 22. Preceding that, it announced in French "the programming of CBF is no longer being broadcast on the frequency of 690 AM," and gave a list of FM frequencies, with two phone numbers to call in case of difficulty finding the broadcast.
- "I'm sure many of your readers are wondering: Is there going to be a new <u>FM Atlas</u> this year, or are you going to let it remain out of print until 2000?" N.L., Atlanta GA.
- "Good to hear a new <u>FM Atlas</u> is coming," R.T., CA by e-mail, who says 1470 was until recently using the KOME call letters on the hour, but saying "KRAK 1470" at other times. As noted above, KRAK-FM 93.7 Roseville has emulated the former Sacramento CA 107.9 with a call letters change to IXXOA.

# FMakings—Selected FCC and Industry Canada applications

AZ Guadalupe \*90.9 (KRUC 88.9 Las Cruces) AZ Mesa \*89.9 (KEFX \*88.9 Twin Falts ID)

\*91.9 (KAWZ 89.9 Twin Falls ID) [100 m AZ Prescott Valley KKLD 92.7C3 (from 98.3) 2500 h.v./

AR Hot Springs \*88.7 (KLOV 89.3 Winchester OR)

AR Hot Springs Village KVRE 92.9 12000 h,v; 96 m, one-step C3

AR Paris \*89.3 (KAWZ)

AR Pine Bluff \*88.7 (KAWZ)

CA Bishop \*90.3 (KSKD 93.3 Chowchilla)

CA Fremont KLDZ 104.9 5700 h,v; 103 m

CA Greenville \*89.3 110 h,v; 842 m, Immaculate Heart R.

CA Ignacio \*89.5 (KLOV)

CA Joshua Tree 106.1 (KPLM Palm Springs booster)

CA Lenwood KIXW-FM 107.3 1000 h,v; 238 m

CA Ludlow KHWZ 100.1 53 m

FMedia! Page 6 CA Ridgecrest \*89.1 (KSKD) CA Rohnert Park KRPQ 104.9 2250 h,v; 167 m CA Yucaipa KLRD \*90.1 1200 h,v; 770 m, d-a CO Almont \*89.5 (KTLF 90.5 Colo. Sprs.), 250 h.v. CO Burlington \*88.1 (KAWZ) CO Estes Park KRKI 102.1 52 m CO Fort Morgan \*88.5 (KAWZ) CO Lake George \*89.5 (KRCC 91.5 Colorado Springs) CO Lamar \*90.1 (KAWZ) CO Limon \*91.7 (KAWZ) CO Sterling \*88.5 (KAWZ) CO Yuma \*91.7 (KAWZ) FL Beverly Beach \*91.1 1300 h,v; 57 m, Good Idea, Inc. FL Favoretta \*91.1A-two apps., plus one for Flagler Beach (Broadcasting for the Challenged) FL Jupiter WJBW-FM 106.3C3 (from 99.5) 25000 h,v; d-a FL Rockledge WHKR I102.7 50000 h.v; 150 m, d-a FL Titusville WPIO \*89.3 10000 v, 91 m ID Idaho Falls \*89.3 3600 v, 138 m, Faith Comm's Corp. \*90.9 (KAWZ) IL Bethalto WFUN-FM 95.5 10000 h,v; 158, one-step IL Morris \*90.7 7000 h,v; 82 m, WBEZ Alliance IL Mount Vernon \*88.1 (KAWZ) IL Peru WLRZ 100.9 3000 h,v; 100 m IL Spring Valley WAIV 103.3 4900 h,v; 110 m IN Goshen \*88.5 (KRUC) IN Hope \*89.9 500 v, 100 m, Good Shepherd Radio IN Lowell WZVN 107.1 153 m IN Michigan City \*90.3 (WBEZ 91.5 Chicago IL) IA Adel \*88.9 (KAWZ) IA Des Moines \*90.7 250 h,v; 30 m, Community/ IA Fort Dodge \*88.9 25000 h.v. 90 m. Family Stns., Inc. IA Ida Grove KIDA 92.9 25000 h,v; 100 m IA Newton \*88.9 1500 h,v; 32 m Bcstg. for the Challenged [Christian Broadcasting IA Spirit Lake \*88.9 50000 h,v; 83 m, MN-IA/ IA Waverly \*89.9 3000 v, 44 m, Bostg. for Challenged KY Brownsville (move from Beaver Dam) WKLX 100.7 7000 h,v; 188 m, C3 KY McKee WWAG 107.9 3900 h,v; 125 m ME Oakland \*88.9 600 v, 203 m, Light of Life Ministries MI Adrian \*90.1 370 v, 46 m, Taylor University [lenged MI Cass City \*88.5 25000 h,v; 61 m, Bosto, for Chal-/ MI Jackson \*89.3 800 v, 40 m, Great Lakes Com'ty Bostg MI Lake City 104.9A-two apps MI Marlette \*89.7 100 v, 10 m, Gt. Lakes Community Bostg., Inc. MS D'Iberville \*90.9 (KAWZ) MO Canton KRRY 100.9 28000 h.v; 200 m MO Mexico KWWR 95.7 100000 h,v; 451 m, d-a MT Superior KREO 107.5 100000 h,v; 91 m, one-step C1 NE Falls City KLZA 101.3 one-step C3 NJ Egg Harbor WXGN \*90.5 1600 h,v; 77 m, d-a NM Alamogordo \*88.5 (KEFX) NY Eagle Bridge \*88.1 100 h,v; -107 m, d-a, NE Gospel Bostg., Inc. NY Haque WWFY 93.7 88 m, no d-a NY Old Forge \*88.7 (WXLH 91.3 Blue Mtn. Lake) WBGK 99.7 1400 h,v; 206 m ND Dickinson \*88.1 (KAWZ) OH Athens \*89.9 (WCDR 90.3 Cedarville) OH Coshocton \*89.5 (WOSE 91.1 there) OH Findlay \*88.9 (WPCS \*89.5 Pensacola FL) OH Van Wert W218AZ 91.5 seeks \*88.7 OK Chickasha \*89.7 (KAWZ) OK Durant KAYC \*91.1 500 h,v; 65 m OK Grove \*88.9 6000 v, 81 m, d-a, G. Bostg. Inc. OK Guymon \*90.9 (KTLW 88.9 Lancaster CA) OK Ninnekah \*91.3 (KEFX)

OR Ashland "90.5 1200 h,v; 210 m, World R. Network

OR Newport \*88.9 800 v, 283 m, Family Stns., Inc.

PA Shippensburg WSYC \*88.7's plan to expand is up

against Morris Broadcasting's nearby application for

OR La Grande \*88.9 (KLOV)

88.7 McConnellsburg. Consultant James E. Price III of Ringgold GA told both parties to try to bring about a negotiated settlement. 'The FCC is leaving it up to the parties to resolve these matters amongst (sic) themselves. Unless you take an active role the applications will not be processed." Morris Broadcasting sent a 40-pp. report to the FCC and urged it to schedule a hearing, which the FCC isn't doing now. TN Nashville WNAZ \*89.1 2500 h.v; 60 m TN Shelbyville WZPC 102.9 291 m TX Beaumont KXTJ 107.9 595 m, d-a TX Daingerfield KKLK 106.9 9100 h.v: 153 m. C3 TX Kemah \*91.3 (KPFT 90.1 Houston) TX Mineola KMOO 99.9 (from 96.7) 6000 h,v; 90 m TX San Angelo \*91.9 250000 v, 100 m, Bostg. for Challenged TX Zapata KBAW 93.5 one step C3 UT Clarkston \*91.9 (KAWZ) UT Tooele KMGR 92.1 9700 h, 162 m VA Wise WCVC-FM \*90.5 70 h,v; 204 m WA Aberdeen \*89.3 (KSKD 93.3 Chowchilla CA) \*91.5 (WPCS) WA Cape George \*88.9 (KAWZ) WA Centralia \*88.1 (KLOV) WA Granite Falls \*88.9 (KAWZ) WA Kelso \*91.1 500 v, 718 m, CSN International WA Orchards \*91.9 (KTLW) WA Seattle KZOK 102.5 67000 h,v; 715 m, no d-a WI Janesville \*91.9 1600 h,v; 103 m, d-a, VCY America WI Manitowoc \*90.9 (KAWZ) WI Rice Lake WJMC-FM 96.1C2 (from 96.3C1), 38000 h,v; 171 m, at a site about 15 km N. This might permit WKLK-FM 96.5 Cloquet MN and KARP 96.3 Glencoe MN to expand. Speculation is that KARP might claim a Minneapolis suburb such as Bloomington, home of the Mall of America, and offer full Twin-Cities' coverage, as a Class C2, or stay at its present site and become a C1. I know that the FCC is reluctant to let rural stations change their city of license to suburbs, but KARP could argue, for example, that Bloomington is the third largest city in Minnesota, home to the largest mall in the country, and does not have 'aural service' (except for WNCB's 9-watt translator [\*91.9]).\* WY Chevenne KIGN 97.9 247 m WY Jackson \*89.1 2200 h,v; 336 m, Bostg, for the Challenged ON Sarnia CKTY 1100 seeks move to FM 106.3. It would quit AM after a three-month phase-in period.

#### FM Rulemakings Proposed First date is for filing comments at the FCC: second date is for replies. Stations affected, if any, are listed

KS Rozel 102.5A, no dates announced MS Saltillo 102.9C3, no dates announced

PQ Ste-Hyacinthe CFEI 106.5 3000 h,v

#### FM Rulemakings Finalized No filing windows because of freeze

NC Buston 99,9A and 101,5A OK Modill KMAD-FM 102.3A (from 102.5A, not moving to 102.5) OK Wynnewood 104.5A TX Parts 101.9C2 for 104.3C2, KBUS (not moving to 104.3) TX Victorio—denied 104.3A bid. TX Woelder 96.3A—denied bid to move channel from Yorktown WV New Martinsville 92 34

# California Station Shows How Interfering Translators Can be Taken off the Air—Or Not Be Allowed in the First Place

KFCF \*88.1 Fresno CA was quite concerned when it learned that

Baulino Bernal Evangelism wanted an 88.1 translator to relay monophonic KCZO \*92.1 Carrizo Springs TX at a site 80 km south of Fresno. Although outside the "protected zone" of the KFCF signal radius, "tne new station was well within our listening area. In fact, KFCF has several hundred subscribers in the area that would likely have experienced interference by another station at 88.1 . . . even at low power. We did not take the threat lightly!" wrote Vic Bedoian. executive director, KFCF, in the NFCB's Community Radio News. KFCF relays the programming of KPFA \*94.1 Berkeley CA, plus produces "some local offerings.

"The radio equivalent 'televangelism' has been a growth industry in recent years, as various 'ministries' have sought to increase their flocks, and their treasuries. Fueled by flexible FCC guidelines and their own fervant efforts. Christian broadcasters have gathered up many of the available commercial educational frequencies remaining in the spectrum. These are not neighborhood churches, mind you-they are large national organizations spreading their gospel via satellite from wherever they are head-quartered to remote-control transmitters broadcasting in every comer of the nation. In our market, for example, there are two stations on adjacent frequencies broadcasting exactly the same program at exactly the same time. . . Somehow I doubt this is what the FCC had in mind for noncommercial, educational broadcasting in America.

"V/e had two options," continued Bedoian. "Either convince Paulino Bernal to find another frequency, or failing that, convince the FCC to deny their application. This is where the 'community' in community radio came in. That's the uplifting side of the story. After reviewing the application and its technical and geographic specs, I called ace attorney and gumshoe John Crigler of Haley, Bader and Potts in Washington, a firm specializing in communications issues. This was right up his alley-he knew the law and he knew how to map our strategy."

To have a chance of winning, they had to identify at least five KFCF lis-

teners whose reception would be degraded as the result of another signal. "They had to sign a declaration that they lived in or drove through the 'official' signal area of the proposed station. However, the officially specified signal area of the translator (a.k.a. 60 dB $\mu$  contour) is a mostly rural area between two towns. Not many people actually lived there. Moreover, we had to make a persuasive technical exhibit to prove our case to the FCC." The story had been written up in the Fresno Bee, by media reporter Rick Bently, after which messages came with offers of help. After weeks of not finding anyone who fit their criteria, "we found listener Brian Barton, who drove through the area as part of his antique furniture business and wanted to help us out. Quickly thereafter, by following new leads on the phone, by word-of-mouth, from friend talking to friend, KFCF gathered 15 listener declarations to submit [to the FCC]. Meanwhile broadcast techie extraordinaire Don Mussell was working at his shop in the Santa Cruz mountains on a report showing that the proposed translator would wreak havoc with the KFCF signal. Now we had a solid case! Hopefully, it would would be enough to sway the FCC, or even better, send a strong message to PBE that we could keep them off the air unless they backed off. We filed a petition to deny the PBE application. It was not up to them and the FCC.

"One afternoon in late September the good tidings from John Crigler arrived in my e-mail box. Paulino Bemal Evangelism had amended its application to seek another frequency. We had won!" A couple of weeks later the Bee's headline read: INCUMBENT **RADIO** STATION RIDES WAVES. DIALS UP WIN. "It had taken numerous days of office work, untold hours of phone consultation, endless strategy sessions. helping hands from our loyal listeners, and several thousand hardto-come-by dollars. We community radio really live up to its name. Sometimes the good guys win."

That outcome was considerably different from what faced KQED-FM \*88.5 San Francisco, which had objected to Stockton Christian Life Col-

lege's application for K202CT \*88.3 Santa Rosa CA. The FCC first dismissed KQED-FM's petition to deny, then it threw out a petition for review, and now KQED-FM has filed another petition for review. Last month (p. 4, col. 1) you'll recall seeing that the FCC deleted K208DD \*89.5 Mission Viejo CA because of protests from KPCC \*89.3 Pasadena.

Vic Bedoian, John Crigler and Don Mussell will be presenting a workshop at the 1999 NFCB Conference in March "on this very important topic. Don't miss it" advises its newsletter. That convention will be in San Francisco Mar. 18-21. For more info (415) 771-1160; FAX (415) 771-4343.

#### Small Print Happenings and FM Industry News

The U. S. seems isolated from virtually the rest of the world when it comes to digital audio broadcasting (DAB). Canada and the U.S. signed an agreement to implement DAB in the 1452-1492 mz part of the spectrum for Canada's Eureka 147 system. Even China is said to be eyeing that system, while the U.S. persists in believing DAB will work on FM radio frequencies of 87.9 through 107.9 mz.

The NAB reiterated to the FCC its "adamant stance against authorizing and licensing satellite digital audio radio service (DARS). It specifically opposed Wireless Communications Service's proposal for a third national DARService, it called the proposal a waste of spectrum which could be "devastating" to local radio, "particularly in small markets. We also reiterated that DARS gap-fillers must not be allowed to originate programming." Speaking at the NAB Radio Luncheon Tuesday April 20 will be Sen. John McCain (R-AZ), as part of NAB99 in Las Vegas.

The late Wolfman Jack is to be inducted into the NAB Broadcasting Hall of Fame during the same luncheon where Sen. McCain is to speak. Wolfman Jack (born Robert Weston Smith) is best known as the howling disc jockey from XERF 1570 Ciudad Acuna MEXICO, and later went into TV.

Cox Broadcasting of Atlanta and 11 other broadcasters have announced plans to invest in USA Digital Radio, which would be a major DAB player. The support of these broadcasters is important because of a contest that's under way for a standard. Another player is Lucent Technology, which would use an incompatible system. The FCC is expected to pick one of these technologies as a standard. Joining Cox in the consortium are Chancelor Media, Clear Channei, Emmis, Gannett, CBS Radio, and others. CBS Radio and former parent Westinghouse Electric, along with Gannett, were the original investors in USA Digital Radio's new technology.

Canada's terrestrial DAB system is underway in Toronto, with an 800-watt signal. It's said to deliver "excellent coverage" from the CN Tower. Tests have been done using a DAB-equipped Volkswagen Beetle, known locally as the DABug. Achieving this coverage has cost each broadcaster \$50,000 (U.S.). Gap fillers will have to be added to bring market coverage to that of today's FM stations.

Pioneer supplied the equipment in the "DABug." Also promising DAB radios "early in 1999" are Kenwood and Sony.

Canada's CRTC is asking how well
Canadian third-language and ethnic programming are doing, and ways those markets could
be better served. Probably FM/SCS and DAB
"ancillary" services will be looked to. And
Singapore says it will introduce DAB this year,
making it the first Asian country to do so.

CD Radio, Inc. has begun an FM repeater network in San Francisco for its satellite DAB service. System testing was expected to be complete by now. CD Radio is one of two FCC-authorized services in the field. It plans to offer 100 channels of "pay radio" by late 1999.

Jacor announces it is buying four Atlanta rim-shot stations; WMKJ 96.7 Peachtree City-WCOH AM Newnan, WZLG 98.1-WMXY AM 104.1 Hogansville. It's buying them for \$4.4 million from MetroSouth Communications, Jacor already owns Atlanta market stations WGST-FM 105.7-AM, WPCH 94.9, WKLS 96.1 and WHEL 105.1 Helen. "We operate on the philosophy of building hubs and surrounding them with spokes," said Jacor's Pam Taylor. "The idea is you can leverage some of the administrative overhead and programming overhead and other costs into smaller markets from your base and therefore reduce the overall cost of doing business." With the pending acquisitions, Jacor owns or represents 244 radio stations in 62 markets. Jacor also is exploring the possibility of boosting the signals of one or more of the stations to be a major Atlanta player. "The process of increasing the signal or moving in a tower can take years and is subject to FCC approval every step of the way," writes Miriam Longo in the Atlanta Journal-Constitution.

FCCommissioner Gloria Tristani told a groupa of Texas broadcasters that she is "not convinced radio is headed in the right direction" with all its mergers. She and Susan Ness are two voices on the FCC who might turn the definition of ownership around, including a more strict definition of a "market." She's worried that consolidation will lead to pressures to centralize, homogenize and out-source everything. "Everything sounds the same," she's concluded.

The Department of Justice takes credit for blocking Capstar's purchase of KTWN 107.1-AM in Texarkana AR-TX. "If the acquisition had gone forward, businesses that rely upon radio to selltheir products would have had to pay more to advertise," said assistant attorrney general Joel Klein. If the sale had gone forward, Capstar would have had 62 percent of local ad revenues. Capstar already owns KKYR-FM 102.5-AM.

Earlier it was announced Detroit-based Saga Communications was adding KISM 92.9-AM Bellingham WA. Now it's picking up KAFE 104.3-KPUG 1170 AM. Saga will have virtually no local competition, and it will have two FM signals available to the Vancouver BC market.

New Jersey's Gerry Turro is being questioned about his monophonic 103.1 translator for "Jukebox Radio" in Fort Lee NJ. The FCC is concerned that Turro is using primary station WJUX 99.7 Monticello NY to program the translator in violation of its rules. Now in steps NJ state senator Robert Toricelli, who said, "I don't care what any FCC bureaucrat says about my meddling. I'm a New Jersey senator, and I believe a county the size of Bergen should have

its own FM radio station." And he's written an amendment to an appropriations bill that would allow this type of translator to originate programming—but only in counties with a population of at least 700,000 and that does not have an FM station licensed therein. I wonder if any other county in the U.S. would qualify?

CBS-owned KROQ-FM 106.7 Pasadena CA got hit with a \$2000 fine for airing a song called You Suck at 9:10 p.m. March 28, 1997.

Reducing its fine—WOHT 95.3 Drew MS from \$7500 to \$4000. In 1995 the station was known as WKZB. The FCC reduced the forfeiture after it was convinced Delta Radio had financial difficulty.

Last month (p. 8, col. 2) was a story about eight senators wanting the FCC to investigate so-called "raunchy" broadcasts, and to impose "severe penalties" on offenders. Oct. 28 The Wall



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Street Journal had a story about FM stations dropping rock for "risque talk." It mentioned Howard Stern, but concentrated on Tom Leykis (LIKE-iss), who is "at the vanguard of 'hot talk', an FM format of high-frequency, low-brow chatter that millions of

young people are increasingly piping through car stereos and Sony Walkmans." Leykis' show is on KLSX 97.1 Los Angeles weekdays 3 p.m. to 7 p.m.

"Until recently, FM was strictly play-the-hits," said Nick Kiernen of Westwood One, Inc., which syndicates The Tom Levkis Show, Loveline, and The Don and Mike Show, all talk shows on FM. FM talk veers into relationships, adultery and breast implants, "the kinds of subjects talked about between best friends and co-workers," said consultant Walter Saabo, who helped develop talk formats at WTKS 104.1 Coccoa Beach-Orlando and WKXW 101.5 Trenton NJ. Financial pressures as the result of consolidation might force more radio owners to push their FM stations "into the bawdy-talk mode." "MDore of them will be swittching to talk over the next several years," predicts Erik Korman, executive producer at KIRO-FM 100.7 Seattle, which is largely talk. Despite the risque nature of much of Leykis' show, it is not obscene, and management at KLSX, where his show originates, says there has never been a run-in with the FCC

WTKS, mentioned above, is being sued by the family of a convicted murderer who was killed in prison, alleging the host of a show on the station offered a \$1000 reward for his death. Donald McDougall was serving time for beating and starving a five-year-old girl in 1996. McDougall could have been released from prison as early as April, 1997. Less than a week before his death, a talk show host discussed his possible release and encouraged other inmates to prevent it. He was beaten to death. Inmate Arba Barr pleaded no contest to second degree murder and was sentenced to life imprisonment. Barr's attorney said that his client was "outraged" upon learning the details of McDouglall's case.

The National Associaton of Broadcasters has asked the FCC to reconsider two of its revised rules in the non-technical streamlining report and order. "We asked the Commission to re-evaluate its decision to exclude local zoning board delays as a circumstance that would stop the clock on construction permit periods. As the

rules were revised, local authorities would be able to stall a decision until a station's construction permit is automatically forfeited after the new three-year construction period expires."

One of the folks awaiting word on the FCC's microradio proposal is Wilmer Urgelles, who wants to do Sunday church services and Bible studies and Christian music in Spanish to the Princeton FL area. But before Urgelles and others can legally broadcast, the FCC has to decide what powers to allow the new stations, and how any interference conditions are addressed. Urgelles said his church has raised \$50,000 for a studio, which is already built. But he's flexible about the power level the church needs. "Whatever we can get, we can use."

Windy City Airchecks' operator Tim Benko died; he lived in Lansing IL, and for 25 years offered a service of taping the market's broadcasters. He was an FM Atlas reader as well.

Problems with its political file cost WFXD 103.3 Marquette MI \$4,800. The violations were to the station's former owner Vista Point Communications, which had been cited for "repeated violations" of §73.1943, the political file rule.

Heidi Darnsky was one of the original applicants for 97.3 Homewood AL, now on the air as WEDA. The Commission found her to be financially unqualified to run a radio station, and awarded the channel to the other two applicants who had merged as "Homewood Radio." She tried to enlarge the issues against Homewood Radio and to charge "ex parte" contact between Commission Staff and attorneys for the other group. But the FCC rejected her latest bid. Cox has a deal to acquire the station, now calling itself "Hot 97.3," and which IDs with Birmingham.

The man convicted of stalking Howard Stern drew a 2½ year sentence from U.S. District Judge John Keenan. This is double the usual sentence for such offences. Michael Lance Cavin sent four threatening letters to Stern from Las Vegas last year. One threatened: "I will absolutely, without a dougt, kill you and this is 100% guaranteed." Keenan said the severe sentence was meant to "deter this defendent and others from engaging in this type of conduct."

Minority radio stations get less advertising revenues than other stations, even when the minority-owned station is a ratings leader. That's gist of a study by the FCC, entitled, "When Being No. 1 is Not Enough." In one example, cited in the report, BMW dealers in New York city refused to place ads on the area's highly rated black-owned radio stations even though research showed that 46% of the people who bought or leased such cars were African-American. In a now-infamous memo by Katz Media Group, its employees were advised against purchasing time on black radio stations because "advertisers want prospects, not suspects." After the damning memo, the company "issued the perfunctory apology and a promise to stifle such racist behavior." The article in the Jan. 19 USA Today mentioned the failure of the government's affirmative action programs in radio, with 97% of stations owned by whites.

Stores can now play radio legally without having to pay music licensing fees—that is, if they are smaller than about 1000 square meters. A further exemption accrues if the store or restaurant has six or fewer external speakers or four televisions measuring 104 cm or less.

The FCC went after KNON \*89.3 Dallas to the extent of a \$5000 fine for underwriting

violations. It found, in a restaurant announcement, that "all you can eat" is a price violation. And "cnly" when descibing features or attributes was a no-no. This causede the NFCB to conclude that the FCC may be getting more conservative about underwriting.

WMNF \*88.5 Tampa has regained state funding. Programming is not supposed to dictate funds' granting or their withdrawal. Both Tampa newspapers supported the community station, in spite of opposition by a "powerful conservative state senator with higher political aspirations." Sen. grant later wrote:

It are made it a point to spend many hours listening to WMNF over the last year, and while I might not agree with every perspectrive presented and might not find some of the music to be within my personal taste for listening enjoyment, I have come to appreciate the cultural diversity of the station which reflects the diversity of our community. I have actually found much of the programming personally enjoyable to listen to. I am Impressed with the commitment of your station volunteers [and] many have made compriling arguments for their support for WMNIF.

From the classifieds: C. Crane Radio with high performance AM, FM and TV audio (2-13) and WB, about \$159; call 1-800-522-8863. It's said to be better for speech than music, but a new product I hope to explore some day.

[(414) 363-9205.

KLH 21 FM reception system \$50. C. Collins / Want to buy BASF and AEG tape reels and boxes prior to 1960. J. Morinelli, (610) 715-1720.

#### FM FORUM

#### CONTRIBUTIONS FROM READERS

"I'm enjoying the January FMedia! which arrived today (Jan. 9) with a Jan. 4 postmark. It was unsealed, so maybe they were reading it in the post office all week," mused a reader. "The articles you mentioned you wrote about WEBC-FM (Jan. p. 7, col. 3) are cited in a thesis somebody wrote about the station's history. On the MN-WI Broadcasting page, under Historical Information, click on WEBC Technological History, then click on Table of Contents then Chapter Four." That can be assessed from my web site (see top of p. 1 this issue), then click "microbroadcaster," and then the MN-WI Broadcsting page.

Robert Conrad, WCLV \$5.5 Cleveland OH, had an open letter to FCChairman Kennard, claiming there is too much local concentration of ownership in radio. His station has seen national business go down from 25 percent of its billing to 5 percent. He'd like the FCC to limit the number of local stations one operator can have to four.

Doug Loney used to publish Canada's Broadcast Technology magazine. He retired, and tried to sell but to no avail. Advertising was failing off, but "like most retired people these stays, we keep busy and wonder how we ever found time to work!"

Ur til March,



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FCC PROPOSES A MICRORADIO SERVICE. SOME OF THE STATIONS MIGHT NOT BE SO "MICRO," WITH POWER LEVELS UP TO 1 KW. THE FACTS, PLUS COMMENTS PRO AND CON, ON P. 8.

CANADIAN AM FREQUENCIES 690 AND 940 IN MONTREAL HAVE SEVERAL CONTENDERS, INCLUDING THE CBC, WHICH GAVE UP THE CHANNELS ORIGINALLY. SEE "SELECTED AM HAPPENINGS," P. 7, COL. 1.

AUSTRALIA, A NATION WITHOUT FM RADIO AS LATE AS THE 1970S, NOW HAB A FULL DIAL IN CITIES LIKE SYDNEY. SEE "ON AIR," P. 5, COLS. 1-2. AND ALL OF NEPAL'S FM STATIONS ARE IN KATMANDU! UTAH'S KAGJ IS A 24-HOUR LIVE, STUDENT-OPERATED STATION IN STEREO THAT KEPT OPERATING EVEN

# THOUGH THE FCC HAD DELETED ITS LICENSE. READ MORE ON P. 3, COL. 3.

# **New FM Station, Translator Grants**

Translators have less than 100 watts unless shown otherwise

- AL Fairfield/Homewood W291AK 106.1 (WENN 105.9 Trussville AL translator), 250 v. reinstated
- AL Montgomery W218BG \*91.5 (translator of WLBF 89.1 there), h,v
- AL Zip City (just N. of Florence at 34-57-08; 87-39-27) W255AN 98.9 (WMXX 103.1 Jackson TN), h,v. Also on in Florence, with transmitter south of town in Colbert Heights AL, is adjacent-channel translator W254AA 98.7
- AZ Holbrook \*90.3 250 h,v; 43 m, American Family Assn (see also "Deletions," below)
- AR Heber Springs \*89.7 1000 v, 56 m, American Family Assn. [Colorado College CO La Junta \*89.1 720 watts h,v; 74 m, The/
- CO Montrose K251AF 98.1 (KBKL 107.9 Grand Junction), 230 h,v, reinstated K274AF 102.7 (KJYE 92.3 Grand Junction), 230 h,v, reinstated
- CO Rocky Ford 95.5 100000 h,v; 119 m, The Meadowlark Group
- HI Waimea KAGB 99.1 39000 h,v; 860 m, with beam tilt, HI Bcstg. Co., reinstated
- KS Phillipsburg KKAN-FM 95.3 3000 h,v; 45 m, Barracuda Bcstg./KQMA 92.5, to be \$, k, expected on this summer. "The schools never put the station on the air. In the meantime, we built KQMA and the 95.3 CP came back to us. With the easing of duopoly restrictions, we will be able to operate both stations."
- MI Trout Lake WHWG \*89.9 500 h,v; 119 m, Gospel Opportunities, Inc.
- MT Colstrip 93.7 3000 h,v; 135 m, Brian M. Encke [chester OR), 250 h,v NE Norfolk K202CY \*88.3 (KLOV 89.3 Win-/

- NV Lund \*88.7 3000 h,v; 276 m, NV Public Radio Corp.
- NV Pioche KAXA 98.9 5000 h,v; 1029 m, Highland Broadcasters, CP reinstated
- NV West Wendover (just NW of Wendover) \*89.7 100 watts h.v: -44 m. Schools
- NM Albuquerque K204CQ \*88.7 (WPCS 89.5 Pensacola FL), v (but at 1199 m!).
- NM Conchas Dam K288EG 105.5 (KHFM 96.3 Albuquerque), v, reinstated
- OH Steubenville \*88.9 650 h,v; 45 m, American Family Assn. (see "Deletions")
- OR Brookings K201DV \*88.1 (KAWZ 89.9 Twin Falls ID), v
- PA Loyalsock W224AI 92.7 (WQBR 99.9 Avis). Is on the air, and FCC still considers it deleted, but has petitioned the Commission for reconsideration.
- PA Mifflinville W219AX \*91.7 (WRGN 88.1 Sweet Valley), h. "This is the mysterious 'W219-- 91.7 Catawissa' that I've been hearing."
- PA Tafton (8 km S. Hawley at 41-24-44; 75-09-51) \*88.3 850 h,v; 160 m, Mercer County Community College
- TX Katy K201EU \*88.1 (KCZO 92.1 Carrizo Springs), 250 h,v
- TX Marble Falls \*88.5 6000 h,v; 27 m, d-a, American Broadcasting Ed'I. Foundation
- VT St. Johnsbury \*88.5 290 v, 568 m, VT Public Radio
- WI Amery W290AH 105.9 (WWIB 103.7 Hallie), h. Replaces former W285AK 104.9, which was displaced). WWIB also announces a 93.5 translator in Wisconsin Rapids-Nekoosa, which isn't on the FCC database; I've e-mailed WWIB about it.
- WY Gillette \*88.9 430 h,v; 134 m, MT State U.-Billings (see also "Deletions," below).

- BC Big White Mountain (just north of Big White Ski Village) CILK-1 103.9 30 h,v
- MB St. Theresa Point (a suburb of Waasagomach) 93.5 36 watts h,v, Native Communications, a relayer of CINC 96.3 Thompson
- ON Samia CKTY 106.3 35000 h,v (moving from 1110 AM). See last month p. 6, col. 2.
- VC Orizaba XEPP-FM 100.3, "Estereo Amistad," parameters not known.

## **Call Letters Assigned**

- CA Alameda 92.7 KXJO (from KZSF-FM) CA Fremont 104.9 KCNL (KLDZ), "Channel 104-9"
- CA Fresno 97.9 KMGV (KMEG, and before that KNAX), "Mega 97-9"
- CA Healdsburg 95.9 KSXY (KHBG), r, "Sexy 95.9," but "who knows how long that'il last before people start complaining about it?"
- CA Joshua Tree 92.1 KDHI (KKJT), k, is stereo, ID with Twentynine Palms-Yucca Valley
- CA Mecca 97.7 KRCK-FM; AM is in Burbank CA Merced 107.7 KAJZ (KFIE), "K-Jazz"
- CA Twentynine Palms 96.3 KKJT (KDHI), rp, "The Jet"
- CO Rocky Ford 95.5 KOOO [Party\*
- FL Apopka 95.3 WPYO (not WYPO), "The/
- FL Hialeah 92.3 WCMQ"-FM" (WCMQ-FM); AM in Miami Springs has new calls.
- FL High Springs 104.9 WGJZ (WRKG), j, smooth, "Gainesville Jazz"
- FL Key Largo 106.3 WXTF (WZMQ)
- FL La Crosse 99.5 WRKG (WWFX), op,
  "Rock 99.5" [is in Dubuque IA
- IL Galena 107.5 WDBQ-FM (WJOD), o, AM/
- IN Alexandria 96.7 WHTI (WAXT), "Hit"
- IN Elwood 101.7 WURK (WLHN)
- IN Hartford City 93.5 WHTY (WWWO)
- IN Kentland 101.7 WZRK (WJOK)

FMedia! Page 2 IN Marengo \*89.9 WKLO (WARL) IN Veedersburg 92.9 WARL (WKLO), facilities to 4500 h.v: 82 m IA Asbury 103.3 WJOD (KIKR), k[ountry] MA Southbridge 100.1 WWFX (WQVR), o. classic hits, plus Bob & Tom mornings. "Worcester's Classic Hits 100.1 The Fox." ID with Worcester assumed. It was off the air for a while last month; its AM WESO 970 remained on the air. MI Harrisville \*89.7 WMIH MI Mackinaw City \*88.5 WAAQ MI Stephenson 106.3 WWHK (WZRK) MS Sumrall 97.3 WFMM (WJSJ) MO Kansas City 102.1 KSRC (KOZN), "Starl NE Omaha \*88.9 KVSS (KNOS), g NJ Cape May Court House 105.5 WZBZ (WBNJ), sr, "B 105.5 The Buzz" NJ Wildwood Crest 93.1 WBNJ (WDOX), sr. parallel to WTTH 96.1 Margate City NY Irondequoit 106,7 WKGS (WYSY), "107 Kiss FM<sup>\*</sup> NY Old Forge 94.1 WNOB (WDLS) NY Rome 96.1 WODZ"-FM" (WODZ-FM; AM has new calls) ["Classic Hits" NY Westport 102.5 WCLX (WMEX),/ NC Atlantic Beach \*91.5 WBJD NC Hatteras 94.5 WWOC OH Greenville 106.5 WBKI (WLSN), "Buckeye Country 106.5"; had stunted with all Garth Brooks as "Garth 106.5." OK Edmond 97.9 KCYI (KTNT), jr, "The City" OK Vinita 96.1 KITO-FM (KITO) OR Florence \*91.7 KWVZ [103.5" OR Medford 103.5 KLDZ (KOPE), "Kool/ RI Block Island 95.9 WCRI (WVBI) SC Pageland 102.3 WRML (WMAP-FM) TX Denison 101.7 KNKI (KIKM) TX Gilmer 95.3 KFRO-FM (back to; AM is in Longview-from KCGL) TX Orange 104.5 KKMY (back to, from KJQY, which is 94.1 in San Diego), facilities to 123 m (100000 h,v) TX Pittsburg 96.9 KSCN, k, parallel to KSCH 95.9 Sulphur Springs, "Star Country 95-9 and 96-9.\* TX Raymondville 102.1 KILM (KSOX-FM) UT Richfield 97.5 KRFD (KSGI), back to UT Tooele 92.1 KUUU (KMGR) VA Clarksville 98.3 WJLC (WLCQ), k

VA South Boston 95.3 WHLF-FM (WJLC), rm VI 93.5 WYAC (WAVI) BC Big White Ski Village 98.1 CHSU-1 (from CKBL-1), r, hot AC [(CJCJ-1), "K-92.3." NB Grand Falls ("Grand Sault") 93.5 CIKX/ ON Iroquois 107.7 CISD (not CISQ, which is 107.1 Squamish BC, Feb. p. 2, col. 1). **Facilities Changes Granted** 

AL Dotham WGTF \*89.5 d-a (directional antenna)

Two TX Stations Change Cities of License

AL Oneonta WKLD 97.7 4000 h.v: 104 m AZ Springerville KQAZ 101.7 55000 h,v; 379 m, d-a, one-step C1 CA Arvin KBDS 92.5 1150 h,v; 229 m CA Atherton KCEA \*89.1 39 m (100 watts h,v) CA Avenal KAAX 95.1 (from 105.7) 200 m (920 CA Big Pine KRHV 93.3 850 h,v; 890 m, d-a CA Earlimart KNAC \*93,5 6000 h,v; 54 m, Class A downgrade CA Inglewood KACE 103.9 4100 h,v (118 m) CA Ludlow KHWZ 100.1 53 m (25000 h,v), B1 CA Mountain View KSFH \*87.9 has h,v (10 watts, -75 m). Now on that clear channel. "They are playing a great variety of pop music. CA Stockton KJOY 99.3 4600 h.v: 110 m CO Denver KHIH 95.7 100000 h,v; 490 m, d-a CO Longmont KCKK 104.3 91000 h,v; 206 m + beam tilt CO Windsor KUAD 99.1 212 m (100000 h,v) FL Fort Myers Beach WJBX 99.3 45000 h.v: 144/ FL Fort Myers Villas WJST 106.3 50000 h,v; 144 FL Lakeland WKES \*91.1 128 m (100000 h,v) FL Pennsuco WIRP \*88.3 2250 v. 86 m. d-a FL Tice WAAD 102.9 (from 93.7) 50000 h,v; 144 m, d-a, C2 FL Venice WCTQ 92.1 10500 h,v; 145 m GA Milledgeville WGUR \*88.9 37 watts h,v; 1 m, Class Downgrade. GA Thomasville WOKL 107.1 61000 h,v; 251 m GA Tifton (move from Douglas) WKZZ 92.5 20500 h,v; 110 m, C3 [one-step C1 GA Valdosta WQPW 95.7 100000 h.v. 299 m./ HI Honolulu KMKP 105.9 100000 h, 92000 v, d-a, ID Sandpoint KIBR 102.5 -105 m (3000 h,v) IL East Moline KUUL 101.3 50000 h,v; 152 m [d-a IL Eldorado WEBQ-FM 102.3 3000 h,v; 91 m, no/ IL Rock Island WHTS 98.9 39000 h,v; 274 m, no d-a IN Richmond WFMG 101.3 50000 h,v; 78 m IA Lamoni KIIC 97.9 drops its d-a IA Ottumwa KOTM 97.7 19000 h,v; 112 m KS Dodge City KONQ \*91.9 38 m (2600), h only KY Brownsville (move from Beaver Dam) WKLX 100.7 25000 h,v; 100 m, C3 KY Radcliff WASE 103.5 7800 h,v; 153 m (m), C3 KY Salyersville WRLV-FM 97.3 10000 h,v (103/ LA Rayville KTJC 92.3 11500 h,v; 148 m, one-step C3 downgrade (from C2) MA Boston WBMX 98.5 9000 h,v; 349 m MA Brockton WCAV 97.7 2700 h,v; 150 m MA Northampton WHMP-FM 99,3 6000 h,v: 99 m MA Spencer (move from Webster) WORC-FM 98.9 MI Lansing WHZZ 101.7 4100 h,v; 121 m MI Manistee WXYQ 101.5 2900 h.v (80 m) MI Traverse City WLJN-FM \*89.9 39000 v (169 m).

removes horizontal polarization MN Bemidji KKZY 95.5 129 m (100000 h,v) KBHP 101.1 159 m (100000 h,v)

[m, back to. MN Redwood Falls KLGR-FM 97.7 60000 h,v; 88/ MN St. Cloud KCFB \*91.5 15000 h,v; 106 m, C3 MN Waite Park KLZZ 103.7 9000 h,v; 126 m, C3

March, 1999 MO Owensville KBDQ 95.3 50000 h,v; 150 m, one-step C2 MO Springfield KAKU \*90.1 5500 h.v (149 m) MT Colstrip (new) 99.5 (from 93.7) NH Concord WYNH \*91.1 650 v, 101 m NJ Stockton (Delaware Township) WDVR \*89.7 10 watts h, 4800 v, 92 m, d-a NJ Tuckerton WBHX 99.7 5600 h,v; 33 m, no d-a NY Bath WVIN 98.3 4500 h,v; 112 m [instated CP NY Canandaigua WCIY \*88.9 500 h.v (323 m), re-/ NY Ithaca WQNY 103.7 12000 h.v. d-a; 271 m NY Newburgh W272AV 102.3 has WDST 100.1 Woodstock (from WRWD-FM 107.3 Highland) NY Nyack WNYK \*88.7 10 watts h.v; 17 m NY Poughkeepsie W292CM 106.3 has WCTW 98.5 Catskill (from WXHD \*90.1 Mount Hope) NY Salamanca WART 98.3 3200 h,v; 135 m, d-a NY South Bristol WMAX-FM 107.3 93 m (6000 h,v), "107 Kiss FM" NY Waterloo WNYR 98.5 3200 h.v; 136 m NC Greensboro WQMG 97.1 99000 h,v; 376 m, d-a, plus beam tilt [no d-a (directional antenna) OH Beavercreek WXEG 103.9 1150 h.v; 159 m./ OH Zanesville WJIC \*91.7 100 m (6000 h.v. d-a) OK Atoka KHKC 103.1 40000 h,v; 112 m, C2 OK Chelsea KTFR 100.7 6000 h,v; 100 m OK Frederick KYBE 95.9 3000 h,v; 67 m OK Lawton KVRS \*90.3 46 m (1000 h,v) OK Oklahoma City KYLV \*88.9 4400 h,v; 206 m OR Baker City KKBC 95.3 6000 h,v (-61 m) OR Banks KBBT 107.5 37000 h,v (440 m) PA Salladasburg WMYL 95.5 3900 h,v (73 m) PA South Williamsport W265AG 100.5 has WVRT 97.7 Jersey Shore (from WZRZ 98.7 Mill Half) PA Waynesboro W219BE \*91.7 (from W210BE 89.9), h,v PA York WVYC \*88.1 (from 99.7) 4 watts h, -21 m SC North Charleston WXLY 102.5 (actual city of license instead of Charleston, which it IDs with) SD Sioux Falls KMXC 97.3 256 m (100000 h,v) TN Olivehill WDNX \*89.1 100000 h, 69 m TX Amarillo KLMN \*89.1 3000 h,v (100 m) TX Clarendon KEFH 99.3 44000 h.v; 159 m, d-a TX Coleman KSTA-FM 107.1 25000 h,v; 65 m, C3 permit reinstated [CP reinstated TX Goliad KHMC 95.9 25000 h,v; 98 m, d-a, C3/ TX Highland Village (north of Pilot Point at 33-33-37; 96-57-34) KRJT-FM (move from Bowie) 100.7 100000 h,v; 561, Class C-to serve Dallas-Fort Worth. KPXI 100,7 to downgrade and move from Mount Pleasant to Overton (last month p. 2, col. 3) to make this happen, "KPXI has been sold to Sunburst Media and will be downgraded from a Class C to a C3. . . KPXI is now without a format. It has been airing a loop saying their country format has moved to KSCH [95.9 Sulphur Springs]. It doesn't indicate a new format coming."

TX Nacogdoches KJCS 103.3 107 m (100000 h,v) TX Quanah KIXC 100.9 67 m (3000 h,v) TX Tatum (move from Henderson) KDVE 100.3 (from 99.9) 2350 h,v; 163 m, Class A downgrade; transmitter Easton-to serve Longview-Marshall VA Culpeper WPER \*89.9 50000 h,v; 101 m, d-a VA Bluefield WHKX 106.3 510 h,v; 339 m

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VA Powhatan (west of Richmond: move from Warrenton NC) WXNC 107.3 1400 h,v; 207 m, Class A downgrade.

VA Waverty W291AJ \*106.1 has WJYJ \*90.5 Fredericksburg (from WYCS 91.5 Yorktown) WA Yakima KYPL \*91.1 228 m (10000 h,v) KFFM 107.3 461 m (100000 h,v)

WV Bluefield WHAJ 104.5 93000 h, 62000 v + beam tilt; 472 m

WV Princeton WKOY-FM 100.9 520 h,v; 324 m WI Ashland WBSZ 93.3 71000 h,v; 75 m, still C1 WI Baraboo W290AL 105.9 has WBDL 102.9 Reedsburg (from WSJY 107.3 Fort Atkinson) WI Madison WORT \*89.9 2000 h,v; 286 m CP reinstated

WI Portage WBKY 95.9 5400 h,v; 98 m WY Glendo KUUY 100.1 55000 h.v; 139 m. one-step C1 [m, one-step C2 WY Kemmerer KAOX 107.3 16000 h,v; 270/ PQ St-Hyacinthe CFEI 106.5 3000 h,v (351 m) YU San Antonio Zodzil XHSAZ 91.5 may be near Merida. A web page showing Merida's districts has a Zodzil Norte, "but there's no mention of San Antonio Zodzil, except in the list of Mexican stations."

#### Stereo—Or to be \$tereo

AK Barrow KBRW-FM \*91.9, if. "The AM service is our main service, and existed many years before our FM went on the air. The FM format is designed for the city of Barrow. The AM format covers nearly all of the North Slope of Alaska. . . larger than the state of Minnesota. So we were given a waiver to use FM translators to give good coverage to the villages. By the way, the FCC gave waivers to Alaska noncoms to use satellite and terrestrial microwave to feed translators long before it was allowed in the lower 48-it was the only way to provide a sole service to many of those isolated communities.

"If you look at the FM band in Alaska, you will notice many noncoms in the commercial band and a few commercial stations in the noncom band (K203BY 88.5 Kuparik)... The reason for that is interesting. Well into the '70s the Air Force reserved frequencies from 86 to 105 mz in Alaska for their own use. That is why you will find so many stations assigned into the top 3 mz of the band. In fact, the military was using a frequency at about 94 mz for some sort of data traffic as late as 1986 in southeast Alaska, Until shortly after statehood the Signal Corps was responsible for all communications in Alaska including civilian long distance and common carrier. It is interesting to go into the AT&T Building and see the old stickers in equipment bays: US ARMY-RCA Global Communications- Alascom-and finally AT&T.

"Wish that AM stereo was still viable; it would be neat to try up here, but the absence of receivers makes it a moot point. We are thinking of using an SCA for bilingual translation of the city council and borough assembly meetings. It is not a technical problem, rather a funding one with the local governments," Charles Lakaytis, chief engineer, KBRW-AM-FM, "the most northern broadcast station in North America. 72 degrees north, 155 degrees west, who adds: "I certainly miss your FM Atlas. And I think I bought an SCA receiver from you years ago."

AZ Payson KESP 101.1, o, classic hits, "Loop 101," so named after a beltway around Phoenix. It was doing tests and proofs of performance, and was "nice to hear music nonstop and to hear IDs."

AR White Hall KTRN 104.5, "K-Train" (not strict), ID with Pine Bluff.

CA Alturas KCNO 94.5, now classic k[ountry] CA Ellijay WLJA-FM 93.5, now classic country and gospel (kg), IDs with Blue Ridge-Pickens-Canton-Woodstock.

GA Sasser WEGC 107.7, ID with Albany. In a combo with WKAK 104.5 Albany, but WGPC AM Albany is separately owned. No longer "Kool FM."

GA Statenville ("STATE-en-ville") WHLJ 97.5, ID with Valdosta, "Foxy 97.5 FM."

IL Peoria WBGE 92.3, so, "The Cool FM" (from "B 92"), LMA with WJPL 96.5 Farmington. WJPL now IDs with Peoria, "Smooth Jazz 96.5.\*

KS Hill City KKQY 101.9 **[Country** LA Franklinton WFCG-FM 98.9, now Radio 1/ MS Bruce WCMR 94.5, kt, sports 5 p.m. to 8 [Columbia, "Kicks FM" MO Moberly KCSX 97.3, ID with Macon-/

MT Billings KBEX 105.1, k, parallel to KGHL 790 AM. In an LMA-to-buy with KIDX 98.5-KRSQ 101.7 Laurel-AM.

NE Aurora KNCY-FM 105.5: "We've been stereo at least a year. How come you haven't found out about it before now?"

NH Concord WVNH \*91.1, ID with Laconia, and testing. "At first they'll have 100% Moody from Chicago, with some local programming planned for the future." It expects to be on air in about two weeks, with stereo for music, but "mono during teaching programs."

NC Ocean Isle Beach WDZD 93.5, r, "93.5 Asylum"; no ID with other cities. Studios in SC, along with WGTR 107.9 Bucksport-WWSK 107.1 Mullins SC.

OK Ada KTGS \*89.9, g, southern gospel

OK Tishomingo KAZC \*88.3, g, southern. "We use call letters and don't identify with any other city."

PA New Castle WVMN \*90.1, IDing with WCRF \*103.3 Cleveland-WVMS \*89.5 Sandusky OH.

SD Wessington Springs KGGK 98.3, o. ID

with Mitchell-Huron, "Cool 69," Tom Smith. g.m., also oversees KMIT 105.9 Mitchell.

TX Comanche KOXZ 94.3, to be k[ountry] TX Lometa KACQ 101.9, now Radio 1 Country, parallel to KCYL 1450 Lampasas. "Q

102." ID with Lampasas.

UT Ephraim ("EEPH-ram") KAGJ \*89.5, p. still "The Cage." Has been on air continuously, even though the FCC deleted it for a while. Is on 24 hours a day, 7 days a week when Snow College, a state institution, is in session. The college has 3000 students, with 75 DJs staffing 84 shifts a week, and fulltime live, no automation, no satellite. "We're the oldest college radio station in the state. A new transmitter and boards were added in 1994, and that might be when we went stereo," said Art Nettleship, music di-

UT Moab KCYN 97.1, k, "Canyon Country"; owned by KRJC 95.3 Elko NV-KKDS 1060 South Salt Lake UT. PR Roosevelt Roads AFCN \*92.9 ON Niagara Falls CFLZ \*105.1 [Caliente" SO Cludad Obregon XHGON 92.9, "La/ SO Hermosillo XHUSS 92.3, "La Compadre"

### Monophonic

MN Worthington KITN 93.5-monophonic since June, remove \$ listing.

# **Format Changes**

Formats are the same as in the "FM Atlas" AL Andalusia WWSF 98.1 t, sports, monophonic AK Seward KPFN 105.9 o, plus talk, list as commercial, parallel to KSWD 950 AM, but "expects to have a new format soon."

AZ Gilbert KPTY 103.9 rs, adding Mancow AZ Paradise Valley KHOT-FM 105.9 so, but "look for another change later this year as Heftel announces it will acquire KHOT-FM for \$18.3 million. IDs with Phoenix.

AZ Willcox KWCX 104.9 mr [Country") AR Harrison KCWD 96.1 r, "Hits 96" (from "97/ AR Marvell KVRN \*90.7 g, Skylight + Praise Network overnite

AR Paris KERX 95.3 r, "adult rock"

CA Manteca KFRY 96.7 so, "Jammin' 96.7" (leaps from "Froggy 96.7")

FL Beverly Hills WGUL-FM 106.3 m, staying with that format (see Nov. p. 3, col. 3)

FL Key West WVMQ 107.9 S. r. Spanish hits. ending its LMA with WCMQ 92.3 Hialeah FL

- GA Canton WGST-FM 105.7 t, mono, adds Dr. Laura
- HI Honolulu KKLV 98.5 o, dropping Mark & Brian IL Bethalto WFUN 95.5 r, stunting. It let all its staff go, except two engineers. Sale to Radio One delayed to mid-spring.
- IL Elgin WJKL 94.3 tr, with 1-On-1 Sports 6 a.m. to 4 p.m., which moves from WIDB 950 AM Chicago. WIDB goes to Unica, Spanish talk.
- IL Morrison WZZT 95.1 rp
- IN Cannelton WLME 102.9 o [Bob & Tom IN West Terre Haute WWVR 105.5 still op, adds/
- LA Abbeville-Lafayette KROF-FM 105.1 nt, mono, parallel to KPEL 1420 Lafayette
- LA Jonesboro KTOC-FM 104.9 g, southern gospel ME Augusta WKCG 101.3 mr, "Star 101.3," taking format that was on Fairfield ME
- ME Fairfield WCTB 93.5 k, simulcasting with WCME 96.7 Boothbay Harbor's Kickin' Country ME Islesboro WAYD 105.5 mj, \$, a "live, local classic jazz and big band format."
- MA New Bedford WJFD 97.3 still Radio Globo, Portuguese, but eventually plans to become English-language soft rock. Owner Edmund Dinis, 75, expects to move Portuguese programming to his new AM station, WLAW 1270 North Dartmouth, now being built.
- MI Benton Harbor WHFB-FM 99.9 k, "Country 99.9" (from "B-99"), in an LMA with WNSN 105.5-AM South Bend IN
- MI Big Rapids WBRN-FM 100.9 op
- MI Detroit WKRK-FM 97.1 still tr, adds Tom Leykis MI Gaylord WMJZ 95.3 o
- MN Duluth KQDS 94.9 op, SMA with WWAX 92.1 Hermantown-KZIO 104.3 Two Harbors. "I can't tell you if Torn Lijewski is selling the stations."
- MO Cedar Hill KNLH \*89.5 g, New Life Gospel.
  MO De Soto KDJR 100.1 k, \$ resurned, "K-100"
- MO Ellington KAUL \*106.7 to be g, New Life, by later this month. Studios for KAUL and KNLH are in St. Louis. "We operate a TV station, and don't have any experience with radio. I'm not sure if the stations will have stereo."
- MO South West City KWMQ 100.3 o, '70s + Rush MO Stockton KRLK 107.7 k, classic country, "Lake," said to be on air, but not received in nearby Springfield.
- NE Falls City-Auburn KLZA 101.3 m, no longer IDing with Humboldt; is \$[tereo]. "The station is in your February newsletter, page 6." Seeks 25000 h,v; 100 m, one-step C3.
- NE Lincoln KZFX 101.9 op. As "The Edge," it lost its edge "as many of its alternative rock artists became mainstream." Became "The Fox" April 13, played REM's End of the World continuously for four hours. . . to blow up the format."
- NV Las Vegas KXPT 97.1 o, classic hits
- NH Campton WVFM 105.7 p, "The River," parallel to WXHV 92.5 Haverhill MA
- NH Claremont WHDQ 106.1 op
- NJ Egg Harbor WRDR 104.9 S, I, being sold to Mega Communications and will "try to move its transmitter closer to Philadelphia."
- NJ Hazlet WCNJ \*89.3 o, \*89-3 Solid Gold CNJ\* NJ Margate City WTTH 96.1 sr

- NY Honeoye Falls WNVE 95.1 r, with city of license change having taken place.
- NY Norwich WKXZ 93,9 r, hot AC
- NY Oneonta WZOZ 103.1 o, '70s, in a combo with WKXZ-WBKT 95.3 both Norwich-AM.
- NC Belhaven WANJ 101.1 m, parallel to WANG-FM 105.1 Havelock
- OH Upper Arlington WXMG 98.9 so, R&B oldies OK Ardmore KACO 98.5 o, ABC oldies
- OK Langston KALU \*89.3 sr. FCC listed station as deleted, but they continue on and staffers I talked to had no knowledge of any problem with the FCC. It continues in stereo, and on 5 a.m. to midnight.
- PA Berwick WKAB 103.5 o
- PA Mill Hall WZRZ 98.7 o, back to an LMA with WQBR 99.9 Avis-AMs, "still without local ads or announcements."
- PA Port Matilda WNCL 107.9 o, "Cool. 107.9"
- SC Goose Creek WSSP 94.3 sr, "The Beat"
  (whisks away "Stardust 94") [Bob and Tom
- SD Yankton KCLH 104.1 op, classic rock, adds/
- TN Cookeville WGIC 98.5 r, hot AC
- TX Ballinger KKCN 103.1 k, with a C1 CP
- TX Bishop KFLZ 106.9 rp, new rock, "The Mighty Flea" (from "Hits 106.9")
- TX Corsicana KDXX-FM 107.9 S, I, parallel to 1480 AM Dallas [KDXX-FM
- TX Granbury KDXT 106.7 S, I, parallel to/
- TX Sulphur Springs KSCH 95.9 k, "Star Country 95-9 & 96-9" (with KSCN 96.9 Pittsburg TX).
- VA Blacksburg WVMJ 105.3 op, classic rock. Its oldies move to WNRV (see below).
- VA Cape Charles WAZP \*90.7 gr, parallel to WJYA 89.3 Emporia-WJYJ 90.5 Fredericksburg
- VA Radford WNRV 101.7 o. Co-owned WHLF AM 1400 South Boston VA reported silent.
- WI Milwaukee WLUM 102.1 rp, keeping Mancow in the mornings. [hits, plus Imus
- WI Port Washington WGLB-FM 100.1 o, classic/ PR Mayaguez WRUO \*88.3 cj, parallel to WRTU 89.7 San Juan
- BC Big White Ski Village CHSU 98.1 r, hot AC ON Toronto CISS 92.5 r, CHR, now owned by Rogers Broadcasting, CHFI 98.1-CFTR AM. All its country DJs left. Commercial free much of February into part of this month. "Rawlco had a time making it with country." CISS positioned itself for a while as "Power 92," but was opposed by CIXX 88.5 Newmarket ON, now "Power 88.5" (from "The X"). As result of the challenge, CISS

# On Air—Real Stations and Pirates (Selected)

is now "Kiss 92," a slight change from its previ-

CA Sacramento (south) 92.9 from the 3600 block of Power Inn Road–a pirate with "gangsta rap."

ous "Kiss FM."

GA Toccoa WSTE 106.1 withdrew its request to build a 163-m tower in Hall County, a site 90 km NE of Atlanta in wake of opposition from local residents who say it would spoil their view of the North Georgia mountains. It was the second time it pulled the proposal amid opposition from residents and landowners. Local activist Gary Gibb said, "With a tabling, you allow the developer to make pudding out of our process. We need to go for denial and have these people pack their

- bags.' The station said it is checking into other sites—the same reason it gave for pulling the request last year. Earlier, in January, there was a slugfest between Clinton and Fannie Wilson, who were willing to self their property to the station, and local activist Lamar Mullis. Mullis was taking pictures of the Wilsons taking down opposition signs. [See Oct. p. 8, col. 3.]
- IN Lebanon WIRE \*91.1—Hoosier Broadcasting fined \$4000 for \*willful violation\* by constructing an antenna at a greater height (53 m) than authorized (25 m).
- IA Sioux City K206DC \*89.1
- ME Portland W281AC \*104.1, relaying WMPG 90.9 Portland: "The call letters for this frequency are W281AC, which is a mouthful, to be sure. But no matter, because what you'll hear on 104.1 is just what you've always heard on 90.9: live, local, grass-roots, award-winning community-based programming." The translator was seen as more helpful in improving coverage than adding power to the main station.
- ME Sanford WCDQ 92.1 back to full power, after losing the top 21 meters of its antenna last winter. Repairs have finally been made, "so you should be able to hear the sounds of Mount Riatto even farther away than before."
- ME Topsham WXGL 95.5 is one of the few area stations independently owned, but seems comfortable serving a niche market. "The pressures are really basic ones," said Christopher Outwin, station manager. "We can keep advertising costs at a level so that just about any business in the mid-coast area can afford to get on this station," and it is content not to compete for national advertising dollars.
- MD Bethesda WARW 94.7 first suspended and then fired Doug Tracht, "The Greaseman," for insensitive comments after the dragging death of a black man by white supremacists in Texas. "I don't know whether his program was being carried by any other stations, and if it was, whether those stations dropped him as welt," said a subscriber. He has apologized "to anyone and everyone who was hurt [by it]. It was a pathetic attempt at morbid racial humor." No saying if the apology will net him his job back.
- MN Golden Valley K214DF \*90.7-from the IDS Center, downtown Minneapolis. \*Really bangs in here. Knocks Wisconsin Public Radio off the air. I'm not real happy about imported programming," J.W. by e-mail. Is stereo, with only the KLOV (OR) ID heard, no local ID. It \*comes in while driving around Bloomington. Has a fade area in my driveway and behind Marty's TV shop in South Minneapolis," J.E., Bloomington, via e-mail.
- MN New Ulm KXLP 93.1 appears to be back to full power.
- NE Lincoln K220GT "91.9, another KLOV translator. It "isn't exactly a powerhouse. I couldn't get it on the receiver in my downtown office, but a car radio picks it up just fine . . . K-Love, which is operated by the non-profit Educational Media Foundation, is an expansion-ist enterprise if there ever was one. The network currently boasts 75 full-power stations and translators across the country, and is on file at the FCC with 100 more permit applications. . . As few as 150 pledges (\$35/month) would be all the [Lincoln station needs] to break even." K-Love operates a companion network, "Air 1" for the 12-18 demographic group. Both networks can be heard at <www.klove.com>.
- NM Carlsbad—at Fiesta Drive-in Theatre, 401 W. Fiesta at San Jose Blvd., are three screens, each with its own FM stereo audio. Screen 1 is 101.1, Screen 2 is 102.1 and Screen 3 is 103.1. "All features are in stereo. Be sure to have a working radio as there are no speakers. Shows start at 7:45 p.m. only Friday, Saturday, Sunday and Monday."
- NY New York city (somewhere) 91.9 "Kool 91.9 WATF" with Dr. X, formerly of "Nasty Radio" and "WJQR"

(April '96, p. 3, col. 3). Signal said to cover part of five counties in NY and NJ. He sells blocks of airtime to persons who want to host their own show, with some hip-hop, including former "WBAD" radio hosts. 'By the way, the TV station that did a news story about 'WBAD' was probably WWOR 9 and not WNYW 5 (Oct. p. 6, col. 3). Anyone who wants to buy time slots from 'Dr. X' can call (718) 716-3122."

NY Queensbury WNYQ 105.7 still 2450 h,v; 316 m, but has agreed voluntarily to take down its tower near Moreau Lake State Park after a two-year battle with residents who said it is unsightly and has been put up illegally. It offered to build a lower tower, one that would be unlit at night, trying to satisfy neighbor's concerns. 'We thought we had met all the concerns of the neighbors," said Bruce G. Carr, lawyer for WNYQ. The company had spent \$350,000 to build the tower, but balked at spending another \$11,000 for an environmental study, which the town required. How long the company takes to remove the structure, which can be seen for kilometers, is another issue for the town board to resolve. The station wants two years to take down the tower. If a new tower can be built in the area, WNYQ programming will be uninterrupted.

OH Geneva WKKY 104.7 off Jan. 17-Jan. 23. "No reason was given for the silent period."

VT Butland area "Redin Free Vermont" 96.5 (see Oct. p.

VT Rutland area "Radio Free Vermont" 96.5 (see Oct. p. 6, col. 2). "Operator Monty Butterfield is threatening to take the one-year-old big band/popular standards station off the air unless he gets advertising support from local businesses." He said this Jan. 29: "We have had positive comments from so many listeners and business people in this community... We have the best advertising rates in the market. Period. However, despite this, very few have purchased advertising... If you do not support Radio Free Vermont within the next 60 days, sadly, I will be forced to close this station. Please understand this breaks my heart. This has been my life's dream to own and operate my own radio station as a mom and pop small business. So many of you have told me that you love it, please help support it."

WI Ashland W275AF \*102.9, W284AN \*104.7, with full IDs on their respective primaries in Brule and Superior. The translators are at a \*patrry 30 watts,\* and WI Public Radio is looking for reports at (800) 300-8530 and donations to the \*Clear Signal Campaign,\* % WPR, U. of WI-Superior, Superior WI 54880. Cost of the project is \$130,000 with WPR still trying to raise the last \$30,000, which will probably propel the stations to become Class As. The city of Ashland donated property in its industrial park; volunteers helped build the building and raise the tower

WI Iron River WNXR 107.3 back to full power. MB Winnipeg CKVN \*106.3, an events station officially known as VF7039 for two weeks in February, but the CBC has applied for a high power station with rock to a youthful audience on 106.3. The CBC outlet is not expected on before 2000 as 'Radio 3.' Industry Canada is looking for a new frequency for VF7039. BARBADOS-92.9 stereo on air, to replace AM 790 "which is due to go off the air sometime in the future." NEPAL—Katmandu (or Kathmandu) 96.1 "Kantipur FM" stereo English and Nepali programming. 'Has Top 10 Countdown......"97.9 "KATH" \${tereo} English rock. 100.1 \$, Nepali; 102.5 \$ Nepali; 106.7 \$ Nepali. "No FM elsewhere in the country," which is 5 hours 45 minutes ahead of UTC, according to J.K., Macomb IL via e-mail. AUSTRALIA—"Lots more FM down there since my last visit a year and a half ago. The Sydney area is now literally just as congested with FM as any major US city. Most of their 'public stations' tend to be between 88-92, although in between the major commercial stations there are local FMers with literally any type of format. Lots of

foreign languages, especially Asian. Like the U.S.,

Australia is having a major problem with illegal immigrants, especially from Vietnam, Laos, Cambodia and Indonesia. The radio dial reflects a wide variety of foreign tongues; none of which I could understand. Also, Sydney has several 'neighborhood' public stations. I don't know the power, but probably 50-100 watts or so. Several gay stations also on the FM dial, including one at 87.6 with party and disco music, along with some pretty colorful/profane language, which would make Howard Stern envious."

2CBA-FM 103.2 in Sydney 'continues to be the only major FM in Australia I am aware of that broadcasts on an 'even' channel. Every other station is like the U.S. on odd frequencies. 2CBA-FM is also one of several religious stations around Sydney, although they focus mostly on easy listening, or 'beautiful music' similar to what most U.S. markets had during the '70s and '80s. And, surprisingly, they sounded well produced. Although they did air occasional religious messages and an occasional gospel show (including one with blistering commentary on Bill Clinton's behaviour) it certainly was not a 'Moody' type of station or satellator.

'Most good-sized towns around Australia now have a public/alternative station, although most listening seems to be to commercial FM. And the Australian Broadcasting Corp. (ABC) has three separate networks scattered around the dial, including a news/info network (which even features NPR's All Things Considered), as well as a classical network, Alternative Network ('Triple J FM'), and a regional/state network.

'AM (MW) radio has really dropped off. In fact, one station which I did enjoy on my last visit along the Sunshine Coast of Queensland is no longer on the air, having been bought by a new FM. One other recent development is a tourist FM network, similar to our local infostations on 1610 or 530. These small repeaters (10 watts at most) are pre-recorded tourist info stations at major resorts and towns. They feature about a 15-minute rundown on local hotels, restaurants, beaches and travel advisories. And they are filled with ads for local businesses. I even heard a couple on 87.5 and 88.0. They are well marked at the approach to each town with blue and white hi-way signs with a big question mark, and saying to tune to the FM frequency... A trip to Australia could be very interesting, and a fascinating and friendly country to visit,\* Rod O'Connor via e-mail, who says the FM dial in Anchorage 'remains about the same.'

### Off Air-Or Not Yet On

AL Columbiana WQEM 101.5: Tower being repositioned closer to Birmingham, and could be on in 6 months. Speculation it wil! be parallel to co-owned WQEN 103.7 Gadsden-Birmingham. Capstar also owns WMJJ 96.5-WOWC 102.5-AM. WQEN has "Mark and Brian" show from Los Angeles. They got their start in Birmingham, and presumably still have some local following. WQEM seeks 1950 h,v; 178 m.

AR Viola KAUV 94.3. "We don't expect to be on the air for another 8 months, and will know our format and if we'll be steren later."

CA Petaluma D'z Nutts Radios 91.3, 40 watts, shut off Jan. 23 for the second time in a year (the first time it was in Vallejo) by FCC agents, who said the station wasn't causing any interference, just operating without a license. May still be broadcasting from other locations; it had been "touring" the S.F. Bay area. [FCC. FL Oakland Park "Vibes 89.1 FM" closed down by the/

FL Oakland Park "Vibes 89.1 FM" closed down by the/ MI Howelt "Free-Living Radio" 89.7, 40 watts, shut down by FCC Feb. 5.

NJ Manahawkin WCHR-FM 105.7, despite an agreement in 1992 for WJRZ 100.1 to move to 105.7 as a Class B, and a new owner to take over 100.1. At the time I was urged to list WJRZ as 105.7, but didn't because

there was no clear evidence the move would actually take place. Also supposed to come on the air was a WJRZ AM on 1550. Muses a reader: "Where is FM 105.7 and AM 1550?

PA Masontown WYFU \*88.5, but expected on in the first part of this month, and 'will probably be in stereo.'

TX Eastland KVMX 96.7 reported silent

Wt Kewaunee WAUN 92.7. Silent for 'quite some time.

The shareholders cannot agree on a new music format for the station. A recent local phone book listed the format as 'polkas and heavy metal'."

WI Milwaukee an 88.5 pirate shut down by the FCC Feb. 5. 'This is believed to be the first pirate shutdown in our area which has included the seizure of equipment.' Involved were the U.S. Marshals Service and the U.S. Attorneys office.

#### **Deletions**

AL Enterprise W213AI \*90.5
AZ Holbrook K212EM \*90.3 (see "New," above)
IA Manchester K228AC 93.5
LA Clayton KFGA 99.3
MI Trout Lake W293AG \*106.5, apparently not going to 98.9 either. [above)
OH Steubenville W205AN \*88.9 (see "New,"/
TN Pioneer WAJG \*89.3
WY Gillette K204BN \*88.7-see "New," above
PR Fajardo WIOA-1 99.9

# FMistakes—FMedial AL Citronelle WQUA is 102.1, not "L102.1," Feb. p.

3. col. 2 (Feb. p. 2, col. 1) AR Des Arc KBDO \*91.7: Not "Des Lacs,"/ CA Hombrook deleted translator on 90.7 was K214AT, not K214AI, Feb. p. 4, col. 3. FL Monticello 105.7 WTAL-FM calls listed twice, Feb. p. 4, col. 2 [1, col. 3 KY Midway WBTF is 107.9 not "1079n," Feb. p./ MS McComb (not "McCook") WAQL \*90.5, Feb. p. 3, col. 1 (Feb. p. 2, col. 2 OK Madill 102.3 is KMAD-FM, not "WMAD-FM,"/ MB Winnipeg CJAE \*92.9-\* omitted, Feb. p. 3, col. [(3000), 89 m, Feb. p. 2, col. 3 ON Cornwall CFLG 104.5 has 30000 h (not/ ON Simcoe-application for 98.9 (Jan. p. 6, col. 2) is for a station to relay CKPC 1380 AM (not FM 92.1). The FM "has excellent signal in Simcoe." Several typos made it into the last FMedia! I put too much trust in the computer's spell check, but it did not show such variations as "North Porland" (p. 4, col. 1), "wiht" p. 4, col. 1, 6th line from the bottom; "sourt" (p. 4, col. 2, line 4); "W48Ay" p. 5, col. 1; "New YOrk," p. 5, col. 1; MDore," p. 8, col. 1; "dougt," p. 8, col. 2; "descibing," p. 8, col. 3, line 3; "causede" p. 8, col. 3, line 4; "Baulino Bernal," p. 6, top col. 3. "What is happening on a new edition of the FM Atlas? Obviously the green 17th edition is now completely out of date," W. P., Weston ON.

# older 16th ed. 1995 at \$18 postpaid!-b.e.] SCS/SAP Services, 57, 67, 78.67, 92 kHz Symbols are as in the FM Atlas

[Actually, I've been selling copies of the even-

AL Troy WTSU \*89.9 †()T, adds 57 kHz FL Miami WDNA †O, 67, similar to the service that used to be on Atlanta's 89.3's 92, Chinese Radio Network FL St. Petersburg WTTA 38 uses SAP for talk. It's mainly "all that conspiracy crap from Chuck Harder and his For the People Show from Englewood FL."

FL Tampa WFLA-TV 8 and WTVT 13 use their SAPs for "24 hour automated weather."

GA Atlanta WRFG \*89.3 †( )O only. Ninety-two kHz with Donald Chiang's Chinese Radio Network discontinued after six weeks. "WRFG's SCSes change so often that I'm about ready to give up trying to keep track of them!" N.L. there.

IN Indianapolis WHHH 96.3 still †M, 67, test music, but may go Spanish. WSYW 810 does not get into high-rise buildings well in the daytime and its signal is limited at night. It would like its Spanish format to be on SCS. "We are looking at getting more low-cost radios."

MN Mankato KEEZ 99.1 no †X, 67; carrier only. KYSM-FM 103.5 †M,R (again). It is "having trouble with its composite. The SCSes don't get out very far, but the stores with background music still have it, with antennas aimed the same way as before. They're looking for an engineer. Even the stereo is weak. It takes about three seconds before the stereo light comes on my tuner."

MN Rochester KLSE \*91.7 still †T, 67, now cutting away from the statewide service at 1930 for a half hour of local news from the *Rochester Post-Bulletin*. KVSC \*88.1 St. Cloud also has that service, seemingly cutting away for local news, but "signal very weak on car radio." Station has only vertical polarization.

MN Rochester KRCH 101.7 no † ,U; retains †M, 67. KROC-FM 106.9 was weak, but recently heard well in the Duluth area with its †X data.

MT Laurel KRSQ 101.7 †U, 67. "Yeah, I think it's 67!

SD Brookings KESD \*88.3 †()T, and other SD Public Radio Stations to add 57 kHz data, effective July. "Your radios won't work after that date. Our subcarrier injection has always been good. I have more important things to do than talk to you!" D.C., chief engineer, who is opposed by Bob Watson, MN State Services for the Blind's chief technician, who said he has battled SD "for years" to raise the injection levels of their stations to somewhere close to 10 percent, but they refuse. Minnesota services the SD radios, with SD paying MN's RTB to carry the service statewide.

TX Dallas KZPS 92.5 still † ,G, 92, but part of the time it is a barker channel for the satellite TV service known as "Encore."

KYNG 105.3 tM,R

WV Huntington WVWV \*89.9 no †T, but it remains on WVPN \*88.5 Charleston. It's mostly "In Touch" from New York, via phone lines, plus it has one hour in the morning and one hour in the evening of local readings—also by phone lines. "Sound is horrible. They could at least try to get 'In Touch' via satellite, but they don't!"

WI Burlington WBSD \*89.1 considering SCS for remote broadcasting (†S). "We have not ordered the SCS generator yet, and haven't decided if it would be at 67 or 92 kHz. Send us one of your tunable radios first!"

USA—Seiko Communications announces it will be shutting down its Seiko Message-Watch system and its HSDS datacasting format by the end of 1999, "opening up a significant amount of the subcarrier spectrum in a few important markets (New York, Los Angeles, Seattle, Portland and Las Vegas). Meanwhile, Cue Paging is adding a wideband FM subcarrier datacasting system (76 kHz?) to its existing narrowband 57 kHz paging service. The new system will use the DARC format, developed in Japan by NHK. Cue has developed interfaces for a variety of mobile platforms, allowing the new data service to be displayed on the AutoPC and other similar devices," writes Skip Pizzi in BE Radio.

#### NonIDs, Not Just Slogans

Mentioned usually without call letters; "strict" if a station uses call letters once per hour (at or near top of hour) as required by FCC and Industry Canada

IL De Kalb WDEK 92.5 Kiss FM (from "92.5-DEK). "I liked it better when it was separately programmed, instead of being part of Big City Radio, along with WKIE 92.7 Arlington Heights and WKIF 92.7 Kankakee."

IL Mount Sterling WLRT 106.7 Golden 106.7
IN New Haven WJFX 107.9 Hot 107.9 (from "Foxy 107.9")

IA Des Moines KSTZ 102.5 Star 102.5 ("Power 95") KS Junction City KJCK-FM 94.5 The Big Cat (from/

KS Phillipsburg KQMA 92.5 uses calls, no "Q-92"

KS Salina KSKG 99.9 Eagle Country [try 107"

KS Topeka KTPK 106.9 The Twister (from "Coun-/ LA Baton Rouge WXCT 100.7 Tiger Country 100.7 (from "Cat Country 100.7"). "I wonder if the old

WTGE calls will move back to 100.7 from co-owned 107.3?"

MI Grand Rapids WAYG \*89.9 Way FM ("fairly strict"), same ownership as WAYK \*88.3 Kalamazoo. Stereo assumed resumed. Ran a "teaser" or barker the weekend of Jan. 29-31 to promote their debut that Monday, which included a "listener party" at Cornerstone College.

MO Sedalia KSDL 92.1 FM 92

MO West Plains KSPQ 93.9 The Q (from "Q 94") NE Columbus KKOT 93.5 Coyote Country (from "Coyote 93.5")

NE Kearney KKPR-FM 98.9 Power 99 (from "Oldies 98.9") [to KZFX 101.9.

NE Lincoln KFRX 102.7 uses calls. "The Fox" moves/ NJ Asbury Park WYGG \*88.1 still Radio Bonne Nouvelle, but spelled without s at ends of last words

NY Rosendale WFNP \*88.7 The Edge [97")
PA Braddock WRRK 96.9 Channel 97 (from "Magic/

PA Jersey Shore WVRT 97.7 Variety 97.7 & 100.5 PA Lock Haven WSNU 92.1 92.1 The Mountain

PA Pittsburgh WDRV 96.1 still r, now Mix 96.1. "The River" dries up. Jockless and commercial free the first weekend.

PA Sunbury WQKX 94.1 94-KX

PA Williamsport WSFT 107.9 Star 107.9 SC Bluffton WWVV 106.9 Wave 106.9



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SC Parris Island WGZO 103.1 Cool FM (along with WGCO 98.3 Midway GA) ["Rhythm and Blues")

TX Decatur KRNB 105.7 105 dot 7 (from/

TX El Paso KOFX 92.3 92.3 The Fox (from "Fox 92/

TX Port Arthur KHYS 98.5 98 Jams

TX Sterling City KCSE 96.5 Sunny

VA Bowling Green WWUZ 96.9 Rock 96.9, but format officially listed as oldies ["New Rock. . . ")

WI Superior KRBR 102.5 Rock 102.5 The Bear (from/ MB Medicine Hat CFMY 96.1 My 96

NL Monterrey XHMG 102.9 Generacion 102.9 (from "Premier 102.9")

### Multi-City IDs In Use

FL Yankeetown-Crystal River WXOF no ID with Inverness, now "Country Fox 96.3."

TN Germantown WKSL 107.5 with Memphis, "Kiss FM 107.5" [92.3."

VA Deltaville WSRV 92.3 with Gloucester, "Surfi

#### **Selected AM Happenings**

AL Atmore WASG 550 had been silent; now contemporary Christian. It is planning to increase to 25,000 watts.

AK St. Paul KUHB 540 deleted.

CA Santa Rosa KAXN 1150 deleted. [Life—gospel.

IL Shelbyville WDID \*1 560 was silent; now on with New/

ME Westbrook WJAE 1440
"calls itself WJAB; 1440
had those calls in the '60s."
MA Boston WNRB 1510, with
its 50 kw signal, often creeps



into people's phones—especially those within 4 km of the station's tower. The FCC isn't helpful, saying stations causing such interference are operating legally, and suggesting a \$20 filter in the phone. The cheapest phones at RadioShack were found to be better than the more expensive ones.

MA Dedham WBPS 890 and WNFT 1150 Boston become contemporary Spanish. WBPS hod been ethnic, with programming in 11 languages, while WNFT had syndicated soul. Programming will be separate Spanish formats——WBPS will target a Mexican and Central American audience, while WNFT will be more for Puerto Rico and Dominican populations. The area also has parttime Spanish radio in WRCA 1330, "Radiolandia," with Spanish 21 hours a day Monday through Friday from 10 p.m. to 7 p.m., with weekend hours "intermittent."

MI Taylor WCHB 1200 had been silent; now black gospel and talk "with an upgraded signal from a new transmitter site."

NE Grand Island KMMJ 750 went all Spanish, "after finding success with weekend programming directed to Hispanics." KBBX 1420 Omaha picked up the same format, which features Tejano, tropical-salsa and mariachi music. "Only KMMJ stays local in AM drive."

NJ Camden WSSJ 1310 had been silent, now Spanish

NJ Newark WNJR 1430, owned by Arthur Liu, to air popular standards 6 a.m. to 7 p.m. starting Apr. 1, and hopes to make the

## NC's WLXN Opens Its Mikes to Inmates

- format fulltime in a year. "Plans to change calls, move their operations to the site of co-owned WPAT 930 and increase power. . . The WNJR signal doesn't get out well after dark,"
- NJ Pompton Lakes WGHT 1500, a daytimer, is pumping its oldies programming plus nighttime play-by-play onto the Internet at < WGHT.com > . A solution to the problem of nighttime programming for daytimers?
- NY Buffalo WNED "970 was to have shut off its news programming and become a fulltime relayer of WBFO \*88.7. Because of a public "outary" the change won't happen. A survey of listeners is to take place, "They'll attempt to keep it alive."
- NY New York WNYC \*820 takes some of the adult standards programming lost when WQEW 1560 went to Radio Disney. Jonathan Schwartz will do a show featuring Frank Sinatra 10 p.m. to midnight Saturday, and Sundays 8 p.m. to midnight will largely be devoted to rn-o-r music.
- WABC 770 has new morning shock jock Rocky Allen. He moved from afternoons on co-owned WPLJ 95.5, where he had been almost six years. WABC is "a talk station that's been strugaling to find the right morning mix for several years."
- NC Lexington WLXN 1440, with a talk format, has a new show on Tuesdays with live calls-ins from the Davidson County Jail. Sheriff Gerald Hege will be present while various inmates are given airtime. The inaugural show featured a man arrested for domestic assault.
- OK Holdenville KTLS 1370 off air, but expects to return in the/ PA Kane WQLE (frequency not available) deletes.
- TN Murfreesboro WAPB 810 fined \$11000 for failing to reduce its nighttime power.
- TN Pikeville WUAT 1110 has its license renewed. A report, Nov. p. 6, col. 2, had it deleted, but the station is working on a "paperwork problem" with the FCC.
- UT South Salt Lake KKDS 1060, 10 kw days, 1 kw nights: "We're doing OK, with adult standards, talk, country and '50s oldies. Getting a tremendous response from our listeners."
- PQ Montreal 690 and 940—the CRTC was entertaining applications: CBF has left 690, while CBM is still on 940. Applications are in from CKVL Verdun 850 for 690, with Métromédia's CICQ 600 wanting 940. CKVL would be French: CICQ English. Radio Nord wants 940 for a country service, and 690 for a French station. Société Radio-Canada wants 690 for a third French language station to be called Info-Radio; if 690 is granted another applicant it would ask for 940.
- "Saw your web page address listed in Jan. FMedia! so thought I'd check it out. Not bad," R.O'C., Kodiak AK via e-mail.

#### FMakings—Selected FCC and Industry Canada applications

- AL Fort Payne \*91.1 (WCCV 91.7 Cartersville GA) AL Madison \*88.9 (WAYM 88.7 Columbia TN translator) AL Oxford WVOK 97.9 530 h,v; 338 m [BD/Regents AZ Grand Canyon Village \*90.3 3000 h,v; 534 m, AZ/ AZ Page KNAD \*91.7 1000 h,v; 498 m AR Bentonville \*90.7 (KAWZ 89.9 Twin Falls ID) AR Jonesboro \*91.3 (KAWZ) (the Challenged AR Marked Tree \*90.1 10000 h.v; 44 m, Bostg, for/
- AR Paragould \*88.1 (KAWZ)
- AR Paris \*89.3 (KAWZ) AR Pine Bluff \*88.7 (KAWZ)
- KANX \*91.1 40000 h,v
- CA Agoura Hills \*88.9 (KTLW 88.9 Lancaster)

\*90.1 1700 h,v; 94 m, New Orleans Y2K, Inc.

- CA Bishop \*90.3 (KSKD 93.3 Chowchilla)
- CA Coachella \*90.9 (KMRO 90.3 Camarillo)
- CA El Centro \*88.1 (KAWZ)
- CA Fort Bragg 93.5 (KLLK-FM Willits booster)
- CA Greenville \*89.3 110 h,v; 842 m, Immaculate Heart R.

