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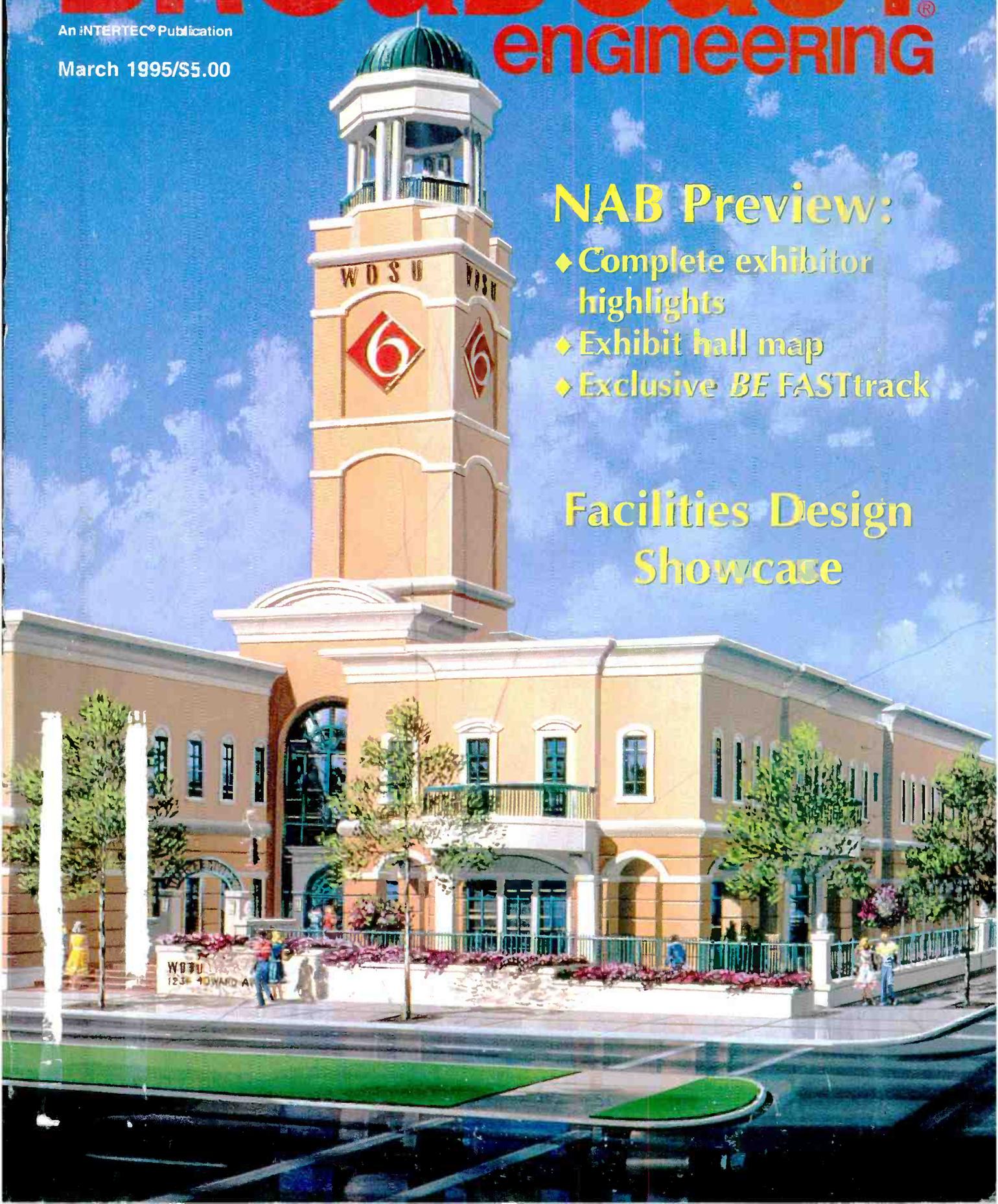
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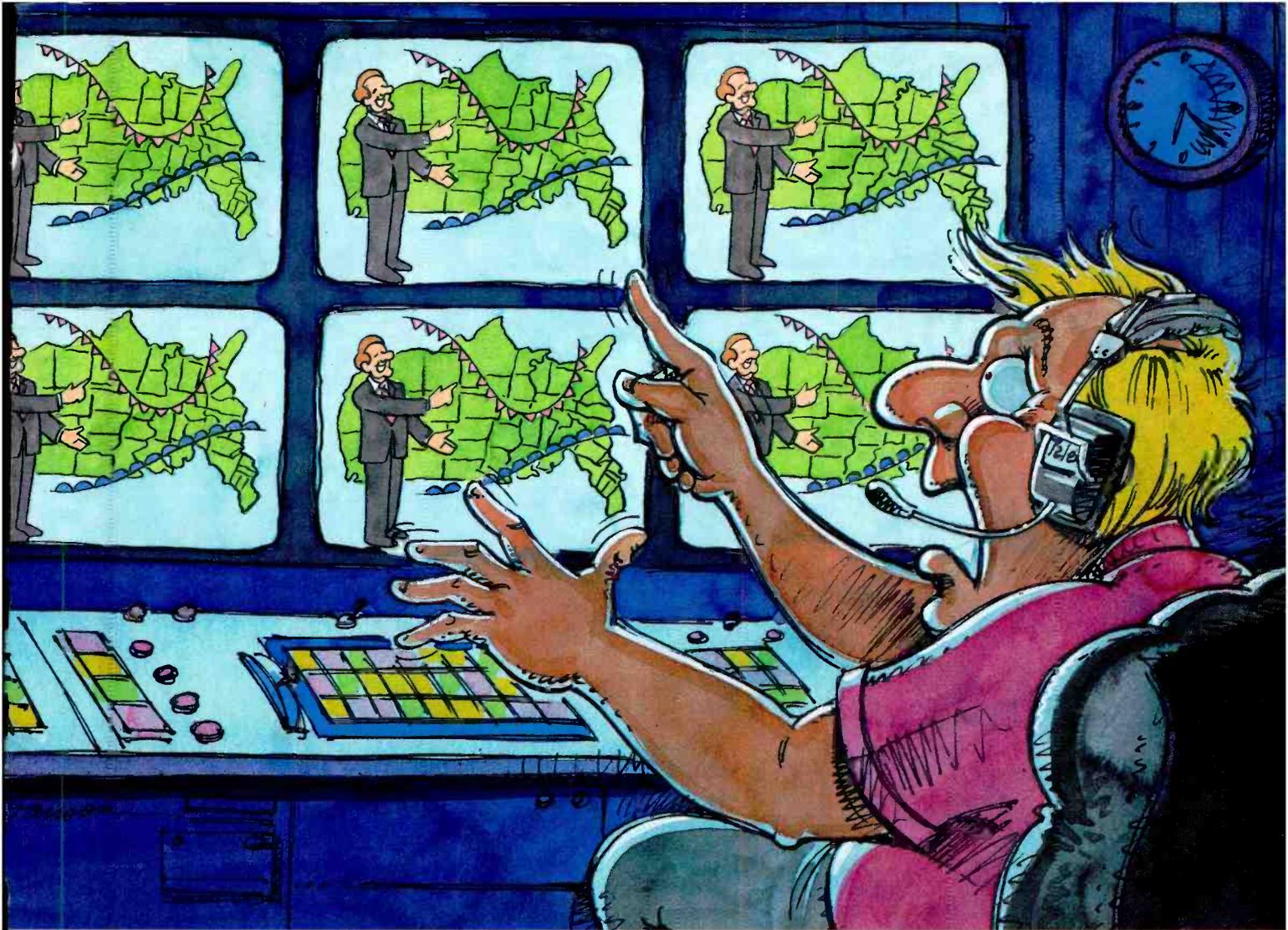
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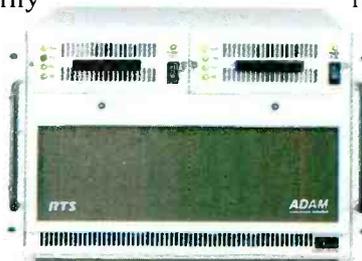
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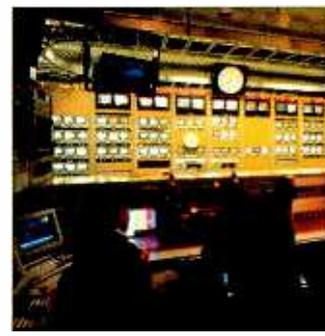
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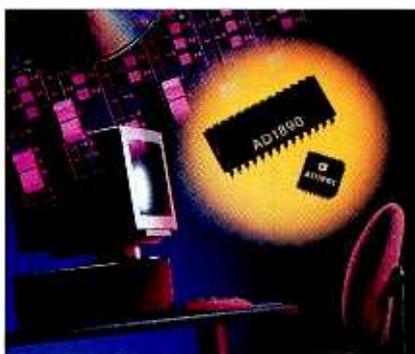
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## NAB '95 Highlights