- CA Redding 106.7 (KRQR Orland booster)
- CA Ridgecrest \*89.1 (KSKD)
- CA San Francisco KDFC 102.1 21000 h.v; 413 m, d-a
- CA San Juan Bautista \*88.5 (KAWZ)
- CA Santa Paula/Camarillo \*89.9 (KTLW)
- CA Simi Valley \*88.9 (KAWZ)
- CA Templeton \*91.1 (KLVM 89.7 Prunedale)
- CA Yreka \*88.7 (KAWZ)
- CO Almont \*89.5 (KTLF 90.5 Colorado Springs) CO Atwood \*91.9 (KTLF)
- CO Brush \*91.9 (KTLF)
- CO Craig \*88.3, no facilities announced (NFA), Public Bostg. of Colorado
- CO Leadville \*91.7 (KTLF)
- CO Silver Cliff \*90.9 (KTLF) [Public Radio FL Beverly Beach \*91.1 1300 v, 57 m, Community/
- FL Blountstown WPHK 102.7 (from 102.3) one-step 6000 h.v: 100 m [142 m, d-a
- FL Clewiston WAFC-FM 99.5 (from 106.3) 12500 h,v;/
- FL Cocoa Beach \*89.7 NFA CSN Int'll
- FL Jacksonville WQIK 99.1 107 m
- [Ministries
- FL Lakemont \*89.3 1200 h,v, 71 m, Revival Christian/
- FL Palm Coast \*91.1 2100 v, 53 m, Central Fl Educ. Fou. FL Rockledge WHKR 102.7 132 m, d-a
- HI Honolulu KTUH \*90.3 3000 h,v; -25 m ID Boise KBSU-FM \*90.3 18000 h,v; 818 m
- KBSX \*91.5 513 m
- ID Idaho Falls \*90.9 (KAWZ)
- IL Morris \*90.7 6000 h.v; 98 m. the WBEZ Alliance
- IL Mount Vernon \*88.1 (KAWZ)
- IL Wheaton WETN \*88.1 add vertical
- IN Hope \*89.9 500 v, 100 m, Good Shepherd Radio
- IN Portland WPGW-FM 100.9 4600 h,v
- IN Sullivan WNDI-FM 95.3 6000 h,v; 100 m
- IN Tipton \*88.3 100 v, 97 m, Edf. Opportunities
- IA Burlington KKMI 93.5 93 m
- IA Creston \*88.5 (KAWZ)
- IA Des Moines KDFR \*91,3 13500 h.v. d-a
- IA Ida Grove KIDA 92.9 25000 h,v; 100 m
- IA Lake Mills \*89.1 NFA MN-lowa Christian Bostg.
- IA Marshalltown \*91.5 1500 h.v. 69 m. Am. Family Assn.
- IA Oskaloosa \*89.5 420 h,v; 89 m, U. of No. Iowa
- IA Postville \*89.1 15200 v, 121 m, St. Paul Luth. Church
- IA State Center \*91.9 250000 h,v; 85 m, d-a, Marshalltown Educ. Plus, Inc.
- KS Atchison \*89.9 (KANU 91.5 Lawrence)
- KS Hays \*91.7 NFA Kanza Society, Inc.
- KS Junction City \*91.3 3000 h,v; 129 m, VCY America
- KS Olsburg \*91.3 3000 h,v; 112 m, U. of KS
- KY Corbin \*88.5 25000 v. 152 m. Eastern KY U.
- KY Elizabethtown WKUE \*90.9 6500 h,v
- KY Franklin \*88.1 34000 h,v; 96 m, LifeTalk Bostg. Assn.
- KY Lexington \*90.7 (WPCS)
  - WLKT 104.5 142 m
- KY London \*88.5 (KAWZ)
- KY Manchester WWLT 103.1 1100 h,v; 164 m
- LA Alexandria KEDG 106.9 6000 h,v; 100 m
- LA Provencal \*88.7 (KTLW)
- ME Camden \*90.5 2000 v, 359 m, ME Public Bostg, Corp.
- ME Portland WBLM 102.9 178 m
- MD Baltimore \*90.7 (WJTM 88.1 Frederick)
- MI Benton Harbor \*91.5 (KAWZ)
- MI Clearlake \*88.7 NFA Great Lakes Communications
- MI Elkton \*88.5 15000 h,v; 102 m, CSN Int'l.
- MI Imlay City \*89.1 NFA MI Community Radio
- MI Jackson \*89.3 800 v, 40 m, Gt. Lakes Comm. Bcstg.
- MI Sault Ste. Marie \*102.3C3 Bostg for the Challenged
- MI Snover \*88.9 NFA Edge Communications
- MN Winona KHME 101.1 5000 h,v; 226 m, d-a
- MS Burnsville \*91.9 (new) 167 m
- MS Lake \*91.7, 1200 h,v, 123 m, Greater MS Bosto
- MO Osage Beach KRMS-FM 93.5 2150 h,v; 168 m
- MT Conrad \*91.9 (KEMC 91.7 Billings)
- MT Hamilton \*90.3 500 h,v; 104 m, Faith Com'cations

- MT Helena \*90.3 (KLOV 89.3 Winchester OR)
- NE Alda \*90.7 2400 h,v; 30 m, Aspen Public R., Inc.
- NE Plattsmouth KOTD-FM 106.9 25000 h,v; 100 m, C3
- NV Henderson 97.5 booster of KBJG Mesquite
- NV Jackpot \*91.3 3660 h,v; 751 m, ID State Bd./Educ.
- NV Winnemucca \*88.9 (WJCG \*88.9 Monee IL)
- NH Lebanon \*90.5 NFA Green Mtn. Edil. Bostg.
- NM Red River KRDR \*90.1 10000 v, 29 m, C3
- NY Chateaugay \*88.1 200h,v; 199 m, St. Lawrence U.
- NY Fenner WXXE \*90.5 490 h,v
- NY Garden City WLIR-FM 92.7 2000 h,v; 160 m
- NY Grand Island \*89.3 (WCOU 88.3 Warsaw)
- NY Jewett WRIP 97.9 d-a
- NY Morristown \*91.1 500 h,v; 74 m, St. Lawrence U.
- NY Middletown WRRV 92.7 6000 h.v. 82 m.
- NY Newport Village WBGK 99.7 1400 h,v; 206 m
- NY Old Forge \*88.7 (WXLH 91.3 Blue Mountain Lake)
- NY Phoenix WRDS 102.1 81 m
- NC Henderson \*88.3 (KAWZ)
- NC Raleigh \*91.1 (WLFJ 89.3 Greenville SC)
- ND Devils Lake \*89.9 NFA Southpoint Educ. R.
- ND Dickinson \*88.1 (KAWZ)
- ND Minot \*90.3 (KAWZ)
- OH Athens \*89.9 (WCDR 90.3 Cedarville)
- OH Canton \*91.9 (WPCS 89.5 Pensacola FL)
- OH Findlay \*88.9 (WPCS)
- OH Golf Manor \*90.3 (KLOV)
- OH Rainier \*91.1 1250 v, 500 m, d-a, Educ. Media Fou.
- OK Arapahoe \*88.1 (KEFX 88.9 Twin Falls ID)
- OK Chickasha \*89.7 (KAWZ)
- OK Clinton \*91.3 (KAWZ)
- OK Elk City \*89.7 (KAWZ)
- OK Ninnekah \*91.3 (KAWZ) OK Woodward \*88.1 (KAWZ)
- OR Baker City \*90.7 250 h,v; 199 m, Am. Family Assn.
- OR Brookings \*90.3 (KAWZ)
- OR Depoe Bay \*89.3 NFA Laramie Union Bostg.
- OR Glide \*88.9 (KAWZ)
- OR Island City \*90.5 (KEFX)
- OR Junction City \*88.5 500 v, 718 m, d-a, CSN Int'l.
- OR Prineville \*90.9 (KEFX)
- PA Ephrata WIOV-FM 105.1 214 m
- PA Hazleton 101.3 booster for WGGY Scranton PA Williamsport \*89.7 NFA NE PA Educ. TV Assn.
- SC Frogmore \*91.9 (KAWZ)
- SC Lowrys \*91.7 (WRBK 90.3 Richburg)
- SC Rock Hill \*88.1 (WRBK) SC Spartanburg WSPA-FM 98.9 580 m
- SC Sumter \*88.9 (WPCS)
- SD Aberdeen \*88.9 (KAWZ)
- SD Freeman \*90.5 NFA VCY America, Inc.
- SD Spearfish \*90.9 100 h,v; 148 m, Optimum Impact, Inc TN Alcoa WYLU \*89.1 4500 h,v; 303 m
- TN Dyersburg \*88.9 (WAYM)
- TN Graysville WAYB 95.7 62 m
- TN Kingston Springs WYYB 93.7 1150 h.v; 230 m.
- TN Spencer \*90.1 30 watts h,v; 180 m, Optimum Impact
- TX Conroe (move from Huntsville) KAXF \*88.3
- TX Devine KSJL-FM 92.5 35000 h.v. 177 m
- TX Elgin KKLB 92.7C3 (from 92.5A) 25000 h,v; 100 m
- TX Gainesville \*89.1 (KPFC 91.9 Callisburg) TX Jasper K220DJ \*88.9 (from 91.9)
- TX Kemah \*91.3 (KPFT 90.1 Houston)
- TX McCook KCAS \*91.5 2500 h,v; 109 m
- TX Pearsall KVWG-FM 95.3 2000 h.v; 47 m
- TX Spearman \*89.5 100000 h,v; 284 m, Kanza Society TX Sterling City KCSE 96.5 40000 h,v; 166 m
- TX Victoria KVIC 95.1 13500 h,v; 140 m, C3
- TX Zapata KBAW 93.5 25000 h,v-one-step C3
- VA Big Stone Gap \*90.1 (WCVC-FM 90.5 Wise) VA Hansonville \*91.1 (WMMT 88.7 Whitesburg KY)
- VA Lebanon \*90.1 (WCVC-FM)
- VA Pound \*91.3 (WCVC-FM)
- WA Aberdeen \*91.5 (WPCS)

WA Delphi "91.9 (KEFX) WA Lacey \*90.1 NFA Family Stations, Inc. WA Olympia \*90.1 100 h,v; -59 m, d-a, Broadcasting for [Media Corp. the Challenged WA West Clarkston \*89.7 NFA Upper Columbia/ WA Yakima KYPL \*91.1 228 m WI Forestville \*91.3 5000 h,v; 163 m, Nassawadox FM WI Janesville \*91.9 1600 h.v. 103 m. d-a, VCY America WI Marinette \*91.3 5000 h,v; 174 m, M. Bostg. Fou. WI Peshtigo \*91.3 5400 h,v; 170 m, Friends of R. Maria WI Sherwood \*88.7 (KAWZ) [for the Challenged WI Sturgeon Bay \*91.3 20000 h,v; 57 m, Bcstg. for/ WY Cheyenne KLEN 106.3 8700 h,v; 168 m, C3 WY Douglas \*91.7 450 h,v; -16 m, U. of Wyoming WY Jackson \*89.1 2350 h,v; 327 m, Bostg, for the Challenged WY Sundance \*91.5 430 h,v; 485 m, U. of Wyoming AB Hinton 99.3 CFMI 101.1 New Westminster BC relayer 94.5 CISN 103.9 Edmonton relayer BC Granisle 99.1 (CHFI 98.1 Toronto), 101.9 (CJFW 103.1 Terrace), 100.5 (CISN 103.9 Edmonton) MB Churchill 102.1 (WJCG 88.9 Monee IL). "If granted, this would be the first Canadian rebroadcaster of a U.S. station. Applied for by Cyril Paul Fredlund. MB Cranberry Portage 96.9 CINC-MB Winnipeg CJAE 92.9 13 watts h,v PQ Rouyn-Noranda CKRN 95.7 (from 98.3) 26100 h,v

#### FM Rulemakings Proposed First date is for filing comments at the FCC; second date is for replies. Stations affected, if any, are listed

SK Swift Current \*95.7 CBC Radio 2 relayer

NU Kugluktuk \*101.9, CBC, CFFB relayer

NU Cambridge Bay \*101.9, CBC, CFFB relayer

CA Tecopo 106.1A, Apr. 5, 20 CO Carbondale 96.7A, Apr. 5, 20 CO El Jebel 100.5A, Apr. 5, 20 (O New Castle 94.5A, Mar. 29, Apr. 13 CO Olathe 101.9C2, Mar. 29, Apr. 13 CO Palisade 106.9C3, Mar. 29, Apr. 13 CO Rye 104.9A, Mar. 29, Apr. 13 CO Walden 94.1C2, Mar. 29, Apr. 13 FL Perry 107.7C3, Mar. 22, Apr. 6 ID Aberdeen (site to be 13.5 km NE) 99.5C2, Mar. 29, Apr. 13 IL Genoa (move from Oregon) 106.3A (from 106.1A), WOXM, Apr. 5, 20 IL Oregon (move from Mount Morris) 95.7A, WSFY, Apr. 5, 20 IA Pacific Junction 107.7A, Apr. 5, 20 KS Burdett 93.5A, Mar. 29, Apr. 13 KS Council Grove 104.1C3, Apr. 5, 20 KY Annville 96.7A, Apr. 5, 20 LA Pitkin 104.9A, Mar. 29, Apr. 13 MT Belt 101.7A, Mar. 22, Apr. 6 MT Columbia Falls 103.1C3, Mar. 22, Apr. 6 MT Dutton (move from Shelby) 97.9C, KLHK, Apr. 5, 20 MT Fairfield 103.7C2, Apr. 5, 20 MT Florence 103.5A, Mar. 22, Apr. 6 MT Fort Benton 95.7C2, Apr. 5, 20 MT Joliet 99.7C3, Mar. 22, Apr. 6 MT Laclawood 106.7A, Mar. 22, Apr. 6 MT Neihart 97.1C2, Mar. 22, Apr. 6 MT Polson 99.7C3, Apr. 5, 20 NH Lancaster 93.7A, Mar. 15, 30 NH Mount Washington 97.3A, Mar. 15, 30 NY Delhi 97.5A, Mar. 15, 30 NY Walton 107.1A, Mar. 15, 30 ND Cannon Ball 107.5C, Mar. 15, 30 ND Velva 94.9C1, Mar. 15, 30 OK Eldorado 96.9A for 97.1A, Mar. 15, 30 OK Mangum 104.3A for 97.7A, KHIM show cause/why not? OK Tipton 97.7C2, Mar. 15, 30 PA Clarendon 102.7A, Apr. 5, 20

PA Liberty 107.5A, Apr. 5, 20

PA Strattanville 101.3A, Apr. 5, Ap. 20 TX Eden 104.5A, Mar. 22, Apr. 6 TX Polocios 98.3A, Mar. 22, Apr. 6 TX Reno 98.9A, Apr. 5, 20 VT St. Johnsbury 100.3A, Mar. 15, 30 WV Ridgeley 100.5A, Apr. 5, 20 WI Ashland \*102.9A, Mar. 22, Apr. 6 [Apr., 13 Wi Denmark (move from Kaukauna) 104.9C3 for A, WPCK, Mar. 29/ Wi Washburn \*104.7A, Mar. 22, Apr. 6 WY Big Piney 99.7C1, Apr. 5, 20 WY Thayne 106.7C1, Apr. 5, 20 WY Upton 105.9C1, Apr. 5, 20

# FM Rulemakings Finalized

No filing windows because of freeze

GA Augusta 101.7C3 for 102.3A-dismissed WEKL bid GA Gibson-dismissed 94.3A bid GA Thomson 94.3A for 101.7A—dismissed WTHO-FM bid KY Smith Mills 94.5A MA Brewster 94.3A MA Spencer (move from Webster) 98.9A, WORC-FM MT Colstrip 99.5A from 93.7A

OK Leonard-dismissed 102.5A counterproposal OR Weston (move from Dayton WA) 101.9C2 (for 102.3A), KZZM TX Pottsboro - dismissed 102.5 C3 bid

TX Whitesboro (move from Modill OK) 102.5C2 (from 102.3A), KMAD-FM TX Wink (move from Pecos)—dismissed KKLY 97.3C1 bid

WA Monson 94.7C3 WV New Martinsville 99.5A WV St. Marys 105.3A WY Sheridan 93.7C from 96.5C3, KYTI

## FCC Low Power Radio Concept Generates Much Interest

FCC Docket 80-90 of a few years ago created hundreds of new FM stations. Now an FCC proposal to legalize microradio could create thousands of stations-1000 watts. 100 watts, maybe even 10 and 1 watts. Estimates vary as to when the first of the new stations-if they are allowed at all-might come on the air. I've seen everything from "as soon as this summer" to two years from now.

Commercial broadcasters generally oppose the proposal, with Billy Tauzin (R-LA) urging FCChairman Bill Kennard to visit his subcommittee and explain his "ill-advised" crusade. Kennard sees microradio as a response to all the consolidation that resulted from the Telecommunications Act. A Billboard article quoted Andre Marcel of WDKX 103.9 Rochester NY who wonders if the little stations will make enough money to stay on the air, if they are commercially operated. "Microradio could break the backs of us little guys by fragmenting our market. I think every station in town is my competition.'

I have heard talk that the proposal for microradio is in itself such that sales prices of existing FM stations might go down. There's terror among stations looking for buyers who may want to sit on the sidelines and see what microbroadcasting might do before committing to a purchase.

The FCC voted 4-1 to issue the Notice of Proposed Rulemaking for microradio, with only Commissioner Harold Furchtgott-Roth opposing. Views of the commissioners can be seen on the FCC website at www.fcc.gov. Kennard said the proposal "could create a whole new class of voices using the airwaves. . . opportunities for churches and community groups." The proposal would not bar pirates whose stations had been shut down, but would probably militate against those who refused to follow FCC orders to shut down.

The radio industry cites interference as its main objection to the new service, but Kennard said there are adequate safeguards. A 1000 watt station would serve a radius of about 15 km. A 100-watt station at 30 meters could get out about 6 km. The technical proposal for the new classes of stations is ultra-conservative. It gives LP1000 channel spacings as 101 km to a Class A co-channel, while LP 100 stations would have to be 92 km from a co-channel A. The FCC continues to keep 2nd and 3rd adjacent channel spacings. A further proposal is for the FCC to do away with the 3rd adjacent channel spacing for low power stations, and possibly the second adjacent channel spacings. If those spacings were given up, hundreds more new stations could be created, many in major metro areas. For example, Houston might get 5, Nashville 37, Columbus OH 36 and San Antonio as many as 40.

The Commission has proposed not permitting existing stations to own have sales or marketing agreements with an LPFM station, and forbidding anyone from owning more than one LPFM in the same city. It asked for comment on whether a limit of five or 10 stations nationally should be enacted. The comment deadline is Apr. 12; replies by May

# Small Print Happonings and FM Industry News

See those features next month-when there is expected to be a coordinated deadline with FM Atlas-18, It's a book that will contain many new maps, more pages, and one that has been long-awaited by many readers.

Until April,



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NJ'S WBJB \*90.5 TESTING LUCIENT DIGITAL RADIO'S IN-BAND, ON-CHANNEL DIGITAL AUDIO BROAD-CASTING SYSTEM. READ MORE ON P. 5, COL. 3.

MUTUAL NEWB--A STANDBY BINCE RADIO'S "GOLDEN AGE"--DISCONTINUED IN FAVOR OF CNN. SEE P. 8.
THE "NUMBER ONE CHRISTIAN CONTEMPORARY" FM STATION BOLD FOR \$63 MILLION. SEE P. 8, COL. 3.
RELIGIOUS, NON-RELIGIOUS BROADCASTERS SKIRMISH OVER FREQUENCY TURF IN THE 88 TO 92 MZ PART
OF THE FM DIAL. SEE THE LEAD STORY THIS MONTH ON P. 8, COLUMNS 2 AND 3. [6, COL. 1

ONGTIME UNLICENSED "PRAYZE FM" IN BLOOMFIELD CT FINALLY SHUTS DOWN. READ THE STORY ON P./

# **New FM Station, Translator Grunts**

Translators have less than 100 watts unless shown otherwise

AK Fairbanks K203CT \*88.5 (KLOV 89.3 Winchester OR translator), h,v [ID), h,v

AZ Payson K220GZ \*91.9 (KAWZ 89.9 Twin Falls/ AR Blytheville KBCM \*88.1 220 h,v; 58 m, American Family Assn. in a settlement agreement seeing the withdrawal of the New Life Evangelistic Center application. See \*Deletions,\* p. 6, col. 3. Seeks 91.5.

CA Birney K203CU \*88.5 (KAWZ), 250 watts v[ertical]

CA Pine Grove K213CV \*90.5 (KAWZ), v
CA Rohnert Park-Petaluma KJZY-1 93.7 1200 h,v, d-a,
booster of Sebastapol station. [cola FL), v

CO Grand Junction K219DH \*91.5 (WPCS 89.5 Pensa-/ CO Hotyoke K217DC \*91.3 (KJLT-FM 94.9 North Platte NE), 170 watts h, v (horizontal and vertical)

NE), 1/0 watts h, v (horizontal and vertical)
CO Silverton 103.7 5000 h,v; 445 m, ID Bostg. Consortium [\*91.3 (KEFX 88.9 Twin Falls ID), h,v

FL Cambon (NW side of Jacksonville) W217AZ/ FL Gifford W214BD \*90.7 (WJFP 91.1 Fort Pierce), h,v

FL Golden Lakes (13 km WNW West Palm Beach) W203AY 88.5 (KAWZ), h,v

GA Americus WBJY \*89.3 11000 v, 146 m, American Family Assn Dismissed World Enterprises, Inc. 89.3 application for Douglas GA in a settlement agreement See also "Deletions," p. 6, col. 3.

GA Folkston \*89.3 16000 h,v; 94 m, d-a, Lighthouse Christian Bostg. Assn. in a settlement agreement.

GA Gainesville W216BK \*91.1 (WPCS), v

GA Helen \*89.9 10 watts h,v; 171 m, Toccoa Falls
College. Even though only 10 watts, FCConsiders it a
Class A. [Ministries, Inc.

GA Jesup \*90.5 6000 h,v; 31 m, Gospel Radio/ HI Kihei K201CM \*89.9 (KEFX)

K220HA \*91.9 (KAWZ), each v[ertical] polarization ID Driggs K207CV \*89.3 (KUWR 91.9 Laramie), 250 h,v

ID Driggs K20/CV \*89.3 (KOWR 91.9 Laramie), 250 h,v IL East St. Louis WCBW-FM (AM is in Highland IL) \*89.7 250 h,v; 57 m, d-a. New Life Evangelistic Center. Dismissed American Family Association's application in a settlement agreement. [Manchester), h,v IN Fort Wavne W204BF \*88.7 (WBKE 89.5 North/

KS Enterprise \*90.5 250 h,v; 52 m, Solid Rock Bestg.

LA Monroe "88.7 25000 h,v; 54 m, Media Ministries, Inc. —dismissed American Family Association's application in a settlement agreement.

MD Salisbury W204AY "88.7 (WPCS), v. On air. MI Caro W203AX "88.5 (KAWZ 89.9), h,v

MN Lakeville KJ2XBV 95.9 Midland Associates, Inc. No parameters announced—to test emergency vehicle

safety systems - the signal to override car radios in the immediate area to warn of emergency vehicles or trains on 95.9 mz and 920 AM, in coordination with KQCL 95.9-KDHL 920 AM Faribault MN.

MS Oxford WAVI "91.5 2000 h,v; 172 m, American Family Association, with Southern Cultural Foundation dismissing its application in a settlement agreement See also "Deletions," p. 6, col. 3.

MS Raymond (SW Jackson) W220CL \*91.9 (KAWZ), v MS Tupelo \*91.7 350 h,v, 23 m, American Family Assn. in a settlement agreement with Southern Cultural Foundation which wanted 91.5 in Pontotoc MS. It's AFA's third FM in its home town of Tupelo, with them owning also WAFR \*88.3 and WAJS \*90.9.

MO Hannibal \*91.7 9700 h,v; 158 m, Believers Bostg. Corp., with American Family Association's application dismissed in a settlement agreement, along with Quincy University Corp's app. for 91.1 in Quincy IL.

MO High Point (between Eldona and California, but actual transmitter will be east of California MO, to serve Jefferson City) KBMF \*89.9 7000 v, 115 m, American Family Association.

MT Butte K205DI \*88.9 (WPCS), v K220GY \*91.9 (KLOV), h,v

MS Kalispell K208DI \*89 5 (KLOV),h,v

NE Hastings K217DD \*91.3 (KLOV), 250 h,v

NE Ralston \*88.1 420 h,v; 420 m, Educational Media Foundation in a settlement agreement that saw the withdrawal of an American Family Association application for 88.1 in Council Bluffs IA.

NV Round Mountain K219DS \*91.7 (KAWZ), 230 v NM Clovis K219DR (KCZO 92.1 Carriso Springs TX), v

NM Espanola \*89.5 3500 h,v; 99 m, Christian Educational Association of Mayaguez PR; to be S, g

NM Portales K214DH \*90.7 (KLOV), h,v

NY Albion W209BF \*89.7 (WCOU 88.3 Warsaw), h,v NY Lansing (just north of Ithaca) W201CD \*88.1 (WXXC

88.7 Truxton), h,v [250 h,v NY Pawling W206AW \*89.1 (WFGB 89.7 Kingston),/ NC Boone W215AZ \*90.9 (WLFJ 89.3 Greenville SC),

h,v [\*91.1 (WOTJ 90.7 Morehead City), h,v NC Henderson W216BH/ [Salem), h,v

NC Lexington W206AV \*89.1 (WBFJ-FM 89.3 Winston-/ OK Guymon K201EV \*88.1 (KHYM 103.9 Copeland KS), 210 watts h. v.

OR Klamath Falls K210BY \*89.9 (WPCS), v

PA Carbondale W220CO \*91.9 (KLRO 88.1 Nile WA), h,v PA Ephrata WRTL \*90.7 650 v, 261 m, d-a, Temple University of Philadelphia—reinstated

PA Erie W213AT \*90.5 (WPCS 89.5 Pensacola FL),), v

W285AI 104.9 (WCLV 95.5 Cleveland OH), h, reinstated

PA Hazleton W202BD \*88.3 (WPCS), v [ville), h,v SC Charleston W220CN \*91.9 (WLFJ 89.3 Green-/

SC Wando (E. of Hanshan, toward the Ocean) W216BJ

\*91.1 (WLFJ), h,v [200 h,v, reinstated TN Loretto W226AF 93.1 (WLLX 97.5 Lawrenceburg)./

TX McAllen K248AM "97 5 (KRUC 88.9 Las Cruces NM), 200 h [Assn. See also "Deletions," p. 6, col. 3.

200 h [Assn. See also "Deletions," p. 6, col. 3 TX Odessa "89.5 2000 h,v; 59 m, American Family/

TX O'Donnell K213CU \*90.5 (KLOV), 250 h,v

TX San Angelo K218CW \*91.5 (WPCS), v
TX Victoria KAYK \*88.5 1000 h,v; 48 m, American Family

Assn. See also "Deletions," p. 6, col. 2. Seeks 42 m. VT Burlington W213AZ "90.5 (KLOV), h,v

WV Charleston W220BY \*91.9 (WPCS), v. On air.

BC Granisle 99.9 1 v, 21 m, a monophonic relayer of CHF1 98.1 Toronto. [relayer

100.5 1 v, 21 m, mono, a CISN 103.9 Edmonton AB/ 101.9 1 v, 21 m, mono, a CJFW 103.1 Terrace relayer. Granisle is at 54-53-04; 126-12-49.

BC Moricetown VF2169 95.1 8 v, 14 m, mono, Northern Native Broadcasting. [8 v, 14 m, N. Native Bcstg.

BC Toosey Reserve (51-55-37; 122-31-00) VF2172 96.1/ MB Cranberry Portage 96.9 5 v, 22 m, CINC 96.3 Thompson relayer.

ON Barrie 100.3, g, commercial, nonprofit, mostly music, 1800 h.v. Scott Jackson on behalf of a company to be incorporated; 90% of programming to be locally produced. [from 1220 AM.

ON Cornwall CJSS 101.9 3000 h, 89 m, \$, moving/
ON South Baymouth (45-33-30; 82-00-30) CHEI \*89.9 1
v, 4 m. This and simulcast Tolbermory (below) to be
on April-November with info on the ferry that runs
between the two towns. No ads.

ON Tobermory CHEE \*89.9 1 v, 4 m. [m, Native station PQ Eastmain (52-14-28; 78-30-13) CKEX 89.9 50 v, 30/ PQ Ste-Anne-de-Beaupre CBV- \*96.7 120 h,v, to relay

CBV 106.3 Quebec with classical.

SK Big River [Indian] Reserve CJLR- 91.7 38 v, a

relayer of La Ronge 89.9. [(AM) Iqaluit NU Cambridge Bay \*101.9 110 h,v; 0 m, to relay CFFB/ NU Coppermine/Kugluktuk \*101.9 110 h,v; 1 m, CFFB-

Temporary stations—not to be in the FM Atlas BC Prince George VF6010 106.5 1 v, 2 m, mono, May 29 for March for Jesus

MB Winnipeg VF6000 106.3 20 v, 95 m, mono, May 29 for March for Jesus; a different from VF7039 106.3.

Call Letters Assigned

AL Andalusia 98.1 WTKE (from WWSF), "The Ticket"

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AL Eufaula 92.7 WIOL (WULA-FM)

AL Georgiana 107.7 WFXX (WWGA), rm, \$(tereo). Was parallel to WQZX, "Q-94," 94.3 Greenville for a week.

AZ Glendale 103 5 KLNZ (KZPZ), still "La Zeta"

AZ Holbrook \*89.9 KBMH

AR England 96.5 KLEC (KHUG), "Lick 96-5," pr, was parallel to KDRE 101.1 North Little Rock. Also saying 'Radio for the New Millennium."

AR Heber Springs \*89.7 KBMJ

CA Anaheim 95.9 KXMX (KEZY)

CA Carmel 101.7 KBTU (KXDC), sr (has new calls)

CA Ferndale 99.1 KAJK\*-FM\* (KAJK-FM; AM in Fortuna/

CA Orcutt 95.7 KPAT (KGDP-FM)

CA Manteca 96.7 KKME (KFRY)

CA San Luis Obispo \*88.5 KLVB-FM (KPAT), "K-Love." AM is in Medford OR, gr, ownership to Educational Media Foundation.

CA Santa Margarita 106.1 KKAL (KWEZ) CO Grand Junction 100.7 KSNJ (KBFE), \$[tereo], m,



"Sunny 100.7." Facilities to 42000 h,v; 420 m, C1

CO Julesburg 96.5 KEGK

CO Longmont 104.3 KCKK-FM (KCKK)

CO Montrose \*89 1 KVMT (KAZD), rc, \$, parallel to **KVNF Mountain Grown Public Radio** 

very proudly announces our new transmitter

#### **KVMT 89.1 FM Montrose**

serving Montrose, Delta & Cedaredge as well as the Nucla/Norwood area with a much stronger signal. If you've been listening to our lower powered 89.9, re-set your dial to 89.1 right now!

Mountain Grown Public Radio for Western Colorado KVNF 90 9 Paonia/North Fork Valley • KVMT 89 1 Montruse, Delta & Norwood 99.1 Grand Valley • 88 9 Rudgway • 90.1 Ouray • 88.7 Lake City • 98.3 Hotchkiss KVNF 90.9 Paonia. Seeks 8000 h,v; 482 m, C1.

96.1 KSTR"-FM" (KSTR-FM); AM in Grand Junction has new call letters.

CO Ouray 105.7 KWGL (KURA), rm, "The Eagle"

FL Bradenton 103.5 WTBT (WDUV), op

FL Coral Cove 107.9 WSRZ\*-FM\* (WYNF), o

FL Englewood 105.9 WYNF (WLTF), rp

FL High Springs 104.9 WXJZ (not WGJZ), "Smooth Jazz" (was WRKG)

FL Jupiter 106.3 (from 99.5) WJBW\*-FM\* (WJBW-FM; AM has new calls), to 25000 h,v (94 m), d-a (directional antenna)

FL Key Largo 106.3 WZMQ (WXTF), back to old calls

FL Naples 93.5 WTLT (WPRW), mr, "Lite 93.5" [Dove"

FL New Port Richey 105.5 WDUV (WTBT), b, "The/

FL Okeechobee "91.5 W218BB (not W218AD, which is 91.5 in Brevard NC). W218BB moved from 90.3, while WWFR \*91.7 Okeechobee moves to Stuart (see "Facilities," below).

FL Sarasota 106.5 WCTQ (WSRZ), k

FL Venice 92.1 WDDV (WCTQ), b, "The Dove"

GA Albany 101.7 WNUQ (WKAK), sr, "Q-101.7"

GA Gray 96.5 WRNC-FM (WIBD), k. WRNC is 1670 AM Warner Robins GA.

GA Macon 92.3 WMKS (not changing calls to WPPG)

GA Jasper \*88.5 WNEE (WBCS)

GA Savannah 94.1 WSCA (WCHY-FM)

GA Swainsboro 98.1 WELT (WJAT-FM)

HI Kekaha 103.3 KSHK (KAUI)

IN Auburn 102.3 WCKZ (WGL-FM), still "Z-102.3"

IN Brownsburg 101.9 WKLU (WQFE), op

[h,v; 100 m IA Des Moines \*89.3 KJMC (KLNQ) IA Ida Grove 92.9 KKIA (KIDA), facilities to 25000/

KS Emporia \*90.7 KPOR

KY Hartford 106.3 WXMZ (WKHB)

(new calls)

KY Morganfield 95.3 WMSK"-FM" (WMSK-FM; AM has/

LA Abbeville 105.1 KPEL-FM (KROF-FM), monophonic. AM is in Lafayette.

LA Bastrop 97.3 KJMG (KLMB)

LA Baton Rouge 101.5 WYNK"-FM" (WYNK-FM; AM has new calls). Interestingly, the new AM calls are WFMF. LA Ruston 99.3 KNBB (KBDJ)

ME Sanford 92.1 WPHX (WCDQ), pr, to be parallel to (new calls) WFNX 101.7 Lynn MA.

ME Portland 101.9 WPOR"-FM" (WPOR-FM; AM has/

ME York Center 95.3 WUBB (WXHT), k, 'B-95.3." Now \*continuous country, 10,000 songs in a row."

MA Lawrence 93.7 WQSX (WEGQ), so, "Star 93.7." It's format is 'pure dance music; some of the softer 'star' tracks or even oldies wouldn't qualify." The station is seen as taking audience from WJMN "Jammin' 94.5." The five-year-old WEGQ format never took off, hovering around 15th place in the Boston Arbitrends, with an average quarter hour share in the last ratings at only 2.3.

MI Mount Clemens 102.7 WDMK (WKSK and before/ MI Pinconning 100.9 WYLZ (WMJK), "Wheels 104.5 &

MI Saginaw 104.5 WILZ (WMJA), "Wheels 104.5 & 101" MI South Haven 98.3 WCSY\*-FM\* (WCSY-FM; AM has new calls)

MI Whitehall \*95.3 WGVS-FM (WKBZ-FM)

MN Duluth 94.9 KQDS-FM (KQDS). KDDS AM changes calls, after a period of silence, KQDS-AM-FM along with KNLD (TV 21) buying WWAX 92.1 Hermantown-KZIO 104.3 Two Harbors MN for \$2.1 million, with Red River Broadcasting (KVRR-15 Fargo ND and other Fox stations)/Curtis Squire, Inc. (Myron Kunin) of Minneapolis buying out my consultancy interest in WWAX. WWAX now known as 92.1 Kiss FM (from \*New Kiss 92.1"). "It's not new, since it's used that slogan since 1997.

MS Bude 104.3 WMJU

MS Olive Branch 95.7 WOTO (WRXQ), o, "only the/

MO Osceola \*92.3 KCVJ (KBUG); now noncommercial, owned by Lake Area Educational Broadcasting Foun-

MT Hamilton 98.1 KXDR (KBEB), r, hot AC coming in/ NV Lund \*88.7 KWPS

NV Sun Valley 93.7 KATG (KXXL), "Kat Country"

NV West Wendover \*89.7 KITY

NJ Egg Harbor 104.9 WEMG (WRDR), but not yet changing to Spanish-waiting for ownership transfer to be approved by the FCC.

NM Eunice 100.9 KEJL (KYRK), still op, to be "Eagle 100.9, but off the air for a C2 upgrade.

NY Buffalo 104.1 WMNY (WHHT)

NY Hampton Bays 107.1 WWXY (WWVY), "Y-107.1." That group includes WWYY 107.1 Belvidere NJ. It "has a really wacky top-of-the-hour ID. A manic voice rolls off the call letters-WWYY Belvidere, WWZY Long Branch NJ, WWXY Hampton Bays, WYNY Briarcliff Manor NY. Then the jingle singers come in with 'New York Country Y-107 is WYNY New York'.

NY Lockport \*91.7 W214BB (not W214BD); heard in Toronto.

NY New York 105.1 WTJM (WBIX), still "Jammin' 105," and playing uptempo R&B and dance oldies from the late '60s through the early '80s with "blissfully nostalgic lyrics, like I'm A Soldier in the War on Poverty."

ND Dickinson 92.1 KZRX (KRRB), still r, hits from the 1980s and 1990s, "The Point." Sold to owner of KCAD 99.1-AM, with the six KRRB employees let go. Ray David, 74, principal of the seller, plans to stay in radio, \*consulting and brokering from a Dickinson office.\*

OH North Baltimore 107.7 WIMJ (WHMQ)

OH Steubenville \*88.9 WBJV; facilities to 150 h,v; 79 m OH Tiffin 103.7 WCKY-FM (WTTF-FM); AM is in Cincinnati, k, "Buckeye." In a combo with WQTL 106.3 Ottawa-AM.

OK Eufaula 102.5 KTNT (KCES)

OK Guymon \*88.9 K205CR, facilities to 250 h,v

OK Sand Springs 102.3 KRTQ (KTFX), "Real Rock 102.31

OK Snyder \*100.3 KJCM (KBKF)

OK Warner 102.1 KTFX-FM (KRQZ), k. classic; AM is in Sand Springs

OR Klamath Falls 92.5 KLAD-FM (KLAD)

OR Malin 100.3 KHAT

OR Tillamook 94.1 KTIL\*-FM\* (KJUN), m, \$[tereo]. Change occurred \*for increased coverage.\*

104.1 KJUN (KTIL\*-FM\*), rm, monophonic

PA Hazleton 97.9 WXBE (WZMT), "The Bear"

PA Oil City 98.5 WOYL-FM (WRJS)

PA Stroudsburg \*88.7 WBYX

TN Covington 93.5 WKBQ (WKBL-FM), rm, "Q 93.5."

TN Oliver Springs 98.7 WSMJ (WXVO), j, "Smooth Jazz" TX Beaumont 97.5 KAYD"-FM" (KAYD-FM; AM has new

TX Beeville \*91.3 KVFM

TX Cameron 105.1 (from 94.3) KHTZ. Facilities to 10000 h,v; 100 m, one-step C3.

TX Cleveland 97.1 KKTL-FM (KKTL; AM is in Casper WY)

TX Comanche 94.3 KYOX (KOXZ), "The Ox" (k).

TX Denison-Sherman 101.7 KZMP-FM (KNKI); AM is in Fort Worth. Format to S, I, "La Zeta," and to move to

TX Lamesa 104.7 KAXT (KIOL), k, "Wildcat 104.7"

TX Marble Falls \*88.5 KBMD

TX New Boston 95.1 KEWL-FM (KEWL); AM is in Texar-

TX Odessa \*89.5 KBMM

TX Sulphur Springs 95.9 KSCH (KDXE), \*Star Country 96-9 and 96-9.

TX Winters 96.1 KAFR

UT Centerville 105.7 KCPX (KUMT), op

VT St. Johnsbury \*88.5 KBJU

VT Wilmington 100.7 WMTT (WVAY), "The Mountain"

VA Blacksburg 105.3 WBRW (WVMJ), "The Bear" VA Radford 101.7 WBXW (WNRV), "The Box," still o

WA Elma 102.1 KSWW (KAPV)

WA Hoguiam 95.3 still KGHO-FM, except the KGHO AM calls move from Olympia to Hoquiam WA Raymond 97.3 KFMY (KSWW)

WA South Bend 105.7 KJET (KFMY). Facilities to 290 m, d-a (14000 h,v)

WV Princeton 96.1 WSTG (WAEY\*-FM\*), rm, "Star 95" WI Barron 97.7 WKFX (WBFE), but before coming on the air, WAQE-FM Rice Lake must move from 97.7 to 99.1 WAQE-FM is co-owned with WJMC-FM 96.3.

WI Brillion 107.5 WXWX, r, "The Fox," parallel to Osh-

WI Minocqua 95.9 WMQA"-FM" (WMQA-FM; AM has

WI Oshkosh 96.9 WWWX (WUSW), r, "The Fox" WI Wisconsin Dells 106.9 WNNO'FM' (WNNO-FM; AM

[WXYX 100.7 Bayamon. has new calls) PR Lajas 103 7 WXLX (WCFI), "X-100," parallel to/ VI Christiansted (town not mentioned Mar. p. 2, col. 1)

93.5 WYAC (WAVI) VI Frederiksted 98.5 (but seeking 98.3) WREY (WPPD) BC Big White Mountain 103.9 VF2329 (not CILK-1), \$,

215 m (30 watts), horizontal only

MB West Hawk Lake \*103.7 CHWH; is noncommercial ON Hawkesbury 102.1 CHGO-4 (CHPR), 21 m, 780 h

PQ Chicoutimi \*93.7 CBJX (CBJ)

PQ La Sarre 102.1 CHGO-2 (CKLS)

PQ Mirabel-Lachute 104.9 CHGO-3 (CJLA)

PQ Rouyn-Noranda 98.3 CHGO-1 (CKRN) PQ Val d'Or 104.3 CHGO (CKVD); no official Industry Canada announcement, but call change likely because

of other CKGO numeral stations listed here. PU Valsequillo/African Safari Park \*95.5 XHASP

## **Facilities Changes Granted**

AL Grove Hill WFOW 106.1 12000 h,v; 144 m AK Nuigsut K201AG \*88.1 200 h.v AZ Chandler K276EB 103.1 has KESP 101.1 Payson (from KLVA \*105.5 Casa Grande); is commercial. On air: "Another open frequency trashed by another trans-

AR Bryant (move from Malvern) KMVK 93.3 CA Barstow KXXZ 95.9 7900 h,v; 143 m CA Desert Center KZAL 105.5 60 watts h,v; 599 m. Loses C1 status, and for a while FCConsidered it deleted

AR Ashdown KARQ 93.3 (from 92.1) 7400 h,v; 182/

CA Ford City KZPE 102.1 39 m (6000 h,v) CA Fremont KCNL 104.9 5700 h,v; 103 m CA Glendale KSCA 101.9 1750 h,v; 942 m, B CA Lakeport K296ES 107.1 (from K246AB 97.1), 240 h,v. 'They moved because 97.1 has been allocated in the area.

CA Lompoc KAOH 105.1 (from 104.9) 650 h,v; 326 m, one-step Class A channel change CA Rohnert Park KZST-2 100.1 1200 h,v (171 m, d-a) KRPQ 104.9 2250 h,v; 167 m CA San Joaquin KVPC 105.5 25000 h,v; 100 m, one-/ CA Turlock KCSS \*91.9 400 v, 32 m, loses horizontal CO Alamosa KASF \*90.9 17 watts h,v; 37 m CO Otis (move from Wray) KATR 98.3 100000 h,v; 169/ CO Palisade K256AD (not K265AD as in FM Atlas) \*99.1 has KVMT 89.1 Montrose (from KVNF 90.9 Paonia) CT New Canaan WSLX \*91.9 19 h, 53 m

CT Wallingford WWEB \*89.9 15 h, -5 m FL Jacksonville WQIK 99.1 98000 h,v (309 m + beam tilt) FL Punta Rassa WCCL 97.7 5300 h,v; 105 m, d-a, Class [100 m, d-a A downgrade

FL Springfield WYOO 101.1 (from 101.3) 25000 h,v:/ FL Stuart (move from Okeechobee) WWFR \*91.7 2650 h.v: 152 m. d-a

ID Homedale (new) 106.3 98000 h,v; 600 m, + beam tilt, CP to R&S Media. Transmitter NW of Ontario OR. IL Chicago WSSD \*88.1 10 watts h,v; 31 m, adds v

IL Hillsboro WXAJ 99.7 adds d-a (directional antenna) IL Morris WYXX 103.1 6000 h,v; 100 m, d-a

IL Morrison WZZT 102.7 (from 95.1) 6000 h,v; 100 m. Now on 102.7.

1L Pekin WCIC \*91.5 47000 h,v; 154 m, d-a

IL Peru WLRZ 100.9 3000 h,v; 100 m

IL Rockford WHTS 98.9 12500 h,v; 299 m, d-a, with transmitter in C2 land, lowa

IL St. Joseph WGNJ \*89.3 6000 h,v; 107 m B1 IL Spring Valley WAIV 103.3 4900 h,v; 110 m IN Ellettsville WGCT 105.1 1700 h,v; 189 m

IN Lowell WZVN 107.1 153 m (1300 h,v) IN Muncie WWDS \*90.5 30 watts h,v; 52 m, adds v IA Burlington KDMG 103.1 12000 h,v (145 m)

IA Dubuque KXGE 102.3 2000 h,v; 94 m IA Mount Vernon KRNL \*89.7 30 watts h, 51 m

IA Pella KCUI \*89.1 14 watts h, 56 m IA Sioux City KMSC \*88.3 12 watts h,v; 56 m, adds v

IA Waverly KWAR \*89 1 38 watts h, 21 m KS Arkansas City KAXR \*91.3 4000 h,v; 100 m

KY Manchester WWLT 103.1 1100 h,v; 164 m KY Mount Sterling WMST-FM 105.5 25000 h,v; 100 m, d-a, adds vertical polarization.

KY Prestonsburg WXKZ-FM 105.3 (from 105.5) 4700 h,v; 113 m, one-step, adds vertical. [Is \$[tereo] KY Whitesville (move from Hawesville) WXCM 97.1.1

LA Basile KQIS 102.1 100000 h.v. 299 m LA Lacombe KYLA 94.7 144 m, d-a (3000 h,v) ME Portland WBLM 102.9 178 m (100000 h,v)

MD Williamsport WYII 95.9 3300 h,v; 91 m

MA Mashpee WWKJ 101.1 6000 h,v; 83 m MA North Adams WMNB 100.1 1300 h,v (153 m)

MA Walpole WSRB \*91.5 13 watts h,v; 27 m, adds v

MI Birmingham WCSX 94.7 290 m (13500 h,v) MI Detroit WWWW 106.7 163 m (61000 h,v) MI Farmington Hills WORB \*90.3 12 watts h,v; 42 m,

[SD (not WVCX 98.9 Tomah WI) MI Ironwood W201BP \*89.1 has KVCX 101.5 Gregory/ MI Oak Park WOPR \*90.3 16 watts h, 29 m

MI Ontonagon WOAS \*88.5 9 watts h,v; 18 m, adds v MI Orchard Lake WBLD \*89.3 15 watts h, 49 m MI Wyoming WYCE \*88.1 7000 v (51 m, d-a)

MN Babbitt KAOD 106.7 33000 h,v; 131 m, but operating at low power. For a while it was relaying KQDS-FM 94.9 Duluth, but now it is r, stereo. New WXXZ 95.3 Grand Marais expected to sign on soon, and may relay Iserve Meridian

MS Decatur (move from Kosciusko) WZKR 103.3; to/ MS Vicksburg WBBV 101.3 (from 101.1) 13000 h,v; 120 m. one-step C3

MN Minneapolis KTIS-FM \*98.5 315 m (100000 h,v) MN St. Paul WMCN \*91.7 8 watts h,v; -11 m, adds v MO Canton KRRY 100.9 28000 h,v; 200 m

MO Clayton KWUR \*90.3 9 watts h,v; 29 m, adds vertical MO Malden KMAL 92.9 50000 h,v; 145 m, C2 [beam tilt MO Mexico KWWR 95.7 91000 h,v; 360 m, one-step C +/ MT Great Falls K208DJ \*89.5 with KLOV 89.3

Winchester OR (from K220GD 91.9 with KLVC 88.3 Magalia CA)

MT Helena KUHM \*91.7 950 h.v: 232 m

NE Falls City KLZA 101.3 25000 h,v; 100 m, one-step C3 NE McCook KICX 96.1 100000 h,v; 300 m, 1-step C NV Mesquite KBJG 97.5 600 m (100000 h,v), one-step C

NV Sun Valley KHXR 94.5 12000 h,v; 140 m, C3 NY Corning WCEB \*91.9 15 h, 123 m

NY Elmira WECW \*107.7 (from 95.5)

NY Garden City WLIR-FM 92.7 2000 h,v (159 m, d-a)

NY Middletown WRRV 92.7 6000 h,v; 82 m NY Newport Village (moving from Old Forge) WBGK 99.7

1400 h.v; 206 m, transmitter east of Utica, northwest of

NY New York WFUV \*90.7 66 m, d-a (50000 h,v). FCC dismisses extension of time to move to new, controversial and partially built tower near the Gardens. NY Warsaw WCOU \*88.3 4000 h,v; 163 m, d-a

NY Waverly WAVR 102.1 4100 h,v (122 m) NC Calabash WYNA 104.9 23500 h,v; 103 m, d-a

NC High Point WWIH \*90.3 10 watts h,v; 41 m, adds v NC Long Beach (move from Shallotte) WAZO 98.3 NC Manteo WBGI \*90.9 50000 h,v; 90 m

ND Minot K216EE \*91.1 (from K219DL 91.7) OH Chillicothe WKKJ 93.3 43000 h,v; 162 m, d-a

OH Springfield WUSO \*89.1 26 m (10 watts h)

OH Youngstown WYTN \*91.7 1800 h,v; 187 m, d-a OK Frederick KYBE 95.9 6000 h,v; 76 m, reinstated

OR Klamath Falls K220BJ \*91.9 (from K213AI 90.5) OR Redmond KLRR 101.7 (from 107.5), now on 101.7

PA Beaver Falls WGEV \*88.3 15 watts h, 81 m PA Chester WDNR \*89.5 8 watts h,v; 26 m, adds v

PA Ephrata WIOV-FM 105.1 25000 h,v; 214 m PA Lincoln University WLIU \*88.7 3 watts h, 43 m

PA Pittston WSHG 102.3 5800 h,v (22 m) PA Red Lion WSOX 96.1 13500 h,v; 290 m, d-a

RI Woonsocket WWKX 106.3 2450 h,v, d-a (158 m) SC Ridgeville WPAL-FM 100.9 no d-a; changes city of license from Walterboro.

TN Selmer WXOQ 105.5 6000 h,v (91 m) TX Alamo KJAV \*104.9 6000 h,v; 100 m, d-a, mono, now

noncommercial, owned by Paulino Bernal Evangelism TX College Station KTSR 95.1 150 m (50000 h,v) TX Freer KBRA 95.9 2100 h,v; 121 m

TX Mineola KMOO"-FM" 99.9 (from 96.7) 6000 h,v; 90 m,

TX Weslaco K206BP \*89.1 has KRUC 88.9 Las Cruces NM (from KEPI 88.7 Eagle Pass TX) Ih.v: 88 m VT Addison (move from Hague NY) WWFY 93.7 6000/ VT Brandon WEXP 101.5 (from 101.9) 350 h,v; 53 m, d-a VA Wise WCVC-FM \*90.5 70 watts h,v; 204 m WA Naches 99.3 930 h,v; 253 m, CP to Apple Maggot Broadcasting Co.

WA Packwood K249CQ 97.7 has KPDQ-FM 93.7 Portland OR (back to, from KWPZ 106.5 Lyndon WA) WA Seattle KZOK 102.5 63000 h,v (715 m) no d-a, + beam tilt

WA Shelton KRXY 94.5 710 h,v; 291 m, stiff Class A WY Diamondville KBCK 105.3 16000 h,v; 270 m WY Torrington KERM 98.3 15500 h,v; 127 m, C3 WY Sheridan KZWY 94.9 75000 h,v; 368 m

PR San German WIOB-1 97.5 920 h, d-a PR San Juan WZNT 93.7 32000 h,v; 542 m | [beam tilt VI Charlotte Amatie WVPI 104.3 19500 h,v; 471 m +/

BC Lillooet VF2098 \*98.7 20 v, -84 m, d-a VF2194 104.5 10 v, -84 m, d-a. Town location for those two changed to Riley Creek-Lillooet, but the FM Atlas will list them as Lillooet as that is the town shown on

(not +400 m [other] maps. BC [Greata]-Peachland CKPL \*99.1 -400 m (50 h),/ MB St. Theresa Point 93.5 is 36 m, d-a, 19 v only ON Burlington CfNG 107.9 50000 h,v; 152 m

ON Fort Erie CKEY 101.1 8700 h,v; 79 m, d-a ON Paris \*90.7 220 m, d-a (4000) h only, Class B ON Penetanguishene CFRH 88.1 (from 101.9) 4500 h,v;

see also "Deletions," p. 6, col. 3 ON Simcoe CHCD 106.7 3400 h (150 m, d-a)

PQ St-Hyacinthe CFEI 106.5 46 m (3000 h,v) YT Watson Lake VF2027 90.5 no d-a

# Stereo—Or to be Stereo

AL Eutaw WQZZ 104.3, ID with Tuscaloosa, still "Q-104"

AL Lisman WPRN-FM 107.7

AL Orange Beach WCSN 105.7, "Sunny 105.7," ID with Gulf Shores-Foley-Perdido Key (FL)

AL Valley WEBT \*91.5: "It's just a little station, covering only the town."

WRLD 95.3, ID with Lanett-West Point GA AK Seward KPFN 105.9, op, Jones classic rock AR El Dorado KAUG \*91.9, on air, AFA-owned AR Marvell KVRN \*90.7, ID with West Helena FL Fort Myers Villas WJST 106.3, supposedly same ownership as WAAD 102.9 Tice, but person I spoke to at WJST had no knowledge of

WAAD, and said it must not be on the air. FL La Crosse WRKG 99.5, op, "Rock 99.5" FL New Port Richey WBDN-FM 96.1

IL Mount Sterling WLRT 106.7, o, golden oldies, ID with Quincy.

IA Sageville KIYX 106.1, rm, via satellite, "Kix 106." ID with Dubuque, on air 24 hours, studios with WPVL-FM 107.1 Platteville WI.

LA Lake Arthur KRAW 107.5, k ["Kool 105.5" MI Gladstone WGKL 105.5, o, ID with Escanaba/ MS Meridian WMMZ 102.1, r

MO Stockton KRLK 107.7, ID with Greenfield-Kimberling City, Latter may be wishful thinking, as the station is "very difficult to get" in Spring-

NV Laughlin KLUK 107.9

NH Farmington WZEN 106.5, facilities to 1450 h,v; 145 m. It will be "up in a few weeks. . . Having several LMA discussions right now."

NJ Woodbine WJPH \*89.9, g, "Praise 89-9." Call them at (609) 861-3700.

NY Jewett WRIP 97.9 to be stereo, and the FCC is considering a rulemaking to change its city of license to Windham NY. Facilities (still at Jewett)

change to 580 h,v; 322 m, d-a, Class A. The transmitter would be on the "top of Ski Windham. ... I have several editions of the Atlas going back to 1971; it's great! Subscribed to your newsletter from time to time, too. And still use my tunable SCS Superadio gotten from you a few years ago," D.J., Wilton CT by e-mail. NY Westport WCLX 102.5, facilities to 650 h,v;/ OR Bonanza KAQX 102.9, rm, "Kiss 102," ID with Klamath Falls, LMA with KLAD-FM 92.5-KAGO-FM 99.5

OR Milton-Freewater KLRF \*88.5, g OR Reedsport KAUB \*89.1, on air, AFA owned PA Masontown WYFU \*88.5 g, now on air, with Bible Broadcasting Network programming. SC Clemson WCCP 104.9, although sports/talk, it uses stereo "for music beds."

SC Lexington WLXC 98.5, sr, back on after having been off the air while a new format was decided on. Before going off the air it was "The Breeze," with "beach, boogie, and blues." New owners, Bloomington Broadcasting Corp., also own WTCB 106.7 Orangeburg-WOMG 103.1 Columbia plus an AM. It IDs with Columbia- Sumter.

SC South Congaree WFMV 95.3, ID with Columbia-Sumter. It is the only independent FM station in Sumter, with the other big players being Capstar and Clear Channel Communications. with Columbia-Sumter

SC Summerton WLJI 98.3, uses calls, IDs/ SC Lexington WLXC 98.5, sr, back on after having been off the air while a new format was decided on. Before going off the air it was "The Breeze," with "beach, boogie, and blues." New owners, Bloomington Broadcasting Corp., also own WTCB 106.7 Orangeburg-WOMG 103.1 Columbia plus an AM. It IDs with Columbia- Sumter. SD Aberdeen KBFO 106.7, r, hot AC, "106.7 The

Point" (strict), with locally-originated news. Owned by KSDN-FM 94.9-KQAA 94.9-AMs. TN Union City WQAK 105.7, p, "We're rock. Code

TX Abilene KAQD \*91.3

TX Bastrop KYCM \*88.5, g, affiliated with the Catholic EWTNetwork.

TX Gainesville KDOS 107.9, S, I, parallel to KDXX-FM 107.9 Corsicana-KDXT 106.7 Gran-

TX Liberty-Dayton KSHN 99.9. Still stereo, and "listeners have gotten used to the split-channel sports concept. On the left channel they can hear live broadcasts of the Liberty High School Panthers football team; on the right, the live broadcast of the Dayton High School Broncos football team. "If you leave the balance in the middle or don't have stereo", warns station owner Bill Buchanan, who does the Panthers' play-byplay, "all you hear is mush'." Such broadcasting, according to the FCC, is illegal. Stereo content must be the same left and right, except for the audio separation. (Sulphur Springs

TX Pittsburg KSCN 96.9, IDing with KSCH 95.9/ TX Tulia KJMX 104.9, still k, returns to air, uses calls, no "Mix 105 FM." It is simulcast with KTUE 1260, which also returns to the air.

UT Payson KTCE 92.3, sr, "U-92," parallel to KUUU 92.1 Tooele (also sr, "U-92").

VA Cape Charles WAZP \*90.7, not yet on air, but trying to secure a site. "We're looking at the move of WXNC to Powhatan (poh-uh-TAN) VA. It would be hard for our Richmond translator on 107.5 to compete with that signal (last month p. (and using calls. 3, col. 1)."

VA South Boston WHLF-FM 95.3, still rm./ WA Nile KLRO \*88.1 g, expected on air by now. It will feed the translators and satellators rather than their being fed by KSOH \*89.5 Wapato-

Yakima WA, because it "will have a generic

88.3 FM

feed. The FCC requires a feed from a primary," just as Moody is doing with WJCG \*88.9 Monee IL. ID will only be with "Nile."

PR Mayaguez WRUO \*88.3,

Juan. w u R BC Gibsons CISC 107.5 BC Oliver CJMG-2 99.9

ON Samia CKTY 106.3, 124 m, d-a (50000 h,v)

PQ Trois-Rivieres CFOU 89.1

GR Atoyac XHAYA 100.9, "Estereo Sol" WI Eau Claire WVCF \*90.5, but heard giving only KVCX 101.5 Gregory SD IDs, which VCY Amer-

ica claims is for translator feeds; however, I pointed out to them that WVCF is no translator. WHEM \*91.3

#### Monophonic

AL Ozark WOAB 104.9. "We're still mono with no plans to go stereo.

MA Northampton WEIB 106.3-testing with open carrier and ID every 2 minutes or so. "Signal is monaural."

#### Format Chanaes

Formats are the same as in the "FM Atlas"

AL Glencoe WGMZ 93.1 o, classic hits, in a combo with WQEN 103,7 Gadsden.

AZ Flagstaff KBLC 100.1 r, "Loud Radio" [KMXP 96.9." AZ Mesa KZZP 104.7 r, CHR, "differentiating it from/

AZ Oracle KIXD 106.3 so, "Mega 106" (from "Kix 106")

AZ Paradise Valley KHOT-FM 105.9 S, I

AZ Payson KBZG 104.3 so

AZ Sedona KQST 102.9 r, modern AC

AR Dumas KXFE 106.9 gs, "Heaven 107." "We give them the same beat [as on AM]. They'll listen to the beat first and learn the words later. This is to let the young people know that Jesus is the answer to all their problems." Its sister station is similarly-formatted KPBA 1270 Pine Bluff. [KDRE 101. North Little Rock

AR Heber Springs KAWW-FM 100.7 m, parallel to/ AR Little Rock KABF \*88.3 jf, plus bluegrass, Caribbean and Tejano. "Programs are produced by community volunteers from our target audience of low-to- moder-

ate-income people and minorities." Looking for an operations manager, with letter and resume to Valerie Coffin, station manager, 2101 S. Main St., Little Rock AR 72206.

AR Marked Tree KJBR 93.7 k, classic

AR North Little Rock KDRE 101.1 m, no nonID AR Texarkana KYGL 106.3 pr, still "Eagle 106.3" KTWN 107.1 r

CA Atwater KVRQ 92.5 so

CA Burney KRRX 106.1 still rp, adding Bob & Tom CA Gonzales KMBY 104.3 still rp, adding Mancow

CA Groveland KXSR \*91.7 cn, relaying KXJZ 88.9 Sacramento for Morning Edition and All Things Considered and KXPR 90.9 for the rest of the day.

CA Lompoc KAKV 106.7 m

CA Morro Bay KLMM 94.1 S, I

CA Paso Robles KDDB 92.5 rm, "Star 92.5" (was "B-92") KLUN 103.1 S, r

CA San Luis Obispo KPAT \*88.5

CA Santa Maria KXFM 99.1 still o, adds Bob & Tom

CO Grand Junction KAFM \*88.1 jf plus blues.

CO Yuma KNEC 100.9 m; was to have come on Apr. 12 DC Washington WGAY 99.5 so, "jammin' oldies." Watch

for new call letters to come. FL Carrabelle WOCY 106.5 k, effective in May

FL Cedar Creek WKSG \*89.5 gr, Morningstar

FL De Land WOCL 105.9 so, "Orlando's Jammin' Oldies" (from "Cool 105.9").

FL Fort Pierce WJFP \*91.1 sj, with plenty of gospel, no longer uses "91 Jams," but uses calls. Well received in MN via skip most days on its auxiliary relay station on 26470 kHz, "NFM" on a Radio Shack Pro 2006 scan-

parallel to WRTU 89.7 San MAYAGÜEZ ner. FL Lake City WOLR \*91.3 gr, adding programming/

O CADENA RADIO FL Marianna WJAQ 100.9 to—talk, sports and oldies.

U N I V E R S I D A D. FL Naples WARO 94.5 o, classic hits, adds Bob & Tom

DE PUERTO RICO FL Naples Park WQNU 105.5 k[ountry]

FL Pennsuco WIRP \*88.3 S, g

FL Plantation Key WCTH 100.3 k

FL Tallahassee WWLD 106.1 so

GA Canton WGST-FM 105.7 nt, "Ken Charles, their new PD, has actually increased the amount of news programming.

GA Ringgold WSGC-FM 101.9 o

GA Washington WXKT 100.1 mr, "Love"

ID Boise KCIX 105.9 sr, "Mix 106" (from "K-106")

IL Alton KATZ-FM 100.3 s, "The Beat" (from "Kiss 100.3%

IL Belvidere WXRX 104.9 still rp, adds Bob & Tom

IL Columbia KMJM 104.9 sr

IL Decatur WDZQ 95.1 "The Party" (from "95-Q")

KS Concordia KCKS 94.9 (moving from 95.3) r, "Kiss" KS Liberal KSLS 101.5 S, I, no more "Kickin' Country."

ME Farmington WKTJ-FM 99.3 r, hot AC, still mono.

ME Skowhegan WHQO 107.9 still mono sports, but that might change with a sale to Cumulus taking place. Cumulus wants to have a sports station on FM, which might affect WTOS 105.1, or possibly WCTB 93.5 Fairfield ME (now "Kicks Country," from "The River 93.5"). "When 107. 9 leaves the fold, we will have an option to replace that with another FM signal."

MD Cambridge WCEM-FM 106.3 r, hot AC

MA Boston WGBH \*89.7 still ct, with more serious classical music being played, as it once di, before the arriva of Carl Watanabe as classical music coordinator. Now he's left and there are no plans to replace him. Staff seems to enjoy the greater freedom to play what they want. WGBH offers an alternative to the commercial WCRB's (102.5) "gee whiz, isn't it swell?" format. Without \*being somewhere out on the fringe, WGBH presents a wide spectrum of music that both new listeners and connoisseurs can appreciate. That is the appropriate function of a public radio station," writes Ellen Pfeifer in the Boston Herald.

MI Detroit WDRQ 93.1 r, CHR

WXDG 105.1 so, "Classic Soul 105.1" (from "105 dot 1 The Edge\*). It \*apparently didn't have the edge after all." WXDG replaced the classical-formatted WQRS. Now it has fired six air personalities, and the new Motown sound station has been looking for new announcers. Detroit is down to three fulltime rock stations—CIMX 88.7, WRIF 101.1 and WCSX 94.7. Art Vuolo of Ypsilanti, "Radio's Best Friend," noted that several stations across the country are going to the

format of WXDG, with the remaining rock stations said to be "tinkering with formats; you're going to see fine-tuning." WXDG seeks 13500 h,v; 291 m. [107\*) MI Saginaw WTLZ 107.1 sr, "Hot 107" (from "Power/

MN New Ulm KXLP 93.1 op

MN Rochester KRCH 101.7 op, adding Bob & Tom MS De Kalb WJXM 105.7 s, "105.7 Jamz," but not yet on. [("Catfish 95.5" swims away).

MS Jackson WKTF 95.5 r, CHR, "95-5 The Beat"/ MS Laurel WMXI 98.1 mr, "Mix"

MS Tunica WMPS 96.1 t, mono, Tunica information MO Birch Tree KBMV-FM 107.1 back to country; had been silent. Its AM on 1310 had been silent; now AFA Christian.

MO St. James KTTR-FM 99.7 nt, mono MT Big Sky KBFN 104.5 pr, adult alternative NE Kimball KBFZ 100.1 k, parallel to KOLT-FM 103.9 Gering. [96\*

NE Omaha KEFM 96.1 r, hot AC, "Mix 96.1" (from "Lite/
NV Las Vegas KISF 103.5 S, I, with Heftel buying. It's
part of Heftel strategy to move Spanish programming
to FM. Spanish had been on Heftel's KLSQ 870
Laughlin NV. WLSQ, with synchronious transmitter in
East Las Vegas, will be "relaunched" with a new format. Change will take effect by mid-summer. George
Tobin, 54, weightlifter, is selling (see picture story,
June, 1997, p. 8, col. 1). Group owner Heftel's name is
changing to Hispanic Broadcasting Corporation, to
more accurately reflect its mission.

NH Plymouth WPNH-FM 100.1 pr, modern rock, "The Planet" [(loses sight of "The Horizon") NM Santa Fe KRZN 105.1 r, CHR, "Channel 105.1"/ NY Alfred WZKZ 101.9 k

NY Attamont WSRD 104.9 pr, "atternative," trading with WXLE 104.5 Mechanicsburg, which is now "thythmic oldies." [pany from WTIC-FM 96.5 Hartford CT.

NY Buffalo WLCE 92.9 r, bringing in Craig and Com-/ NY Carthage WSRD 104.9 mr

NY Henderson WOTT 100.7 r, classic and new rock, "Real Rock" (from "What Fun Radio")

NY Houghton WJSL \*90.3 to be c, seeking transfer to WXXI-FM 91.5 Rochester

NY Loudonville WVCR \*88.3 sr, now with a similar format to WAJZ 96.3 Voorheesville. Its faculty advisor, Buzz Brindle, also happens to be program director at WXLE 104.5, \*which plays jammin' oldies and a WAJZ competitor.\* Go figure, as they say.

NY Oswego WOLF-FM 96.7 mt, Disney, parallel to WOLF 1490 Syracuse-WKGJ 1340 Auburn [102\*) NY Phoenix WRDS 102.1 s, "Power 102" (from "Cool/

NY Ravena WABY-FM 94.5 mr, uses calls.

NC Burgaw WKXB 99.9 so, rhythmic oldies

NC Shallotte WCCA 106.3 k, classic country

NC Southern Pines WIOZ-FM 102.5 rm, "Star 102.5"

OH Columbus WNC1 97.9 rm

OH New Lexington WWJM 105.9 op

OH New Philadelphia WNPQ 95.9 g, in an LMA with Otter Communications.

OH Westerville WEGE 103.9 op, "The Eagle"
OK Broken Arrow KOAS 92.1 mr, soft AC, in an LMA-tobuy with KMOD 97.5-KMRX 101.5 Collinsville-AM.
OR Phoenix KAKT 105.1 k

OR Portland KXL-FM 95.5 sr, "Jammin' 95.5" (from "95.5 FM"). Three fulltime employees were let go, including program director Carl Widing. A new on-air staff was to have been hired. "The new hip-hop format on KXL-FM will put a big dent in the listenership of KKRZ 100.3," Pat Paxton, consultant, predicted at a seminar put on by Portland's Entercom stations. "It's not an ethnic format. While kids listen to this stuff, Z-100 is a very good radio station, but all of a sudden, it won't be the new, hip thing any more, and for this demo [teens and 20s] you'd better be hip."

PA Mill Hall WZRZ 98.7 rm, still "The River"

PA New Kensington WZPT 100.7 o, classic hits, adds Craig & Company

SC Aiken WRXR-FM 96.3 so, "Kiss 96" (from "96-X") SC Camden WPUB 102.7 (having moved from 94.3)

SC Hartsville WHSC-FM 98.5 sg

TN Henry WMUF-FM 104.7 k

TN Nashville WKDF 103.3 k, "Music City 103" (from "KDF"), which "strikes me as a dumb thing to do." It switched after 30 years as a rock station. "Back in the early 1960s WKDF had the calls WNFO, for Nashville FM Radio. The station had a country format and carried the city council meetings. Sometime in 1966 the station was sold and the call letters were changed to WKDA-FM and an easy listening format until 1969 when it changed to rock, calling itself "Stereo Rock."

TN Shelbyville WZPC 102.9 rp, taking the WKDF format.

\*The Buzz 102.9\* was asking listeners to help build the station's music library by bringing their rock CDS to the station.s

TX Bishop KFLZ 106.9 pr

TX Decatur KRNB 105.7 sr, adding Joyner [all '80s. TX Houston KHMX 96.5 still rm, but was stunting with/

TX Levelland KLVT-FM 105.5 gb, southern gospel, plus easy listening 7 p.m. to midnight, according to the M Street Journal

TX Lubbock KFMX 94.5 still rp, adds Bob & Tom TX Lytle KXPZ \*91.3 still gr, now part of the K-Love network.

TX Overton KPXI 100.7 o, "Cool FM," along with "Oldies 100.7," having moved from Mount Pleasant. It was off the air during the move. Now IDs with Tyler, and parallel to KFRO-FM 95.3 Gilmer, except they have different commercials and IDs. 192.3 Victoria

TX Port Comfort KAJI 94.1 o, LMA with KVLT/ TX South Padre Island KZSP 95.3 j, smooth

TX South Pagre Island R2SP 90.3 J, smooth TX Stamford KOES 106.9 k, classic country

TX Tyler KTYL 93.1 so, "Jammin' Oldies 93.1"

UT Brigham City KRAR 106.9 mr

UT Logan KUSR \*89.5 c, parallel to KUSU 91.5 there UT Roy KSNU 107.9 mr, parallel to Brigham City

WA Hoquiam KGHO-FM 95.3 still o, now '70s.

WA Quincy KGER 95.9 g [r, "Star"

WA Spokane KEZE 96.9 was stunting with rhyme. Now/ WV Fisher WQWV 103.7 rm, but silent until May

WI Algoma WBDK 96.7 o, local plus Jones' satellite service. WRKU 102.1 Forestville not yet on air, WRLU 104.1 Algoma not yet on; to have studios with WBDK. WI Antigo WRLO 105.3 op

WI Balsam Lake WWLC 104.9 rm, "Starstation 104.9" (not strict). Back on air. Had been "Lake Country 104.9." LMA with WCMP-FM 100.9 Pine City, along with not-yet-on WBEP 105.7 Siren WI.

WI Evansville WKPO 105.9 sr, still "Power 105-9." It's "a pretty good dance station. . . in the middle of the farmland."

AB High Level CFKX 106.1 k, "Kicks Country"

ON Hamilton CFMU 93.3 pe, with quite a variety of programs.



ON Sudbury—CRTC denied CJMX 105.3's request to broadcast 30 minutes weekly in French.

ON Toronto CILQ, "Q-107" 107.1 might go to top 40, according to rumors. "If don't think Stern has been much of a saviour. I have a pretty sick sense of humour, but after a while he gets a little repetitive. Friends of mine who I thought would have loved him can't stand him. They want music. CHTZ 97.7 in Saint Catharines likes to poke fun at Q-107's expense; 97.7

also has a better playlist than Q-107," K.R., Oshawa, via e-mail.

# On Air—Real Stations and Pirates (Selected)

CA Lafayette KDFC-1 102.1

CA Tahoe City KKTO "90.5, fined \$5000 for constructing its facilities prior to getting FCC approval. KKTO continues to be monophonic. Now that it's spring the engineer might be able to climb the mountain and restore stereo.

CT Hartford 97.1 illegal station "still on. In Holyoke MA is a 1620 station, "which I heard all the way to Hartford." DE Lewes W219BZ \*91.7

DE Newark 95.3, estimated 10 watts, "and fair audio quality. Mostly '70s rock and R&B music, on what sounds like just a five disk CD changer hooked up to a transmitter."

DC Washington 87.9 a Spanish, Christian pirate. "They are a religious format with mostly pretty bad songs."

MA Springfield/West Springfield 94.3 Spanish, mono, may be 100 watts, as it gets out well. The Boston office of the FCC is aware of this unlicensed station; in fact, they told, J.H., WTIC-FM Hartford CT, about it.

MI Grand Rapids 93.1 with less than 100 watts-from Iglesia de Cristo Misionera Church, 200 Griggs St., S.W. The FCC visited and noticed an antenna on the roof. It went oft the air for two weeks and then resumed broadcasting Nov. 21. It sued the FCC Dec. 7 accusing the agency of violating the station's constitutional rights. The station's attorney, Katharine Omansiek of Detroit, is also helping another Hispanic pirate in her city. The lawsuit accuses the FCC of violating the 1993 Religious Freedom Restoration Act, which protects churches from unwarranted government intervention. The U.S. attorney disagrees, saying, "We're not seeking to shut them down because of their religion; we're trying to shut them down because they don't have a license." Its next-door neighbor on the dial, WBCT 93.7 with 320,000 watts, considers the tiny station 'a menace, and it deserves to be put to rest,' according to Doug Montgomery, operations director for WBCT and WCUZ 101.3.

NH Durham WUNH "91.3 now 1500 h, 6000 v, 78 m, d-a, and putting a signal into Portland ME for the first time, with much of its programming similar to WMPG "90.9 Gorham ME, but described as "mostly progressive alternative," with classical Monday and jazz Tuesday nights.

NJ Lincroft WBJB "90.5 testing Lucent Digital Radio's inand, on-channel DAB system, and "the first NPR
member station" to do so. In January, Lucent announced a technical advance, called Multi-Streaming,
that is said to solve the problem of providing
high-quality digital audio reception over a coverage
area equal to that of current analog FM stations. Lucent believes it is "on target [and that] working with
WBJB.... allows us to test our system with an organization that is in the technical vanguard of radio," said
Suren Pai, Lucent president. It hopes to test its AM
tBOC system by mid-year.

NY Brooklyn "Radio Lakey" 89.7, claims \$(tereo), "professional-sounding Haitian station with commercials. Sometimes they have an additional transmitter on 95.1. There is also a Radio Lakay on 106.7 in Les Cayes, Haiti."

NY Queens Village "Radio Positive" 90.1, claims to be \$(tereo), em, Haitian and some American m-o-r music. Announcing is Haitian French.

Somewhere in New York city: "La Mexicana" 91.9, mainly weekend afternoons, formerly 95.1 (Oct. p. 6, col. 1). 
"Probably buying airtime from Dr. X of 'Kool FM' 91.9." 
92.1—a station with no announcing, "just mostly Haitian

music.\* On occasionally.

- NY-Upper Manhattan somewhere is a new pirate with religious oriented Spanish, with "distortion [and] fighting quasi-legal station from Barnard College (Columbia University) both in stereo and both on 87.9. The hispanic pirate on 95.1 is distorting in stereo also and has been for ages. Radio Moisiach and Redemption, the orthodox Jewish station from Brooklyn, has popped up on 87.9 from time to time. The translator authorized for Monroe CT's school district in Mount Kisco NY, W205BM 88.9, is still not on the air. WDFH 90.3 Ossining NY is still on,\* and deleted WOSS 91.1 Ossining continues to be off."
- TX Katy K201EU \*88.1 heard in Houston, about equal in strength to KFTG \*88.1 Pasadena TX.

TX Stamford KOES 106.9

- WA Seattle KUOW \*94.9-raised \$340,000 in 21/2 days, largely because of Ira Glass' This American Life 2, which "local university kids really like."
- WI Ashland W275AF \*102.9 temporarily with WHBM 90.3 Park Falls, instead of with KUWS 91.3 Superior. KUWS and KDNI \*90.5 Duluth both used the KBJR channel 6 TV tower in Duluth, which was condemned after an ice storm twisted it. KBJR remains off the air. while KDNI has low power off another tower, and KUWS is on with only about 17 watts monophonic from a building rooftop in Superior. Off the air for a shorter time were KDNW \*97.3 and WSCD \*92.9 Duluth, as well as WSCN \*100.5 Cloquet-Duluth-Superior. Several transmitters were damaged by water after ice falling from the tower punched a hole in an adjacent building's roof. Damaged also was relay equipment to WHSA \*89.9 Brule WI from Duluth. WHSA, now mono, is IDing with WHRM \*90.9 Wausau
- ON Pickering "The Nuke" 104.9. Had been on 90.7. Heard east into Toronto on Hwy. 401. Seems irresponsible: "U.S. pirates [are] better." A newly developing web page for microbroadcasters is <a href="http://www.iowaprint/nalph.com">http://www.iowaprint/nalph.com</a> from Muscatine IA.
- ON Southwold (SW of London) "Eagle 89.5" from the Oneida Indian Reserve, and not on Industry Canada database. When called, the person answering didn't know its power or if it had call letters. Its web site is at <a href="http://www.mnsi.net/~oneida/">http://www.mnsi.net/~oneida/>.</a>
- ON Toronto 89.9 possibly from Glendon College and an adjunct of carrier current "CKRG" 800. Heard with cettic pop, plus heavy metal. There is also a "CKHC" 91.7 there from Humber College, and heard on car radios in the area, either radiating from an antenna or from leaky cable.

#### Off Air—Or Not Yet On

- CT Bloomfield "Prayze 105.3," as of Christmas. Went to court, lost, applied for experimental license and lost that bid. Antenna still up. \*I have a tape of their sign
- FL Baldwin WXQL 105.7
- FL Palm Beach-96.1 pirate gone. "I DXed Freeport [Bahamas] 96.1 while driving I-95.\*
- KS Garden City 102.1-Mark H. Fulling of 503 Stoeckley Pl., ZIP 67646 had his station taken off the air and fined \$8000 for "willful violation of Sec. 301 of the [Communications] Act.
- MI Cannonsburg (Grand Rapids area) 104.9-somebody came in and stole the broadcast equipment of "Captain Cracker and Black-Eyed Bart." They vow to get back on and protest the FCC and NAB's opposition to microradio. "You gotta remember, when the printing press came out, the church required that you had to have a license," muttered the Captain, whose real name is Scott Miller. "Centuries later, we're going through the same thing with broadcasting.
- MI Howell "WFLR/Free Living Radio" 89.7 shut down by FCC Feb. 4.

- MN Bloomington area 87.9 heard Mar. 14 with two guys playing music and talking about St. Urho's Day (a Finnish answer [Mar. 16] to Ireland's St. Patrick's Day). "They were wondering what to call the station and said maybe WORO because they liked Oreo cookies. What next? Music they played was middle of the road and was good during my listening period."
- NV Reno "Studio B" 94.7, \$, 200 watts supposedly and on mostly weekends. It had a P-Tek transmitter from San Jose CA. The FCC came and told him to turn it off. 'They were enjoying the music until they knocked on the door.
- NY Brooklyn "Radio Konbit" 87.7. In Elmhurst-Corona area of Queens "Radio Alerta," most recently 96,7 is off. It had been on 96.5 (Nov. p. 5, col. 1), and blocked reception of WKHL 96.7 Stamford CT.
- PA Fredericksburg 88.7—Frank Bartholomew of 254 Sugar Road, RR 1, Box 254, ZIP 15231 fined \$2000 for his unlicensed station. Twice he denied FCC agents entry to his business and farm. His name was obtained from a neighbor. The fine was reduced from \$17,000
- TX Canyon Lake 105.7 "Canyon Lake Radio" taken off air by U. S. Marshals Service and the FCC. Equipment [Sungroup
- TX Daingerfield KKLK 106,9-loses its LMA with/ TX Highland Village KRJT-FM 100.7, moving from Bowie. TX Linden KIXK 99.3 Trumper Communications

UT Brigham City KRAR 106.9, pending sale to/

WI Kewaunee WAUN 92.7 was "bankrupt" and not expected to return, but it has been sold to WSRG 97.7 Sturgeon Bay. \*Look for a new format in May."

- WI Manitowoc "Fun 101.7" voluntarily shut down by Bob Schultz after the FCC got a complaint from Mark Heller, owner of WTRW (AM) Two Rivers WI. Schultz ran the 24-hour big band/nostalgia station from the basement of his home at 502 S. 29th St. Schults claimed his broadcasts did not go over 5 km, while Heller claimed they reached farther. A local paper had comments from several elderly listeners who missed the station. One man got 25 signatures on a petition from neighbors in the hope the FCC would let it come
- YUGOSLAVIA-Belgrade's B-92 closed by Serbian authorities, and may return later under the leadership of Alexander Nikacevic, an aide of Pres. Slobodan Milosevic. 'B 92 has been broadcasting via satellite and the Internet since the FM transmitter was taken off the air." [J.E., Bloomington MN by e-mail. "Are you working on the new FM Atlas? Hope so!"/

#### **Deletions**

AL Enterprise W296AD 107.5 AL Ozark W298AC 107.5

AK Glennallen K296EL 107.1

AK Yakutat KJFP \*103.9

AR Blytheville K218BN \*91.5 (see \*New,\* above)

AR Fayetteville K276CO 103.1

AR Fort Smith K224AP 92.7

AR Greenwood K269AL \*101.7

AR Havana K285AY 104.9

CA Big Bend K296BR 107.1 ICA Lakeport K228AX 93.5 CA Orinda K265DL 100.9

CA Stockton KJQN \*89.5 IFL Fort Pierce W212-

CO Eagle K210AH \*89.9 AH \*90.3

JGA Jasper W204AU FL Marco Island W285AS 104.9 FL Okeechobee W263AD \*100.5 \*88.7

GA Americus W212AU \*90.3 (see \*New\*) [WGUR \*88.9 GA Milledgeville WXGC \*91.9, replaced by low power/

IL Alton W288AW \*105.5 KS Arkansas City K244CJ 96.7

104.9

KS Chanute K276DC \*103.1 MD Arnold WACC \*89.9

MI Iron Mountain W288AA \*105.5

JLA Houma K285DA

INE Holdrege K261-BT \*100.1

MS Meridian W205AL \*88.9

MS Oxford W267AE \*101.3 (see \*New\*)

NE Beatrice K249CK 97.7, K288EK 105.5 INM Raton K279AC NV Fallon KVCE \*89.5

NV Laughlin K292EU 106.3 103.7

NY Shirley \*88.3

OH Urbana WUHS NC Durham W278AB \*103.5 °91.7

NC Raleigh W260AB \*99.9

OK Broken Arrow K269CV 101.7 OR Brookings K266AE 101.1 ISD Bridger K220BN

PA Lancaster W263AC \*100.5 \*91.9

SC Charleston W201AA \*88.1; W201AA is in Wausau WI

SD Dupree K203AR \*88.5

SD Green Grass K213AV \*90.5 **ISD Rosebud** K219BF \*91.7 SD Rapid City K202AU \*88.3 **ITN Hohenwald** SD Whitehorse K207BB \*89.3 W267AB 101.3 TN Etowah W280AE 103.9

TX Gruver K216CR \*91.1

TX Lubbock KAXT-1 104.7, while KAXT's 97.7 translator there, K249CD, has 270 watts h,v.

TX Midland K208CF \*89.5 (see \*New,\* Odessa)

TX Victoria K203BS \*88.5 (see \*New\*)

UT Salina K217-UT Eden K292AF 106.3 BK \*91.3

UT Fillmore K220DD \*91.9 VA Richlands W257AP 99.3

[105.5 WA Ellensburg K265BB 100.9

WY Evanston K228AB \*93.5, K252AI 98.3, K288BAV

WY Jeffrey City K205BI \*88.9, K292AZ 106.3

WY Mammoth Hot Springs K280CS 103.9, K285AF 104.9, K288DQ 105.5, K292BQ 106.3, K296EF 107.1, but they petition for reconsideration.

WY Worland K288EG 105.5

PR Humacao W272AJ 102.3

PR Mayaguez WZAR-1 101.9, W296AE 107.1

MB Fort Alexander VF2197 100.3. Not needed because of CICY 105.5 Selkirk, CICY seeks 100000 h,v.

ON La Fontaine CFRH-2 101.9. See "Facilities," above. ON Midland CFRH-1 88.1. See "Facilities." Previously a CFRH-2 89.7 Perkinsfield was deleted, aong with CBCM's move to 89.7 (Penetanguishene ON).

#### FMistakes—FModia! March

GA (not "CA") Ellijay WLJA-FM 93.5, p. 3, col. 2. Their multi-city ID is variable, "both in the number of cities mentioned and their names; often only Ellijay is used."

NE Auburn (not "Aurora") KNCY-FM 105.5, p. 3, col. 2 NH Concord \*91.1 is WVNH (not WYNH), p. 2, col. 3.

Call letters are correct p. 3, col. 2. [1, col. 2. NM Conchas Dam 105.5 K288EQ (not \*K288EG\*) p.J.

NY Salamanca 98.3 is WQRT, not "WART," p. 2, col. 3. PA South Williamsport 100.5 is W263AG, not "W265AG," [p. 2, col. 2. p. 2, col. 3.

VI Christiansted WYAC 93.5 city of license missing/ AB (not MB) Medicine Hat CFMY 96.1, p. 6, col. 3. BC-call letters of Big White Ski Village 98.1 are CHSU-1 (not "CHSU"), p. 4, col. 2.

P. 8: I forgot to sign my name, col. 3.

- "I ordered one of those FM Atlas' back in October. I have been getting the run-around for months. I was told the book would be going to the printers in late January. It's the middle of March now. Still no book. . ., G.A. by -mail
- "I was wondering when the next edition of the FM Atlas was going to be out? I find it to be the best in verifying DX! Please inform me when it's available. My friends and I will purchase at least a few copies," S.S., Hyannis MA, by e-mail.
- "I enjoyed the write-up from Charles Lakaytis about FM radio in Barrow AK," C.G., Nashville TN by e-mail. [See Mar. p. 3, cols. 1-2.]

SCS Services, 57, 67, 92 kHz

#### Symbols are as in the FM Atlas

- CA Los Angeles KUSC \*91.5 no † ,X, which was a scrambled Armenian service.
- KFSG \*96.3 †Z 67 (not †X), possibly centered at 76 kHz, and extending to 92 kHz: high speed, widespectrum data
- KKLA-FM 99.5 still mono main channel, but has Mandarin on 67; Cantonese on 92, run by Sino Bostg. KBIG 104.3 no †X, 67.
- CT Westport WEBE 107.9 no † ,Q, Radio Maria GA Gainesville WFOX 97.1 †( ), which was activated during the first week of April.
- IA lowa City KSUI \*91.7 †T, 67, IRIS
- IA Sioux City KWIT "90.3 † ,T, IRIS. "We are going on, the NPR satellite May 1, which will make these transmissions possible. Later we may add KHKE ("89.5) Cedar Falls, a rather low power station."
- MA Cambridge WHRB 95.3 still Greek, 92. "The previous owner went bankrupt, but somebody else has taken it over."
- MI Kalamazoo WQLR 106.5 †, C, a relay of WKAL 1420 Kalkaska MI. WQLR's main channel still rm, but a "more mainstream AC," and "Q 106.5" (from "Q Lite 106.5").
- MN Mankato KMSU \*89.7 †( ), not †X
- KYSM-FM 103.5 no SCS (had †M,R). Even with main channel stereo perfect the SCSes have not been received. But the main channel signal is not as strong as it should be.
- MN St. Paul KNOW \*91.1 no †( ); it had earlier been taken off KSJN \*99.5 Minneapolis (which has been heard lately with a 67 kHz test tone).
- MO Joplin KOBC \*90.7 no †G, 67. It was Roy Swofford's Inspirational Background Music.
- MO Kansas City KCUR \*89.3 †T, 67, resumed—a relay of one of KANU \*91.5 Lawrence's SCSes. KANU has the Audio Reader on both its 67 and 92, but the services split between 2 and 4 p.m. for a separate feed to SW Kansas stations.
- MO Ste. Genevieve KPNT 105.7 †X (from †M)
  MO Springfield KWTO-FM 98.7 †( ) ,U (same as on co-owned KTTS-FM 94.7)
  KTXR 101.3 †( )M
- OR Portland—the reading service is on Channel 10's SAP and on "91.5's 67. "We have no complaints about your SAP receivers. Channel 10 comes in fine in this building on your radio—other radios won't get it. You can quote me as a reference," J.D., director OR Radio Reading Service for the Blind, Portland.
- SC Cayce WLTY 96.7 no SCS (had †M)
- SC Charleston WSUY 96.9 no †M
- SC Columbia WMHK \*89.7 no †M
- SC North Charleston WXLY 102.5 no tM.
- SC Sumter WWDM 101.3 no †M, while on main channel, "WJYR (92.1) Myrtle Beach is the last of the beautiful music stations in South Carolina." [Valley\* area
- SD Martin KZSD-FM \*102.5 †()T, serving the \*Long/TN Dickson WQZQ 102.5's †() RDS gives call letters and 102.5 frequency, as well as frequency of its 102.1 Nashville translator.
- North America—Positive Life Radio, KGTS 91.3 College Place WA, is helping Adventists start and operate stations, according to Plusline News: "Several options are available including a new subcarrier service targeted to an adult Adventist audience with traditional favorites, both music and programs. If you can't own a station, maybe you can lease a subcarrier available to listeners on special radios available by subscription." PLR can be reached at (509) 527-2991; www.plr.org.
- \*I have a sensitive Lafayette (tuner) AM-FM-SCA available for someone. I miss the beautiful background SCA programming... I will have to go to a satellite

- receiver for my music. . . Keep up the FM Atlas, <a href="https://www.neep.up">hwwialliams@ftc-i.net>.</a>
- "My mother was as pleased with the shortwave radio I bought from you as she was with any recent gift. Thank you very much," B.M., Larsmont MN.

#### NonIDs, Not Just Slogans

Mentioned usually without call letters; "strict" if a station uses call letters once per hour (at or near top of hour) as required by FCC and Industry Canada

- AZ Show Low KRFM 96.5 Mix
- AR Springdale KBRS 104.9 104 dot 9 The X
- AR Marshall KBCN 104.3 Huggin' Country (from "Star Country")
- GA Baxley WBYZ 94.5 Hit Kickin' Country (from "Z-94")
- IL Galena WDBQ-FM 107.5 Oldies 107.5
- IN Anderson WHTI 96.7 W-Hit
- IN Hartford City WHTY 93.5 W-Hit
- IA Dubuque KXGE 102.3 Eagle 102 (from "The Edge")
- KS Abilene KSAJ 98.5 Oldies Radio
- KS Lindsborg KQNS 95.5 Star 95
- LA Hammond WKJN 103.3 Cat Country, spending "megabucks to try and defeat both Tiger Country (100.7) and WYNK (101.5)... A few staff changes so far, but no call letter change yet."
- ME Boothbay Harbor WCME 96.7 Kicks Country, along with WCTB 93.5 Fairfield ME. The two frequencies gives Kicks "a presence both in the north and south end of Kennebec County. [See also p. 4, col. 3 where WCTB's format might change.]
- MD Ocean Pines WQJZ 97.1 Smooth Jazz 97.1 (from "Z-91") ["100 ZTU")
- MI Bear Lake WZTU 100.1 100.1 The Storm (from/ MN Atwater KYRS 94.1 Y-94.1, still k[ountry] MN Bemidji KKBJ-FM 103.7 Mix 103.7 (back to, from "The Mix")
- MN Crookston KQHT 96.1 Mix 96.1 (from "Magic 96")
- MN Fairmont KFMC 106.5 Best Mix 106
- MN Thief River Falls KSNR 100.3 Kool 190-3: "Ditched the satellite and are home automated."
- MN Walker KLLZ 99.1 Real Rock 99-1 (from "KLZ MN's Power Loon") [(from "Kitten"), still monaural
- MN Worthington KITN 93.5 Kitten Country/ [98
- MS Vicksburg-Jackson WJKK 98.7 98-Mix (from "Love/ NY Altamont WSRD 104.9 Z-104.9, and looking for new calls; positioned to serve Albany.
- NY Brockport WTKW 99.5 TK-99 (from "97-TK")
- NY Copenhagen WWLF 106.7 The Border (along with WRDP 102.7 Cape Vincent), formerly "The Frine"
- WBDR 102.7 Cape Vincent); formerly "The Edge."
- NY New York WBIX 105.1 Jammin' 105 [107.3 OK Poteau-Fort Smith AR KOMS 107.3 Big Country/
- OK Stillwater KSPI-FM 93.7 The Spy [102'
- PA Erie WJET 102.3 102.3 The Point (from "Jet FM/
- PA Johnsonburg WJNG 100.5 Mega Rock
- PA Lancaster WLCH \*91.3 Radio Centro
- PA Mill Hall WZRZ 98.7 The River
- PA Pittsburgh "Mix 96.1" now has D.Js. "All were fired when WVTY became [WDRV] 'The River'," and later when it became "The Mix." [Last month p. 6, col. 2.] PA Ridgebury WREQ 96.9 Q-96.9

- RI Narragansett Pier WAKX 102.7 and RI Woonsocket
  WWKX 106.3 Hot 106 and 102-7, now with sr
- SD Sioux Falls KRRO 103.7 Real Rock 103-7 ("The Crow" flies away)
- TX Dallas KRBV 100.3 Hot 100 (from "V-100.3")
- TX Gilmer-Longview-Marshall KFRO-FM 95.3 Cool FM, Oldies FM [Texas (from 93-5 Kick FM")
- TX Greenville KIKT 93.5 T-93-5 The Rhythm of/
- TX Longview KYKX 105.7 Kix 105 East Texas Best Country (change spelling from "Kix")
- WI Brookfield WPNT 106.9—remove "The Point." Is having a contest to select a new slogan.
- WI Eau Claire WBIZ-FM 100.7 Z-100 (back to, from "The Zone"). Now owned by Cumulus, format to r, CHR. [92.9")
- WI Elk Mound WECL 92.9 Cool 92.9 (from "Oldies/ WI Platteville WPVL-FM 107.1 Gold 107; seeks 4200 h.v.: 120 m.
- ON Oshawa CKGE 94.9 Magic @ 94.9
- CI Ciudad Juarez XHH 100.7 Magia Digital
- CL Ciudad Acuna XHHAC 100.7 La Suavecita

## Multi-City IDs In Use

- GA Athens WALR-FM 104.7 no longer with Atlanta, "but it continues to heavily promote itself as an Atlanta station, and is now rated four in that market."
- MN Dassel KKJR 106.9 with Hutchinson, "106.9 The Flame" (strict) having moved from 107.1 Hutchinson, 92.3."
- MN St. James KXAC 100.5 with Mankato- Fairmont, but no longer with Jackson
- "I'm looking forward to the new FM Atlas," R.R., Jersey Shore PA via e-mail.

### Selected AM Happenings

- AL Lineville WZZX 780 back on air with country; had been silent. Is parallel to WASZ 95.5 Ashland-Lineville.
- AZ Coolidge KCKY 1150 off the air
- CA Costa Mesa KGXL 1650 had been tall traffic reports, but Saul Levine ended that experiment and it has gone to music. It's a simulcast with sister station KGIL 1260 Beverly Hills CA. KGIL had been stunting with all Nat King Cole, which was "a very nice format for easy listening/standards listeners." In late 1998, KLAC 570 dropped Irrus who went to KRLA 1110, "The New Talk Radio," with KLAC taking Westwood One's AM Standards package.
- CA Lompoc KLOM 1330 deleted.
- ID St. Anthony KIGO 1400 deleted. [WERK-FM" (104.9).
- IN Muncie WERK 990 silent. "In the process of splitting from/
- MA Middleboro WVBF 1530, a daytimer, carries the Massachusetts Reading Service for the Blind, "readings from the local newspaper, Time Magazine and the Bible."
- MI Dearborn WYUR 1310 changes to all classical music from 7 p.m. to 5 a.m. daily, with its talk and music mix heard at other times. Move is in wake of the loss of WQRS 105.1 and its classical format in favor of WXDG 105.1, now oldies and R&B music (see "Formats," p. 5, col. 1). WYUR "has a relatively weak signal and won't reach the whole Detroit market." ["several months"; g format.
- MI Taylor WCHB 1200 back on the air after an absence of/
  MN Brooklyn Park WLOL 1470 and St. Paul KLBB 1400 donated
  by Cargill Communications to Minnesota Public Radio. MPR
  will lease the stations to Minnesota News Network, a sister

commercial subsidiary, and "KLBB/WLOL will continue to be operated commercially along with MPR/MNN's WMNN 1330. MPR says it does not have any immediate plans to change the nostalgia/big band/swing format heard on KLBB and WLOL, but MNN will be free to make changes. "Club 14 was one of the last remaining locally/independent owned commercial stations in the Twin Cities. . . Here's hoping that MPR will continue neat-o programming currently heard on KLBB."

MN Duluth KQDS (formerly KDDS) 1490 returns to air after about a month long hiatus, with equipment problems cited., parallel to 94.9 FM.

MS Bay Springs WIZK 1570 had been silent; now black gospel.
MT Hardin KHDN 1230, Laurel KBSR 1490 silent.
NY Cornwall-on-Hudson WWLE 1170, a daytimer, is allegedly illegally operating at night.

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NY New City WRKL 910 was news and talk, now Polish talk/
NC Morehead City WMSL 740 said to be operating with its daytime power at night. "If the FCC were better funded, they could
put a stop to these illegal operations."

PA McKeesport WEDO 810 lost its tower after vandals cut guy wires. Only 10 m of the 91 m tower stands. Station does (or did) brokered, mostly talk programming. | TX Del Rio KWMC PA Mount Carmel WMIM 1590 silent. 1490 delete

PA Williamsport WWPA 1340 silent. | UT Heber City
TX Paris KGDD 1250 silent. | KTMP 1340 delete

VA Norfolk WCKO 1110 had been silent; now black gospel
WA Oak Harbor KJTT 1110 was off the air "for a week."
WA Silverdale (Seattle) KJTZ 1400 silent; had Orbit 7 talk, was
that network's flagship. The network itself said to be silent.

WA Spokone KSVY 1550 delete.

WY Rainelle WRRL 1130 had been silent; now southern gospel

"Keep up the good work and let me know when the new Atlas is
ready!" D.J.F., Los Angeles CA.

# FMakings—Selected FCC and Industry Canada applications

AK Anchorage \*88.5 11000 h,v; -30 m, Educ. Media Fou. AR Russellville \*89.7 500 v, 405 m, Edl. Opportunities CA Central Valley KNNN 99.3 1750 h,v; 465 m, C2 CA South Lake Tahoe K212AJ \*90.3 seeks 90.1, h,v CO Burlington KRGD 99.3 55000 h,v; 107 m CO Durango KRSJ 100.5 30000 h,v; 614 m; KIQX 101.3 also seeks 30000 h,v; 614 m, both one-step Cs FL Leesburg W208AJ \*89.5 seeks 90.3, h,v GA Hampton WPEZ 107.9 55000 h,v; 383 m, moving from Mscon

GA Sparta \*88.7 2000 v, 41 m, Augusta R. Fellowship IL Effingham W202BF \*88.3 seeks 88.7,h,v \*89.5 400 h,v; 50 m, Pana Public Radio [from Canton IL Glasford WBDM 101.1 3300 h,v; 137 m, moving/ IL Morris \*90.7 6000 h,v; 56 m, Bcstg. for Challenged IN Danville \*88.1 5000 v, 125 m, d-a, Calv. Chapel of Crawfordsville

IN Huntington WEXI 103.1 4500 h,v 91 m (from 102.9) IN New Whiteland \*88.3 4600 v, 151 m, d-a, Horizon Christian Fellowship

IN Trafalgar \*88.3 4000 v, 12 m, Bostg, for Challenged KS Hays \*89.7 250 h,v; 89 m, Salt & Light Comm'uns. LA Many KAVK \*89.3 (from 89.7) 12000 h,v; 130 m, C3 LA Monroe \*89.1 (WJFM 88.5 Baton Rouge) LA Natchitoches KBiO \*89.7 (from 89.3) 100 h,v MN Willmar \*90.9 510 h,v; 88 m, Educ. Media Fou. MN Windom \*90.9 250 h,v; 52 m, Des Moines Earlham MS Columbus \*90.5 6000 h,v; 95 m, Pensacola Christian College

OH Miamitown \*88.9 400 h,v; 65 m
OK Lawton KLAW 101.3 (from 101.5) 178 m
OR Florence K218CR \*91.3 (from 91.5), v [Class C TX Azle (from Denison) KIKM 101.7 920000 h,v; 620 m,/

TX Center KDET-FM 102.3 2050 h,v; 173 m TX Comfort KRNH 95.1 100000 h,v; 282 m, one-step C1 TX Decatur KDKR \*91.3 40000 h,v; 176 m, C1 TX Jacksonville KLJT 102.3 50000 h,v; 150 m, C2 VA Farmville WLCX \*91.3 (from 90.1) 350 h,v; 2.2 m WA White Salmon \*88.1 16 h, 9 watts v, 336 m, World Radio Network, Inc. WI Park Falls WCQM 98.3 100000 h.v; 151 m, C1 WY Rock Springs K220FZ \*91.3 (from 91.9), 250 h,v WY Sheridan KYTI 93.7C (from 96.5) AB Grande Prairie and SK Moose Jaw-the CRTC will open calls for apps, for these cities; frequencies not announced with formal applications due by June 1. AB Lloydminster, Red Deer, Taber; plus Brandon MB. Chatam ON and Saskatoon SK-the CRTC has opened possible FM channels in these cities, with completed applications due as of May 6.

FM Rulemakings Proposed

First date is for filing comments at the FCC;
second date is for replies. Stations af-

BC Kelowna 102.3 2000 h,v, K. Bostg. Ltd., k format

ON Kitchener 88.3 4000 h,v, Conestoga College

fected, if any, are listed
CO Rayfield (from Silverton), new CP, 107.3C1, May 10, 25
FL Cedar Key 96.7A, replies by May 11 | MT Shelby 96.7C1 (from 96.3),
FL Gulf Hammock 99.3A, replies by May 11 | KZIN, replies May 11
IA Pacific Junction 107.7! (site to be 4.5 km N. because of KMAJ-FM 107.7
Topeka KS), no dates given

MS Ellisville (from Bay Springs) 94.3C2, WKZW, no dates given MO tronton 95.9C3 for 92.9A, KYLS, replies May 11 NV Logandale MO Salem 92,9C3 for 95.9A, KKID, replies May 11 106.1C1, June 1, 16 MT Deer Lodge 96.9C1 (from 96.5C2), KQRV, replies May 11 MT Hamilton 96.3C2 (from 95.9C3), KBMG, replies May 11 NE Minatare 106.9A, June 1, July 16 I NV Wells 103.9C1. NV Caliente 94.5C1, May 17, June 1 June 1, 16 | NAA Socorro 102.1C2. NM Eagle Nest 104.7C2, June 1, July 16 NM Magdalena 95.9C2, June 1, July 16 May 17, June 1 NM Milan (from Grants) 100.7A, KQEO, May 10, 25 [GA Commerce (from NM Shiprock 106.5C1, June 1, July 16 Royston) 103.7C3, WPUP, June TX Buda (from Giddings) 101.5C1, KROX-FM, replies May 11

# FM Rulemakings Finalized

No filing windows because of freeze

AK Anchorage 103.1C2 for C1, KMXS | AK Wasilla 100.9C2

AR Bryant (move from Malvern) 93.1A, KMYK | IA Newell 100.9A

KY Whitesville (from Hawesville) 97.1A, WXCM | KY La Center 104.3A

MS Decatur (move from Kasciuska) 103.3C3, WZKR MT Manhattan 105.7A

NY Chittanango (from De Reyter) 105.1B—dismissed WVOA bid

NC Avon—denied petition by Avon Broadcasting | MA West Tisbury

NC Long Beach (from Shallotte) 98.3C3, WAZO 104.3A

OK Healdton (from Pauls Valley) 97.7C3, KGOK

OK Okarche (move from Clinton) 106.7C2 for 106.9C1, KCII-FM [98.5A

| TX Frankston (move from: Polestine) 96.7C2, "LIS | PA Meyersicle/
| TX Marble Falls 104.9C2 for C3, KBAE | TN Knox City 107.3A |
| TX Known (from Healdron OK) |
| TX Refugio 100.5A | 93.7C3 for C2, KICM |
| WA Royal City 93.5A | WI Augusta 101.5C3

WA Royal City 93.5A | W1 Augusta 101.5C3 | WY Richwood 93.5A | WY Superior 106.5C; WY Lovell 107.1C

# Religious, Public Broadcasters Squabble Over Remaining Non-Commercial FM Channels

A tug of war has developed between educational (secular) broadcasters and religious organizations over the remaining FM radio spectrum. Educational FM interests have become alarmed by the aggressive filings by many religious broadcasters—both for main stations and translators.

Taking sides is National Religious Broadcasters which feels the new policy

would "zone" its members out by granting preferences to applicants that qualify for government funding (which religious broadcasters don't).

The NRB opposes a proposed preference for applicants who demonstrate "their leadership is broadly representative of the community," and says it just wants a "level playing field." The group is also at odds with an FCC proposal to define religious broadcasters as those "closely affiliated with" a church, synagogue or other entity. The NRB contends that would exclude 40 percent of its members who aren't directly affiliated with a church.

#### Small Print Happenings and FM Industry News

The FCC is offering a free diskette that contains the "spectrum availability program" for low power FM. Using that, one might be able to tell if a proposed station would be feasible. You first have to get the diskette and then download the FCC's FM engineering base from its website; contact Jordan Brinn at the FCC for more information, (202) 418-2700.

The number one contemporary Christian station in the U.S. is—and you probably guessed it—KLTY 94.1 Fort Worth TX. It has been sold for \$63.3 million to Sunburst Media, which is based locally. John Borders of Sunburst claims to the *M Street Journal* he's not planning any changes at the station.

Chicago-based owner and syndicator Brad Saul announces the "Radio Center for People With Disabilities," with initial funding by Arbitron, and they're looking for more funding. For many of the disabled, radio would be an excellent career. I know of several blind people working in radio—as announcers and in management. You can reach the group at (312) 640-05000; FAX (312) 640-5010; e mail < Bradsaul@Eathlink.net>.

The Mutual Network has gone bye-bye, the victim of consolidation both in stations and in networks. Westwood One acquired Mutual in the 1980s. The hourly news feed will be provided by CNN. Mutual had been around since before World War II.

Canada's CBC's plan to add a new network is opposed by the powerful Sheila Copps, who is the nation's heritage minister. She thinks the network would be spreading itself "too thin."

### FM FORUM

CONTRIBUTIONS FROM READERS
"Do you remember the Stewarts who ran
WPBC-FM (101.3)-AM (980)many years ago?" asks
John Ebeling. "They are both alive. Bill is in a
wheelchair and has Parkinsons. His wife, Becky Ann, is
in better shape. [They heard that] I remembered
listening to the station. They said to greet me. . . At the
beginning, AM was a daytimer only, but after moving to
Eagan years ago (as WAYL) they are now 24
hours/day with religion and sports at times on AM."

Still no FM Atlas, I'm sorry to report. The old Data General computer has failed in mid-project, and I'll try to get the book out, using this computer for the rest of the production. The operating system diskette failed (Drive 0), including two backup copies that also became bad. Oh, well, the computer's lasted over 13 years!

Until May,
Tours



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READING SERVICE TO THE BLIND RESUMES IN HAWAII AFTER ALMOST A YEAR'S HIATUS. IT'S REPORTED ON PAGE 5, COL. 3.

CPB PARTNERS WITH COLORADO PUBLIC RADIO AND THE UNIVERSITY OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA TO CREATE AN \$850,000 "CLASSICAL PUBLIC RADIO NETWORK," WHILE LITTLE KOTO TELLURIDE GETS \$70 K TO DEVELOP A FOUR-CORNERS NEWSMAGAZINE. PAGE 8, COL. 2 HAS THIS AND OTHER NEWS.

BOSTON, ATLANTA CITY GOVERNMENTS SOTH SUPPORT MICRORADIO, WHILE NAB, NPR, CPB AND A BLIND SCS READING SERVICE ORGANIZATION REMAIN OPPOSED. LEAD STORY APPEARS ON PP. 7 AND

#### **New FM Station, Translator Grants**

Translators have less than 100 watts unless shown otherwise

AZ Guadalupe K215CZ \*90.9 (KRUC 88.9 Las Cruces NM translator), h,v [ID), v[ertical only] AZ Mesa K210CP \*89.9 (KEFX 88.9 Twin Falls/ K220HH \*91.9 (KAWZ 89.9 Twin Falls ID), v AR Hot Springs K204DI \*88.7 (KLOV 89.3 Win-

chester OR), h,v

AR Paris K207CW \*89.3 (KAWZ), h,v CA Bennett Valley (SE part of Santa Rosa) KRPQ-1 104.9 850 h,v, d-a booster of Rohnert Park station) (chilla), h,v

CA Bishop K212FB \*90.3 (KSKD 93.3 Chow-/ CA Goshen (Visalia) K216EK \*91.1 (KLVK 106.3 Kingsburg, 250 h,v. FCC dismissed a KAWZ translator application for 91.1 Exeter CA.

CA Hamilton City (W. of Chico, but transmitter will be east of Chico) K204DK \*88.7 (KEFX), h,v

CA Napa K208DO \*89.5 (KAWZ), v

CA San Juan Bautista K203DC \*88.5 (KAWZ), v

CA Templeton and Atascadero K216EL \*91.1 (KLVM 89.7 Prunedale), h,v

CA Yankee Hill K204DJ \*88.7 (KEFX), h,v

CA Yreka K204DM \*88.7 (KAWZ), v

CO Almont (SSW Jaire's Cabin at 38-42-47; 106-48-33) K208DQ \*89.5 (KTLF 90.5 Colorado Springs), h,v

CO Burlington K201FX \*88.1 (KAWZ), 250 v

CO Fort Morgan K203DA \*88.5 (KAWZ), 200 v

CO Limon K219DU \*91.9 (KAWZ), v

CO Nathrop (S. Buena Vista) K208DP \*89.5 (KRCC 91.5 Colorado Springs), 100 h,v. FCC dismissed a 91.1 application by KRCC for Lake George CO.

CO Yuma K219DV \*91.7 (KAWZ), 140 v

CT Pomfret (NE Storrs, SW Putnam) \*91.1 100 v, 88 m, Pomfret School. [Family Association

IL Crete \*88.1 90 watts h,v; 114 m, American/

IL Mount Vernon K201FL (a "K" call in "W" land!) \*88.1 (KAWZ), v

IN Goshen W207BF \*88.5 (KRUC), h,v

IN Michigan City W212BH \*90.3 (WBEZ 91.5 Chicago), h,v [\*88.5 (KAWZ), 170 v

IA Creston K203DB/ [(KANU 91.5 Lawrence)

KS Atchison K210CR \*89.9/

[Impact, Inc. KY Morehead \*88.5 7250 h,v; 159 m, Optimum/ KY Okolona W216BM \*91.1 (KAWZ). An applica-

tion to deny this grant was denied.

LA Jennings K201FO \*88.1 (KAWZ), 110 v MS D'Iberville W215BE \*90.9 (KAWZ), v

MO Kirksville \*89.7 1000 h,v; 60 m, Truman State University, to be operated along with KTRM 88.7 there. See also "Deletions."

NE Holdrege K214DK \*90.7 (KJLT-FM 94.9 North Platte), 250 h,v [Media Association

NE Imperial 102.9 100000 h,v; 305 m, Imperial/ NM Alamogordo K203CY \*88.5 (KEFX), h,v

NM Las Vegas K208DL \*89.5 (KFLQ 91.5 Albuquerque), 250 v

NY Cazenovia WITC \*88.9 130 watts h,v; 63 m, \$, r, C. College, petitions for reconsideration of its earlier deletion; assumed to be back on air.

NY Elmira W209BC \*89.7 (WPCS 89.5 Pensacola FL), seeks 88.9, v [Mountain Lake), h,v NY Old Forge W204BJ \*88.7 (WXLH 91.3 Blue/ NY Riverhead W214BF \*90.7 (WMHR 102.9 Syra-

cuse), h.v [89.3 Greenville SC), h,v NC Raleigh W216BN \*91.1 (WLFJ/

ND Dickinson K201FN \*88.1 (KAWZ), v [ville), h,v

OH Athens W210BK \*89.9 (WCDR 90.3 Cedar-/

OH Coshocton W208AT \*89.5 (WOSE 91.1 there), 250 h,v. WOSE's tower is NW of town; W208AT will be right in the business district, near a river.

OK Chickasha K209DJ \*89.7 (KAWZ), 250 v

OK Clinton K217DI \*91.3 (KAWZ), 140 v

OK Elk City K209DI \*89.7 (KAWZ), h,v

OK Woodward K201FM \*88.1 (KAWZ), h,v

OR Elmwood (ESE Colton at 45-07-52; 122-07-28) K220HK \*91.9 (KAWZ), v

OR Glide K205DM \*88.9 (KAWZ), v

OR La Grande K202CF \*88.3 (KAWZ), 120 v

OR Walton (between Eugene and Florence) K203CZ \*88.5 (KAWZ), v

PA Milford (transmitter opposite Port Jervis NY) W215BG \*90.9 (WXHL 89.1 Christiana DE), h,v. Most likely received via satellite.

SC Lowrys (NW Chester) W219CH \*91.7 (WRBK 90.3 Richburg), h,v. Add WRGN calls to map p. 28, FM Atlas-18.

SC Sumter W205BO \*88.9 (WPCS), v

TN Clifton 106.5 6000 h,v; 96 m, Clifton Radio Inc.

TN Dyersburg W205BN \*88.9 (WAYM 88.7 Columbia TN), h,v

TX Pearsall 104.1 3000 h,v; 100 m, John R. Furr TX Kemah (S. Seabrook, SE Pasadena) K217DJ

\*91.3 (KPFT 90.1 Houston), 180 h,v

TX Rudolph (north of Raymondville) \*90.7 2400 h,v; 86 m, Faith Pleases God Corporation

UT Clarkston K2220HI \*91.9 (KAWZ), v

VA Boones Mill (south of Roanoke) W204BH \*88.7 (KAWZ), h,v

VA Charlottesville W205AY \*88.9 (KAWZ), h,v WA Longview KRQT-1 107.1 2000 h,v booster of Castle Rock station.

WA Granite Falls K205DL \*88.9 (KAWZ), h,v WI Manitowoc W215BF \*90.9 (KAWZ), v

WY Evanston K228AB \*93.5 (KUWR 91.9)

Laramie), h,v, reinstated.

WY Rock Springs K217DH \*91.3 (KLOV 89.3) Winchester OR), 250 h,v [Juan station booster

PR Fajardo WKAQ-FM2 104.7 2950 h,v; d-a, San/ ON Wingham \*100.9 11800 h,v, CBC Radio I,

using a Class B allocation. Heard testing, with full operation assumed by now. Off the air is the CBC testing station on 106.3 Toronto (last month p. 4, col. 2).

PE Summerside CJRW 102.1 11000 h,v; moving from 1240 AM. It originally asked for 50 kw.

# Call Letters Assigned

AR Harrison \*91.9 KBPB

CA Livingston \*89.1 KCJH (from KYCC)

CA Point Arena 107.1 KBPC

CA Stockton \*90.1 KYCC (KCJH), still \*Your Christian Companion."

FL Mexico Beach 99.3 WPBH (WSHF), o

FL Parker 94.5 WPPT (WPBH), pr, "Pirate Radio." Its programming moves to WPBH.

GA Hogansville 98.1 WMAX-FM (WZLG); AM is in Bay City MI. Format r, hot AC, "Mix 98-1." Drops multi-city ID.

HI Honolulu 93.1 KQMQ-FM (KQMQ), so, dance, "Jammin' 93.1"

IL Eureka 98.5 WPPY (WEEK), "The Party"
MN Worthington \*88.1 KBOJ, \$[tereo]
NM Fruitland (Farmington) \*91.7 20000 h,v;
94 m, Native Am.Christian Voice, Inc., g.
NM Las Cruces \*89.7 KBOU [Point"
NY Albany 100.9 WCPT (WKLI), m, "The/
NY Attica 101.7 WLOF (WXOX), t, monophonic, Catholic Family Radio

NY Buffalo 92.9 WBUF (WLCE), "B 92.9"+
"Buffalo's Dancin' Oldies." Old calls weren't shown correctly FM Atlas pp. 16, 112.

NY Canandaigua 102.3 WISY (back to, from WMAX-FM). Calls should have been listed as going to WMAX-FM (from WISY), Aug. p. 2, col. 1. S. Bristol 107.3, WLCL, was WMAX-FM as correctly given last month.

NY Poughkeepsie 96.1 WCTJ (WTND), r, "The Cat," parallel to WCTW 98.5 Catskill, with hot ac, but separate commercials.

NY Ravena 94.5 WKLI (WABY-FM), r, getting 100.9's former format.

NY Rhinebeck 105.7 W289AG (from W272AF, which were its calls when it was on 102.3). Now h,v. It relays WFRH 91.7 Kingston NY. Its 105.7 frequency is wrong, p. 154 FM Atlas-18. One Jason Bereza. Poughkeepsie, has petitioned the FCC to take this translator off the air, along with W292CM 106.3 Poughkeepsie "because the programming of W272AF (now W289AG) and W292CM causes more complaint to the public than serving it." W292CM is objected to because the programming of its primary, WCTW, is the same as now heard locally on WCTJ (except for the commercials), while W289AG is duplicated locally by nearby

NC Jefferson 106.1 WMMY (WASQ), facilities to 10500 h.v: 155 m.

ND Arthur 96.7 KVMI (KOCL), now t, monophonic, ID with West Fargo. Was stunting with the sounds of a baby crying.

OR Reedsport 99.5 KJMX (KRBZ), "Mix." RI Block Island 99.3 WADK-FM (WERI); AM is in Newport RI.

TN Middleton 100.7 WTCK-FM (WBDJ)
TN Signal Mountain 98.1 WKXJ (WLOV-FM),
r, CHR, "Kicks 98."

TN South Pittsburg 97.3 WLOV-FM (WKXJ), so, "Love 97.3."

TX Abilene 105.1 KEAN-FM (KEAN)
TX Amarillo \*89.1 KXLV (KLMN), gr, "K-Love"
TX Lubbock 99.5 KQBR (KCRM), k, "The

Bear."

TX Markham 92.5 KZRC (KGFJ)
VA Powhatan 107.3 WBBT-FM (WXNC), AM is in Lyons GA. Now "The Beat."

WA Ilwaco 103.9 KRPM (KBKH)
WA Leavenworth 101.1 KOHO-FM (KLVH);
AM is in Honolulu HI.

WI Siren 105.7 WXCX (WBEP). "Soon the tower footings will be going in."

Wi Three Lakes 93.7 WLSL (WHTD), ID with Rhinelander still, but third city varies. Still using WHTD calls. [Is in Corinth MS. PR Fajardo 96.5 WCMA-FM (WBMB); AM/ AB Hinton 94.5 CIUB (not CIUM), facilities to 7 [watts] h, 30 m.

**Facilities Changes Granted** 

AL Florence WXFL 96.1 50000 h,v; 150 m, one-step C2. An informal objection was denied.

AK Houston (new) 96.3 10000 h,v; 250 m, one-step C2. AZ Flagstaff KLOD 100.1 20000 h,v; 438 m, d-a, C1 AZ Leupp (move from Oraibi) KBDT 98.9. Oraibi misspelled FM Atlas p. 127.

AZ St. Johns KWKM 95.7 466 m d-a (100000 h,v)
AZ Tempe (move from Phoenix) K210BZ \*89.9, v
AR Atkins KRRD 99.3 4100 h,v; 120 m
AR Colt (moving from Brinkley) KTRQ 102.3 40000 h,v;

167 m. [one-step C3 AR Fordyce KQEW 102.3 25000 h,v; 100 m, d-a,/ CA Avalon KLiT 92.7 83 m, d-a (6000 h,v)

CA Burney K279AG 103.7 (was K276CR 103.1), v CA Lenwood KBTW 104.5 1100 h,v; 234 m

CA Merced KAJZ 107.7 4000 h,v; 124 m [d-a CA San Jose KSJS \*90.5 1400 h,v; 167 m,/ [d-a

CA Thousand Palms KLOB 94.7 1650 h,v; 195 m,/

CA Vacaville KUIC 95.3 490 h,v (617 m)
CO Hudson KSIR-FM1 107.1 20000 h,v; d-a

CO Pueblo K201CZ \*88.1 250 v—make its FMap listing in big type. [-21 m (24 watts) h only

CT Berlin WERB \*94.5/ [FCConsiders it a Class A. CT Torrington WAPJ \*89.9 40 watts h,v; 84 m,/

FL Destin WMMK 92.1 61 m (25000 h,v) FL Gifford WAVW 94.7 22500 h,v; 107 m, C3

FL Marathon WKTS 97.7 2000 h,v; 61 m IL Decatur WSOY-FM 102.9 adds vertical

IL Pana WXKO-FM 100.9 4200 h,v; 117 m

IN Fort Branch WBGW \*101.5 2100 h,v (171 m) IN Rensselaer WPUM \*88.5 (from 90.5) 1000 h,v; 36

IN Rensselaer WPUM \*88.5 (from 90.5) 1000 h,v; 36 m, Class A

IN Roann WMYK 101.9 3600 h,v; 129 m, d-a IA Cedar Rapids KZIA 102.9 260 m (100000 h,v) KS Bronson KBJQ \*88.3 99000 h,v; 116 m, d-a

(directional antenna), C1 KS Topeka K210CQ \*89.9 (from K209CR 89.7), v KS Wichita KCFN \*91.1 148 m (100000 h,v)

KY Glasgow WGGC 95.1 314 m (100000 h,v) LA Blanchard KRVQ 102.1 20000 h,v; 112 m

ME Bangor WMEH \*90.9 246 m (13500 h,v)

ME Sanford WPHX 92.1 1800 h,v; 156 m

MD Hagerstown WARX 106.9 15500 h,v; 250 m MN Austin K255AN \*98.9 (from K254AA 98.7), 250 h,v

MN Nisswa 93.3 303 m (100000 h,v), BDI Bostg., the winner in a settlement agreement [v(ertical) MS Meridian W211BD \*90.1 (from W209AS 89.7),/

MO Moberly KZZT 105.5 50000 h,v; 150 m, C2 MO Thayer (new) 92.3 50000 h,v; 130 m [type big

MT Missoula K224AA 92.7 170 h,v—make its/ NV Ely KDSS 92.7 680 h,v (287 m)

NH Claremont WHDQ 106.1 1650 h,v; 673 m NM Santa Fe KRZY-FM 105.9 585 m (100000 h,v)

NM Taos KLAB 99.9 6100 h,v; -192 m, but may be an interim change.

NY Canton WRCD 101.5 5500 h,v; 104 m NY Carthage WTOJ 103.1 1800 h,v; 181 m NY Coming WSQE \*91.1 3600 h,v (199 m), d-a NY Gouverneur (move from Richville) W220CR \*91.9 (from W261AB 100.1), h,v

NY Morristown WNCQ-FM 102.9 4800 h,v (112 m) NY Nyack WNYK \*88.7 2 watts h,v; 139 m

OK Klamath Falls K201CK \*88.1 has KLVC 88.3 Magalia CA (from KLVR 91.9 Santa Rosa CA). There's also K218CQ \*91.5 there with co-owned KSKD 93.3 Chowchilla.

OH Cincinnati WKRQ 101.9 16000 h,v; 264 m [v OH Van Wert W204BI \*88.7 (from W218AZ 91.5),/ OK McAlester KBCW \*91.9 700 h,v; 136 m, on air v. Format c, parallel to KCSC 90.1 Edmond.

OK Oklahoma City K208CG \*89.5 210 h,v, render big its placement on FMap.

PA Cresson WBXQ 94.7 (from 94.3) 970 h,v; 242 m
PA Huntingdon WKVR \*92.3 -81 m (13 watts h,v)
PA Patton WBRX 94.3 (from 94.7) 2100 h,v; 167 m
PA Scranton W297AF 107.3 250 h,v—render its FMap appearance big.

SC Charleston W205BJ \*88.9 adds v[ertical] SD Pierre K279AH 103.7 (from K276EA 103.7), 200 h,v SD Rapid City K278AN 103.5 (from K276AQ 103.1), 250

SD Spearfish K278AM 103.5 (from K276IJ 103.1), h TN Johnson City W249AH 97.7 250 v—big type on FMap. [6000 h,v; 89 m, adds vertical

TN Lawrenceburg WDXE-FM 106.7 (from 95.9)/ TX Austin KVET-FM 98.1 62000 h,v; 365 m

TX Conroe (move from Huntsville) KAXF \*88.3 [v TX Corpus Christi K202— \*88.3 (from K201CR 88.1), 160/ TX Decatur KDKR \*91.3 v, no h

TX Gatesville KRYL 98.3 1000 h,v, 80 m, d-a
TX Odessa KBMM \*89.5 3900 h,v (59 m) [step C2

TX Port Isabel KVPA 101.1 50000 h,v; 148 m, 1-/

TX Victoria KVIC 95.1 13000 h,v; 140 m, C3 downgrade. VT Rutland WRVT \*88.7 2500 v (2800 h; 405 m, d-a)

WA Dishman KSPO 106.5 2250 h,v; 161 m WA Walla Walla KUJ-FM 99.1 31000 h,v; 190 m WV Bluefield WPIB \*90.9 11000 h,v; 377 m, d-a

WA Olympia K201EM \*88.1 140 v, FMap to big.

WI La Crosse K222AG 92.3 h,v—reduce its FMap size WI Menomonie WMEQ-FM 92.1 17500 h,v; 219 m PR Bayamon WXYX 100.7 50000 h,v; 333 m

PR Juana Diaz WKAQ-FM1 104.7 has a d-a AB Banff CKIS-1 94.3 45 h, -497 m, d-a

PQ Rouyn-Noranda CHGO-1 95.7 (from 98.3) 26100 h,v (204 m, d-a), "Go FM." Replaces CKRN 1400 AM and CKVD 900 Val d'Or.

SK Carrot River VF2212 88.1 13 watts v (10 m), rp, relaying CFMI 101.1 New Westminster BC, except for three hours a week of local programming.

## Stereo—Or to be \$tereo

AL Pine Hill WKXK 96.7, s, IDs with WKXN 95.9 Greenville

AR Blytheville KBCM \*88.3

AR Monticello KGPQ 99.9, r

AR Clarksville KXIO 106.9, k, "Kix 106.9," LMA-to-buy with KCJC 102.3 Dardanelle-KVOM-FM 101.7 Morrilton

CA Crescent City KHSR \*91.9, simulcast with KHSU 90.5 Arcata, fc format. "We transmit in stereo fulltime."

IA Madrid (MAD-rid) KLRX 96.1, o, classic hits from the '70s to early '80s, ID with Ames, "Clear 96.1." Its directional antenna is to protect KCOB-FM 95.9 Newton. "We

don't get into Des Moines, but reach Ankeny and West Des Moines."

GA Jasper WNEE \*88.3, b, has a d-a. On air later this month.

GA Lumber City WMOC \*88.7 [Eagle" (strict) GA Statesboro WPMX 102.9 mr, "102.9 The/ ID Pocatello KISU-FM \*91.1, nj, 24 hours. Overnight is by satellite from WFMT 98.7 Chicago's jazz service.

MD St. Michaels WFBR 94.3. "They're stereo with some kind of gospel format" (g). "We moved to 97.5 to accommodate them. Hey, I'm from Grand Forks but lived in Fargo and my parents live on a lake near Bemidji MN." MS Port Gibson WATU \*89.3

MS Starkville WJZB \*88.9

MS Tupelo WAJS \*90.9

WAQB \*91.7, g, S. gospel, plus children's programming 8-11 a.m. M-F.

MO Mexico KJAB \*88.3, \*The Master's



Radio," with 50 percent music (southern gospel) and 50 percent preaching. On 24 hours, no satellite, using a computer to program the station at night. "We've been stereo since March, when we moved to 88.3 and increased to 6 kw. No, the call letters don't mean we're trying to prick the consciousness of sinners!\* Daryl Kline, p.d. NJ Atlantic City WNJN \*89.7, nj; Berlin WNJS-FM \*88.1, nj; Cape May Court House WNJZ \*90.3, nj; Manahawkin WNJM \*89.9. ni (not vet on air, but in testing mode): Trenton WNJT-FM \*88.1, nj. News and talk during the day, but overnight (midnight to 5 a.m.) the stations relay WBGO 88.3 Newark in true stereo. WNJZ seeks 72 m, d-a. ND Fort Totten KABU \*90.7. \*KABU seems rather a free-form station with offbeat music and local announcements."

OR Altamont KRAT 97.7, ID with Klamath Falls, still o, with one of their nonIDs "The Rat Rocks"). FMistake p. 157 FM Atlas-18 shows it on 101.3, from whence it came.

TN Lawrenceburg WAWI \*89.7

TN Shellbyville WBIA \*88.3

TX New Ulm KMIA 92.3, country and a variety of rock. It joins KCVQ 97.7 Cuero, KYKM 92.5 Hoakum and KTXM 99.9 Hallettsville in a simulcast as "Texas Thunder Radio," with all stations IDing together.

VT St. Johnsbury WVPA \*88.5, cj, parallel to WVPS \*107.9 Burlington, etc. Gives IDs together. "It's all one big happy simulcast!"

VA Culpeper WPER \*89.9, is on 24 hours in stereo; came on Aug. 11.

VA Waynesboro WPVA \*90.1, but being sold to "someone in Las Cruces or something Cruces in California. It will stay Christian, with hymns, teaching. Our stations are doing fine. Some are commercial," Vernon Baker, g.m.

VA Wise WISE-FM \*90.5, cj, "Wise Radio for Wise Listeners." It "uses the slogan without call letters." Now 70 watts h.v: 204 m.

WA South Bend KJET 105.7, ID to be with Aberdeen. "You hit us too early. We'll know our format in two days!"

WI Portage WBKY 95.9, "Bucky Country 95-9," ID with varying rotating cities, including Baraboo-Reedsburg-Wisconsin Rapids.

WY Ethete ("EE-thee-tee") KWRR \*89.5, er, on noon to 6 p.m., but hopes to expand to 24 hours. Plays pow wow music and Indian flute songs ("almost new age") 4-6 p.m., country/western noon to 2 and oldies 2-4. "They don't seem to have a lot of music in stock as I hear the same songs again and again."

SO Hermosillo XHHLL 90.7

#### Monophonic

NH Farmington WZEN 106.5, o, "Oldies 106.5." Came on July 9, on 24 hours, 7 days a week. Remove \$[tereo] listing.

#### Format Changes

Formats are the same as in the "FM Atlas"

AL Centre WRHY 105.9 k[ountry]

AL Homewood WEDA 97.3 pr, "Rock 97.3" (from "Hot 97.3"). In a combo with WBHJ 95.7 Tuscaloosa-WBHK 98.7 Warrior-WODL 106.9 and WZZK 104.7 Birmingham-AMs.

AL Talladega WSSY-FM 97.5 mm, still "Sunny 97" AL Tuskegee WTGZ 99.9 pr

CA Barstow KDUC 94.3 o, KXXZ 95.9 op

CA Eureka KKHB 105.5 o[Idies]

CA Garberville KLVG \*103.7 gr, on air after solving interference problems. [Barstow

CA Ludlow KDUQ 105.7 o, parallel to KDUC/ CA San Joaquin KVPC 105.5 k, in a combo with KJFX 95.7 Fresno-AM.

GA Canton WGST-FM 105.7 nt, monophonic GA Millen WHKN 94.9 still k, now classic country HI Kahului KNUI-FM 99.9 r, hot AC, dropping e.

IL Glasford WRVP 101.1 rm (not on "1101.1," as shown Aug. p. 1, col. 3. [Channel"

IL Highland Park WXXY 103.1 o, '80s, "'80s/

IL Morris WYXX L103.1 o, "80s Channel"

IL St. Joseph WGNJ \*89.3 gr, combo with WGNN 102.5 Fisher.

IN Indianapolis WTLC-FM 105.7 s, adds Joyner; calls not "WTLC," FM Atlas, p. 139.
IN Mount Vernon WBLZ-FM 106.7 rm KS Augusta KLLS 104.5 op, "The Fox" KS St. Marys KQTP 102.9 r, hot AC, "Q 103"

(from "Oldies 102.9")

KS Topeka KWIC 99.3 o, LMA-to-buy with KMAJ-FM 107.7-KDVV 100.3-AMs.

KY Louisville WLRS 102.3 mr, "Love 102.3" (from LRS Fest").

LA Laplace WCKW-FM 92.3 op, "The Point." (from "Rock 92.3"). Was stunting with "Frank 92," Frank Sinatra, later the Beatles, but kept Bob & Tom. Fired airstaff otherwise. Format change as predicted last month. "I think this is going to blow up in their faces, as New Orleans is already saturated with the soothing sounds of the Eagles, Supertramp and the like." [Tom

MD Baltimore WOCT 104.3 still op, adds Bob &/
MD Mountain Lake Park WKHJ 104.5 mm

MA Boston WSJZ 96.9 tj, with Imus having moved here. Rest of rurnored conversion to talk may happen this month, but I'm holding out hope some stereo jazz will remain, possibly on weekends. WSJZ's morning show was 14th at a 2.3, 25 to 54 audience.

MA Truro WCDJ 102.3, j, using CDs. Testing with "a whopping 70 watts." Seeks 30 m.

MI Mount Clemens WDMK 102.7 sr, "Adult R&B 102.7 Kiss FM." Owned with WDTJ 105.9, and competing with AMFM's WMXD 92.3 and WJLB 97.9.

MN Proctor-Duluth-Superior (WI) KUSZ 107.7 m,
"The Point 107.7" (from "Z Rock 107.7"), named in honor of a feature of the Duluth harbor known as Park Point, where a party celebrating the format was held. If CBS objects to the use of their registered service mark, it's possible KUSZ will successfully point out its slogan is named after the local geographical location. Had stunted with Frank Sinatra, the Beer Barrel Polka, and Snoop Doggy Dogg, saying "We're All Mixed Up." Now positioning self as "Music for the New Millennium." Format resembles local WWAX 92.1 and KDAL-FM.

MS Bude WMJU 104.3 mr

MS Hattiesburg WAII \*89.3 gr [95.3 Lumberton MS McLain WXAB 96.9 r, parallel to WLNF/

MS Port Gibson WRTM-FM 100.5 sr, adds Joyner.

NV Sun Valley KHXR 94.5 k, "The Mountain" NY Canton WVNC 96.7 o, "The New 96.7" (from

"Mix 96"). It plays '70s to '90s hits, and teased with a tape loop of that format.

NY Catskill WCTW 98.5 r, "The Cat," and parallel with WTND Poughkeepsie (p. 2, col. 1, "Call Letters"), except for commercials.

NY Jewett WRIP 97.9 rm, with oldies 7 p.m. to midnight Sundays, stereo, "Rip 97.9" from the land of Rip Van Winkle.

NC Elon College WSOE \*89.3 p, \$. Still on 89.3, despite report they had moved to 88.1. "I'm not aware we will be going to 88.1 or not."

NC Harrisburg WCCJ 92.7 so, "Jam" (from "Smooth FM 92.7")

OH Streetsboro WSTB "88.9 rp, plus "oldies jukebox" 9-11 p.m. Sundays, hosted by c.e. Bill Weisinger. Phone requests to (330) 626-5640. Now "Alter-nation," replacing "V Rock." Switch FMedia! Page 4 Indian FM Station in Queens Claims to be Legal As a Part 15 Device September, 1999 happened after WENZ 107.9 Cleveland "Ended" excuse to go down for a listen?" FRMV may not nec-

modern rock. [See also SCS news p. 6, col. 1.]

OK Edmond KCSC \*90.1 c

OR La Grande KWRL 99.9 rm, \$[tereo]

- PA Philadelphia WWDB-FM 96.5 still tm, with weekday monophonic talk, weekend stereo music. It was to have had Torn Leykis and Ed Tyll, but after only two weeks on the air they had alienated most of their older audience by suggesting that "people over 50 wouldn't like" their shows. They were on in the nighttime. Plans to make WWDB 960 a talk station for older listeners have been set aside, with brokered programming and ethnic continuing on the AM. WWDB veterans Susan Bray, Irv Homer and Dr. James Corea may return from the AM daytimer to the big FM station.
- TX Alice KNDA 102.9 S, I, but no longer Tejano. TX Brownfield-Lubbock KLZK 104.3 sr, "Kiss 104.3"
- TX Clarendon KEFH 99.3 o, "The Eagle"
- TX Coleman KSTA-FM 107.1 mr, "K-Star" (from "The Cat"), owned with KXYL-FM 104.1 Brownwood-AMs.
- TX Cuero KVCQ 97.7 kr, country and rock, returning to the air as "Texas Thunder Radio" (from "Q 97.7 FM"). [[kc), "Power 97"
- TX Eastland KEAS-FM k (from/ ["K Classic")
- TX Farwell KICA-FM 98.3 pr, "98.3 Rocks" (from/ TX Hallettsville KTXM 99.9 kr, "Texas Thunder Radio"
- TX Lorenzo KKCL 98.1 still oldies, moving Rush to KFYO AM.["94.5 FMX"), like KFNX 94.1 Amarillo
- TX Lubbock KFMX 94.5 pr, "Absolute Rock" (from "94.5 FMX"), as is KFNX 94.1 Amarillo. KCRM 99.5 k[ountry]
- TX Mirando City KZLM 100.5 S, I, "La M"
- TX Palestine KLIS 96.7 op
- TX Premont KMFM \*100.7 S, gr, mono, owned by Paulino Bernal Evangelism, now noncommercial
- VA Petersburg WSOJ 100.3 k, combo with WJRV 105.7 Richmond, which it simulcasts, WCDX 92.1 Mechanicville, WDYL 101.1 Chester, WPLZ-FM 99.3 Petersburg-AMs.

WA Eatonville KKBY 104.9 pr

WI Nekoosa WXEC 93.9 op, said to be parallel to WKQH 104.9 Marathon, which its LMA-to-buy partner WSPT-FM 97.9 Stevens Point refused to confirm.

# On Air—Real Stations and Pirates (Selected)

- AZ Flagstaff KJTA \*89.9. I have been trying to find out if it is stereo, but nobody answers (520) 556-1543. CA Rio Dell KMGX 107.3
- CA Rohnert Park KRPQ 104.9 now 2250 h,v; 167 m, but does not come in in the same direction as farther away K2963S 107.1 Lakeport CA.
- CA Willits KLLK-FM 96.7, off air, preparing to move to 93.5 "with a new format."
- IN Veedersburg WSKL 92.9
- MA Lawrence 99.9—the Spanish outlet (last month p. 4, col. 1) has reportedly left the air, but "Bruce Elving's FMedial brings word of another pirate, though, a 98.7 on Martha's Vineyard calling itself 'Free Radio Martha's Vineyard. . . Hmmm. Wonder if we can find an

- excuse to go down for a listen?" FRMV may not necessarily yet be on the air; "It was supposed to go on soon."
- MN Moose Lake W294AA \*106.7. Primary WNCB \*89.3 Duluth back to full power. The car they're giving away now is a "bright red" 1966 Ford Mustang V-8 donated by London Truck and Auto Body, Duluth (Aug. p. 4, cols. 1-2).
- NH Peterborough WNHQ 92.1—bought by WFNX 101.7 Lynn MA, WPHX 92.1 Sanford ME. "Once the group receives FCC approval, the new station will simulcast "FNX's [pr] programming to Hillsborough County and Manchester NH."
- NJ Newark WFME \*94.7—appears to be the only major New York city area FM station not included in the <u>New</u> <u>York Post</u> radio listings.
- NY Brooktyn (area) "Radio Celesta" 90.5 is on nearly every day at various times. "There's anew Haitian pirate on 91.9, but too distorted to get info on them." Radio Soleil 96.7 (from 91.9), but gets interference from WKHL 96.7 Stamford CT.
- NY Bronx Spanish Christian "Radio Nuevo Amanecer" 87.9 gets well into Queens; gives a PO Box 769, Bronx NY address.
- NY Jamaica Queens is where an 89.3 (formerly 88.1 and before that £7.9) India station is from, Mono, "After one day on 88.1 when they used the calls 'WICR' and talked for hours, they've gone back to all music for the time being. Maybe they chose 89.3 so the FCC will confuse them with WCNJ \*89.3, the Indian station in Hazlet NJ." Believed run by Mohan Paarthasarathy, a computer programming expert, who has posted on the Internet. When it was on 88.1 was heard saying, "We broadcast in accordance with FCC Part 15 rules. . . In some areas you will be experiencing a slight real-time delay in the broadcast and that is due to our several relay transmitters that [are] in this network to bring you this point-to-point broadcasting. As we grow we will be attaching more relay transmitters, a special engineering technique that was developed by yours truly," who claimed to be a former aerospace engineer. It "sounds like a good idea they have-put a bunch of Part 15-type transmitters in different locations and have the same programming on all of them. That way they're legal, or at least they think they are."
- NY Queens (SW part of) 90.9 "Radio Precision/Hot FM," mostly Haitian, "but some KTU-type dance music."
- NY—Mel Karmazin, chief honcho of Infinity Radio, "is convinced that football fits great on rock stations. So WNEW (still a rock station) will be carrying Giants games this fall and WXRK 92.3 [has been or will be] carrying Jets/Eagles preseason games."
- OK Edmond KCSC "90.1, but there's a rumor it may be sold to a religious organization. "Say it isn't so," comments Glenn Hauser on his OK webpage at http:// www.angelfire.com/OK/worldofradio/Oklahoma4.html

PA Loyalsock W224AI 92.7 back on air.

RI Providence "Free Radio Rhode Island" testing on 87.9, broadcasting from a 59 m tower with two circularly-polarized bays driven by a 1 kw solid state FM transmitter, currently mono, "with stereo on the way soon. The mission of FRRI is to provide a powerful voice to oppressed minorities and opinions that the mainstream media won't give time to." It sounds like an extreme right-wing type outfit with lectures on "our founding fathers," "education and constitutional law," "natural medicine and holistic practice," "exposing government fraud," and "the militia hour." The broadcast schedule supposedly will be 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, "and will be heard thorughout most of Rhode Island."

TN Lawrenceburg WAWI \*89.7 TN Shelbyville WBIA \*88.3

- TX Benavides ICXTM 107.7. I've been trying to call them and find out if it is stereo and if it is noncommercial, but the only directory listing is for a TV station with similar call letters.
- UT Salt Lake City KUFR \*91.7: Received a notice of apparent liability for \$7000 from the FCC for failing to have \*a meaningful management and staff presence at its main studio.\* FCC visited the main studio three times \*and found no one at home.\* They were investigating a blanketing interference complaint against KUFR.

CUBA "East" 89.1 Radio Taino
[La] Habana 98.5 Radio Progresso
Holguin CMKG 94.1 Radio Victoria
CMKX 95.5 Radio Bayamo Granma
104.3 Radio Rebelde
La Nueva Fast CMKO 97.9 Radio Sta

La Nueva East CMKO 97.9 Radio Stereo Holguin Santiago CMKC 101.7 Radio Revolucion Varadero 93.3 Radio Taino—information via Fernando Garcia, Monterrey NL, via Alexeis Marrero, San Andres, Holguin, CUBA. Garcia maintains that Radio Taino is a tourist station, based at Calle O No. 216, Vedado, PO Box 3040, La Habana 3, CUBA.

#### Off Air-Or Not Yet On

- AZ Winslow KFMR 95.1. Has "site problems" according to an area consulting engineer I talked with.
- MA Nantnucket WNAN \*91.1 and Woods Hole WCAI \*90.1-John Voci, station director, responded to the MV Times letters (Aug. p. 4, col. 3): "The suggestion to operate on 88.5, 89.3 or 89.5 was explored when we began looking for an available frequency. In fact, when we first applied to the FCC in 1994, we requested 89.3. At the same time WSMU (91.1 North Dartmouth) applied to move from 91.1 to 89.3. In deference to WSMU, we withdrew our application for 89.3 and moved to 90.1, the only remaining frequency available in the region. Others ultimately blocked WSMU in its effort to relocate. . . Both WCAI and WNAN comply with all FCC rules, yet because of the limited number of available FM frequencies, it's possible some listeners may experience some interference to stations heard in locations outside their FCCdesignated coverage area."
- MN Moose Lake KBFH 107.1. "It interfered with the sheriff's frequency." The sheriff's department is investigating the kidnapping of convenience store worker Katie Poirer. A suspect is in custody, but her body has not been found.
- NJ Manahawkin WCHR-FM 105.7 "has apparently gotten into a setback, and will probably be far from coming on the air. They were supposed to have been on the air by now with a classic rock format under the name '105.7 The Hawk'. However, back in June they applied for a power increase to 13,000 watts and they went ahead and constructed the tower without getting authorization from the FCC. The owners of WJRZ basically ratted on them (since they actually had first dibs on the frequency way back when), and WCHR-FM was forced to take down the transmitter. So the status of WCHR-FM is up in the air as of now. And now with WBHX (99.7 Tuckerton NJ) on the air with a classic

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- rock format, they may have to think twice about their proposed format."
- PA Philadelphia—a federal judge threw out the complaints by Radio Vida and Radio Luz that their First Amendment rights as broadcasters had been violated.
- TX Woodville KVLL-FM 94.7 lost its LMA with Stephen Yates. Meanwhile KVLL 1490 returns to the air, with oldies and standards.
- "Hey, don't retire. We enjoy your publications," W.W., Streetsboro OH.

### **Deletions**

- CA South Lake Tahoe K212AJ \*90.3—displaced by the new KKTO \*90.5 Tahoe City. FCC dismissed K212AJ's application for 90.1.
- FL Tampa W221BA 92.1
- GA Macon W201BU \*88.1, probably because of WJSP-FM 88.1 Warm Springs
- IA Adel K215CL \*90.9. It was opposed by KUNI 90.9 Cedar Falls.
- MO Kirksville K210AU \*89.9
- NY Riverhead W234AA \*94.7—see \*Facilities\* last month p. 2, col. 3.
- WI Boscobel W240AB 95.9, at request of licensee.

### FMistakes—FM Atlas-18th Ed.,FMedial

- AL Harrison remove (new) \*91.9 from p. 126 (it is in Arkansas) [col. 2.
- AL Oxford WVOK 97.9,not 99.9, May-June p. 8,/ AZ Oracle KGMG 106.3, not 103.7, p. 127
- AZ Oro Valley 97.5 KOAZ, not "KUAZ," May-June p. 5, col. 1.
- AZ San Manuel K285DL 104.9 translates KGMG 106.3 Oracle (not as shown p. 70, "KLQB," and not as shown p. 128, "KIXD").
- AR Bryant KMVK 93.3, not 93.1, Aug. p. 2, col. 2. AR Monticello KHBM-Fm 93.7,not 93.5, p. 129
- CA Mountain Pass KHYZ 99.5, not 99.7 (but add to go to 99.7") p. 90 map.
- CA Tehachapi 100.1 KKZQ calls missing p. 131 GA Helen WTFH \*89.9, not 88.9, p. 136
- Hi Lihue \*88.9 remove KAWV calls from that listing p. 137. KAWV is on 98.1.
- IL Atlanta WMNW calls missing p. 138
- IL Chillicothe WKSO 94.3 Kiss (not "Fox"), May-June p. 2, col. 1.
- IA Glenwood-Omaha KXKT 103.7—third city should read Council Bluffs (not "Columbus") p. 224.
- KS Plainview KFIX 96.9, not 96.7, p. 141.
- KY Jeffersontown WMJM 101.3, not 101.7, p. 142 MS Hazlehurst 100.9 is WDXO, not "WDXD," p. 36 map.
- KY Lerose \*88.3 WSPE calls missing p. 142.
  KY Stamping Ground WULV 96.1, not 99.1, Aug. p. 1, col. 3
- KY Tyner (new) \*89.3, not 89.9, p. 142
- KY Wilmore 95.3 WVRB, not "WXRB" p. 44; WVRB 95.3, not 105.9, p. 142.
- LA Gibsland 104.5 KBEF calls missing p. 142 LA Grand Isle 104.5 KBIL calls missing p. 143
- LA Grand Isle 104.5 KBIL calls missing p. 14 LA Homer 106.7 KYLA, not "KZXB," p. 38
- LA Minden 95.7 KSYR (not "KYSR") p. 38; not 95.3 p. 143. [p. 143.
- LA Natchitoches KNWD \*91.7 format rp, not \*prp\*/

- LA Ruston KNBB 99.3, not "KXKZ," p. 38. KXKZ is on 107.5
- LA Shreveport 102.9 KBED calls missing p. 143. LA Tallulah KBYO-FM 104.5, not 104.9, p. 143 MD Cumberland W263AJ is 100.5, not 100.1, p. 23
- MD Frederick W205Bi. \*88.9, not 88.1, p. 144. WV Public Radio would like to hear from you if you've been experiencing reception problems with WVEP 88.9 Martinsbusrg this summer. WETA \*90.9 Washington DC powered up this translator during the summer. "An unfortunate side effect is that many of us in the northwest suburbs of DC can no longer pick up a decent signal from WVEP at 88.9—we either get the WETA translator signal or noise. It's a shame that those of us who can get a strong WETA at 90.9 get it (or noise) at 88.9 too, just because the WETA translator's signal isn't directional enough. WV Public Broadcsting is trying to document the problem to make a case to the FCC. There's a form on the Internet for public comment, or contact them at 600 Capitol St., Charleston WV 25301 "to document reception problems. . . There's some hope that they'll be able to again [receive WVEP] again some day."
- MD Hurlock WAAI 100.9, not 100.5, p. 144.
- MD Leonardtown WETW \*91.7 add to p. 25 map. MA West Yarmouth WXTK 95.1, not 94.9, p. 144. MN Albany KDDG 105.5 (not \*KDOG\*) May-June
- MN Eden Prairie KZNZ 105.7 out of alignment p. 146. Format, p, is missing.

p. 6, col. 2.

- MN Minneapolis—the WRQC story should mention the Skylight (not "Skyline") network.
- MN Ortonville KCGN \*101.5 is "Praise FM" (not "The Buzz") May-June p. 6, col. 2 (listed under KBHZ 91.9 Willmar).
- MS Collins WKNZ 107.1, not 101.7, p. 147
- MT Gillette remove \*88.9 p. 184 (is in Wyoming). MO South West City KWMQ is 100.3, not 100.1,
- May-June p. 6, col. 3.
- NV Lund \*88.7 KWFS calls missing p. 150 NY Coming WNKI is on p. 152, not \*151,\* Aug. p. 5, col. 1.
- NY Watkins Glen W215AB \*90.9 has an extra \*1\* printed at the right of p. 154 column. [p. 154]
- NC Ahoskie [now WBKU] "91.3 frequency missing/ NC (not "NY") Ayden W220BW "91.9 p. 155. Primary is WOTJ "90.7, not "WCTJ 90.3."
- NC Rose Hill WBSY 104.7 sr format not clearly printed p. 154.
- NY New York WQXR 96.3 had been going off at 1 a.m., not midnight, Sundays, July p. 3, col. 3.
- OH Belpre W223AD 92.5 has WRRR, not "WRRR-FM," p. 157
- OK Lindsay KBLP is on 105.1, not "105.2," p. 157. OH Fairifield 94.9 WMOJ, not "WVAE," p. 156.
- OK Muskogee K261BM 100.1 has KQSR 94.7 (not \*KOSR\*), pp. 69, 157. ["KKAJ-FM" p. 157
- OK Shawnee K285CH 104.9 has KKAJ, not/ [1. OR Burns K203CW \*88.5, not 88.3, July p. 1, col./
- OR Grants Pass K201DI \*88.1 has KDOV-FM (not \*KDOV") p. 158 [p. 158.
- OR La Grande K212EQ \*90.3—remove from/

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- OR Lincoln City K288DI 105.5 has KPPT-FM 100.7 Toledo OR (not "KZUS-FM") pp. 100, 158 OR Medford K221DS "92.1 has KDOV-FM, not "KDOV," p. 158. ["KPDQ," p. 158.
- OR Seaside K296DM 107.1 has KPDQ-FM, not/ OR Winchester KLOV \*89.3 add \$ p. 158.
- PA Covington WDKC 101.5 remove \$ p. 219
- PA Jackson Township WRTY \*91.1 out of alignment p. 159. [p. 2, col. 3.
- RI Westerly (not Block Island) WBLQ \*88.1, July/ SC Rock Hill \*88.1 is W201AD, not "W201A," p. 161.
- SC Hilton Head Island 106.1 frequency for WFXH-FM not given p. 160. [p. 160.
- SC Kingstree WGSS 94.1 is 28 km (not "238")/ TN Walden W278AC 103.5 translates WKXJ (now
- TN Walden W278AC 103.5 translates WKXJ (now WLOV-FM), not "KXJ" 97.3, p. 162. [164.
- TX Mount Enterprise 99.9 KGRI calls missing p./ VT Waterbury WDOT 103.3, not 103.1, Aug. p. 2, col. 1. [June p. 1, col. 3.
- WA Hanford K204DH (not "K240DH") \*88.7, May-/
- AB Fox Creek 92.1 CFFC, not "C," p. 110.
- BC Cedarvale—remove CFTK- 98.7 from p. 109. BC Prince George CFPG \*90.3 is on p. 108, not
- BC Prince George CFPG \*90.3 is on p. 108, not \*109,\* Aug. p. 5, col. 1.
- BC Terrace 92.1 CFNR, not "CFTR," p. 108. Add CFNR 92.1 to p. 109; is commercial.
- ON Newmarket CKDX 88.5 is going to 11300 h,v; 177 m (not "113 500") May-June p. 4, col. 2.
- ON Toronto 90.7 frequency of "CKHC" not given
- (having moved from 91.7), Aug. p. 4, col. 2. CL Piedras Negras XHSL 99.1, not 98.1, p. 118.
- NL Galeana XHGAL 93.7, not 94.7, July p. 2, col 2
- PU Puebla town misspelled, May-June p. 5, col. 1. SO Puerto Penasco 106.1 XHPPO, not
- "XHPPPO," May-June p. 5, col. 1.
- "You appear to have missed quite a few changes in the Station Directory, Part I," R.R., via e-mail.
- "I hear your new Atlas is out for \$22, so I'll take one, although I heard it's full of mistakes. In fact, I've heard it probably has more mistakes than all the other editions combined," A.B., Charleston IL.
- "You called in my charge card information in March. I still have not gotten it. To say that I am disturbed is to say the very least," J.H., Columbia MO.

## SCS Services, 57, 67, 92 kHz Symbols are as in the FM Atlas

- AZ Tucson KUAT-FM \*90.5 the reading service is at 92, not 67 kHz († ,T).
- GA Atlanta WRFG \*89.3 †V, 67 (instead of O), using the new "V" code for Vietnamese. WABE \*90.1 adds †()
- GA Gainesville WFOX 97.1 drops †U, 67.
- HI Wailuku KKUA \*90.7 † ,T, a relay of KHPR 88.1 Honolulu's reading service at 92 kHz, which is back on the air. It had been silent since Oct. 1998 "due to technical difficulties." The difficulties, however, appear to be more financial than technical. The station did a "Death to Duct Tape" fund drive, which netted \$69,000. This exceeded the goal of \$65,000. Part of the money collected went to the reading service, which includes readings from the Honolulu Ad-
- KS Osage City KANS-FM 92.9 †( )U

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IA Des Moines KKDM 107.5 †U, 67 MD Princess Anne WOLC 102.5 †( )

OH Streetsboro WSTB \*88.9 †S, occasional audio 92 kHz, but moving to 67. It's a "voice skimmer" that transmits announcers only when there is talking. The output goes to a voice-activated tape recorder for maintaining air checks, "It's a totally unique use for SCSes. Usually there will be no audio, but at times there will be talking. We need adapters with the mute feature."

OK Enid KOFM 103.1 †( )

OK Oklahoma City KQSR 94.7 †()

SC Charleston WSCi \*89.3 †( )

USA-A survey by the Consumer Electronics Manufacturers Association found about 20 percent of U.S. FM stations are equipped to transmit an RDSignal at 57 kHz, though 20 percent of those never actually used their equipment to broadcast RDS. Most of the stations broadcasting an RDS send out their call letters (70%), while only 11% are using the alternate frequency feature to automatically switch to a nearby station with the same program, as is often done in Europe. [River NJ.

"I'm enjoying the new FM Atlas, by the way," J.G., Toms/ Scott Fybush, in his Northeast Radio Watch, accuses me of being "the man who's spent more time boosting the cause of FM radio in the last three decades than just about anyone. . . We're hoping for many more editions [of the FM Atlas] to come. Find ordering information at Bruce's web site-now all we need is an updated M Street Radio Directory and we'll really be happy!" A quick way to my website is to type: users.aol.com/fmattas.

Fybush comments on new stations being granted and rulemakings for even more in the area northwest of New York city: "Do the northern Catskills really need a new radio station? Any sane person might look at the plethora of Poughkeepsie relays, 'originating stations for New Jersey translators', and newly-built, interim-programmed jukeboxes, and might conclude that the answer is 'no'. Not the folks at the FCCthey've opened up 102.9A Narrowsburg, over there in the hills just east of Honesdale PA.

Gerry Turro won the blessing of an FCC administrative law judge (Arthur J. Steinberg), who granted renewal of licenses for WJUX 99.7 Monticello and two translators.

More about WJUX posted by "Doug" on the Garden State (NJ) Radio Board: "An adminstrative law judge has ruled 'Jukebox Radio' was not illegally channeling signals by having studios in Durnont, sending the signal by phone lines to full-service WJUX in Monticello, then to a translator in Rockland County and bouncing it to the 103.1 translator in Fort Lee. In 1995, WVNJ (AM) filed a complaint that 103.1 operates as full service. "VNJ plans to appeal."

"I've always enjoyed your books and comments on radio. Thanks again! B.H., Sharon MA.

\*FM Atlas arrived Aug. 28. Great to have the new edition! Thanks for all your dilligent work on it. I'm glad to see the improvements in mapping, especially Kansas and Mexico, G.H. via e-mail.

### NonIDs. Not Just Slogans

Mentioned usually without call letters: "strict" if a station uses call letters once per hour (at or near top of hour) as required by FCC and Industry Canada

WJUX, Two Translators Found to be Legal

AR Harrisburg KKEY 95.9 Key 96 IL Quincy WQCY 103.9 Q 103.9

IA Burlington KGRS 107.3 Mix 107.3, same as KIOW 107.3 Forest City IA uses.

MI Stephenson WMXG 106.3 Mix 106

MN Minneapolis KXXR 93.7 still 93-X, but said to be softening its rock in wake of format change at WLOL 100.3.

MT Hamilton KXDR 98.7 Stor FM

NE Bennington KTNP 93.3 K Rock (from "The Point"). with harder rock than it had. Seeks 9600 h,v; no d-a. NJ Tuckerton WBHX 99.7 Automated 99.7. still \$. on ND Bismarck KBYZ 96.5 The Fox (from "Z 96")

ND Langdon KNDK-FM 95.7 Hot 95 FM (back to, from "Hot 95.7") [(from "FM 98"), still r, now hot AC.

OH Defignce WDFM 98.1 Mix 98/ ["My 102")

TN Sevierville WMYU 102.1 Oldies 102 (from/

TX Haltom City KKZN 93.3 Merge 93-3 (from "93-3 The Zone"), pr, modern rock. Was stunting with comedy, as was co-owned KXZN 104.1 Sanger TX (now "Merge"). It's "a merge of the broadcast station and the Internet." Said to be jockless.

VT Springfield WCFR 93.5 Magic 94

WI Verona-Madison WMMM-FM 105.5 105 Triple M (from "Triple M 105 FM")

PQ La Sarre CHGO-2 102.1 Go FM

PQ Mirabel CHGO-3 104.9 Go FM

PQ Val d'Or CHGO 104.3 Go FM ("Compadre")

SO Hermosillo XHUSS 92.3 La Comadre (not "La/

# Multi-City IDs In Use

MA Tisbury WMVY 92.7 with "Martha's Vineyard"-Falmouth-Hyannis

MN Ortonville KPHR 106.3 with Milbank SD, "Country 106" (strict)

PA Freeland WWFH 103.1 with Hazleton, not Pittston, "It simulcasts Pittston (WSHG 102.3)." SD Vermillion-Yankton KVHT 106.3 drops Sioux

City IA from ID list.

"I was glad to find the Aug. FMedia! in my mailbox. . . i almost didn't look in the box at all; I usually don't bother when I'm the only one here, if I'm not expecting anything (I figured it was too early for FMedial). That makes three issues in a little over a month! And it's good that the headlines are back, or whatever you call those things at the tops of pages. I was wondering why they had been missing lately." The headlines remain the one part of the newsletter not done on this computer. They take extra time and effort, so when I'm in a hurry to get to the printer in downtown Duluth it's good-bye headlines!

### **Selected AM Happenings**

CA Simi Valley KIRN (formerly KVCA) 670 becomes Iranian—probably the first fulltime Farsi station on main carrier radio in the U.S. Owner Lotus Communications drops out of an LMA with Spanish Radio Unica.

FL Avon Park WAVP 1390 silent; had been Mexican.

GA Decatur WATB 1420 has the Sagal Somali Radio Service 2-4 p.m. Saturdays, hosted by Hussien Moharned. It caters to Somali-speaking immigrants from Somalia, Ethiopia and Kenya. The local audience is estimated at 5000 and growing.

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HI Haiku KUAU 1570 off air, but supposed to return with a new format; was news and talk.

IA Waterloo IXEL 1540 has AM stereo for their syndicated overnight music show.

MS Canton WONG 1150 off air "for repairs."

NY New York WLIB 1190 lost a frequent gues in Lem Wells, 78, who died in his apartment. He spent most of his life in p.r. work with then U.S. Senator John F. Kennedy and NY Assemblywoman Geraldine Daniels. Before moving to NY 30 years ago he was active in the early Boston folk scene, starting a small record label that featured the early work of Joan Baez. Before that he was a host at WERD in Atlanta, "the country's first black-owned radio station."

PA Pittsburgh WWNL 1080 (had been WPGR) temporarily silent. It expects to sign back on with a new format Sept. 8. WPGR's ministry programs and call letters have moved to 1510 (formerly WXVX) Monroeville.

SC Seneca WSNW 1150 off air, said to be looking for a new transmitter site. [CHUM 1050.

ON Kitchener CKKW 1090 has AM stereo, as does Toronto's/ PQ Arnos CHAD 1340 reported silent, having been replaced by FM stations now known as "Go FM" (see "Facilities" and "Non1Ds," above).

### FMakings—Selected FCC and Industry Canada applications

AL Oneonta WKLD 97.7 3700 h.v; 112 m

AL Rainbow Mtn. Heights \*88.5 (WAYM 88.7 Columbia TN translator)

AK Anchorage KWHL 106.5 24 m, d-a AK Anvik \*89.5 (KSKO AM McGrath AK)

AK Grayling \*90.5 (KSKO)

IAR Paris KERX AK Holy Cross \*91.5 (KSKO) 95.3 33000 h,v; 183 m

AK Shageluk \*88.5 (KSKO)

CA Lake Elsinore \*88.7 (KAWZ 89.9 Twin Falls ID)

CA Palm Springs 106.9 (KYOR Yucca Valley booster)

CA Portola \*90.9 (KVIP-FM 98.1 Redding)

CA Santa Ana KALI-FM 106.3 100 m

CA Santa Cruz KZSC \*88.1 10000 h,v; 132 m, d-a

CO Breckenridge \*89.7 (KUVO 89.3 Denver)

CO Brush \*91.9 (KWBI 91.1 Morrison-Denver)

FL Cocoa Beach \*89.7 200 v, 17 m, Bostg for Challenged \*89.7 190 v, 39 m, Black Media Works, Inc.

FL Fort Pierce WJFP \*91.1 35000 h,v; 47 m, C2

FL Merritt Island \*89.7 750 v, 40 m, Central FL Educ. Fou \*89.7 190 v, 40 m, M. I. Public Radio

FL Key West \*90.5 (WJFM 88.5 Baton Rouge LA)

FL Naples Park WQNU 105.5 23500 h,v; 220 m

**[College** GA Flintstone \*91.9 (WAYM) ID Idaho Falls \*88.7 390 v, 189 m, Pensacola Christ./

IL Crossville \*90.1 (WJFM)

IN Farmersville \*90.1 2750 v, 79 m, Pens. Chris. College

IN Hamburg \*91.1 (KAWZ)

IN Huntington WEXI 103.1 (from 102.9) 4500 h,v

KY Campbellsville \*88.7 (WJFM)

KY Madisonville \*89.1 (WVHM 90.5 Benton)

LA Leesville KJAE 93.5 (from 92.7) 7500 h,v

MA Brookline WBOS 92.9 18500 h,v; 224 m

MA Newburyport \*91.7 400 v, 108 m, U. of MA

MA Winchendon \*91.1 170 h,v; 63 m, Exec. Committee

IMA Turners Falls WPVQ of Trustees Mł Cadillac \*89.1 (WJFM) 93.9 4300 h,v; 119 m

MI Hillsdale \*88.9 3000 v, 94 m, Gt. Lks. Comm. Bostg.

Mi Hubbard Lake \*88.1 1100 v, 100 m, Gt. Lks. C. B. MI Mount Pleasant \*90.7 (WAPC 91.9 Terre Haute IN).

This translator applied for by Great Lakes Community

### FMedia! Page 7 MO's KGAR, KKJO-FM Poised to Serve Kansas City From Different Angles September, 1999

Broadcasting. It looks like GLCB is the same as, or affiliated with, American Family Radio, WAPC licensee. MI Orleans \*91.9 5000 v, 48 m, Pensacola Christ. Coll. MI Rodney \*91.5 200 h,v; 50 m, Gt. Lakes Comm. Bcstg. MI Roscommon \*89.1 1300 v, 100 m, Gt. Lks. Com. Bc. MI Sanford \*91.3 400 v, 50 m, Gt. Lakes Comm. Bcstg. MI Traverse City \*88.3 (WJFM) MN Albert Lea KCPI 94.9 5000 h,v; 90 m MS Grenada WQXB MN Fergus Falls \*88.3 (WJFM) MN Grand Rapids \*89.7 (KAWZ) 100.1 15500 h,v; 156 MS McComb \*88.3 (WJFM) m, C2 MO Garden City KGAR 105.3A seeks 105.1 C1, one-step 100000 h,v; 299 m, tower just SE Harrisonville. MO Rosati \*89.3 (WJFM) MO St. Joseph KKJO-FM 105.1 seeks 105.5C1 299 m (100000 h,v), tower in KS-between Atchison KS and St. Joseph MO. MT Polson \*90.5 (KAWZ) | NJ Union Twp. WKNJ-FM NE Beatrice \*88.9 (WJFM) \*90.3 18 w h.v: 48 m. d-a NJ Netcong \*89.3 400 v, 122 m, d-a, NJ Public Bostg. NJ Weehawken \*91.9 (KTLW 88.9 Lancaster CA) NM Mesquite \*89.3 680 h,v; 20 m, Sky High Bostg. NM Tucumcari \*89.1 (KLYT 88.3 Albuquerque) NY Alfred WZKZ 101.9 1000 h,v; 244 m NY Geneva \*91.1 (WCIY 88.9 Canandaigua) NY Hoosick Falls WZEC 97.5 400 h,v; 367 m NY Ithaca WQNY 103.7 15500 h,v; 268 m, no d-a NY North Syracuse WKRL 100.9 75 m [h,v; one-step OH Asheville (move from Chillicothe) WKKJ 93.3 19500/ OH Athens \*90.9 (WJFM) OH Cumminsville \*91.3 (KAWZ) OK Ketchum KGND 107.5 100000 h,v; 148 m OR Astoria \*88.7 25 watts h,v; 321 m, Tillicum Found'tion OR Baker \*91.5 500 h,v; 199 m, Bright Light Bostg. OR Cave Junction \*90.5 (KVIP-FM) OR Chiloquin \*88.9 (KVIP-FM) OR Corvallis KFLY 101.5 100000 h,v; 335 m OR Marlow KFXI 92.1 119 m [Media Foundation OR Rockaway Beach \*90.3 9000 h,v; -92 m, Educ./ PA New Kensington WZPT 100.7 14500 h,v; 209 m PA Oil City \*88.7 (WJFM) PA Williamsport \*90.3 (WCOG-FM 100.7 Galeton) RI Middletown WHKK 100.3 1550 h.v. 200 m SC South Congaree WFMV 95.3 6000 h,v SC Wedgefield WIBZ 95.5 6000 h,v JTX Quanah KIXC SD Aberdeen \*89.5 (WJFM) 100.9 50000 h,v; SD Milbank \*90.5 (WNCB 89.3 Duluth MN) 150 m, C2 SD Rapid City KKMK 93.9 209 m SD Spearfish KSLT 107.3 579 m TX Brownsville \*89.5 (KCZO 92.1 Carrizo Springs) TX Carthage \*91.5 2100 v, 85 m, American Family Assn. TX Livingston \*90.3 (WJFM) [TX Fort Stockton \*88.1 TX Palestine \*91.1 (WJFM) (WJFM) TX Sterling City KCSE 96.5 40000 h,v; 166 m [step C3] UT Coalville KCUA \*92.5 19500 h,v; 116 m, d-a, one-/ UT Plain City \*91.5 (KUSU 91.5 Logan) UT Provo KXRK 96.3 25500 h,v; 1139 m UT Roy KSNU 107.9 100000 h,v; 600 m [Ministries UT St. George \*90.7 1000 h,v; 45 m, Open Door Chrst./ VA Falmouth WFAL 104.5 2700 h,v; 150 m, d-a VA Lakeside \*91.5 (KAWZ) [Communications WV Clay \*89.3 6000 h,v; 45 m, Clay County/ WV Sanford \*91.1 4200 h,v; 43 m, World Revials, Inc. WI Janesville \*91.5 2200 h,v; 115 m, Family Stations, Inc WY Thayne \*91.9 110 h,v; 666 m, WY Public Radio NS Port Hawkesbury 101.5 19000 h,v; CIGO 1410 to go ON Sudbury CJTK \*95.5 1400 h,v

FM Rulemakings Proposed
First date is for filing comments at the FCC;
second date is for replies. Stations affected, if any, are listed

SK Regina \*102.5 820 h,v, CBC-to relay CBK 540 AM.

AZ Builhead City 105.7C

CA Ludlow 102.5A for 105.7A, show cause/why not? to KDUQ 105.7, KFLG 102.7 Builthood City AZ.

NM Toos 95.9A, Oct. 12, 27 OR Keno 94.9A, Octr. 18, Nov. 2

# FM Rulemakings Finalized No filing windows because of freeze

AZ Leupp (NW of Winslow, move from Oraibi) 98.9C, KBDT

A7 Somerton 99,903 AZ Wellton 95.9A **AR Cotton Plant 99.3A** [CA Toft 106.5A AR Judsonia 95.3A I CO Center 105.7A AR Kensett 105.7A i CO La Veta 103.3A CA Cormel Valley 105.9A LCO Walsonburg 101.3C3 CO Del Norte 96.3A | HI Kihoi 107.5C2 CO Dinosaur 97.3C1 HI Nanakuli 106.9A CO La Jara 97.1A IS Cimorron 92.3A CO Poncha Springs 97.5A I NE Allen 100.9A CA Westdiffe 103.1A I NV Caliente 94.5C1 FL Codor Key 100.1A I NV Overton 106.9C1 FL Gulf Hammock—dismissed 99.3A bid by Levy City Broadcasting

HI Hanapepe 94.3C1

HI Holualoa 92.1C2 NV Wells 103.9C1

HI Honokoa 102.9C2 HI Kurtistown 102.1A HI Wahinwa 103.5A

TX Corrigon 100.1A

ILSt. Anne 106.5A

NAM Fruitfund-denied 107.9A bid by Mountain West Broadcasting

# FCC Extends Low Power FM Deadline

Bowing to industry pressure, the FCC extended time for filing reply comments in the low power FM proceeding through Sept. 17, rather than Sept. 2 as originally announced.

Principal opponent to the proposed rulemaking is the National Association of Broadcasters which wanted even more time for reply comments.

The NAB, meanwhile, urged its members to call on congresspersons who were in their home districts during the August recess. It wants pressure put on the FCC to rescind the low power FM proposal. In the pocket of the NAB are the following who have expressed opposition to LPFM: Rep. David Bonier (D-MI), Lincoln Diaz-Balrt (R-FL), Rosa L. DeLauro (D-CT), Alcee Hastings (D-FL), Ilena Ros-Lehtinen (R-FL), Lucille Roybal-Allard (D-CA), Carlos Romero-Barcelo (D-PR), Eni Falemavaega (D-Am. Samoa), Peter De Fazio (D-OR), John Convers (D-MI), Robert Underwood (D-Guam), Patsy Mink (D-HI), Anna Eshoo (D-CA), Robert Waxier (D-FL), Max Sandlin (D-TX), Sheila Jackson-Lee (D-TX), Albert R. Wynn (D-MD), Chaka Fattah (D-PA), Elijah Cummings (D-MD), Mike Oxley (R-OH), Cliff Steams (R-FL), Janice Schakowsky (D-IL), Lynn Rivers (D-MI), Ronnie Shows (D-MS), Grace Napolitano (D-CA), Silvestre Reyes (D-TX). And then there's Billy-Billy Tauzin (R-LA), of course. Billy has squared off against FCChairman Bill Kennard, accusing that agency of being "out of control," and needing reform. Tauzin, taking up a cause dear to the hearts of broadcasters, also wants the FCC to reduce its annual fees. Kennard some time ago took to the cause of microradio by speaking at one such station-WMUC \*88.1 College Park MD. He repeated the refrain that "we need more access." and more voices on the airwaves." Mother Jones Magazine recently featured microradio, mentioning such present or former pirates as Alan Freed of Minneapolis, Stephen Dunifer of Berkeley CA and Scott Willoughby's "Radio Free Minturn" in Colorado. In Minturn. five of the six commercial stations within listening range have come under control of one company, increasing the need for alternative media. Freed noted that his Beat Radio helped push the FCC to accommodate the microradio movement. I talked to a microbroadcaster in Pittsburgh recently; he would keep his station illegal, fearing operating hours and/or program service requirements. "I've got a life," he said.

In Boston, Radio free Allston is ready to go back on the air should microradio come about, according to a Boston Sunday Globe story. In 1997 the Boston City Council passed a resolution station recognizing the for contribution to the community. The FCC pulled the plug on the 106.1 station, saying it interfered with WROR-FM Framingham-Boston's signal. "WSFR" Suffolk University, Boston, would like to be on licensed FM. Its present signal only reaches a dorm, two lounges and the Student Activity Center.

Another city sticking its neck out in favor of LPFM is Atlanta, which has petitioned for an FM service that would broadcast traffic, weather reports and city council meetings.

The <u>Wall Street Journal</u> discussed LPFM, interviewing several Detroit area would-be low power operators. Caleb Grayson and Pedro Zamora would want to carry popular/ethnic music. Norman Andresen of Hamtramck wants a station to play the great bands whose music isn't heard on the air, while Edwin Valentin, who ran an unlicensed station in Pontiac, wants to resume his Spanish language broadcasts which addressed sex, drugs and other problems.

National Public Radio is opposed to microradio, and the NAB has approached National Religious Broadcasters to go on record against it. NRB, at last report, is considering the request. A FMedia! Page 8 Seattle's KJR-FM Fires DJ Who Offers His Own Money in a Contest

group of radio reading service operators has gone on record against LPFM. They are on FM subcarriers, and fear LPFM will affect stations' ability to broadcast a wide enough signal for SCS to work.

The NAB, in its filing that exceeded 500 pages, relied heavily on possible interference that could be created by hundreds, maybe thousands of new FM stations. The National Lawyers' Guild represented several industry groups. including the NAB, NPR, the Corporation for Public Broadcasting and the Consumer Electronics Manufacturers Association. The NLG tested 11 radios at a desired signal level of -54 dBm. with a 1 kHz tone. The undesired signal was on a second adjacent channel and consisted of noise generated at signal levels from 20 through 70 dB above the desired signal.

A "personal radio" was tested which showed a signal to noise ratio of 27 dB, when the noise signal was at just 20 dB above the desired signal. The NAB contends that a 50 dB signal to noise ratio is needed for interference free broadcasting. Several portable radios were tested. They reached 45 dB audio signal to noise ratios when the interfering signals were up to 22 dB stronger than the desired signal. For more, go to <a href="http://www.fcc.gov/e-file/ecfs.html">http://www.fcc.gov/e-file/ecfs.html</a>.

Ralph Nader has publicly gone on record in favor of LPFM, claiming that authorizing such a service is not enough. "The FCC should allocate more spectrum for low-power radio broadcasting and introduce it when radio switches from analog to digital signals. These small stations could enrich the public's understanding of civic issues and social problems."

The New York Times said that microbroadcasters no longer confine themselves to the 38-92 part of the FM band, but are found among the big stations thorughout the band. They're "scattered across it like shanties among the skyscrapers. . . Instead of seeing low-power stations as a threat, big broadcasters could learn to treat them the way major recording companies treat independent labels. As the major labels have been consolidated into ever larger corporate monoliths the indies have become laboratories for new ideas, scouts for new talent and outlets for specialized material that's not profitable for the bigger companies. If the big broadcasters are really giving the people what they want, they have nothing to

fear. And if they're not—well, let a thousand transmitters bloom."

Small Print Happenings and FM Industry News
The National Association of Broadcasters
has urged the FCC to demand that the two
DARS (digital audio radio services) licensees,
XM Satellite Radio and CD Radio, be required to
provide current information on their proposed use
of terrestrial repeaters. Also, the NAB would like

the comment period on the matter re-opened.

Kenwood and USA Digital Radio (a digital technology group) have teamed up to develop and make digital receivers, while XM Satellite Radio has received \$250 million from DirecTV/ General Motors and other investors to deliver direct satellite-to-receiver radio. So far, DirecTV and GM have each invested \$50 million in the technology. GM has pledged to factory install AM/FM/XM radios in its cars and trucks, XM programming will utilize content from USA Today, CNN/Sports Illustrated and Bloomberg. Kenwood and USA Digital will focus on the in-band-on channel market. "We don't need a new spectrum or need to change the listening habits of the consumer," said Bob Law, Kenwood v-p of sales and marketing. "Very quickly, we expect the prices to come down and, in the not too distant future, it'll be ubiquitous.'

Streamlining of the FM rules has taken place with the Commission. The FCC extended the first-come/first-serve processing of applications to include minor changes to AM, noncommercial FM and FM translators. It expanded the definition of "minor change" in those services to more closely match the commercial FM definition. "The will allow most types of technical changes to be processed without opening the station to competing applications," notes the NAB. And the FCC allowed for the filing of up to four related FM station minor change construction permit applications simultaneously, which are contingent on each other.

He's going on the air for \$1, but didn't get to buy the station. That's the story of Haitian immigrant Abener Louima who tried to buy WYGG \*88.1 Asbury Park NJ and its illegal Brooklyn relayer, also on 88.1. The Evangelical Crusade of Fishers of Men, Inc. still runs WYGG, but Louima, with the Minority Business and Housing Development Coalition, is paying the current licensee \$1 for the chance to go on the air as a talk show host.

National Religious Broadcasters has voted to build a new \$1.5 million permanent headquarters building in Manassas VA.

The Corporation for Public Broadcasting is doling out \$850,000 over three years to the new "Classical Public Radio Network," a partnership between Colorado Public Radio and University of Southern California Radio in Los Angeles. Also, a there's a \$70,000 grant to develop a half-hour news magazine for stations in the Rocky Mountain region, High Plains and Four Corners area to be produced at KOTO \*91.7 Telluride CO.

An enterprising overnight DJ, Chris Dolby (real name Chris Stevulak), 23, offered \$100 of his own cash to the third caller at 3 a.m. When management found out, he was fired from his \$7/hour parttime job at KJR-FM 95.7 Seattle.

FM pioneer Jim Schulke, 77, dies. He was a founder of the NAFMB, which merged with the NAB, and had an all-FM rep firm. He's remembered for syndicated beautiful music on FM, "All in a Contest September, 1999

Music All the Time," "Life" (WLYF 101.5 Miami)

and "Kind" (KYND Pasadena TX).

Sports on FM—WDVE 102.5 Pittsburgh wrested the Steelers from rival KDKA AM.
Games had been on WEAE (former WTAE AM).

"K Life," KLFF \*89.3 San Luis Obispo raised \$170,871 in its three-day Share-A-Thon. Postevent renewals brought the total to \$222,195.

A point where broadcasters and newspapers agree is to allow for radio-newspaper crossownerships. Most today are grandfathered from an era where owning a paper and a radio or TV in the same town was allowed. The Newspaper Association of America has asked the FCC to quit enforcing the rule, or at least grant more waivers until the policy can be done away with.

Totals from the FCC as of 7-31: AM 4782, FM (92-108 mz) 5745, FM (87.9-91.9) 2055, all on air and licensed.

From the classifieds: Complete micro FM stereo transmitter with digital readout, mixers, VU meters and mic input, \$750. Micro SCS adapter about the size of a quarter, specify 67 or 92 kHz, \$15. Dolby pro-logic decoder, 30 watts per channel, with remote control, \$125. Dave. 1-800-944-0630.

Tepco J-340 FM translator 0-40 w, 2-3 years old, \$2000; Tepco J-317 four years old, 10 w, \$900, C. Marker, (908) 249-1423.

For sale Technics AM-FM digital tuner, "great cond.," \$50, G. Myers, (520) 341-9730.

#### FM FORUM

CONTRIBUTIONS FROM READERS

Michigan's Phil Boersma comments on LPFM: "I can see the solicitation letters going out already: 'Dear financial supporter of [WPCS, Family Radio, AFA, KAWZ, etc.] we now will have a greater opportunity to spread the Gospel as only our gifted selves can do it. God has told us to take advantage of this opportunity to blanket the nation with zillions of new FM stations, so send in your donation now so we can flood the FCC with applications'.

"Community broadcasters, Joe Citizen, and just plain folks who want to start a microradio station won't have a chance in hell (literally). This new FCC action ought to be called the 'flood the nation with even more sectarian Christian junk' act, because that's going to be the result. . . I'm not against all Christian radio—only the assembly-line, frequency-hogging, mindless proliferation of these big megabroadcasters with huge meta-egos!"

The Wisconsin Broadcasters Association is sponsoring a symposium, "Broadcasting @ the



Millennium," Wed. Sept. 22 from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at the Midwest Express Center, Milwaukee. It's free and open to the public. Speakers include futurist Howard Rheingold and former FCChairman Newton Minow,

now on the faculty of Northwestern University's school of law. For more info call the WBA at (608) 255-2600.

Your station's "dot com" address could be claimed already. Washington attorney John Garziglia ren several possible calls on a special website and found most are registered to foreign entities. It's best to claim your address (maybe with a dot FM) as soon as possible if you want to insure your proper positioning in Cyberspace!

Until October.