### Digital TV transmission scheme to be demo'd

COFDM (coded orthogonal frequency division multiplexing), the digital TV transmission system broadcasters are examining as an alternative to the transmission approach backed by the Grand Alliance (GA), will be demonstrated during NAB '95.

This will be the first U.S. demonstration of COFDM technology applied to digital TV transmission. It's being considered for adoption in Europe and elsewhere as an alternative to the 8-VSB transmission technology.

HD-DIVINE, a consortium of five companies based in Stockholm, Sweden, will demonstrate its COFDM transmission "modem" in the special technology exhibit area at the Las Vegas Convention Center.

COFDM permits the use of several low-power transmitters or on-channel repeaters instead of a single, high-power transmitter. The technology also claims to provide greater multimedia flexibility. The equipment being demonstrated is designed for the European standard and features an 8MHz channel bandwidth. However, a later version will be modified to adapt to the North American 6MHz channel spacing.

### Listen to CD-quality radio at NAB '95

For the first time broadcasters will be able to hear CD-quality or near CD-quality radio on the AM and FM band at NAB '95.

USA Digital Radio will sponsor the first over-the-air digital radio demo using an in-band, on-channel transmission scheme. The demo will allow broadcasters to hear digital audio broadcasting on the AM and FM bands. Listeners will be tuned in to the over-the-air demo while traveling around Las Vegas on specially equipped buses.

A similar demo is expected from digital radio developers at AT&T.

### Futurist sessions to demo new services

TV broadcasting in a digital world and what broadcasters need to know now to plan for tomorrow will be explored during a TV futures summit on April 12.

Three-dimensional broadcast television, video-on-demand (VOD) and data broadcasting are some of the new services that will be demonstrated during a 2-hour session.

From 9 a.m. to 10 a.m., Dr. James E. Carnes, president and CEO of the David Sarnoff Research Center, will discuss digital technologies and their expected impact on TV broadcasting.

### NAB and SMPTE present computer/film/video tutorial

An all-day seminar called "Pixels, Pictures, and Perception: The Difference and Similarities Between Computer Imagery, Film and Video" will be presented in Las Vegas on April 8, the day preceding the NAB Convention. An international team of award-winning instructors will explain everything from the physiological process of vision to the electronic effect of monitor controls, as well as how that knowledge can be used to present better pictures. Topics will range from such basic issues as color, detail, and motion, to such specifics as digital filtering in data-rate compression and spot size in the recording of electronic images on film. The seminar is available at no additional cost to all NAB '95 full-program registrants. All participants will receive supporting print materials. For more information on NAB '95, including registration and housing, use Fax-on Demand at 301-216-1847.

### NAB features a variety of speakers

FCC chairman Reed Hundt will address broadcasters on Tuesday, April 11, from 7:30 a.m. to 8:45 a.m. at the special chairman's breakfast. A regulatory dialogue also is scheduled Tuesday afternoon from 3:30 p.m. to 4:45 p.m. It will feature commissioners Andrew Barrett, Susan Ness and Rachelle Chong as well as NTIA chief and commerce department assistant secretary Larry Irving. James Quello will keynote the opening ceremonies of the Broadcast Engi-

neering Conference on Sunday, April 9.

Boutros Boutros-Ghali, secretary general of the United Nations, will keynote a special dinner for international broadcasters on April 12 at 7:30 p.m. at the Mirage Hotel. His address also marks the 50th anniversary of the United Nations Organization.

Dawson B. Nail, vice president/executive editor of *Television Digest and Communications Daily* will receive "The Spirit of Broadcasting" award April 10 at the NAB/TVB TV luncheon, which will be held from 12:00 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. The NAB award recognizes general excellence and is given to individuals who have a lifetime of contributions to the radio and TV industry.

Ian Diery, executive vice president and general manager, personal computer division, Apple Computer, Inc., will be a keynote speaker for NAB Multimedia World. He will share his views on the converging broadcast and computer worlds on April 11 at 9:00 a.m.

## In other news

### SMPTE Proceedings available

The Society of Motion Picture and Television Engineers (SMPTE) has published a *Proceedings* of selected papers from the SMPTE Advanced Television and Electronic Imaging Conference, which was held in San Francisco on Feb. 9-11.

Paid attendees who registered for the Advanced Television and Electronic Imaging Conference received a complementary copy of the *Proceedings*, courtesy of the SMPTE. Additional copies of the bound, 260-page paperback is available to SMPTE members for \$20; the cost for non-members is \$25.