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WDET DETROIT, KTIS-FM MINNEAPOLIS CELEBRATE GOLDEN ANNIVERSARIES. WDET STAFFER PUTS IN 25 YEARS (P. 12, COL. 2); KTIS-FM EXCEEDS FUND GOAL EARLY IN ITS DRIVE, P. 11, COLS. 2-3. COUNTRY MUSIC FM STATION FOUND OFFENSIVE AT A MAINE FLEA MARKET. VENDERS GET TO SHARE WHOPPING \$2000 IN A COURT SETTLEMENT. GET THE WHOLE STORY ON P. 12, COL. 3. CLEAR CHANNEL, AMFM GROUPS MERGE. IS IT CORPORATE GREED? P. 10, COL. 3. (P. 10, COL. 1. NATIONAL HOCKEY LEAGUE PROPOSES INDOOR SPORTS RADIO SERVICE ON FM. READ ABOUT IT ON/ NATIONAL PUBLIC RADIO ENGAGED IN BLACKLISTING? INGEST THE HORRID STORY, P. 11, COL. 1. TAMPA FL AREA STATION OWNED BY CBS ACCUSED OF CARRYING DESCENITY; MAY GET LICENSE REVOKED, AND/OR JEDPARDIZE MERGER WITH VIACOM. SEE P 4, COLB. 2-3.

### New FM Station, Translator Grants

Translators have less than 100 watts unless shown otherwise

AR De Queen KBPU \*88.7 250 [watts] h,v; 23 m, **Educational Opportunities** (ID translator), v CA Willows K215DG \*90.9 (KEFX 88.9 Twin Falls/ CO Sterling K203DD \*88.5 (KAWZ 89.9 Twin Falls ID), v[ertical] polarization only.[ney SC), 120 h,v IN Washington W211AT \*90.1 (WYFG 91.1 Gaff-/ MS Laurel W218AY \*91.5 (WYFG), h,v

NM Fruitland (shown under "Call Letters" last month p. 2, col. 1) \*91.7 20000 h,v; 94 m, Native American Christian Voice

NC Statesville W224AY \*92.7 (WBFJ-FM 89.3 Winston-Salem), h,v

OK Durant K212FC \*90.3 (KAWZ), 170 v OK Ninnekah (S. of Chickasha) K217DK \*91,3 (KEFX 88.9 Twin Falls ID), 250 v

SC Lugoff (Camden) W221BC \*92.1 (WYFV 88.7 Cayce), h,v [\*88.3 (WYFG), 250 h,v

TX Palestine K202CE/ [High Point NC), h,v WV Princeton W244BB \*96.7 (WHPE 95.5/ WY Laramie K215CE \*90.9 (WYFG), 210 w. h,v

BC Chase \*95.5 87 watts h,v, CBC. Replaces AMs CBUH Chase and CBKX Sorrento (frequencies not available). To relay CBTK 88.9 Kelowna.

MB Brandon CKLF 94.7 100000 h,v, rm format. Riding Mountain Broadcasting expects to put this station on the air by April, 2000.

101.1 100000 h,v, CKX Radio, moving from 1150 AM, but there is a CKX-FM 96.1 Brandon.

MB South Indian Lake 96.9 23 watts v. 18 m, Native Communications, Inc., to relay CINC 96.3 Thompson MB.

MB Waterhen (51-58-08; 99-35-51, near the lake of the same name) 93.5 23 watts v, CINC relay

ON Chatham CKUE 94.3 50000 h,v, pr format ("alternative rock music"). Owned by Bea-Ver Communications—CKSY 95.1-CFCO AM. It's in a market allowing for three co-owned stations, only two of which may be on the same band. It will be known as "The Rock @ 94.3."

ON Englehart 103.1, rk format, 17 watts h,v. Boyd Woods licensee. It was opposed by CJTT 104.5

New Liskeard and CJKL 101.5 Kirkland Lake-AM. However, the CRTC found this station to be outside the 3.0 mv/m area of either station and it did not pose a threat to them.

ON Sudbury CHYC 98.9 1000 h,v; 235 m, Class A, replacing 900 AM. To be \$[tereo.] CHNO 103.9 100000 v, 135 m, \$, C1, moving from 550 AM. It won't carry the oldies format from the AM, but will have a new "vibrant" for-

mat, "whatever that means!" ON Timmins CKOY 104.1 3500 h,v; 76 m, Class A, replacing 620 AM. To be \$[tereo].

PQ Rimouski \*89.1 5500 h,v, CBC, to replace CJBR 900 after six months' simulcasting.

### **Call Letters Assigned**

AL Arab 92.7 WAFN-FM (from WAFN); AM is in Miami Springs FL. [Rock 97.3" AL Homewood 97.3 WRLR (WEDA), "Real/

AK Houston 96.3 KAQX

AK Juneau 100.7 KFMG (KAMT) 102.7 KSRJ (KAKZ)

AR Ashdown 93.3 KMJI (KARQ, having moved from 92.1), rm, "Magic 93.3." [FMistake p. 71 FM Atlas-18 is not on 92.1.] [93.5"

AR Lakeview 93.5 KXTZ (KBFY), r, "Hits/ AR Mountain Home 107.5 KOMT (KKTZ), m

CA Los Angeles 99.5 KKLA"-FM" (KKLA-FM; AM in San Bernardino has new calls)

CA Marina 92.7 KMJO (KRQC), pr format, parallel to KSJO 92.3 San Jose. [with Santa Margarita.

CA Morro Bay 99.7 KKAL (KWWV), k, swapping/ CA Point Arena 107.1 KSRT (KBPC) (\$(tereo)

CA San Joaquin 105.5 KWOL (KVPC), now/ CA Santa Margarita 106.1 KWWV (KKAL), sr,

"Kiss 106.1," seeks 1100 h,v; 441 m CA Seaside 107.1 KSES-FM (KVRG-FM); AM is

in Soledad, still Spanish, r.

CT Pomfret \*91.1 WBVC

FL La Crosse 99.5 WBXY (WRKG), r, "Star 99.5" FL Fort Myers 96.9 still WINK-FM, except the

WINK calls move from Fort Myers to Pine Island Center FL (replacing WTLQ[AM].

FL Marathon 97.7 WWWK (WKTS)

FL Midway 100.7 WOKL (WJZT), o, "Kool 100.7"

FL Newberry 100.5 WRKG (WBXY), op format, keeping Bob & Tom

FL St. Petersburg 107.3 WBBY (WCOF), "The

FL Tampa 100.7 WMTX (WAKS), "Mix 100.7" FL Vero Beach 101.7 WXKA (WBBE), op

GA Athens 95.5 WYAP (WNGC). Was stunting with rapper Tone Loc's 1988 hit Wild Thing. Now sr, about 60/40 urban/CHR mix, playing "10,000 songs in a row." No commercials or DJs for now. Tower is on the county line about 56 km NE of Atlanta, which the new station IDs with, It's "95-5 The Beat." Management supposedly hates the new calls and wants something different. "It's really going to be a good station. Sound quality is phenomenal. It's owned by Cox, which has mega-bucks to make it successful. I live in downtown Atlanta, and the station has a super signal here!" Cox is also buying WFOX "Fox 97" 97.1 Gainesville GA. and it owns WJZF 104.1 LaGrange-Atlanta,

WSB-FM 98.5 Atlanta. (changes calls). GA Elberton 92.1 WWRK"-FM" (WWRK-FM; AW/ GA Thomasville 107.1 WTLY (WOKL), r, hot AC,

"Mix," swapping formats, calls with Midway FL. GA Toccoa 106.1 WNGC (WSTE), ID with Athens. Gone is "South 106." It's taken the calls of Athens 95.5. "It wants to move to Sugar Hills

GA, which would put it close to where I live in Suwanee. Its signal is excellent here, but it won't be serving Atlanta," K.S. by e-mail.

ID McCall \*89.9 KBPH (tereo)

IL Crete \*88.1 WBMF, to have/ [k, \*93-1 The Bull\* IN Clarksville 93.1 WYBL (WQSH)./ ["Fox"

IN Mount Vernon 106.7 WYFX (WBLZ-FM),/

IN Salem 98.9 WQSH (WHKW), r, modern AC, "She 98-9." It gets Clarksville's format and calls. for "a stronger 50 kw signal."

IA Ankeny 106.3 KLYF (KYSY)

KS Coffeyville 98.9 KKRK (KUSN)

KS Dearing 98.1 KUSN (KKRK)

[102.3" KY Louisville 102.3 WULV (WLRS), still "Love/

KY Morehead \*88.5 WBMK

LA Columbia 103.1 KYEA (KCTO), sr

. Monroe 98.3 KRRZ-FM (KYEA), rm, "The ...uze." AM calls are in Minot ND.

MA Boston 96.9 WTKK (WSJZ), "FM Talk." MI Baraga 104.3 "WVCN (WBUM)

MI Detroit 105.1 WGRV-FM (WXDG); AM is in Greeneville TN.

MI Hart 105.3 WCXT (WWIP, throwing away "The Whip"), going back to rm. ID with Muskegon-Ludington-Grand Haven. "We applied for the WWIP call letters but never used them. We've always been WCXT." Here an LMA (with Harbor Pointe Broadcasters) went sour. Programming was returned intact to the station. There's even talk of litigation over the broken LMA.

MN Montevideo \*89.5 KBPG

MN Nisswa 93.3 KBPQ

MS Waynesboro \*91.1 W216AZ (not K216AZ)

MO Kirksville \*89.7 KBPP

MO Malden 92.9 KMAL-FM (KMAL)

MO Sparta 96.5 KMXH (KLTQ)

NE Plattsmouth 106.9 KCTY-FM (KOTD-FM); KCTY AM is in Salinas CA.

NV Smith 92.3 KSVL [Pasa"; AM is in Roswell. NM Carlsbad 106.1 KPSA-FM (KRSY), "Que/

NM Chama 98.9 KYJY

NM Grants 100.7 KXXQ (KQEO) [in Alamogordo.

NM La Luz 92.7 KRSY-FM (KPSA-FM); AM is/

NM Las Vegas 96.7 KTRL

NY Saugerties 92.9 WRKW

NC Old Fort 104.3 WQNQ (WMXF), op, parallel to WQNS 104.9 Waynesboro.

OH Clyde 100.9 WMJK (WCPZ), "Majic 100.9"

OH Lorain 104.9 WAKS (WZLE), still "Kiss 104.9"

OH McArthur 98.7 WYRO (WJLI)

OH Sandusky 102.7 WCPZ (WMTX)

OK Coalgate 105.5 KOFY (KAZE)

OK Newcastle 93.3 KKNG-FM (KKNG; AM is in Oklahoma City)

OK Wewoka 104.7 KSLE (KWSH-FM)

PA Canton 100.3 WHGL"-FM" (WHGL-FM; AM in Troy has new calls).

PA Hollidaysburg 104.9 WMAJ-FM (WMXV), AM is in State College. Now o, classic hits, "Majic 104 dot 9."

PA Muncy 93.3 WBZD-FM (WHTO), o, "Oldiez 93-3" (not strict). AM is in Watkins Glen NY.

PA Philadelphia 95.7 WEJM (WXXM), "Jammin' Gold 95.7" [still "The Hawk"

RI Wakefield-Peace Dale 99.7 WHCK (WXEX),/

SD Clear Lake 107.1 KDBX (KBGV) ["Kiss"

TX Abilene 100.7 KHYZ (KORQ"-FM"), r, hot AC,/ 106.3 KKHR (KFQX"-FM"), r, top 40

TX Anson 98.1 KFQX"-FM" (KKHR)

TX Austin KPEZ 102.3 still op, adds Bob & Tom TX Corpus Christi KLTG 96.5 r, modern AC, "The Beach" (from "K Lite")

TX Gatesville 98.3 KASZ (KRYL)

TX Marlin 92.9 KLRK (KEYR) [Radio 106")

TX Midland KCHX 106.7 so, "Mega" (from "Hit/

TX Rudolph \*90.7 KBPO

TX Three Rivers 94.5 KBPL

UT Kanab 101.1 KONY"-FM" (KONY-FM; AM in Washington UT has new calls)

VT Waterbury 103.3 WLKC (WDOT)

VA Petersburg 100.3 WARV-FM (WSOJ); AM is in Warwick RI.

WY Thermopolis 101.7 KDNO (KBIK)

AB Banff 101.1 CFPE (\*CBPR), still a TIStation in Banff National Park, but no longer under CBControl. Now commercial, owned by Friends of Banff.

103.3 CFPF (\*CBPG), now commercial, Friends. MB York Landing 93.5 CHYL

ON Hawkesbury 102.1 CHPR (back to, from CHGO-4), "Go FM."

ON Michipicoten 100.7 CJWA-3

ON Wingham 100.9 "CBLA-3, 193 m, 11800 h only PQ Mirabel 104.9 CJGO (CHGO-3), "Go FM." Not

"CJLA" as shown p. 114 FM Atlas-18.

PQ Ste-Anne-de-Beaupre \*96.7 CBV-1

NU Cambridge Bay \*101.9 CFFB-1

NU Coppermine-Kugluktuk \*101.9 CFFB-2, facilities to -2 m (110 h,v).[classic hits, "Galaxy"

BN Tijuana 91.7 XHGLX (XHTIM), English, o,/ 97.7 XHTIM (XHTIJ), i, "regional Mexican."

## **Facilities Changes Granted**

AK Houston KJHA \*88.7 340 watts h,v; -38 m AR Heber Springs KBMJ \*89.5 (from 89.7), to be \$ AR Van Buren K209CA \*89.7 has WYFG 91.1 Gaffney SC (from KYFW 88.3 Wichita KS)

CA Sacramento KBMB 103.5 6000 h,v; 95 m, d-a CA Santa Barbara KRUZ 103.3 905 m (105000 h,v)

CA Santa Rosa K202CT \*88.3 to have KQED-FM 88.5 San Francisco (from KCJH 90.1 Stockton). KQED-FM had objected to this translator.

CA South Lake Tahoe KZZF 102.9 39000 h,v; 892 m[eters above average terrain].

FL Leesburg W257BF \*89.3 has WYFE 88.9 Tarpon Springs (from WYFB 90.5 Gainesville)

FL San Carlos Park WDRR 98.5 18500 h,v (113 m), no d-a [land (from WYFG)

FL Sebring W207AY \*89.3 has WYFO 91.9 Lake-/ GA Gainesville deleted station W300AP \*107.9 had WYFG, not WYFW 89.5 Winder.

IN Muncie WWDS \*90.5 100 watts h,v; 53 m, Class A. Increase its FMap size, p. 51

IN New Haven WJFX 107.9 3200 h,v; 138 m, d-a IA Chariton KELR 105.3 (from 105.5) 50000 h,v; 118 m, C2

IA Washington KCII-FM 106.1 (from 95.3)

KY Whitesville (moving from Hawesville) WXCM 97.1 4000 h,v; 123 m

LA Breaux Bridge KFTE 96.5 42000 h,v; 163 m, d-a, one-step C2.

LA Lafayette K220EV \*91.9 has WYFG 91.1 Gaffney SC (not KYFL 89.5 Monroe). Add to p. 38 map (big type), 250 h,v.

MI Crystal Falls WOBE 100.7 350 watts h,v; 37 m, Class A downgrade. On air, o, \$, but temporarily just a tone. Lyle Robert Evans "was running out of time and had to build or lose his CP. He is also buying WYKK 104.7 Escanaba," and probably running out of money. "We want to pair WOBE with our 100 kw station on 101.5 in Iron Mountain [WJNR], raise its power to 100 kw and serve the area from our Iron Mountain studio."

n 'Translator October, 1999
MN Glencoe KARP 96.1 100000 h,v (176 m), C1,
at a site NE of Glencoe, S. of Buffalo MN near
Watertown MN. Will serve all but the extreme
east part of the Twin Cities' metro. See Rice
Lake WI. below.

MN Windom K215CD \*90.9 250 h,v, requiring big type on FMap, FM Atlas-18. [List as \$(tereo). MS Natchez WASM \*91.7 197 m, d-a (1000 h,v)./ MO Waynesville KFBD 97.9 10000 h,v; 157 m, C3 MT Plains KPLG \*91.5 1800 h,v (1232 m), C1 NM Gallup K213CM \*90.5 has KLOV 89.3 Winchester OR (from KLVC 88.3 Magalia CA)

NY Attica WXOX 101.7 3200 h,v; 136 m, d-a
NY Poughkeepsie W292CM 106.3 has WTHN 99.3
Ellenville (from WCTW 98.5 Catskill—see Sept.
p. 2, col. 1). Eric Straus, pres. of Straus Media
said they got a lot of calls from country fans in
Poughkeepsie who missed "Thunder Country"
(formerly heard on WTND 96.1, which recently
switched to rock).

NC Boone WASU \*90.5 220 h,v; 19 m, adds/ NC Hickory WPIR \*88.1 26500 h,v; 77 m, d-a, C2 NC Pinehurst WBFY \*90.3 6500 v, 100 m, d-a

NC Southern Pines W290AD \*105.9 has WYFQ-FM 93.5 Wadesboro (not WHPE 95.5 High Point). [WHPE 95.5, not WYFG 91.1.

NC Statesville W219BR \*91.7 assumed to have/ ND Bismarck K207CA \*89.3 has KLRD 90.1 Yucaipa CA (from KLVC 88.3 Magalia) CA), now that full-power KQDY \*94.5 is on with the "K Love" network...

OH Cambridge W201BD \*88.1 has WYFG (not WCVV 89.5 Belpre)

OH Findlay W231AJ \*94.1 has WHVT 90.5 Clyde
OH (not KAWZ 89.9 Twin Falls ID) [\$(tereo)
OH Steubenville WBJV \*88.9 1000 h,v; 76 m, d-a./

OH Uhrichsville WTUZ 99.9 5300 h,v; 106 m

OH Wooster W220BP \*91.9 has WYFG (not WAFR 88.3 Tupelo MS)

OK Durant KAYC \*91.1 500 h,v; 65 m, \$[tereo]
OR Hermiston KQFM 100.5 (from 99.3) 5300 h,v;
91 m

PA Berwick W212AG \*90.3 supposedly with WKDN 106.9 Camden NJ (from KEAR 106.9 San Francisco).

PA Erie W254AJ \*98.7 has WYFG (not WGOJ 105.5 Conneaut OH). [WKDN (from KEAR).

PA Freeland W207AG \*89.3 supposedly has/ PA Johnstown W216AF \*91.1 has WYFG (not

WAIJ 90.3 Grantsville MD) [(from WAIJ)

PA Palmerton W290AC \*105.9 with WYFG/ PA Williamsport WSFT 107.9 360 h,v; 393 m

SC Conway W204AM \*88.7 now owned by Calvary Chapel of Idaho, so primary is apparently KAWZ \*89.9 Twin Falls (ex-WMHK 89.7 Columbia SC).

SC Greenwood W274AE \*102.7 (from W286AC 105.1), h,v.

SC Myrtle Beach W209AI \*89.7 apparently with KAWZ, not WMHK because of new owners. W244AY \*96.7 has WLPG 91.7 Florence (from WYFH 90.7 North Charleston)

SC Orangeburg W243AG \*96.5 has WYFV 88.7 Cayce (from WYFH)

TX Laredo KZLM-1 100.5 d-a (100000 h,v), 150 m

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TX Lufkin K201CV \*88.1 has WYFG (not KYFS 90.9 San Antonio)

UT Coalville KCUA \*92.5 19000 h,v; 116 m, d-a, one-step C3

WV Bluefield WPIB \*91.1 (from 90.9), with transmitter in Virginia. "PAR-FM" (from "PIR-FM").

WI Green Bay W247AC 97.3 with WAUN 92.7 Kewaunee (from WEMI \*91.9 Appleton), and now commercial, owned by Lyle Robert Evans.

WI Rice Lake WJMC-FM 96.1 (from 96.3), C2 downgrade, 50000 h.v; 147 m. Site to be north of town, on the county line. Coverage will be only slightly affected. Station loses horizontal but gains in its vertical effective radiated power (was 12 kw v). (d-a, adds vertical.

WI Menomonie WVSS \*90.7 430 h,v; 159 m,/ BC Whistler CISW 102.1 520 h,v, at a new site, 6 km NE of present site. [well in Esko MN 10-5 MB Selkirk CICY 100000 h,v (106 m), coming in/ ON Sudbury CJTK \*95.5 1400 h (70 m), Class A PE Summerside CJRW 102.1 128 m, d-a (11000) h, to be \$[tereo]

PQ Rouyn-Noranda CHGO-1 95.7 h only, to be \$. SK Carrot River VF2212 88.1 25 m (13 watts v), to

### Stereo—Or to be \$tereo

AL Brantley WAOQ 100.3 k, classic country, ID with Luverne-Troy

AZ Flagstaff KLOD 100.1, operated along with KQST 102.9 Sedona. Already shown as \$ p. 215 FM Atlas-18.

AZ Florence KCDX 103.1, ID with Phoenix, but temporarily off the air. Will return with a new format "soon." Z-Spanish was to have transferred its "la Nueva Zeta" from 103.5 (KLNZ Glendale-Phoenix) to 103.1, but according to The Arizona Republic, Z- Spanish was disappointed in the coverage of KCDX, and decided not to proceed with the swap. The deal would have included Z-Spanish picking up KRTX-FM 100.7 Winnie TX from Hispanic Broadcasting.

AR Gosnell KAMJ 93.9. "We ID only as Gosnell." [(from "Rocker")

CA Orland KRQR 106.7, "106.7 Z-Rock"/

CA Sun City KXFG 92.9

CO Cañon City KTLC \*89.1, but not yet on air. "It will replace a translator," and will be parallel to KTLF 90.5 Colorado Springs.

CO Grand Junction KMXY 104.3, "Mix 104.3" **KBKL 107.9** 

CO Montrose KPRH \*88.3

CO Vail KPRE \*89.9

FL Cedar Key WRGO 102.7, "Oldies Key," ID with Crystal River-Chiefland-Gainesville

FL Florida City WMFL \*88.5

FL Holly Hill WVYB 103.3

FL Key Colony Beach WKYZ 101.3

FL Key Largo WMKL \*91.7

FL La Belle WBIY \*88.3

FL Miramar Beach WSBZ 106.3, "106.3 The Seabreeze." ID with Destin.

FL Niceville WNCV 100.3, "Coast 100.3" (from "Love 100.3").

FL St. Augustine Beach WJQR 105.5

FL Tice WJGO 102.9, so, "groovin' oldies, at least that's what we call it!" ID with Fort Myers-Naples-Marco Island.

GA Americus WBJY \*89.3

GA Cordele WAEF \*90.3

GA Dublin WAWH \*88.3

GA Folkston WATY \*91.3

GA Jesup WTLD \*90.5

GA Macon WBKG \*88.9

GA Pearson WPNG 101.9, op, ABC's Classic Rock, now "Classic Rock 101.9."

GA Waycross WASW \*91.9-move data to the right of the p. 137 column, FM Atlas-18.

HI Kaneohe KXME 104.3, "Xtreme Radio" (not spelling of "Extreme").

HI Lanai City KONI 104.7

ID Ketchum KIKX 104.7, "Kix 104.7"

IL Bartonville WIXO 99.9, ID with Peoria

IL Cairo WBEL \*88.5

IL Du Quoin WAWJ \*90.1

[m, no d-a IL Flora WBFW \*88.5, seeks 2500 h,v; 103/

IL Geneseo WAXR \*88.1

IL Glasford WRVP 101.1, ID with Peoria.

IL Godfrey WLCA \*89.9

IL Kankakee WAWF \*88.3

IL Pittsfield WAKC \*91.7

IL Warsaw WIUW \*89.5

IN Terre Haute WAPC \*91.9

IA Mason City KBDC \*88.5

IA Mount Pleasant KAYP \*89.9

KS Arkansas City KAXR \*91.3 KLPQ 102.5, pr, uses calls, ID with Ponca

City (OK)-Winfield.

KS Bronson KBJQ \*88.3

KS Enterprise KBMP \*90.5

KS Galena KBGZ 104.3, r, "Hot 104"

KS Great Bend KBDA \*89.7

KS Indpendence KARF \*91.9

KS Winfield KBDD \*91.9

KY Campbelisville WAPD \*91.7

LA Alexandria KAPM \*91.7

LA Bastrop KAXV \*91.9

LA Monroe KLIP 105.3, o, classic hits, "LA 105" (from "Bayou 105.3")

LA Natchitoches KBIO \*89.3

LA Ruston KAPI \*88.3

KNBB 99.3, still "B 99.3." "KRUS AM 1490 is our urban station," and co-owned with country KXKZ 107.5.

LA St. Martinville KAQE \*91.9

LA Thibodaux KTLN \*90.5

ME Lincoln WHMX \*105.7. Uses "The X" during its nightly "heavy contemporary Christian rock show."

MD Cumberland W258AB 99.5 has true \$, while primary WCBC-FM 107.1 Keyser WV is mono, "lacking even a stereo pilot."

MA Northampton WEIB 106.3, sj, on since spring, with no live talent, but has since embraced stereo. "Just one song sequed into the next with the WEIB FM Norhampton ID once in a while. Haven't heard any spots either. Urban/soft with jazz interspersed."

MI Pentwater WMOM 102.7, r, "adult CHR." It IDs with Ludington-Scottville, and "Always Listen to Your Mom" is its motto.

MI Stephenson WMXG 106.3, ID with Escanaba-Iron Mountain; not yet on the air. "The station will be first class all the way!"

MS Gulfport WAOY \*91.7 [94.5]

MS Long Beach WJZD 94.5, "JZ/ [Vicksburg.

MS Port Gibson WRTM-FM 100.5. ID with/

MO Kennett KAUF \*89.9

MO Moberly KBKC \*90.1

MO Park Hills KBGM \*91.1

MO Van Buren KBIY \*91.3

MO Wheeling KULH 105.9

MT Butte KAPC \*91.3, has †, talking book for the blind, 67 kHz.

MT Conrad KEIN-FM 93.7 and its huge booster, "Keen Country.'

MT Helena KUHM \*91.7, †T, 67.

MT Kalispell KDBR 106.3, "The Bear"

MT Missoula KBGA \*89.9

NM Grants KQLV \*105.5, gr, "K Love," noncommercial, a part of the "K Love" network.

NY Southampton WRLI \*91.3,c, parallel to WPKT 90.5 Meriden CT.

NC Harkers Island WLGP \*100.3

OH Rushville WLRY \*88.5, "The Light."

"We're a mom and pop station trying to make a go of it. . . One of the last of our kind!"

OK McAlester KBCW \*91.9, dual ID with KCSC 90.1 Edmond. "We're not being sold to a religious outfit. There was a rumor going around to that effect a couple of weeks ago, but it's not true. There are about four religious stations in Oklahoma City, and we're the only classical one."

OR Florence KLFO \*88.1, parallel to KLCC \*89.7 Eugene, which it IDs with. OR Grants Pass KAPK \*91.1, seeks 500 w,/ OR Sutherlin KAVJ 101.1, so, "Jammin' ol-

ides from the '60s and '70s." LMA with KRSB 103.1 Roseburg-AMs.

SC Cayce WYFB \*88.7

SD Custer KAWK 105.1, ID with Rapid City, "Hawk 105" (from "The Hawk").

TN Colonial Heights WRZK 105.9, ID with Kingsport-Johnson City-Bristol.

TN McMinnville WCPI \*91.3

TX Amarillo KYFA \*91.1 [month!" KBZD 99.7. "We've only been blues for one/ KRGN \*103.1

TX Idalou KRBL 105.7

TX San Angelo KUTX \*90.1

UT Logan KUSR \*89.5

UT Midvale KQMB 102.7. "Star 102.7"

VT Addison WRRO 93.7, facilities to 25000 h,v, d-a (88 m), C3 [the air.

VA Charles City WAUQ \*89.7, but not yet on/ VA Martinsville WPIM \*90.5, "PAR-FM"

VA Powhatan WXNC 107.3. "They would be hard pressed to compete in Richmond without it."

WA Ellensburg KCWU \*88.1. "We had problems when we first signed on with mono not sounding right. We were cable audio on 91.5, but now are on FM and cover the whole valley. It's exceeded our expectations!"

WV Fisher WQWV 103.7

WV Petersburg WELD-FM 101.7

WI Kewaunee WAUN 92.7.

WI Nekoosa WXEC 93.9, but was on the air for only an hour. Lyle Evans put it on for that one hour and then shut it off. He is looking for a buyer. "I suspect it is a bare-bones operation. When I try 93.9 I only get Sturgeon Bay," Tim at WIZD 99.9 Rudolph-Plover told me. Evans later told me one hour "was all that was needed to prove to the FCC we are operating. Working on an agreement with WKQH 104.9 Marathon. The only place we could build is where the CP is"—at 20 meters above average terrain.

### Monophonic

- PA Mansfield WNBQ 92.3, but believed to be only temporarily mono; is parallel to WNBT 104.5 Wellsboro.
- RI "Free Radio Rhode Island" 87.9, but "with stereo on the way soon." It hopes to "provide a powerful voice to oppressed minorities" (Sept. p. 4, col. 2). But "how about the massive interference such an operation would provide to local Channel 6 (WLNE New Bedford MA), not to mention first-adjacent WELH (88.1 Providence) whose Spanish-language programming would . . serve just those same oppressed minorities, etc.?"
- UT Ogden KYFO-FM "95.5 drops stereo. "The multipath was just too much to deal with." It's 16 km west of a mountain range. "Not a single complaint since we did it 9 months ago," L.G., operations director, Bible Broadcasting Network, Charlotte NC. He later e-mailed: "Mono certainly isn't our desired choice but we are stuck in a very poor tower site due to spacing restrictions

with other stations. When we bought this station it was a dilapidated facility that had been poorly maintained. The previous owners had gone bankrupt and the station was auctioned in a receivership situation.

"We picked up this 100 kw FM that covers the SLC market for a fraction of real market prices (PTL). The former owners were running at 50% power (illegally, I might add) to minimize the multipath effect. We tried several things to improve the situation including running a low pilot injection level, reconfiguring the antenna mounting, etc. After doing some preliminary research on our situation, one very well known antenna company refused to take on the project to design a new array. It's just a difficult situation but we are committed to running it legally (licensed ERP)."

WV Romney WJGF \*104.1—remove \$ listing.

### **Format Changes**

Formats are the same as in the "FM Atlas"

AL Montgomery WQKS-FM 96.1 r, '80s hits (oldies?); adding Rick & Bubba in the morning.

AR Gurdon KYXK 106.9 o[Idies]

CA Anderson KEWB 94.7 sr, "Power 94" (from "B

94.7")
CA Avenal KAAY 95.1 S. t. nlus variety, but re-

CA Avenal KAAX 95.1 S, t, plus variety, but reported off the air. Is moving from 105.7.

CA Bakersfield KKXX-FM 96.5 r, CHR

CA Big Pine KRHV 93.3 r, hot AC and modern rock, parallel to KMMT Mammoth Lakes.

CA Dunnigan KLNA 105.5 sr, "Power 105.5" (from "Radio Latino") [modern rock.

CA Mammoth Lakes KMMT 106.5 r, hot AC and/ CA Stockton KQOD 100.1 sr, "Mega" (from "Oldies 100") IThe Peak"

(The Pe CO Colorado Springs KRDO-FM 95.1 rm, still/

CO Delta KKNN 95.1 rp, "95 Rock"
CO Denver KMJI 100.3 r, "very hot AC," now "Mix 100.3" (from "Kim 100.3").

CO Gunnison KEJJ 98.3 r, hot AC

CO Montrose KSTR 96.1 r, "modern AC," now "Star 96.1" (from "K Star").

CO Pueblo KKMG 98.9 rs, "closer to mainstream CHR than I've heard them before." KVUU 99.9 r, "very upbeat"

CO Pueblo West KYZX 103.9 r, "classic hits or rock." Now "The Eagle."

FL Holmes Beach WLLD 98.7 sr, "Tampa Bay's Party Station" (from "Wild 98.7"). 1D with "Tampa Bay"; studios are in St. Petersburg. It broadcast a 4-hour rap concert "with no delay or bleeps. Every one of the 7 words was used hundreds of times along with derogatory remarks about police, certain races and you name it. A copy of the broadcast has been filed along with an official complaint to the FCC [by the Florida Family Association]. As I understand it, there have been over 22 [other] complaints to the FCC on this one activity alone. You are going to hear big time about this one in the future, folks. I hear Mel himself was here this week along with a bunch of CBS attorneys." Complainants want the FCC to pull the license of this station, "although probably they will get nailed with a hefty fine. Personally, I think they should lose their license. That would sure get the attention of the whole industry. It's time to clean up some of this trash," P.S., Bradenton via e-mail. I asked WLLD about this and they said they had "no comment." It is possible, speculated the *M Street Journal*, that "the Tampa flap could affect the \$38 billion Viacom-CBS deal."

FL Marco WGUF 98.9 t, all monophonic

FL Midway WJZT 100.7 o, but format change may be temporary.

FL Nocatee WZSP 105.3 S, L

FL Ponte Vedra Beach WBGB 106.5 gr, "Promise 106.5" (from "Big 106.5"). "Expects new call letters soon."

FL Stuart WZZR 92.7 t, along with keeping LovePhones, now monophonic.

GA Rossville WLMX-FM 105.5 pr, "Rock 105" (from "Lite Mix 105 FM").

GA Wrightsville WDBN 107.5 pr, "The Buzz" (from "Power 108").

HI Hali'imaile KPMW 105.5 re, CHR, except for Filipino during AM drive and evenings. "Wild 105."

ID Blackfoot KCVI 101.5 r, "active rock," now "K Bear 101.5" (from "The Bear").

ID Coeur d'Alene KCDA 103.1 r, hot AC, "Mix 103.1" (from "Country 103"). LMA to buy with KISC 98.1-KKZX 98.9 Spokane-KNFR 96.1 Opportunity WA-AMs.

IL Joliet WCSF \*88.7 r, back on after a four months' hiatus.

IL Rantoul WZNF 95.3 k, "B-95" (from "Z 95"). New calls are expected.

IA Ames KCCQ 105.1 pr, modern rock, "Channel Q" (from "Hot FM"). [more talk, less news. KS Belle Plaine KANR 92.7 still mono, now tn./

KS Lawrence KLZR 105.9 still r, now CHR rather than modern rock [(from "Oldies 93-RVC") KY Catlettsburg WRVC-FM 92.7 m., "Sunny 92.7"/

KY Russellville WJZC 101.1 rg, adult contemporary Christian with no preaching yet. Now "101 The One" (from "Jazz"). ID with Nashville TN still. "Is this the beginning of the end for smooth jazz? This is how beautiful music started folding."

[KQID 93.1-AM.

LA Alexandria KFAD 93.9 so, LMA-to-buy with/ ME Searsport WBYA 101.7 tr, adds adult alternative in stereo, keeping morning talk.

MA Boston WSJZ 96.9 tj, with Imus having moved here. Rest of rumored conversion to talk may happen this month, but I'm holding out hope some stereo jazz will remain, possibly on weekends. WSJZ's morning show was 14th at a 2.3, 25 to 54 audience.

MA Gloucester WBOQ 104.9 cj, with some big band/jazz evenings. May take the Metropolitan Opera, abandoned by nearby WCRB 102.5. Also, WHRB 95.3 Cambridge is still considering carrying the Met. There is very little overlap between that and WBOQ. "WBOQ's signal mainly covers the area from the Tobin Bridge to southern Maine," but the station might also

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broadcast the operas from its web site: <www.wbach.com>.

MA Harwich WCCT \*90.3 tj, relay of WBUR-FM \*90.9 Boston. [104.7" (from "Rock 104.7") MA Orleans WKPE 104.7 op, "Rocket/ MA Sandwich WSDH \*91.5 tj, relay of WBUR-FM. Had its license revoked, but applying to the FCC for reinstatement.

MA Truro WCDJ 102.3, j. using CDs. Testing with "a whopping 70 watts." Seeks 30 m.

MA West Barnstable WKKL \*90.7 ti

MI Caro WIDL 92.1 r, hot AC from satellite.

MI Detroit WKQI 95.5 r, CHR WPLT 96.3 rp, "modern rock classics." Now "Alternative Classics" (trashing "The Planet"). WWWW 106.7 r, hits, "Alice @ 106.7" (from "W 4 Country"). Leaves the country audience to WYCD 99.5, which is doing well with the format. "CBS/Infinity really knows how to sell advertising and made much more money than W4." Stunted with an "annoying tone."

MI Ironwood WIMI 99.7 r, modern AC MI Mount Clemens WDMK 102.7 sr. "Adult R&B 102.7 Kiss FM.\* Owned with WDTJ 105.9, and competing with AMFM's WMXD 92.3 and WJLB 97.9.

MN Cambridge KZNT 105.3 op

MN Eden Prairie KZNZ 105.7 op

MN Lakeville KZNR 105.1 op

MS Drew WOHT 95.3 sr, "Touch" (from "Hot 95")

MS Durant WLIN 101.1 mm

MS Greenwood WYMX 99.1 r, hot AC

MS Gulfport WLRK 96.7 so, "Jammin' 95.7." It stunted as "Yodel 96.7," featuring "all-yodeling all the time," which resulted in "some hilarious phone calls."

MS Pickens WYJS 105.9 o, in a combo with WJMI 99.7 Jackson-WKXI-FM 107.5 Magee-AMs.

NE Falls City KLZA I101.3 mr, soft AC days, hot AC nights. "K-Hits"

NV Laughlin KADD 93.5 r, still/ ("Gold 96-7") NH Lisbon WLTN-FM 96.7 rm, "Bright 96" (from/ NM Taos KHYF 99.9 S, I

NY Albany WHRL 103.1 pr, "Channel 103-1" (not strict; from "Easy 103.1"). No announcers. The "Albany radio market will no longer have a smooth jazz format. . . Guess this is progress. [it] was recently bought by Clear Channel, and they were not happy with the 2 share in the ratings book." It may have changed because of recent format changes at WQBK/WQBJ. See below. Cobleskill. Rensselaer.

NY Canton WVNC 96.7 m, LMA with WNCQ-FM 102.9 Morristown, WRCD 101.5 Canton-AMs. Now "The All New Valley 96.7," and adding '70s tunes to its rm. [dio" (from "The Edge 104") NY Cobleskill WQBJ 103.5 pr+Stem, \*Rock Ra-/ NY New York WNEW 102.7 t, but with some rock programming on weekends, which is scheduled to go. The stereo carrier remains on, and is validly used as background music during local announcements such as when they read the

concert calendar. That carrier remained on

"which was all mono." Now "FM Talk @ 102-7."

[fradulently] during the Tom Leykis Show,

WLTW 106.7 still rm. Conceding the morning audience to Howard Stern, it has a commanding lead in mid-day. "In the office-radio race WLTW has Stem-like domination. The latest ratings say Lite has 8% of the local audience in middays, to 5.1% for second-place WKTU. That's a lucrative crowd, too. Lite's \$45.4 million in ad dollars last year was third-highest in America. . . The station had patience, a rare and fine trait in radio. For as long as most listeners can remembers 9 to noon has been Al Bernstein and noon-4 has been Valerie Smaldone, who is marking 20 years in local radio and 16 at WLTW after starting at WFAS[-FM 103.9 White Plains]. . . In moving away from a Barry Manilow/elevatormusic image, Lite has-in the jargon of the biz-become a winning brand. 'Lite is a cash machine', says a GM of a rival station," who is quoted in the N.Y. Daily News Online. "There are radios you couldn't get off 106.7 with a stick of dynamite."

NY Ravena WKLI 94.5 mr, "K Lite 94.5," having received the old Albany 100.9 format.

NY Rensselaer WQBK 103.9 pr, "Rock Radio" (from "The Edge 104") with Cobleskill

NC Carolina Beach WLGX 106.7 j, smooth, keeping Imus;

ND Arthur KVMI 96.7 ot, still some oldies, \$[tereo] continues. Now "Real Radio 96.7."

PA Mechanicsburg WTPA 93.5 op

PA Palmyra WNCE 92.1 op, no "Nice 92.1"; now "Classic Rock That Really Rocks." It becomes a fulltime repeater of WTPA 93.5 Mechanicsburg. New call letters expected. It announces the reason for the rebroadcasting is to extend their coverage to reach communities east of Harrisburg, particularly those in Lebanon County, with a stronger signal. Both stations are Class A, and there's plenty of overlap between the two in the immediate vicinity. The demise of the "b" format on WNCE marks the end of that format in south-central Pennsylvania after many decades, which originally aired until just a few years ago on the 'old' WNCE 101.3 Lancaster (now WROZ, format 'rm')."

PA Pittsburgh WJJJ 104.7 so, "104.7 The Beat" (from "Jammin' Gold").

PA Starview WEGK 92.7 op. WTPA-WNCE now compete head-to-head with WEGK.

PA Stroudsburg WBYX \*88.7 gr, testing, as per WBYO Sellerville's website.

SC Pageland WRML 102.3 g, southern gospel. SD Yankton KCLH 104.1 o, classic hits. [music. TX Dallas KERA-FM \*90.1 t, mono, dropping/ TX Pilot Point KTCY 104.9 S, I, as of November.

UT Centerville KCPX 105.7 o, "classic hits/oldies." VT Bennington WBTN-FM \*94.3 sold to VT Public

Radio, On air with ci format, noncommercial. VA Cape Charles WROX-FM 96.1 still rp, adds Mancow (again, who had been dropped).

VA Lawrenceville WHFD 105.5 sg, "Star 105.5." VA Mechanicsville WCDX 92.1 sr, adding Russ Parr from WKYS 93.9 Washington DC.

VA Suffolk WFOG 92.9 so, "Jammin' Oldies," no "Lite 92.9."

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WA Hoquiam KGHO-FM 95.3 op, classic rock. WA South Bend KJET 105.7 o, classic hits, taking format that was on KGHO-FM.

WA Spokane KISC 98.1 mr, soft AC.

WI Neillsville WCCN-FM 107.5 rp. \*107-5 The Rock" (from "Classic Rock 107.5").

WI Shell Lake WGMO 95.3 op, locally automated. Stardust format moves to WCSW 940 AM, FM now "Classic Rock 95 GMO." Being sold to Zoe Communications by Charles Lutz, who is mayor of Shell Lake. He "has made many enemies in the area. Business owners in one town told him to get out of town when he tried to cover a parade earlier this summer, and sales representatives have gotten a similar reception in other places. Just about every broadcasting no-no was done at Lutz' WCSW/WGMO and the stations' sale ends a very humorous listening experience for other broadcasters in the area." WI Whitewater WKCH 106.5 o. "Kool FM 106.5"

ON Brantford CKPC-FM 92.1 r, hot AC (no "Lite 92" positioning statement).

### On Air—Real Stations and Pirates (Selected)

ME Madison WIGY 97.5, still parallel to WHQO 107.9 Skowhegan with sports. What WIGY may do after WHQO converts to Maine Public Radio is open to [88.1 Hagerstown.

MD Frederick W2058L \*88.9, relaying WETH/ MD Oakland W204BX \*88.7, on with 120 watts h,v.

MA Springfield area—a 94.3 Spanish pirate.

MN Deer River KBAJ 105.5, ID with WWAX 92.1 Hermantown, KAOD 106.7 Babbitt, WXXZ 95.3 Grand Marais. But off air as of early Oct. [with open carrier.

MN Golden Valley K214DF \*90.7---no longer only/

MN Montevideo "KRAM" 98.3 is run by two teenagers from an 11 m tower in the back yard, and claiming one watt of power. It's on 12-14 hours a day, 7 days a week, using equipment salvaged when a nearby commercial station went automated. And KBHL \*103.9 Osakis MN donated weather equipment, plus help in cleaning up the station's signal so it would not cause interference. Business owners chipped in so the two could buy a high speed computer, enabling the station to keep operating while the owners were in school. Slogan: "Kool Radio and Music," or KRAM.

NJ Collingswood W264AQ \*97.1 \*must normally take an on-air signal from W278AK 103.5 Village Green PA to get their WXHL 89.1 DE signal, as the translator was instead grabbing WGMS 103.5 (Washington DC) throughout (a recent evening), much the same as W300AD \*107.9 PA was relaying WXHL 89.1 DE instead of WWNJ 89.1 NJ as intended, which it has done several times before. It continues to surprise me that this method is used so much, given the nature of FM propagation."

NJ Hazlet WCNJ \*89.3 not only runs illegal ads (July p. 3, col. 1), but they have a website showing how to help "create the perfect radio script for a commercial that brings results," with WCNJ providing "the best value for your advertising dollar.

NY Altamont WZMR 104.9: "Sounds better than either WCPT 100.9 or WXLE 104.5, but is plagued by a weak signal. Apparently, when the station was moved in, from Johnstown, it had to go directional. As a result, the signal is significantly hobbled. At my camp [which is 32 km north] at Saratoga Springs, I used to receive WSRD very clearly. [Now] I can barely receive WZMR (but it) is much clearer around Albany. The

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# Toronto's Jump! FM Wants to be Legal

initial ratings for WZMR are lackluster. It seems to be competing against 102.7 WEQX and 103.5, 103.9 WQBJ/WQBK, both of which have good signals. The station is also heavily voice tracked, with announcing backsells, sometimes out of sequence with the music that's being played. I doubt that WZMR will ever amount to much. Personally, I miss the ABC Pure Gold format that was broadcast over WSRD for nearly 12 years!"

- NY Brockport "WOOO" 91.9 signed on 9-18, with the FCC knowing in advance its planned debut. Signal seemed to come from a truck in the back corner of a SUNY parking lot. Claims to have one watt. "And hey, FCC, while you're listening up here. . . bet you \$50 you won't hear a legal ID on WBER 90.5 [Rochester NY]—check it out!"
- NY Lake George WCKM 98.5, not yet on 99.1. "I called one of their announcers recently who knew nothing of a proposed move to 99.1."
- NY New York city (somewhere) "Orquidea Stereo" [Orchid \$(tereo)] 87.5 with various types of Latin music and occasional news in Spanish.
- OH South Point "The Underground Radio Laboratory" 99.7 with '70s-'90s rock, estimated at 100 watts. Reaches nearby KY and WV. "They'll have to find another frequency if WLUA 99.7 Westwood KY ever gets on the air."
- OR Central Point K216DR \*91.1.
- PA Lewistown WMRF 95.7, having moved from 95.9.
- TN Norris WXVO 106.7 testing with varied music; said to debut this month.
- TX Canyon Lake "Canyon Lake Radio" 105.7 back on after FCC shut it down earlier this year (April p. 6, col. 2). Run by optician David Huff and his wife, \$, 30 w.
- TX Irving "Showtime Radio" 99.9 from the new 16-screen UA MacArthur Marketplace Theater, 8505 Walton Blvd., ZIP 75063, with movie schedules. Can be heard "within sight of the theater."
- WA Seattle "KNSB" 103.1, as "K276-," claiming to broadcast from Gedney Island west of Everett WA.

  "Due to the fact that we're broadcasting illegally, we can't tell you how far our broadcast facility is from our tower! We take meter readings every three hours and operate like any other commercial radio station, just without an FCC approved license." E-mail 'em at <knsb103@hotmail.com>.
- WI Sister Bay WHND \*89.7 with cn, \$[tereo] WHDI \*91.9 t, the "Ideas Network." Seeks 145 m. MB Cranberry Portage CICP 96.9
- MB St. Theresa Point CIST 93.5, both monophonic.
- NB? A new member of the CBAF network was heard on 104.5, equal in strength, as received in ME, to CBAF-7 \*104.7 Digby NS "but with different propagation characteristics, so quite possibly in NB rather than NS."
- ON Kirkland Lake CJKL 101.5 had been testing; now on regular schedule in stereo.
- ON Oshawa CKGE 94.9—now with a much better signal into Hamilton, prompting speculation it may have moved to the CN Tower in Toronto. No CRTC info on any such move has been released.
- ON Timmins CBON-25 \*97.1
- ENGLAND—A recent web posting showed 22 FM pirates in London, ranging in frequency from 87.9 through 104.6, including "WBLS" 102.8 with black music/talk.
- London—Oxygen 107.9 FM \$32,000 (not £) after the staff cheated during their broadcast licence review. Britain's Radio Authority had a complaint the station was "airing too much fluff, and ignoring its commitment to science and arts programming." The Authority demanded the station hand over its March 1 tapes for review. Unfortunately for the station, the March 1 broadcast was especially laden with pop music and idle chat, so rather than turn in the original tape they

decided to do a new one on March 8, informing listeners it was really a week earlier, repeating an old British expression, "Pinch and punch. It's the first day of the month." The following day Oxygen FM sent the Radio Authority the March 8 tape, along with interviews and "lively discussion programs," labeling it as March 1. There was just one problem: The staff forgot to backdate the news. The "March 1" program included a tribute to Stanley Kubrick, who died Mar. 7 and a report on Joe DiMaggio's death March, 8, Licensee inspectors then asked for tapes from the entire week, but again the station was deceptive, sending tapes from periods outside of what was requested. "Oxygen FM has such a shocking disrespect for its listeners as part of an attempt to deceive its regulators," Sir Peter Gibbings, chairperson of the authority said. The station was started by two Oxford students and is now owned by Dawe Media, Ltd., owner of four regional radio stations. Staffers were said to be "disheartened" by the sanctions. In addition to the monetary fine, two years were cut from its eight-year license as punishment. "We've never shortened a licence before but this is seen as a serious offense," Julie McCatty, press officer for the Radio Authority said.

### Off Air—Or Not Yet On

- AZ Mesa K294AA 104.7. "Life can be good when translators shut down."
- GA Mableton WAWE 102.5, but still planning Spanish, \$[tereo], shooting for a Nov. 1 start.
- MO Garden City KGAR 105.3, but seeking 105.1 as a C1. Transmitter would be at Raytown MO, and it might change calls to WHB-FM "with adult standards."
- PA Lancaster "Radio Vida" 106.3: A federal judge approved the station keeping its transmitter and equipment after the FCC took it off (July p. 4, col. 1, under Bethlehem). The station was run by Iglesia Pentecostal Church, and the seizing of its equipment would have violated the Religious Freedom Restoration Act. Judge Harvey Bartle didn't dispute the closing down of the station, but called the FCC's tactics "rather heavy-handed under the circumstances."
- TX Big Sandy KBAU \*90.7 said to be silent. It was known that the parent institution, Ambassador College, folded, but the station continued in operation after that. Both the station and the college are reported to be for sale.
- UT Richfield KRFD 97.5.
- ON Toronto VF7063 106.3 was a temporary Aboriginal station that was on June 15-23, but "Jump! FM" will aging be on the air for 28 days starting Nov. 15. Industry Canada listed it as 10 watts h,v; 145 m. Scott Fybush on his NE Radio Watch website mentioned hearing the station faintly in June "during out CBL signoff visit."
- "I was unaware that you had published a new FM Atlas, but I would definitely like to order it! I haven't missed one since I became aware of your publication in 1982! Plus I also have your 1973 reprint," J.C., Greenfield NY.

### **Deletions**

- AL Gadsden W251AH \*98.1
- CA Hamilton City K204DK \*88.7—grant rescinded; back to filing status.
- GA Bolingbroke WDBS 102.1

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- GA Macon W201BU "88.1's deletion (Sept. p. 5, col. 1) makes W202BC "88.3 all the more viable. I guess I once called the 88.3 station "an absurd allocation."
- IA Glenwood K272BM 102.3
- IA Mount Ayr K244BO 96.7
- KS Independence K208CB \*89.5, K249CC 97.7, K280CG \*103.9. K208CB is \*89.5 Harrison NE.
- KY Campbellsville WKJV \*88.7
- ME Fort Kent W285AG 104.9, the result of primary WOZI moving to 101.9.
- ME Madawaska W296AG 107.1, but the FCC still lists W237AP 95.3 there as licensed. I consider W237AP deleted.
- MO Kennett K213AF \*90.5
- MT Whitefish K259-- 99.7. Area is served by K259AD 99.7 Kalispell.
- NE Valentine K214BJ \*90.7
- NC Statesville W228AR \*93.5
- OH Findlay W286AD \*105.1
- **OK Ardmore K292CK 106.3**
- OK Bartlesville K206AY \*89.1
- OK Grove K219BP \*91.7
- OK Muskogee K204BQ \*88.7, K261BM 100.1
- OR Dead Indian K201BG \*88.1—because of new KSRG 88.3 Ashland, now on the air.
- SC Myrtle Beach W232AD 94.3, not "W243A," as shown p. 161, *FM Atlas*-18.
- SC Rock Hill W201AD \*88.1
- WV Ceredo WCKV \*88.5
- [over 12 months.
- WY Gillette K276II 103.1—had not been on in/

### FMistakes—FM Atlas-18th Ed.,FMedial

- AK Anchorage 93.7 is KAFC, not "KFAC," p. 104. 104.1 is KBRJ, not "KRBJ," p. 104.
- 104.1 is KBRJ, not "KRBJ," p. 104. AZ Prescott Valley KKLD 98.3 add \$ p. 128
- AZ Springerville K218AV \*91.5, not 91.7 p. 128
- AR Stamps 104.3 KLMZ, not "KLMC," p. 129
- DC Washington \*90.1 is WCSP, not \*WDCU," p. 25.
- FL Tavernier WKEZ-FM 96.9 add \$, p. 135
- GA Columbus W293AD 106.5 has WSTH, not "WSTH-FM" p. 137.
- GA Dalton W259AE is on \*99.7, not 90.7, p. 137.
- GA LaGrange remove extra "s" at right of column near WOAK "90.9 p. 136.
- GA Peachtree City (not "Peachtree") WMKJ 96.7 p. 206 GA Sparta-Milledgeville (not "Millersville")-Sandersville WMGZ 97.7 p. 209.
- GA Swainsboro WXRS-FM 100.5, not 100.9, p. 137.
- GA Thomaston WTGA FM 101.1, not 101.7, p. 137.
- GA Trion WATG 95.7 \$ymbol missing p. 203.
- HI Honolulu KCCN-FM 100.3 add \$ p. 137.
- ID Cascade K215BN \*90.9, Challis K209AQ \*89.7, Lower Stanley K216CD \*91.1, New Meadows K228CZ \*93.5, Salmon K220CG \*91.9, Stanley K292EK \*106.3 have KBSU-FM (not "KBSU") 90.3 Boise, p. 138.
- ID Eagle KXLT 107.9 add \$ p. 137 [p. 138
- ID St. Anthony K210AT \*89.9 has KCIR 90.7, not 97.7/
- IL De Kalb WNIU \*89.5-add \* p. 138
- IL Morris WYXX is 103.1, not "L103.1," Sept. p. 3, col. 2. IL White Hall W202AV "88.3 is for WJCG (not "WJCY") p. 139.
- IN Seelyville WTHC 95.9 add \$ p. 140. Format changes to rm, "Sunny 95.9" (from "C 96").
- IN Wabash W215BB \*90.9 out of sequence p. 140
- IN Winamac WFRI 100.1—its g format not printed p. 140.
  KS Hutchinson K201DL \*88.1 not on p. 142 (translator of KAWZ 89.9 Twin Falls ID) [p. 5, col. 1
- LA Gibsland KBEF 104.5 is on p. 143, not "142," Sept./
- ME Machias W270AE 101.9—remove from p. 144.

ME Southwest Harbor W218BD (KAWZ IDt) \*91.5 not shown on p. 11 map. It is SW of Bar Harbor. Bar Harbor is on an island. The FMaps show it instead as a peninsula. W218BD is not yet on the air.

MD Frederick W219BX \*91.7 (not W220BH 91.9) p. 144. MD Oakland W204BA \*88.7 has WOTJ 90.7, not 90.3, p. 144. [\*88.9 has WPCS 89.5 (not 88.9) p. 146 MI Port Huron W205BH/ [p. 146. MN Aitkin KKIN-FM 94.3 coverage is 39 (km) not \*9,\*/

MN Atwater KKLN 94.1 coverage is 24, not "2," p. 146. MN Cloquet WSCN \*100.5 is nt, not "mt," p. 146.

MN Cold Spring KMXK 94.9 o format missing from p. 146 MN Moose Lake—kidnap and murder victim Katie Poirier's name misspelled, Sept. p. 4, col. 3. Suspect may be involved in other murders of young women, including a Mason City TV anchor. KBFH 107.1 returns to the air; still relaying WKLK-FM 96.5 Cloquet in stereo,

and heard only 5 km past nearby Barnum MN. "I wonder what purpose it serves?" [146. MN New Prague KCHK-FM 95.5—town misspelled p./ MN Northfield KRLX \*88.1 add r format and shift data to

the right, p. 146.
MN Park Rapids KXKK 92.5 k format missing from p. 146
MN Thief River Falls K202BK \*88.3 has KUND-FM (not "KFJM-FM") 89.3 Grand Forks ND on it.

Nevada is on pp. 90-91 (not "84-85") p. 9 Map Index NV Lund "88.7 calls are KWPS, not "KWFS," Sept. p. 5, col. 2. Seeks 671 m, Class C.

NV Reno 106.9 is KRNO, not "KRNO-FM" p. 234, and affects two translators on p. 150. KRNO-FM seeks a rulemaking to assign its channel to Incline Village NV.

NV Grants 103.7 was KTHR (now KYVA) when the book was published. Trouble was the FCC gave the identical call letters to Richland WA 94.9 (still KTHR).

NY Elmira \*89.7 is W209BG (not W209BC which is in Wakelee MI), Sept. p. 1, col. 2.

NY Rhinebeck W289G \*105.7 has WFRH (91.7 Kingston), not WFME 94.7 Newark. Family Stations claims W213AC \*90.5 Hyde Park has WFME, but some time ago its former manager told me they switched to carrying KEAR 106.9 San Francisco because a clear signal for receiving was not available from WFME. It would make more sense for it to relay WFRH.

NY (Sept. p. 8, col. 1): "We humbly acknowledge our Catskills geography was a bit at fault" [when discussing an unneeded FM allocation]. That allocation "is in fact in the 'western', even southern—depending on who's asking—part of the range, not the northern Catskills. OK?

NC Ahoskie WBKU is \*91.7 not 91.3, Sept. p. 5, col. 2. NC Bellarthur W208AO \*89.5 has WOTJ 90.7, not 90.3, p. 155.

OH Athens WXTQ 105.5—remove "to go to 105.7" p. 47. OK—Glenn Hauser's website is more properly written: <a href="http://www.angelfire.com/ok/worldofradio/Oklahoma4">html.> "Angelfire is extremely case-sensitive"</a> (Sept. p. 4, col. 2).

OR Elwood (not "Elmwood," although location doesn't show on maps) K220HK \*91.9, Sept p. 1, col. 2.

PA Clearfield W279AB 103.7 remove "Seeks 99.7" from p. 21. Is 180 h,v, deserving big FMap type, FM Atlas. PA St. Marys 97.5 is WPKK (not "WPKX") pp. 21, 159. SC Irmo W222AD "92.3 has WYFV 88.7 (not WYFG 91.1) p. 161.

SC Kingstree WWKT 99.3, not 98.3, p. 161.

SC Richburg calls to be added to p. 28 are WRBK, not "WRGN," (90.3), Sept. p. 1, col. 2.

TN Kingsport WCQR-FM \*88.3 add \$, p. 162.

TX Eastland KEAS-FM 97.7 frequency missing, Sept. p. 4, col. 1.

WY Ethete KWRR \*89.5—correct pronunciation of town (Sept p. 3, col. 2) to include noting that the "TH is not voiced."

AB Peace River CBXG \*93.9 coverage missing p. 172. Is 17 km.

PQ Blanc Sablon CFBS \*89.9 add to p. 117; add \* p. 187. YT Dawson/Klondike \*105.5 frequency missing p. 178.

\*Bruce! Your resource is well respected. I will give it a mention. . . I also welcome any articles you might wish to contribute on the topic of trends in FM radio,\* P.J. Mcl.., Radio World, via e-mail.

\*I would be very interested to see a copy of your new logo when it's completed (I still haven't finished examining the Atlas yet, but it certainty is nice, after 29 months, to finally have an updated reference), N.L., Atlanta GA.

# WEMPUBLISHING

"I'm enjoying looking over the new Atlas. The maps look good, especially Mexico which must have taken a lot of work. I hope you never computerize the maps. I wouldn't want them to look any different! The print in the FMusings section of the Atlas seems unnecessarily big and bold. I like the Nactional foot in the Notify section, but the Capital F looks more like a 3, as in 3M Atlas (3M Atlas). Another nice font is HandelGothic, used for the Station Directory Part II heading p. 182. The cover color is OK I guess, but too much like the 10th and 11th edition covers. On the other hand, I never got tired of looking at the 17th edition cover. That is such a great shade of green!"—from an "Eastern Seaboard" reporter.

"Great Atlas. I have one in my car, office and home," K.S., Suwanee GA by e-mail.

### SCS/SAP Services, 57, 67, 78.67, 92 kHz Symbols are as in the *FM Atla*s

CA Los Angeles KTWV 94.7 on with lower power, and temporarily without its 57 kHz data.

KLSX 97.1 †L, 67, Salvadoran

CA Pasadena KPCC \*89.3 remove 67 kHz I. The Iranian service "has moved to a different station," probably either the 92 of KPWR 105.9 or KLVE 107.5.

CA San Diego KGTV 10 has Spanish on itSAP for Monday Night Football.

San Diego-Tijuana area—no music SCSes? One person said so, but I've asked for specific frequencies to be checked.

ME Bath WBCI 105.9  $\uparrow$ ( ), printing out its call letters. MD Cumberland WROG 102.9  $\uparrow$ ( ), WKGO 106.1  $\uparrow$ U

MA Boston WMJX 106.7 still †(), but for a while was transmitting "KHOT," which is in Arizona. "The next day it was corrected—almost. The RDS read WJMX". ! e-mailed them through their web site and they undid their typo later that day."

MI Grand Rapids WBCT 93.7 no †M. "There's no music on SCA in western Michigan."

MT Great Falls KGPR \*89.9 †T, 67. It usually IDs with the other MT Public Radio stations but does break away for separate [main channel] programming in the evening, unlike the other stations in that group.

MT Hamilton KUFN \*91.9 †T, 67. \*We like your little radios. All the public stations in MT, our and the eastern feed from Billings, gets our satellite feed of the reading service.\*

MT Kalispell KUKL \*89.9 †T, 67

NJ Newark WBGO \*88.3's 92 has Lino Celle's Radyo Pinoy, and he's reported to be interested in a car radio for his listeners. "He received a prototype from a manufacturer. . . and it's being tested by a listener, who said the signal is okay but the quality isn't too good. Lino also heard of a company that will install an SCAdapter in the cassette section of a car radio. I

would imagine the prototype he got uses a crystal—all their other radios use one." [Musical."

NY New York WCBS-FM 101.1 †L, Spanish \*La Maquina/ PA Galeton WCOG-FM 100.7 †()

VA Winchester WTRM \*91.3 †G, 67, not 92

PQ Montreal CJPX 99.5 †O, Tamil, assumed 67 kHz, "168 hours of programming provided by Geetha Vaani." Or possibly it could be coded †I if the Sri Lankans consider theirs an Indian-type language.

GERMANY-Telekom AG has introduced a new service called SWIFT, which stands for "System for Wireless Infotainment Forwarding and Teledistributing.\* It is the European variant of the Japanese DARC, "Radio Data Channel" at 57 kHz. Instead SWIFT is on the 76 kHz subcarrier. Only Berliner Rundfunk 91.4 and Radio PSR (Saxony) have this service, but three other German broadcasters will embrace the feature "in the future." The service will provide text information for politics, sports, business, traffic, "and informations about the programme which is tuned." The only radio to date that can decode SWIFT is the Sony SRF-DR2000, a "Text-Man" in the size of a common pager. The dot-matrix display shows 7 lines with 20 characters each. It costs about 300 German marks, "If SWIFT is to be successful, there must be more receivers on the market! Perhaps it is possible to supply an external 'SWIFT-Manager' like the well-known 'RDS-Manager'?" The question is whether or not there are SWIFT plans for other countries. From Thomas Schröder, Hamburg, Germany via e-mail.

\*The print size in FMedial is too small,\* T.R., Hagerstown MD.

"I appreciate your work with the FM stations list on "FM Atlas", and I wish you could receive an award for your work. Under the heavy amount of FM stations in the USA, you deserve some aware for what you do. Thank you," M.C.B., Jasper AL.

### NonIDs, Not Just Slogans

Mentioned usually without call letters; "strict" if a station uses call letters once per hour (at or near top of hour) as required by FCC and Industry Canada

AL Reform WTID 101.7 Tide 101.7 (back to, from "Variety 101.7")

AZ Lake Havasu City KZUL-FM Kazual 105 (the way they spell it); also used at KZAL 105.5 Desert Center CA.

Station supposed to move to 104.5, but FCC confusingly lists it already on 104.5, with app. for 105.1. KZUL-FM's website says it is on K240BL 95.9 Kingman, but that may be obsolete; I show it being on K224BU 92.7 Kingman.

AR Camden KAMD 97.1 K-97 | IL Tuscola WEBX 93.5 CO Kremmling KRKM 106.3 High Country | Extreme 93.5

GA Bowdon WYAI 105.5 Y-105.5 FM (from "The Web")
GA Buford WLKQ-FM 102.3 Oldies Lake 102 FM (Big Cat")

KS Junction City KJCK-FM 94.5 Big Cat 94.5 (from "The/

KS Oberlin KFNF 101.1 The Farm (not strict). "We're still country, not oldies, but do play some country oldies on Saturday night. It's good to know you listened to us when you lived in Kearney NE!"

ME Brewer WQCB 106.5 Q 106 (from "Q 106.5")

ME Dover-Foxcroft WDME 103.1 D 103 (from "D 103.1")

ME Kennebunkport WQEZ 104.7 Light 104.7

ME Portland WMGX 93.1 Magic ["Oldies 101.7")
ME Presque Isle WOZI 101.9 Oldies 101.9 (naturally, from/

ME Skowhegan WTOS 105.7 uses "The Mountain" after-

nately with "105 TOS." [102.3")

MI Houghton WHKB 102.3 102-3 The Bear (from "K-Bear/ MI Munising WHCH 98.3 Hot 98 FM Multi-City IDs In Use

AR East Camden KCXY 95.3 with Camden, still "Y 95.3." ["Cool 101-9"

IN Brownsburg WQLU 101.9 with Indianapolis,/ MD St. Michaels WFBR 94.3 with Cambridge-Easton. (Wadena

MN Perham KPRW 99.5 with Detroit Lakes-/ ND Mayville KMAV-FM 105.5 with Portland, "Now with 25000 watts to serve you better."

PA Renovo-Lock Haven WZYY 106.9 with Mill Hall SC Gaffney WAGI 105.3 drops multi-city ID SC North Charleston WXLY 102.5 with Charleston SD Wessington Springs-Mitchell-Huron KGGK

98.3 adds two other rotating cities. "Thanks again for publishing a super reference book," D.G., Falls Church VA by e-mail.

### Selected AM Happenings

AZ Mesa KFNN 1510 off the air.

CO KDDZ Arvada 1690, a Disney affiliate, is in true AM stereo.

CO Deriver KBJD 1650 expects to begin operation in November with contemporary Christian.

CT Hartford WTIC 1080 after 74½ years of broadcasting from downtown Hartford, has moved to new studios in Farmington CT, "WTIC looks forward to its 75th anniversary this February," WTIC-FM 96,5 had earlier moved "to its side of the ultra-modern WTIC complex."

Florida—the Florida Dept. of Transportation has set up a network for travelrs. The first outlet—an unnamed AM—will be in Orlando. The Florida Department of Transportation will get one minute in 10 for its own public service type announcements. The state can also take over all the time for dire emergency warnings and programming. Private invesors are paying the costs. "Only about 40% of Florida's 520 commercial radio stations are AM stations," says Pat Roberts of the state's Association of Broadcasters, as quoted in USA Today. Advertisers would include those catering to travelers, such as a truck stop with mechancis on duty 24 hours a day. The article does not make it clear, but these are probably existing AM stations, turning over all or most of their time to travel radio, along with TIStations, which have usually operated on 1610 and 1620, and which can now operate on other clear AM frequencies from 540 on up. TiStations can be looked up on a new web site that gives them by frequency: <a href="http://www.fcc.gov/mmb/asd/bickel/tis/">http://www.fcc.gov/mmb/asd/bickel/tis/</a> fregtis.html >.

FL Jacksonville WOKV 690 was one of several FL NC and SC stations allowed by the FCC to broadcast with daytime facilities because of Hurricone Floyd. It said it was parallel to WBWL 600 Jacksonville, WAPE 95.1, WKQL 96.9, WMXQ 102.9 and WFYV 104.5. WOKV was clearly received in Madison WI one of those nights.

GA Atlanta: "AM radio is getting to be all Spanish and ethnic. As I tune this radio, listen to Spanish on 610, 1100 and 1550, and here's Korean on 1310!"

IL Pittsfield WBBA 1580 lost its transmitter site and "hopes to/ MA Boston WEEL 850 has a new morning show, "Guy Talk" with Gerry Callahan, 37, and John Dennis, 47, from 6 to 10. They had been on 10 a.m. to noon. They'll talk about male artists, competitor Howard Stem, and sports. But "this isn't sports radio, It's our radio," said Glenn Ordway, former program director.

MS Meridian WFFX 1450, Newton WMYQ 1100 both reported silent and claim they'll be returning soon with a new format,

NY Annadale-On-Hudson "WXBC" 540, Bard College, carrier current, "but seems to be getting out far from campus."

NC Wilmington WMFD 630, WAHH 1340 were off oir because of Hurricane Floyd. WMFD is "rebuilding its transmitter site and expects." to rerturn in February 2000."

PA Connelsville WCVI 1340 still on air, "despite shown as deleted." TN Knowille WKVL 850 returns to the gir with talk. Had been WIB7. TX Waco KKTX 1460 off air, Had been sports, but was to have returned

with a new format. (Staunton, Now off the air. VA Crozet WCYK 810 had been country, parallel to FM 99.7/

WA Olympia former KAYO 920 still silent, and officially kicked out of its LMA. But KAYO (FM) 99.3 remains on the air.

MB Winnipeg CFST (formerly CIFX as talk) now "1290 Starlight CFST". with adult standards. "Goodbye Dr. Laura and Art Bell, hello Frankie. Bing and Ella. Hey, they have no place to go but up, having a firm grip on last or second to last place in listenership for the last 2-3 years. No station in the area with this format except CKVN which is a special events station on only part time. This may set back CKVN's bid to go full time in 2000."

ON Montreal CKVL 850 has been assigned 690, according to the Canadian magazine Broadcaster, CIQC 600 gets 940 for an Englishlanguage format. "Will simulcast for one year. There are 30 applicants for 740 Toronto."

### FMakings—Selected FCC and Industry Canada applications AK Anchorage KMXS 103.1 51000 h,v; 6 m, d-a, C1

AR Dumas \*91.5 12000 v, 75 m, Southpoint Educ, Radio AR Paris KERX 95.3 33000 h,v; 183 m CA Diamond Springs 2900 h, 115 m, d-a, CSN Int'l. CA Indio \*88.9 (KYCC 89.1 Livingston translator) CA Mission Viejo KSBR \*88.5 1500 h,v; 214 m, d-a, B1 CA Oak Park \*89.5 (KEFX 88.9 Twin Falls ID) CA Olancha \*90.1 (KAWZ 89.9 Twin Falls ID) CA Oroville \*91.1 (KCZO 92.1 Carrizo Springs TX) CA Porterville (KCZO) CA Quartz Hill \*91.1 (KCSN 88.5 Northridge)

CA San Luis Obispo \*88.9 (KYCC)

CA Smith River \*89.7 (KVIP-FM 98.1 Redding) CA Truckee K203CN \*88.5 seeks 88.1, v

CA Tulare K201FB \*88.1 seeks 89.5, h,v

CO Alamosa \*89.5 (WJFM 88.5 Baton Rouge LA)

CA Cañon City KTLC \*89.1 520 h.v. 450 m CO Colorado Springs KRDO-FM 95.1 65000 h.v; 674 m

CO Cortez \*90.7 (WJFM) | CO La Juanita \*90.1 (WJFM)

CO Cripple Creek \*89.5 (KTLF 90.5 Colorado Springs) CO New Castle \*89.7 (KTLC 89.1 Carlon City)

CO Salida \*90.7 300 h,v; 834 m, Educational Communi-

cations of Colorado Springs (WJFM) CO Sterling \*89.1 (WJFM) | ICO Walsenburg \*91.9/ CO Telluride \*91.7 500 h,v; 476 m, San Miguel Ed. Fund

CO Walsenburg \*91.9 (WJFM)

FL Stockade \*91.5 (WNEE 88.3 Jasper GA) GA Albany WGNP \*90.7 6000 h.v: 93 m

HI Lihue K208CM \*89.5 seeks 91.1, 250 h,v HI Kahului KNUI-FM 99.9 72000 h,v; 696 m, d-a

ID Coeur d'Alene K220BX \*91.9 seeks 91.5, v

IL Oglesby WALS 102.1 1500 h,v; 142 m

IL Springfield WSCT \*90.5 3800 h.v; 0 m IL Woodstock \*91.7 5000 v, 100 m, Cornerstone Com-

munity Radio (WNEE) IN Corydon WGZB 96.5 6000 h,v | IL Freeport \*90.7/

IN Edinburgh WYGB 102.9 3800 h,v; 69 m, d-a

JIA Creston \*89.5 (WJFM) IN Madison \*88.7 (WJFM)

IN Rushville WRCR 94.3 171 m

IA Bloomfield \*90.3 (WJFM) | IA Osceola \*88.7 (WJFM) IA Carroll \*90.1 (WJFM) JIA Spencer \*88.1 (WJFM) KS Hays \*88.1 (WJFM) |\*91.9 (WNCB 89.3 Duluth MN)

KS Perry \*89.7 310 v, 88 m, Pensacola Christ. College KY Bardstown WOKH 96.7: FCC dismisses one-step

107.3A application. ILA Mansfield \*91.3 (WJFM) LA De Ridder KBAN \*91.1 14000 v, 119 m

ME Orono WMEB \*91.9 600 h,v; 52 m, adding vertical ME Waterville WMHB \*89.7 (from 90.5), 32 m (see Aug.

p. 4, col. 3). "After being silenced by Maine Public Radio's discovery that the paperwork to renew its license for 90.5 had never been filed, the Colby College station has applied for 89.7 with 110 watts from the current transmitter site." |MI Albion WUFN \*96.7 144 m

MA Turners Falls WPVQ 93.9 4300 h,v; 119 m MI Ann Arbor \*90.1 WAAQ 88.5 Mackinaw City) MI Brevort \*88.9 (WAAQ)

MI Hart Township \*89.1 (WLGH 88.1 Le Roy Township)

MN Minneapolis KBEM \*88.5 Jazz 88, now transmitting from the KUOM tower near the U. of MN in St. Paul. MS Columbia WFFF-FM 96.7 Star 96.7 (from "Mix 96") MS Heidelburg WHER 99.3 Eggle 99.3 MO Brookfield KZBK-FM 96.9 The Z MO Bonne Terre KDBB 104.3 B 104.3 (from ""BB 104") MO Clinton KLRQ 96.1 Q-96 (from "K-96") NH Nashua WHOB 106.3 Real Hits 106.3 (from "B 106") NJ Newark WCAA 105.9 LatinoMix 105.9 (from "Caliente 105.9). "Hispanic Broadcasting re-images its lagging FM as a more adult 'LatinoMix 105.9'. A year and a half ago Hispanic got its first New York-market FM by paying Arthur Liu \$115 million and throwing in WPAT (AM). But Spanish contemporary 'Caliente 105.9' moved just 1.3 to 1.5 12+ in the spring Arbitron; well behind the two FMs of rival Spanish Broadcasting (WSKQ 97.9 and WPAT-FM 93.1)." It's a more AC-leaning blend of "salsa, merengue, romantica and yes, even Ricky Martin's catchy pop tunes," according to M Street Journal.

NJ Tuckerton WBHX 99.7 uses calls, not "Automated 99.7." It is automated, except for "Radio Rohn" Stenenz (aka Ron Stekeur, the g.m.) who does weekdays 6-10 a.m. ND Bismarck KSSS 101.5 Star 101 (from "Kiss 101") ND Lisbon KQLX-FM 106.1 106 Country ND Minot KZPR 105.3 Wolf Country 105-3 (from "Magic

105"). "Still live!" ["Mix 96 (from "Star 96.7") OH Wellston WKOV 96.7/ [Wally 103.9 (from "Wally 104") PA Bellwood WALY 103.9/ ["Classic Rock 94-3, 94-7") PA Cresson WBXQ 94.7 (moving from 94.3) Q 94 (from/

PA Ebensburg WQKK 99.1 and PA University Park WQWK 97.1 Qwik Rock (as they spell it)

PA Indiana WQMU 92.5 The Planet 92.5

PA Patton WBRX 94.3 (moving from 94.7) Q 94 (from "Classic Rock 94-3, 94-7")

SC Marion WFSF 100.5 Star 100.5 (from "Star 100") SD Redfield KGIM-FM 106.7 Pheasant Country 103 (with KBWS-FM 102.9 Sisseton) [(from "Rock Hits 95")

UT Cedar City KBRE-FM 94.9 B 94.9/ mat now pr. UT Roy KSNU 107.9 107.9 The Edge, heard stunting. For-/ VA Dublin WPIN-FM \*91.5 PAR-FM (tive Radio")

VA Salem WPAR \*91.3 PAR-FM (from "Positive Alterna-/ WA Eutonville KKBY 104.9 Funky Monkey (from "Y-

104.9"); it gets the moniker from the intials "FM," and is going up against Seattle's "The End" 107.7. Bob Case of Bellevue heads a group who is buying KKBY. But Phil Manning of KNDD isn't worried: "It's a testament to The End's strong ratings and the popularity of the music we play." Manning points to KKBY's rarther weak signal in Seattle, but Case feels there is enough of a listenership in the South Sound region to sustain the station. KKBY is without DJs for now and with no commercials. The station may become completely remote controlled from Bellevue. Case said, "There are a lot of ways for us to not have the large staffs other stations have."

WA Souttle KJR-FM 95.7 uses calls, "Classic Hits 95.7 KUR-FM." In the past year, KUR-FM has had several promotions, including offering gas at selected stations for only 9¢ a gallon: "A good deal as gas prices [are] always getting so high. .. this only is 1 day for 4 hours." WI Marinette WLST 95.1 Live 95 (from "Easy Rock 95") WI Minoqua WMQA 95.9 uses calls, "Soft Rock 96 WMQA" WI Sturgeon Bay WSRG 97.7 Star 97 (from "Star")

#### KMUN Astoria's Tillamook Reception Threatened by OPB FMedia! Page 9 TX Krum (move from Healdton OK) KICM 93.7 50000 MI McKinley \*88.9 (WAAQ) MI Pinnebog \*89.3 (WAAQ) INE Columbus \*88.1 (WJFM) h.v: 136 m. C2 NM Deuter 96.1C3 MI Reed City \*89.9 (WAAQ) INE Kearney \*90.5 (WJFM) TX Marble Falls KBAE 104.9 9500 h,v, one-step C3 NM Magdalena 95.9C2 MI Rives Junction \*89.7 5000 v, 100 m, Great Lakes TX San Antonio KRTU \*91.7 8900 h,v, 36 m, C3 NA Shiprock 106.9C1 **Community Broadcasting** TX Wichita Falls \*90.1 (KLOV) NA Socorro 102.1C2 MI Rogers Hegihts \*89.1 and \*91.9 (WAPC 91.9 Terre UT Flux \*88.1 (KOHS 91.7 Orem) NM Tulorosa 102.7C3 Haute IN; one or both may be for WAAQ, however). UT St. George \*89.3 (KXRD 89.5 Victoriaville CA) MS Grenada WQXB 100.1 15500 h,v; 156 m, C2[(WJFM) \*91.3 (KLOV) MS Tupelo \*88.9 (WAFR 88 3 there) | NE Wayne \*88.7/ VT Danville WSHX 95.9 (from 95.7) 6200 h,v; 53 m assignment with Canada. MO West Plains \*90.9 350 v, 118 m, SW Missouri St. U. VT Wilmington WMTT 100.7 130 h,v; 0 m WA West Clarkston \*89.7 500 h,v; -185 m, Upper Co-MT Hamilton KBMG 96.3 (from 95.9) 85000 h,v; 630 town. NV Carlin (move from Ely) KHIX 96.7 33000 h,v, 487 m, lumbia Media Corp. OR Elgin 105.9A WV Middlebourne \*91.5 900 h,v; 44 m, Tyler County TX Breckenridge 100.1A, at a site 1.5 km S. Class C NH Bedford WQLL 730 h,v; 280 m, d-a [S. New Jersey Board of Education [Wireless of Park City TX Ingram 96.5A NJ Beach Haven \*90.3 100 v, 44 m, Community Media/ WY Evanston \*88.7 6000 h,v; 463 m, Community/ NM Arroyo Seco \*91.9 500 h,v; -39 m, U. of NM regents AB Lethbridge 106.7 100000 h,v, rm+oldies by CJOC NM Artesia \*89.7 (WJFM) [NM Deming \*89.5 (WJFM) NM Cowles \*88.7 (KUPR 91.7 Alamogordo) AB Lloydminster 95.9, r, CHR, 45000 h,v NM Rio Rancho KZKL 101.7 5800 h,v; 0 m 106.1 100000 h,v. Applicants not identified. from the surrounding region. NY Binchamton \*88.1 (WCII 88.5 Spencer) BC Nanaimo 106.9 880 watts, campus station UT Parowan 107,9C2 NY Groton \*89.1 (WOTJ 90.7 Morehead City NC) UT Toquerville 103.90 BC Vancouver 1459.792 mz with 5 kw on Mount Sey NY Lake Placid 106.3 (WSLK Saranac Lake booster) mour for a new DAB station to relay CBFX 100.7 Mont-NY Saranac Lake WSLK 106.3 50000 h,v, C2 real. Gap filler to be at Burnaby with 2.8 kw. Also to NY Utica W259AC 99.7 seeks 99.1, h,v carry (multiplex?) French language CBC Radio II from Montreal and CBU 690 AM Vancouver. NC Goldsboro WEQR 102.3 2100 h,v; 171 m NC New Bern \*88.5 300 h,v; 37 m, d-a, Craven Com-1463.280 with same powers for CFUN 1410, CHQM munity College [NM Silver City \*89.5 (WJFM) 103.5, CFSR-1 92.5 Abbotsford. (station. ND Dickinson \*90.9 (WJFM) MB Winnipeg 107.1 100000 h,v for a religious music/ NB St. John CJYC 98.9 12000 h,v OH Findlay \*89.7 900 h,v; 50 m, Assoc. Christ. Bcstrs. OH Kettering KLQT 99.9 28000 h,v; 200 m [College ON Timmins 95.1 32 watts for a variety station. OH Perrysville \*90.1 480 h,v; 133 m, Pensacola Christ./ PQ Sherbrooke \*89.7 23400 h,v, CBC, to relay CBM-FM OK Durant KSSU \*91.9 1500 h,v; 104 m 93.5 Montreal. erty losses." SK Saskatoon 96.3 100000 h,v for a new rock station OR Newport \*88.3 (KAWZ); KLCO \*90.5 2500 v, 98 m 103.9 100000 h,v for a CHR station \*91.3 20 watts v, 134 m, Pens. Christ. Col.

OR Portland KINK 101.9 95000 h,v; 470 m

OR Tillamook area-Oregon Public Broadcasting is

Cathlamet WA, which reaches a cable system in

Longivew, where the signal is relayed on 91.1. The

threat comes from a new station or stations to serve

has filed to protect its interests for an \*88.7 station in

Oregon except KWAX in Eugene signed an agreement

that set out parameters for installing transmitters and

about a city station (like OPB or KLCC Eugene) having

the income level to completely wipe out the signal or

KMUN." OPB has a legal right to file their application,

although it violates the spirit of the agreement. Listen-

ers are urged to contact OPB "and protest this channel

grab." KMUN offers classical music, a format OPB left.

PA Albrightsville \*91.7 (KAWZ) | IPA Meckesville \*88.1

PA Alientown WDIY \*88.1 400 v | (KEFX) [(WJFM)

SC Laurens \*91.5 290 v, 100 m, Pensacola Christ. Col.

TX Buda (moving from Giddings) KROX-FM 101.5 12500

TX Del Rio \*88.5 50000 h,v; 41 m, Bcstg. for Challenged

SD Sioux Falls \*91.3 (KLOV 89.3 Winchester OR)

SD Groton \*88.9 100000 v, 53 m, CSN Int'l.

TN Clarksville W201AQ \*88.1 seeks 88.7, h,v

TN Daisy \*90.9 (WAYM 88.7 Columbia)

TN Memphis WYPL \*89.3 387 m, no d-a

TX Burnet KBLK 92.5 2000 h,v; 124 m, d-a

\*88.5 85000 h,v; 73 m, Houston Bay, Inc.

TX Greenville KIKT 93.5 1800 h.v. Class A

TX Haltom City KKZN 93.3 150 m, d-a

\*88.5 50000 h,v; 82 m, World Radio Network

ISD Brookings \*89.7/

PA Mill Hall \*91.1 (WJFM)

SD Vermillion \*88.9 (WJFM)

h,v; 257 m, C2 downgrade.

membership of some of the smaller stations like

Astoria. "In the late 1980s, all the public stations in

translators in each other's territory due to concerns

the coast near Manzanita. KMUN's Tillicum Foundation

threatening reception of KMUN \*91.9 Astoria OR's

translators K208AZ \*88.5 Cannon Beach-K208BA \*89.5

Wheeler, K211BM \*90.1 Tillamook and K211BE \*90.1

### **FM Rulemakings Proposed** First date is for filing comments at the FCC; second date is for replies. Stations affected, if any, are listed

106.7 100000 h.v for a classic rock station

AZ Littlefield 100.9C, Nov. 1, 16

AR Elaine 95.5A, at 11.3 km NE because of WOHT 95.3 Drew MS, Nov/ CO Broomfield (move from Greeley) 92.5C1, KDJM, Nov. 1, 16 IS Hays 105.7C2, at 13.5 km NW because of ISSA 105.9C1 Ingails IS, Nov. 1, 16 Texarkana TX LA Ringgold 98.5C3, at a site 6.8 km E, because of KTAL-FM 98.1/ NY Conklin 92.5A (from 100.5), WCDW, Nov. 1, 16 NY Keeseville 97.9A, Nov. 8, 23.

OR Scappoose (move from Tillamook) 104,1C3, KJUN, Oct. 25, Nov. 9 PA Susquehanna 100.5A (for 92.5A), WKGB, with Conklin NY. This would allow WKGB to expand its Class A facilities.

TX Albany 98.9A, Nov. 8, 23 TX Missouri City (from Galveston) 106.5C, KQQK ("koa-koo-koo-kah")/ TX Sulphur Bluff 99.7A at a site 2.7 km NE, Nov. 8, 23.

WI Sister Bay 105.1A, Nov. 8, 23—proposed by Michael J. Mesic, 12460 W. Duncan Ln. #206, New Berlin WI 53151.

### FM Rulemakings Finalized No filing windows because of freeze

AZ Flogstoff 103.7C3 CA Homilton City 101,7A | HI Captain Cook 93.1C! CA Lost Hills 105.7A CA Maricopa 94.9A ID Hazelton 94.3C3

ID Kootenai 106.7A LA Golden Meadow 105,7C2

MI Hubbardston 103.7A (site to be 2.1 km W)

MO Amazonia—dismissed 102.5A bid by Mountain West Broadcasting. Mountain West failed to prove community status for the town. MT Alberton (at a site 21,7 km W) 105,5C2.

MT Broadview 105.9C3—denied Windy Valley Broadcasting's petition MT Choteau 102.1C1 | NM Engle Nest-denied Mountain AT Valier 105,7C1 West Broadcasting's 104,7C2 bid.

NE Minatare 106.9A

NH North Conway (move from Berlin) 103.7C, WPKQ

MY Canaseragoa 97.1A, at a site 10.6 km S because of WGRF 96.9 Buffalo and CIGL 97.1 Belleville ON. This is a specially negatiated short-spaced

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NY Wellsville 93.5A, at a site 2 km W. because of WWSE 93.3B James-

UT Kanarraville-dismissed a 101.5C2 bid by Mountain West Broadcasting, which failed to show the town is a community. It did not, for example, supply pictures of any businesses having Kanarraville in their name, the names of churches or community centers drawing people in

WI Washburn \*104.7, which would replace W284AN Ashland.

## FCC Wants Comment on 87.9 For Emergency Warnings

Federal Signal Corporation has asked the FCC to allocate 87.9 mz nationally for emergency message transmissions-a proposal that "could save thousands of lives and billions of dollars in unnecessary health costs and prop-

A way to more effectively notify motorists is needed, according to Federal Signal, due to louder car stereos, cell phones and fewer drivers heeding warning signs and sirens. It has been working with AC/Delco and Ford Motor Company to develop prototype equipment to work with the 57 kHz RDSystem; and has been operating experimental WA2XNX 87.9 Brazos TX.

Car radios would have two front ends-one that would receive the FM station the person chooses to listen to and another that would monitor 87.9. When the receiver detects an emergency on 87.9 it would tune to that channel, after which it would go to the previous frequency. If a person were listening to a cassette or CD, the 87.9 signal would overcome the recording, until the emergency was over.

Fixed transmitters would be installed in places like railroad crossings, construction zones and bridges that ice quickly. Mobile transmitters would be installed in police and other emergency vehicles. They would transmit the emergency warnings, in addition to using flashing lights and sirens.

Transmitters would be low power and possible even in Channel 6 (87.75 audio) TV coverage areas. A person commented on the Internet that all somebody needed to do is set up a pirate station on 87.9 from a hilltop and

send a highway into panic. Comments are due at the FCC by Oct. 14.

### Small Print Happenings and FM Industry News

The National Hockey League (NHL) initiated a proposal with the FCC for an indoor sports and entertainment service in the FM band. Under the proposal, hockey teams and arena owners would be permitted to operate low power FM stations inside the arenas. The NHL claims that "the signals of the radio and TV stations that have been granted the rights to broadcast the NHL games typically do not penetrate the arena at all, or at best very poorly." Too, the broadcasters are not oriented to the needs of the hockey fans in the stands.

To support its proposal, the NHL did several test broadcasts in two locations-the MIC Center in Washington DC and Joe Louis Arena in Detroit. In Washington 94.3, 99.9 and 104.7 were used, while in Detroit 94.1, 96.7 and 107.9 were authorized, but only one (which was not identified) was actually used. For the Washington tests several FCC officials were on hand to observe. In Washington, tests were begun with 5 watts of radiated power, but there were unwanted, but weak, signals outside the arena. Consequently, powers were scaled back to 1.5 to 2 watts, with "no noticeable interference claimed by the NHL. The Detroit test was with 1.5 watts. This permitted "adequate reception" throughout "most of the arena and no signal was detected outside the arena \*

The National Association of Broadcasters sent results of their LPFM engineering study to every member of Congress in an effort to short-circuit the FCC and their own studies. "These engineering reports offer compelling evidence that serious disruptions could result for millions of American FM listeners if the FCC's LPFM proposal is adopted. The NAB again asked broadcasters to let their representatives in Congress "know how LPFM threatens local radio service. Ask them to write to the FCCommissioners to raise concerns about the interference LPFM will cause."

The FCC has extended to Nov. 5 the reply comments for low-power FM. This extension was requested by Greater Media and the NAB. This extended comment period follows by a couple of weeks the deadline for filing initial comments on digital audio broadcasting. It could be a crippling blow to LPFM if the FCC keeps extending the reply comments' deadline, and/or linking LPFM to digital audio broadcasting, and having one deadline follow another one that might also keep getting extended.

Obituaries: Vincent Wasilewski, 76, president of the NAB from 1965 to 1982. NAB president and CEO Eddie Fritts (who took over after Wasilewski left) said, "Those of us who knew Vince Wasilewski will never forget his passion for broadcasting, his love for the NAB and his commitment to public service. His unparalleled service to free, over-the-air radio and television will never be forgotten." Donations in his memory can be given to the Vincent T. Wasilewski Scholarship Fund, Broadcasters Education Association, 1771 N St., NW, Washington DC 20036; or the Washington Ear (on the 67 kHz of WETA 90.9), 35 University Blvd., East, Silver Spring MD 20901.

John Steven Talbert, 31, chief engineer of WSB-FM 98.5 Cox Broadcasting, Atlanta. He died of an apparent heart attack. He volunteered



a radio station in Warren AR at 12. At 16, he did on air work in Wellsboro PA. He worked for Alaska Public Radio, Anchorage, in 1992 and returned to Atlanta in 1993, where he was with various stations until late 1994 when he was named a staff engineer at WSB, and then chief engineer in

Talbert then chief engineer in 1998. "When a tornado hit a couple of years ago," said his sister Erin Talbert, "he was trying to get to a transmitter that was having problems and had to go through a hard-hit neighborhood. He wasn't thinking 'Sorry people, I got to get to my transmitter'. He did a live remote from the neighborhood. He always knew how to handle

any situation.

The great American FM radio auction was held as scheduled Sept. 28. It featured sluggish action, with e-mail bids sent in the morning and again in the afternoon for the second round. It was both a training and a for-real exercise. Results of the auction, like any stations granted, should be made known next month. This auction covered 95 FM stations, 1 FM translator, 12 TV licenses and 11 TV translators, and no AMs.

Arbitron plans to de radio ratings in Mexico in 2000. It also plans to add Japan listening to its ratings, and various countries of Europe. Testing in Manchester England involves Arbitron's People Meter. Testing in a market must mean every station in a market must encode their signals, probably at 57 kHz for FM stations.

Boston MA just got a little bigger, courtesy Arbitron. That market has been upgraded to No. 8 nationally, having grown by 400,000 listeners. There hasn't been a huge immigration from Ireland or Haiti, or even Connecticut, but a restructuring that adds part of Worcester County and south New Hampshire to the Boston radio market. For a region to be considered part of an existing metropolitan area, 55 percent of the region's radio listening must be credited to stations in that metropolitan area. As well, 15 percent of the commuting from that area must be to the metro area, thus the fragmentation of the Worcester market, where part of it qualifies for Boston consideration and part doesn't. Another criterion is that 75 percent of the radio station owners in a given market who subscribe to Arbitron must request re-evaluation for the new measurements to be made.

Although the change was made a while ago, few stations have really benefited. Ratings leader WBZ 1030 AM "still held its strong lead over its nearest competitor, WJMN 94.5, with an 8.7 share to the FM's 6.3 among listeners 12 and older," wrote Clea Simon of the Boston Globe. One lower-rated station has improved its standing because of the change. WZID 95.7 Manchester NH has made its Boston Arbitron appearance with a 1 share, tying with Fitchburg's WXLO 104.5 for 20th place.

Stations in other markets have initiated the process which Arbitron has followed up on in order to be considered separate. They are: Rochester MN, population 125,000; Florence-Muscle Shoals AL, 116,500; Columbus-Starkville-West Point MS, 116,000; Mankato-New Ulm-St. Peter MN, 92,500; Mason City IA, 68,000; Jonesboro AR, 62,000.

How about a 50+ format for those of us qualified for AARP membership? That's what Lynn Christian and Charles Whitaker are doing with their "Forever Young" format, which will concentrate on non-rock music of the early 1960s through the early 1970s.

Stations must consider selling federal candidates more than just the standard 30" to 60" length commercials. So goes a new change in the FCC's political advertising rules. Concerned about criticism of so-called "sound bite" ads, the FCC voted 4-1 to reverse a 1994 ruling about the length of such ads. A complication for broadcasters is that they must sell political ads at the "lowest unit cost." When there is no comparable "unit" for greater than 60 seconds, pricing may be open to interpretation as welf as negotiation.

A way to sell unused air-time is on the Internet. BroadcastSpots.com aims to deliver real-time media buying and selling opportunities via the web. Founder Jeff Trumper says the process is a simple one of having the station traffic department post avails, which hopefully the buyers will see. Trumper says "Media time is a perishable product."

Lucent Digital Radio says it will do DAB transmitter testing with manufacturer Continental Electronics. Lucent was the company that did the testing on WBJB \*90.5 Lincroft NJ.

XM Satellite Radio, Inc., a subsidiary of American Mobile Satellite Corporation announced a \$250 million investment deal with Clear Channel Communications, Inc.; DIRECTV, Inc., a unit of Hughes Electronics; General Motors; and private investors. XM Satellite Radio is developing "a new brand of radio by delivering up to 100 channels of digital-quality audio service with crystal-clear sound for coast to coast directly from its satellites. XM plans to offer subscribers an innovative mix of music, talk, news, sports and entertainment formats for less than \$10 a month."

No word on what the new group will be called, but Clear Channel Communications and AMFM are merging. It's a \$16.7 billion deal, which is expected to give the combined company 830 radio stations and 19 TVs after required spin-offs. This would be the largest radio group ever in the U.S. It happened because AMFM bit off more than it could chew, being about \$6 billion in debt. Writes KZ., NY via the Internet:

'Greed is an evil thing. By the time I die will American radio be reduced to a dozen automation systems playing from one room in Dallas, Texas? When we lost the concept of public service, we lost the balance of power between big corporate brother and the listening public. How can a Ma and Pa station compete against an 800 station monolith? When a major station in New York city, WBLS [107.5] has a morning drive host who is hundreds of [kilometers] away, you know the end is near. Maybe I'll just heat of the DirecTV dish and put on MusiChoice Hit List. Who needs human intervention anyway? Can you pass that copy of USA Today while you're at it? Radio used to be such an inventive and creative medium. Where did it go? and what does it offer to young people interested in the business?"

WWCK-FM 105.5 Flint MI DJ John Renkiewicz pleaded guilty to a charge of fourth-degree criminal sexual conduct. He faces up to two years in prison after he visited a slumber party of 13 and 14-year-old girls who called the station and made the mistake of giving their address. He later tried to get one of the girls to have sex with him. He's been suspended without pay.

National Public Radio cowers. Jeff Jacoby of the Boston Globe wrote an article, carried in other papers like the Albany (NY) Times-Union, about blacklisting, and how that nasty word has been applied against NPR. One of several guests interviewed on Talk of the Nation (see five paragraphs below) was Steven Emerson, an investigative journalist and expert on Islamic fundamentalist terrorism. Emerson has reported in detail on Islamic extremism, and on their network of terror and front groups operating in the United States. "In short, Emerson was an ideal guest for NPR's show, and his brief on-air conversation with host Melinda Penkava was unobjectionable," wrote Jeff Jacoby.

"Unobjectionable, that is, to anyone except the Islamic terrorists and their supporters whom Emerson has done so much to expose. In recent years he has been the target of a brutal campaign of vilification and defamation. The Council on American Islamic Relations—a radical group that warmly defends Hamas and other terrorist outfits—has led the way in demonizing Emerson as an anti-Arab racist.

"CAIR's world view is simple: Criticism of anything linked to even the most fanatic wings of Islam is bigotry... Because Emerson has shed so much light on the operations of these zealots, his appearance drives them into a particular froth. Right after his NPR interview, CAIR urged its adherents to go on the attack." The group then attacked NPR on several fronts, including the person who had produced the interview (Jackie Northam), NPR's foreign editor (Loren

Jenkins) and news editor (Michael Fields).

"The network caved." Fields gave assurances that Emerson's appearance had been a "mistake," and that "it won't happen again"

—"i.e., that Emerson would be blacklisted."

Jeff Jacoby shot back in his article: "NPR's obsequious surrender speaks for itself. That an expert who testifies before Congress would be barred from the airwaves of the radio network Congress subsidizes is too scandalous to need elaboration."

Two National Public Radio people leave.
They're Martin Goldsmith of Performance Today and Ray Suarez of Talk of the Nation. Goldsmith wants more time for a book project. Lisa Simeone is hosting while NPR looks for a replacement.
Suarez is going to PBS' Jim Lehrer's News Hour.

Bakersfield CA's KISV 94.1 fined \$3000 for not informing callers they'd be on the air. It happened twice on the same day in the "Baker Boyz" show.

The Minnesota Broadcasters Association's 50th anniversary conference is entitled, "Make History or Become It," Oct. 13-14, 1999, Doubletree Park Place Hotel, St. Louis Park MN. Republican FCCommissioner Harold Furtgott-Roth is scheduled to be breakfast speaker Oct. 14, including a one-on-one session with him the preceding evening. For more info: (612) 926-8123.

Æther wars: KSPC \*88.7 Claremont CA is in a battle to preserve and protect its endangered signal from the evil forces that would trespass upon it. "Like a well-trained Jedi, KSPC continues to fight" several broadcasters from other parts of the country who want to set up translators on or near KSPC's frequency. "To put it

simply, a radio station in Texas could broadcast their signal in L.A. if they put up a translator station [and] if KSPC doesn't fight it (file a Petition to Deny with the FCC which includes your letters and e-mails), you and all of the listeners in the cities near the translator will no longer be able to hear KSPC," warns Erica Tyron, writing in the summer '99 program guide.

"The good news is that we have so far won 4 out of 5 battles. The bad news is that there are three more on the horizon. If you live, work or drive (and listen to KSPC) in the areas listed in the 'Battle Zones' . . . exercise your right to interference free KSPC today!" Battles won are listed as: Lakewood CA "88.7 vs. Lifetalk Broadcasting Association, with the application dismissed. Banning CA 88.7 vs. Paulino Bernal Evangelism, application dismissed.

Battle zones: LA Mirada, Buena Park and Norwalk CA 88.9 vs. Lifetalk Broadcasting Association, Valle Vista CA 88.9 vs Calvary Chapel of Twin Falls ID, and CA San Bernardino 88.7 vs Calvary Chapel of Twin Falls ID.

Dan Ramos of Huntington Beach CA says he can't hear KSPC because of the Chino Hills in the north part of Orange County, but comments that KSPC's situation in fighting translators, "I'm sure, is happening all too frequently across the country."

Now public radio stations are supposed to be nonpolitical, especially all those that are CPB-qualified and receive federal funds. The exposing of WGBH \*89.7-TV and WGBX for sharing their donor lists with Democrats has outraged Republicans, and has promised to figure in future discussions of federal support to public broadcasting. The political disclosure caught many public broadcasters by surprise. I've noted several public broadcasting appeals stating that their mailing lists are not sold, traded or donated to political groups. "We were completely out front the minute it happened. It was a mistake. It doesn't seem all of public broadcasting should be affected by one mistake at one station. This was not a partisan act. It was an individual, human error," said Jeanne M. Hopkins, WGBH v-p for communications. And Georgia Public Broadcasting, is among others in public radio TV to have ended its practice of relying on a list broker to exchange donor lists with other nonprofit organizations. "We are no longer in the list broker business," GPB's Claude Vickers

For the past two years Rickard List Marketing has served as GPB's broker under an agreement with McPherson & Associates, a co-op made up from about a dozen public broadcasting groups. McPherson itself has severed its ties with Rickard, "due to the broker's involvement with WGBH Boston's exchange of names with the Democratic party." It was reported that GPB had paid McPherson about \$250,000 in the past two years for list broker and other services.

Meanwhile, funding for Christian radio seems to be at an all-time high. Most of its funding, in the case on noncommercial stations, is donor income. Northwestern College Radio, based at KTIS-FM \*98.5 Minneapolis, took in over \$4 million in its annual three-day share-athon, recently concluded. I heard it announced that WNWC \*102.5 Madison WI took in \$525,000 in pledges, while KDNW-KDNI (97.3, 90.5) Duluth MN had \$190,000. The goal at the latter was \$150,000. I heard KTIS-FM announce that they had reach their goal by 8 a.m. the sec-

ond morning of the share-a-thon, but decided to continue, with the further monies going to a building project on the campus and to HCJB FM-shortwave radio, Quito, Ecuador and other missions. Over \$750,000 had been credited to KTIS-FM when I tuned in on the last day of their share-a-thon. Some of the money pledged were birthday gifts to honor KTIS-AM-FM's 50th anniversaries. The stations came on almost simultaneously in 1949 and licensed to Northwestern Schools of 50 Willow Street, Minneapolis, shortly after the instutition lost its seminary in a battle that saw Central Conservative Seminary of Minneapolis the winner. Central Seminary operates WCTS AM 1030 Maplewood MN; it formerly owned WCTS \*100.3 on FM in Minneapolis (now WLOL). Billy Graham was president of Northwestern Schools, and I remember hearing his name mentioned at the 10 p.m. nightly sign off of KTIS-FM when its transmitter location was announced as being in Golden Valley MN. That old antenna can still be seen from Highway 100 on the western edge of Minneapolis. I wish public stations had the faith in their product to confine their fundraising to just 21/2 days in a year!

A feature story ran in the Boston Globe. again by Clea Simon, on WOMR \*92.1 Provincetown MA, which calls itself "Outermost Radio," both for its far flung geography and its artsy, alternative programming. WOMR is not a "DJ sitting behind a computer screen with a playlist. Each one of our volunteers brings an expertise about their particular genre," said Great Holman, operations manager, and one of two fulltime paid staffers. Included in its programming is "Forward March," hosted by 81-year-old Ernest Cooper. Saturday 10 a.m. to noon, one of the nation's few marching band programs on radio. Ernie is a longtime FM Atlas reader and radio DX enthusiast. WOMR hopes to expand its outreach by applying for 91.3 in Orleans MA. That station would reach into communities such as Barnstable. Currently, WOMR is off the air from 3 a.m. to 6 a.m. because of a lack of volunteers.

The FCC has flagged the proposed ownership transfer of KUSZ 107.7 Proctor-Duluth MN-Superior WI from Frank Befera to Brill Media Co., owners of KKCB 105.1-KLDJ 101.7-AM because over 40 percent of the market's radio revenues accrue to that company. KUSZ has already moved in to new studios of the other stations, and fired its staff, becoming "The Point." It was the last locally owned commercial station.

A well-intentioned disc jockey at KKFR 92.3 Glendale AZ set off a citywide dash to collect as many political signs off people's lawns as they could, and to take them to an address where a radio van was waiting. The listener who turned in the most signs would win concert tickets from DJ Mark Medina. He apparently didn't realize that removing signs was illegal, or that the general election still had not been held. Several political candidates, who had spent as much as \$75 per sign, were "steamed." "What a stupid thing to do," said Rep. Susan Gerard, Republican, who spotted three of her signs on top of a pile, plus several other underneath. "Power 92" officials did not comment, but agreed to reimburse candidates for signs that were missing or damaged. Occasionally, signs are defaced by vandals or uprooted by rival candidates, but officials could not remember a time when signs were removed in such large quantities. No charges were filed against the dee-jay or station.

The executive director of Georgia Public Broadcasting is Claude Vickers, who took over after charges of fiscal irregularities came to light (July, pp. 5-6, and related story on p. 11, col. 2). Now he's gone to the legislature and asked for \$40 million more for special funding. GPB runs 23 public TV and FM stations in the state. It's scheduled to receive \$18.2 million from the state in fiscal year 2000, which began July 1. In fiscal 2001, GPB wants \$29.6 million. In addition to the \$11 million increase GPB wants \$33.6 million for special projects like:

- \$16.4 million to upgrade broadcast transmitters and antennae for digital transmission.
- \$9.2 million to pay off an equipment lease.
- \$7.5 million for a new endowment fund.
- ■\$5.4 million to pay off the agency's deficit. This deficit is about \$2 million less than state auditors earlier reported.

■\$750,000 to fix faulty wiring in the agency's "lavish 2-year-old headquarters in Midtown."

Said GA House majority leader Larry Walker (D-Perry): "Frankly I'm not real impressed with all this. I like public TV and I like Claude, but I think they need to get their house in order before they start asking for an endowment." Rep. Terry Coleman (D-Eastman) thought the state might best wait for prices to go down, rather than plunge into digital too soon. And Vickers said he is exploring whether or not contractors who built the state-funded headquarters could be forced to fix the bad wiring. Despite the earlier-reported hiring freeze, one reader sent a classified ad from last summer showing their seeking a producer/announcer.

Catholic Family Radio has come into existence to counter the media dominance by evangelical Protestants. I has proceeded to buy AM stations across the country, many formerly carrying children's programming. The New York Times had a feature by Laurie Goodstein that mentioned the talk "often sounds like the fare served up on secular conservative talk shows like Rush Limbaugh's: taxes, abortion and traditional family values, the Clintons, the Kennedys and the candidates for president. In fact, the network has hired as a consultant Bruce Marr, the radio station programmer who helped make Mr. Limbaugh a household name."

"We are trying to stealth evangelize, as opposed to the Christian evangelicals who do hitting-over-the-head evangelizing. There are probably too many people who had hit-over-the-head Catholicism imposed on them, and that's not the approach we want. There are a lot of nominal, fallen-away Catholics and non-Catholics. That group is who we want to reach," said John T. Lynch, president and chief executive officer of Catholic Family Radio.

The network is funded by individuals, not by the church itself, Lynch raised \$50 million from various investors. He spent \$37 million of that to buy the first seven stations from Children's Broadcasting Corporation. Since the death in 1979 of Bishop Fulton J. Sheen there has been no widely-recognized Catholic theologan on American media. It is a commercial network, but all the hosts, commercials and programs must be approved by a clerical committee

The network is vulnerable to criticism it is too conservative and has Republic leanings. One of its hosts was Alan Keyes, a Republican presidential candidate and a conservative.

An item from The Berkshire Eagle sent by Alex Nardacci reported on the sale of Pittsfield

# **UPI** Radio Network Folds

MA's WBEC-FM 105.5-AM for \$4.65 million. Aritaur Communications is selling to Tele-Media Broadcasting, which has also bought four stations in the Albany NY market. Earlier, in 1993, Aritaur paid \$695,000 for the stations from Chapter 11 bankruptcy proceedings, making for a gain of \$3,569,000 from this sale. Among other stations Tele-Media's acquiring are WZEC 97.5 Hoosick Falls NY. That leaves WUPE 95.9-AM and WBRK-FM 101.7 as locally owned stations.

In West Michigan, WODJ 107.3 comes under the ownership of Michigan Media, Inc. while WSNX 104.5 is being acquired by Clear Channel/AMFM, or whatever the new company will be called. Local operator Bob Goodrich is selling WSNX for \$10-\$11 million. Earlier this year he sold three of his Muskegon area stations. He stays in the theatre business, with a 9-screen complex on U.S. 31 in Grand Haven, and he retains ownership of WJNZ 1680 and WKWM 1140 AM in the area.

United Press International has gotten out of the radio business after some 90 years. It supplied news to 400 radio stations at one time, but had been financially plagued lately. UPI, however, plans to become involved with new technologies, such as being on the Internet.

A new group forming is the Upper Peninsula Radio Broadcasters Association, which held its first meeting in Marquette. Also in Michigan news, WDET \*101.9 celebrates its 50th anniversary. At the same time, program host and p.d. Judy Adams celebrates 25 years at the station. "Adams' most important contribution to WDET was bringing blues, bluegrass and world music to WDET-FM's airwaves," comments Karole L. White in The Michigan Broadcaster.

Phil Boersma sent a clipping about a "sonicbox radio" developed by some young garage entrepreneurs in Mountain View CA, south of San Francisco. It take Internet radio from the computer and transmits it to a radio, a move that "will revolutionize the booming net radio industry." Brother Mark and Niko Bolas and David Freichs created the Sonicbox tuner. "Turn a knob and turn on the radio," said Niko. The biggest obstacle to Internet radio going mainstream is that the PC is not used by most consumers as an entertainment device, said Mark Mooradian, media analyst with Jupiter Communications. The first production models are expected to cost about \$50.

Boersma offers these views on NPR's opposition to microradio: "NPR may officially be opposed to microradio, but Marning Edition . . had an interesting segment on the topic. Among other things, it pointed out the FCC's dilemma over making microradio commercial or noncommercial: :If the FCC says they can be commercial, the allocations/licenses will have to be auctioned, meaning prices will likely skyrocket beyond the reach of the average Joe Citizen or community group. We could end up with the likes of 'Old Navy Radio' or 'Wal-Mart Radio' or other corporate ad-stations blanketing the country. If the FCC rules the licenses should be noncommercial, they will be opened up to the same voracious religious broadcasting spectrum pigs as have been clogging 88-92 mz already-and any attempt to make the new 'microradio' exempt from this by the FCC (by, say, limiting numbers owned or limiting ownership to local entities) would likely be challenged in court and probably struck down, because, having allowed it previous, the FCC could not prevent it now. My opin-

ion: It's a double bind. Commercial or noncommercial, the licensing process in this country is so stacked in favor of big money and corporate concentration that the dreams of community activists, radiophiles, and just plain Joes for their own microradio station will likely never see fruition-and the FM spectrum will become more clogged with useless lunk."

A noise suit was settled in Portland ME for \$2000, which was paid to seven flea-market vendors at the local Expo. Suite was over loud music, after the state supreme court ruled the city was not immune from such legal actions. The exhibitors objected to the loud music played over speakers with WPOR 101.9 audio. WPOR promised to air promotional announcements for the weekly event in exchange for the station being heard over the speakers. "We couldn't hear ourselves think," complained Fay Bussell, one of the vendors. The lawsuit charged WPOR's playlist caused "emotional and physical injury," and content of some of the country songs was also offensive, such as "I like my women on the trashy side." The city declined comment on the case. Country-music broadcasts were discontinued, awaiting the outcome of the lawsuit. No decision had been made for the current season, which began this month.

From the FCC: FM radio (92.1-107.9 mz) on air and authorized 5745; 87.9-91.9 2055; all of AM 4782, as of July 31.

From the classifieds: FL Tampa WMNF \*88.9 has two jobs: Assistant news director, requiring 2 years exp. news reporting and/or writing; also a membership and volunteer coordinator. Salary range for either job \$24,000 to \$29000. Resume and names and phone numbers of 3 references to search committee, WMNF, 1210 E. Martin L. King Jr. Blvd., Tampa FL 33603-4449. For complete job descriptions: www.wmnf.org. Review of apps. begins Oct. 25.

### FM FORUM

CONTRIBUTIONS FROM READERS Larry Weil: "You mention about WCRB [102.5] Waltham-Boston dropping the Metropolitan Opera, but I doubt they are going to drop classical, which is doing quite well for them. The former owner left a bequest to the station in an amount that would enable them to remain classical for the next 100 years even if they do not sell a single commercial.

"I am a bit puzzled over the translator you list for 90.3 on (I assume) Mount Ascutney, in Hartford VT. This is an area that gets a good signal from WAMC \*90.3 Albany NY (transmitter on Mount Greylock, North Adams MA). I would imagine a few loyal WAMC listeners won't be too happy with this one.

OH's Bill Weisinger at WSTB \*88.9 Streetsboro sends info on his "AM/FM Skimmer-Receiver/ Recorder, It's a cassette FM-AM unit designed for program directors and others who want to take samplings of a station's or jock's music selection without having to hear the entire program. A C-45 tape will allow, for example, 13.5 hours of skimming (when recording 10 seconds every 3 minutes). It can also be used in standard mode. For more, visit <wes@juno.com>. A companion product is the FM Alert Receiver, which can detect low modulation or no modulation from the station, and includes a cassette. "Should a jock get locked out of the studio or the automation hang-up for two minutes, the alarm will alert you."

Until November,



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B-ZERD" PLAN CHAMPIONED BY WPLY PHILADELPHIA CHIEF ENGINEER MARK HUMPHREY AS WAY TO RE-SOLVE INTERMODULATION EFFECTS CAUSED BY MANY FM STATIONS BROADCASTING IN AN AREA. SUM-MARIZED ON P. 8, COL. 3.

### **New FM Station, Translator Grants**

Translators have less than 100 watts unless shown otherwise

- AL Florence W252AD 98.3 (WHRK 97.1 Memphis TN translator), h[orizontal polarization only]. Returns to air; in 1989 it was a translator for WKDF 103.3 Nashville TN
- AL Greensboro 99.1 6000 h,v; 100 m, Warrior Broadcasting, Inc., the successful bidder at the recent FCC auction at \$138,450. (caloosa), h,v
- AL Huntsville W241AA 96.1 (WTUG 92.9 Tus-/ W249BB 97.7 (WWXQ 92.5 Trinity), h,v
- AL Tuscaloosa W261AD 100.1 (WACR-FM 103.9 Corinth MS), h. In 1989 it had the call letters W261AD, and also relayed WACR-FM.
- AZ Oro Valley 101.9 3700 h,v; -116 m, Arizona Lotus Corp., which bid \$5,055,000 at auction.
- AZ Safford K208BT \*89.5 (KUAT-FM 90.5 Tucson), h,v
- AZ Show Low K251– 98.1 (KTHQ 92.5 Eagar AZ), 230 v. No call letters granted. William Konopnicki paid \$1900 at the recent FCC auction to get this permit over a rival applicant. It was the only FM translator in the auction.
- AR Danville 105.5 17600 h,v; 111 m, Diane C. Thoma, who bid \$133,250.
- AR Des Arc 194.7 6000 h,v; 100 m, Gaorga Flinn, who bid \$245,000. [Flinn, who bid \$602,500. AR Earle 103.9 250000 h,v: 100 m, Catherine/
- CA Coachella K2125DF \*90.9 (KMRO 90.3 Carmarillo), v [89.9 Twin Falls ID), h,v
- CA Durham [SE of Chico] K214DM \*90.7 (KAWZ/ CA Hamilton City K204DK \*88.7 (KEFX 88.9 Twin
- Falls ID), h,v, reinstated. CA Lone Pine & Olancha K240AO 95.9 (KIBS
- 100.7 Bishop), h, reinstated
  CA Mendota 100.5 6000 h,v; 21 m, Wilber Johnson, who bid \$26,000. [crest) h, reinstated
- CA Olancha K252CE 98.3 (KZIQ-FM 92.7 Ridge-/ CA Susanville 96.3C3: This facility drew no bidders, despite having two applicants listed.
- CA Truckee 101.5 facilities believed to be 440 h,v; 660 m by one Todd P. Robinson. Robinson was also the successful bidder for Nekoosa WI (see below), but his name was not one of the original

- applications, and this was to have been a "closed" auction. Robinson may have been an FCC insider, or one who was allowed to come in as a "white knight" and take over an auction where nobody else bid.
- CA Willows 106.3 6000 h,v 100 m, Pacific Spanish Network, Inc., \$240,000.
- CO Glenwood Springs 95.5 73 watts h,v; 826 m, Western Slope Communications, \$72,000. See also "Deletions," below. [Springs), h,v
- CO Leadville K219DX \*91.7 (KTLF 90.5 Colorado/ CO Salida 93.7 250 h,v; 840 m, Marc Scott Communications, Inc., \$253,500.
- CO Wellington 94.3 250000 h,v; 100 m, TSB II, inc., \$1,561,000.
- CT Norwalk W203BB \*88.5 (KAWZ), v. This irrational application was granted despite petitions to deny or dismiss filed by WMNR \*88.1 Monroe, WVOF \*88.5 Fairfield and WEDW \*88.5 Stamford CT. [town CT], h,v
- CT Vernon W209BK \*89.7 (WESU 88.1 Middle-/ DE Carnden W261AE 100.1 (WRBS 95.1 Baltimore), 170 h,v, reinstated at higher power.
- DE Selbyville WSBL 97.9, Anchor Broadcasting, paid \$136,500 to secure its license via the auction process.
- GA Bainbridge 101.9 5250 h,v; 107 m, Chatta-hoochee Bost. Associates, \$15,600.
- GA Brunswick W218BK \*91.5 (KAWZ), h,v
- GA Danielsville W209BJ \*89.7 (KAWZ), h,v
- HI Hilo K201FQ \*88.1 (KAWZ), 250 watts v[ertical] HI Keaau 105.1 50000 h,v; -193 m, Jon A. Le Duc,
- \$190,450. [Austin, Jr., \$121,500.]
  ID Driggs 102.1 6000 h,v; -147 m, Ted W./
- ID Franklin 97 7 140 h v: 10 m DRM Entert:
- ID Franklin 97.7 140 h,v; 10 m, DBM Entertainment Enterprises, Inc., \$115,050.
- ID Idaho Falls 107.1 1750 h,v; 190 m, Mr. Austin, \$651,000. [Broadcasting, \$955,000.
- ID Pocatello 92.1 6000 h,v; 37 m, Intermart/
- ID Twin Falls 98.3 100000 h,v; 299 m, Intermart, \$838,000. See also "Deletions." [dio, \$63,000.
- ID Weston 95.9 940 h,v; 246 m, Sun Valley Ra-/
- il. Breese 97.5 6000 h,v; 100 m, KM Communications, Inc., \$238,000.
- IA Cherokee K208DS \*89.5 (KAWZ), 250 v

- IL Earlville 102.9 10000 n,v; 157 m, KM, \$238,000 IL Fairbury 107.7 6000 h,v; 172 m, Rainbow Radio of Livingston County, \$547,300.
- IL Lexington 99.5 6000 h,v; 100 m, Outlook Communications, Inc., \$772,500. [ter, \$85,000
- IL Macomb 95.9 6000 h,v; 100 m, Nancy L. Fos-/ IA Atlantic 95.7 20000 h,v; 109 m, Meredith Communications, \$750,000.
- IA Parkersburg 98.9 6000 h,v; 97 m, CD Broadcasting, Inc., \$165,000.
- KS Riley 96.3 24000 h,v; 100 m, Michael D. Law, \$100,750. [em Broadcasting Corp., \$478,000.
- KY Hopkinsville 97.5 6000 h,v; 100 m, South-/ KY Tompkinsville 102.7 3100 h,v; 138 m, JK
- Whittimore, \$121,000. {M. Coco, \$65,000. LA Mansura 95.9 6000 h,v; 100 m, Amy/
- LA Provencal K204DL \*88.7 (KTLW 88.9 Lancaster CA), v [WLV-TV, Inc., \$60,750
- LA South Fort Polk 95.7 6000 h,v; 100 m,/
- ME Camden \*90.5 2000 v, 359 m, Maine Public Broadcasting (Christina DE), h,v
- MD Salisbury W220CT \*91.9 (WXHL 89.1/
- MI Charlevoix 107.9 3600 h,v; 127 m, WBCM Radio, Inc., \$150,000. [VCY America, Inc.
- Mi Iron Mountain \*91.5 500 v, 183 m, d-a,/
- MI Manistique 99.9 6000 h,v; 52 m, Todd Stuart Nocrdyk, \$196,000.
- MI Schoolcraft \*89.7 1100 h,v; 42 m, Family Stations, Inc. See "Deletions" below. May also affect nearby W209BC \*89.7 Wakelee, but the new station's primary would most likely exclude Wakelee. [R & J Broadcasting, \$117,000.
- MN Mahnomen 101.5 25000 h,v; 100 m,/ MN Pequot Lakes \*100.1 3900 h,v; 124 m, MN
- Christian Broadcasting for a contemporary Christian station, \$138,450. [Ketelsen, \$42,750.
- MN Sunburg 106.5 6000 h,v; 100 m, Lynn C./
  MS Clarksdale 92.1 6000 h,v; 100 m, Delta Blues

  Renderation \$69,250, (Rodio Inc. \$207,000)
- Broadcasting, \$68,250. [Radio, Inc., \$397,000. MS Greenville 104.7 50000 h,v; 145 m, Delta/ MS Grenada 92.3 6000 h,v; 100 m, Delta Radio,
- MS Grenada 92.3 6000 h,v; 100 m, Delta Radio, Inc., \$84,000. [90.3 Biloxi), 250 watts h,v MS Hattiesburg W211AV \*90.1 (WMAH-FM/
- 93.1 3900 h,v; 124 m, Abundant Life, Inc., \$571,350.

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MS Meridian W217AQ *91.3 (KAWZ), h,v
 W221AL 92.1 (WNSL 100.3 Laurel). Back on the
  air (had WSLY 99.3 York AL), h,v. [$143,000.
MS Sardis 102.1 6000 h,v 100 m, Mr. Flinn,/
MS State College 104.5 25000 h.v; 100 m, Mr.
  Flinn, $204,000.
                                 [gers, $233,250.
MO Bismarck 99.5 17500 h,v; 122 m, the Bollin-/
MO Deerfield 100.7 17500 h,v; 119 m, America
  Media Investments, Inc., $195,000.
MO Vandalia 104.3 6000 h,v; 62 m, Twenty-One
  Sound Communications, Inc., $105,750.
MT Belgrade 99.1 6000 h,v; 61 m, Gallatin Valley
  Witness, Inc., $400,000.
MT Bozeman 103.5 100000 h,v; 90 m, William R.
  Reier, Jr., $79,300.
                              [Spain, $306,000.
MT Cascade 104.9 3000 h,v; 100 m, Frank K./
MT Great Falls 100.3 45000 h,v; 828 m, Mr. Flinn,
  $408,000.
               [Communications, Inc., $371,000.
 107.3 94000 h,v; 621 m, Sunbrook/
NE Blair 97.3 25000 h,v; 100 m, Mitchell Bostg.
  Fremont, Inc., $530,000.
NV Pahrump—an unconfirmed report has 95.1
  granted at auction to Ramona Hayes-Bell (Art Bell's
  wife; 6000 h,v; -69 m), over three other contenders
  for the channel, which was not mentioned on the
  FCC list of auction sites.
                                [88.7 Reno), h,v
NV Round Mountain K207CY *89.3 (KUNR/
NV Tonopah K269AV 101.7 (KIBS 100.7 Bishop
  CA), h. Was deleted; apparently reinstated.
NV Winnemucca K205DP *88.9 (WJCG 88.9
  Monee IL), h,v
                               [Inc., $331,000.
NM Cloudcroft 96.7 25000 h,v; 878 m, MTD,/
NM Clovis 101.5 100000 h,v; 135 m, Mount
  Rushmore Broadcasting, Inc., $242,000.
NM Las Vegas 101.5 3900 h,v; 124 m, BK Radio
 KTRL 102.9 3800 h,v; 123 m, Meadows Media.
  Note these call letters do not belong to the new
  96.7 station there, which still has no calls as-
  signed. See last month p. 2, col. 1. [$224,000.
NM Ruidoso 101.5 680 h,v; 869 m, MTD, Inc.,/
NM Tatum 107.1 100000 h,v; 392 m, MTD, Inc.,
  $30,000.
                [Communications, Inc., $642,750.
NY Lakewood 106.9 5200 h,v; 218 m, Newman/
NY Norwich W210BL *89.9 (WCII 88.5 Spencer),
                            (Friendship), h,v
NY Wellsville W219CK *91.7 (WCID 89.1/
NC Biltmore Forest 96.5A Liberty Productions.
  $1,518,400, which may unseat on-air WZLS.
NC Fair Bluff 105.3 25000 h,v; 100 m, Atlantic
  Broadcasting, Co., Inc., $16,000.
NC Research Triangle Park WB2XCC, various fre-
  quencies 88-108 mz, to test FM radio technol-
  ogy with mobile phones.
                               [Corp., $216,750.
NC Robbins 103.1 6000 h,v; 100 m, Woolstone/
NC Southern Shores (14 km NNW Kill Devil Hills
  at 36-12-10; 75-52-23) 100.9 50000 h,v; 123 m,
  Communications Systems, Inc., $248,950.
OH Hicksville 106.7 6000 h,v; 100 m, Richard H.
  Heibel, $462,000.
                          [Bcstg. Co., $143,000.
OH Portsmouth 107.5 2700 h,v; 152 m, Burbach/
OH Wauseon 96.9 3000 h,v; 100 m, Midwestern
  Bostg. Co., Inc., $864,000.
OK Kingfisher 105.3 6000 h,v; 100 m, K. County
  Broadcasting, $144,300.
                               (Edmond), h.v
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OK Newcastle K248AN \*97.3 (KCSC 90.1/

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Milwaukee Area Rimshotter Goes For $1.28 Million
                     OK Wister K210CT *89.9 (KAWZ), h,v. Transmitter
                        NW of Poteau.
                                         [munications, Inc., $488,000.
                     OR Bend 99.7 1730 h,v; 184 m, Combined Com-/
                     OR Florence K224AQ *92.7 (KWAX 91.1 Eugene),
                        h. Replaces a former 88.3 translator which was
                        displaced by KLFO 88.1 Florence and which
                        relayed KLCC 89.7 Eugene.
                      OR Klamath Falls 104.7 9000 h,v; 670 m, Klamath
                        Basin Broadcasting, $84,500. See "Deletions."
                      OR Redmond K203DE *88.5 (KAWZ), h,v
                     PA Cooperstown 107.7 6000 h,v; 100 m, Ashtab-
                        ula Bcstg. Corp., $25,000.
                                                         [$2,110,550.
                     PA Fairview 93.9 6000 h,v; 77 m, F. Radio Inc.,/
                     PA Warwick (18 km SW Boyertown, 18 km SE
                        Schillington) WBMP *88.1 180 v. 179 m. d-a.
                        Four Rivers Community Bostg.
                     SD Belle Fourche 102.1 25000 h.v: 100 m. MAS
                        Communications, Inc., $10,400.
                                                           [$82,500.
                     TX Hemphill 103.9 6000 h,v; 69 m, WLV-TV, Inc.,/
                     TX Hudson 96.3 6000 h,v; 100 m, Harold J. Haley,
                        Jr., $154,700. [Sonoma Airwave Co., $298,500.
                     TX Karnes City 103.1 50000 h,v; 150 m, K,C,/
                     TX Walden W211BG *90.1 (KLOV 89.3 Winches-
                        ter OR), h,v
                                                     (merce), 250 h,v
                     TX Daingerfield K216EQ *91.1 (KETR 88.9 Com-/
                     TX Texarkana K205DN *88.9 (KLOV), 250 h,v
                     UT Brigham City 100.7 81000 h,v; 660 m, Sim-
                        mons Family, Inc., $1,014,000.
                     UT Huntsville 103.1 1200 h,v; 446 m, Mr. Flinn,/
                     UT Oakley 101.5 64000 h,v; 361 m, Simmons
                        Family, $864,000. [Bestg., Inc., $1,189,500.
                     VA Ettrick 93.1 6000 h.v; 100 m, Richmond/
                     VA Goochland 100.5 1950 h,v; 176 m, Hubert N.
                        Hoffman, Jr., $656,000.
                                                     Wise), h.v
                     VA Norton W219CJ *91.7 (WISE-FM 90.5/
                     WA Cape George (SW Port Townsend at 48-00-
                        58; 122-55-32) K205DO *88.9 (KAWZ), v
                     WA Cle Elum 93.7 6000 h,v; 29 m, the Andlaers,
                        $115,050.
                                                  [Hauser, $16,250.
                     WA Pullman 97.7 6000 h,v; 100 m, Rob Allen/
                     WV Williamstown 96.9 3500 h,v; 129 m, Ronald K.
                        Bishop, $1,021,800.
                     WI Birnamwood 92.9 6000 h,v; 100 m, d-a, Re-
                        sults Broadcasting of Shawano, Inc., $16,000
                     WI Cornell 99.9 23000 h,v; 104 m, Lawrence A.
                        Busse, $379,600. [& Lynn Magnum, $162,000.
                     WI Mount Horeb 106.7 6000 h,v; 100 m, David/
                     WI Mukwonago 105.3 6000 h,v; 100 m, Outlook
                        Communications, Inc., $1,263,000.
                     WI Neillsville 92.7 3400 h,v; 134 m, Margaret L.
                        Grap. $150,000.
                     WI Nekoosa 105.5 6000 h.v; 100 m. assumed, one
                        Todd P. Robinson, $12,000.
                                                         (cola FL), v
                     WI Oshkosh W203AV *88.5 (WPCS 89.5 Pensa-/
                     WI Spooner 106.3 6000 h,v; 100 m, Betty Lutz,
                        $269,100. "We [at WKLK-FM 96.5 Cloquet MN]
                        couldn't see bidding that high for Spooner!" The
                        Lutzes recently sold WGMO 95.3 Shell Lake-
                        AM for $800,000, and are expected to sell this
                       permit to the WGMO buyer.
                     WY Powell *90.1 430 h,v; 495 m, U. of Wyoming
                      104.1 93000 h,v; 591 m, Mount Rushmore
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VI Frederiksted 101.7 25000 h,v; 13 m, David A.
   Rawley, Jr., $118,500.
                                  ffrom 840 AM.
AB Grande Prairie CJXX 93.1 100000 h,v; move/
AB Peace River CKRD 105.5 (despite CKKX
   106.1 there) 100000 h.v: move from 700 AM
AB Taber CKTA 93.3 50000 h.v; move from 1570
                    [Family Inspirational Ministry.
BC Prince Rupert 100.7 27 wattts gr, Christian/
MB Winkler 93.5 100000 h,v, Golden West Broad-
  casting for an rk format. May interfere with the
  next-listed station.
MB Winnipeg CFRK (although another source
  says it's CFEQ) 93.5, "Freak 93." $, 22 watts, or
  music, Christian Solutions Group. "One more
  spot gone on the dial."
NF Grand Falls CKXG 102.3 20000 h,v; moving
  from 680 AM.
                                      [cap, Inc.
NF Roberts Arm CKXG- 92.7 4500 h,v, New-/
SK Moose Jaw 93.7 100000 h,v; Golden West, rk.
SK Regina *102.5 820 h,v. To relay CBK AM.
          Call Letters Assigned
AL Jasper 102.5 WDXB (from WOWC), "Dixie
  102.5," ID with Birmingham. Still k[ountry].
AR Bryant 93.3 KCDI (KMVK)
CA Coming 100.7 KTHU (KCEZ), op, "Thunder"
CA Gualala 100.5 KTID (KQZT), "The Tide," still
  rm, or whatever "adult alternative" is.
CA Los Molinos 102.1 KCEZ (KTHU), o, swapping
  formats and calls with Coming.
                                      ["K-Love."
CA San Luis Obispo *88.5 KLVH (KLVB-FM), still/
HI Hilo 92.7 KHWI (KAOE), op, "K-Hawaii" [100.3"
 100.3 KAPA (KHWI), me, Hawaiian, "Kapa/
IN Danville 107.1 WEDJ (WSYW-FM), rp, "The
  Edge*
KY Louisville 102.3 WLRZ (not WULV, which
  stays 96.1 in Stamping Ground KY). See last
  month p. 1, col. 3.
LA Baton Rouge 101.5 WYNK-FM (WYNK"-FM")
 102.5 WFMF (back to, from WLSS)
LA West Monroe 98.3 KZRZ (KRRZ-FM), "The
  Cruze." Its nonID did not print well on some
  copies last month (p. 2, col. 1).
MN Gilbert 103.9 W280CO (from K280CO), Now
  gets out well, in place of presently off-air
  K280AW 103.9 Hoyt Lakes MN. "For the first
  time in about 10 years it is actually radiating.
  When Lew (Latto) had it it was not doing well,
  and (Ken) Buehler basically left it untouched.
  The translator itself was only putting out about
  1/2 watt when we got it," Jarel Pittman, KADU
  90.1 Hibbing.
MN Proctor 107.7 WPNT (KUSZ)
MS Burnsville *91.9 WOWL
MS Gulfport 96.7 WUJM (WLRK), "You Jam." It
  was given as "Jammin' 95.7," instead of "96.7"
  Oct. p. 5, col. 1.
MS Newton 97.9 WMSO (WMYQ-FM)
NY Canton 96.7 WVLF (WVNC), "Valley 96.7"
NC Franklin 96.7 WNCC-FM (WRFR); AM is in
  Barnesboro PA. Now k, "Western NC Country."
PA Altoona 94.7 WBXQ-1 (from WBRX-1)
TX Laredo 94.9 KQUR (KOYE), "The Cure," o,
  classic hits.
VT Danville 95.7 WDOT (WSHX)
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WY Sundance \*91.5 430 h,v; 485 m, U. of WY

Broadcasting, Inc., \$269,000.

WA Richland 94.9 KIOK (not changing to KTHR), but still "Thunder Country 95." "We decided not to change the call letters when we decided not to change format."

WY Laramie 96.7 KBPV

# **Facilities Changes Granted**

AL Carrollton W213AS \*90.5 (ex-W205AO 88.9), v AL Killen W201BC \*88.1 (from W209AO 89.7), v AL Normal W293AH 106.5 (from WTAK-1 106.1), 150 h.v. AZ Bullhead City K240CL 95.9 has KRRK 101.1 Bullhead City (from KDKB 93.3 Mesa)

AZ Kingman K224BV 92.7 has KJJJ 92.7 Kingman KZZZ 94.7 17000 h,v; 571 m, d-a, C1 downgrade K240BD 95.9 has KZUL-FM 104.5 Lake Havasu City (from KFMS 101.9 Las Vegas NV)

K256AA 99.1 has KADD 93.5 Laughlin NV (from KQOL 93.1 Las Vegas NV)

K264AB 100.7 has KRRK (from KDKB) [(from KZZZ) K280EH 103.9 has KBBC-FM 96.7 Lake Havasu Cityl AZ Lake Havasu City K264AE 97.1 has KADD (from KDKB)

K280CL 103.9 has KLUK 107.9 Laughlin NV (from KZZZ). "They did not mention being on K296EI 107.1

KZUL-FM 104.5 (from 105.1). "I know our computer guru got the listing on our website confused. We are 104.5 now, and are not applying to move back to 105.1, as the FCC's website says.

AZ Riviera K244CA 96.7 has KJJJ (from KFMS) K280DD 103.9 has KBBC-FM (from KQOL) AR Forrest City KARH \*88.1 3700 h,v; 165 m, \$[tereo] CA Bena K265AH \*101.1 (from K213CT 90.5), h,v CA Blythe K209CY \*89.7 adds h (now h.v)

CA Eureka K233AL \*94.5 (from K230AA 93.9; straighten its listing p. 92 map, FM Atlas-18), h,v

K238AD \*95.5 250 h,v---big type, FM Atlas map. CA San Luis Obispo K285EW 104.9 (from K232AA 94.3)/ CA Santa Cruz KZSC \*88.1 10000 h,v; 132 m, d-a, B1 CA South Lake Tahoe K215DE \*90.9 (from K212AJ 90.3), h,v (KAWZ 89.9 Twin Falls ID translator). Re-

places K215AZ \*90.9, which had KUNR 88.7 Reno (from horizontal polarization).

CO Trinidad K278AO 103.5 (from K280DI 103.9), v/ FL Naples Park WQNU 105.5 23500 h.v; 220 m

FL Navarre WGCX 95.7 2300 h,v; 163 m, moving from East Brewton AL. [antenna] [50000 h,v]

FL Rockledge WHKR 102.7 132 m, d-a (directional/ FL Safety Harbor WYUU 92.5 50000 h,v; 149 m, C2 GA Blue Ridge WPPL 103.9 5500 h,v; 104 m, d-a HI Hilo K201FQ \*88.1 250 v [h,v; 696 m, one-step C HI Kahului KNUI-FM 99.9 69000/ [FMap size.

HI Kilauea KAQA-1 \*91.9 95 watts h,v--reducei

HI Lihue KAWV 98.1 51000 h.v; 4 m

ID Mountain Home K272DV \*102.3 (from K273AC 102.5), [33000 h, 302 m, d-a, Class C.

ID Twin Falls KAWZ \*89.9 100000 v./ IL Marion (move from Du Quoin) WAWJ \*90.1 3000/

IN Corydon WGZB 96.5 6000 h,v; 100 m + beam tilt.

IN Goshen W207BF \*89.3 (from W203-88.5), h,v

IN Kokomo W291AM \*106.1 170 h,v-big FMap type.

IN Shelbyville WENS 97.1 223 m (23000 h,v) IA Decorah KVIK 104.7 1950 h,v; 178m

IA Castana KMAP-FM 107.5 d-a (directional antenna) IA Eldridge K271AF \*102.1 (from K274AA 102.7), 250 h,v

KS Goodland KCGR \*107.7—becomes noncommercial.

KY Greenup WLGC-FM 105.7 12500 h.v; 142 m KY Monticello WMKZ 93.1 1450 h,v; 206 m

LA Jonesboro K209BR \*89.7 250 h,v

ME Bangor W218BJ \*91.5 (from W219CC 91.7), h,v, now with KLOV 89.3 Winchester OR (from KLVC 88.3 Magalia CA).

MD Cumberland W235AB 98.5 250 h

MI Detroit WKQI 95.5 130 m (100000 h.v)

MI Gaylord WMJZ 101.5 (from 95.3); now on 101.5, and "Oldies 101.5" (from "Magic").

MN Elk River (move from Princeton) KLCI 106.1C2. "It won't change tower" locations.

MN Winona KHME 101.1 5000 h,v; 226 m, d-a MN Hovt Lakes K280AW \*103.9 110 h, big type on maps, but off the air.

MS Tupelo WAQB \*91.7 5000 h,v; 93 m

MO Kansas City KCMO-FM 94.9 322 m (100000 h.v) MT Deer Lodge KQRV 96.9 (from 96.5) 15000 h,v (300

MT Hamilton KBMG 96.3 (from 95.9) 85000 h,v; 630 m MT Livingston (new) 100.7 94000 h,v; 248 m + beam tilt. [133 m, one-step C3.

NE Auburn KNCY-FM 94.7 (from 105.5) 14000 h,v/

NE Bennington KTNP 93.3 9600 h,v (130 m, d-a), C3 NE York KTMX 104.9 298 m (12500 h,v)

NV Laughlin K262AC 100.3 has KJJJ (from KZZZ)

NH Henniker WNNH 99.1 2800 h.v; 146 m. d-a NM Chama KYJY 98.9 1000 h,v; 95 m

NM Gallup KFMQ 106.1 100000 h.v: 57 m. one-step C1

NY Cape Vincent WBDR 102.7 6000 h,v (100 m)

NY Hoosick Falls WZEC 97.5 400 h.v. 367 m

NY Syracuse W267AL 101.3 110 h,v-big type on FMap NC Clinton WCLN-Fix 107.3 9200 h,v; 163 m

NC High Point W274AL \*102.7 (from W275AG 102.9) h.v NC Waxhaw WNMX 106.1 32000 h,v (111 m), 1-step C2

OH Dayton WTUE 104.7 28000 h.v. 200 m

OH De Graff WDEQ \*91.7 (from 103.3, and not moving to 92.7 as FM Atlas-18 says) 100 watts h,v; 2 m, Class A OK Altus K210ML \*89.9 250 h

OK Durant KSSU \*91.9 1500 h,v; 104 m [250 h, v OK Enid K208BV \*89.5 230 h, 140 v; K252DA \*98.3/

OK Lawton K242AA \*96.3 250 h

OK Muskogee KMMY 97.1 380 m (100000 h,v)

OR Canyon City KJDY-FM 94.5 51000 h,v; 416 m, C

OR North Bend K299AA 107.7 120 h

PA Grove City WSAJ-FM \*91.1 1600 h,v; 75 m PA Honesdale WDNH 95.3 1650 h.v; 139 m

PA Nanticoke WQFM 92.1 600 h,v; 303 m

PA New Kensington WZPT 100.7 14500 h,v; 280 m, d-a

PA Olyphant WXAR 95.7 600 h,v, d-a (308 m)

RI Middletown WHKK 100.3 1550 h,v; 200 m SC Murrells Inlet WHGB \*88.3 250 v, 49 m

SD Gettysburg K214BH \*90.7 250 h,v

SD Rapid City KKMK 93.9 209 m (100000 h,v)

KOUT 98.7 141 m (100000 h,v)

KFXS 100.3 141 m (100000 h,v)

106.3 (new) 300 m (100000 h,v), with auction won by

Gregory D. Gentling, Jr., who is paying \$1,045,000. TN Morristown W286AG \*105.1 (from W284AL 104.7) h,v

TX Austin K257AJ 99.7 has KLNC 93.3 Killeen (from KYFS 90.9 San Antonio), now commercial. KLNC now says "Lone Star 93-3 and Lone Star 99-7."

TX Big Lake K272AO 102.3 200 h

TX Big Spring K209DK \*89.7 120 h,v (from K280BP 103.9), although the FCC still lists them as separate stations having the same primary-KLVW \*99.1 Odessa TX.

TX Breckenridge KLXK 93.5 50000 h,v; 130 m, C2, plus seeks move through FCC rulemaking process to move to Graford TX.

TX Buda KROX-FM 101.5 12500 h.v; 257 m. C2 downgrade. It is not "KROX," as shown in July p. 2,



col. 1. Now IDing as Buda-Austin instead of Giddings-Austin, still "101X." "It looks like they still may have

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the Class C1 facilities," not yet having moved to the Austin antenna farm.

TX Comfort KRNH 95.1 100000 h.v; 282 m. one-step C1 TX Georgetown-Austin KAHK 107.7 25000 h.v. d-a (100

m). Still o, but now classic hits. TX Jasper K210CS \*89.9 (from K220DJ 91.9), h,v

TX Laredo KBDR-1 100.5 d-a (directional antenna) TX Lubbock K221CZ 92.1 150 h [\*88.1 (from same site) TX McKinney (move from Denton) KNTU/ [beam tilt.

TX Pilot Point KTCY 104.9 16000 h,v; 535 m, C1 plus/

TX Portland KSGR \*91.1 5400 h, 25000 v, 100 m, d-a, to

TX San Angelo K215BH \*90.9 320 h,v

TX Tulia KLGD 104.9 100000 h,v; 105 m, one-step C1

VT Middlebury WRMC \*91.1 2900 h,v; -9 m

VT Wilmington WMTT 100.7 130 h,v; 452 m

VA Falmouth WFAL 104.5 2700 h,v; 150 m, d-a

VA Waynesboro W268AC \*101.5 has WYFT 103.9 Luray (from WYFJ 100.3 Ashland)

WA Mount Vernon K216EN \*91.1 (from K217AY 91.3) h.v. WA Pasco KEYW 98.3 12500 h,v; 304 m, d-a, 1-step B1 WA Wenatchee K204DD \*88.7 reduces to less than 100 watts (h,v), taking small FMap type.

WV Lewisburg WKCJ 103.1 3300 h,v; 273 m, one-step/ VI Frederiksted WAXJ 103.5 4600 h,v; 279 m

MB Waterhen (new) 93.5 24 m (23 watts vertical only) ON Sudbury CHNO D103.9 235 m (100000 h,v)

PQ Sherbrooke CFPP \*89.7 23400 h.v at a new, unannounced height. Transferred to the CBC to relay CBM-FM \*93.5 Montreal.

# Stereo—Or to be \$tereo

AL Selma WAQU \*91.1, Troy WAXU \*91.1 AK Juneau KFMG 100.7, r, hot AC, "Magic 100.7." KSRJ 102.7, mr, "Star 102.7." "No SCAs."

AZ Holbrook KBMH \*90.3

AR Des Arc KBDO \*91.7

AR De Witt KDEW 97.3, "but they've moved to Stuttgart. I have their former facility for sale—AM 1470 fulltime, off the air, and 96.7 (KDEW's old frequency) with all the [mono] equipment: \$40,000 to \$50,000 for the equipment and AM license, plus renting the land. You could easily do \$120,000 a year in advertising. De Witt's a rich town!" Ed Moory, former owner, at (870) 946-2820; 1-800-254-8330. KDEW is "Country 97.3.

AR Fayetteville KAYH \*89.3, KBNV \*90.1 AR Hamburg KHMB 99.5, rm, mono for now, but plans to go stereo. It moved its studio to Cros-

sett, and goes by "K-99.5." AR Harrison KBPB \*91.9; it is 104 m, d-a (not "1054" m, p. 193 FM Atlas-18 (5500 h,v).

AR Jonesboro KAOG \*90.5

AR Lakeview KKTZ 93.5, ID with Mountain Home (it is not "KXTZ," as given Oct. p. 1, col. 2).

AR Sheridan KANX \*91.1

CA Big Pine KRHV 93.3, ID with Mammoth Lakes CA Morro Bay KKAL 99.7, "K-Cal." "I don't know

how to spell it. We just call it 'K-Cal'." CA Santa Margarita KWWV 106.1, sr, "Kiss 106.1"

CA Stockton KSTN-FM 107.3, "La Poderosa," supposedly in stereo, with no 41 kHz SCS, but with data 57 kHz, †M,R at 67 and 92. Knowing the engineering history of this station, I question whether it is sending out true stereo with audio separation. fis S, I, not S, L, Oct. p. 4, col. 3.

FL Naples WBGY \*88.1, FL Nocatee WZSP 105.3/

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# KOAS in OK Has Several Recent Format Changes

GA The Rock WKEU-FM \*88.9. \*WKEU The Rock," oldies and sounding commercial.

GA Tifton WKZZ 92.5, k, "Yeah, they're stereo, satellite.\*

KS Dearing KUSN 98.1, k, ID with Coffeyville-Independence. "Dearing is where the transmitter ffootball games.

MN Forest Lake WLKX 95.9 turns \$ off for/ MN Pillager KBKK 95.9, heard testing with m, but giving station location as "Brainerd." Now off air. MS Durant WLIN 101.1 "Breezy 101," ID with Kosciusko ("cosy-esko").

NV Laughlin KADD 93.5, ID with Bullhead City-Lake Havasu City-Kingman (AZ)

NV Panaca KLNR \*91.7, receives the KNPR 89.5 Las Vegas signal direct.

NV Tonopah KTPH \*91.7, gets KNPR by satellite. NM Las Cruces KBOU \*89.7

NY Saugerties WRKW 92.9, op plus Bob and Tom. "And another channel gets a little more crowded." Tower is in Kingston, with no local personnel, although owned with Straus' WCTW 98.5 Catskill, WTHN 99.3 Ellenville-AMs. Program said to be fed from Indianapolis via satel-

PA Stroudsburg WBYX \*88.7, ID with WBYO 88.9 Sellersville "and the Center Valley translator on 103.5." Stations are "The Word FM."

TN Norris WXVO 106.7, r, "active rock for younger listeners." ID with Knoxville, but "it's going to be an extreme rim-shotter. We are selling the construction permit; call (423) 531-2000 for more information." [101.7

TN Ripley WAUV \*89.7, TN Smithville WJLE-FM/ TX Odessa KBMM \*89.5

VA Deltaville WSRV 92.3.

WI Barron WKFX 97.7 o, classic hits, expected to move from 99.1 where it temporarily is. It is awaiting changes at WAQE-FM 97.7 Rice Lake. which will move to 99.1. Uses calls, "The Fox at 99-1, WKF (pause) X."

BC Invermere CKIS-3 97.3, received via a digital satellite downlink. Broadcasts from a site on the SW part of the town, "and covers the town and surrounding area very well."

ON Chatham CKUE 94.3, "C Cue FM" (from "The Rock @ 94.3"), and "conducting tests." CUBA Holguin CMKO 97.9, "Stereo Holguin."

### Monophonic

FL Monticello WVHT 105.7: "Seems to be always mono, probably to improve signal strength in Tallahassee.'

IN Franklin WPZZ 95.9, remove \$ftereol listing. MA Boston WBUR-FM \*90.9, nt. \*There is no stereo content at all!"

VA Lawrenceville WHFD 105.5, still "Star 105.5," but with no plans to embrace stereo.

### **Format Changes**

Formats are the same as in the "FM Atlas" AL Atmore WYOK 104.1 r, CHR, "Star 104" (from

AL Columbiana WQEM 101.5 r, parallel to WQEN 103.7 Gadsden, "The Q." [commercial. AL Dora WZJT \*92.5 gt, Catholic, now non-/

CA Gonzales KMBY 104.3 pr. keeping Mancow in the morning.

DE Bethany Beach WOSC 95.9 rp+Mancow DE Dover WRDX 94.7 op

FL Edgewater WKRO-FM 93.1 rp [Country." FL Marianna WJAQ 100.9 k, resumed use of "Q/ GA Martinez WUUS 100.7 s, "Power 107" (from "US 107").

GA Ringgold WSGC-FM 101.9 still o, now classic ["Fun 101" hits

GA Thomaston WTGA-FM 101.1 mr, keeping/ HI Honolulu KKLV 98.5 me, "island music"+ reggae. Boots "98 Rock." [on by the end of '99.

IN Clinton WPFR \*93.9 g, Moody. Expects to be/ IN Evansville WIKY 104.1 mr. It's been that "for at least five years."

IN Marion WMRI 106.9 mr. "Light Rock Favorites all the Time" (from "FM 107").

IN New Albany WLSY 94.7 gr

IN Terre Haute WLEZ 102.7 m

IN Vincennes WVUB \*91.1 r

KS Coffeyville KKRK 98.9 op, classic rock, "Rock 98.9." ID with independence.

KS Topeka KDVV 100.3 rp, "rock."

KY Moorhead WBMK \*88.5 g, \$, to American Family Association from Optimum Impact, Inc.

KY Valley Station WRVI 105.9 or

MD Salisbury WSBY-FM 98.9 rp, parallel to Bethany Beach DE.

MA Harwich WCCT \*90.3 nt, mono, relay of WBUR-FM 90.9 Boston

MA Spencer WORC-FM 98.9 o, hits of the '60s-'80s. Uses calls.

MI Grand Rapids WCSG \*91.3, now 100% religion in what could be called "Christian easy listening." Soon it will be all Christmas, including secular Christmas music like Jingle Bells.

MI Muskegon WSHZ 107.9 rm, live.

MI Oscoda WCLS 100.7 mr. "Sunny 100 dot 7." MN Montevideo KBPG \*89.5 to be g, \$, AFA owned (from Southpoint Ed'l. Radio, Inc.).

MN Ortonville KPHR 106.3 op, releases "Country 106" [country.

MS Ripley WKZU 102.3 still k, now classic/ MO Jefferson City KJMO 100.1 o, classic hits. LMA-to-buy with KPLA 101.5 Columbia-KOQL 106.1 Ashland-AMs.

MO Mountain View KUPH 96.9 mm

MO Ozark KCYO 92.9 m ["Outlaw Radio 92.9." MO Salem KKID 92.9 r, adult rock, ID with Rolla,/ MT Billings KBEX 105.1 o, classic hits, uses calls, no longer parallel to KGHL 790 AM.

NE Plattsmouth KCTY-FM 106.9 p, with its nostalgia going to AM. "Free Form Radio 106-9 The City.\*

NV Las Vegas KNPR \*89.5 cj NM Gallup KFMQ 106.1 rp, with Mark & Brian/ NY Altamont WZMR 104.9 j, smooth, taking the format left by WHRL 103.1 Albany. "I told you that I didn't think that WZMR would last!" J.C., Greenfield Center NY. WZMR plans to get new call letters, and program director Patrick Ryan will stay on, with other staffers also possibly remaining. Now "Smooth Jazz 104.9" (from "Z 104.9.").

November, 1999 NY Westport WCLX 102.5 p. adult alternative. ND Arthur KVMI 96.7 all t. now monophonic

OH McArthur WYRO 98.7 olidies

OH Wellston WKOV 96.7 r, hot AC, loses "Mix 97" OK Broken Arrow KOAS 92.1 r, "Kiss 92.1" (dries

up "The Oasis"). "In just a few years 92.1 has gone from classical to 1970s music to smooth iazz... to soft rock and now to top 40. It doesn't seem like Clear Channel can figure out what to do with it." ID with Tulsa. "It's very mainstream, although more modern rock-leaning and without a lot of rap other than Will Smith's new song."

OR Eugene KLCC \*89.7 nj, Florence KLFO \*88.1 nj, Newport KLCO \*90.5 nj. All three are stereo, but turn off the stereo generator from 6 to 9 a.m. and 3 to 7 p.m. "Even though there is some stereo content in Morning Edition and All Things Considered we feel it is so insignificant that we turn the stereo off for better coverage. We are one of the few broadcasters who still do this," John H., chief engineer. [still with t(), 57 kHz.

PA Coudersport WFRM-FM 96.7 r, "Star FM,"/ PA Smethport WQRM 106.3 r, "Star FM" (from "Q 106"), adds a t(). [NY's Sound of Life, Inc.

PA Tafton (new) \*88.3 to be g, ownership to/ RI Block Island WADK-FM 99.3 mi, swing & jazz.

RI Providence WWBB 101.5 still o. adds Imus. who moves from WWRX 103.7 Westerly.

TN Dickson WQZQ 102.5 sr, dance-CHR, \*102.5 The Party."

TN Nashville WNAZ \*89.1 g, praise and worship music and Bible teaching. Now "Praise 89."

TX Corpus Christi KBSO 94.7 rp

TX New Braunfels KNBT 92.1's full noniD goes: 92.1 FM Radio New Braunfels, the station that's contrary to ordinary. KNBT "was a little more original-small town outlet that wasn't satellitedelivered playing music you can't get on any station in a rated Arbitron market," with "Americana." "This little sliver of Texas has some interesting country outlets. KFAN-FM Johnson City is Americana to the northwest. To the southeast is Americana KTXN 98.7 Victoria, 'Texas Radio 98.7' and the country-rock hybrid stations that originate from KTXM 99.9 Hallettsville ('Texas Thunder Radio')." KTXM and affiliates fined \$8000 for unauthorized transfer of control. The FCC originally wanted \$12,000 but agreed to the reduction. And the FCC stuck to fining KEOJ 101.1 Carney KS and KEMX 94.5 Locust Grove OK \$12,000 for not having studios within their principal community contours.

UT Roy KSNU 107.9 sr, parallel to KUUU 92.1 Tooele, "U-92," but simulcast may be temporary with a new format expected next month. Loses "107.9 The Edge." Was off the air for a while. "It sounds like 107.9 is back on the air and simulcasting the rap crap of 'Utah's Beat'. What a waste of a good FM frequency. . . Somebody must like the music. The ratings have been awfully good for such a tiny little signal just barely drifting in, from Grantsville no less. Does this suggest that Deer Valley [Broadcasting] intends to simulcast 'Utah's Beat' on 102.3 as

- well?" It is seeking to buy unbuilt KAIO 102.3 in Randolph and upgrade that to a Class C. "Deer Valley Broadcasting seems to be specializing in 'rim- shot radio'—attempting to get into a metro area from a rural area with a huge transmitter."
- VT Brandon WEXP 101.5 r, CHR, "Express 101."
  VT Waterbury WLKC 103.3 mr, "Lake 103.3"
- VA Chester WDYL 101.1 pr (had been silent), "Y101," modern rock. In a combo with WARV-FM
  100.3 (now "The River")-WPLZ-FM 99.3 Petersburg, WCDX 92.1 Mechanicsville (not
  "Mechanicville," Sept. p. 4, col. 1, as shown under VA Petersburg), WKJS 104.7 Crewe-WJRV
  105.7 Richmond-AM.
- VA Highland Springs WHCE \*91.1 gr, ID with Richmond, and partners with WJYJ \*90.5 Fredericksburg-WJYA \*88.3 Emporia. WHCE loses its "Mix 91 FM" identity. ["Kiss 96.9")

  AB Calgary CKIS 96.9 op, "Rock 97" (from/MB Brandon (new) 101.1 station granted to CKX (AM) will be country (k).

# On Air—Real Stations and Pirates (Selected)

- AK Anchorage "KZND The End" 87.7, commercial, alternative rock. Website includes complaints from people whose radios won't tune down to 87.7. Address: 97 E. Dowling, Ste. 24, Anchorage AK 99518; (907) 562-8119; FAX (907) 562-8117.
- CA Death Valley K204BW \*88.7 has not been heard by a reporter on two separate trips to the area. Primary KNPR \*89.5 Las Vegas is heard well at Furnace Creek, but I called and found out this translator is now on, but it is at a very inaccessible spot. If it goes off the air, the weather can be harsh, and it be until a spring thaw before anybody can get to the site.
- CA Furnace Creek (Death Valley) "Timbisha-Shoshone Free Radio" 91.1 with a studio at the Timbisha Indian Village, 1 km S. of the Furnace Creek store. A sign advertises the station, and no ID was heard on it.
- ID Mountain Home K276AE \*101.3 and K223AC \*102.5.

  "They are putting a weak but stereo signal into Boise."
- IN Greensburg WAUZ \*89.1 \*scores a major coup by adding local sports veteran Matt Scheidler for Friday night North and South Decatur games.\*
- MA Beverty "WLMK" 89.3 from Landmark School, and heard 2 km away.
- MI Grand Rapids "WCAL" 95.1 believed to be a Part 15 (legal) device from Calvin College. That and carrier current station "WAQU" 1590 at Aquinas College and "WCKS" 1610 Grand Valley State College would all like to get on with low power FM.
- MI Pentwater WMOM 102.7, having moved from 101.3. "We often get clobbered by religious station WRVM in Suring WI along the lakeshore. When we were on 101.3, WJNR 101.5 Iron Mountain MI often came in and interfered."
- MO Malta Bend KRLI 97.5 fined \$16,000 for unauthorized transfer of control by Kanza, Inc.
- NV Reno "Studio B" 89.5, having moved from 94.7. "Limited operation only on weekends. We offer some great locally produced shows and pray that LPFM becomes a reality, considering the deck seems to be stacked against it."
- NY Bronx "Radio Nuevo Amanecer" 87.9 (Sept. p. 4, col. 2)—its whole address is PO Box 769, Bronx NY 10460.
- NY Brooklyn \*89.7: The mostly English-language Christian station mentioned Aug. p. 4, col. 2 is now known as "WRMM, Redemption Radio." Is \$[tereo], SDA

- (Seventh-day Adventist), noncommercial. "A Caribbean-accented guy played Christian songs, gave a phone number (718) 345-7434, which is unlisted, and said 'Happy Sabbath', and gave the day's program schedule," followed at 9 a.m. by "Your Story Hour," The station is not on the list of affiliates at yourstoryhour.com. Later, Brother Bart Smith, an African-American, talked about the origins of Halloween, then hosted "Sabbath School of the Air" at 10. In the afternoon it had a program in Spanish about the Sabbath. It's on evenings and weekends, with music overnight. "mostly quiet instrumentals with a few Christian scongs. They have some kind of technical problem because when they have live announcing the voice is often distorted and it's hard to understand what they're saying. . . Sound is good when they have syndicated shows or just music."
- NY New York WNEW 102.7 has been testing USA Digital Radio's in-band, on channel DAB system. It is questionable how beneficial digital was to WNEW's talk format, but Tom Leykis did an announcement on both the analog and digital carriers that "sounded good." A reporter who lives 35 km away heard various "annoying" signals above and below 102.7. "With the antennas pointed NE, at WNEW, strong signals from WCRB 102.5 Boston and WDRC-FM 102.9 Hartford were barely making it unless WNEW itself was phased. This was using a [McIntosh] MR-78 in narrow mode, so gents, 110 kHz filters [for improved selectivity] really aren't going to help," J. F. by e-mail. An area broadcaster heard what sounded like a datastream "beehive when you slide to 102.5 or 102.9 on a car radio. Anyone listening to first adjacents is going to get deluged. . . It sounds like what SCA injection would be if it were heavily compressed at 80 percent. . . What the heck, it's Halloween, right? Boo!"
- NY Queens "WICR" 89.3 (Sept. p. 4, col. 2) east/west Indian, still mono, now on continuously from 7 p.m. Friday to midnight Sunday and Mon-Thurs. 7 p.m. to midnight, at 126-13 Jamaica Ave., Richmond Hill NY 11418; (718) 323-1495, which is unlisted. Calls stand for Indo-Caribbean Radio. DJs include Robert Mohammed who plays songs of India, and Tina Seepersaud whose nightly program targets Guyanese Hindus. "They give frequent plugs for local businesses. On a recent Sunday afternoon the station was heard blasting out from at least half a dozen storefronts along Liberty Ave., also on several car radios and a portable in somebody's yard. Real station WRTN 93.5 New Rochelle NY with Indian music was only heard playing in one storefront, despite having an excellent signal in the area. I still don't know for sure if the person mentioned Sept. p. 4, col. 2 is involved with WICR:
- OH Cleveland "Grid Radio" 96.9 is on the air, even after an unfavorable decision by the FCC, in which his \$11,000 fine for operating without a license was upheld. Jerry Szoka got a couple of months to broadcast, pending a court hearing. He stays on the air, with the FCConceding "there's no clear and present danger and [there are] no interference complaints." A pirate on with the FCC's blessing! Perhaps a prelude to LPFM?
- PA Lancaster "Radio Vida" 106.3, after return of its equipment as mandated by the court. Local fans of WJJZ 106.1 Philadelphia have complained of interference. The Rev. Roberto Figueroa, pastor of the church which is sponsoring Radio Vida, is trying to get a legal license from the FCC.
- TX Beeville KVFM "91.3, Spanish religion, "originating at KUBR 1210 in the McAllen-Brownsville market."
- VA Waynesboro WPVA \*90.1 applies to be sold to CSN International (KAWZ 89.9 Twin Falls ID, et. al.).

- PR Vieques Island WVIS 106.1 back on, having moved from Christiansted VI.
- BN Michoacan XHCMS 105.5 changed frequency, or a new station on 105.9 in Mexicali now on 105.9? A strong station on 105.9 was heard in Spanish with commercials for businesses in Mexicali. "Its coverage was comparable to many of the other Mexicali FM stations."
- AUSTRALIA has low power FM, but they're not all that successful. Licenses for Low Power Open Narrow-casting (LPON) Services are open for the lower part of the dial, and to have 1 or 10 watts on 87.6, 87.8 and 88.0 mz. It was created to encourage greater diversity in broadcasting, according to an article by Fred Maia in Monitoring Times, October. More than 1500 LPON licenses have been granted, but 10 companies hold over 50 percent of the licenses. LPON licensees are permitted to sell or lease their facilities. Many of the stations are unbuilt, with the ACA (Australian Communications Authority) charging that licenses are being hoarded. "If hoarding is as widespread as alleged, the ACA will take firm action to eliminate the problem."

### Off Air-Or Not Yet On

- MA Brockton WCAV 97.7, but expected to return soon with urban.
- MN Aurora W269AP \*101.7. "We intend to put Aurora back on the air in the near future, but we may have a problem with the Duluth station (KLDJ 101.7) when we do, unless they really don't care about interference that far north."
- MN Hoyt Lakes K230AW \*103.9 "not being used at the moment. . . Maybe we could trade Hoyt Lakes for Hermantown [W280CT 103.9]? It's time for us to start moving south. We have gotten better at what we do and in the new year we will be even better, so I want to start broadcasting in a market with people now. The little station that could—has—and now it's time to play with the bigger kids," J. P., KADU \*90.1 Hibbing.
- NJ Manahawkin WCHR-FM 105.7—being bought by WCHR (AM) Trenton for \$4,675,000, with ownership actually going to Nassau Broadcasting Partners. It is not in "NH" as shown p. 231 FM Atlas-18.
- PA Brookville WBEU 103.3.
- PA Du Bois W221BD \*92.1, but seeks 96.7.
- PA South Williamsport W263AG 100.5 [licen
- TX Hempstead KEZB 105.3, but filed for its FCC/
- WI Siren WXCX 105.7—tower is up, and should sign on in a month.

### **Deletions**

- AL Ardmore W287AC \*105.3, AL Athens W201AT \*88.1 AL Birmingham W237AL 95.3, W288AP 105.5
- AL Center Point W288AO 105.5, Decatur W239AB \*95.7
- AL Florence W213A( \*90.5, W220BC \*91.9, W254AA 98.7 [WRSAt\* from p. 34.
- AL Homewood W237AD \*95.3. Remove \*98.3/
- AL Huntsville W244AX 96.7, AL Madison W246AK 97.1
- AL Valley W209AB \*89.7 [K276BD 103.1
- AK Petersburg K280BG 103.9. Area now served by/
- AK Sitka (Thimbleberry Bay area) K216BK \*91.1
- CO Glenwood Springs K237BN 95.3, see "New," above CO Steamboat Springs K292DH 106.3; area served by
- CO Steamboat Springs K292DH 106.3; area served by K238AB 95.5.
- ID Twin Falls K252CZ \*98.3 (see "New," above)
  KS Atchison K209BB \*89.7—replaced by K210CR \*89.9
  (Sept. p. 1, cols. 1-2).
  [100.9
  LA Morgan City K285DB 104.9, Oak Grove K265CN/

FMedia! Page 6 LA Vidalia K244CD 96.7, West Monroe K265CB 100.9 MA Sandwich WSDH \*91.5: The previous director of radio left, so there may be a job opportunity, as they hope to come back on. WSDH failed to file for license renewal, and now there is building construction/renovation. Trying to get the license back, according to Michael Le Clair, c.e., WBUR-FM \*90.9 Boston. It used to relay WBUR-FM in glorious mono. MI Schoolcraft W204BB \*88.7 (see "New," above) MS Biloxi W207AP \*89.3, Hattiesburg W287AG \*105.3 MS McComb W209AB \*89.7 MS Vicksburg W209AC \*89.7, W221AK 92.1 MT Absarokee K257AP 99.3 NV Imlay K258AA 99.5, and not "95.9" p. 90 FM Atlas-18 NV Winnemucca K228AF 93.5 JNM Grants K220BD/ NH Newport W276AE 103.1 NM Espanola K296DZ 107.1 | K249AE 97.7 NM Santa Fe KYBR-1 92.9, K244CX 96.7 OH Defiance W216AX \*91.1 OK Miami K249CF \*97.7, K269CW 101.7 OK Shawnee K265CH 104.9, Stillwater K216BS \*91.1 OR Klamath Falls K258DG 104.9 (see "New") OR Riddle K292CF \*106.3 **TX Fredericksburg** PA Mifflintown W269AL 101.7 K272BQ 102.3 SD Eagle Butte K249AJ 97.7, K292CA \*106.3 SD Lower Brule K292BX \*106.3 TX Abilene K296DE 107.1, Bandera K288CN 105.5 TX Bay City K285BY 104.9, Baytown K285BZ 104.9 TX Brookeland K261BD 100.1, Canton K237BQ 95.3 TX Cleveland K285CQ 104.9, Clifton K244BS 96.7 TX Comfort K288CR 105.5, Corsicana K296CG 107.1 TX Eldorado K272AS 102.3, Freeport K285BN 104.9 TX Greenville K213BS \*90.5, Hemphill K252BR 98.3 TX High Island K296BR 101.7, Huntsville K252CG 98.3 TX Iraan K288BL 105.5, Jacksonville K265BP 100.9 TX Jasper K244BN 96.7, TX Kenedy K228AV 93.5 TX La Marque K285BQ 104.9, Midland K232BG 94.3 TX The Woodlands K221CB 92.1, Victoria K288BY 105.5 TX Woodrow K219BL \*91.7, Woodville K244BK 96.7 UT Parowan K258AA 99.5

WA Everett K213BM \*90.5—off since primary KSER 90.7 moved its transmitter to near Lake Stevens (from North Lynnwood) and "roughly at the time 90.5 came on in Victoria BC."

"Yes, I still have all of my versions of FM Atlas (since the 1972 yellow cover edition, 48 pages) since I started getting them. Thanks for your dedication to putting out such a high quality product all these, oh, roughly 25 years, I would guess," G.D., Marblehead MA via e-mail.

### FMistakes—FM Atlas-18th Ed., FMedial

AL Anniston \*90.7 is WGRW, not "WSRW," Aug. p. 2, col. 3. WSRW-FM is 106.7 Hillsboro CH. AL Homewood remove 98.3 WRSAt from p. 34 AL Thomaston 97.7 calls are WAYI p. 126 AL Thomasville 95.5 is WJDB-FM (not "WAYI") p. 126 AK Houston 96.3, not 99.3 (now KAQX) p. 127 AK Basher (not "Brasher") K203CR \*88.5 p. 127, although town doesn't show on maps. AK Tok map p. 105 should read: \*91.1 KUACt (big type), \*91.9 KUDU, \*101.1 AFR. Remove \*90.5 AFR. AK map-near Hilo HI p. 104 is a cockeyed "91.1 KUACt." Tell me where that paste-up fell from! AZ Bullhead City K205BG \*88.9 relays KZUL-FM 104.5 (not KZUL 104.3") p. 128. AZ Flagstaff 96.7 is KWMX-1, not "KMIX-1" p. 128 AZ Mesa K294AA is 106.7, not 104.7, Oct. p. 6, col. 2. AR England 96.5 is KLEC-FM (not "KHUG") p. 128

AR Eureka Springs 100.9 is KTCN, not "KLEC" p. 128

CA Esparto 97.9 KTTA calls not given, July p. 2, col. 2.

CA Johannesburg 103.9 is KEDD, not "KRAJ" p. 180.

AR Jonesboro KFIN 107.9 extra "f" at right of p. 129.

CA Kernville K240CQ \*95.9 has KFRB (not \*KFRS\*) 91.3 p. 132. CA King City 93.9 is KZSL, not "KZSA," p. 130

CA Merced KAMB add \* to 101.5 p. 130 CA Portola KJDX-1 93.3 700 h, d-a, is not shown on/ K257BV 99.3 relays KHJQ 92.3 (not 102.1) p. 132; not shown on p. 93. It may have deleted, but believed to be reinstated.

CA San Diego KJQY 94.1 coverage is 62, not "2," p. 131. CO Greeley KDJM (was KVOD-FM) 92.5 ID with Fort Collins misspelled p. 195.

CO Limon \*89.9 is K210CC, not \*K201CC,\* p. 133 CO Paonia K205CV \*88.9 relays KTLF 90.5 (not 88.9) p. 134; add to p. 80 map.

CO Rocky Ford KOOO 95.5 r format not given p. 133 DE Wilmington WJBR-FM 99.5 is Mix not "MIx" p. 213 FL Leesburg W257BF \*99.3, not 89.3, Oct. p. 2, col. 2. GA Sparta WPMA 102.7 change to 51 m (6000 h,v), not the other way around, July p. 2, col. 1.

GA Sugar Hill (not "Sugar Hills"), mentioned in connection with GA Toccoa WNGC 106.1, Oct. p. 1, col. 3. [(not "WNOS"), July p. 1, col. 2.

IL Quincy WQCY 103.9's former calls were WMOS/ LA Franklin KJCB 105.5, not 95.3, p. 39

ME Portland WMGX 93.1 uses calls. "WMGX hasn't used the Magic slogan for well over five years," Oct. p. 7, col. 3 [Oct. p. 1, col. 3. MD Frederick W205BL \*88.9 has WETH 89.1 not 88.1,/

MD Oakland \*88.7 W204BA, not "W204BX," Oct. p. 5. [July p. 2, col. 3. MA South Yarmouth 103.9 is WOCN-FM (not "WOCN"),/ MN Faribault 95.9 KQCL (not "KOCL") p. 146

NE Falls City KLZA 101.3 not "1101.3" Oct. p. 5, col. 1. NE Omaha 104.5 is KSRZ, not "KRSJ," p. 150. KRSJ is 100.5 in Durango CO. (p. 5, col. 3.

NJ Collingswood "97.1 is W246AQ, not "W264AQ," Oct./ NM Cloudcroft KTMN (not "KTNM") p. 76; is 97.9 (not 92.9) p. 151.

NM Grants remove \*88.1 KAWZt from p. 76. NM (not "NE") Grants KTHR Oct. p. 7, col. 1 (now KYVA) NM Las Lunas 106.3 KYLZ (not "KLYZ") p. 152. NY Broadalbin W229AB 93.7—remove from p. 154. NY Copenhagen W240AN \*95.9 has WMHI 94.7 (not "WMIH") p. 154; WMIH is "89.7 Harrisville MI.

NY Lockport \*90.7 is W214BB, not "W214BD," which is in Gifford FL, p. 154. [not 67, Oct. p. 7, col. 3. NY New York WCBS-FM 101.1 Spanish SCS is at 92,/ NY Pomona 94.3 is W232AL, not "W222AL," p. 154. NY Saranac Lake WSLK 106.3 remove "Seeks 100.9" from p. 17.

NC Creedmoor W256AH \*99.1—town misspelled p. 155. NC Long Beach (not "Long Branch") WAZO 98.3 (but FCC still has it listed to "Shallotte") p. 154.

NC Lumberton W292CK \*106.3—remove from p. 155. ND Bismarck KACL 98.7 add \$ p. 155.

ND Williston K213CW is \*90.5, not 88.7, p. 155 OH Cambridge W233AL \*94.5 WMBPt, move from Coshocton, p. 47; has WMBP (not "WMPB") p. 156.

OH Findley \*88.3 WLFC, not "WMOJ," p. 156. WMOJ is 94.9 Fairfield OH.

OK Ada, not Ardmore, K292CK 106.3, Oct. p. 6, col. 3. The deleted translator in Ardmore is K206AX \*89.1. OK Enid \*89.1 K206CA (KCZO 92.1) add to p. 157. OK Lawton KBZQ 99.5 \$, r, 37 km-add to p. 157. PA-remove stray "WVOC" from right margin p. 21. PA Galeton WCOG-FM \*100.7-the \* is missing, Oct. p.

PA Johnstown WFRJ \*88.9 out of sequence p. 159. PA Palmerton W290AC \*105.9 is supposedly with WKDN 106.9 Camden NJ (from KEAR 106.9 San Francisco CA), not with "WYFG (from WAIJ)," Oct. p. 2, col. 3. PA Reading—the dot for this town missing p. 18.

PA Sweet Valley W218AX \*91.5 remove listing p. 180. Is in Hazleton.

SC Bishopville (not "Bishop") WKHT 93.7 p. 160. SC Cayce \*88.7 WYFV (not "WYFB") Oct. p. 3, col. 3. SC Kingstree \*88.7 W204AL, not "W201AL," p. 161. SD Pierre K276EA was on 103.1, not 103.7, Sept. p. 2,

TN Alcoa \*89.5 is WYLV (not "WYLX") July p. 2, col. 1. WYLX is 97.3 Lebanon OH.

col. 3.

TN Nashville (not "Jackson") WJXA 92.9 p. 196. TX Abilene 100.7 KHYS, not "KHYZ," Oct. p. 2, col. 1. TX Amarillo KYFA \*91.9, not 91.1, Oct. p. 4, col. 1.

TX Cuero (listed under TX New Ulm, Sept. p. 3, col. 1) 97.7 is KVCQ, not "KCVQ." Its ID with Victoria misspelled p. 209.

TX Dallas KVTT \*91.7 58 km coverage omitted p. 163. KZPS 92.5 84 km coverage not given p. 163. [164. TX Houston KHCB-FM's 79 km coverage not given p./ TX Yoakum (not "Hoakum") KYKM 92.5 (listed under TX New Ulm, Sept. p. 3, col. 1).

TX Port Isabel KVPA, not "KPVA," p. 128. UT Clarkston \*91.9 is K220HI, not \*K222HI,\* Sept. p. 1,/ VA Cedar Bluff WHQX 107.7 is Kix Country (not "Kix") p. (C3, July p. 2, col. 1.

VA Farmville WLCX \*91.3 upgrades to Class A, not / VA Powhatan 107.3 WBST-FM, not "WXNC," Oct. p. 4,

WA Longview K250AE 97.9 (not "97.7" as shown p. 169). This is apparently licensed, despite the FCC's recent grant of a KRQT-1 107.1 there with the same primary.

WI Ashland (town misspelled) WBSZ 93.3 et al. p. 169. USA-all these have WJCG \*88.9 Monee IL (not WJSO 90.1 Pikeville KY): W220AY \*91.9 Brattleboro VT (p. 167), W210AD \*89.9 Danville VA (p. 168), K219BO \*91.7 Douglas, K213BI \*90.5 Evanston and K216CI \*91.1 Jackson, all WY (p. 171).

NS Halifax 101.9 is CHFX, not "CHFXL," July p. 4, col. 2. "Here is a check for \$22 for your wonderful publication, FM Atlas! Look forward to edition 18. Keep up the excellent work," D.O., Elkton MD.

"Your computer is Y2K compliant? I hope. Happy to renew for another year. FMedial continues to be firstrate! B.P., Silver Lake MI.

"Sorry to hear that this may be the last FM Atlas. It will be a guide that will be sorely missed I am sure! I still remember it was probably 15 years ago when I found it in the card catalog in the Buffalo Public Library system, and have ordered quite a few of them since! . . . I can understand though what you mean about SS [and how it might jeopardize income if too much in earnings is shown for the year],\* G.C. NY via e-mail.

"Your new logo (Oct. p. 7, col. 2) is interesting, but I wonder if you want the 'F' 'M' so close together that the tops of the two letters are touching," N.L., Atlanta.

### **SCServices**, 57, 67, 92 kHz Symbols are as in the FM Atlas

CA East Los Angeles KLAX 97.9 no SCS CA Los Angeles KTWV 94.7 no †( ) data. KLVE 107.5 † ,X, 92 (has †Z,X), with the Iranian signal now scrambled.

CO Denver and AZ Phoenix at unnamed stations is a new service being tested by Command Audio Corp. It will broadcast audio information encoded as digital data, and available from a device looking like a cellular telephone, with keypad, headphone and speaker. It stores up to eight hours of information. Speech is reduced in bandwith to 3.3 kHz and digitally compressed to 2.4 kb/s for transmission. "In the receiver, the speech signals are recovered without loss of recognition of the original voice nor addition of audible artifacts." The system uses more than 1 FM station in a market at 66.5 kHz to reduce effects of multipath. Full

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# MN Stations Advertise "Full Monophonic Sound"

service is expected in Phoenix and Denver later this month, with plans to expand to 20 major markets by the end of next year.

GA Athens WYAP 95.5 no SCS; had it on 57 and 92 kHz. IN Anderson WGNR-FM \*97.9 no †M, 67.

IN Columbus WKKG 101.5 †\$, sports and special events, 67 kHz assumed. Used for high school games' monitoring because the AM (20 watts at 1010) has such "poor coverage at night."

WWWY 104.9 †M,R, adding 92 kHz R.

IN Greensburg WRZQ 107.3 †( ), Cue Paging at 10% injection.

IN Indianapolis WHHH 96.3 no †M for now; was running Latin music, which may return. [injection. WTLC 105.7's data is at 69 kHz with 20 percent/

IN Kendaliville WBTU 93.3 said to have no †M, 67.

IN Lafayette WAZY-FM 96.5 no †M, 67.

IN Kokomo WWKI 100.5 said to have no †M, R.

IN New Castle WMDH-FM 102.5 no †M,R

IN Richmond WFMG 101.3 no †M, 67

IN Terre Haute WMGI 100.7 no †M, 67.

IA Cedar Falls KHKE \*89.5 †T, 67, IRIS (Iowa Radio Information Service), Des Moines, now on satellite.

MD Williamsport WCRH \*90.5 †G, 67, not 92.

MA Cambridge WHRB 95.3 no †Q, 67. Advertising the service as available: E. Aiese, (617) 495-9472.

NY Bath WCIK \*103.1 t( ), along with all the other Family

NY Bath WCIK \*103.1 †(), along with all the other Family Life Network stations: WCIY \*88.9 Canandaigua, WCIH \*90.3 Elmira, WCID \*89.1 Friendship, WCOT \*90.9 Jamestown, WCII \*88.5 Spencer.

NY Jamestown WWSE 93.3 †C, 67, a relay of main channel. "Not a pre-delay."
WHUG 101.9 no SCS (had †T)

OH Streetsboro WSTB \*88.9 † ,C, 92. Main channel is used for "remote jock skimming." See last month p. 12, col. 3. Correct Bill Weisinger's website to read: <a href="mailto-sweez@juno.com">wwwes@juno.com</a>>.

PA Bradford WBRR 100.1 †()

PA Emporium WQKY 98.9 † ,U, 92, not 67. [(AM); no m.

PA Franklin WFRA-FM 99.3 †C, 67, relay of WFRA

PA Lewistown WCHX 105.5 no †X, 67; still †U, 92.

PA Mount Union WXMJ 99.5 †X [not "Oldiez 93-3."

PA Muncy WBZD-FM 93.3 †(). NonID is "Oldiez 93,"/

PA North East WRKT 100.9 † ,U, 92

PA Tyrone WGMR 101.1 †()

PA York WQXA-FM 105.7 †C, 67, a relay of WQXA AM. It IDs on 105.7 with Harrisburg-Lancaster.

TN Enwin WXIS 103.9 † ,C, 92, containing WEMB 1420 AM. That gives better nighttime coverage for the AM. BC Vancouver CHKG 96.1 †1, 92, along with Korean 67. ON Kitchener CHYM 96.7 no † ,U.

ON London CFPL-FM 95.9 †(), no †U heard, while CING 107.9 Burlington noted with an open carrier, 92 kHz

PQ Montreal CKUT \*90.3 † , I, 92, along with data 67. Tamil is \*one of the major modern languages of India and Sri Lanka.\* Accordingly, change the coding for CJPX 99.5 Montreal to read †1, not †0.

BRAZIL—the first national push for SCA being launched by Modulation Sciences in the U. S. and a small Florida firm, Audio Video Virtuality. Initially the emphasis will be on audio services at 67 and 92 kHz, but later data will be added. There are 3000 FM stations in Brazil, some of which have been broadcasting since the 1950s. The extent of any SCA broadcasting already there is unknown.

CHILE—47 to 49 mz is being used for Muzak-type services. Those frequencies made up the original FM band in South America. When stations moved to 88-108 "the channels were converted to SCA type stations." Frequencies most often heard with music are 47.9, 48.0, 48.3 and 49.2 mz.

"I just discovered your site and haven't yet had time to explore it. It's maddening that there's so much talk

about radio going digital when other entirely usable technologies already exist. Subcarriers should abound and consumer receivers able to receive them should be all over the marketplace. For the industry to even gradually go over to all-digital broadcasting would create a huge pile of perfectly good receiving equipment made obsolete. We're talking about millions of radio receivers becoming obsolete because powersthat-be decided that it's OK. What an incredible waste of resources! Is there a movement underway to give us the access we deserve to have to tune in subcarriers? There's no good reason we should continue to be denied additional channels that we could benefit greatly from. If there is such an effort I'd really appreciate hearing about it," Chuck via e-mail.

"Keep up the good work," Bob H., WENS 97.1 Shelbyville-Indianapolis via e-mail. [via e-mail.

"I'm enjoying the 12-page FMedia!" anonymous reporter/

### NonIDs, Not Just Slogans

Mentioned usually without call letters; "strict" if a station uses call letters once per hour (at or near top of hour) as required by FCC and Industry Canada

AR Batesville KZLE 93.1 Arkansas' Rock'n'Roll 93-1 FM (from "Max 93.1"). ["Super Country 105"

AR Crossett KAGH-FM 104.9 uses call letters; no more/ FL Zolfo Springs WZZS 106.9 uses calls. "We haven't been 'ZZ 107' for a couple of years!" It IDs with varying and rotating cities, such as Avon Park-Sebring.

IN Connersville WIFE 100.3 The Hot Wife

IN Seymour WQKC 93.7 The Duck 93.7. "Still country.

Sounds much better with excellent jingles." Drops Jones
CD Country except 7 p.m. to midnight. Overnight is "After
Midnight" with Blair Garner, It's live 6 a.m. to 7 p.m.

IA Ankeny KLYF 106.3 K-Life

MO Troy KFNS-FM 100.7 K-Fans

ME Augusta WKCG 103.3 Star 101 100.7 K-Fans
ME Gardiner WABK 104.3 Oldies 104 ("The Cumulus stations here in Maine have dropped the point in their slogans.")

["93 HYN-FM"]

MA Springfield WHYN-FM 93.1 Mix 93.1 (from/

MI Detroit WGRV-FM 105.1 The Groove

MO Carroliton KMZU 100.7 The Farm [92.7")

MO Savannah KSJQ 92.7 Country Q 92.7 (from "Q Country/ NY Pahrump KXTE 107.5 X-Treme Radio (from "X-107.5")

NY Cobleskill WQBJ 103.5 and Rensselaer WQBK 103.9 their whole nonID is Rock Radio 103.5/103.9 The Edge

NY Rochester WBBF 98.9 Cool 99 (from "99 BBF"), "which might come as a surprise to Clear Channel's rhythmic oldies WLCL (107.3 South Bristol Township) aka 'Cool 107.3'." [Hits 106.9")

OK Muskogee-Tulsa KHTT 106.9 106.9 K Hits (from "K-/ PA Oil Gty WOYL-FM 98.5 98.5 The Well

PA Sharpsville WTNX 95.9 Channel 96 (from "Mix 96"), still r, but modern AC.

SD Clear Lake KBGV 107.1 X-107

TN Cookeville WHRS \*91.7 Nashville Public Radio

TN Nashville WPLN \*90.3 Nashville Public Radio

TX Helotes-San Antonio KONO 101.1 Kono 101 (from "Kono FM 101"). [Kick 95.7, bringing back the "kick."

TX Houston KIKK-FM 95.7's full noniD: Young Country/

TX Round Rock-Austin KFMK 105.9 Jammin' 105.9 (from "105.9 Jammin' Oldies").

WI Whitewater WKCH 106.5 Kool 106.5 (from "Kool FM 106.5," now a "Marathon Media Station." Ran 100% music most of August, started adding announcements in September and commercials in October. Is stereo.

## November, 1999 Multi-City IDs In Use

AR North Crossett KWLT 102.7 with Crossett, o, "T 102.7." [Bentonville-Springdale to Fayetteville

AR Siloam Springs KMCK 105.7 adds Rogers-/

GA Omega WTIF-FM 107.5 with Tifton.

ME Saco-Portland WRED 95.9 adds other cities—Scarborough, South Portland." Uses "Red Hot 95" with call letters. [burg KS

MO Joplin KSYN 92.5 with Pitts-/ [Binghamton NY Endicott WMRV 105.7 with Johnson City-/ PA Phillipsburg WUBZ 105.9 with State College

PA Union City WCTL 106.3 with Erie. Open carrier SCS at 92 kHz noted.

"Received my 18th edition today. As always, an excellent and useful publication," D.S., Pleasant Hill TN by e-mail. [cool to read," D.S., Griffin GA.

\*Thanks for the incoming FM guides. They are so/

### **Selected AM Happenings**

CA Son Diego KCBQ 1170 is "the latest victim (as the land their towers are on becomes more valuable than the station itself), whose tower field is about to become a Lowe's home-improvement store."

Ft. Marianna WTOT 980 had been silent, now talk, "The Big One," along with Imus. It takes the talk that was on WJAQ 100.9 (see "Formats," p. 4, col. 1).

GA Toccoa WLET 1420 had been gospel, rm and talk. Now silent, but donated to Toccoa Falls College, which operates WRAF \*90.9-WTXR \*89.7 Toccoa Falls and WTFH \*89.9 Helen. WNEG 630 there had been simulcasting WRAF. It ends that LMA and takes WLET's format.

IL Chicago—some stations are offering an AM-FM simulcast in order to lure the Chicago Bears games. WMAQ 670 is paying \$5 million for the broadcast rights. It offers five FM stations that could relay the games—WBBM-FM 96.3, WJMK 104.3, WXRT 93.1, WUSN 99.5 and WCKG 105.9. ABC owns WMVP 1000 (owned by ESNP, on ABC subsidiary) and WXCD 94.7, while WGN 720 is FM-less. "Part of the appeal of an FM station would be a bigger audience to pitch to advertisers," writes Jim Kirk in the \*Chicago Tribune\*\* "But some radio executives were skeptical about a need for two stations. They noted each AM station has such a strong signal and so much audience reach that adding an FM signal worth guarantee a larger audience."

ICS Mission KUPN 1480 now Sponish, Z-Spanish, from relaying ICCTIV/ MN Minneapolis WCCO 830 and Richfield KKMS 980 drop AM stereo. MN St. Paul KLBB 1400 and Brooklyn Park KLBP 1470 are now owned by Minnesota Public Radio, which adventises them as "Full monophonic sound," and "Cool, Baby." [fall 1450."

MS Meridian WFFX 1450 was silent, now "News/ [and sports. MO Springfield KIDS 1340 had been silent; now travelinformation/

NY New York for a long time had Jean Shepherd as a "radio novelist." I heard him at Syracuse. He talked about Ovaltine and other stories in his career. I was disappointed he didn't talk about the industry. But that's the way Shepherd was. He died at 78 in FL in retirement.

PA McConnellsburg WVFC (formerly WMEX, whose calls go back to MA) 1530 on after a year's hiatus by relaying non co-owned WEEO 103.7 there.

PA Reading WEEU 830, having moved from 850. [standards. TX Woodville KVLL 1490 returns to air with country, oldies and/

VA Arlington WABS 780 being sold to Salem for \$4.1 million.

"Sonlight 780" joins Salem's WAVA 105.1 Washington DC. WAVA
(AM) formerly operated on 780. Salem paid \$20 million for WAVA
(FM) in 1992.

WA Olympia KAYO 920 had been silent; returns with a simulcost of IXAA 96.1, "Mix 96.1" (which changes from "Mix 96 FM").

PR Aquadilla WWNA 1340 returns to air as "Una 1340," a Puerto Rico format similar to the Mexican Ranchera. Was silent as WNOZ.

# FMakings—Selected FCC and Industry Canada applications

AZ Show Low KNAA \*90.7 300 watts h,v CA Laytonville \*91.9 130 h,v; 666 m, Educ. Media Fou.

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 *91.9 1400 h,v; 712 m, Family Stations, Inc.
CO Larmar *91.3 (WJFM 88.5 Baton Rouge LA)
CO Meeker *88.5 100 v, 337 m, Educ. Coms. of CO Sprs
CO Trinidad *89.7 (WJFM)
FL Tavares *91.5 100 h,v; 58 m, Central FL Educ. Fou.
FL Union Park WPOZ *88.3 1800 h, no d-a
GA Calhoun *91.3 3000 h,v; 30 m, Lifetalk Bostg. Assn.
 *91.3 100 h,v; 112 m, W. Coast Educational, Inc.
IL Woodstock *91.7 2000 h,v; 61 m, d-a, Family Stns. Inc
IN Indianapolis WICR *88.7 279 m
LA Ferriday *91.5 (WJFM)
LA Lafayette *88.1 (KAWZ 89.9 Twin Falls ID)
MI Carson City *91.5 800 v, 40 m, Gt. Lakes Com. Bostg.
MI Traverse City WICA *91.5 4000 h,v; 228 m, d-a
MS Laurel *88.7 (WJFM)
                             INC Williamston *90.5
MO Rogersville *88.7 (KAWZ)
                               (WJFM)
MT Bozeman *89.5 1800 v, 215 m, Educ. Media Fou.
MT Butte *89.3 3000 v, 527 m, Family Stations, Inc.
 *89.7 3000 h,v; 554 m, Your Network of Praise
MT Helena *89.5 1800 v, 221 m, Educ. Media Fou.
 KVCM *103.1 6000 h,v; 608 m
MT Whitehall *89.7 18000 h,v; 564 m, CO Christ. U
NE Hickman *88.9 1 h, 35000 v, 87 m, Ed. Med. Fou.
NJ Warren 93.7, 93.9 10 w, Lucent Technologies' ex-
 perimental station WL2XUC.
NC Burlington *91.9 (WPCS 89.5 Pensacola FL)
                                 OH Findlay *89.7
NC Edenton *90.7 (WJFM)
NC Elizabeth City *90.7 (WJFM)
                                   100 h.v: 31 m.
NC Havelock *90.1 (WJFM)
NC Monroe *88.1 (WJFM)
                             |SD Huron *88.7 (WJFM)
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Educ. Media Fou.

NC Wilmington \*91.3 130 h,v; 29 m, Friends of Pub. R. ND Williston \*88.1 (WJFM)

OR La Grande \*88.9 (KLOV 89.3 Winchester), Oregon Public Broadcasting feels its 89.9 translator here is threatened, and is filing for a full power station on 90.3. In Baker City its 91.5 translator frequency is being challenged by a full power application by a religious broadcaster. OPB is thus filing for 88.9, and "similar applications have been made for Lakeview and Tillamook" (see Oct. p. 9, col. 1.). Now "the shoe is on the

other foot," writes Craig P., Portland. SC Clinton \*88.1 (WJFM) [WY Lander \*90.7 (WJFM) SC Union \*91.9 (WJFM) [WY Sheridan \*90.5 (WJFM) TN Brentwood \*90.7 (WMOT 89.5 Murfreesboro) UT St. George \*90.3 (WJFM) JWY Rock Springs \*88.7 Wi La Crosse \*89.9 (WJFM) (WJFM) W! Spring Valley \*90.1 580 v. 151 m. d-a. CSN Int'l. WY Rawlins \*88.1 (WJFM) JAB Lethbridge 106.7 100-

WY Riverton \*88.7 (WJFM) 000 h,v (CJOC 1220 AM) MB Swan River 93.3 250 h,v; CINC Thompson relayer NB Campbellton \*88.9 10000 h,v (CBFX 100.7 Montreal) NF Clarenville \*93.7 11000 h,v, CBC-CBGander relayer

NF St. Johns-the CRTC has called for applications here for a new FM, with formal apps. by Dec. 3. ON Barrie 97.7C3-apps. by CHUM, Ltd. (r), Larche

Communications (op format) 107.5 26000 Rock 95 Bostg. (r, CHR)

ON Belleville 100.1 40000 h,v; Anthony Zwieg (k) ON Hamilton 94.7A—3 apps. (k, j or r format) PQ Amos \*88.3 32400 h,v, CBC, CBFX 100.7 relayer

### FM Rulemakings Proposed First date is for filing comments at the FCC; second date is for replies. Stations affected, if any, are listed

FL Inglis 104.3A, at a site 11.1 km N., Dec. 6, 21 [Dec. 6, 21 IL Wotseka 95.9A, 5.4 km NW because of WKKD-FM 95.9A Autore IL/ IA Keasaugue 102.1C3, Dec. 6, 21 MM Fairmont (move from St. James) 100.5C2, IOAC, Nov. 29, Dec. 14 MO Osceole 100.3A (from 92.3A), \*KCVJ, Nov. 29, Dec. 14 MO Sedalia 92.3A (from 92.1A), KSDL, Nov. 29, Dec. 14 MT Albertson 106.7C3, Dec. 6, 21

MT Big Sky 96.3A, at a site 7.1 km W., Dec. 6, 21 OH Ashville (move from Chillicothe) 93.38, WKKJ, Dec. 20, Jan. 4 OR Keno 94.9A, replies Nov. 16 | LA Empire (move from Grand Isle) SD Box Elder 102.7A, Dec. 6, 21 104.5C2 for A, KBIL, Dec. 20, Jan. 4 TX Charlotte 93.3A, at a site 14 km W., Dec. 6, 21 TX Gardendale (move from Monahans) 102.1C, KFZK, Dec. 6, 21 TX Seymour 98.7A, at a site 10.1 km S., Dec. 6, 21

### FM Rulemakings Finalized No filing windows because of freeze

CA Encinites (move from Oceanside) 102.1B, IOST IL Staunton (move from Mount Ofive; not going to Oregon IL) 105.3A,

All Holton (move from Fremont) 100.1A, WSHN-FA MN Elk River (move from Princeton) 106.1C2, KLCI. "Won't change tower." MT Frenchtown-dismissed 106.7C2 bid. NE Pleasant Dale—dismissed Mtm. West's 99.1A bid.

OH Hilliard (move from Marysville) 105.7A, WZAZ-FM

# MI Broadcaster Takes Back Station After Checks Bounce

Abruptly at 10:30 a.m. Sept. 27 the urban contemporary music of "The Whip" ended on WCXT 105.3 Hart MI, and Waters Broadcasting reasserted control (see last month p. 2, col. 1). The LMA (local marketing agreement) with Harbor Broadcasting would have led to a \$2.8 million sale of the station.

However, Waters Broadcasting of Grand Rapids was still the licensee, and responsible to the FCC for everything that went over the air. Nancy Waters, owner, said she gave the buyers several extensions, but when they failed to meet the last deadline, she took control. Waters said how she built WCXT "from the ground up" 15 years ago. She praised Keith Curry of "The Whip" and called their staff people "hard workers."

"I never wanted to sell to one of those huge companies that already owned 200 or 300 stations. I like Harbor Pointe because they were local," but she was concerned about the controversial content of the morning show.

Earlier, Harbor Pointe Entertainment was named in a lawsuit by a bank foreclosing on a mortgage for the "Harbor Point Complex." A lender was reported to have gotten "worried and scared" when Haibor Pointe "lost control of a radio station it was trying to buy."

"WHIP missed several payments and neglected filing necessary paperwork," said James M. Graves, Jr., 14th Circuit judge. "There has been a consistent pattern of missing deadlines. checks bouncing, extensions being granted and dates not being met."

## Small Print Happenings and FM Industry News

Saga Communications expands in Iowa, taking three stations in the Spencer market-KICD-FM 107.7-AM and KIGL 104.9 for \$6.4 million. In Los Angles, Cox agrees to sell KACE 103.9 Inglewood and KRTO 98.3 West Covina to Hispanic Broadcasting for \$75 million cash.

The FCC has postponed its launch of digital radio broadcasting. The NAB asked the FCC to move quickly to establish an in-band, on channel DAB system. But the FCC is leaving open the possibility of a new band of frequencies for digital broadcasting, such as Canada and much of the rest of the world employs. "The FCC's reply comment period for the low power FM radio proposal will now be extended beyond Nov. 5," comments the NAB in its Radioweek. I have not obtained confirmation of any LPFM deadline.

Several rock musicians have decided LPFM needed a little "rock'n'roll sexiness," and have banded together to promote the cause. They see it as a way of increasing airplay for their music, and want FM brought "back to the people." Signing up are the Indigo Girls, Bonnie Raitt, Jackson Browne, Minutemen founder Mike Watt, Jenny Toomey and Archer Prewitt.

Two new FCC bureaus come into existence as part of its five-year reorganization plan. The new enforcement bureau consolidates many functions of the common carrier and mass media bureaus. Two of its four divisions are of interest to broadcasters—the technical and public safety division, responsible for issues like tower lighting and unauthorized operations; the investigations division will handle non-technical complaints against stations, such as indecency and unauthorized transfer of control. The other new bureau is that of consumer information. It will include service to persons with disabilities. FCC chieftain William Kennard said the starting of these bureaus "signals the enormous importance of these functions in our transition from an industry regulator to a market facilitator."

The NC Association of Broadcasters Hurricane Floyd appeal, carried regionally on 133 stations, netted \$2.3 million, with hundreds of e-mail pledges to be counted. NAB prez. Eddie Fritts said, "Their life-saving disaster relief efforts and round-the-clock coverage prove once again that in a time of crisis, local broadcasters have an unparalleled commitment to community,

John Wismer, 85, who owned WSAQ 107.1-AM and its Muzak SCSes, dies in Port Huron MI. He started at WHLS in 1947 and eventually bought the station, adding FM, and later WAOP Oswego and WLEW Bad Axe. He was crabby to me when I met him a few years ago, but later signed the check for a demo radio I sold them to get various SCS and SAPrograms.

From the classifieds: AM-FM vintage radio show from the '60s & 70s "from all over the USA and Canada," \$8 for a 90-minute cassette. Dave Freeman, PO Box 858, New Hampton NY 10958; <a href="http://www. freeye:low.com/members/davesAirchecks/DavesAir checks.html>, E-mail: <Fre955771@aol.com>,

Want to buy FM or AM in RI, MA or CT, noncomm or comm, will consider partnership, M. Cardillo, (401) 942-8341.

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CONTRIBUTIONS FROM READERS Mark Humphrey at WPLY 100.3 Media PA is trying to rid the Philadelphia area of intermodulation problems. He has a BO ("B zero") plan which is spelled out on the Internet at <a href="http://www.wply.">http://www.wply.</a> com/b-zero.htm>. The situation is not unlike what occurred in the Minneapolis-St. Paul MN area a few years ago involving the IDS Building and its transmitters. "Not only would this allow our problem to be corrected without a rule waiver (but) we expect it would help other broadcasters."

John Clark mentions Clear Channel/AMFM merging. They are expected to sell off several of the AMFM Albany holdings, such as WPYX 106.5-WGNA-FM 107.7-WTRY 98.3-WABT 104.5-AMs.

Until December,



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DOUG BREWER IN FL PUTS HIS UNLICENSED FM STATION BACK ON THE AIR—EMBOLDENED BY STRANGE FCC STATION APPROVAL IN TEXAS, WHILE "PRAYZE FM" COMES BACK ON THE AIR IN HARTFORD. P. 5. AM AUCTION TO SETTLE WHO GETS BETTER NIGHTTIME FACILITIES ON 1190, NOW THAT WOWO FORT WAYNE HAS REDUCED POWER. SEE P. 7, COL. 2. FCC PROPOSES DIGITAL FM IN AREA NOW OCCUPIED BY TV CHANNEL 6. SEE STORY P. 9, COL. 1. QUIRKY KBUX 94.3 QUARTZBITE AZ FOR SALE BY MA AND PA DWNERB. P. 10, COL. 3. ALBO A BMALL MONOPHONIC KENTUCKY STATION'S FOR SALE—SKINHEADS GOOD PROSPECTS TO BUY IT? INCLUDES HOUSE AND GARAGE, P. 4, COL. 3.

# **New FM Station, Translator Grants**

Translators have less than 100 watts unless shown otherwise

AL Huntsville W209BL \*89.7 (KAWZ 89.9 Twin Falls ID translator), v[ertical polarization only].

AK Deadhorse (S. Prudhoe Bay) \*88.1 90 watts h,v; 32 m, Silakkuagvik Communications, Inc. [250 watts h,v AK Juneau K217DO \*91.3 (KLOV 89.3 Winchester/

AK Kenai K209CG \*89.7 (KAWZ), h[orizontal] AK Unalaska K202DB \*88.3 (WJCG 88.9 Monee IL),/

AZ Clifton K218CY \*91.5 (KAWZ), h,v

AZ Holbrook K217CN \*91.3 (KAWZ), h,v

AZ Phoenix K248AL 97.5 (KAWZ), h,v

AZ Yuma K211DO \*90.1 (KAWZ), v [CA, 250 w h,v AR Arkadelphia K208CQ \*89.5 (KLVC 88.3 Magalia/

AR Fayetteville K240AS 95.9 (KISR 93.7 Fort Smith),

140 h.v. Reinstated, but at more power K276CO 103.1 (KFAY-FM 98.3 Bentonville), h, rein-

[Educational Opportunities, Inc. stated

AR Hampton KBPW \*88.1 250 h,v; 79 m,/

AR Havana K285AY 104.9 (KZKZ 106.3 Greenwood), h,v, reinstated (had KKPT 94.1 Little Rock).

AR Hope K216DP \*91.1 (KLOV 89.3 Winchester OR),

(way), 220 h

AR Little Rock K244CB 96.7 (KASR 92.7 Con-/ AR Pine Bluff K204DO \*88.7 (KAWZ), h,v

AR Texarkana K244BE 96.7 (KZHE 100.5 Stamps AR),

CA Arcata K211DJ \*90.1 (KLOV 89.3 Winchester/ CA Azalea (Mount Shasta [the mountain]) K212FD \*90.3

(KVIP-FM 98.1 Redding), h,v CA Coarsegold (just SW Oakhurst) K218CZ \*91.5

(KTLW 88.9 Lancaster), v

CA Firebaugh K211DG \*90.1 (KAWZ), h,v

CA Fort Jones K202- \*88.3 (KVIP-FM), h,v

CA Hams Station (SW South Lake Tahoe, ENE Pine Grove) \*90.1 100 watts v, 285 m, d-a (directional antenna), Your Christian Companion Network

CA Johnstownville K201FS \*88.1 (KEFX 88.9 Twin Falls/

CA Mariposa K214CT \*90.7 (KAWZ), v

CA McFarland K209DN \*89.7 (KCZO 92.1 Carrizo [K215DH \*90.9 (KTLW), v Springs TX), h,v

CA Squaw Valley (E. Fresno, N. Woodlake)/

CA Victorville K212EK \*90.3 (KAWZ), h,v

CA Visalia K289AG \*105.7 (KAWZ), v

CA Weaverville K218Cl \*91.5 (KAWZ), v

CA Westwood K212DK \*90.3 (KAWZ), v

CO Antonito K207DA \*89.3 (KTLF 90.5 Colorado Springs), h,v (transmitter in NM, E. of Chama). CO Cardiff (at the SE edge of Glenwood Springs) K216ES \*91.1 (KTLF), h,v CO Colona (SE Montrose) K216EU \*91.1/

DE Pike Creek (10.4 km WNW Wilmington at 39-45.45; 75-40.03) WBMO \*88.1 90 watts v, 37 m, d-a, Red Clay School District

GA Blue Ridge W203BA \*88.5 (KAWZ), h,v

GA Milledgeville W201BN \*88.1 (KAWZ), h,v FL Gainesville W204BL \*88.7 (KLOV), h,v

GA Sparta \*88.7 2000 v, 41 m, Augusta Radio Fellowship Institute

GA Waleska W2I14AS \*90.7 (KAWZ), h.v.

GA Warner Robins W202BA \*88.3 (KAWZ), h,v

IL University Park (transmitter W. of Hammond IN, NNW Chicago Heights) W207BI "89.3 (WW'GN 88.9 Ot-

[Salt & Light Ministries tawa), h,v IN Linton \*90.1 400 h,v; 43 m,/ (FL), 170 v

IA Sioux City K220HO \*91.9 (WPCS 89.5 Pensacola/ KS Emporia K205CT \*88.9 (KAWZ), 250 v

KS Healy (NE Scott City) K203DF \*88.5 (KJIL 99.1 Copeland), 230 v

KY Somerset W201CE \*88.1 (KLOV), h,v

MI Fremont W206AZ \*89.1 (WAAQ 88.5 Mackinaw City), **[Community Broadcasters**]

MI Monroe WJOF \*88.1 10000 v, 75 m, d-a, Northland/ MI Pinconning 104.1 4100 h,v; 112 m, Russell J. Lafave

MO Branson K204CN \*88.7 (KAWZ), h,v

MO Bolivar K201AA \*88.1 (KCVO 91.7 Camdenton), v MO Joplin K202AN \*88.3 (KSMU 91.1 Springfield), h

MO Osage Beach K210AG \*89.9 (KBIA 91.3 Columbia),

MO St. Joseph K220FX \*91.9 (KAWZ), h,v

MT Great Falls K201DC \*88.1 (KAWZ), h,v

MT Hamilton K204CX \*88.7 (KAWZ), h,v

NV Indian Springs K216DJ \*91.1 (KEFX), h,v

NV Pahrump K211DC \*90.1 (KAWZ), h,v

NV Reno K292EX \*106.3 (KAWZ), h,v [(KAWZ), h,v NV Riepetown (NW Ely, SSW McGill) K217DN \*91.3/

NV Tonopah K209DO \*89.7 (KAWZ), h,v

NM Alamogordo K205DE \*88.9 (KCZO), h,v

NY Baldwinsville W207BH \*89.3 (WCIY 88.9 Canan-

NY Lockport W211BH \*90.1 (KEAR 106.9 San Francisco CA, despite its ability to receive WFBF 89.9 Buffelo NY directly (same ownership), v

NY Watertown \*90.1 1000 h,v; 152 m, Liberty Communications (see also "Deletions," below)

NC Buxton \*90.5 5900 h,v; 47 m, U. of NC/Chapel Hill. See also "Deletions.") [\*88.9 (KAWZ), h,v

OH Pemberville (NENE Bowling Green) W2058P/

OK Ardmore \*91.1 250 h,v; 51 m, to be \$, g, American Family Assn. Will K220EX 91.9 there delete, or might it relay another AFR station?

OK Duncan K205DQ \*88.9 (KVRS 90.3 Lawton), 140 v OK Lawton KJRF \*91.1 10000 h,v; 126 m, d-a, The

Christian Center, Inc. OR Bookings K211DU \*90.1 (KAWZ), h,v

OR Coos Bay K206AI \*89.1 (KSOR 90.1 Ashland), h

OR Florence K204DP \*88.7 (KAWZ), v

OR Grants Pass K249BS \*97.7 (KEAR 106.9 San Francisco), 110 h, apparently reinstated.

OR Hood River K220HR \*91,9 (KBOO 90.7 Portland), h,v

OR Island City (E. of La Grande, but transmitter actually S. of La Grande) K213DB \*90.5 (KEFX), v

OR La Grande K202CF \*88.3 (KAWZ), 120 v

OR Scio K220HP \*91.9 (KLRO 88,1 Nile WA), h,v

PA Hawley \*89.5 1100 h,v; 167 m, g, Sound of Life-in a settlement agreement that saw Four Rivers Community Broadcasting wanting 89.1 there and Mercer County Community College, which wanted 89.5 in Pen

Argyl PA, withdrawing their applications. SC South Charleston (location unknown) W201CH \*88.1/ SD Freeman \*90.5 9000 h,v; 246 m, VCY America, Inc.

TN Nashville WAYB-1 \*88.7 80 watts h,v booster of

Columbia TN station. [TN Educational, Inc. TN New Johnsonville WHYQ \*89.7 300 h,v; 144 m,/

TN Spencer \*90.1 30 watts h,v; 180 m, Class A, Optimum Impact, Inc. (see also "Deletions").

TX Houston K218DA \*91.5 (KTRU 91.7 there), h,v

TX North Richland Hills K217BS \*91.3 (KNYD 90.5 Broken Arrow OK), 170 h,v. It did not delete because of KDKR \*91.3 Decatur TX, but has a system in place to reduce the area of interference between the two. Actually, KDKR's site is some distance NNW of Decatur.

UT Ephraim K213DC \*90.5 (KAWZ), h,v UT Weltsville K201FT \*88.1 (KEFX), v

VA Danville W219CL \*91.7 (WRXT 90.3 Roanoke), h,v VA Emporia 99.5 6000 h,v; 100 m, d-a, Wm. P. Meacham-in a settlement agreement.

VA Madison Heights (Lynchburg area) W204AZ \*88.7 (KAWZ), h,v

WA Ariel K220HS \*91.9 (KEFX), v

WA Delphi K220HQ \*91.9 (KEFX), v

WA Etna (NE Hazel Dell at 45-59-37; 122-35-42; same coordinates as Ariel, above) K216ET \*91.1 (KAWZ), v

WA Fall City K258AM \*99.5 (KAWZ), h,v. Had requested **(Sound Public Radio** 

WA Mount Vernon \*91.7 170 h,v; 390 m, d-a, Northern/ WA Sequim K216ER \*91.1 (KAWZ), h,v

WI Alma W206BA \*89.1 (KSFI 92.9 Rochester MN), 250 h.v. Transmitter to be in MN

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"Alice" Invades Philly; Buffalo Was No "Wonderland"

WI Wausau W201AA \*88.1 (WXPR 91.7 Rhinelander) h. reinstated. WXPW \*91.9 Wausau only relays WXPR parttime, when sharetimer WLBL-FM 91.9 is on air. WY Casper K214DI \*90.7 (KSKD 93.3 Chowchilla CA),

WY Douglas \*91.7 450 h,v; -16 m, U. of Wyoming BC Duncan CKAY 89.7, rm, \$, 2150 h, 506 m, d-a, to replace AM 1500. "CKAY is a mom & pop station that is fulltime locally programmed and serves a predominately rural farming and forestry-based community. iminster BC relay.

BC Masset 94.1 13 h, 21 m, CFMI 101.1 New West-/ BC Victoria CKXM-FM (AM is in Shawinigan PQ) 91.3, k. \$, 1770 h, 494 m, d-a, commercial, to replace AM . "I filed an intervention with the CRTC regarding this application [saying] a) it's a waste of FM spectrum. especially considering the clear-channel status of the AM signal; b) region well-served by a number of country stations; c) the frequency should be reserved for a noncommercial station. Simon Fraser University in Vancouver, who also wanted 91.3, intervened. CKXM and other applicants must pay costs of finding SFU another suitable FM frequency. The CBC also wanted this for a French-language [relayer] of CBUF \*97.7 Vancouver but were told by the CRTC to consider one of the freed-up AM frequencies (1200 or 1590)." CKXM has offered to lease its AM transmitter on 1200 to the CBC for \$1/year once it moves to FM. 107.3 CFBZ 20000 h, 203 m, \$, p, modern and

AM to FM as they already own 'The Ocean' CIOC [Class B, \$(tereo), to replace AM 1410. NS Port Hawkesbury CIGO 101.5 19000 h, 171 m./ ON Chapleau CFJW \*93.7 50 watts h,v; 23 m, mono. Aliman D. Pellow, 35 Connaught St., Chapleau ON P0M 1K0, to be used for "emergency messages to the Chapleau community" in English and French, No. ads or music allowed. "Licensee must test the system. one hour each month and broadcast an annual emergency exercise which could last up to four hours." Because its operation is so irregular, I do not plan to list

alternative rock. "License went to Seacoast

Communications Group, owner of CFAX 1070. Rogers

Broadcasting denied application to convert CJVI 900

in the FM Atlas. ["music, CHUM, Ltd. ON London 102.3 4800 h,v; rm, 127 m, d-a, "adult hit/ PQ Amos \*88.3 32400 h,v, CBFX 100.7 Montreal relayer, to have a tm (talk and music) format.

TM Reynosa XHCAO 89.1 100000 h,v, \$, Spanish ballads, transmitter at Dias Ordas TM, Radio Grupo ACIR, "Inolvidable" ("unforgettable").

Temporary Stations—Not to be in the FM Atlas NS Cow Bay VF7073 106.9 50 v, 42 m, \$, on until 1-2-00 PE Abram-Village VF7057 90.3, French, \$, 44 v, 23 m PE Charlottetown VF7050 90.3, French, \$, 44 v, 9 m. Both of above to be on Dec. 11-16.

# Call Letters Assigned

[The FCCell signs' desk was closed during late October while it replaced its manual system with a "mandatory online system." The new system is to be used by all stations wanting to change calls, or for new stations requesting call letters. It will "prevent users from filing defective or incomplete call sign requests." The online address can be found through <www.fcc.gov/mmb>.1

AL Birmingham 93.7 WDJC"-FM" (from WDJC-AM: AM has new calls)

AL Montgomery 92.3 WLWI-FM (WLWI) (calls) 101.9 WHHY"-FM" (WHHI-FM; AM has new/ AZ Lake Havasu City 96.7 KBBC"-FM" (KBBC-FM; AM has new calls)

AR Dermott 105.7 KRKD (KDTL)

CA Paso Robles 92.5 KWSR (KDDB), \*Star 92.5\*

CA Seaside 103.9 KTEE (KISE)

CA Temecula 94.5 KTMK

CA La Junta \*89.1 KRLJ

CO Lamar 93.3 KSNZ (KSEC)

FL Key West 93.5 WKEY-FM (WKRY), "Key 93." AM is in Covington VA.

FL Sarasota 102.5 WOZX (WHPT), op. "New 102-5," but calls not yet recognized by the FCC. "Every two or three songs they openly attack 103.5 WTBT Bradenton FL, 'Thunder 103-5', by saying we played only 7 commercials last hour while Thunder played 10', for example,"

FL Vero Beach 101.7 WCZR (WXKA, and before that WBBE), t, mono now rs.

GA Athens 95.5 WBTS (WYAP), "95-5 The Beat,"/ GA Ellijay 93.5 WLJA"-FM" (WLJA-FM; AM has new calls).

GA Martinez 107.7 WPRW"-FM" (WUUS), Not 100.7, as shown last month p. 4, col. 2.

GA Rossville 105.5 WLMX"-FM" (WLMX-FM; AM\ HI Honolulu 98.5 KDNN (KKLV) (has new calls) 105.9 KAHA (KMKP)

IL Carthage 92.1 WQKQ (WNKK)

IN Seellyville 95.9 WWSY (WTHC), "Sunny 95.9" IN Terre Haute 99.9 WTHI"-FM" (WTHI-FM; AM has new calls).

IA Spencer 104.9 KLLT (KIGL), with Saga buying KS Independence \*88.5 KBQC

KY Paintsville 94.7 WKLW"-FM" (WKLW-FM; AM has new calls)

KY Russellville 101.1 WZTO (WJZC), "101 The/ LA Folsom 104.7 WSJZ (WYLK), j. smooth. "Shore 104.7." "We're using the new call letters now, but the new format won't come in until about Jan. 10-15. It IDs only as Folsom, but sometimes we mention 'Folsom-North Shore'. Our stations are big on promoting the north shore of Lake Pontchartrain."

ME Camden \*90.5 WMEP

MD Westminster 100.7 WZBA (WGRX), r, "The Bay, rock and roll without the hard edge." Its format "is extremely similar to Clear Channelowned WRVV 97.3 Harrisburg PA, only 80 km away. I have to wonder, with WRVV recently celebrating its seventh anniversary on-air, and currently at the number one spot in at least three demographic groups . . . is WZBA trying WRVV's format in the greater Baltimore market. which they cover?"

MA Brockton 97.7 WBOT (WCAV), returning to air MI Iron Mountain \*91.5 WBMU (\*Deletions,\* below. Mi Schoolcraft \*89.7 WBMY, to be \$, d-a. See/ MS Natchez 97.3 WNJJ (WTRC-FM), s, "Jams\ MO Jefferson City 104.1 KBQF [97.3" MO Jefferson City 104.1 KBQF

MT Colstrip 99.5 KBPY

NE Omaha 94.1 WOW"-FM" (WOW-FM). See "Selected AM Happenings," below. [Mexican NM Chama 95.9 KFLH (KYJY), ml, soft AC,/ NM Fruitland \*91.7 KTGW

NY Mount Kisco 106.3 WFAF (WZZN), r, relay of WFAS-FM 103.9 White Plains, "What a waste of bandwidth. WFAS-FM is heard clearly over most of its new partner's coverage area, and who needs their pap anyway?" WFAF is "WFAS

with a lisp!" WFAS-FM "recently upped their modulation to beyond distortion (mega-processing allowing no dynamic range) and now their simulcaster is adding an extra-shrill tonation to the already unbearable sound (I presume using a cheap FM over-the-air receiver feeding even more compression before being retransmitted). A listener-killer for sure," K.Z., Goldens Bridge

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NY Rome 96.1 WODZ-FM (WODZ: AM is in Johnstown PA). FCC mistakenly says WFRG 104.3 Utica is changing. (in Rochester changes) NY Webster 102.7 WDCZ"-FM" (WDCZ-FM; AM/

ND Kindred 92.7 KULW (KPHT), "Kool."

OH Lima 104.9 WUZZ-FM (WAJC); AM Is in Watertown NY.

OH North Kingsville 107.5 WPHR

OH Richwood 104.3 WJZK (WZJZ), "Jazz"

OK Coalgate 105.5 KBNB (KOFY) [has new calls)

OK Duncan 102.3 KKEN"-FM" (KKEN-FM; AM/

OK Sallisaw 95.9 KKBD (KMXJ), op, "Big Dog 96," seeks 50000 h,v; 146 m.

PA Charleroi 98.3 WOGI (WZKT)

PA Philadelphia 104.5 WLCE (WYXR), o, "Alice 104-5," rock hits of "the '80s, '90s and '70s" (in that order). "They couldn't win the head-to-head battle with WBEB 101.1 and the changes at WEJM 95.7 which also cut into the prior format. so they decided to try to move between WBEB's pop-rock-soul and the harder, older classic rock of WMGK 102.9." Hey, "What didn't work in Buffalo is being attempted in Philly? Alice...in wonderland?

SC Murrells Inlet \*88.3 WMBJ (WHGB), gr, parallel to WLFJ 89.3 Greenville ["Groovin' Carolina" SC Newberry 106.3 WGVC (WDXZ), so,/

TN Goodlettsville 97.1 WRQQ, r, CHR, "Star 97.1," \$[tereo], ID with Nashville. Was testing with low power, rk plus Sinatra. Facilities to 43000 h,v + beam tilt; 158 m, owned by Mid-TN Broadcasters, WQQK 92.1 Hendersonville.

TX Amarillo \*89.1 KXLV (KLMN) 94.1 KBUY-FM (not changing to KFNX), r, hot AC, "The Mix" [AM has new calls)

TX Kilgore 96.1 KKTX"-FM" (KKTX-FM;/ TX Lytle \*91.3 KZLV (KXPZ), 3800 h,v (92 m), \*K-/

TX New Uim 92.3 KNRG (KMIA), "Energy" TX Ore City 106.9 KAZE (KKLK), "The Blaze"

TX Plainview \*88.5 KPMB

TX Rudolph \*90.7 KTER (KBPO)

TX Winona 102.7 KBLZ (KBKV), \$, s, "The Blaze," serving Tyler and Longview. No jocks in its initial operation.

UT Cedar City 92.5 KCIN (KSSD), "Kickin" UT Roy 107.9 KWKD (KSNU), m, Christmas music with no ads. "The signal seems to have improved" (see last month p. 4, col. 3).

VT Bolton \*91.5 WGLY"-FM" (WCMK)

VT Woodstock \*91.5 (from 91.7) WCMK (WCKP), to 1000 h.v; 276 m. d-a. C3

VA Suffolk WWSO"-FM" (WFOG-FM [its AM is in Riverhead NY]), "Jammin' Oldies" [Monkey" WA Eatonville 104.9 KFNK (KKBY), "Funky/

WI Barron 97.7 WAQE-FM (WKFX), r. hot AC. "Star 97.7." This frequency now IDing as Barron, rather than Rice Lake.

WI Rice Lake 99.1 WKFX (WAQE-FM), o, classic hits. This frequency now IDing as Rice Lake WY Glendo 100.1 KYOD (KUUY).

WY Laramie 96.7 KKRR (KBPV)

WY Lost Cabin 99.1 KSXZ

WY Powell \*90.1 KUWP AB Taber 93.3

WY Sundance \*91.5 KUWD CHHK (CKTA)

VI Frederiksted 101.7 WMYP (WREY)

MB South Indian Lake 96.9 CISI

MB Waterhen 93.5 CIWR

MB Winnipeg 93.5 CFEQ (not CFRK), 95 m (22 w), v only. Its nonID is spelled "Freq 93-5." NF Mount Pearl (St. John's) \*92.3 CICQ

ON Timmins 104.1 CHYK-FM (CKOY); AM is in Kapuskasing.

PQ Montreal 93.5 CBM (CBM-FM)

PQ Rimouski \*89.1 CBCF, 32 m, d-a (5500) h only PQ Ste-Anne-de-Beaupre \*89.9 CBVX-1, \$, 3 m, d-a (120) h (only), Class A1

# **Facilities Changes Granted**

AK Anchorage KMXS 103.1 51000 h,v; 6 m, d-a, C1 AK Kenai K285EF 104.9 (from K283AB 104.5), 250 h AR Little Rock (move from North Little Rock) K228DC 93.5, 220 h

AR Prescott K209CV \*89.7 (from K205CQ 88.9), 250 h,v CA Arroyo Grande K244DE \*96.7 has KAWZ (not KEAR)

CA Atascadero KiQO 104.5 4700 h,v; 440 m

CA Burney K224CM 92.7 apparently with KMJC 107.9 Mount Shasta (from KAWZ 89.9 Twin Falls ID, which is now on K203CU 88.5 there).

CA Desert Hot Springs K288DR \*105.5 has KRTM 88.9 Temecula (from KAWZ). KRTM now g[ospel]. [Weed). CA Dorris K235AG \*94.9 has KAWZ (not KWHO 102.3/

CA El Cajon KHTS 93.3 50000 h,v; 147 m

CA Grass Valley KNCO-FM 94.1 (from 94.3)

CA Laurel (back to, from Felton; Laurel is 11.5 km S. Los Gatos) K216AX \*91.1

CA Oakhurst KAAT 103.1 -59 m (25000 h,v)

CA Project City K221CO \*92.1 has KAWZ (from KLVC 88.3 Magalia)

CA Rio Dell KMGX 107.3 3300 h,v (519 m) [Prunedale) CA Salinas K252CK \*98.3 has KAWZ (not KLVM 89.7/

CA San Fernando KBUA 94.3 29 m (3000 h,v)

CA Santa Ana KALI-FM 106.3 100 m (6000 h,v)

CA Santa Margarita KKAL 106.1 280 h,v; 454 m, d-a

CA Truckee K201FV \*88.1, v (from K203CN 88.5)

CA Willow Creek K259AL \*99.7 (from K254AF 98.7)

FL Carrabelle WOCY 106.5 147 m (100000 h,v)

FL Pensacola WBGP 98.7 43000 h.v. 160 m

FL Tice WJGO 102.9 48000 v, 50000 h, 142 m, d-a

GA Athens WMSL \*88.9 20000 h,v (96 m, d-a). Increase

in power expected by Dec. 31. Calls stand for "Wonderful Master Savior Lord."

GA Woodstock W262AH 100.3 (from W265AV/ HI Kahului KNÚI-FM 99.9 d-a, plus beam tilt.

IL Arlington Heights WKIE 92.7 1800 h,v; 116 m

IL Cairo WBEL \*88.5 34000 v, 196 m, C1

IL Carterville WXLT 95.1 25000 h,v; 100 m, one-step B1

IL Knoxville WBDW 105.3 3100 h,v; 139 m IL Oglesby WALS 102.1 1500 h,v; 142 m

IL Springfield WSCT \*90.5 3800 h,v; 123 m. FCC says "0", meters but I believe that's a mistake.

IN Evansville W204BM \*88.7 (from W211AW 90.1), v IN Rushville WRCR 94.3 171 m (740 h,v)

IA Boone KRKQ 98.3 41000 h,v; 165 m

IA Burlington (move from Mount Pleasant) KAYP \*89.9 16500 v, 100 m, C3

KS Salina KCVS \*91.7 11500 h,v; 228 m KS Topeka K209CR \*89.9 (back to, from K210CQ 89.9)/ LA Columbia KYEA 103.1 25000 h,v; 100 m, d-a, C3

LA Leesville KJAE 93.5 (from 92.7) 7500 h,v; 100 m, C3 ME Orono WMEB \*91.9 600 h,v; 52 m, adds vertical.

MA Turners Falls WPVQ 93.9 4300 h,v; 119 m MN Willmar K293AH \*106.5 to relay WNCB 89.3 Duluth (from KKJM 92.9 St. Joseph)

MO Cape Girardeau KCMQ 96.7 98000 h,v + beam tilt, 278 m, but supposedly with a modification to downgrade to a C3.

MO Festus KTBJ \*89.3 25000 h,v; 121 m, d-a, Class B MO Palmyra KICK 97.9 43000 h,v; 162 m

MT Big Sky K257AE 99.3—FCC lists as being in "West Fork" MT, which isn't on maps.

K252AC 98.3 110 h, use big type on FM Atlas' FMaps. MT Kalispell K232AS 94.3 130 h, deserves big type. NV North Las Vegas K296EC \*107.1 has KAWZ (from

KNLB 91.1 Lake Havasu City AZ) NV Reno K254AK \*98.7 (from K255AG 98.9), v

NV Sparks K210BT \*89.9 has KEFX (from KAWZ) NH Bedford WQLL 96.5 730 h,v; 285 m, d-a

NH Plymouth WPNH-FM 100.1 390 h,v; 388 m

NM Carlsbad K207CZ (from K207AE) \*89.3 with KLVN 93.3 Chowchilla CA (from WJCG 88.9 Monee IL), v NM Rio Rancho KZKL 101.7 5800 h,v; 34 m

NY Argyle WNGN \*91.9 2000 h,v (174 m), d-a

NY Ithaca WQNY 103.7 15500 h,v; 268 m, no d-a NY Malone WVNV 96.5 15000 h,v; 129 m, d-a

NY Poughkeepsie WKNQ 92.1 520 h,v; 314 m, d-a

NY Windham (move from Jewett) WRIP 97.9 NC Wilmington WHQR \*91.3 60000 h,v; 348 m, d-a, C1

ND Nash (move from St. Thomas) K213BQ \*90.5 OH Cleveland WDOK 102.1 12000 h,v (306 m)

OH Delphos WBIE \*91.5 5500 h,v; 98 m, no d-a OH Kettering WLQT 99.9 28000 h.v: 200 m

OH Sandusky W202AW \*88.3 120 h,v-deserves big type on the FMaps. [25000 h,v; 100 m

OK Healdton (move from Pauls Valley) KGOK 97.7/ OK Marlow KFXI 92.1 119 m (100000 h,v)

OR Colton K216EH \*91.1 has KAWZ (not KEFX). KEFX is on 88.9, not "88.7," FM Atlas-18 p. 158.

OR Gold Beach K201EQ \*88.1 v (from h,v) OR Grants Pass KAPK \*91.1 500 h,v (22 m)

OR Newport KLCO \*90.5 256 m (3000 h,v)

PA Ephrata WRTL \*90.7 850 v, 265 m, d-a WIOV-FM 105.1 11000 h,v; 310 m

PA Nanticoke WQFM 92.1 660 h,v (303 m)

SC Greenville W213-- \*90.5 (from W214BC 90.7), h,v

SC Kingstree K204AL \*88.7 has KAWZ (from WMHK 89.7 Columbia) [and not with WMHK

SC Myrtle Beach W209AI \*89.7 confirmed with KAWZ,/ SD Brookings K294AU \*106.7 to WNCB 89.3 Duluth MN (from KCGN 101.5 Ortonville MN)

SD Murray Butte (believed to be S.E. Midland; move from Midland) K288DP 105.5.

SD Rapid City (new)( 106.3 96 m (100000 h.v), C1 SD Spearfish KSLT 107.3 579 m (100000 h,v)

TN Oak Ridge WNFZ 94.3 2550 h,v; 154 m

TN Red Bank WAWL \*91.5 d-a (11000 h,v; 100 m) ja C1 TX Archer City KRZB 97.5 150 m (50000 h,v), but to be/

TX Highland Village KRJT-FM 100.7 508 m (100000 h,v), although earlier CP for 561 m (100000 h,v) also valid.

TX Irving K213BP \*90.5 has KDKR 91.3 Decatur (from KMSI 88.1 Moore OK), power reduced to less than 100 watts (h,v) "because an adjacent channel station complained of interference." [moving from Liano.

TX Marble Falls KBAE 104.9 9500 h,v (245 m), C3. It's/ TX Quanah KIXC 100.9 50000 h,v; 150 m, C2

TX Silsbee KWDX 101.7 11500 h,v; 147 m, one-step C3 UT Tooele K203CA \*88.5 (from K202CD 88.3), v

VA Norfolk WHRV \*89.5 22000 h,v; 229 m WA Goldendale KYYT 102.3 d-a WA Naches KREW-FM 99.3 790 h,v; 274 m [step C1 WA Raymond KFMY 97.7 4300 h,v; 417 m, d-a, one-/ WA Seattle KZOK 102.5 715 m + beam tilt (63000 h.v) WA Vancouver KKLQ 105.9 81000 h,v; 329 m, C1 WI Forestville WRKU 102.1 400 h,v; 152 m WY Sheridan K285CE 104.9 to 100 h,v; big FMap type. PR San German WZGX \*91,7 75000 v, 111 m, d-a AB Grande Prairie CJXX 93.1 269 m (100000 h,v) AB Taber CKTA 174 m, d-a (50000 h,v), C1, to be \$ BC Chase CBTK- 95.5 137 m, d-a (87 watts) h only, A BC Prince Rupert 100.7 26 watts h,v; 84 m, to be \$[tereo] BC Vancouver CFSR 104.9 14000 h,v (553 m, d-a), as actually built (adding vertical).

BC Whistler CISW 102.1 -306 m, d-a (590) h only, Class A. Industry Canada says it is stereo, but known to be operating monophonically.

MB Brandon CKLF 94.7 326 m, d-a (100000 h,v), \$[tereo] MB Winkler/Morden 93.5 52 m (100000 h,v), C1, to be \$ NF Gander CKXD (calls changed from CKXD-FM) 98.7 (from 103.7), to replace 1010 AM. To be \$[tereo].

NF Roberts Arm CKXG- 92.7 116 m (4500 h.v), A, \$ ON Chatham CKUE 94.3 134 m (50000 h,v), B

ON Englehart 103.1 119 m (17 watts) v only, to be \$ ON Kirkland Lake CJKL 101.5 adds horizontal

ON Newmarket CKDX 88.5 183 m, d-a (11300 h,v) ON Penetanguishene CFRH 88.1 147 m (4500 h.v), B, \$

ON Sudbury CJTK \*95.5 1400 h,v; 156 m, Class A

ON Sunderland CJKX-1 89.9 1900 h.v. 110 m. A ON Thunder Bay CJLB 105.3 309 m (100000 h), C

PQ Ste-Foy CHYZ 94.3 46 m, d-a (240 v) PQ St-Remi CHOC 104.9 15 m (1 watt v)

PQ Sherbrooke CBM-1 (from CFPP) \*89.7 23400 h, 220 m, \$ + beam tilt, Class B, relaying CBM 93.5 Montreal. PQ Trois-Pistoles CJFP-4 93.9 d-a (directional antenna) SK Moose Jaw 93.7 82 m (100000 h,v), C1, S[tereo] SK Regina \*102.5 820 h,v; 89 m, d-a, Class A

# Stereo—Or to be **\$**tereo

AK Anchorage KFAT 92.9, rs, CHR/rhythmic, "K-Fat."

AK Houston KQEZ 92.1, ID with Anchorage KAQX 96.3, m, Christmas music, "but we won't reveal the programming" after Dec. 25.

AR Atkins KRRD 99.3, "River Rock," ID with Russellville. "I do a request show at noon, and we ran contests. They're calling us every day," Ken.

CA Morro Bay KLMM 94.1, "is regional Mexican." CA Paso Robles KLUN 103.1, "is Spanish rock." CA Point Reyes Station KWMR \*90.5, kf, with

country, folk/blues, some classical, Latino (with both English and Spanish announcing), and spoken word. "We're the Point Reyes station-a play on words. One of our programmers who comes in on Sunday momings is 84 years old!"

CA San Luis Obispo KLVR \*88.5. \*All our stations\ CO Grand Junction KAFM \*88.1

CO Yuma KNEC 100.9, "Yuma's Own," still m, Jones Music of Your Life. "We're automated 24 hours a day, except for live segments at 7 a.m., noon and 5 p.m.\*

FL Homestead WRGP \*88.1, rs, plus a variety of other musics. "I'm playing retro, which includes music of the '80s, and then the format progresses." ID with Miami.

GA Helen WTFH \*89.9

GA Sparta WPMA \*102.7, g, parallel to WLPE 91.7 Augusta, which is also putting on the 88.7 FMedia! Page 4 CA's KCSM Acquires Ex Jazz Station KJAZ's Music Library December, 1999 station there (see "New," p. 1). "Mr. Barinowski has your FAX and he will get back to you about how the two stations in Sparta will be operated." ID Idaho Falls KOSZ-FM 105.5, using call letters. LA Lacombe WYLA 94.7, ID with New Orleans MA Truro WCDJ 102.3, facilities to 340 h.v; 30 m. "They were on the air for a while in stereo with 650 watts, but he is having some trouble with the town of Truro, and it is off the air. The power reduction must be because of the problems with

the town. They are hurrying to get on the air to

keep the license!" MS Tchula ("chula") WGNG 106.3, sr, parallel to WGNL 104.3 Greenwood. They ID jointly and use call letters. "It gets the signal from a big antenna on a hill." [Ennis-West Yellowstone. MT Big Sky KBFN 104.5, ID with Bozeman-/ NV Sun Valley KHXR 94.5, still "The Mountain." NM Santa Clara (move from Central) KNUW 95.3. "Central changed its name to Santa Clara, New May-hee-ko." (for Morning Edition. NY New York WNYC-FM \*93.9 takes stereo off/ NC Jefferson WMMY 106.1, k, "My Country 106 WMMY" (always said with call letters). ID with Boone. [Pinehurst-Aberdeen

NC Wilmington WDVV \*89.7, g, "The Dove" OR Cannon Beach KCBZ 96.5, still "Z 96 dot 5." "Hey, I can't afford your newsletter. That would cost 1/10 of our monthly electric bill to subscribe! We're one of the last individually owned stations, and came on the air under the old rules, before the FCC had auctions."

NC Southern Pines WIOZ-FM 102.5, ID with/

SD Clear Lake KDBX 107.1, r, taking format that was on KKQQ 102.3 Volga. ID with Brookings. Its call letters were not "KBGV," as shown Nov. p. 7, col. 2. KKQQ now k, "K 102" (from "KQ102" (strict). KDBX kept saying, "KKQQ 102.3 is moving to 107.1.1

TX Brownfield KCAS \*91.5, but won't be on until sometime in 2000. "I don't know why the delay. I only work here!" [99.9 Hallettsville.

TX Edna KGUL 96.1, kr, to be parallel to KTXM/ TX McCook KCAS \*91.5, to ID with McAllen-Mission, and parallel to KFGG 88.7 Corpus Christi. Won't be on "until late next year. They've put the project on the back burner. We offered them a loan, but the local McCook group thinks the Lord is telling them to collect all the money up front. The Lord doesn't work that way!" It will get the program by ISDN. "It's too far to receive us directly!" Chris at KFGG. [Port Lavaca-Victoria. TX Point Comfort KAJI 94.1, "Oldies 94," ID with/ TX Temple KBDE \*89.9, on air with g[ospel], AFA TX Winters KATX 96.1, "Real Country" (not strict).

"Sometimes we ID with Abilene." UT Richfield KRFD 97.5, to be o, but not expected

on until about Jan. 1. VT Brandon WEXP 101.5, ID with Rutland. WY Kemmerer KAOX 107.3, m, adult standards, "Jukebox 107." "I'm going to the game in Laramie this weekend. Wish us well," Jim, owner. BC Courtenay CFCP 98.9, testing with rock.. Format to be rm, \$(tereo); adds SCMO, †.

ON Iroquois CISD 107.7 \$, and "variety."

Monophonic

AK Houston KADX 94.7, t, non sports talk, which will push the station away from a simulcast with 1020 AM. ID with Anchorage. Monaural.

MI Grand Rapids WVGR \*104.1, mono even for overnight classical, but assumed temporary, as their previous period of monaural operation was.

MS De Kalb WJXM 105.7, sr. "It's not stereo." Now "105.7 Maiic" (from "105.7 Jamz").

NC Roanoke Rapids WHGG \*91.1, mono like the station it relays-WHCB \*91.5 Bristol TN.

PA Covington WDKC 101.5 still mono, "KC 101.5" (from "KC 101"). It looks like mono "is for good, not a tech problem." [105.1, Niagara Falls Tourist Information" ON Niagara Falls CFLZ \*105.1 turns to full mono, "FM/

### **Format Changes**

Formats are the same as in the "FM Atlas" AL Grove Hill WFOW 106.1 k, classic country AL Northport WLXY 100.7 op, adding Rick & Bubba

AK Houston KJHA \*88.7 tg, with audio coming by phone line from Fairbanks. Mono or fradulent stereo. "Sound quality is crummy."

AR Conway KMJX 105.1 op, classic rock CA Johannesburg KEDD 103.9 m, parallel to KLOA 1240 Ridgecrest. No longer simulcasts

CA Lompoc KAOH 105.1 r, "adult alternative" CA Riverside KGGI 99.1 sr, with "The Dog House" from KYLD 98.9 San Francisco mornings.

CA San Mateo KCSM "91.1 now all j, "Jazz 91," having acquired the jazz library of former KJAZ 92.7 Alameda CA. It had accumulated 25000 jazz records until its demise in 1994. KJAZ took to the air in 1959, founded by one Patrick Henry. The initial collection represented his wide-ranging tastes, and was added to by the collections of music directors Dick Conte (now with KCSM) and Bob Parlocha, as well as albums contributed by listeners. The donation was made to KCSM by East Bay real estate developer Ron Cowan, who owned the station 13 years before debts forced its closing. This collection is said to rival those of the Library of Congress, the Smithsonian and Rutgers University. By 1996 KCSM had surpassed KJAZ's audience at its peak.

CA Stockton KQOD 100.1 so

CA Temecula KRTM \*88.9 g

CO Monte Vista KSLV-FM 95.3 mr

FL Clearwater WXTB 97.9 p, "with lots of electric guitar screaming in nearly every song.

FL Immokalee WGCQ 92.1 g, Reach So. gospel

FL Navarre WGCX 95.7 or

FL New Port Richey WDUV 105.5 m, with some vocals and country-like music.

FL St. Petersburg WFJO 101.5 so, still "Jo 101.5" [and Tom WBBY 107.3 m, still "The Bay"

Fl. Santa Rosa Beach WWAV 102.1 op + Bob/

FL Tampa WFLZ 93.3 rs

GA Clarkesville WMJE 102.9 r

GA Ringgold WMPZ 93.7 m

HI Lihue KAWV 98.1 g

IN Chesterton WAJW \*89.5 pj, parallel to WFMU 91.1 East Orange NJ [country. IN Ellettsville WGCT 105.5 still k, now classic/

IN Peru WARU-FM 98.5 r, "some kind of rock." KY Harlan WTUK 105.1 r, hot AC

KY Lerose WSPE \*88.1 o, plus liberal commentary, monophonic. On "various hours. Right now I'm on strike. The community doesn't support me and never has. They told me I could not come on the air with a radio station, and i proved to them I can. The station and the house with three-car garage are all for sale for about \$100,000. I think skinheads would be good buyers. The community would be receptive to their programming, also religious zealots. Why don't you come here, or sell it and I'll give you an 8% commission? I want to move out of here!" The station allegedly has 60,000 population potential, and if power could be upped to 3 kw it could serve 300,000. [co-owned WTGE 107.3 Baker LA Donaldsonville KKAY-FM 104.9 so, parallel to/

ME Winter Haven WAKN 97.7 op MA Harwich Port WYST 93.5 o, "Oldies 93.5" (shooting down "Star 93.5').

MD Federalsburg WTDK 107.1 op, classic rock MD Takoma Park WGTS \*91.5 or

MA West Barnstable WKKL \*90.7 nt, mono, relay of WBUR-FM 90.9 Boston.

MN St. Peter KRBI-FM 105.5 mr, "Light Rock 105, KRBI." Format is similar to nearby KXAC 100.5 [ercial, not going to AMFM

MS Byhalia WYLT \*94.9 gr, \*K Love,\* noncom-/ MO Kansas City KSRC 102.1 m, Christmas music, but expected to return to rm.

MT Belgrade KSCY 96.7 r, hot AC, "The Sky" (from "KSKY"). KSCY doesn't have a website, "but our sister station KMMS-FM 95.1 Bozeman has at <mooseradio.com>." [must have closed."

NH Peterborough WNHQ 92.1 pr. "Sale to WFNX/ NJ Petersburg WJSE 102.7 tp, adding Stem

NM Kirtland KAZX 102.9 m, Christmas music. LMA-to-buy with KDAG 96.9-KTRA 102.1 Farmington-KKFG 104.5 Bloomfield-AM.

NM Lovington KLEA-FM 101.7 o

NM Silver City KSCQ 92.9 r, modern AC

NY Jeffersonville WWHW 102.1 n, AP news, mono NY Newport Village WBGK 99.7 g

NY Sodus WNNR 103.5 k, ID with Rochester, "Big

Dog Country" (loses "Winner 103")

NC Calabash WYNA 104.9 so, "Coo. 104.9"

NC Forest City WTPT 93.3 p

NC Kinston WZBR 97.7 rf, beach music, "Sunny Beach FM Network."

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NC Oriental WNBR 94.1 rf. "Sunny Beach/

NC Rose Hill WBSY 104.7 rf, "Sunny Beach FM Network." This format is similar to what is on WWBZ 98.9 McClellanville SC.

NC Salisbury WEND 106.5 p, much like that on WNNX 99.7 Atlanta GA, WRAX 107.7 Birmingham AL.

NC Shallotte ("SHALL-lote") WLTT 103.7 rm, "Magic" (from "Love 103.7"), hits of the '70s through '90s. Co-owned WCCA still k, now "Bubba 106.3" (from "Beach 106.3"). "It's named

#### FMedia! Page 5 WMMT in KY Seems to Provide Exemplary Public Service December, 1999

- after one of our syndicated announcers. I never listen to them. I like 'Magic' better."
- OH Chillicothe WFCB 94.3 m
- OH Cleveland WENZ 107.9 sj, "Z 107.9" (from "Kiss 107.9"), calling its format "hip-hop jazz."
- OH Hamilton WYGY 96.5 m, Christmas music, believed to be temporary.
- PA Hawley WYCY 105.3 o, "Sunny 105" (from "Y 105") "The Point"
- PA New Kensington WZPT 100.7 r, hot AC, still/ SC Cross Hill WBDQ 94.1 t (talk & sports), mono SC Loris WVCO 94.9 rf, beach music like WWBZ
- 98.9 McClellanville has. Still "94.9 The Surf." TX Abilene KKHR 106.3 S, kl, Tejano, "Star 106.3" TX Amarillo KAEZ 105.7 gr
- TX Anson KFQX 98.1 m., switching with Abilene.
- TX Benavides KXTM 107.7 S, kl, Tejano.
- TX Carthage KTUX 98.9 op, no "99 X."
- TX Floydada KFLL 95.3 k, "K Flip Country"
- TX Haltom City KKZN 93.3 p, "The Merge"
- TX Hempstead KEZB 105.3 kr [95.3 Pearsall TX Hondo KRBH 98.5 k, parallel to KVWG-FM/
- TX Lubbock KONE 101.1 op, "Classic Rock 101"
- (from "Oasis 101"). TX Mesquite KEOM \*88.5 o ('70s), but Christmas music for now, as they do every year.
- TX Pecos KKLY 97.3 k, classic country, parallel to KKJW 105.9 Stanton. ("98-7 K-Lite")
- TX San Angelo KELI 98.7 o, "Magic 98" (from/ TX Sanger KXZN 104.1 p, "The Merge," parallel to
- Haltom City
- VA Petersburg WPLZ-FM 99.3 g, "Gospel 99" (lets loose "The Fox")
- WI Chetek WATQ 106.7 m, all Christmas music, "Christmas 106" (turning loose "Moose Country," at least for now). (from "K-106")
- WY Evanston KOTB 106.1 r, hot AC, "B-106"/
- ON Collingwood CKCB 95.1 rm
- ON Marathon CFNO 93.1 rm, along with its/
- ON Wawa CJWA 107.1 o, along with its relayers

# On Air—Real Stations and Pirates (Selected)

- AK Anchorage KZND-LP 97.7, Channel 6 audio, an LPTV station using only audio for FM radio fans. Is stereo and "serves all of Anchorage. We have been lying low, not doing anything with the video because of opposition from local broadcasters. Yes, we are commercial and 940 watts vertical, directional, using a Channel 5 transmitter that was modified for Channel 6 use. It was used by local Channel 5 until they moved. Only a low power station will fit in in Anchorage on Channel 6, with a Channel 5 nearby [Wolfgang Kurtz, engineer].
- CT Bloomfield "Prayze FM" 105.3 back on with stereo, "with all kinds of local spots. Its owner, Mark Blake, claims it won a court battle and decided to come back on. However, the U.S. Attorney does not agree, and says they are on illegally. It has spent \$150,000 in legal fees, and went off Nov. 24, 1988, after having been on two years." Received toward the MA state line until it gets interference from translator W287AK 105.3 South Hadley MA. "Hartford radio is generally boring. This will liven it up a little," M.B., Enfield CT.
- CT Hartford "Radio Avivamiento" 97.1, run by Rev. Samuel A. Girona. Girona claims he has permission to operate because "he has the approval of a higher power." He's asked a judge to defy the FCC order for shutdown. It could be heard in a 10-km radius. His

- lawyer, Patrick Edwards, said because of the FCC's refusal to license stations with less than 100 watts. "Dozens if not hundreds of micro broadcasters around the country have chosen to broadcast without a license." Girona, the associate pastor of the Ebenezer Pentecostal Church in Hartford, had looked into buying a station-WKND 1480 Windsor CT-but found its asking price, \$750,000, prohibitively expensive. In English, the station's name means "revival."
- FL Tampa WMNF \*88.5 reduced to only 50 watts, having a "broken transmitter part and damaged antenna bay. Until parts come, reception is patchy in Tampa itself. "If you want to hear it loud and clear, visit areas east of Tampa such as Brandon and Ruskin. . . The station has received hundreds of phone calls a day since the problem began." Some callers were worried it had been bumped "by the two Christian music stations that bookend WMNF on the dial."
- FL Temple Terrace "Party Pirate" 102.1 put back on the air by Doug Brewer. It's alternative rock, with "no DJs, commercials, call letters or slogans whatsoever!" Brewer, pictured on his website (and also in Nov. '97 p. 3, col. 3), has equipment many commercial stations would envy. He even has a picture of an FCC enforcement man taking signal strength readings. See <a href="http://www.idbrewer.com/gallery.html">http://www.idbrewer.com/gallery.html</a>. He's emboldened because of Bill Kennard's grant of a pirate station outside a racetrack (see below, "TX Dallas area"). "This clearly makes all previous FCC actions against unlicensed stations illegal," he crowed.
- IL Champaign WPCD \*88.7 \*88 Rock\* has increased power and antenna height (10500 h,v; 103 m) and causes trouble to WICR 88.7 Indianapolis at 75 km.
- IL Chicago "Free Radio Westown" 101.5, on since Feb. 1996, mainly after 6 p.m. "Recent technical improvements have significantly reduced a heinous 60 hz hum that has plagued us for many a month."
- IN Kokomo 89.5 relay of an NOAA weather station located in Monticello IN. This pirate has been on at least
- IN Marengo WKLO \*89.9, with southern gospel.
- IN Muncie 101.3, 103.5, 105.3 and 107.9 from a nursing home on N. Walnut St., carrying at least five blocks, \*interfering with stations in Richmond and Indianapolis. The FCC has been contacted. . . Also a 107.5 is noted on the air near the Wal-Mart, operated by Hometown Outdoor Advertising. It runs a continuous loop advertising Family Kitchen Restaurant in Muncie," and heard about four blocks. Muncie previously had a 107.5 running "American Freedom Network" out of Denver. That station was shuttered by the FCC 12-97.
- KY Whitesburg WMMT \*88.7 \*brings together a dispersed population in the most isolated parts of Appalachia. News, weather, and announcements are geared totally to the small hamlets of E. KY, southern WV, and extreme western VA. There are programs of live music (often bluegrass style) and much of the programming is locally-originated. Even the website, though not fancy, has interesting material, e.g. how they raised funds for a more powerful transmitter and how volunteers got the antenna up on top of a mountain, etc."
- ME Portland "Black Cat Radio" 88.7 run by "DJ Detritus," an anarchist who plays punk and folk music. Said to be 20 watts and on certain evenings 6 p.m. for 3-4 hours. It's the first pirate in Portland since the FCC put "I 97.3" in South Portland off the air. It is using equipment on loan from "Free Radio Portsmouth" in NH. whose transmitter broke down, and then the group fell apart. Detritus is walking a tight line-trying to promote the station in the community, but not wanting to raise the ire of the FCC. "I know the FCC is thinking about licensing micro-stations, but then they are in control. They can say who gets the licenses and who

- doesn't, and now you're following their rules and paying fees to them. I think we have a station that people in the community can relate to, and we have taken the initiative to get it up and running, and I think we should be able to do that. We are about freeing the air from corporate control, because no one can really own the air or the airwaves," said Detritus.
- MD Cheverly "WDAV" 97.5, \$, with underground rock, and on only Friday nights.
- MD Lexington Park W201CG \*88.1
- MA Mansfield "Cornedy Radio 96.5."
- MN St. Cloud KCFB \*91.5 on with C3 facilities, after being off two weeks. Its building sold to KKJM 92.9 St. Joseph MN, and "the entire staff has been relocated or let go." Now IDs with KTIG \*102.7 Pequot Lakes MN.
- NY Hollis/Queens Village area "Radio Positive" 89.7 Haitian (formerly on 90.1 [see Apr. '99 p. 5, col. 3]).
- NY New York WNEW 102.7, having dropped in-band digital testing. "The sideband beehive noise is de-
- OR Hillsboro 96.5 stereo ("Witch Hazel area"). Played Beatles, Beach Boys. "Two teenage DJs talking, mentioned end of the period. Might be from Hillsboro High School. . . Then no talk, and Nirvana, Free and more. Fading at Reedville, almost gone by Aloha, on way to ["variety" format. Beaverton.
- PA West Chester WCUR \*91.7-said to have a/
- TX Dallas area---a race track outside Dallas uses low power TV to broadcast to the parking lot. The FCC has approved the scheme, even though it radiates in excess of a Part 15 device. Efforts of TX Congressman Joe Barton to the FCC's William Kennard apparently got the agency to back off from an earler-planned enforcement action. An Internet posting said this action paves the way for others to do similar broadcasting. Supposedly to get special temporary authority (which station owner Billie Meyer is applying for) one must a) claim ignorance of the law; b) tell the Commission that the station will be shut down in a few days anyway; and c) show that such a large and possibly rowdy audience is currently being served that it would only be "common sense for the broadcasts to continue.
- VT Rutland "Radio Free Vermont" 96.1, which "transmits from the state capital, Rutland. Claims to be free of FCC authority because its signal only is heard in VT. State police were said to have issued a warrant to arrest FCC agents who were inspecting. The agency has not bothered the illegal station in the past nine months," reports a new magazine, Hobby Broadcasting, published by Andrew Yoder, and available in many Barnes & Noble bookstores. The magazine will have to brush up on U.S. geography.
- VA Falmouth WFAL 104.5? A station in that area was heard testing with an open carrier.
- WI Eau Claire 98.7 at the UWEC, and Menomonie 101.1 at the UW-Stout campus. "Both have good coverage and seem to be automated." 193.7
- WY Sheridan KYTI 93.7, now a C, having moved from/ ARGENTINA-there is "total chaos," with 4000 FM stations, 65 in the Buenos Aires area alone, but there "exists a theoretical solution: two or three frequencies" for low power FM, as is proposed in nearby Brazil. "The problem here was that stations started to interfere with each other, so they increased power and antenna, and interference increased. "Also we need a powerful public or university station and perhaps [only] 4 or 5 commercial stations. . . A lot? Well, now I have 65. Ten stations is the paradise for me."

### Off Air—Or Not Yet On

#### FMedia! Page 6 MI's WCSG No Longer Charges For Use of SCS Radios December, 1999

- CT Waterbury "Waterbury Hispanic Communications" 88.5 has been shut down, "pending further legal ac-
- IN Marion WBSW \*90.9 \*off for some time." It then e-mailed that it expects to be back on late this month. "The transmitter was stolen and we are currently trying to raise funds for the new security system that we are installing."
- MA Springfield "Radio Unidad Cristian" 94.3 (probably the same station reported in Oct. p. 5, col. 3) had its equipment seized Nov. 4 after ignoring three previous FCC warnings. The FCC had first visited them in February after WHYN- FM 93.1 Springfield claimed it was receiving interference to its Emergency Alert System. At that time it promised to cease operating, but was monitored again by the FCC in March, September and October.
- MS McLain WXAB 96.9, but expected to return soon with a new format
- NJ Manahawkin WCHR-FM 105.7 had a petition to deny filed against it by the owners of WJRZ 1001, there and WRAT 95.9 Point Pleasant. The petition opposes Nassau Broadcasting Partners taking over the 105.7 frequency. "Another setback for 105.7." On p. 8, col. 1, Nov. FMedia! "you have listed the application of Lucent Technologies for digital testing stations in Warren NJ. The applications will be for 97.3 and 97.7, not 93.7 and 93.9," J.T. NJ via e-mail.
- NY Manhattan, Lower East Side—the U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals issued an injunction against "WSTR, Steal This Radio" 88.7 and ordered it to desist from future unlicensed broadcasting. [See Feb. '97 p. 3, col. 3.]
- VA Richmond 91.7—a grand jury for the eastern district of Virginia indicted Khalid Kubweza on four counts of running an unlicensed station.

### .Deletions

- AK Wasilla K204CI \*88.7, and the FCC threw out its 102.5 application. **|CA Lake Shastina** AR De Queen K261BQ 100.1 K269BM 101.7 AR Lake Hamilton K228CG 93.5 ICA Scott Valley AR Little Rock K249CR 97.7 K269BN 101.7 AR Magazine K240AV \*95.9 ICA Weed K276BC 103.1
- AR Malvern K257CO 99.3 JCA Willow Creek AR Mountain Home K272BH 102.3 K249CA 97.7
- AR Nashville K204AM \*88.7
- AR Petit Jean State Park K221CD 92.1, K228CD 93.5, K276CP \*103.1, K292DD 106.3, K296DD \*107.1
- AR Pine Bluff K276CN 103.1, K285CN 104.9
- AR Prescott K257CV 99.3 MT Anaconda K261-AR Russellville K292BU 106.3 BD 100.1
- AR Stuttgart K218BR \*91.5 |MT Boulder K292AV 106.3
- AR Texarkana K220AT \*91.9 |MT Broadus K249AM 97.7
- FL Gainesville W240AF 95.9 (W240AF is 95.9 in Charlottesville VA)
- FL Mount Dora W272AH 102.3, Naples W249AU 97.7 FL Port Charlotte W265AR 100.9
- KS Coffeyville K285CK \*104.9, Pratt K214BW \*90.7 MI Wakelee W209BC \*89.7 (because of the new 89.7
- station in Schoolcraft; see "Call Letters" above) MO Fredericktown K219DE \*91.7
- MT Chester K280DH 103.9, Circle K249AC 97.7
- MT Culbertson K257BM 99.3 IND Bowman K249AG 97.7
- MT Deer Lodge K261AN 100.1
- MT Drummon K257AK 99.3, Hamilton K296EB 107.1
- MT Kalispell K237BJ 95.3, Lewistown K228BZ 93.5
- MT Libby K285Al 104.9, Missoula K285CL 104.9
- MT Polson K228CA 93.5, Red Lodge K269CU 101.7
- MT Roundup K285AO 104.9, K296AD 107.1
- MT Stanford K221AE 92.1, K285AG 104.9
- NY Watertown W211AR \*90.1 (see \*New,\* above)
- NC Buxton W216BE \*91.1 (see "New")
- ND Hettinger K249AH 97.7

- OK Woodward: "Want to see something confusing? Check out deleted station KWFX. The FCC shows 93.5, 100.1, 104.5 and 106.3," R.R., Jersey Shore PA. OR Coos Bay K288CW \*105.5
- SD Belle Fourche K232BV 94.3, Dupree K249AL 97.7 SD Custer K280Al 103.9, Deadwood K272CA 102.3
- SD Hot Springs K237AN 95.3, K276CK 103.1, K280AK 103.9 [SD Pine Ridge K288BW \*105.
- SD Kadoka K237AQ 95.3, K280BA 103.9 |SD White TN Spencer W211AS \*90.1 (see \*New\*) River K221-
- VA Charlottesville W205AY \*88.9 BW 92.1
- WY Douglas K219BO \*91.9 (see "New") WY Sundance K280AS 103.9

### FMistakes—FM Atlas-18th Ed., FMedia!

- AL Florence 98.3 W252AO, not W252AD, Nov. p. 1, col. W252AD is in Ronceverte WV.
- AL Killen \*88.1 W201BG, not W201CB, Nov. p. 3, col. 1. W201BC is in Stanardsville VA.
- AL Tuscaloosa 100.1 is W261AO, not W261AD, Nov. p./ AZ Bullhead City: It is K296ED 107.1 (not K205BG 88.9) that relays KZUL-FM 104.5, Nov. p. 6, col. 1.
- AZ Lake Havasu City 97.1 K246AE, not K264AE, 103.9 is K280DL, not K280CL, both Nov. p. 3, col. 1. K280CL is in Palestine TX.
- AZ Springerville \*91.5 is K218CV, not \*K218AV,\* Oct. p. 6, col. 3. [1, col. 1.
- AR Earle new 93.9 is 25000 h,v (not 250,000), Nov. p./ CA Bena \*101.1 is K266AH (not \*K265AH\*), Nov. p. 3, [Nov. p. 1, col. 1.
- CA Coachella \*90.9 is K215DF (not \*K2125DF\*),/ CA San Luis Obispo K285EW \*104.9-\* missing, Nov. p.
- [2. KMJI is 93.3 Ashdown AR. CO Denver 100.3 is KIMN (not "KMJI"), Oct. p. 4, col./ CO Wellington (new) 94.3 is 25000 h,v (not "250,000"),
- ID Grangeville K201EA \*88.1, not 89.1, p. 138. [col. 2. IN Brownsburg 101.9 is WKLU, not "WQLU," Oct. p. 8/ IN Indianapolis 105.7 WTLC-FM, not "WTLC," Nov. p. 7, col. 1. [col. 1. KCGR is 100.5 Cottage Grove OR. KS Goodland \*107.7 is KGCR, not \*KCGR, \*Nov. p. 3,/
- KY Louisville 102.3 is WLRS, not "WLRZ," Nov. p. 2, col. 3. WLRZ is 100.9 Peru IL. ME Augusta WKCG is 101.3, not "103.3," Nov. p. 7,/
- MD Cumberland 99.5 is W258AB, not "W235AB," Nov. p. 3, col. 1.
- MS Waynesboro \*91.1 is W216AZ, not \*K216AZ,\* p. 148. MT Philipsburg (not "Phillipsburg") pp. 84, 149.
- MN Glencoe KARP is on 96.3, not 96.1, Oct. p. 2, col. 3. NM Carlsbad 106.1 KPSA-FM's former calls were KBFV (not "KRSY"), Oct. p. 2, col. 1.
- NM Los Lunas KYLZ 106.3—town misspelled Nov. p. 6,/ NM Taos 99.9 is KLAB, not "KHYF," Oct. p. 5, col. 1.
- NY Attica 101.7 is WLOF, not "WXOX," Oct. p. 2, col. 3. NY New York—I forgot to mention that WOR 710 is
- where Jean Shepherd did his monologues for many years (Nov. p. 7, col. 3). [7, col. 1.
- NY Rhinebeck \*105.7 is W289AG, not "W289G," Oct. p./ OH Ashland WNCO-FM 101.3 is 152 m (50000 h,v), not 91, 3000, p. 218. Its FM Atlas coverage is correct.
- OK Newcastle K248AN is on \*97.5, not 97.3, Nov. p. 2, [not "Schillington"), Nov. p. 2, col. 2. col. 1.
- PA Warwick WBMP \*88.1 is 18 km SE Shillington/ SD Philip (not "Phillip") p. 58.
- TN Alcoa WYLV \*89.1, not 89.5, Nov. p. 6, col. 3. TN (not TX) Walden W211BG \*90.1, Nov. p. 2, col. 2. TX Austin K259AJ 99.7 (not K257AJ 99.3, which is in
- China Lake CA), Nov. p. 3, col. 2. TX Laredo 100.5 is KZLM-1 (from KBDR-1), but still using KBDR calls. The change is slow in happening because
- of an ownership transfer (Oct. p. 2, col. 3). It is only 10000 h,v (not 100,000). [col. 3. TX Lubbock 92.1 is K221CX (not "K221CZ"), Nov. p. 3,/

- TX Midland KCHX 106.1 "so" is a format, not a call letters' change, Oct. p. 2, col. 1.
- WV Williamson (not "Williamstown") WXCC 96.5 p. 169. AB Banff \*101.1 CFPE (was CBPH, not "CBPR"), Oct. p.
- 2, col. 2. CBPR is in Revelstoke BC, 89.9. AB Red Deer (not "Peace River") CKRD 105.5, Nov. p. 2, col. 3. To be \$, 224 m (100000 h,v).
- ON Sudbury CHNO 103.9 (not "D 103.9"), Nov. p. 3,/

# **SCServices, 57, 67, 92 kHz**

### Symbols are as in the FM Atlas

- CA Los Angeles KLSX 97.1 † ,E, 92 in addition to †L, Salvadoran, 67.
- IN Anderson WGNR-FM \*97.9 no †( )
- IN Brookston WLFF 95.3 no †( )
- IN Fort Wayne WBCL \*90.3 no †T,C
- IN Frankfort WSHW 99.7 †( )X
- IN Indianapolis WNAP-FM 93.1 no †()
- WFBQ 94.7 no †M, WFMS 95.5 no †X, WRZX 103.3 no † ,Z; WGLD 104.5 †U
- IN Kokomo WZWZ 92.5 no †()U
- IN Lafayette WKHY 93.5 no †( )
- WAZY-FM 96.5 no †( ), WKOA 105.3 no †X
- IN Muncie WBST \*92.1 no † ,X, WLBC 104.1 no †X IN New Castle WMDH-FM 102.5 †( )
- IN Shelbyville WENS 97.1 no †()
- IN Walton WFRR 93.7 no †( ), but adds † ,G
- IN Warsaw WRSW-FM 107.3 †()
- IN---"As can be seen, there are not too many subcarriers on this many stations. The music subcarriers have gone from WWKI (100.5 Kokomo), but they remain on WBNI and WTPI... To confirm the 67 kHz data subcarriers, I added a spectrum analyzer in my setup and verified they were what I thought I heard. Some of the RDSignals caused a data-like signal at 67 kHz, so 1 wanted to check them. Also, I went through them an extra time, and every one of the above is stereo. . . Hope this helps," T.C., Kokomo IN.
- MI Grand Rapids WCSG \*91.3 still Children's Sonshine Network, 92 kHz, but now the radios are given to the people, rather than sold. This is to make broadcasts more affordable to families. The station's four-day fund-raising goal was \$850,000, much of which will be used to offset costs of the SCS radios. [Nov p. 2, col. 2 format code of "g" not given.]
- NJ South Orange WSOU \*89.5 †L, 67, from EIES of NJ. NY Canandaigua WCIY \*88.9 †( ). \*Now if we could just hear the station on the air once in a while when we drive through that area."
- NY Frankfort WKLL 94.9 †()
- NY Warsaw WCOU \*88.3 †( )
- OR Portland KOPB-FM \*91.5 no †T, 67. The Golden Hours Radio Reading Service has moved to the SAP of KOPB \*10, but outlying OPB FM stations still have the SCS reading service. "We are trying to keep it that way.
- PA Hershey WRKZ 106.7 †( ), RDS, transmitting its calls. WI Brule WHSA \*89.9 both its †( ) and †C sound louder. Data heard sneaking into the main channel signal.
- ON Hamilton CJXY 95.3 adds SCMO
- ON Toronto CBL-FM \*94.1 †L, Portuguese, assumed 67. CBLA \*99.1 †L, Spanish. After a notification period, the CRTC received no complaints from licenced broadcasters to those proposed SCMO services. The Spanish service will be by Heart Communications (on CIRV 88.9 Toronto).
- "The modified GE Superadio III came, and I'm enjoying the music on WCEN-FM (94.5 Mount Pleasant). I want to order two more," W.T., Mount Pleasant Ml.
- "Some years ago I bought from you a Scott FM receiver, which I continue to use, hooked up to my stereo system. It still works very well. . . Many thanks for the

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years of enjoyment from the Scott and your FM Atles." C.K., Lebanon OH.

"Well, once again another excellent FM Atlas. The southcentral Ontario map is a big help. There has been a lot of FM growth on the Niagara Peninsula. The growth of FM could be staggering if the LPFM service ever starts up. Every medium to large city in the U.S. will need its own map in the FM Atlas,\* P.B., Rockville MD. [with it," D.A., Greer SC.

"I bought one of your FM Atlas" and am very pleased/

### NonIDs, Not Just Slogans

Mentioned usually without call letters: "strict" if a station uses call letters once per hour (at or near top of hour) as required by FCC and Industry Canada

CA Corning KTHU 100.7 Thunder 100.7 (from "Thunder") DC Washington WHUR 96.3 uses calls, "96.3 WHUR the Adult Mix" (from "Washington's SuperStation")

FL Cross City WKZY 106.9 Cozy 106.9

FL De Land WOCL 105.9 Power 105-9 ... Jammin' Oldies FL Gainesville WYCG 100.9 Gator Country (from "GC 101") FL Holiday WSUN 97.1 Oldies 97.1 [WNDT 92.5 Alachua FL Silver Springs WNDD 95.5 Wind FM, simulcast with/

FL Tampa WAKS 100.7 Mix 100.7 (from "Mix")

GA Valdosta WWRQ 107.9 Rock 108

IL Waukegan WXLC 102.3 102.3 XLC (from "Hot 102.3")

IN Danville WEDJ 107.1 used "The Edge" without consent of Jacobs Media, which holds the service mark. Then it was "Extreme Rock for Indianapolis." Now "Rock 107, Indy's Real Alternative."

IN Delphi WNJY 102.9 Greatest Hits of All Time (from "Oldies 103"), ID with Lafayette (was with Monticello).

IN South Bend WUBU 106.3 Mix 106

IN West Terre Haute WWVR 105.5 The River (not "River") IA Asbury WJOD 103.3 New Country 103 IA Decorah KVIK 104.7 K-Viking Gold (from "K Lite")./

IA Independence KQMG-FM 95.3 Q 95.3

IA Keokuk KOKX-FM 95.3 Country 95.3 (from "Country 95")

IA Muscatine KWCC 93.1 93 Country

MD Baltimore WLIF 101.9 uses calls, "Lite 102 WLIF" MD Bethesda WARW 94.7 Classic Rock 94.7 (loses "Arrow 94.7") ["Mix 106.3"]

MD Combridge WCEM-FM 106.3 106.3 The Heat (from/ MD Frederick WFRE 99.9 uses calls, "Free Country 99.9

WFRE" (from "Stereo 100") [(was "Star 98.3"). MD Mechanicsville WSMD 98.3 98-3 Star FM/

MI Flint WWCK-FM 105.5 CK 105.5 (from "CK 105")

MI Muskegon WSHZ 107.9 Star 108 (from "Z-108"), still rm

MI Norway WZNL 94.3 Z 94.3 MN La Crescent KQEG 102.7 102.7 The Eagle [Point")

MO Florissant KXOK 97.1 97 FM The Rock (from "The/ NJ Conton WJKS 101.7 Kiss 101.7 (from "Kiss FM")

NC Burgaw WKXB 99.9 Jammin' 99 (from "Kix FM") NC Waxhaw WNMX 106,1 Mix 106

ND Bismarck KSSS 101.5 Kiss 101 (back to, from "Star/

ND Minot KYYX 97.1 Kicks FM ("was never XFM")

PA Bethlehem WZZO 95.1 95.1-ZZO (from "Z-95")

PA Mansfield WNTE \*89.5 Giant 89.5 NTE, despite its puny 120 watts at a minus elevation.

PA Polmyra WNCE 92.1 "WTPA 93.5 & 92.1" (from "Classic Rock That Really Rocks," which WTPA 93.5 Mechanicsburg PA uses) | SC Latta WCMG 94.3 Majic 94.3

SC Andrews WGTN-FM 100.7 Country Loving G 101 SC Darlington WDAR 105.5 Sunny 105.5

[103" SC Surfside Beach WYAK 103.1 103.1 Big Yak (from "Y-/

SD Vermillion KVHT 106.3 Mix 106 (from "Hot 106.3") TX Markham KZRC 92.5 Z Rock 92.5 (Mexican.

TX Pilot Point KTCY 104.9 La Mejor 104.9, now regional/ TX Victoria KVLT 92.3 uses calls, no "92-3 K Lite"

VA Fredericksburg WJYJ \*90.5 Joy FM (not \*90 Joy\*)

VA Orange WJMA 96.7 Country Mix 96

VA Powhatan WBBT-FM 107.3 107-3 The Beat (from "The Beat." Stereo confirmed.

WV Martinsburg WKMZ 97.5 The Mountain (from "Power/ WI Green Bay WQLH 98.5 Star 98.5 (from "Energy 98," rm) WIXX 101.1 uses calls, no "Rock 101"

WI Milwaukee WLTQ 97.3 Lite 97 FM (from "Lite 97.3") WI Neillsville WCCN-FM 107.5 107-5 The Rock (from "107.5...") fmusic and Chinese.

BC Vancouver CHKG 96.1 The World 96.1, with "world/ ON St. Catharines CFBU 103.7 Brock Radio

### **Multi-City IDs in Use**

AL Ashland WASZ 95.5-ID with Lineville resumed GA Buford WLKQ 102.3 with Atlanta, "Lake 102 FM" (from "Oldies Lake 102 FM")

IL Colchester WMQZ 104.1 with Macomb

LA Reserve-Laplace WADU 94.9 with New Orleans, still "K 94," IDing on the hour with WYLA 94.7 Reserve.

MN Pillager KBKK 95.9 with Brainerd (and rarely also with Baxter), usually uses call letters, bur sometimes "KB 96." Is stereo, "Music of Your Life."

NY Altamont WZMR 104.9 with Schenectady-Albany, but no longer with Johnstown.

BC Courtenay CKLR 97.3 with Campbell River "and the Comox Valley." Is "The Eagle" (strict).

### Selected AM Happenings

AL Atmore WASG 550 silent. Had been contemporary Christian, but has an app. to move its transmitter.

AK Anchorage KHAR 590, with oldies/nostrilgio, is in AM stereo. AR Pine Bluff KYDE 1590 deleted by FCC in 1998. Its petition for reconsideration was recently denied. Christmas music.

CA Frazier Park (Bakersfield) KMAP (was KTRJ as classical) now/

CO Boulder KWAB 1490 on the air with "progressive news, talk and alternative music." It had been off the air as KBVI. Its talk is devoted to "liberal causes."

FL Atlantic Beach WQOP 1600 fined \$7000 for failing to have a "meaningful management presence" at its main studio.

HI Honolulu KOHO 1170 had been silent; expects to return Jan. 15 with oldies.

IN Gory WLTH 1370 had been silent. Now talk, "It looks like WLTH reverts ownership to Pluria Marshall after litigation."

IA Marshalltown KDAO 1190--- plus these other 1190 stations: KKOJ Jackson MN, KPHN Konsas City MO, KEX Portland OR, "WNWC Madison WI-face a closed broadcast auction. All have filed for technical changes after WOWO 1190 Fort Wayne IN reduced its night power and went directional. These are assumed to be only for changes in nighttime operation. "Some of these applications are mutually exclusive. I guess whoever wins the auction gets the right to implement what they applied for, and then everybody else can try with whatever remains possible after the first winner oets their way. ... Seems to me it's probably a safe bet KEX will win Round 1,"

D.S., Pleasant Hill TN by e-mail.

MI Gaylord WSNQ 900 silent.

NE Omaha: Journal Broadcasting announced it is changing the 76-yearold cell sign on 590 from WOW to KONJ, "Magic 590." It has dropped live country for nostalgia, and dumping veteran announcers Spoon Man, The Old Prospector and Rusty Clark, Station has used the calls since its 1923 sign on; the y reflect the original licensee, Woodmen of the World. The calls continue on FM (94.1),

MC Camp Lejune WSMO 1580 on air with classic country. Had been [local group." silent as WWJV.

OK Sallisaw KXUZ 1560 silent, its license "will be donated to a/

TX Pernn Grove KREH 900 had been silent; now with brokered Vietnamese. Moves into the Houston market from Oakdale LA.

TX Wichita Folks KTUB 990 reported silent in preparation to enter the Dallas market.

UT Murray KWUN 1230 had been silent; now sports. [December 25. WI Milwaukee WOKY 920 Christmas music. Will go back to m after/

ON Toronto CKHT 1430 transmits from city-owned land, where a new school will be built. Station claims "it's move or die." Wants 740 AM or 93.5 FM. CHIN 1540 is at the same site. "I wonder when their lease is up?"

PQ Montreal 690 and 940 are showing signs of life, after the frequencies were abandoned by the CBC. The 690 station was heard with open carrier, later with French announcements, and is expected to become CKVL, moving from 850. On 940 them's been a tape loop with details about "940 News" coming, expected to be CIONN (having been CIQC 600). The tape loop says it will be "going live on Dec. 14," and will be a CNN affiliate. The Montreal Gazette omits from its radio listings CFMB 1280, "which broadcasts mainly foreign language programming."

"Bruce—I don't know when I'll have enough time to do a new *Travelers* Country Music Radio Atlas. It is a labor of love. . . Keep up the good work!" A. Henry Studeboker, somewhere in lower All.

"FAA Atlas is still the greatest book of all time. Have never left home without it! Thanks," Bill N., Farmington CT by e-mail.

"Only you can do those publications, so keep it up for as long as possible," J.J.H., Half Moon Bay CA.

### FMakings—Selected FCC and Industry Canada applications

AL Florence WXFL 96.1 23000 h,v; 299 m AZ Ajo \*89.3 88000 v, 62 m, CSN International AZ Bullhead City KFLG-FM 102.7 42000 h,v; 724 m

AZ Oro Valley KOAZ 97.5 93 m AR Beebe \*89.9 10000 v. 175 m, Solid Rock Bosto. AR Jonesboro \*88.3 1900 h,v; 91 m, Solid Rock Bostg.

AR Searcy \*90.3 3000 v, 52 m, Bostg. for Challenged CA Lake Isabella \*89.3 (KAWZ 89.9 Twin Falls ID)

CA Oakhurst KAAT 103.1 -59 m

CO Craig \*88.3 14000 v, 3 m, Bcstg. for the Challenged

CO Leadville \*90.7 10000 h, 548 m, U, of N, Colorado DE Camden \*91.1 4200 h,v; 42 m, World Revivals, Inc.

FL Cross City \*88.5 33000 h, 70000 v, 55 m, Spirit Radio of North America FL Eustis \*90.3 2800 v, 99 m, CSN Int'l. [FL Christian R.

FL Umatilla \*91.5 700 h,v; 57 m, Central/ [Com'ty Pub. R. GA Browns Crossing \*88.3 600 h,v'; 101 m,/[meters

GA Canton WGST-FM 105.7 16500 h,v; 252/ [Challenged GA Milledgeville \*91.9 6000 h,v; 100 m, Bostg. for the/

GA Rome \*90.9 2000 h,v; 182 m, d-a, GA Pub. Telecom. [Fellowship Commission GA Toomsboro \*91.9 3500 h,v; 165 m, Augusta Radio/

GA Valdosta \*88.5 25000 v. 65 m. Bosto, for Challenged GA Whitesburg \*89.7 50 watts h.v; 90 m, Belcher Santa [Educational Media Foundation Maria Bosto.

\*89.7 100 h,v; 74 m,/ [Christian College IL Brookville \*89.9 3850 v, 114 m, Pensacola/

IL Flora WBFW \*88.5 2100 h,v; 96 m, no d-a

IA Des Moines KIOA 93.3 82000 h,v; 325 m, C1 (from C) IA Sioux City KAYA \*91.3: FCC dismisses its application to move from Hubbard NE.

KY Brownsville WKLX 100.7 8000 h,v; 178 m

LA Mansfield \*91.7 3000 v, 100 m, Hymn Time, Inc. ME Caribou \*90.7 50000 h,v; 129 m, d-a, Northern Bost. **Ministries** (Christian College

ME Mechanic Falls \*88.5 720 v, 225 m, Pensacola/

ME Portland WBLM 102.9 435 m

MI Allegan \*88.7 500 v, 130 m, Pensacola Christ. College MI Battle Creek \*90.1 5000 v, 17 m, Bostg. for Chal-

lenged [Community Broadcasting MI Clark Lake \*90.1 200 v, 46 lm, Gt. Lakes/

MI Clyde Township \*90.1 1500 h,v; 40 m, Larlen Communications, Inc.

INE Oshkosh \*89.7 (WJFM) TX Stephenville \*89.1 3400 h,v; 113 m, d-a, CSSI Non-Profit Educ. Bostg. \*89.7 3500 v, 100 m, d-a, Frontline International WY Buffalo \*89.7 (WJFM) **IWY Casper KHOC** WY Douglas \*88.1 (WJFM) 102.5 517 m WY Dubouis \*89.9 (WJFM) WY Greybull \*90.7 (WJFM) **IWY New Castle \*91.3** 

Future Doesn't Look Bright for Missouri's KGSP WY Guernsey \*89.1 (WJFM) (WJFM) WY Lusk \*88.1 (WJFM) IWY Wheatland \*91.3/ WY Pinedale \*88.7 (WJFM) BC Houston 106.5 920 h,v, Caribou Central Interior Radio, to replace low power CHBV AM (a relay of CFBV 870 Smithers) [Inc., CINC 96.3 Thompson relayer MB Fox Lake 93.5 23 watts, Native Communications,/ MB Gillam 95.7 37 w, CINC MB Manitoba Lake 93.5 37 w, CINC ON Christian Island (an Indian Reserve on an island in Georgian Bay NW of Penetanguishene, just off the tip of Cedar Point) 94.7 900 h,v, native language station. ON London CBCL \*93.5 69300 h,v-reducing power to make way for a 93.5 station in Toronto. ON Orangeville CIDC 103.5 30700 h,v at a new height ON Smith Falls 92.3 9300 h,v, from CJET, to move from ON Thunder Bay (frequency not available)—Big Pond Communications 2000, Inc. won't get to build a new FM station. The CRTC had concerns about Big Pond's plan to operate the station with automation equipment and not to be able to offer local news, weather and sports, "and the promotion of local activities." ON Toronto area-here's a recap of area applications from an unofficial source: 88.7 CIRV wants 1900 h,v, 93.5 CJKX 95.9 Ajax wants a relayer, 210 h.v. CKMW AM Winkler MB (or another company with the same name) wants a station in Toronto for the gay community, 250 h,v; CHKT (see "AM Happenings," p. 6), B. Denham Jolly, urban format, 300 h,v; Arnold A. Auguste for an urban contemporary format, 240 h,v; 460 h,v, Fench, Radiophonique de Toronto. There are two 93.5 bids for Christian music stations, one with 1430 h,v; the other with 23 watts, and one for a Frenchlanguage community station for 460 h,v. 103.1; a 2-watt TIStation, 103.5 CIDC Orangeville wants to move 17 km east and reduce to 31 kw. 106.3; CJKX Aiax wants a relayer with 63 watts if 93.5 not granted, St. Sava's Radio 92-w ethnic station, CHIM Timmins \*102.3 wants a 35 watt relayer for its religious music station. 106.5: Aboriginal Voices Radio, English and native-languages parallel to its 740 AM application. No word on the CBC possible testing station on 106.3, but it was recently

announced the CBC has abandoned plans (for now at least) for a CBC Radio III, which would target youth. PQ Sherbrooke CBF-10 \*101.1 and Trois Rivieres CBF-8 \*88.1 \*have applied to originate some programming rather than 100% relay of Montreal." The decision to quit CBC Radio III planning was described as "a painful one, with CBC expected to return "to its core public-service mandate." The CBC networks have been hampered by budget cuts that eliminated a third of its budget and staff during the 1990s, and its president, Robert Rabinovitch, wants to restore them to their former stature. The CBC will, however, continue plans to develop a French-language cable channel for the performing arts, in partnership with the French TV channel Arte and Bell Canada Enterprises.

SK Beardys Reserve 97.3 to relay CJLR 89.9 La Ronge SK North Battleford 94.7 49 watts h,v, to relay CJLR 99.9 450 h,v, Dace Bostg. Corp., to relay CJYM 1330 Rosetown.

SK Unity 98.9 380 h,v, to relay CJYM

**FM Rulemakings Proposed** First date is for filing comments at the FCC; second date is for replies. Stations affected, if any, are listed

CA Adelanto (move from Riverside) 92.7A, KELT, Jan. 10, 25 CA Fountain Hills (move from Avalon, Santa Catalina Island to the mainland) at a site 10 km S., KUT, Jan. 1, 25 CA Ridgecrest 92.7A downgrade from B1, KZIQ-FM to be reimbursed by

one or both of the above applicants. MI Gwinn 100.3C3 (at 7 km KY Bardstown 107.3A for 96.7A, WOKH, Dec. 27, Jan. 11 | E), Jan. 13, 28

December, 1999 KY Bowling Green 96.7C3 from A (at 15.1 km W), WBVR, Dec. 27, Jan. 11 MI Carney 99.3A (at 8 km W), Jan. 13, 20 NY Minerva 100.7A, Jan. 24, Feb. 8

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TX College Station (move from Madisonville) 96.1C2, KAAG, Jan. 10, 28 TX George West 100.9A for 104.1A (new CP), show cause/why not? TX Haskell 97.1C1 for 95.5C1, KVRP-FM, show cause/why not? This proposal involves KDOS 107.9 moving to Louisville TX (from Gainesville). KYXS 95.9 Mineral Wells TX upgrading to a C1, and transmitter moves for KHYI 95.3 Howe and KIKB 101.7 Jacksboro. The other four stations would compensate KVRP-FM for the move [Jan. 24, Feb. 8] TX Leander (move from Lampasos) 98.9C1, KJFK/ | TX Rocksprings TX Lindale 95.7A (at 5.4 km NW), Jan. 13, 28 92.5A (at 12 km TX Santa Anna 105.3C3 (at 13 km S), Jon. 13, 28 MW), Jan. 13, 28 TX Seymour 92.3C2 (at 4 km W), Jan. 13, 28 | TX Pearsoll 104.1C1 for A

TX Shiner 94.3C3 (at 15.5 km E), Jan. 13, 28 (new CP), Jan. 24, Feb. 8 FM Rulemakings Finalized No filing windows because of freeze

CA Grass Valley KNCO-FM 94.1A (from 94.3A), Denied KNGT Jackson's 94.3C3 bid (from Class A).

CO Beulah-denied Mountain West's C3 bid. NV Cal-Nev-Ari MT Neihart-denied Mountain West's 97,1C2 bid. 104,9A NY Windham (move from Jewett) 97,9A, WRIP

OR Warrenton-denied Mountain West's 99,7A bid.

TX Archer City 97.5C1 for C2, KRZB WY Marbleton 95.7A TX Van Alstyne—dismissed 99.3A bid. | WY Thayne 99.9C1

# **FCC Wants Major Market TV** Broadcasters to Offer Described Video to the Blind

About the only use of DVS to date has been in certain public TV programs (Nova, Nature, Masterpiece Theatre). while only CBS has stated an interest in offering the format. Described video is a method of adding to the audio channel of a broadcast, syndicated program or movie a narration that mentions activity like people coming on the set, scenery changes and costumes people are wearing. It is blended skillfully into the regular audio of the program.

The Federal Communications Commission has proposed that commercial TV stations in the top 25 markets provide a minimum of 50 hours per calendar quarter (about four hours a week) of described prime time and/or children's programming no later than 18 months from the effective date of the rule change. Affected would be broadcasters affiliated with ABC, CBS, Fox and NBC networks.

The Commission said video description would make television programming more accessible to the more than 8-12 million persons with visual disabilities that cannot be corrected by glasses or contact lenses, and it would benefit children who have learning disabilities "by capturing their attention and enhancing their information processing skills." It also noted that others could benefit, such as sighted people who are doing several things at once. The new rules are modeled after similar rules requiring closed captioning for the hearing impaired. Requiring only about four hours

a week of such programming will enable the industry to develop the resources to implement the change without imposing a significant burden on video program distributors.

FCChairman William Kennard urged the industry not to wait until the rulemaking process is complete, but to "make sure that you do all you can to describe your programming." The proposal was unanimously adopted by the Commission.

### Small Print Happonings and FM Industry News

Bills have been introduced into the U.S. Congress stopping the FCC from approving low power FM broadcasting, and in the Michigan legislature encouraging LPFM. Three resolutions were introduced into the Michigan legislature as a means to send a message to the Commission. They are listed as HR67, HR180 and HCR45, where they have been referred for study to the House committee on energy and technology.

The U.S. bill was introduced by Rep. Mike Oxley (R-OH), who it is said was paid \$2000 by the NAB or its local station members as a campaign contribution. Some have criticized the process for being able to buy Mr. Oxley so cheapty. He was joined by Republicans Cliff Steams (FL), Barbara Cubin (WY), Robert Ehrlich



Rep. Mike Oxley

(MD), Hal Rogers (KY), Vince Fosella (NJ), and Democrat Frank Pallone (NJ) in offering H.R. 3439, the Radio Broadcasting Preservation Act. The NAB is urging its members to meet their representatives when Congress is on recess between now and Jan. 24, and get more House members to become co-sponsors of the Oxley bill. "Our goal is to get over half of the House (218+ members) to become co-sponsors of this legislation."

Both in Michigan and nationally broadcast organizations are lobbying intensively to oppose low power FM radio. The Michigan Association of Broadcasters has provided each state lawmaker a publication that explains about interference such stations might produce that quotes from NAB studies. The deadline for LPFM reply comments came and went on Nov. 15, and now it is the FCC's turn to either approve or reject the idea, with or without any nudging from Congress.

Another idea of the FCC is to squeeze in digital audio broadcasting into the range currently used by TV channel 6, which is 82 to 88 mz. By 2006, all analog TV stations are to have migrated to new digital channels, many of them UHF. The FCC is asking for comment on the proposal, and said: "The IBOC and new-spectrum DAB options need not be mutually exclusive and, in fact, should be complementary." Comments are due after the first of the year. The FCC stressed that it was not looking for new spectrum to allow for low power broadcasting. There is question, however, whether or not such a timetable is realistic. If DAB were to migrate to 82-88 rnz, there would be less reason from an "interference" standpoint to delay the approval of LPFM in the rest of the 88 to 108 mz spectrum.

In a study commissioned by the FCC (which the NAB disputes) chairman Bill Kennard said all

of the radios tested exceeded the current interference protection standards for third- adjacent channels and all but two radios exceeded current interference protection standards for second-adjacent channels.

One of the positive things the National Association of Broadcasters has done recently is to set up a fund for helping minorities become broadcast owners, It is the Prism Fund, funded initially at \$1 million, and to be managed by Chase Capital Partners. The goal is for it to climb to \$1 billion. "The fund is not a charitable organization, but a professionally-managed investment fund that is expected to generate better-thanaverage returns for its investors." It hopes to be "socially responsible and financially lucrative." This is said to be a concrete example of "broadcasters' dedication to diversity." Here are companies making the multi-million dollar commitment to this endeavor: ABC, A.H. Belo, Bonneville, CBS, Clear Channel, Cox, Cumulus, Emmis, Fox, Granite, Infinity, NBC, Radio One. Susquehanna, Tribune, Viacom.

KYCM \*88.5 Bastrop TX fined \$10,000 for failure to have a meaningful staff and management presence in its main studio, plus not having its public file available.

WCMF 96.5 Rochester NY gets hit with a \$2.3 million lawsuit from ex-sales rep Jodi Strade. She complains about "Brother Wease" Alan Levin saying on air that her clothing showed her to be sexually promiscuous. And another person, ex- Brother Wease sidekick Cindy Pierce said Levin and others sexually harassed her, and that she failed to get pay increases she deserved. There's further talk about a class action lawsuit involving other women employees.

Mafia connection to FM? Coddling criminals? Maybe that's what WKTU 103.5 Lake Success is doing in allowing John Sialiano, a d.j. known as "Goomba Johnnie" to be on the air. He's been sentenced to five months in prison to be followed by five months of home confinement Sialiano, 42, pleaded guilty to cheating the government from 1993 to 1995 out of more than \$87,000 in taxes on about \$230,000 in gambling winnings and income from the Scores strip club in Manhattan. He is a morning show co-host on WKTU, and has remained on the air since his arrest.

He was indicted in January, 1998 with John A. Gotti, 35, who was accused of controlling Scores thorugh the Gambino crime family. Gotti pleaded guilty in April to racketeering and other charges. Other charges against Sialiano, alleging a role in the extortion of Scores when he worked there, were dropped.

Stern gets targeted: A coordinated series of filings will be aimed at pressuring stations to drop Howard's show. Initial targets are KXPK 96.5 Evergreen-Denver CO, and five Clear Channel/ AMFM stations carrying his show, including WBGG 105.9 Fort Lauderdale-Miami, Jack Thompson of "the American Decency Association" claims he's gotten 8400 advertisers to "flee the program" in 24 markets, and takes credit for knocking Stern off the air in Minneapolis. His plan is to launch a bunch of indecency filings at the FCC, then filing petitions to deny license renewal of the stations. All of it will be backed up by transcripts, since Thompson has been taping Stem's show since May, 1996. He's even using Stem's marital problems to help "relegate Stern's radio career to the garbage heap of history where it belongs." The loss of Sten has helped the ratDecember, 1999

ings at WLOL 100.3 Minneapolis, and its going into hard rock oldies has "paid unmistakable dividends in Arbitron's summer survey of the Twin Cities radio market," writes Noel Holston in the [Star-] Tribune newspaper. It "doubled its share of listeners 25 to 54 without chasing away the 18- to 34-year olds who had sustained the headbanger format."

KUFO 101.1 Portland aired a promotional spot for the Howard Stern Show to area radio stations at 12:51 a.m. Oct. 3 (early Sunday morning) instead of an EAS test. KUFO is the market's emergency services station, and it was doing its weekly test of the system. Instead of the "normal annoying beeps and buzzers the night jock sent every radio and television station in the market a 20-second spot advertising Howard Stern on KUFO-FM. No one noticed until after the spot had been aired by every outlet across the entire market. Station says it was just an operator error" and had planned to re-air the correct announcement. It was to have conducted a training session "to ensure this doesn't happen again."

Here's an activity Howard Stern would feel at home with-a remote from a porn store. Anyway, such actually happened in Flagstaff AZ. KZGL 95.9 (Cottoriwood AZ) personality "Rowdy" Walker has been hit with misdemeanor and obscenity charges following a remote held at an adult video store earlier this year. Instead of hot doos and balloons, two live porn actresses: Mila Shegol and Ekaterina Ponomareva posed for pictures and signed autographs for listeners who stopped by. Here's where the all-embracing arm of government comes in: During one of the remote cut-ins. Walker handed the mike to Shegol. She apparently thought her dialogue in movies was all right for radio. "In other words, she said words you can't say on the radio for two whole minutes." Her offers "drew a big crowd including a plainclothes police officer who alleges to have been promptly groped by Ponomareva while someone snapped a photo. (remember 'souvenir' is the French word for 'evidence'.)" She's been charged with disorderly conduct and indecent exposure since the remote was on the sidewalk outside the store. Then the obvious questions: "What genius booked the grand opening of a porn store as a live remote in a conservative town of 50,000 people? What other genius presumably a general manager) said 'okay'? And where was the genius running the board back at the station" who could have turned off the offending content?

Watch for WMJS 92.7 Prince Frederick to switch to Spanish. MJS Communications is selling it for \$5.25 million to the owners of area AM stations WBZS, WINX, WKDL, WKDV and WZHF. Mega says WMJS will become the first Spanish-language FM in the Washington market.

The new general manager at WCAL \*89.3 Northfield-Minneapolis-St. Paul MN is Jennifer Roth. She replaces Paul Peterson, a Lutheran minister, who retired after 33 years. Roth most recently managed WBFO \*88.7 Buffalo NY. She helped launch *The Thistle & Shamrock*, a Celtic-music show now carried by more than 300 public radio stations. She got her start in radio at KUOM 770 AM Minneapolis, now known as Radio K, while pursuing her master's degree in speech/communication at the University of Minnesota in the 1970s.

Broadcasting pioneer Andy Anderson signs off at 81 because of cancer (from the Bismarck

FMedia! Page 10 ME's Ron Frizzell Sells Radio Holdings to Local TV Owner December, 1999

Tribune, Nov. 2): Living on a Divide County farm through the Dirty '30s, teenager Andy Anderson messed around with just about anything that involved science and engineering. . . He and a buddy built what amounted to a pirate radio station that could be heard two, sometimes three farms away. A.L. 'Andy' Anderson eventually built a family radio empire and was a tireless promoter of Bismarck-Mandan." He bought a 500-watt AM station in 1963, KQDY, renaming it KBMR AM He added KQDY (FM) 94.5 in 1968, and in 1996 started KSSS 101.5 Bismarck. He was the Muzak distributor in the area for 30 years; indeed now that KQDY is a noncommercial "K-Love" station, there is question whether the SCS music survives on FM in the market, I showed him an SCS modified radio and my Atlas. He seemed to be interested, but didn't buy anything. "Andy Anderson had a reputation of being a bit frugal,"

A new web "station" is being started by Alan Chartock of WAMC \*90.3 Albany NY. It features shows produced by WAMC, as well as other programs for 24 hours a day at <www.thepublic radiostation.com>. Chartock wanted to start a station "with no geographic boundaries." Many of the broadcasts, however, are repeats.

Watch for new Delco radios to soon contain not only FM stereo and AM but "XM." The XM feature will be a subscriber service by satellite, and will display the channel, type of music and song title.

Detroit may be served by Eureka-147 digital radio whether or not the FCC approves. Nearby Windsor has applications by the CHUM stations there, including CIDR 93.9 and CIMX 88.7, for 1484.208 mz at their joint transmitter site. Meanwhile, Industry Canada gives CIMX and CIDR continued authority to play only 20 percent Canadian content music, as opposed to 35 percent for other markets. Windsor is considered an exception, because its stations must battle Detroit FM for audience.

Radio World says WMMO 98.9 Orlando's testing by USADR of its hybrid analog/IBOC signal showed no interference to the host analog signal by the digital. The IBOC and analog signals were combined using an Andrew passive power combiner before entering the station's transmission line, sending its analog power of 44 kw along with the digital signal, which had less than 400 watts. Glynn Walden, USADR v-p engineering, said there was no problem with multipath interference.

Morning jock Barsky on WMMR 93.3 Philadelphia was told, not asked, by management to play a "Rage Against the Machine" song and promo for a concert in support of Mumia, who is on death row for murder. Barksy refused. The program director then came on the air, according to a story circulated on the Internet, and said he would accept Barsky's resignation. They argued, Barsky and his "entire crew" got up and walked out. "This left the traffic girl, Eliana, to finish the show. At 8:15 a.m. Eliana announced that there was to be a 20-minute music marathon [and then] she apologized," and left the air. The Internet article said to let the station know your feelings on forcing their on-air personnel to become Murnia supporters. "Flood all numbers to support the on-air crew in their walk-out. Address WMMR 1 Bala Plaza, Ste. 424, Bala Cynwyd PA 19004-1499 [I once know how to pronounce that town!], (610) 771-0933, FAX (610) 771-WMMR (9667), <a href="http://www.wmmr.com">http://www.wmmr.com</a>.

Longtime Milwaukee broadcast engineer LeRoy Woiniakowski, 65, announces plans to retire at the end of this year. He's been with WRIT AMWFWO (and other call letters) 102.9, WEMP AMWMYX 99.1/WXSS 103.7 for many years. WMYX g.m. Craig Hodgson reports that replacing LeRoy will be an "impossible task," he's now seeking applications for the position at (414) 529-1250. "Our best wishes to LeRoy as he concludes his years of service to our industry," writes the Milwaukee Society of Broadcast Engineers newsletter. I knew LeRoy as the person who kept the SCSignal on WMYX's 67 kHz going so well in an era when background music SCSes are fading from the scene.

Ron Frizzell of Downeast Radio Group of Maine has mixed emotions about selling his stations for \$11.875 million to WMTW Broadcasting Group. He was reluctant to sell the company he founded 25 years ago, but happy to have found a Maine-based buyer. WMTW Broadcasting has been privately owned by the Harron Family since 1967, said general manager David Kaufman. FM stations that WMTW, Channel 8, is buying consist of WLAM-FM 108.7 North Windham, WMWX 99.9 Auburn and WTHT 107.5 Lewiston.

"When Frizzell and the other two owners agreed to sell the radio group, though, they bucked a recent industry trend to merge with large, out-of-state conglomerates. The number of larger companies wooing him was 'unbelievable', Frizzell said. 'Our posture was we weren't for sale'." Deborah T. Seavey of the Bangor Daily News pointed out that Citadel Broadcasting of Las Vegas bought eight stations in Dennysville-Calais, Presque Isle-Caribou and Augusta-Waterville areas last year, Cumulus Media of Milwaukee bought radio stations in Ellsworth, Bangor, Augusta and Waterville. Frizzell liked the "synergy of that company. . . It's family owned. It's Maine owned, and they've always been committed to the community, just like us.

FM stations on the air and authorized by the FCC as of Sept. 30: 5766 (92.1-107.9 mz), 2066 (87.9-91.9), for a total of 7832. FM translators and boosters on air and authorized 3237.

From the classifieds: Managers, assistant managers, account executives and underwriters for secular and religious stations for southeast U.S. Resumes to Vernon H. Baker, Pres., Positive Alternative Radio Group, PO Box 889, Blacksburg VA 24063 or <office@parfm.com>.

### FM FORUM

CONTRIBUTIONS FROM READERS "I am surprised you would print something like this in FMedia! writes Nick Lombardi, referring to the item about my possible retirement. "Thinking about it ruined my entire weekend! I know that all good things must (eventually) come to an end, but I thought that with your recent heart valve repair, you were in basically good shape and would be aroundand working-for at least several more decades. . . I suspect you have considerable investments in the stock market and/or mutual funds and will find that Social Security income is a minor factor in the overall scheme of things. And even if it isn't, once you hit 70, you're entitled to full [benefits]. So think about all this before you decide to abandon your readers!" (I do have stock in Nokia; my goal is to buy some more and own 1000 shares of it in 2000, assuming it splits again as it has each of the two preceding Aprils. Check its progress, go to Yahoo,

then type in NOK. A good stock to compare it with is MOT (Motorola). Internet via cell phones is a hot new industry Nokia and similar companies (like Ericsson, ERICY) are in.)

A letter to the editor of Religious Broadcasting magazine from Bruce W. Clark, operations director, WFRS \*88.9 Smithtown NY says that instead of turning to low power FM more attention could be paid to FM/SCS, especially for reaching different ethnic groups, "Additional stations would not have to be built. Existing stations would not have to break up their broadcast schedules to allow an hour for a foreign language broadcast. Yet, programming could be produced which is targeted at various ethnic groups. The cost of operating such a service would probably be less than operating an LPFM station. It would also provide some additional income for the stations airing the SCA programming. And those stations could even be secular stations." Getting the receivers to the people might be a problem, "but this can be done."

Quartzsite AZ FM station continues to be for sale. Stereophonic KBUX 94.3 was once listed at \$300,000, and a great stop, 200 km west of Phoenix on I-10. According to a 1990 survey by the AZ Dept. of Transportation, 5,000 vehicles exit into Quartzsite each month. Buck and Maude Burdette operate one of the last mom & pop stations from their home. The station has only one advertiser in the summer, and "never more than 10 during the winter months." It can only be heard about 23 km away, but because the town sits in a valley few other stations compete for the local audience. The tower is a 21 m telephone pole in the yard, and the promotional department consists of a vintage green Volkswagen bug with a KBUX sign ettached to the roof. Their competition consists of a religious translator on 88.3 (of KWFH 90.1 Parker), Buck's automation system uses reel to reel tapes made up of music from LPs, 78s, cassettes, 45s, including records given by listeners. The music library fills up what used to be his living room. Buck announces the name of every song, records ads and promos, station IDs and commercials on the tapes, "so the station just about runs itself, a factor that cuts down expenses. . . We're both retired and can live on our retirement income so the advertising money. what there is of it, keeps the station going." They don't do live interviews. Once they tried one, Maude said, but "the man used some pretty horrible language that we didn't appreciate."

When they take a vacation they notify the FCC and shut down the station. For shorter periods they have friends who know how KBUX works who take over. [Information sent by Mike Fernyer, Phoenix, who says "I mentioned this station to you a couple of years ago. I seid I thought it was overpriced."]

WBCL \*90.3 Fort Wayne and relayers are in their prison fellowship Angel Tree drive to collect new, unwrapped gifts for children up to age 16, who are the offspring of prison inmates. Gifts are accepted at the studios on the Taylor University campus, Fort Wayne, through Dec. 22, and at other sites, including all 12 First Federal Savings and Loan offices in northwest Ohio.

One subscriber wrote, "Happy Holidays and best wishes for 2000!" It's a thought that Carol and I share with all of you.

Until another millennium,



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GREASEMAN GETS FIRED, BUT STERN SEEMS INVINCIBLE, DESPITE INSENSITIVE REMARKS FOLLOWING THE LITTLETON CO SCHOOL SHOOTINGS. READ MORE ON PP. 6-7.

MONOPHONIC WGST-FM 105.7 SHOT DOWN IN BID FOR HIGHER TOWER TO BETTER BERVE ATLANTA. P. 3, COL. 2.

BOSTON'S WEEI (AM) DROPS IMUS. IS IT IMUS WHO "LOST HIS EDGE"? OR MIGHT IT SE AN AM PROBLEM THAT THE RATINGS ARE DOWN? READ ABOUT IT ON PP. 4-5.

### **New FM Station, Translator Grants**

Translators have less tran 100 wattr unless shown otherwise

CA Cleartake (north of Santa Rosa, SE Kelseyville) K212DJ \*90.3 h,v (translator of KAWZ 89.9 Twin Falls ID), v[ertical polarization]

CA Point Arena (up the coast from San Francisco, SW Ukiah) 107.1 830 h,v; 507 m, Point Bostg.

CA Riverside K216EJ \*91.1 (WPCS 89.5 Pensacola FL), v. FCC dismissed a KAWZ bid for 91.1 in Hemet CA and KTLW Lancaster's bid for 91.1 Moreno Valley. XETRA-FM 91.3 Tijuana BN objected to the latter.

CA Temple City (NE of Los Angeles) K212FA \*90.3 (KLOV 89.3 Winchester OR), h,v

CA Tulare K201FB \*88.1 (KCZO 92.1 Carrizo Springs TX), h,v

CA Yankee Hill (north of Oroville, S. Magalia) K213CY \*90.5 (KAWZ 89.9), h,v

CO Aspen K269DS \*101.7 (WWFM 89.1 Trenton NJ), h [Aspen), h

CO Thomasville K215BX \*90.9 (KAJX 91.5/ K230AH 93.9 (KQIX 93.1 Grand Junction), v K252CX 98.3 (KSPN 97.7 Aspen), h K292EG \*106.3 (WWFM), h [WA), h,v IL Elgin \*91.7 W219CD (KSOH 89.5 Wapato)/ MD Lexington Park W201CG \*20.1 (WOTJ 90.7

Morehead City NC), h,v MO Overland KRHS \*90.1 10 watts h, reinstated

grant to Ritenour Consolidated Schools MT Black Eagle (Great Falls) KEIN-FM1 93.7

20000 h, 18000 v, booster of Conrad station MT Culbertson K201FG \*88.1 (KAWZ), h,v

MT Missoula K202CN \*98.3 (KLOV), h,v

NV Lovelock K201FE \*88.1 (KAWZ), h,v

NV Winnemucca K201FF \*88.1 (KAWZ), h,v NM Carlsbad K217DF \*91.3 (KLYT 88.3 Albu

NM Carlsbad K217DF \*91.3 (KLYT 88.3 Albuquerque), v [\*90.9 (WPCS), v

OH Steubenville W215BC/ [caster CA), v OK Guymon K215CV \*90.9 (KTLW 88.9 Lan-/

OK Guymon K215CV "90.9 (KTLW 88.9 Lan OR Burns K203CW "88.3 (KAWZ), v

UT St. George K272AQ 102.3 (KSSD 92.5 Cedar City), h, reinstatement of grant [ney SC), h,v VA Accomac W220CQ \*91.9 (WYFG 91.1 Gaff-/

WA Forks K201FD \*88.1 (KAWZ), h,v

WV Bemardstown (just NE Webster Springs)
W2093H \*39.7 (WM! J 90.5 Summersville)
WY Elk Mountain (NE Saratoga) K201FC \*88.1
(KAWZ), h,v [\*91.3 (KAWZ), h,v
WY Rawlins K217DG/ [\*91.3 (KAWZ), h,v
WY Tipton (WSW Warnsutter) K217DE/

# **Call Letters Assigned**

AL Montgomery 96.1 WQKS-FM (from WRWO), "Kiss 96"; AM is in Hopkinsville KY

AL Stevenson 101.7 WMXN"-FM" (WMXN-FM); AM in Fort Payne has new calls.

AR England 96.5 KLEC-FM (KLEC), "Lick"

AR Fayetteville \*88.3 KXUA

AR Fayetteville \*90.1 KBNV

CO Greeley 92.5 KDJM (KVOD-FM)

DC Washington 99.5 WJMO-FM (WGAY-FM); AM is in Cleveland OH. Still "Jammin" 99-5." [WMGE"-FM" (WPLL), so

FL Fort Lauderdale 103.5/

FL Holly Hill \*88.1 WEAZ (WANX)

FL Tallahassee \*90.5 WANM (WAMF)

GA The Rock \*88.9 WKEU-FM (AM is in Griffin, a commercial station) [Coyote\*

iL Quincy 99.5 WCOY (WQCY), k, "The/ 103.9 WQCY (WNOS), r, hot AC

IN Muncie 104.9 WERK (WERK-FM or WERK"-FM")

IN Veedersburg 92.9 WSKL (WARL)

KS Dearing 98.1 KKRK

MA Springfield 102.1 WAQY-FM (WAQY"-/

MI Beulah 92.1 WSRI (WBVE), still "Star FM"
MI Gaylord \*88 1 WBI W

MI Gaylord \*88.1 WBLW

MI Hart 105.3 WWIP (WCXT), sr, "The Whip" (strict) ["Mix"

MI Stephenson 106.3 WMXG (WWHK), r,/ MN International Falls \*91.9 KBOG

MS Port Gibson 100.5 WRTM-FM (WVYE); AM's in Vicksburg [(KESY), "Channel 9-7-7"

NE Nebraska City-Omaha 97.7 KQCH/ NJ Egg Harbor 104.9 WEMG-FM (WEMG) NM Cloudcroft \*88.9 KBOD

NM Grants 103.7 KYVA (KTHR), o[Idies]

NC Ahoskie \*91.7 WBKU

OR Bonanza 102.9 KYSF (KAQX), "Kiss 102"

PA Olyphant 95.7 WXAR (WKQV-FM)

SC West Columbia 100.1 WJMV (WSCQ), "Jammin"

TX Baird 95.1 KAGT (KVMX)

TX Mirando City 100.5 KZLM (KBDR), affects Laredo booster. ((from KRMP)

TX Portland \*91.1 KSGR/ [AM has new calls WA Seattle 94.1 KMPS"-FM" (KMPS-FM);/ PR Ponce 93.3 WZMT (WOQI)

**Facilities Changes Granted** 

AZ Flagstaff KJTA \*89.9 9000 h,v; 439 m [58 m AR Blytheville KBCM \*88.3 (from 88.1) 500 h,v;/ AR Fayetteville KAYH \*89.3 is vertical only (1500 v. 192 m)

AR Jonesboro KAOG \*90.5 40000 h,v (121 m), d-a (directional antenna), Class C2

AR Marked Tree KJBR 93.7 6000 h,v; 85 m AR Mountain Home KCMH \*91.5 26000 h,v;

CA Big Pine KRHV 93.3 868 m, d-a (850 h,v)

CA Clovis KZFO 92.1 37000 h,v; 173 m CA Gilroy KBAY 94.5 30000 h,v; 179 m, d-a

CA Mountain Pass KHYZ 99.7 (from 99.5)

CA Solvang KSYV 96.7 5800 h,v (-16 m)

CO Carbondale K201AZ \*88.1 (150 h); from K265CZ \*100.9, but K265CS is still on the air with lower power from the same site.

Both translations are relaying WWFM 89.1

Trenton NJ (K265CZ had been relaying KKHK 99.5 Denver). "I don't know why" WWFM is on the two translators.

CO La Junta (new) \*89.1 740 watts h,v; 91 m DE Dover W292CF I106.3 has WXPZ 101.3

Milford (from WZBH 93.5 Georgetown)
FL Green Cove Springs WJBT 92.7 2600 h,v;

154 m [137 m, one-step C2 FL Plantation Key WFKZ 103.1 50000 h,v;/

FL Yankeetown WXOF 96.3 3500 h,v; 132 m GA Sparta WPMA 102.7 6000 h.v (51 m) GA Springfield WSIS 103.9 14000 h.v. 100 m, one-step C3

HI HIIO KAOE 92.7 2150 h,v (-84 m) KPVS 95.9 -86 m (27000 h.v) fadds v HI Honolulu KTUH \*90.3 3000 h,v; -25 m,/ IL Highland Park WXXY 103.1 6000 h.v. 100 m, d-a, transmitter Arlington Heights IN Muncie WLBC 104.1 41000 h,v; 140 m LA Dubach KPCH 97.7 60000 h.v; 155 m. one-step C1

LA Gibsland KBEF 104.5 6000 h,v (100 m) ME Searsport WBYA 101.7 2000 h,v (213 m),

MA Nantucket WNAN \*91.1 1400 v; 69 m MI Crystal Falls WOBE 100.7 149 m (100000 h,v), to be o, \$[tereo], expected on in Sept. MS Fayette WTYJ 97.7 2500 h,v; 157 m MS Flora WFMN 97.3 20500 h,v (112 m) MS Sumrall WFMM 97.3 6000 h,v; 100 m MO Dexter KDEX-FM 102.3 50000 h,v; 150 m, one-step C2 [172 m MO Owensville KBDQ 95.3 37000 h.v:/ MT Big Sky KBFN 104.5 870 h,v; 1027 m, one-step C1 (by) KLHK 97.9 MT Dutton (Great Falls; move from Shel-/ NM Lordsburg 105.7C3 permit to modify for Hurley (Bayard) 105.5C1. The CP is shown in error as "107.5" on the AZ map, p. 79 of FM Atlas-18.

NY Glens Falls WCQL 95.9 263 m (240 watts h,v) NY Lowville W220BD \*91.9 (from W240AR 95.9), h,v [97.7, to 120 watts h,v NY Mattydale (move from Sulfivan) W249BC/ NY Mount Kisco W205BM \*88.9 to less than 100 watts h,v (taking smaller print on FMaps) NC Wrightsville Beach (new) 93.7 2400 h,v; 152 m OR Astoria KMUN \*91.9 7500 h,v; 99 m OR Salem KRSK 105.1 576 m (100000 h,v) PA Clearfield W279AB 103.7 180 h,v SC Beaufort WAGP \*88.7 25000 h,v; 100 m, d-a, C3, "Light 88.7" (not strict).

SD Aberdeen KQAA 94.9 136 m (100000 h,v) KBFO 106.7 136 m (100000 h,v) [adds v[ertical] TN Alcoa WYLX \*89.1 4500 h,v (303 m), C2/ TX Buda (move from Giddings) KROX 101.5 TX Decatur KDKR \*91.3 40000 v, 176 m, no d-a TX Waco KWTX-FM 97.5 430 m (100000 h,v) VA Cedar Bluff WHQX 107.7 9100 h,v; 165 m,

one-step C3

VA Chester WDYL 101.1 6000 h,v (100 m) [m, C3 VA Farmville WLCX \*91.3 (from 90.1) 350 h,v; 2/ VA Waynesboro WPVA \*90.1 293 m (2500 h,v), remove d-a

WA Ephrata KTAC 93.9 18000 h,v; 117 m, C3 ON Campbellford CKOL 93.5 (from 98.7)

Stereo—Or to be Stereo AR Batesville KBTA-FM 99.5 mr, "Sky 99.5" AR Russellville KMTC \*91.1, with a Christian format (q), but fined \$2500 by the FCC for broadcasting commercials not permitted on a noncommercial station. "Two years ago somebody complained about how we handled underwriting: it was not about any single announcement. The FCC has not notified us about any fine. How did you find out?" asked Debbie Feemster, g.m. Examples of some of the announcements are provided by the M Street Journal: "Bryan at Firearms Limited knows that good ammunition can make the difference in a successful hunting trip. He knows you need reliable performance and affordability." That spot. plus ads for a wrecker service, Dial-a- Page ("You can always be in touch with Dial-a-Page. Be in touch.") and other companies "ran at least 828 times on KMTC."

CA Esparto 97.9, Pacific Spanish Network,

Inc. fined \$10,000 for violation of the FCC's public inspection rules.

FL Marco WMKO \*91.7, cj. parallel to WGCU 90.1 Fort Myers, which is also ci. They have joint IDs.

GA Savannah WLXP \*88.1

IL Carlyle WCXO 96.7, o, on 24 hours, live all day, except 6 p.m. to 5 a.m.

KS Ingalls KSSA 105.9, S. I. "Radio Tricolor Mexicanisima."

KY Brownsville WKLX 100.7, rm, ID with Bowling Green, "100.7 KLX." LMA with WHHT 106.7 Horse Cave-WOVO 105.5 Glasgow-AMs. **istereo** 

NJ Tuckerton WBHX 99.7, op, testing in/ NY Syracuse WRVD \*90.3, parallel to WRVO 89.9 Oswego.

SD Redfield KNBZ 97.7, r, ID with Aberdeen, "Z-97," as reported last month, p. 7, col. 2. TX Clarendon KEFH 99.3 r, hot AC, parallel to KRMN 92.7 Shamrock, which itself goes r with stereo. Join IDs. "Of course it's stereo! Aren't ail FM stations stereo these days?"

TX Hallettsville KTXM 99.9, kr. country and classic rock, ownership to Roy E. Henderson. Programs with KYKM 92.5 Yoakum, also kr. and off-air KGUL 96.1 Edna TX (to be kr). All ID, or will ID, together, including KHLT AM. "I can't tell you if KGUL Edna had stereo. They were such a mess we took them off to correct the technical violations."

CL Sabinas XHEC 91.9, I, no SCS, claims 2500 watts on air (not 4000 h,v), but that may be the transmitter output power.

NL Anahuac XHAHU 103.3

NL Certaivo XHCER 100.7

NL Galeana XHGAL 94.7

NL Linares XHLRS 95.3, XHNAR 103.3

NL Montemorelos XHLOS 97.7 NL Monterrey XHUNL \*89.7 XHUDM \*90.5 TM Ciudad Victoria XHVIR 101.7 TM Nuevo Laredo XHAS 101.5

### Monophonic

AR Russellville KXRJ \*91.9: \*That's the university station. They're mono!"

KY Campton WCBJ 103.7, remove \$[tereo] listing MI Muskegon Heights WMRR 101.7-stereo pilot on, "but audio feed is 100% monophonic. Has been for several weeks now." (stereo pilot.

NY Brockport WRPO 105.5, mono with/

RI Block Island WBLQ \*88.1. tm. \*It's mono and I can't tell you about any plans to go stereo."

### **Format Changes**

Formats are the same as in the "FM Atlas"

AL Anniston WGRW \*90.7 g, plus rg

AL Citronelle WQUA 102.1 so, "Jammin' Oldies Q-102," or sometimes "Q 102.1,"

AZ Gilbert KPTY 103.9 pr, modern rock

CO Montrose KSTR 96.1 o, classic hits. It stunted two weeks as country (it had been classic rock).

CO Snowmass Village KSNO 103.9 j, JRN smooth; LMA with KKCH 92.7 Glenwood Springs, KSPN 97.7 Aspen-AM.

GA Helen WHEL 105.1 mr. "Peach," parallel to Atlanta's 94.9

GA Hinesville WSKX 92.3 k, no nonID [95.1") IL Carterville WXLT 95.1 k, "Country 95" (from "Big Dog 95.1")

1A Des Moines KKDM 107.5 r, CHR, "Kiss 107 FM" (ex-"lowa's New Rock Alternative"). "Des Moines hasn't had a full-blown CHR since Q 102 became Star 102.5 more than five years ago." It enters an LMA-to-buy with KMXD 100.3-KYSY 106.3-WHO AM, paying \$7.5 million.

IA Keokuk KRNQ 96.3 op, stereo, uses calls as shown last month, p. 5, col. 2.

IA Lamoni KIIC 97.9 k, classic country

KY Horse Cave WHHT 106.7 k, "Thunder" (from "Mix"); its LMA moves to WKLX (see above,

ME Rumford WLOB-FM 96.3 still tg with stereo, but Catholic Family Radio is buying it along with several AMs. Expected to carry CFR network programming.

MD St. Michaels WFBR 94.3 k, Radio One, parallel to WBEY 96.9 Crisfield. WICO-FM Salisbury has thus moved from 94.3 to 97.5.

MA South Yarmouth WOCN 103.9 s, mostly big bands-nostalgia. Still "Ocean 104."

MI Bear Creek Township WTLI \*89.3 gr, \$[tereo] MI Detroit WKRK-FM 97.1 all t, remove \$ listing. It adds Don & Mike, as well as Tom Leykis.

MN Atwater-Willmar KKLN 94.1 op, similar in format to KLZZ 103.7 Waite Park-St. Cloud (not going to "Classic Country 94.1"), now "The New Loon" (fairly strict). ID list adds Hutchinson. "The signal in Willmar is so patchy you can barely pick it up in a car."

MN Waite Park-St. Cloud KLZZ 103.7 op

- MS Hattiesburg WUSW 103.7 k; its AM, WFOR 1400, is silent. [southern gospel; no "Mix 98" MS Laurel WMXI 98.1 g, Reach/ [The River." MO Hannibal KGRC 92.9 o, classic hits, "92.9/ MO Poplar Bluff KJEZ 95.5 op, "Classic 95.5" (from "Z 95 The Edge"). KZMA 103.5 mr, stereo
- NJ Hazlet WCNJ \*89.3 e, East Indian, with a non-ID of \*EBC\* (from \*Solid Gold CNJ\*). \*They also mention the 91.9 Parlin NJ translator frequency.\* Heard with four illegal commercials in a row—for a local Honda dealer, a computer school, a chain of India grocery stores, \*and one of those 10-10 phone companies.\*
- NJ Manahawkin WCHR-FM 105.7 to be op, "The/ NY Buffalo WLCE 92.9 so, "B-92.9," with "Alice" careening down Niagara Falts.
- NY Homer WXHC L101.5 r, hot AC
- NY Jeffersonville WWHW 102.1 still t, mono, all weather, and said to be looking for a buyer.
- NC Atlantic Beach WBJD \*91.5 cn, parallel to WTEB 89.3 New Bern.
- ND Bismarck KQDY \*94.5 to ue gr, sold to K Love Radio network, noncommercial. The country format of KQDY is being simulcast on the new KXMR 710 AM Bismarck. Perhaps that is where it will permanently reside. No news as to the possible fate of KQDY's two music subcarriers. KSSS 101.5 rm. \*Kiss 101\*
- OH McArthur WJLI 98.7 g
- OK Altus KKVO \*90.9 g, Moody
- OK Snyder KJCM \*100.3 gr, taking the format that was on KKVO. It will feature "Christian rock" 3-10 p.m. starting in September.
- TX Terrell Hills-San Antonio KCJZ 106.7 so, "106-7 Jamz" (from "Smooth Jazz"). Is jockless. Owned by Cox Radio—one of eight Cox stations in the market. It was jazz four years.
- TX Centerville KAJG 105.9 k
- TX Seadrift KMAT \*105.1 g, parallel to KHCB-FM 105.7 Houston, noncommercial.
- VA Powhatan WXNC 107.3 so, "Beat." No jocks, no office, nor any phone listing yet.
- WA Othello KZLN 97.5 m, "The River" (from "Sizzlin' 97")
- WI Algoma WRLU 104.1 to be k[ountry]
- WI Forestville WRKU 102.1 to be o, run along with WBDK 96.7 Algorna.
- WI Portage WBKY 95.9 k, JRN's CD Country WI Whitehall WHTL 102.3 ko, country+ rock oldies PR Hormigueros WRRH 106.1 S, gr
- AB High Level CFKX 106.1 r, parallel to CKKX 106.1 Peace River

# On Air—Real Stations and Pirates (Selected)

CA and Reno NV area—several stations were off the air because of an ice storm in late April that took one of the main Slide Mountain towers down. Most have returned, but are still at lower power. Stations affected include monophonic KKTO "90.5 Tahoe City, KHWG 107.7 Kings Beach, KODZ 103.7 Carnelian Bay, KZZF 102.9 and KLCA 96.5 South Tahoe City/Tahoe City, all CA; KTHX-FM 100.1 Incline Village and KRNO-FM 106.9 Reno NV. KDOT 104.5 Reno was not affected. It broadcasts from an older tower on Slide Mtn.

- CT New Haven WYBC 94.3, run by Yale University students, with a marketing agreement with WPLR 99.1 there. WPLR sells advertising for WYBC and gives WYBC a part of the ad proceeds. It is estimated that WYBC receives \$300,000 a year from the arrangement. But a local African-American group is seeking greater community involvement in the WYBC operation. The Rev. Eric Smith, pastor of Community Baptist Church, said the group wants to ensure that radio programs address the needs of African-American listeners, which he said are targeted by the station's advertising. The group was to have met with Betty Trachtenberg, Yale's dean of student affairs.
- FL Panama City WJTF \*89.9 fined \$3000 \*for several rules' violations.\*
- GA Athens-WNGC 95.5 is moving to a new tower that will enable Atlanta residents, at least those living on the NE side of town, to get a clear signal. Familyowned Clarke Broadcasting is selling the 95.5 signal to Cox Radio for \$78 million. The deal was sealed after a heated bidding war that saw Jefferson Pilot Communications and Jacor wanting it. Jacor also owns monophonic WGST-FM 105.7-WPCH 94.9 and WKLS 96.1. The new tower is to be built on the Barrow-Gwinnett County line. The WNGC heritage is not expected to die. Its legacy will carry on for the region of the state it moves from in the form of WSTE, "South 106.1." The two stations are essentially merging, with simulcast programming, until Cox takes over. Then WNGC will move to 106.1, although it's not clear if those exact call letters will make the move. WSTE is itself moving to a new, taller tower. WNGC now appears in the Atlanta Journal-Constitution radio station listings, but not WSTE. WGST-FM also wants to build a new tower on Sweat Mountain, but its bid was denied by Cobb County Commissioners. The new perch would give the mono talker better reach into the north Atlanta burbs. Residents have built homes worth \$300,000 to \$700,000 on the mountainside near the tower, and they object to any change-even a height increase of 18 m to the 48 m structure. "The top of this mountain is one of the ugliest in the Southeast United States, said Richard Zieber, president of the Summit Homeowners Association. Zieber cited problems with more antennas in the area: bad TV reception, cross- talk on cordless phones, and the sound of roaring fans used to keep electronic equipment cool. "It really is a junkyard back there," said Commissioner Sam Olens. IA Osceola KJJC 107.1, having moved from 106.9.
- KY Elizabethtown-Radcliff WQXE's Bill Evans called and said his station has been on four frequencies, all caused by rulemakings affecting nearby cities. First it was on 106.3, then 100.1, later 98.5 and finally 98.3. He's also owner of WGGC 95.1 Glasgow KY.
- MI Trout Lake WHWG \*89.9, parallel to WHWL 95.7 Marquette.
- MN Alexandria KSTQ 99.3, Glerwood KMGK 107.1, Sauk Centre KMSR 94.3—all had licenses reinstated. MN Duluth KDNI "90.5 has a new transmitter and is back
- to full power after the ice storm of early April.

  MN Grand Marais WXXZ 95.3 said to be on, but I cannot confirm. May be at low power. Relay of WWAX 92.1

  Hermantown MN, and "apparently not making a play
- for Thunder Bay (ON) advertising."

  NJ Dover Township WWNJ "91.1 now with 50000 v (50 watts h, 46 m), and announcing program test authority for the change.
- NY New York city area—90.5 "Radio Maria de Colombia," Spanish, Catholic, program possibly coming off a satellite. Off by 7 p.m. the day it was heard. "At least 8 other pirates heard today on the NYC FM band, including Radio Moshiach 87.9. There was more skip tonight but couldn't get anything on formerly good DX

- frequencies 88.1, 88.5, 88.9 and 90.1 due to the Haitian pirates."
- NY New York WQXR 96.3 goes 24 hours, 7 days a week. Previously it left the air at midnight Sunday, not to return until 5:30 a.m. Monday. "The reason was transmitter maintenance, a vestige of radio's past that used to be done by many stations and now is done by almost none. Technology now allows maintenance to be performed without shutting down the signal." Candace Agre, is the announcer during the new time period; she also hosts the program the following night. The New York Daily News headlined the story, "Bach around the clock: WQXR plugs a gap."
- OH Cleveland—more than one of the microbroadcasters have left the air, including 96.9 from the Grid Nightclub (May-June p. 7, col. 2) and some Spanish pirates. Spanish is now available on 89.1 (WNZN Lorain) and 1380 AM (WDLW Lorain OH).
- PA Philadelphia W300AD \*107.9 now on with more power, \*and the signal shows it.\*
- TX Fort Worth KLTY 94.1 to be S, I by fall or early winter, 1999, with Hispanic Broadcasting Corp. buying, instead of Sunburst Media as originally announced. The original purchase agreement is "dead," and Hispanic agreed to pay the full \$65 million for the facility. "HBC has plenty of signals in the neighborhood, but they're all well outside town: the KDXX/KDXX-FM/KDXT-FM simulcast, plus KDOS, KESS and KHCK. But none of the second facilities can rival the Class C 94.1 MHz," said M Street. The facility had been Spanish years ago as KESS 94.1, and earlier on 93.9. Its contemporary Christian format may go "to Sunburst's KRJT-FM 100.7," moving to Highland Village TX from Bowie.
- INDIA—Has FM stations, but none that are privately owned. That will change as Bloomberg reports the Indian cabinet has voted to allow private operators to end the government monopoly. There will, however, be restrictions. The stations can broadcast only music, entertainment, information and education, but not news or current events—plus there'll be restrictions on foreign-owned companies.

### Off Air-Or Not Yet On

- CA Fairfield KASK "91.5. "How did you get their logo last month? They're not on the air, and not sure when they will make it! The temporary K-Love translator on 91.5 in Leisure Town CA is still on the air."
- CA Rohnert Park KRPQ 104.9—for facilities' upgrade.
  CO Federal Heights "The Flick" 89.7 from a pager sales
  office, W. 84th Ave. & Pecos St. Had 30-w into an
  omnidirectional antenna at 15 m above ground. FCC
  put it off air with help of a local police officer. FCC said
  it was widely heard throughout the Denver area.
- ii. Bethatio WFUN-FM 95.5, pending calls' and ownership change. To have a new format.
- MI Charlotte WVIC 92.7
- MN Good Thunder "102 Jams" ordered off the air by the FCC. Station was run by one Chris Miller, 844 Chapel St., ZIP 56037, who brother told two well-dressed men who came with a clipboard that his brother was sleeping. They politely left, and two weeks later a letter came from the St. Paul FCC office (PO Box 17860 ZIP 55117), stating "Your operation on 102.3 MHz was determined to far exceed the allowable limits established in Part 15... UNLICENSED OPERATION OF THIS RADIO STATION MUST BE DISCONTINUED IMMEDIATELY," Albert S. Jarratt, Jr. I advised Chris that even under his previous power, using a modified FM radio as a transmitter, and a booster, that Part 15 would be exceeded.
- NY Homell WSQA \*88.7
- OK Pauls Valley KGOK 97.7. LMA with Wright & Wright dissolved; KVLH 1470 there is on, going soft AC.

- PA Bethlehem 91.5 and later 94.7—Rev. Pedro Cruz operated a "LUZ-FM," or Radio Luz, but in the fall of 1998 the FCC shut him down. He is reported to be fighting back, suing the FCC, claiming his free speech and religion have been violated. It could be heard several kilometers and featured a Spanish Christian format. It broadcast from a two-story house on Ontario St. in South Bethlehem, using a 15-m antenna standing next to the house. After the FCC visited it tried 92.1 for a while, but then shut down, until a judge can rule on his lawsuit. A similar station, Radio Vida ("Radio Life") in Lancaster on 106.3 was also closed down by the FCC. It has joined Cruz' lawsuit, with Radio Luz unwilling to wait for a ruling on the FCC's microradio proposal, because it is unclear whether or not the proposal will be enacted. [Thanks to John Wm. Beitel for sending this information from the Allentown Call.
- PA South Williamsport W265AG 100.5
- TX Cuero KVCQ 97.7, but expected to be on soon with a new format. [a new format.
- TX Palacios KKOS 99.7; expected to return soon with/

### **Deletions**

AL Jackson W210BD \*89.9
ID Coeur d'Alene K285DX \*104.9, "not on in 12 months."
NM Albuquerque K254AB 98.7

### FMistakes—FMedia! May-June

- CA Inglewood 103.9 is KACE, not "KACEL," p. 8, col. 3
- CT Hartford WZMX is 93.7, not "92.7," p. 6, col. 1 FL Coral Cove WSRZ 107.9 frequency missing p. 9, col. 2. [col. 2
- FL Florida City WMFL is "88.5, not "88.9," p. 6,/ FL Havana WHTF 104.9 old calls were WFLV, not "WFLVL," p. 2, col. 1.
- KS Pittsburg KRPS \*89.9 has † , T, not † , M, p. 8, col. 2. [3, col. 3.
- MS Port Gibson WVYE is 100.5, not "L100.5," p./
  NJ Ocean City WRTQ "91.3 should have been listed under nonIDs as "Temple University Public Radio," p. 9, col. 1. [4, col. 1.
- PA Denver (not "New Denver") W214AL "90.7,/
  PA Mexico WJUN-FM 92.5 (not "WCHX 105.5"), p. 8, col. 2.
- PA Philadelphia (not Pittsburgh) is the location of WXXM 95.7, p. 6, col. 3. Pittsburgh's WJJJ 104.7 is now "Jammin' Gold."
- TN Baxter 93.7 is WBXE, not "KBXE," p. 6, col. 3 TN Dickson WNRZ is "91.5, not "91.9," p. 6, col. 3 TX Jacksonville KLJT is 102.3, not "1102.3," p. 4, col. 1 [p. 7, col. 1
- UT Brigham City KRAR is 106.9, not "L106.9,"/
  VT Middlebury WGTK 100.9 frequency not given
  p. 9, col. 2. But is now WWFY 100.9, "Y-100,"
  see p. 2, col. 3 of the May-June issue. [2, col. 3
  VT St. Johnsbury "88.5 is WVPA, not "KVPA," p./
- VT St. Johnsbury "88.5 is WVPA, not "KVPA," p./ WA Ellensburg KCWU "88.1 frequency missing p. 7, col. 1. [col. 1]
- WA Walla Walla KHSS 100.7, not "1100.7," p. 7,/
  WV Salem WAJR-FM is 103.3, not 93.3, as shown
  p. 7, col. 1. "They simulcast WAJR AM in Morgantown, except for a morning talk program
  aimed at Clarksburg and Harrison County." [1

WI Kewaunee 92.7 is WAUN, not "WUN" p. 7, col./ SCS Services, 57, 67, 92 kHz Symbols are as in the FM Atlas

- GA Atlanta WABE "90.1 still † ,H, 92, Radio Savannah. It serves about 10,000 area Haitian residents. These range from professionals, to college students and low-wage earners. Also serving that group are 19 Haitian churches, mostly Christian, with the Rev. Brave Laverdure, an example of one of the pastors. He's with Good Samaritan Baptist Church. Radio Savannah can be reached at (404) 315-0165.
- GA Jesup WLPT \*88.3 †U, 67. IDs as \*WLPT Jesup, serving Brunswick and Glynn County, as well as Waycrossand Ware County.\*
- GA Toccoa WSTE\*-FM\* 106.1 †( ), U, with 92 kHz telemetry resumed. [still have the 67!\*

  IA Des Moines KGGO 94.9 no † , R, 92. \*tt might/

KS Fredonia KGGF-FM 104.1 †( )

- MI East Lansing WDBM \*88.9 no † ( ), RDS. "They ran a contest on the RDS, asking people who notice the display to call to win a prize. Nobody called, so they took the equipment out."
- WKAR-FM "90.5 still with †()T, and adding, S, for talk back during remote broadcasts, 92 kHz. Occasional audio. "Our 20-year-old McMartin, Norver and other radios for the reading service are needing replacing. I hope you can help."
- NE Norfolk KNEN 94.7 †Z, not †U. KEXL 106.7 †X
- NM Portales KENW-FM \*89.5 †( ), reading out its call letters, and received by skip in Missouri.
- SD Salem KIKN-FM 100.5 †U [language. TX Houston KUHF \*88.7 †, E, 92, an unknown foreign/ NS Halifax CHFXL 101.9 †( ), in addition to M, 67

BERMUDA ZBM-FM 89.1 †M, 67, with no SCSes noted on Bermuda's 94.9 and 106.1.

"I hope all is going well with your work on the new Atlas.

The April FMedia! ends with the phrase, "Until May"; if you knew then what you know now, you probably should have said, "Until May-June-July'," N.L., Atlanta.

### **NonIDs, Not Just Slogans**

Mentioned usually without call letters; "strict" if a station uses call letters once per hour (at or near top of hour) as required by FCC and Industry Canada

AL Alexander City WSTH"-FM" 106.1 Rooster Country 106 (from "South 106")

AR Harrison KHOZ-FM 102.9 Z 103 [103.5").
FL Bradenton WTBT 103.5 Gulf Thunder (from "Thunder/
FL Sarasota WSMR \*89.1 Life FM (from "The Light,

IL Mount Carmel WTRI-FM 94.9 Tri 95

IA Keokuk KOKX-FM 95.3 Country 95

KS Andover KDGS 93.9 Power 93.9 (was "K-Dog")

KS Great Bend KVGB-FM 104.3 Eagle (from "K-104")

KS Leavenworth KQRC 98.9 The Rock (from "The Rock 98-9") [Bridge")

LA Clinton WQCK 92.7 The Bridge 92-7 (from "The/ LA Larose-Houma KLRZ 100.3 uses calls, no "Pirate Radio Z-100." Adds Thibodaux to its ID list.

ME Sanford WPHX 92.1 92.1 FNX, relaying WFNX



101.7 Lynn MA. It's seeking an operations manager. FAX resumes to (617) 425-2615.

- MN Mankato KYSM-FM 103.5 New Country 103 (from "Country 103 FM")
- MO Charleston KWKZ 106.1 Pure Country 106.1 (from "CD Country 106.1"), now classic country
- MO Moberly KRES 104.7 Kres Radio (from "Kres Country")
- NY Norwich WICKZ 93.9 94-KKZ (from "94-Kicks")
  PA Jersey Shore WVRT 97.7 Variety 97.7 (from "Variety 97-7 and 100.5")
- WI Lancaster WGLR-FM 97.7 97-7 Country
- WI Minocqua WMQA 95.9 Soft Rock 96
- WI Portage WDDC 100.1 Hometown Country (from "New Country 100")
- NF St. Johns VOCM-FM 97.5 Magic FM (from "VO-FM"), affects VOCM-FM1 100.7 Clarenville.
- CI Hidalgo del Parral XHHPR 101.7 Radio Parral
- "I take it you are still having quite a bit of difficulty, since as of 6-28 i haven't received a *Filledial* since April. . . Am glad to see the new <u>Atlas</u> is almost ready," R.R., PA via e-mail.

### Multi-City IDs In Use

- TX Azle KZMP-FM 101.7 with Dallas-Fort Worth, having returned to the air in a combo with KRVA-FM 106.9 McKinney-Dallas-KRVF 107.1 Terrell-Dallas-Fort Worth-AMs.
- TX Marble Falls KBAE 104.9 (having moved from Llano 104.7) with Lakeway-Lake Travis (from Horseshoe Bay-Granite Falls). Tower now farther east, giving a better signal in the Austin ana
- CL Ciudad Acuna XHPL 99.7 says, in Spanish, "serving southern Texas and Coahuita."

### Selected AM Happenings

- AR Cabot KBBL 1350 had been silent; now CHR.
- CA Carmel Valley KIEZ 540 fined \$15,000 for improperly turning the station over to a time broker; for failing to maintain required information in the public record file, and falsely certifying its completeness to the FCC.
- CA San Diego KCBQ 1170: It's reported that KCBQ's tower site has been purchased by Lowes Corporation, and that it'll soon be the location for a new hardware store. "This legendary San Diego frequency may go silent as a result." KCBQ broadcasts with a daytime power of 50,000 watts and 1500 watts at night. [This from All Access, a website for radio and record-industry professionals.]
- FL Avon Park WAVP 1390 delete.
- FL Sarasota WQSA 1220 had been all sports, now all weather and reported up for sale.
- IA lowa City KCLJ 1630 off air—fire in transmitter building. This station has been widely heard in the eastern United States at night.
- ME Rurriford WLLB 790 now EWTN Catholic; had been adult standards.
- MA Boston WEEI 850 drops Imus in the Morning, daiming he's lost his edge. "He used to be very fast paced and energetic. He was very passionate and the audience was captured by it. [His show] is not entertaining any more," said Jason Wolfe, program director. The show's ratings slipped from a 10 to a 4.7 share; he had been on since

1994. This follows the firing of GM Brad Murray (see May-June p. 9, col. 3).

WBZ 1030: After 23 years, Bob Raleigh retires from overnights. When he started WBZ was a rock powerhouse, then it moved to middle of the road music, and finally talk. "I just don't have the fire in the belly to argue about Clinton any more. Howard Stern shaves the public hair of a woman on his television show. Rap is middle-of-the-road music now. Maybe I just don't belong in the '90s any more." he magned.

MS Tupelo WELO 580 had been silent since a lightning strike in May. Plans to come on next month with JRN standards.

NM Hobbs KKFL 1480 delete

NY Youngstown WTOR 770 has polkas from sign on to 8 a.m. It "has been on the air for over a year and has yet to air a commercial. The rest of the international programming is a waste and lousy."

PA Williamsport WWPA 1340 "silent again."

TX Atlanta KALT 900 had been silent; now Reach southern gospel and talk. Owned along with KPYN 100,1-KALT-EB (extended band [1610-1700 kHz]) in an LMA-to-buy with Dominion Media.

VA Pulaski WPUV 1580 delete

### FMakings—Selected FCC and Industry Canada applications

AK Houston KJHA \*88.7 340 h,v; -38 m CA Agoura Hills \*88.9 (KCSN 88.5 Northridge) CA Big Bear Lake \*90.3 (KAWZ 89.9 Twin Falls ID) CA La Canada-Flintridge \*88.9 (KTLW 88.9 Lancaster) CA Santa Paula/Camarillo \*89.9 (KCSN) CA Willows \*89.5 (KCZO 92.1 Carrizo Springs TX) DE Dover \*91.1 3250 h,v; 66 m, Maranatha, Inc. IL Elgin \*88.1 app. amended to 120 v IN Franklin WPZZ 95.9 1400 h,v; 147 m IN Monticello WMKZ 93.1 1450 h.v; 206 m ME Bangor W219CC \*91.7 seeks 91.5 and new primary, presumably KLOV 89.3 Winchester OR MI Adrian \*90.1 100 v, 43 m, Gt. Lakes Com'ty. Bostg. MI Chelsea (between Ann Arbor and Jackson) \*89.7 100 v, 39 m, Great Lakes Community Broadcasting MI Coldwater \*90.1 1000 v, 90 m, Gt. Lks Com, Bosto. MI Onsted \*88.3 100 v, 56 m, Community Bostg. Inc. MI Rexton \*88.1 100000 v, 135 m, Gt. Lks. Com. Bostg. MN St. Cloud \*89.5 (KSKD 93.3 Chowchilla CA) MN Windom \*89.9 250 h,v; 52 m, Abundant Life Bostg. MO Salem KKID 95.9 seeks 92.9 21000 h,v; 110 m NE Franklin \*91.9 (KAWZ) NV Reno \*88.1 (KEFX 88.9 Twin Falls ID) NM Farmington \*91.1 (KCJH 90.1 Stockton) NM Los Alamos KEFE 107.5 243 m NC Bath \*90.1 13500 h,v; 35 m, Educ. info. Corp. NC Pinehurst WBFY \*90.3 6500 v, 100 m, d-a SD Yankton \*88.7 (KLOV 89.3 Winchester OR) TN Berry Hill \*89.9 (WPCS 89.5 Pensacola FL) TN Campbellsville \*90.7 100 h,v; 274 m, Crime Stoppers of Lawrence County TN Morristown W284AL 104.9 seeks 105.1, h,v TN Shelbyville \*91.3 250 h,v; 14 m, Abundant Life Bostg. TX Hereford \*88.7 28000 h,v; 70 m, Educ. Media Fou. \*90.9 250 h,v; 166 m, Abundant Life Bostg. TX Rio Grande City \*91.1 (KCZO) TX Tulia KLGD 104.9 one-step C1 WA Pasco KEYW 98.3 12500 h,v; 304 m, C2 [Proof, Inc.

WY Horse Creek \*89.3 4000 h,v; 260 m, d-a, Living/

PR San German WZGX \*91.7 5000 h,v; 111 m

VI Frederiksted WAXJ 103.5 4600 h,v; 279 m

MB Churchill-dismissed Cyril Paul Fredlund's bid for a 102.1 relayer of WJCG 88.9 Monee IL (see Mar., p. 8, col. 1). The CRTC disagreed with Fredlund that, since cable TV can carry U.S. stations and networks, so should radio. The CRTC said that Churchill's two licensed (low power) stations offer plenty of diversity.

ON Belleville is the latest market the CRTC is entertaining FM applications. Interested parties must send the Commission a letter of intent by Aug. 3 and a formal application providing "clear evidence there is a demand and market for the station" by Aug. 31. Earlier the CRTCalled for applications for Barrie ON and Moncton

### **FM Rulemakings Proposed** First date is for filing comments at the FCC; second date is for replies. Stations affected, if any, are listed

AR Foulke (move from Stemps) 104.3A from C2, KLMZ, Aug. 23, Sept. 7 CA Edwards 103.9A (from Johannesburg 103.981), KEDD, Aug. 16, 31 NY Johnson City (from Owego) 101.7A, WLTB, Aug. 23, Sept. 7 NC Indian Trail (from Albermarle) 100.9A, WABZ-FM, Aug. 23, Sept. 7 OR Cannon Beach 94.9C3 for 96.5A, KCBZ counterproposal TX Breckenridge 100.1A, Aug. 23, Sept. 7 TX Graham 98.5A, site to be 9.2 km W of town, Aug. 16, 31 TX Hunt 99.9A, site to be 10.7 km NW, Aug. 16, 31 TX Ingram 96.5A, Aug. 16, 31 TX Madisonville 101.3A, et a site 8 km N., Aug. 16, 31 TX Medina 107.1A, Aug. 16, 31 TX Thorndale \*105.1A, requested by KHCB-FM 105.7 Houston to resolve a conflict with 99.3A, where six applicants were vying, Aug. 23, Sept. 7 VA Weber City 102.7C3 (from Cumberland KY 102.7A), WSEH, Aug. 23,

WY Hyrum (move from Fort Bridger) 99.1C3, KNYN, Aug. 16, 31

### FM Rulemakings Finalized

No filing windows because of freeze

AZ Kinomon 100.1C2 for 99.9C2, KGAMI

CA Mountain Pass 99.7B for 99.5B, KHYZ. This station enjoys "super power status," as an enhanced Class B. The FCC promises it can stay that way on 99.7. KHYZ objected to moving; see AZ Kingmen, NY Indian Springs,

CD New Castle 94.5A

CO Pallisade 98.9C3, rather than originally requested 106.9C3

CO Ryo 104.9A [94.3C3 Wellington CO. CO Wolden 94.1C2, site 18.5 km W. to avoid short spacing to/

ID Aberdeen 99.5C2, at a site 13.5 km NE, to avoid short spacing to KZDX 99.9C Burley ID.

IN Madison 101.1A, site 11.1 km NE, despite a terrain obstruction to the town. That terrain obstruction was cited by W1K1 95.3 Carrollton KY.

IA Sioux Rapids 98.3—dismissed Alalatex petition at applicant's request I ND Belfield 93.9CT IS Burdett 93.5A

ICS Rozel 102.5A | ND Burlington 103.1C1

MS Saltillo 102.9C3, site 11 km E. | ND Gackle 99.1C

MT Dutton (move from Shelby) 97.2C, KLHK

NV Indian Springs 99.3C for A, KPXC [103.7 Redfield SD)

ND Hazelton 103.9C (from a site 20.4 km N. because of KGIM-FM/

ND Medino 92.3C LTX Rano 98.9A

ND New England 95.7C TX Zapata 103.9A

SC Briorcliffe Acres (mover from Mullins) 107.1C2, WWSK

TX Buda (move from Giddings) 101.5C1, KROX-FM

TX Lulkin 93.9A—by Russell L. Lindley

UT St. George 99.9C for 99.7C, KEOT

WY Evanston 98.3C2. Dismissed a 98.3C3 bid for Logan UT.

# Rogers Ousted as Head of GA **Public Broadcasting Amid Changes of Fiscal Irresponsibility**

Georgia Governor Roy Barnes dismantled the state's troubled broadcasting system, ousting its top management and the board of directors because of

poor money management. The state auditor who uncovered a \$7 million shortfall is himself taking over.

Claude Vickers, 55, a 32-year state employee with no broadcast experience





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Rogers

replaces the ousted Werner Rogers. One of Vickers' first jobs is deciding what can be done about a \$10 million loan Rogers took out after the Georgia legislature didn't appropriate enough for state-of-the-art digital technology for radio and television.

Faced with a choice of resigning or being fired, Rogers, 57, decided to leave. He issued a statement, saying: "GPB employees should be receiving accolades, rather than having their work labeled as wasteful or extravagant. The truth is that Georgia Public Broadcasting is doing far more right than we are doing wrong."

The new board lost no time in approving Rogers' resignation, and naming Vickers. Vickers appointed James M. Lyle, 48, to replace Frank Bugg as GPB's deputy assistant director. Lyle moves from another job in the state government.

In his recent audit, Vickers found "systemic management problems" and poor administrative controls. Vickers said he chose Lyle as his deputy because of Lyle's strong record in administrative procedures.

Vickers also plans to hire a chief financial officer soon. That position has been vacant since Rogers demoted his top finance officer in May.

Rogers had counted on income from the Georgia lottery to fund most of the \$10 million, but he had no permission to commit the state for such expenditures. Before his departure, Rogers said the idea of using lottery funds to "bail out" the agency was mentioned only in response to a question from a reporter. "Our fund-raising efforts have had a record year. We are not projected to exceed last year's revenues by more than \$1 million."

In an effort to save the system some money until the fiscal year changes, several office people have begun program duties. Jennifer Griffin, an executive secretary, goes downstairs to the studio, puts on a headset and runs camera for the "Georgia Business Report." She was one of 30 employees who did double—in some cases—triple duty. And Vickers has left 45 of 205 GPB jobs unfilled.

Griffin's sentiments may be typical of employees in the system: "I grew up watching public television and listening to public radio, and I feel very strongly about what we do."

Smell Print Happenings and FM Industry News Infinity, the nation's second largest owner of radio stations, has spent \$8.3 billion for Outdoor Systems, Inc., a billboard company. This makes Infinity the largest billboard operator in the country. Look for combo selling, since Infinity is in 33 of the largest markets with 85 stations, while Outdoor Systems is in each of those markets.

Another broadcast company is involved in outdoor advertising, but has elected to mostly get out of that business. Charicellor Media is setting its billboard business for \$1.6 billion to Larnar Advertising Co. The cash-and-stock deal leaves Chancellor with a 30 percent stake in Larnar, which is based in Baton Rouge LA. Chancellor is soon to be renamed AMFM, Inc. Earlier it had ousted its president and CEO Jeffrey Marcus, and scrapped a planned \$1.67 billion takeover of Lin Television Corp.

The FCC's showing its muscle when it comes to violations of the main studio rule. KEOJ 101.1 Caney KS and KEMX 94.5 Locust Grove OK are owned by a licensee who thought the studios for all the stations, including KXOJ-FM 100.9 Sapulpa OK, could be in Tulsa. The FCC thought differently, saying the move was outside the principal community contours. KEOJ also got fined for inserting extra words between call letters and city of license in its legal ID. The fines were \$7000 for each station plus \$1000 for the messed-up KEOJ ID, for a total of \$15,000.

The CRTC is liberalizing ownerships in Canada, and an example is the Ottawa market where Rogers Broadcasting now owns CKBY 105.3-CHEZ 106.1-AM, plus CFMO 101.1-CJET AM Smiths Falls. However, CFMO and CJET are only allowed to solicit advertising in the Smiths Falls area. Rogers now has control of 23 radio stations with seven relay transmitters nationwide.

Last issue (p. 12) I alluded to Gloria Tristani as being FCChairman Kennard's sidekick. I got that from her having spoken to the New Mexico Broadcasters Association. She asked broadcasters not to be so quick to dismiss low power FM, mentioning churches, community groups and universities that might benefit. She said, "Creating an outlet for those voices is what motivates this proposal." New Mexico is an area with lots of FM translators, and Tristani vowed that LPFM would not be allowed to threaten them.

Both Tristani and Susan Ness of the FCC have expressed doubts about the liberal definition of a "market" for purposes of allowing duopolies. If they were to be joined by other FCCommisioners, the rules could be more tightly drawn. If they act, however, it could trigger lawsuits, and what to do about mergers already approved?

Big City Radio is invading the Phoenix market with its two simulcasts. One was reported earlier, involving 106.3-106.5 Sun City-Arizona City, and the other would be KLVA 105.5 Casa Grande and KMYL-FM 105.3 Wickenburg. It's also getting KDDJ 100.3 Globe AZ, which it is swapping away (last issue, p. 6, col. 1).

Tennessee broadcaster T. W. Tittsworth, 60, died. He ran WJLE AM Smithville in the '60s, and later WJLE-FM 101.7 and then WSMT-FM 105.5-AM Sparta. In 1986 he bought WSDQ 1190 Dunlap TN, serving Chattanooga.

The NAB notes that a publication long out of print that belongs in stations' public files is now revised and once again available. It is "The Public and Broadcasting," Licensees must keep that document in their files "at all times." It can be downloaded for free from the FCC's web site: http://www.fcc.gov. The NAB says the manual contains a lot of general, non-technical information about regulation of the broadcast industry. It also contains information of particular interest to broadcast engineers, including such topics as loud commercials, subliminal programming, interference to reception, and what other documents must be in the public file.

Speaking of web sites, mine has been revised and updated, now that the new *FM Atlas* is about to come from the printer's. See it listed at the top of p. 1.

The NAB in its FAXed RadioWeek, as well as the Wisconsin Broadcasters' newsletter, tells of a Green Bay broadcaster tells of interference from a nearby translator, calling it "adjacent channel interference." It quotes Duck Wright of WRIG Midwest Communications, who filed comments on the low power FM proposal. Wright said, "A new real threat to radio as a viable enterprise is on the horizon-low- power and microradio. . . with the technical aspect of the proposal that would eliminate 2nd and 3rd adjacent channel separation," citing the proliferation of translators and the effects they have had on FM coverage. Recently a 3rd adjacent translator came on the air within the 1 my/m contour of Wright's Class C station in Green Bay, sparking numerous complaints from listeners about the translator causing interference to the reception of his station. Wright's example points out the devastating interference that could occur if the LPFM proposal were approved, pointed out the NAB. Wright asked the FCC to "allow current FM broadcasters to continue to adequately serve listeners in the primary and secondary areas they were licensed to cover and give ir-band on-channel digital FM troadcasting a chance to succeed." My analysis indicates that Wright's Green Bay station, WIXX 101.1, might have experienced limited interference in its southern coverage area from W269AZ \*101.7 Fond du Lac WI, a translator for WEMI 91.9 Appleton WI, and which I list as still on the air. Note that WEMI is on 91.9, not 91.1 as shown in the new FM Atlas, p. 169.

Pumping up the volume on the NAB's anti-micro radio front is the creation of a "Radio Spectrum Integrity Task Force," headed up by Bruce Reese, chairman of Bonneville International Corp. The group also will be concerned with the FCC's technical streamlining proposal for FM and the creation of an intermediate Class C-Zero that might bring about more FM stations. Also on the committee are Raymond Benedict, director spectrum engineering and regulatory compliance, CBS, and Ed Christian, president, CEO, Saga Communications.

Canada's CRTC was seeking public comment on possible rules' changes for community radio. Those stations often rely on volunteers, and are allowed to carry advertising, but often with strict limits on the amount of commercial time. Under review are possible removing of advertising restrictions and program requirements in news and spoken word, as well as Canadian content requirements.

Birmingham is to be the first city in England with full digital radio coverage. A joint venture between Capital Radio and publisher Empa Plc. for "CE Digital" will offer listeners seven commercial programmes plus data. Bitcasting will be on a special band, not in-band.

National Public Radio expects to get \$48 million in federal funds, recently approved, to help replace a lost satellite. This was part of the federal budget.

Sept. 28 has been announced as the date for the first auctions at the FCC. The FCC has said that merely asking them about procedures won't trigger an "ex parte" rules violation.

General Motors and XM Satellite Radio sign a deal to provide factory-installed digital satellite radios. Ford, however, has gone the route of competitor CD Radio, whose system is headed by David Margolese. It will begin production of cars and trucks with the satellite radio receivers by 2001. NY-based CD Radio plans to offer up to 100 commercial-free channels for a monthly fee of \$9.95. Ford also plans to work with CD Radio to develop specialized programming exclusively for Ford customers. Muses a longtime FM listener and subscriber: "The beginning of the end for FM/AM car radios?"

CD Radio and National Public Radio as well as Public Radio International have agreed to give the organizations two satellite channels. The NPR channels will be noncommercial, like the stations themselves, but may compete for audience attention with the stations. NPR's Kevin Klose says one channel will be news, talk and information, but without NPR's Morning Edition and All Things Considered. The second channel would be "more edectic," and probably stereo.

Howard Stern affiliate KXPK 96.5 Evergreen CO serves the Littleton CO area, where the killings took place in Columbine High School. Stern and the station are taking the heat for insensitive remarks about the killers having sex with the "good looking girls" before shooting them. "At least if you're going to kill yourself and kill all the kids, why wouldn't you have some sex?" he added. Hundrads of callers complained to KXPK, as well as to KCNC"-TV," which broadcasts the "Howard STern Radio Show on Saturday nights. There's a campaign by the Denver Post and the Rocky Mountain News to force him off the air. The Colorado Legislature demanded that KXPK cancel the show. And the American Family Association has intensified its battle to get sponsors to take their ads off his show. Dennis Meyer, the owner of Office Liquidators in Denver, is among several retailers who have yanked ads form KXPK and sister stations. "It was absolutely sickening." said Meyer, whose neighbor, Daniel Mauser, 15, was killed in the Columbine massacre. "I waited for the apology, and it never came. Not once did he say, 'I'm sorry." Instead, Stern-who earns \$20 million a yearsaid his quotes were taken out of context, calling Colorado legislators "hypocrites. I dared to ask if kids had sex. So what? That's how I think." The fact that Stern is a tremendous money-maker has saved him

from fates suffered from similar shock jocks, notably Doug (The Greaseman) Tracht. Stern then railed against religious conservatives, saying he's "fed up" with them "harassing my sponsors. I'm a deejay. I'm an entertainer. I don't always say politically correct things. I'm here to make you laugh." [Stern defended Tracht, saying "This is the way the guy feels. . . They fired him because the station(WARW 94.7 Bethsda MD, also owned by Infinity/CBS) has no backbone."]

Despite the furor, KXPK is not dropping the show. Bob Visotcky, its g.m., urged listeners not to "judge Howard on the basis of one or two inappropriate comments." But KCNC (TV) preempted his show for a week to air a special on the Columbine massacre.

It was rumored that Stern's flagship station might move from WXRK 92.3 to WNEW 102.7 New York, which is centimetering toward monophonic talk. Both are owned by CBS. A rumor was that any station carrying Stern would have to convert all their other programming to talk. Bristling at that is WBCN Boston's Oedipus, a program director who goes by only one name. "This is complete and utter fabrication. As vice president and program director, I can absolutely quarantee that there has never been one discussion of this. CBS operates in a decentralized manner. They are very happy with what we're doing here." But said Stephen Mindich, owner of modern-rock station WFNX 101.7 Lynn MA-WPHX 92.1 Sanford ME, "I think there is some veracity to it. . . I know from sources inside [CBS] that these moves have been initiated." He did not elaborate as to who those sources were.

WEMX 94.1 Kentwood-Baton Rouge LA fired disc jockey Rob Payer, known on air as Rob-O, after he suggested to a child caller that he take a rifle to school and shoot people. The kid complained in his call that he was suspended from school for cursing. The station was flooded with calls from people complaining about Payer's remark, according to Peter Moncrieffe, president of Citywide Communications, who said, "We just thought it wasn't a responsible thing to do," recalling the school shooting in Littleton CO. Payer could not be reached for comment.

A not-so-lucky DJ, Dallas McCade (real name

Karen Turner) at Gainesville-Atlanta's Y-106.7, found herself at the center of a domestic dispute that led to the shooting death of high school student Rex Moncus by McCade's ex husband, J. D. Wilson. The boy, a neighbor of McCade's, was given sanctuary by the DJ



after she escaped from Wilson, who had held her hostage at her home. After Moncus called 911, Wilson shot him as police stormed the house. Wilson was then short three times and killed by a deputy. McCade, 32 (pictured), was not injured, but said to be "in shock."

FM above 107.9? One scheme is to allow more broadcasters, including low power FM, to be in spectrum presently used by air navigation services, which would have to move. If enacted, it would require new radios with an expanded dial, which could take some time. The same problem occured when the AM band was expanded from 1610 to 1700 kHz.

Religious broadcaster Salem expands to Louisville, where it is buying WRVI 105.9 Valley Station KY and WLSY 94.7 New Albany IN. Cox needs to divest them as part of its trade-up stratagem in the market. No format changes have been announced.

There's money in them thar towers—or so American Tower Company of Boston thinks. For \$73 million it's buying CommSite International of Virginia as well as the earlier purchase of UNIsite, Inc.. This brings the number of towers the company operates to more than 4000. The \$73 million price Includes 21 broadcast and cellular towers in the San Francisco area from Watson Communications Systems, Inc.Towers it owns which are built or being built are in Washington DC, New York city, Dallas, and in Marytand, Virginia, Louisiana, Mississippi, Wisconsin, Minnesota, Michigan and Louisiana.

Former Boston bad-boys Opie Hughes and Anthony Cumia stormed off their monophonic talk segment on WNEW 102.7 New York, according to an article sent by Alex Nardacci. They were miffed that Matt Stone and Trey Parker, creators of "South Park," interviewed on WXRK 92.3 instead of with them. "We don't take seconds on anything," Opie said. On-air they slammed WNEW program director Garry Wall for "not fighting for them." They walked out with 90 minutes of the show remaining. Management played excerpts of "the worst of Opie and Anthony," and then went into [stereo] music. It is not known if they'll be back.

In a radio world that's dominated by consultants and absentee corporate ownership there was one personality in Detroit radio who stood apart from the pack. He was Dave Dixon, who started at the former WABX 99.5 and managed to keep his independence without getting fired or sued. He was found dead at age 60 in his home last May of an apparent heart attack. More recently he was a talk show host on WXYT AM. In many ways, according to the *Detroit News*, FM radio history in the market can be classified as pre-Dixon and post-Dixon. Before Dixon, FM was something of a curiosity—strictly for electronics geeks and classical music buffs. AM radio was where the action was, and where rock 'n' roll radio lived.

By the time Dixon was finished, rock 'n' roll had gravitated to the FM side of the dial—and so had the big money. To WCSX-FM's Jim Johnson, Dixon was a pioneer—with all the good and bad that implies. He blazed new trails in radio, but never adjusted after the money changers came in and applied big business to the creative path he helped create. "He didn't bend or change with the times much," Johnson said, sadly. "FM has changed a great deal since those pioneering days of WABX. It's become much more mainstream. When you're a pioneer, you open a new frontier, you blaze the trails, you lay the tracks. Then, you see the freeway going through and the McDonald's going up. That hurts. And that's what happened to him: The business just blew by him."

Dixon represented an era—a brief window of maybe only three or four years—when FM rock jocks were able to play whatever they wanted, and pretty much say what they wanted. At the time of his death friends reported he was interested in the future of satellite CD radio.

During the Dixon era on WABX there were no playlists. Now it's all formatted stuff. Radio companies won't let anybody think for themselves; they tell them what to play, said Michigan Court of Appeals Judge Mark Cavanagh, son of Detroit Mayor Jerome P. Cavanagh. Mark would sit up nights listening to Dixon. He was in awe of the deejay's gruff charm and felt as if

Dixon were a cool older friend telling him about the newest, hippest music.

Dixon's downfall was that he resented authority and had a problem with management. However, it was later at WDET \*101.9 where he was fired. He refused, however, to play requests, and was pugnacious, fighting with guests and allegedly slapped a secretary.

Friend Mark Parenteeu, a WABX staffer who later worked at NY's Q-104 and Boston's WRKO, said: "God bless him. He was a take-no-prisoners, no compromise, no lies kind of guy. He lived the way he wanted to live. He was the last of the true Bohemians."

Another death is that aof Samori Marksman, 51, program director, WBAI \*99.5 New York, of apparent heart failure. He was host of *Behind the News*, a daily radio magazine of national and international affairs.

Minnesota governor Jesse Ventura has proposed ending state funding for public radio and television. He has been criticical especially of Garrison Keillor and Minnesota Public Radio, but is a frequent guest on air. He spoke on MPR very recently, and hosts a Friday call-in show that originates at KSTP 1500. His proposal is to cut state funding for public broadcasting by 25 percent for the fiscal year that began July 1, and the next year it would decrease another 50 percent and be eliminated by the third year. Minnesota Public Radio and subsidiaries would be the least affected with their considerable resources. It is smaller stations, such as KAXE "91.7 Grand Rapids MN, that would suffer more.

Another MN station that would be affected is the fairly prosperous WCAL \*89.3 Northfield MN, which serves Minneapolis-St. Paul from a tower overlooking the metro area from the hills south of Bloomington, and with studios on the campus of St. Olaf College, Northfield. Longtime manager Paul Peterson, who had been at WCAL 33 years, and saw its transition from AM to FM, announced plans to retire. The station's program quide mentioned that Paul, who is an ordained minister, came to WCAL (AM) in 1966. He managed WCAL "during times of tremendous excitement in the world of radio. He was there for the Public Broadcasting Act and the creation of the Corporation for Public Broadcasting in 1967. And he was there for the founding, in 1971, of National Public Radio, of which WCAL is a charter member." He helped the station and college gain nationwide attention through the distribution of such programs as the St. Olaf Christmas Festival and the award-winning series Lives of the Children and For Kids' Sake Radio. An advisory board of citizens is working on the search for a successor. Paul Peterson deserves "special thanks for his years of service."

Charles Kuralt's widow has come to the aid of Ely MN citizens. Instead of donating WELY-FM 92.1-AM to Minnesota Public Radio as originally announced, Suzanna Kuralt decided to sell the stations to Alice Hill, the stations' manager and two other local citizens. She said the stations will continue their current community focus, something Kuralt would have wanted.

The farned CBS newsman died July 4, 1997, at age 62. He bought the Ely stations in 1995, because he found Ely a favorite place in his "On the Road" program. He jumped at the chance to buy the stations for \$37,000, sparing them from bankruptcy. Considerable expense had to go into technical improvements, and even now WELY-FM is faced with having to move to 94.5 because of a C3 improvement coming at WWAX 92.1 Hermantown MN. Costs for the frequency

change will have to be borne by WWAX and its new would-be owners, Red River Broadcasting/ Myron Kunin.

Minnesota Public Radio continues to serve Ely from translators on 89.5 and 101.7. WELY-FM-AM are seen as vital, yet informal, communication sources to the remote town of 3000 and vacationers in the nearby Boundary Waters Canoe Area of northeast Minnesota. The station is one of a very few allowed by the FCC to broadcast personal messages to vacationers, and has always been live, signing off at 10 p.m. local time.

Bill Henning of the Ely Area Development Association, said: "Radio goes up and down with how important it is to a community. But, for us, the only thing we have is WELY, so it is pretty significant." In the early 1970s, I had visited Ely and met with the owner, and was interested in buying the station. It was sold for about three times the price I thought it was worth to a working couple who moved to Ely. I believe they could not make the payments, and the station was later foreclosed on.

When the erroneous story about WELY-FM-AM's donation to MPR first came out, employees of the station were notified of Mrs. Kuralt's gift and of plans to curtail broadcasting pending FCC approval of the license assignment to Minnesota Public Radio. MPR was to have held a public meeting in Ely to obtain local input as to how the new stations would be programmed. Sales price to the three Ely residents was not announced.

Classical devours rock: WCRB 102.5 Waltham-Boston has purchased WKPE 104.7 Orleans-Hyannis MA and WCRI 95.9 Block Island RI. The group also includes WFCC 107.5 Chatham MA. WKPE has a rock format, and a 'CRB spokesperson said there are no plans to change that. The other three are classical music stations.

Rumors have been seen that KDFC 102.1 San Francisco is about to dump classical, or at least it is charged with watering-down the format. A San Francisco letter writer to, I believe, the Chronicle, Hannah Ginsborg, Oakland, said: "When radio station KKHI (now KJQI -FM 100.7 San Rafael-San Francisco) stopped broadcasting classical music in December, leaving Bay Area listeners with nothing but the bland, predictable and commercial-ridden 'easy listening' of KDFC, many readers wrote to express their dismay at the state of classical music broadcasting in the Bay Area." She suggested that supporters of the format approach KALW \*91.7 and urge that information-leaning station at the Board of Education to embrace classical. "We need to take advantage of this opportunity, since it is unlikely that another opportunity for establishing a public classical music radio station in the Bay Area will come along any time soon."

Lucent Digital Radio announces a successful over-the-air test of In-band on-channel digital audio broadcasting over WBJB "90.5 Lincroft NJ. "The tests showed that there was no degradation of the host FM analog channel during the transmission of the digital FM signal over the same bend." WBJB is the first NPR station to have conducted such a test. IBOC "is both backward- and forward-compatible: current AM/FM receivers will still be able to receive the existing analog signals in the new system. When a station elects to turn off the analog signal in the future, IBOC DAB-compatible receivers will operate with the remaining all-digital signal."

Lucent Digital Radio has come to a technical deal with equipment manufacturer ERI. They'll work on a "combiner," which would permit diplexing an FM station's analog and digital signal into the same antenna, and possibly the same transmission line. A prototype combiner has been in use for the tests at WBJB.

Recently a new all-digital radio receiver went on the market, the Blaupunkt DigiCeiver. The heart of this radio is a specialized computer, accepting an analog IF signal as input data, digitizing it and running various "programs" to demodulate the radio signal and perform audio processing on that signal. Although radios with digital readouts to replace the tuning dial have been around for years, these do not process the incoming signal in the digital domain, with the signal path analog from antenna to speaker. The circuitry is said to replace a whole range of conventional radio circuits--- IF filters, IF amplifiers, stereo detectors, demodulators, multiplex filters, RDS detectors, SCA detectors, FM deemphasis. How an SCSignal may be found in such a receiver remains to be seen. Such a receiver may be a precursor to in-band on-channel DAB receivers. More information may be had from Blaupunkt's website: <www.blaupunkt.com>.

Rumor department—from the Internet I read that Jacor turns off AM stereo whenever it acquires a station so equipped and it turns of FM/SCSubcarriers, except for RDS at 57 kHz. It also is said to be meen to nonprofit groups, not giving tower space to them. "Broadcasting is becoming a big business. Big companies have a lot in common with the government. Sometimes, things just happen because someone in the corporate office thought it was a good idea and nobody any lower in the chain was willing to spend the rest of their career fighting headquarters," said an industry observer from Tennessee.

Also writing on the Internet about Jacor is somebody in Phoenix who said Jacor's "Mix" stations have all pooled into one contest. "What contestants don't know is that when they call that foll-free number for a huge prize they're competing with listeners in over a dozen markets." Perhaps in areas like Dayton and Cincinnati where people can tune in to the other market, Jacor is smart enough to have separate contests, "but the folks in Phoenix don't know if they're sharing a contest with Cincinnatil At least they didn't, until a newspaper reporter found out and spilled the beans."

KFBN \*88.7, \*Heaven 88.7, \*Fargo ND, recently held a share-a-thon. They never mentioned how muc 1 money was being collected, so I called and they said \$13,000. That strikes me as very low for a Christian station, which plays traditional music with about 30 percent preaching/teaching programming. Virtually all the programs are local, and not the national syndicated programs found on most other Christian stations. Seems strange how funding goes to the stations that usually play: the Swindolls, Dobsons, Stanleys and the late J. Vernon McGee, along with a smattering of music.

Bob Mason and Bill Sheehan, longtime morning hosts on WXCR 102.3 Ballston Spa-Albarry NY filed a \$50 million lawsuit against their former employer. They are alleging fraud, breach of contract, age discrimination (Mason is 50 and Sheehan is 40) and restraint of trade. They charge WXCR management hired them away from WPYX 106.5 for the sole purpose of taking away the competition from syndicated radio personality

Howard Stern, who airs on WXCR's sister station WQBJ 103.5/WQBK 103.9. "They wanted Stern to be the clear winner and they wanted the clear competition, PYX, to be crippled," Sheehan said. They had been on WPYX since the mid-1980s, only to jump ship for WQBK in 1991. Less than 20 months later they were back at WPYX, "continuing to draw large crowds to their breakfast club and ratings for their station."

WKTU 103.5 NY fired Timothy Bello, morning DJ, who went by the name Hollywood Hamilton, for rigging an on-air contest. He was giving away trips to resort areas when he tipped off a friend, allowing the winning of a trip. Management discovered the problem almost immediately. Hamilton now joins former sidekick "Goombah" Johnny Sialiano in the "WKTU Hall of Shame." Sialiano was axed last yeer after he allegedly took part in the shakedown of Scores, a topless nightclub where he worked as a bouncer.

Not all in the broadcasting business are opposed to microradio. The NFCB sees itself as taking an active, vital role in facilitating the allocation of micro radio stations as the new community radio of today, but with the spectre the FCC might abandon licensing of all stations below 1000 watts, "leeving a mess of low-power signals."

FM totals from the FCC on air and licensed: 5720 (92.1-107.9), 2040 (87.9-91.9); AM 4784.

From the classifieds: Radio technician for 4VEH radio in northern Haiti, 10 kw AM and two local FMs. Audience 400,000. "Ask God about applying, short- or long-term." Resume to Ed Moore, WFRN, PO Box 307, Elkhart IN 46515.

Distributors wanted: New line of FM/SCA receivers from Apexcom, audio and data; (613) 838-4054. djlee@on.aibn.com>.

Want to lease FM frequency anywhere in U.S. for South Asian community: Jaspal Suri, Eastern Bostg. Corp., 456 Middlesex Ave., Metuchen NJ 08840; FAX (732) 452-9537.

### FM FORUM

# CONTRIBUTIONS FROM READERS

"Just about every state has a pirate broadcaster; face it, it's not that difficult to make a fairly good sounding FM transmitter," writes Deborah S. Proctor, g.m., WCPE \*89.7 Raleigh NC. "I have a very unusual idea which I hope you will pass along to your readers—it involves getting those FM rigs licensed. You may know that we broadcast our signal on Galaxy 5 satellite, and it only takes a home C-band dish to receive us. If there is an open frequency on the FM band on which a translator can be set up, we'll help with the application process and get a license for a translative to rebroad, ast our station. The FCC rules state that the air time needs to be devoted to rebroadcasting WCPE radio, but to many it may be very satisfying to have the town's appreciation for being the one bringing great classical music to their city. . . Contact us at WCPE Radio, Box 828, Wake Forest NC 27588," < signal@wcpe.org >; or call (919) 556-5178. "Feel free to ask for me or our new media. director Mr. John O'Donnell." People with home satellite dishes can also get it, and there's streaming audio on the web site.

Joe Tibiletti of Victoria TX is working up a petition to the FCC re docket RM-9242. He'll be happy to work with the engineering for anybody who will be submitting an FM application. He's at 2618 FM 1685, Victoria TX 77905; (512) 645-2487.

Until August, and oh, yes, you can advance order the new FM Atlas at \$22.00 per copy postpaid.

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VENERABLE WLOL CALLS RETURN TO MINNEAPOLIS FM—AFTER A PERIOD OF STUNTING. RELIGIOUS CONSERVATIVES RESPONSIBLE FOR DUMPING STERN? THIS PAGE AND P. 2, COL. 1.

SEADRIFT TX'S KMAT HAS STERED, BUT SWITCHES TO MONO WHEN RECEIVED SIGNAL FADES—AND IT USES AN ALTERNATIVE BACKUP FEED. READ HOW DONE ON P. 3, COL. 1.

"CKHC" TORONTO CLAIMS TO BE LEGAL, WHILE A MYSTERY 106.3 CBC TESTING STATION APPEARS IN Toronto. Written up on p. 5, col. 3.

CIVIL WAR ERUPTS AT PACIFICA HEADQUARTERS, KPFA-KPFB. WHOSE SIDE WOULD YOU TAKE AFTER READING THE STORY ON PP. 6-7?

### **New FM Station, Translator Grants**

Translators have less than 100 watts unless shown otherwise

AK Sitka K215CY "90.9 (KLOV 89.3 Winchester OR translator), 250 h,v (see also "Deletions") AZ Tucson K265CW 100.9 (KGMS 97.1 Green

Valley AZ), h,v

CA Concord KISQ-3 98.1 1000 v booster of San Francisco station

CO Golden K209DE \*89.7 (KLOV 89.3 Winchester OR), h,v. Dismissed an 89.7 translator in Wheat Ridge CO for WAYF 88.1 West Palm Beach FL. [State Bd. of Education

ID McCall \*89.9 220 h,v; 585 m, C3, ID/ \*90.7 220 h,v; 585 m, ID State Board/Education

KS Independence \*88.5 250 h,v; 55 m, Optimum Impact, Inc., at PO Box 1452, Washington DC 20013 [Falls ID], 170 v

KS Thayer K206CG \*89.1 (KAWZ 89.9 Twin/ KY Madisonville W219CF \*91.7 (WNKJ 89.3 Hopkinsville), h,v. FCC dismissed an application by WYFG 91.1 Gaffney SC for those facilities.

MN Montevideo \*89.5 500 watts h,v; 46 m, Southpoint Education Radio, PO Box 1458, Washington DC 20013 (see also "Doletions")

MN Willmar K293AH 106.5 (KKJM 92.9 St. Joseph MN), 230 v

MN Worthington \*88.1 250 h,v; 44 m, American Family Assn; same facilities K201CE \*88.1 had (see "Deletions," below).

MO Nevada K206CH \*89.1 (KAWZ), 250 v MT Glendive K215CW \*90.9 (KAWZ), h,v NV Elko K214DJ \*90.7 (KAWZ), h,v K220HG \*91.9 (KEFX 88.9 Twin Falls ID), v NV Lovelock K215CX \*90.9 (KEFX), h,v NV Winnemucca K209DG \*89.7 (KEFX), h,v NM Las Vegas 96.7 4400 h,v; 116 m, Meadows

NY Beekman (SE Poughkeepsie, ENE Newburgh) W202BP \*88.3 (WMNR 88.1 Monroe CT), h,v ND Williston K201FJ \*88.1 (KAWZ), h,v OH New Philadelphia W208AS \*89.5 (WYFG 91.1

OH New Philadelphia W208AS \*89.5 (WYFG 91.1 Gaffney SC, h,v. Dismissed a petition to deny filed by WKSU \*89.7 Kent OH. PF Wilkes-Barre W219CG \*91.7 (WPCS 89.5 Pensacola FL), v. Had been authorized for a while to operate on 91.1.

TX Three Rivers (NNW George West, S. Jourdanton) 94.5 32000 h,v; 150 m, John Means

VT Ascoutney (just NW Claremont NH) W212BG \*90.3 (WCMK 91.5 Bolton VT), h

WA Bellingham K201FH \*88.1 (KAWZ), h,v K210CN \*89.9 (KEFX), h,v

WY Cheyenne K210CO \*89.9 (KLOV) h,v WY Walcott (E. of Sinclair) K210CO \*89.9 (KAWZ), h,v

BC Tofino CHOO 101.7 30 watts v, 46 m, to be \$, me, PLM Broadcasting Ltd., funded by the Ma-Mook Development Corp., a nonprofit corporation created by the five Central Region First Nations of the Nuu-chah-nulth Tribal Council. English announcing, except for 20 hours a week of native and 2 hours French. CRTC denied an English language low power station in Surrey.

MB York Landing (56-05-24; 96-06-20) 93.5 25 watts h, 33 m, d-a, e, York Factory First Nation. ON Keewaywin (53-00-33; 92-47-59) 89.9 10 v, 12 m, Onikamook Communications Society, ethnic ON Kirkland Lake CJKL 101.5 23000 v, 72 m, to be \$. ofldies], moving from 560 AM.

ON North Bay CKTR 104.9 31 watts h,v; 14 m, \$, tr, with announcements about tourist sites and events, with up to 4 minutes of ads an hour ON Paris 88.3 4000 h, 220 m, d-a, \$, Conestoga

College, to be commercial.

ON Sunderland CJKX-1 89.9, \$, 2240 h,v; 100 m, to relay CJKX 95.9 Aiax.

PQ Listiguj CFIC 105.1 50 v, -27 m, Mic Mac Historical Cultural Art Society, to be \$, e, and commercial, with 33% in the Micmac language, the rest in English.

YT King Solomon Dome (63-52-05; 138-57-05) CFSD \*93.3, a relayer of CFWH AM Whitehorse, 550 v, 427 m, d-a, Class B, Dawson City Community Radio Society.

Temporary Stations—Not to be in the FM Atlas BC Burnaby VF7054 \*94.5 back on air with traffic information during construction on the Trans-Canada highway. It was also on mid-1998 to Jan. '99. Expiration date not given; 48 m, 50 v.

BC Vancouver CHMC 91.5 mono, 10 h,v; 25 m, Sept. 3-5 for the Molson Indy races.

PQ St-Tite (46-44-00; 72-34-00) VF7071 91.9, to be \$, 1 watt v, 22 m, on Sept. 10-19 for the Western Festival

# **Call Letters Assigned**

AR Turrell 94.7 KSUD-FM (from KAFW), AM is in West Memphis AR. It is stereo, gr, "Praise 94.7."

CA Bishop \*88.5 KWTW

CO Hayden 107.3 KBDU, to 29000 h,v; 198 m, one-step C2

FL Tice 102.9 WJGO (WAAD)

GA Folkston \*89.3 WECC-FM (AM is in St. Marys GA)

GA Lakeland 105.9 WVGA (WHFE), k, "Kicks 106"; calls stand for "Valdosta, Georgia."

IL Glasford I101.1 WRVP (WBDM), "The River." Testing, with a format expected to be announced by mid-August. In a combo with WFYR 97.3 Elmwood, WGLD 95.5 Pekin, WIXO 99.9 Bartonville, WEEK 98.5 Eureka-AM.

IN Roann 101.9 WMYK (WBFX)

KY Berea 106.7 WLFX (WKXO-FM). Now oldies, simulcast with WKXO 1500 there; WEKY 1340 Richmond, "Lexington's Fox."

KY Stamping Ground 99.1 WULV (WKY!) MN Minneapolis 100.3 WLOL (WRQC).

Yanked Howard Stem off at 10:37 a.m. during his show, and immediately went to a simulcast in mono of KFAN 1130 AM Minneapolis. In the sports talk banter I heard them saying not enough people mentioned listening to Stem in their diaries. The MN Family Council, a religious organization, is claiming credit for having the program removed. "Minnesota didn't want such a demeaning program," said a report heard on the Skyline network, which

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originates in St. Paul. However, they had the call letters as "KRQC." WRQC kept saying a new format is coming, "an old friend will be back." The call letters WLOL became available to AMFM Radio (formerly Chancellor) when 1470 AM Brooklyn Park MN changed. The next day WRQC was simulcasting the smooth jazz of KKSF 103.7 San Francisco, later WTJM. "Jammin' 105," from New York city, and finally WUBT, "The Beat," Chicago (heard with its legal ID at 8:53 p.m.). All the out of town stations were relayed in stereo. Both KKSF and WTJM mentioned being heard in Minneapolis on 100.3, and said they didn't know why. Local Twin Cities commercials were carried. The WLOL calls were previously on 105.3 Cambridge MN, and were on 99.5 before it was sold to Minnesota Public Radio about eight years ago. WLOL had for decades been on 1330 AM, now WMNN, a commercial station owned by Minnesota Public Radio. Now o, "Classic Hits WLOL." Made the big switch after a five-minute countdown, then said: "Eight years ago, we told you it was over. It wasn't over. It was just an eight-year technical difficulty." Industry observers expected it to go to rhythmic oldies, like many other AMFM stations have. Sounds heavily processed toward the bass. Is owned with oldies KQQL 107.9 Anoka.

NM Cloudcroft \*88.9 KHII (KBOD) NM Santa Fe 105.1 KCHQ (KRZN), still "Channel 105.1."

NM Taos 99.9 KLAB (KHYF), S, I, "La Buena." In a combo with KKIT 99.1 Angel Fire.

NY Canandaigua 102.3 WISY (WMAX-FM) NY South Bristol 107.3 WLCL (WMAX-FM), "Cool 107.3."

OH Middleport 92.1 WYVK (WMPO-FM), ID with Pomeroy, "The Frog.", r, hot AC.

TN Norris 106.7 WXVO (WBEH)

VT Waterbury 103.1 WDOT (WGLY); AM 1070 Plattsburgh becomes WGLY).

PR Ponce 93.3 WZMT (WOQI), Im, parallel Im, parallel to WZNT 93.7 San Juan.

AB Hinton 94.5 CIUM, facilities to 45 h, -497 m, no d-a (directional antenna) 99.3 CKOB, to 7 h, 30 m. P. 213 FM Atlas

does not show as h only.

BC Nakusp 97.7 CKBS (from CKBS-1). See May-June p. 3, col. 1.

ON Midland 104.1 CICZ (CKMP), "Kicks 104." Listed inconsistently p. 113 FM Atlas.

Facilities Changes Granted AL Columbiana WQEM 101.5 1950 h,v;; 178 m AL Gadsden WTBB \*89.9 4800 v, 157 m [step C3 AL Moulton WXKI 103.1 11500 h,v; 150 m, one-/ AK Girdwood KEUL \*88.9 1400 watts h, 194 m AK Kasilof KWJG \*91.5 1000 h,v (80 m) AZ Show Low KSNX 93.5 15000 h,v; 278 m AR Bryant KMVK 93.1 6000 h,v; 100 m, having changed city from Malvern AR AR Paragould KDRS-FM 107.1 3000 h,v; 129 m[eters above average terrain] AR Wrightsville KLAL 107.7 109 m (50000 h,v) CA Freedom KPIG 107.5 5400 h,v; 103 m CA Modesto KEJC 93.9 4000 h,v; 123 m, d-a CA Walnut Creek KISQ-1 98.1 28 h (no v) CO Delta K210AJ \*89.9 to relay KJOL \*90.3 Grand Junction (from KVNF 90.9 Paonia), ownership changed to Colorado Christian University. CO Grand Junction KCIC \*88.5 -107 m (440 h,v) FL Holly Hill WEAZ \*88.1 4600 v. 45 m. d-a FL Key West W218BH \*91.5 (from W219BQ 91.7). 250 v

FL Kissimee WWKQ \*89.1 d-a FL Navarre (move from East Breviton AL) WGCX 95.7 25000 h,v; 86 m, C3

FL Punta Rassa WCCL 97.7 5300 h,v; 106 m, d-a (directional antenna)

GA Jasper WNEE \*88.3 200 h,v; 14 m GA Peachtree City WMKJ 96.7 2150 h,v (168 m) GA Talking Rock WNSY 100.1 1700 h,v; 188 m HI Honolulu KAIM-FM 95.5 565 m, d-a (100000 h,v)

HI Maili K214CY \*90.7 has KLOV \*89.3 Winchester OR (from KLVC 88.3 Magalia CA), h,v IL Chicago WOUI \*88.9 17 h, 27 m [88.3), h,v IL Effingham W204BG \*88.7 (from W202BF/

IL Rockford WQFL 100.9 2700 h,v; 149 m, d-a

IN Clinton WPFR \*93.9 2350 h,v; 161 m IN Rensselaer WPUM \*90.5 11 h,v; 36 m, adds

v[ertical] IA Mount Vernon KRNL \*89.7 40 watts h,v (adding

vertical; 51 m), considered Class A IA Saint Ansgar KHAM 95.5 6000 h,v; 100 m KS Winfield KBDD \*91.9 5000 h,v; 158 m LA De Ridder KEAZ 97.9 (from 101.7) MI Lansing WLNZ \*89.7 420 v (30 m), no h MI Novi WOVI \*89.5 10 h,v; 32 m, adds v

MI Ontonagon WUPY 101.1 100000 h,v; 185 m, one-step C1 [70 m, one-step C3 MN St. Peter KRBI-FM 105.5 25000 h,v;/

MS Burnsville (new) \*91.9 167 m (18000 h,v) MS Starkville WJZB \*88.9 430 h,v; 74 m, A NE Omaha KVSS \*88.9 500 h,v (71 m), still

monophonic [h,v; 281 m, C3 MO Ironton KYLS-FM 95.9 (from 92.9) 3200/

MO Salem KKID 92.9 (from 95.9) 21000 h,v; 110 m. C3

NE Blair KDCV \*91.1 6 h, 27 m [tilt, 248 m NE Lexington KRVN-FM 93.1 97000 h,v + beam/ NM Los Alamos KEFE 107.5 243 m (100000 h,v) NM Santa Fe KZXA 94.7 243 m (100000 h,v) NY Honoeye Falls WNVE 95.1 50000 h,v; 127 m

NY Staten Island WSIA \*88.9 11 h,v; 192 m, adds v[ertical]

NC Belhaven WANJ 101.1 185 m (31000 h,v) NC Wilmington WDVV \*89.7 remove d-a OH Hamilton WYGY 96.5 27500 h,v; 125 m

OH Lebanon WYLX 97.3 5000 h,v; 109 m OH Lorain WZLE 104.9 2650 h,v (152 m) OR Azalea K222AF \*92.3 has KDOV 91.7 Medford (from KHPE 107.9 Ashland)

OR Cave Junction K293AB \*106.5 has KDOV (from KHPE) (90.7), h,v OR Coos Bay K213CZ \*90.5 (from K214CL/

OR Medford K296BS \*107.1 has KAWZ 89.9 Twin Falls ID (from KDOV 91.7 Medford). Also there is "Air-1" with Christian rock— either cable radiation

or a pirate. OR Weston (move from Dayton WA) KZZM 101.9 (from 102.3) 13500 h,v; 292 m, C2. Format to S,

I, LMA-to-buy with Butterfield Broadcasting. [(h,v) PA Bedford (move from Altoona) W214AB \*90.7/

PA Franklin WAWN \*89.5 3000 h,v (96 m)

PA Philadelphia WXXM 95.7 8900 h,v; 350 m

PA Pittsburgh WQED-FM \*89.3 28000 h,v; 199 m PA Selinsgrove WQSU \*88.9 12000 h,v; 189 m,

adds hjorizontall [d-a (directional antenna) RI Providence WBRU 95.5 18500 h,v; 139 m, no/

SC Ladson WJNI 106.3 88 m (3000 h,v)

TN Red Bank WAWL \*91.5 11000 h,v (100 m), C3 TX Bandera KEEP 98.3 1650 h,v (131 m)

TX Brownwood KOXE 101.3 (from 101.5) 176 m (100000 h,v), one-step

TX Gainesville KDGE 94.5 581 m (100000 h,v), from SE Gainesville, SW Sherman.

TX Hondo KRBH 98.5 130 h,v; 30 m

TX Perryton KEYE-FM 96.1 (from 95.9) 8500 h,v; 122 m, one-step C3 [ 88.1), h,v

TX San Marcos K203CX \*88.5 (from K201DQ/ WA Olympia KAOS \*89.3 1250 h,v; 74 m

WI Rice Lake WAQE-FM 99.1 (moving from 97.7) 159 m (44000 h,v), C2

WY Buffalo K220DK \*91.9 130 h,v-receives big type on FMap (FM Atlas, p. 83)

WY Sheridan KYTI 93.7 (from 96.5) 75000 h,v; 368 m, Class C (185 m)

BC Victoria CIOC 98.5 100000 h,v (back to:/ NB Grand Falls CIKX 93.5 61 m (5300 h,v), adding im, back to.

ON Burlington CING 107.9 26100 h.v; 205/ ON Parry Sound CBLR \*89.9 180 h, 45 m, Class A1. Increase its FMap size, FM Atlas.

PQ Montreal CBME \*88.5 16900 h,v (242 m), v PQ Theilord Mines CKLD 105.5 6000 h,v (90 m)

PQ Trois-Pistoles CJFP-4 (calls now official) 93.9 42 h (34 m). Reduce its FMap size.

# Stereo—Or to be Stereo

AL Anniston WSRW \*90.7, ID with Brewton AZ Florence KCDX 103.1, S, r. Translator in Chandler, K276EB 103.1, remains on. "Something will have to be done about the translator."

IA Indianola KSTM \*88.9

IA Lamoni KIIC 97.9 "I-98" (not strict), ID with Osceola and varying other cities. Studios are in Osceola.

MI Detroit WKRK-FM 97.1, tr, still with some rock, despite their saying they are "FM Talk." I heard 'em by tropo here in Esko.

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MA Station Dumps The Met, Fueling Speculation of a Format Change

MI Grand Rapids WVGR \*104.1 back to true stereo for its music programming (8 p.m. to 5 a.m. weekdays). "They generally turn off the stereo generator for the NPR news and talk programs . . . They sometimes are at a very low power for some periods (equivalent to a Class A). I think this is due to their antenna work mentioned recently in FMedia! WVGR is on the WOOD-TV 8 tower (along with WOOD-FM 105.7). WOOD-TV is currently gearing up to put their HDTV station (on channel 7) on the air in 2-3 weeks. This may explain some of the problems with WVGR, WOOD-TV and WOOD-FM also noted at lower power at times, though WOOD-FM never lost stereo." [true stereo." MI Muskegon Heights WMRR 101.7 "back in/ MI Trout Lake WHWG \*89.9

MN Moose Lake KBFH 107.1, o, simulcast with WKLK-FM 96.5 Cloquet; joint ID. Has a very poor signal.

MN Walker KQKK 102.1, rm, "KQ 102" (not strict; usually uses call letters). Interested in where the signal goes; announced a prize of a G-E Superadio to the winner.

NC Atlantic Beach WBJD \*91.5, cn, joint IDs with WTEB \*89.3 New Bern.

PA Barnesboro WHPA 93.5, o, "classic hits of the '70s and '80s," but not yet on air.

TX Sanger KTPW \*89.7, gr, \*89-7 Power FM.\* ID with Dallas-Fort Worth

TX Seadrift KMAT \*105.1, stereo when using the antenna to receive KHCB-FM 105.7 Houston, but has a satellite back-up for when the main channel fades. An 8-second delay is put in so the two feeds come out at the same real time. Switches to mono for the satellite feed. Stereo pilot remains on. "This confuses some listeners when the song they're listening to goes from stereo to mono." [come on Aug. 1.

WI Algoma WRLU 104.1, was to have

# WRLU 104.1FM

COUNTRY

# WRKU 102.1FM

### OLDIES

P.O. Box 128 Sturgeon Bay, WI 54235 920-746-9430 Voice 920-746-9433 Fax P.O. Box 128 Sturgeon Bay, WI 54235 920-746-9430 Voice 920-746-9433 Fax

WI Forestville WRKU 102.1, was to have come on Aug. 1.

TM Miguel Aleman XHRAW 93.9

### Monophonic

CA Garberville KMUD \*91.1 is "not stereo. It's very mountainous here and there is too much multipath. We are hoping to get a facilities improvement, and then I'm sure we will have stereo. Our signal is picked up off air at KMUE [88.3 Eureka] and that station is also mono. It relays us fulltime with joint IDs. KLVG \*103.7 (in Gar-

berville) has been off the air a couple of years. It and KHUM (104.7) caused cross-modulation that interfered with the sheriff's frequencies. I think KLVG will try to go to a different frequency." KMUD tried stereo for a short time, but discontinued it in favor of "a clean monaural signal," according to manager Simon Frech.

IA Osceola KJJC 107.1 still monophonic sports, with studios in Lamoni. "Sometimes we cooperate with Indianola College's KSTM "88.9 with play-by-plays. And they're stereo, but off the air for the summer."

TX Wake Village KBHA \*92.5 to have a stereo pilot, but satellite feed from KHCB-FM will be mono. "The stereo will be there for their local input, such as local church services when they get around to doing them. Yeah, I guess it's dishonest to always have the stereo light on."

### **Format Changes**

Formats are the same as in the "FM Atlas"
CA Dunnigan KLNA 105.5 S, I, parallel to KTTA
97.9 Esparto

FL Kissimee WWKQ \*89.1 Spanish, gr

FL Mexico Beach WSHF 99.3 o, parallel to WPBH 94.5 Parker, which is expected to change format FL St. Petersburg WCOF 107.3 pr, "adult alternative"

FL Sarasota WHPT 102.5 op

HI Hilo KCIF \*90.3 g, including Skylight

IL Mahomet WGKC 105.9 still op, adds Bob & Tom (who move from WZNF 95.3 Rantoul)

IN Columbus WWWY 104.9 mr, "Magic" (from "Tri W-Y") [p. 53 FM Atlas not "WKLR" (was WARL).

IN Veedersburg WSKL 92.9 o, "Kool." its calls on/ IA Des Moines KMXD 100.3 mr, "softens up quite a bit to make room for new sister Kiss 107 FM." Said to be close to KYSY 100.3 Ankeny IA in its format. "Kiss still jockless after two weeks."

IA Forest City KIOW 107.3 mm, "Mix 107.3" (not strict) [104.3 r

KS Galena KBGZ/ [Buzz" (from "Breezy 104.9") KS Salina KZBZ 104.9 r, hot AC, "104.9 The/

KY Frankfort WKYW 104.9 n, AP Network News, 24 hours, monophonic. Owned by C. Michael Davenport, who has WKED-FM 103.7 + 2 AMs.

KY Whittey City WHAY 105.9 still k, adds Americana, a locally produced format, 6 a.m. to 8 n.m.

LA Belle Chasse-New Orleans KMEZ 102.9 so, "Old School 102.9" (from "Big EZ 102.9") LA Hammond WHMD 107.1 mn, "Star 107.1" LA Kenner-New Orleans WLTS 105.3 r, hot AC

LA New Orleans WLMG 101.9 mr, still "Magic 101.9."

MA Brookline WBOS 92.9 rp. Was rumor it would take Imus and centimeter toward monophonic talk. Instead, WSJZ 96.9 might take the show.

MA Waltham WCRB 102.5 still c, but I wonder if it will stay that way? It's dropping the Metropolitan Opera, and there's speculation lower-powered WHRB 95.3 Cambridge might get it. WCRB had carried it 33 years. Bill Campbell, CEO Charles River Broadcasting, WCRB's parent, says the decision was prompted by inflexibility on the

August, 1999 part of the opera company. "Carrying the Met for us is like carrying sports for 'EEI, but with sports you have a halftime show or whatever. The Met totally controls everything; we're not allowed to say anything. As a licensee, we're turning our station over to these people. It's a wonderful worldwide institution, but they are-in my opinion-as radio broadcasters operating as they did 30 years ago. We did not ask much, but they said, 'absolutely not'. I assure you, it was not a quick decision." WHRB is mentioned as a contender, as WGBH \*89.7 flatly turned won the Met. 'GBH mentioned having a popular folk program Saturday afternoons, "The Folk Heritage," 2-6 p.m., plus "Celtic Sojourn" noon to 2 p.m. And the Met insists its broadcasts be live as fed to the affiliates Saturday afternoons.

MI Carrollton WTCF 100.5 mr, "Pirate" (releases
"The Fox" to the wilds) [97.7 Sandusky.

MI Marlette WBGV 92.5 k, LMA with WTGV 97.7/

MO Shell Knob KQMO 97.7 o[Idies]

NH Farmington WZEN 106.5 o, \$[tereo] [& Tom

NM Albuquerque KRQS 101.3 ;still pr, adds Bob/

NY Hoosick Falls WZEC 97.5 r, parallel to

WBEC-FM 105.5 Pittsfield MA; LMA-to-buy with

WABY-FM 94.5 Ravena-WKLI 100.9 Albany
AMs.

NY Jeffersonville WWHW 102.1 mt, "variety," still monophonic. It "programs short blocks of various types of music with no commercials."

NY Poughkeepsie WTND 96.1 m, parallel to WCTW 98.5 Catskill.

OH Logan WLGN-FM 98.3 still k, now "Americana"
OH Portsmouth WNXT-FM 99.3 rm, "Mix" (from
"The X")

OK Elk City KTIJ 98.5 m, LMA with KTJS 1420 Hobart-KADS 1240 Elk City. "Finally on the air."

PA Millersburg WQLV 98.9 mr, adds Bob & Sheri

PA Mill Hall WZRZ 98.7 op, "The Rock"

PA Youngsville WTMV \*88.5 gr

SC Darlington WDAR 105.5 mr, soft AC, "Sunny 105.5" (from "The Gator 105.5").

SC Kingstree WGSS 94.1 sg, black gospel

TX Baird KAGT 95.1 g, Reach Southern gospel, serving Abilene.

TX Big Spring KBTS 94.3 op, dumping Tejano

TX Marble Falls KBAE 104.9 k[ountry]

TX Victoria KTXN 98.7 k, "Americana." Now known as "Texas Mix."

TX Winnie-Houston KRTX-FM 100.7 sr, "100.7 House Party," but format may be short-lived, as Z-Spanish is buying the station.

VA Cape Charles WROX-FM 96.1 rp, modern rock, "Extreme" (from "96-X").

WA Leavenworth KLVH 97.7 jf, plus c, with Seattle-based Harriett Bullitt buying. She's also buying KOZI-FM 93.5 Chelan-AM.

WI Fort Atkinson WSJY 107.3 mr, "Light FM 107.3" (not strict; ID list adds Beloit).

WY Rock Springs KSIT 104.5 op, "Kiss It"

WI Algoma WBDK 96.7 mn, music of the '50s through '70s, ID with Luxemburg and various rotating cities.

**WBDK 96.7FM**50's 60's 70's

P.O. Box 339 Luxemburg, WI 54217 920-845-2922 Volce 920-845-5830 Fax (Main Business Office) Facilities to 2400 h,v; 158 m.

PR San German WCTA-FM 95.1 Im, parallel to WZNT 93.7 San Juan-WZMT 93.3 Ponce.

ON Newmarket CKDX 88.5 k, new country, "The Cat" (loses "Power 88.5").

# On Air—Real Stations and Pirates (Selected)

CO Yuma KNEC 100.9 fined \$16,000. FCC just announced fine; didn't say what the violation was.

FL Atlantic Beach WFYV 104.5 fined \$4000 for unauthorized broadcasting of phone conversations without letting the people called know they are on the air.

GA Athens WNGC 95.5 and Toccoa WSTE 106.1 simulcasting until Cox officially takes over the 95.5 spot in the fall.

GA Atlanta WRFG \*89.3 still se, celebrating its 26th birthday, and on 24 hours daily, seven days a week. It has some 36000 listeners weekly, compared to about 500,000 for the local commercial giants, according to GM Kai Aiyetoro. "Our mission is to provide access to those who would traditionally not have access to the airwaves. There are a lot of people who can't get on the air because they don't have the right sounds, the Midwestern dialect," he or she said.

KY Lerose WSPE \*88.3—for sale along with house, which is atop a forested hilltop. For more information: http://www.mm.mtu.edu/toldedjshuman/house.html

- ME Scarborough WBQW 106.3 wants to build a 107 m tower off U.S. Hwy. 1, abutting Scarborough marsh. But the \$500,000 project for the classical music station is getting a cool reception from area residents, most of whom probably prefer country or urban music. "It would stand out like a sore thumb," said town councilor Tim Downs. Others were concerned about the environment, especially since it was so close to a marsh. Benefits of the tower include possible free use for the town's police and fire departments, good coverage of the entire town, and it would add to the town's property tax base. The tower could be used by other firms, "eliminating the need for other towers." If "Scarborough loses its power we will go off the air," said Louis Vitali of Mariner Broadcasting. The present, rented, "tower prevents me from running my operation efficiently. If I owned the tower, I would buy better equipment to operate it with."
- MA Andover area—87.9 stereo, light progressive rock. "Coverage not very good."
- MA Lawrence area 99.9—Spanish. "Pretty good coverage; power estimated at 100 watts."
- MA West Tisbury "FRMV" 98.7, "Free Radio Marthas Vineyard," variety, 40 watts from a house on a hilltop. Has 10 volunteer deejays. If FCComes after them they plan to go to court and seek an injunction "enjoining them from shutting us down while we make a case based on free speech."
- MI Muskegon WSNX 104.5: being sold to Clear Channel Communications, which already owns WBCT 93.7, WOOD-FM 105.7-AM, WCUZ 101.3-AM, WVTI 96.1. "Seller is Goodrich Broadcasting, which retains WODJ 107.3, WMRR 101.7 and WSHZ 107.9 for now."
- MN Babbitt KAOD 106.7 applied for waiver of main studio rule to have its studio in Duluth with WWAX 92.1 Hermantown MN, but the FCC denied the request. That means KAOD must locate a studio with 40 km of Babbitt.
- MN Duluth WNCB \*89.3 operating with only 15 percent of its licensed power lately. Was going to give a Dodge Shadow SE as a prize. The car was donated by London Auto Body, Duluth. On the way to Mankato, one of WNCB's translator communities, the car stalled, occupants got out and the car caught on fire. It may be re-

placed by insurance. "This is Satan's doing, but God will see us through this!" The lower power of WNCB has prevented its signal from reaching translators in Ashland WI, Floodwood, Moose Lake and Sandstone.

MN Golden Valley K214DF \*90.7—but only an open carrier. \*The marvels of unattended translators! Wonder how long it will take to fix their problem?\*

MN Minneapolis-St. Paul area—"Free Radio Twin Cities" 92.9, and on 4 p.m. to 10 p.m. daily, longer weekends. MO Mexico KJAB \*88.3, having moved from 90.1

NJ Collingwood W246AQ "97.1. "Quite loud, certainty covers Philadelphia better than their 103.5 translator" (W278AK Village Green PA).

NJ Trenton WPST 97.5 joins WBJB \*90.5 Lincroft in conducting filed tests of Lucent's digital audio broadcasting (last month p. 8, col. 1).

NY Brooklyn 91.9 a relay of Radio Soleil d'Haiti, simulcast of WSKQ 97.9's 67 kHz signal. "Must be their way of competing with all the other Haitian pirates! . . . The signal must be coming from their studios; the sound is too good for it to be a relay of somebody's SCS receiver. They get out well until late afternoon when 'Kool FM' (March p. 4, col. 3) and 'Radio Maranatha' (December p. 5, col. 2) usually sign on, at which time 91.9 gets pretty noisy and none of the three really stands out. Most of Radio Soleil's listeners probably go back to their SCA radios at this point."

NY New York city area—a Christian English-language pirate on 89.7. A female announcer with a slight foreign accent said, "You're listening to 89.7, your voice of hope and inspiration." Played hymns and children's songs, a recorded Bible story, and a sermon by a Caribbean-sounding pastor. "I wonder just how many FM pirates there are in all NYC? I've counted at lest 15 currently active ones lately, but I do almost all my listening from one location so there are probably a lot more in other areas of the city that I'm not hearing."

NY Renssalaer W226AC \*93.1—after thieves broke in and removed the translator equipment; it broadcasts from the tower of WRPI \*91.5 Troy. Stolen equipment is valued at \$3,195. "Whoever took [it] made a beeline for it," said a policeman. The equipment was to have been replaced by now; it relayed WAMC \*90.3 Albany.

OK Tulsa KMOD 97.5. "I put this station on the air as KOCW in 1960. It never made money and went into bankruptcy. The son of the owner, Sonny, got the records. He loved the fact I got him into FM," J.K.W., Tulsa, an engineer.

WI Berlin WBJZ 104.7, having moved from 102.3.

WI Iron River WNXR 107.3, after having been off the air for over a week, probably due to microwave dish repositioning. Bought by Gerald Hackman, owner of WJJH 96.7-WBSZ 93.3 Ashland. During the interval it was off the air, I heard WSJY Fort Atkinson WI, KIOW Forest City IA, KNUJ-FM Sleepy Eye-New Ulm MN, KQRN Mitchell SD, and bits of "K-107" Lexington MO.

ON Toronto "CKHC" Humber College, having moved from 91.7 because of the new CHOW Welland. "We are operating at less than a watt, with a simple antenna on the school. . . Normally the signal is heard on the north campus of Humber College. The station is a training ground for students in the school of media studies," and believed to be legal under Industry Canada guidelines.

106.3—a station announcing: "You are listening to a test transmission from CBC Radio in Toronto on 106.3." Speculation has ranged from this being a CBC Radio 3 proposed frequency, or just testing to see if 106.3 would generally work in Toronto without interference.

### Off Air—Or Not Yet On

IL Bethalto WFUN-FM 95.5 silent "for about two months."

ME Waterville WMHB \*90.5 left the air voluntarily after it was revealed they never had a construction permit to move from their former frequency of 91.5. They had to move to make way for WMEW \*91.3 Waterville, a station of Maine Public Broadcasting. Now MPB wants 90.5 for a station to serve Camden and Rockport ME. Ironically, it was MPB that helped the Colby College station switch to 91.5 to 90.5 about 20 years ago. WMEW came on the air in 1982. Even if the FCC approves an MPB station for 90.5, it is not expected to hit the airwaves soon. This would permit WMHB to resume broadcasting until a new frequency is found. It might even come on temporarily at lower power than its present 110 watts. "WMHB's silence eliminates a diverse mix of music from the radio dial," said Lee L'Heureux, summer general manager for the station.

MA Nantucket WNAN \*91.1, Woods Hole \*90.1, but due to sign on in January. A letter to the Martha Vineyard Times from Jon Cassel said, "It should be noted that the Cape and Islands Community Public Radio proposal will block reception of WSMU 91.1 [North Dartmouth MA] and WRIU 90.3 [Kingston RI]. Both of these are high quality, mixed format stations that will be missed by many. Most of NPR programming CICPR will provide, although excellent, is already available on WGBH and WBUR's several broadcasting positions. CICPR will mean a decrease in radio choices and another red beacon in the night sky."

Nina Gomez, West Tisbury, wrote to CICPR: "Keep in

Nina Gomez, West Tisbury, wrote to CICPR: "Keep in mind that occasionally we also receive WERS from Emerson, so you will also have to avoid 88.9. We will be happy to tune in to your station at 89.1, 89.3 or 89.5." [licensed.

OR Dead Indian K201BG \*88.1, but FCC says is/
PA Gladwynne W245AG \*96.9, altuded to in comments
May-June p. 7, col. 3, under NJ Manahawkin
PA Loyalsock W224AI 92.7

VA Chester WDYL 101.1: "New owner Radio One expects to debut a new format in August."

WA Eatonville KKBY 104.9; sale to Rock on Radio Co. is pending FCC approval.

MB Winnipeg CJAE 92.9—came on Dec. '98, but now off the air except for intermittent testing. Plans to be on fulltime by fall.

107.5 and later 107.3—was a 100 mw station from atop a 99 m apartment building. Industry Canada shut it down, but they vow to return.

#### **Deletions**

AK Sitka K216BK \*91.1 (see "New," above)
CO Carbondale and Silt K296BY 107.1 [97.7
GA Gainesville W300AP \*107.9 |MT Sidney K249AB/
MN Montavideo K209BU \*89.7 (sea "New," above)
MN Worthington K201CE \*88.1 (see "New")
MT Ennis K296AH 107.1 |MT White Sulphur Springs
MT Opheim K269AQ 101.7 K252AD 98.3
MT Red Lodge K265CR 100.9 |SC Mount Pleasant
NY Cazenovia WITC \*88.9 W211AX \*90.1
NY Paul Smiths WPSA \*98.3

### FMistakes—FMedia! FM Atlas-18

AL Brundidge 94.7 WTBF calls missing p. 35, SE AL map.

AK Houston new 96.3, not 99.3, p. 127

AZ Yuma KYRM \*91.9, not 91.1, p. 99

CA Bishop new \*88.5 not on p. 90.

CA Kerman 94.3 KKPW, not "KTAA," p. 95

DE Smyma 92.9 WDSD, not "WSRV," pp. 14, 23

GA Rogers ousted story—heading should read "Amid Charges of Fiscal. . . " not "Changes," July p. 5, col. 2.

GA Toccoa Falls WTXR \*89.7 not on p. 28 map.

ON Barrie 100.3 CJLF, not "CJFF," p. 112 ON Haileybury \*99.7 CBON-2, not \*CBON-\* p. 113 \*102.3 CBCY calls missing p. 113 [113 ON Hawkesbury 102.1 CHGO-4, not "CHGO" p./ ON Midland remove CFRH-1 88.1 from p. 113 PQ Lac Megantic \*91.3 CBF-6, not \*CBF-8\* p. 115

PQ Rapides-des-Joachims remove CHIP-1 from p. 113.

PQ Rouyn-Noranda CBMA \*99.9, not 99.5, p. 113. BN Rumorosa XHFJ 98.3, not 98.9, p. 124. BN Tecate 95.3 XHATE, not XHAP, p. 99, Remove XHATE 99.3 from p. 99.

BN Tijuana XHITT 88.7, not 89.7, p. 124 CL Ciudad Acuna XHHAC 100.7, not 106.7, p./ SO San Luis Rio Colorado remove 91.5 from p. 78 TM Nuevo Laredo 94.1 XHTLN, not "XHLTN," p 73 "Off" misspelled as "of," July p. 8, col. 2 under

"Rumor Department." [Thunder, July p. 3, col. 3 "Whose" misspelled as "who" under MN Good/ "Duke" (not "Duck") Wright in the NAB/WBA story. July p. 6, col. 2.

### SCS Services, 57, 67, 92 kHz Symbols are as in the FM Atlas

GA Cleveland WAZX-FM 101.9 no SCS (from ±U) IA Oelwein KOEL-FM 92.3 †( ), reading "KAYL." MN Marshall KKCK 99.7 the †( ) reads "KCKK." MN Thief River Falls KSNR 100.3 † ,U. MO Springfield KWFC \*89.9 no SCS. Loses Roy Swofford's Inspirational Background Music. OH Cleveland WGAR 99.5 †M, 67 WMMS 100.7 †S, 67, occasional relay of AM station—for sports and special events. WQAL 104.1 † R, 92

SD-"We have found a receiver that will work with the new subcarrier being installed by SD Public Broadcasting and are proceeding accordingly. I expect no further contact from you with SD Service to the Blind and Visually Impaired and Public Broadcasting," G.K., director, Pierre SD.

SD Reliance-Pierre KTSD-FM \*91.1 still †( )T, with it being the only station in the network noted with the 57 kHz data signal to date. The reading service to the blind switches away from the MN Talking Book feed late morning for a SD report from the Rapid City studios, but production not very efficient. At the end of the program there was phone-off-the-hook noise followed by dead air until the MN feed resumed at top of the hour.

SD Yankton KCLH 104.1 the †( ) reads "KCLH." WI Suring WRVM \*102.7 still †( ) ,G, but the Children's Sonshine Network suffers from exceedingly poor modulation.

USA-Impressions on Hold, Tulsa OK, hopes to be on an FM subcarrier in 75 major markets within two years. Is looking for available broadcasters. Will offer a music service with commercials for the various businesses who put customers on hold.

"I am enclosing a check for two FM Atlas books, and also enjoyed the issues of FMedial for years," D.B., Austin TX.

### NonIDs, Not Just Slogans

Mentioned usually without call letters; "strict" if a station uses call letters once per hour (at or near top of hour) as required by FCC and Industry Canada

AL Huntsville WAHR 99.1 Star 99.1 (from "Sunny

AL Valley WRLD 95.3 uses calls (from "The World") CO Greeley KDJM 92.5 Jammin' Oldies

**August**, 1999 DC Washington WJMO-FM 99.5 Jammin' Oldies 99.5 (from "Jammin' 99,5") "variety" format. FL Homestead WRGP \*88.1 Radiate 88.1, with a/ GA Helen WHEL 105.1 Peach 94-9 (not just "Peach"). WHEL still carries Atlanta Braves baseball, "and so isn't parallel to WPCH 94.9 100% of the time (see July p. 2, col. 3).

IL Joliet WLLI 96.7 Active Rock (from "Willy 96-7") IA Jefferson KGRA 98.9 KG 98

KS Leoti KSKZ 99.9 The Z (releases "Eagle") KY Hopkinsville WHOP-FM 98.7 Cat Country 98.7 (from "CD Country")

LA Folsom WYLK 104.7 K-94 (from "The Lake") LA Hammond-Baton Rouge WCAC 103.3 Cat Country 103 (from "Cat Country")

LA Lacombe WYLA 94.7 K-94 (from "The Lake") LA New Orleans WEZB 97.1 B 97.1. Today's Best Music (from "B 97 FM"). Its legal ID "takes a shot at Houma-licensed competitor KHOM 104.1: This gin't no radio station from Houma. This is today's best music licensed by the FCC to the greatest city on the planet. This is WEZB New Orleans. New Orleans' radio station B 97.1."

WYLD-FM 98.5 uses calls, "FM 98 WYLD." WRNO-FM 99.5 uses calls, "99.5 WRNO the Classic Rock Station" (from "The River 99-5"). [Big One." WNOE 101.1 uses calls, "Country 101.1 WNOE, The/ LA Port Sulphur-New Orleans KKND 106.7 New Rock 106-7 The End (from "The End")

LA Reserve WADU 94.9 K-94 (from "Lake") MN Crookston KQHT 96.1 New Mix (from "Mix 96.1") MN Detroit Lakes KFGX 95.1 Rock 95 (from "The Zone")

MN Nashwauk KMFG 102.9 K 103 (from "Special K 103," losing its breakfast appeal).

MN Pelican Rapids KBOT 104.1 Wild Country (from "Lake Country 104") [the Arrow") MN Staples KSKK 94.7 Arrow 94.7 (from "FM 94.7/ MS Hattiesburg WUSW 103.7 US 103, Today's Country MS Lumberton WLNF 95.3 Live 95.3 (from "Live 95') MT West Yellowstone KEZQ 92.9 Easy Rock 93 (from "Easy 73"}

NY Malone WVNV 96.5 Hot Country 96.5 (from "V 96") NY Ogdensburg WPAC 92.7 Adult Rock Pac 93 (from [Devil FM")

ND Devils Lake KDVL 102.5 K Devil 102 (from "K/ ND Fargo WDAY-FM 93.7 Y-94 (back to, from "Mix

ND Langdon KNDK-FM 95.7 Hot 95.7 (from "Hot/

ND Valley City KQDJ-FM 101.1 Q 101 OK Guymon KKBS 92.7 The Boss

(Radio") PA Lewistown WMRF 95.7 Merf Radio (not "Murf"/ PA Mount Union WXMJ 99.5 Majic 99 (ex-"Magic 99")

PA Pittston WSHG 102.3 Wish 102

SD Mitchell KQRN 107.3 The Rock (from "Q- 107") WI Mosinee WOFM 94.7 Oldies 94.7 & 99.9 (not strict:

used when simulcast with WIZD 99.9 Rudolph WI). They have separate IDs.

**World Radio History** 

FMedia! Page 6 LowRatings Prompt Speculation Louisiana's WCKW-FM Might Change Format, August, 1999 MB Winnipeg CJUM 101.5 UM 101. CA Ridgecrest \*89.1 (KSKD 93.3 Chowchilla) WI Milwaukee WLZR 102.9 130 m relayer ON Newmarket CKDX 88.5 Cat Country (not "The Cat") CA South Lake Tahoe K212AJ \*90.3 seeks 90.1, h,v

ON North Bay CHUR 100.5 EZ Rock (ex-"Mix 100 FM") ON Orillia CICX 105.9's is spelled EZ Rock 105.9 ON Owen Sound CIXK 106.5 Mix (from "K 106.5")

Multi-City IDs In Use

LA Houma KCIL 107.5 with New Orleans, uses calls, "107.5 KCIL" (from "C 107").

LA Laplace-New Orleans WCKW-FM 92.3 drops ID with Baton Rouge, still "Rock 92.3." "I wonder if a format change or adjustment is forthcoming? The Arbitrends show it in low 1's for now "

LA Thibodaux-Hourna KXOR 106.3 adds New Orleans, "Eagle 106." Sometimes simulcast with WKSY 106.1 Picayune MS, also "Eagle 106" (from "Eagle 106.1")

PA Freeland WWFH 103.1 with Pittston (not with Hazleton), now "Wish 102.".

PA Masontown WYFU \*88.5 with Fairmont WV. "Gee \$19.99. You may as well priced it at \$20.00, much simpler to read and figure in the checkbook. That .99 or .95 custom of pricing is silly, insane, stupid. . . Anyway, appreciate your work and looking forward to the new Atlas," W.B., Wright City MO.

## Selected AM Happenings

FL Dunedin WTBL 1470 had been silent; now black gospel. Turns on "The Light" from Sheridan.

FL Miami WQAM 560 receives a \$35,000 indecency fine from the FCC for remarks made by afternoon personality Neil Rogers. The complaint covers five days—May 20, 21, 22, 25 and 26, 1998, at \$7,000 per day. Most of the objectionable material was found in song paradies, so reports the FCC and M Street.

IN Hammond WJOB 1230, Michigan City WIMS 1420 are being sold for \$4 million to St. George Broadcasting. Deal includes option to buy two nearby Class As owned by M&M Broadcasting: WXRD 103.9 Crown Point and WZVN 107.1 Lowell.

MA Ware WARE 1250 had been adult standards, now oldies, "Exciting 1250." It "returns music, jingles and airstaff it had in the '60s and '70s before it was sold in 1982."

MS Oxford WSUH 1420 deleted by the FCC. NY Gouverneur WIGS 1230--FCC deletes license. VA Norfolk WDIS 1170 deleted.

ON Welland CHOW 1470 silent, replaced by 91.7 FM.

"I'll look forward to receiving the two Atlases. I'm buying two copies since a friend who is on medical disability pension doesn't have much spare cash. . . I'm going to give it to him as a present—sort of my good dead for the year. He'll be very happy to get the new FM Atlas and so will I," R.R., London ON.

FMakings—Selected FCC and Industry Canada applications

AL Florence WXFL 96.1 50000 h,v; 150 m, one-step C2. Wants the frequency allocated to Killen AL as a C2. AR Magnolia KVMA-FM 107.9 44000 h.v; 416 m, d-a AR Van Buren \*89.9 4600 v, 104 m, Educ. Media Fou. CA Dorris \*90.3 (KVIP-FM 98.1 Redding translator) CA Kernville \*91.1 (KAWZ 89.9 Twin Falls ID) CA Lake Isabella \*89.1 (KEFX 88.9 Twin Falls ID) CA Montecito \*89.1 (KLOV 89.3 Winchester OR)

CA Palo Colordo Canyon K216CL \*91.1 seeks 91.3, and listed that way in primary KUSP 88.9 Santa Cruz' litera-CA San Luis Obispo K232AA \*94.3 seeks \*104.9, h,v GA Colquitt \*90.5 3500 v, 63 m, D & K Communications GA Gainesville \*88.7 (KAWZ 89.9) GA Savannah \*88.9 (KTLW 88.9 Lancaster CA)

IL Cairo WBEL \*88.5 34000 v, 196 m, C1 IL Pontiac W201BT \*88.1 seeks 89.5, h.v. IL Sugar Grove \*88.7 2650 h,v; 81 m, Educ. Media Fou.

IN Huntington WEXI 103.1 (from 102.9) 4500 h,v; 91 m IN Muncie WLBC 104.1 41000 h,v; 140 m

IN New Haven WJFX 107.9 3200 h,v; 138 m, d-a IN Orland (NW of Angola) \*91.3 2000 h,v; 91 m, d-a, Public Broadcasting of N.E. IN [118 m. C2 IA Chariton KELR 105.3 (from 105.5 50000 h,v;/

IA Sioux City (move from Hubbard NE) KAYA \*91,3 KS Dodge City \*89.5 45000 v, 180 m, Educ. Media Fou. KS Junction City \*91.3 6000 h,v; 80 m, Bostg. for Challenged

KY Lexington \*90.7 (WPCS 89.5 Pensacola FL) KY Morehead \*90.7 (WJFM 88.5 Baton Rouge LA) KY Paris \*90.7 6000 h,v; 100 m, Lay Witness Outreach KY Science Hill (NE Somerset) \*88.5 10000 v, 113 m, d-a, Western KY University

KY Somerset \*88.1 2200 v, 62 m, Educ. Media Fou. ME Bangor W219CC \*91.7 seeks 91.5 and primary KLOV \*89.3 Winchester OR (from KLVC 88.3 Magalia CA) MA Worcester WAAF 107.3 9600 h,v; 335 m, d-a

MN Alexandria \*91.7 (WJFM) **IMN Glencoe KARP 96.1** MN Bemidji \*90.5 (WJFM) 100000 h,v; 176 m, C1 MN Blackduck WBJI 98.3 100000 h,v (C1)

MN Worthington \*91.3 (WJFM)

MS Amory \*91.7 2000 h,v; 65 m, MS ETV MO Kirksville \*88.1 (WJFM) IMO Parkville KGSP \*90.7

MO Raytown \*88.9 (KTLW) (from 92.3) MT Billings \*90.9 (KAWZ) IMT Hamilton KBMG 96.3C MT Huntley \*89.9 (KEFX) (from 95.9)

NE York KTMX 104.9 13000 h,v; 297 m

NJ Barnegat \*91.9 3800 h,v; 112 m, d-a, Hope Christian Church of Martton NJ

NM Roswell \*89.1 2700 h,v; 102 m, Educ. Media Fou. NM San Augustin K275AD 102.9 seeks \*90.5, 100 v NM Santa Fe KZXA 94.7 243 m

NM Tucumcari \*90.1 (KFLQ 91.5 Albuquerque)

NY Arcade \*89.5 110 h,v; 189 m, CSN International NC Cleveland W264AN \*100.7 seeks \*101.3, h,v

NC Murfreesboro \*90.7 (WJYJ 90.5 Fredericksburg VA)

NC High Point W275AG \*102.9 seeks \*102.7, h,v NC Pinehurst WBFY \*90.3 6500 v, 100 m d-a

NC Rennert (N. Lumberton, E. Laurinburg) \*89.5 100

watts h,v 65 m, Bd. Trustees/U. of North Carolina OH Dayton WTUE 104.7 28000 h,v; 200 m

OH Lebanon WYLX 97.3 5000 h,v; 109 m OH Willard W202AO \*88.3 seeks 91.5, h

OR Astoria \*90.5 400 v, 329 m, Catholic Bestg. NW

OR Baker \*88.1 250 h,v; 199 m, Solid Rock Bostg. OR Burns \*89.3 (KVIP-FM) | OR Newport \*89.9 (KLOV)

OR Cornelius \*91.9 (KEFX) PA Glen Mills WZZE \*97.3 seeks 97.1, 18 watts h,v;/

PA Grove City WSAJ-FM \*91.1 1600 h,v; 75 m SD Rapid City KOUT 98.7 141 m, KFXS 100.3 141 m

TN Morristown W284AL 104.7 seeks \*105.1, h,v TN Lawrenceburg WDXE-FM 106.7 (from 95.9) 6000 h,v; 89 m, one-step

TX Corpus Christi K201CR \*88.1 seeks 88.3, 160 v TX Tulia KLGD 104.9 100000 h,v; 105 m, one-step C1 VT Addison WRRO 93.7 25000 h,v; 88 m, d-a, 1-step C3 WA Aberdeen K211AO \*90.1 seeks 90.5, 100 h,v WA Centralia \*88.1 (KLOV) | WI De Pere \*89.7 (KAWZ)

WV Lewisburg WKCJ 103.1 3300 h,v; 273 m

BC Chase \*95.5 87 watts, CBC, CBTK 88.9 Kelowna/ BC Whistler CISW 102.9 130 m NS Cow Bay (44-36-55; 63-28-24) 106.9 "CKEP" 25 v, 43

m, wants permanent status for its VF7073, "K 106 FM.". Latter was on July 31-Aug. 8 for a carnival. Wayne Garrett, operator. ffrom 1410 AM NS Port Hawkesbury 101.5 19000 h,v, CIGO moving/

ON Kapuskasing 94.1 50 w, rm format, Angela Demars. ON Kingston-the CRTC had asked for letters of intent to file for an FM station by Aug. 9. Formal applications to be received by Sept. 7. A strong enough station in

Kingston might reach Watertown NY. ON Wingham \*100.9 11800 h,v, CBC, CBLA \*99.1 Toronto relayer [1000 kHz AM. PQ Rimouski 102.9 33600 h,v, CFLP moving from/

**FM Rulemakings Proposed** First date is for filing comments at the FCC; second date is for replies. Stations affected, if any, are listed

GA Soperton 98.5A, Sept. 7, 22 TX Centerville 102.7A, Sept. 7, 22 TX lowa Park 96.34, Sept. 7, 22 TX Taft 106.5C2 (from Refugio 106.1C3), KTKY, Sept. 7, 22 VT Bristol 97.5A, Sept. 7, 22

### FM Rulemakings Finalized No filing windows because of freeze

CA Tecopo 106.1A J CO El Jobel 100.5A CO Carbondale 96.7 I CO Palisade 106.9C3 CO New Costle 94.5A CO Rye 104,9A CO Walden 94,1C2 ID Aberdeen 99,502

IL Genoa (move from Oregon) 106.3A (for 106.1A), WOXM | IL Clifton IL Oregon (move from Mount Morris) 95.7A, WSEY

IA Dunkerton 103.9A, site restriction 8.9 km north to avoid short-spacing with KLTI 104,1 Arnes. "Primary coverage area would include northeastern half of Waterloo." I IA Rudd 101.5A. "Town is east of IA Manson 99,7A. "Town is west of Fort Dadge." Mason City,"

IA Pleasantville 96.3A, site restriction 4.9 km east to avoid short-spacing with KSOM 96.3 Audubon. "Would have a primary signal into Knowille and Pella and a secondary signal into Des Moines."

IA Sibley 104.3A (at a site 1.3 km west to avoid a short-spacing with KUOO 103.9 Spirit Lake) MD Midland 99.5A KS Burdett 93.5A I MS Soltillo 102.9C3 KS Council Grove 104.1C3 TX Corrigon 94.3A ICS Rozel 102.5A TX Groveton 98.1A KY Annville 96.7 ITX Uano 96.3A

LA De Ridder 97.9A (from 101.7A), KEAZ | PA Clorendon 102.7A PA Liberty 107.5A ITX Lovelody 104.3C3

SD Lennax 99,1C3. Lennax is about 23 km SW Sioux Falls, "it's likely any new station using this facility will serve that market. The Ken Mills Agency requested the allotment, which has a site restriction of 1 km west of Lennax to avoid short-spacing with KEEZ 99.1 Mankato MN."

TX Lufkin 100.1A at a site 8.5 km south because of KGR1 99.9A Mount Enterprise TX and KDVE 100.3C3 Henderson TX, KHCB-FM \*105.7 Houston requested this allocation be reserved for noncommercial use to alleviate a problem with 88.1. There, KHCB-FM is one of three applicants; however, the FCC disagreed that the channel should be reserved for noncommercial use, but pointed out that it could be applied for by a noncommercial applicant.

UT Castle Dale 95.3C3 UT Hurricane 102.9C3 UT Huntington 107,1C2 UT Logen 98.3C3 UT Payson 92,9A UT Monticello 106.1C1 WV Ridgeley 100.5A UT Wellington 92.1C3

# Power Struggle Engulfs KPFA, Other Pacifica FM Stations

Security is tight as the administration of KPFA \*94.1 Berkeley CA (and KPFB \*89.3 there) tries to enforce a policy of tighter control over programming in the wake of staffers' resistance. KPFA is

the oldest community/public FM station, in the nation, having started in 1949.

Call it growing pains, resistance to change, or just plain omeriness on the part of employees and volunteers—the result is likely to be that KPFA, and by extension the rest of the Pacifica network, may be irretrievably crippled.

The ultra left-leaning flagship station is wallowing in the very type of conformity it has railed against in the business community. Directives from management to tighten programming have met intense resistance.

Picketline protests have erupted in Berkeley over staff firings and new program edicts. Phone lines have been jammed with inquiries from the public and the media. I have been unable to talk to Lynn Chadwick, KPFA's director, nor has their office FAXed a press release on the situation as requested.

Early in the protest, KPFA broadcast the sounds of silence following the on-air yanking of Robbie Osman, a disc jockey who hosts "Across the Great Divide," a mid-day folk show. Other staff members protested his firing by refusing to take his shift, and hundreds of people demonstrated outside to express their anger at Chadwick and others in control.

For nearly seven years workers and the station's board have been at odds over the way it should be programmed. KPFA supporters say the board wants to turn the station into another National Public Radio affiliate so it can attract corporate donor contributions. Others fear that, since KPFA holds a license in the commercial part of the FM band, it might be sold for hundreds of millions of dollars.

Over 400 protesters have shown up in front of the station headquarters on Martin Luther King Jr. Way. Some have camped overnight for a 24-hour "sleep-in" for over two weeks, and nearly 100 people were arrested, according to the San Francisco Chronicle.

"I've been listening for years and I feel the station has been ruined in the last six months," lamented Mark Mason. He was referring to the firing of Osman and two other employees—reporter Larry Bensky and station general manager Nicole Sawaya, who had spoken out against the changes.

Osman had criticized management on the air. He later said, "I am at peace with what I did. There comes a moment in your life that if you act with courage and with faith you seize the day."

Later the station imposed strict security measures as to who could enter its building, and live programming has ceased, with tapes of previous programs being aired.

Criticism became rampant a few months ago when Pacifica unveiled a plan which called for more national programming and removal of local advisory board members from its central governing board. Sawaya was fired March 31, two weeks before the station's 50th anniversary celebration.

Pacifica had warned announcers not to discuss the firing on the air, but they did anyway. When its veteran national news reporter Larry Bensky objected to the dismissal of the general manager he too was fired. Chadwick earlier told the New York Times that the protests were the result of a small group of people who didn't allow KPFA to grow. She said Pacifica wanted to broaden its appeal and reach more than 200,000 of the six million potential listeners in the area served by its 59 kw signal. She said she had to impose tighter security measures after she was cornered in her office by 30 protesters who refused to leave. And the day after Ms. Sawaya was let go gunshots were fired into Pacifica's headquarters building next door to KPFA. Ms. Chadwick said she had received death threats.

"The level of heat is not good," she understated. "It's not good for any of us. After all, we're all on the same side—we want a good community radio station."

In other communities served by Pacifica stations, it's relatively quiet. WPFW \*89.3 Washington DC has voluntarily cut short some programs. It cut out nine minutes of one night's Pacifica Network News, playing jazz. Parts of the programs Counterspin and Democracy Now (which originates at WBAI \*99.5 New York city) were replaced by jazz. Pacifica seldom grabs national headlines, but recently the "civil war" at the network "has gained Pacifica unprecedented interest from the mainstream press," says Washington City Paper. WPFW offered no on-air explanation for the program deletions. One insider said the civil war is "between those who want bland, genteel, noncontroversial programming versus those who want to continue the hard-hitting. creative, energetic reporting that has been part of the Pacifica tradition." Longtime community activist and WPFW member Acey Byrd says he's puzzled about why local management

has been muzzling Pacifica content. "The methods that the management has used are unethical, arbitrary, and inconsistent with the norms of democratic journalism," said Byrd.

The Chronicle mentioned that the Berkeley City Council was to have voted on a toughly worded measure that criticizes the KPFA board, and calls for reopening the "shuttered station." "It's a forceful resolution. We're not mincing words here," crowed Mayor Shirley Dean. The crisis and ensuing protests have been a drain on the city's budget, costing over \$150,000 in police overtime so far.

Several organizations normally supportive of Pacifica's aims have gone on record criticizing the handling of the dispute by KPFA, and calling for Pacifica officials to resign. Those groups include the 5,000 member National Writers Union, Working Assets (a phone/credit card firm) and the central labor councils of San Francisco, Alameda and Contra Costa counties. Working Assets announced it is pulling Pacifica from the list of 50 nonprofit organizations it planned to support this vear. KPFA and Pacifica have finally entered mediation, with talks continuing.

Small Print Happenings and FM Industry News
Comments have continued on low power FM
through the deadline of Aug. 2. The Cromwell
Group filed comments suggesting an alternative
to LPFM. It proposes the FCC accommodate
would-be community broadcasters by authorizing
1, 3, 5 or 10 watt noncommercial stations in the
educational band (87.9-91.9). Bud Walters of
that group says the proposal would preserve the
technical integrity of the existing system and also
open up opportunities for new applicants.

I filed comments Aug. 2, and here are excerpts: These comments amplify what I earlier said in support of the FCC's LPFM proposal. I would like to point out that nationally several translators are operating on second adjacent channels to primary stations, apparently without interference. Take the case of K214DF \*90.7 Golden Valley MN, with transmitter in downtown Minneapolis. It is midway on the dial between KNOW \*91.1 St. Paul MN and KFAI \*90.3 Minneapolis.

I have considerable experience with FM receiver design and modification, and have discovered that with ceramic filters in widespread use, FM radios are far more selective than they were 20 years ago. Ceramic filters started to appear in about 1978, along with widespread use of integrated circuits.

Thus, virtually all post-1978 FM radios can receive satisfactory signals from stations spaced 400 kHz from each other in the same market. This even includes subcarrier reception out to 92 kHz. The argument of the Audio Information Services for the blind that SCSes will be impaired does not appear to hold true. Radios can be both selective and wide-banded enough to pass the entire monophonic main channel, the

stereo subcarriers and all ancillary services at such frequencies as 57, 67 and 92 kHz. Similarly, in-band, on channel digital audio broadcasting should also be possible in most cases at 400 kHz local spacings, especially when the "low power" station is considerably lower in its effective radiated power than the originally-licensed station. Certainly, at 600 kHz spacing there should be no problem.

I envision a system where low power stations can be locally operated with individual residency requirements for the owner, limits placed on how many low power stations one person or company can have, no co-ownership of low power with high power stations in the same market (nor LMAs either), but with provision for translators to "grow up" and become either fulltime low power stations, or hybrid parttime translators and low power stations.

I would propose, for example, that my W280CT 103.9 Hermantown MN, which is currently off the air because it lost its transmitter site, and which is awaiting the lifting of the current freeze to relocate to a new site, be selected as a station to test whether or not the concept of low power FM can function in a major market. W280CT is 400 kHz away from KZIO 104.3 Two Harbors MN and 600 kHz from KUMD 103.3 Duluth MN.

Licensees of low power FM stations, as I see it, should be individuals, small businesses or nonprofit groups such as churches and clubs, with time sharing a possibility among several local stations as a means of avoiding auctions. I am neutral whether or not the stations should be commercial or noncommercial. Indeed, some of the stations might perform a function on main channel FM-in stereo-that many services are offering only over SCS. With consolidation rampant in commercial and even noncommercial FM, the opportunities for individual operators to become subcarrier lessees are becoming limited. The picture with a digital system would probably be no better. Broadcasters would have the channel capacity, but might be exceedingly loathe to make use of that capacity—even to groups that could afford to pay the going rate, much less to nonprofit entities, such as reading services. There is a prejudice that adding subcarriers or ancillary services might negatively affect the quality of the main channel—plus owners of large broadcasting entities are often in distant cities, impersonal, and difficult to reach by the average would-be subcarrier operator.

In summary: Low power FM can succeed now because radios are better designed with wide-bandwidth for the channel they are tuned to, but having excellent alternate channel selectivity. Consolidation in the industry limits entry into the marketplace, even for those desiring to be on subcarriers. My FM Atlas shows a declining interest on the part of broadcasters embracing subcarriers—something on the order of 10 percent or less of the stations. This is down from 28 percent in the early 1980s, when the FCC used FM Atlas data on subcarrier utilization nationally as a reason for expanding the FM baseband to include the 92 kHz SCS channel.

Politically, it makes good sense for the FCC to pursue low power FM at this time. I am sure that even the organizations that presently oppose it will come around to realize it is a good thing. Groups such as state broadcasters' associations should, as the result of new low power stations being authorized, realize membership gains,

more stations subscribing to their newsletters, more dues collected from member stations, and more voices to serve the nation, and thereby help the other positive public service type causes the broadcast industry so typically espouses.

FCC: Do your job and help usher in the era of low power FM! Respectfully submitted, B.E.

A Philadelphia announcer gone berserk? Bob Wardlow, 23, detested WXXM 95.7 Philadelphia's recent format change to rhythmic oldies, and said after one oldie, "That was somebody who sucked." Then he said he had to play some spots "to sell you all this stuff you don't need." It was to be Wardlow's last shift. He told listeners, "I just got a flash on the hot line, so whoever that was is probably coming here to fire me." And he was right, according to an item in the July 28 M Street Journal.

Building a station on the wrong frequency will cost a Puerto Rico station \$14,500 (including violation of the main studio rule). Station WXZX Culebra built on 98.7, which was for an earlier allocation that was later changed. Licensee Aurio Matos built the station there anyway, and caused interference to an existing broadcaster, which I believe was WPRM 98.5 San Juan. WXZX was to have since moved to 106.5.

Satellite broadcaster CD Radio signed a deal with car radio maker Alpine. Alpine will design and develop two kinds of receivers: 1) an AM/ FM/CD radio unit for factory installation by car manufacturers, and 2) a satellite-only receiver for the consumer after-market, probably something that plugs into a person's car radio or uses an FModulator to send the signal into the set.

The Department of Justice has thwarted Media One's two-FM station purchase in Erie PA. of WRTS 103.7 and WRKT 100.9 North East. The deal was announced over a year ago.

Masked bandits suing the FCC: Principals in NY City's "Steal This Radio" have received a judge's permission not to be identified in a federal lawsuit. The judge said, "To deny them permission to proceed by pseudonym would either expose the plaintiffs to further penalties and prosecutions or discourage them from pursuing their constitutional challenge." Steal This Radio charges the government with abridging their First Amendment rights.

Zippo—the main personality of ABC's "Pure Gold" format, has left after 13 years. Jim Zippo and his employer failed to come to terms on a new contract. Previous midday jock Jay Fox has joined, at least temporarily, co-host Maria Danza.

Obituaries: Robert E. "Bob" DeHaven, 87, pictured, in Boca Raton FL.
He was g.m. KYSM-FM 103.5AM Mankato MN 1954-1969.
He replaced John Meagher, who left to become v.p.-radio for the National Association of Broadcasters. Later he worked at WQAM Miamand in sales at WAYL 93.7 Minneapolis.

Frank Gunther, 91, a radio engineer who worked with Edwin H. Armstrong in 1935, giving the first public demonstration of FM broadcasting. From 1939-42 "he designed and built more than 25 FM stations nationwide," according to Broadcasting and Cable.

Radio totals from the FCC—on air and licensed: AM 4781, FM (92.1-107.9) 5730; FM (87.9-91.9) 2047.

From the classifieds: FM SCS available, KHCB-FM 105.7 Houston. Bill Cordell, 713-722-0169.

Syndicate yourself—1 to 100 markets, U.S., Caribbean via satellite, airtime avails. Mr. Ferguson, 954-735-4070; <a href="https://www.ibnradio.com">www.ibnradio.com</a>.

Wants to buy old product literature, catalogs or manuals. M. Hughes, (301) 962-6823. [8954.

Wants used audio tape. J. Borden, (414) 482-/ I am looking for novelty recordings all eras, all speeds (78-45, LP), CDs, cassettes, etc. All genres, not just "comedy, funny or silly stuff." Also political music, answer records and parody, advertising records, patriotic, historical tributes to performers, "cut-in" records (Dickie Goodman types), FILK music (of which I have none), sports related, gay, horror and monsters, etc. Also need selected Dr. Dernento shows. I have novelty records for sale! Over 20 years of buying has given me several thousand titles in duplicate. All types offered. Frank Merrill, PO Box 669, Macomb IL 61455.

#### FM FORUM

The studios of WBCL \*90.3 Fort Wayne and its releyers will be growing in size on the campus of Taylor University. Project plans total \$641,000, including a \$300,000 building expansion with more office and studio space. Upgrades to the existing studios and newcroom will add \$156,000 to the cost.

Frank Merrill writes that I should be expanding map coverage of Mexico in the Atlas, which has happened. "At last they have undergone the overdue FM boom in that country." He points out that Mexico is larger than the original 13 U.S. colonies. He suggested a magazine size for the Atlas; another person wanted comb binding. I checked, and could have offered comb binding at a higher cost per book. That option would've complicated our system, with a perception it is "better." I was afraid issues printed that way would sell out, with our having to issue refunds. The new FM Atlas is, of course, in stock here and ready to send out; \$22/copy ppd.

There's a "KRGR" in Atlanta, but it's not on the air. It's a private station run by Kroger to be heard in their stores. Formats vary by time of day and audience to be targeted—from stock persons to customers. It has 12 minutes advertising per hour for impulse buys. Paul Smith, a Kroger executive and brains behind KRGR, had a dream to start such a station for 37 years, since the summer he was a grocery store stock clerk in Gary IN. Call letters are announced over the speakers, and KRGR has even been reported in diaries by people who remember hearing it while in the store.

"It seems like just yesterday that Lori and I stopped in to pick up a (modified FM radio) from you. [Here] there are all kinds of subcarrier things to listen to, both on FM and the TV bands. . . There are quite a few stations transmitting SCS, but a lot transmit data telemetry or just simulcasts. Currently, I usually listen to some easy listening background music. It is very relaxing after a day's work. . . Since the mid-1960s I have known about the subcarrier programming, but this is the first radio I have owned to receive it. It only took over 30 years. . . My favorite is our PBS channel 10 in Milwaukee. It usually carries the local NOAA weather. Lori and I enjoyed stopping by to meet you and your wife, Carol. Your little business is really fascinating; we both envy what you have there. Corporate America is wearing thin in our lives; much of our time in northern Wisconsin gets spent looking for employment or a business opportunity to replace our current lifestyle," Tom W., Oconomowoc.

Until September, J. Elve