The society also offers for sale a full line of test materials based on SMPTE standards and recommended practices to help engineers maintain their equipment at peak performance levels. Also for sale is a complete selection of SMPTE publications at reduced prices, including the established SMPTE Standard, 4:2:2 Digital Video, ITU/SMPTE Tutorial: Digital Terrestrial Television Broadcasting (DTTB) and A Television Continuum -- 1967 to 2017 (1991). A catalog and price list is available from SMPTE, 595 W. Hartsdale Avenue, White Plains, NY 10607 or call 914-761-1100.

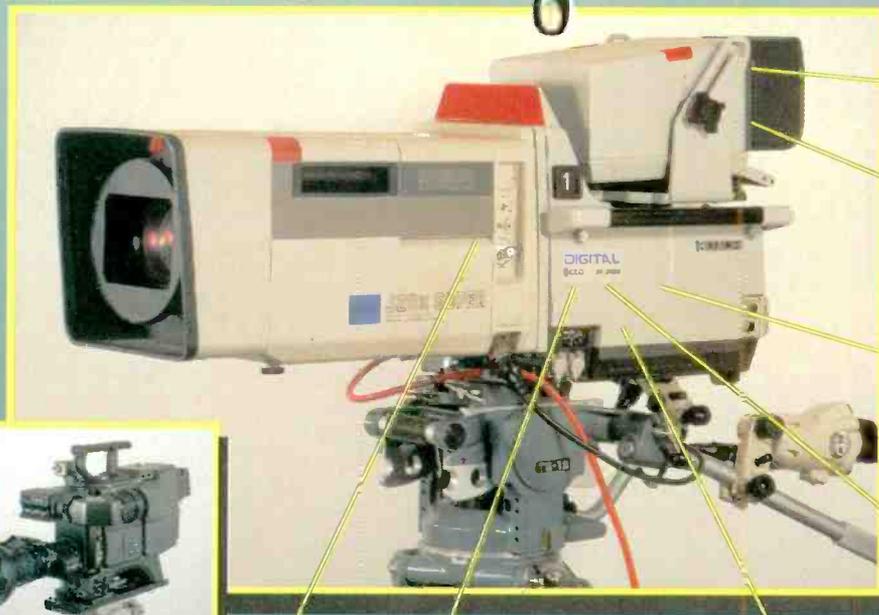
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## Hi ho, hi ho, it's off to Vegas we go.

Every year about this time my staff and I begin to feel the excitement of attending the industry's annual megaconvention. Preparing for the show is a monumental task in itself. Coordinating the editorial coverage for such an event with almost 50 staff members and reporters makes us tired before we ever get to the show floor. With NAB predicting 70,000 attendees and 1,000 exhibitors it'll be a tough job to cover all the bases, but after all, someone has to do it right!

In order to get a running start on our coverage, the crack *BE* editorial staff was allowed to peek into some manufacturers' back rooms for an advance look at new products. Here are a few of the hot new products you'll want to look out for at this year's show.

From *Sillican Graphics*, the Indigo-man-go, a 2,500MHz UNIX-based DTV graphics workstation, boasts 14 teragigaflops of floating point prowess. On-board thermal transfer coupling unit transfers dangerous heat out of unit and directly into your facility's HVAC system for efficient re-use.

*Micro-microsoft* (sometimes called *Picosoft*) introduces *When95*, a 32-bit virtual TV station software package. The company claims it can do everything from CG to automation control. Delivery date is unknown, but a company official assured me it would be available soon — whatever that means.

One of the most unique devices we located will be in the *Minor Flooded Heads* booth. Called the Spock rock tripod, it has no legs; the camera is supported in mid-air by levitation. Unfortunately, because the tripod is invisible, it's difficult to find in your trunk.

*Panicsonic* will release the latest in portable cameras, the super-dupercam. Able to record an entire year's worth of video on a single 1/2-inch cassette, the unit uses 2-bit processing to keep things simple.

*JVCC* will be competing with its highly innovative camera. Using military stealth technology, the *KY-why* camera provides fully illuminated images in 100% darkness. It does so by remembering what it last saw in the light. The camera figures you, like the government, which funded the technology, won't know the difference.

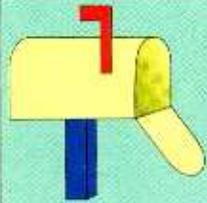
Finally, don't forget to stop by the *So-me* booth. The company wouldn't release much about its surprise announcement, but it's expected to center on a new way to interconnect everything in your facility, from video server to the coffee machine. Sources tell me its Pentium-based, but then what's an error here or there?

Keep your eyes open while on the show floor. If you find something really interesting during your visit, let us know. You can reach us on the Internet or CompuServe. We'll share the news with readers in our June wrap-up of this year's show.



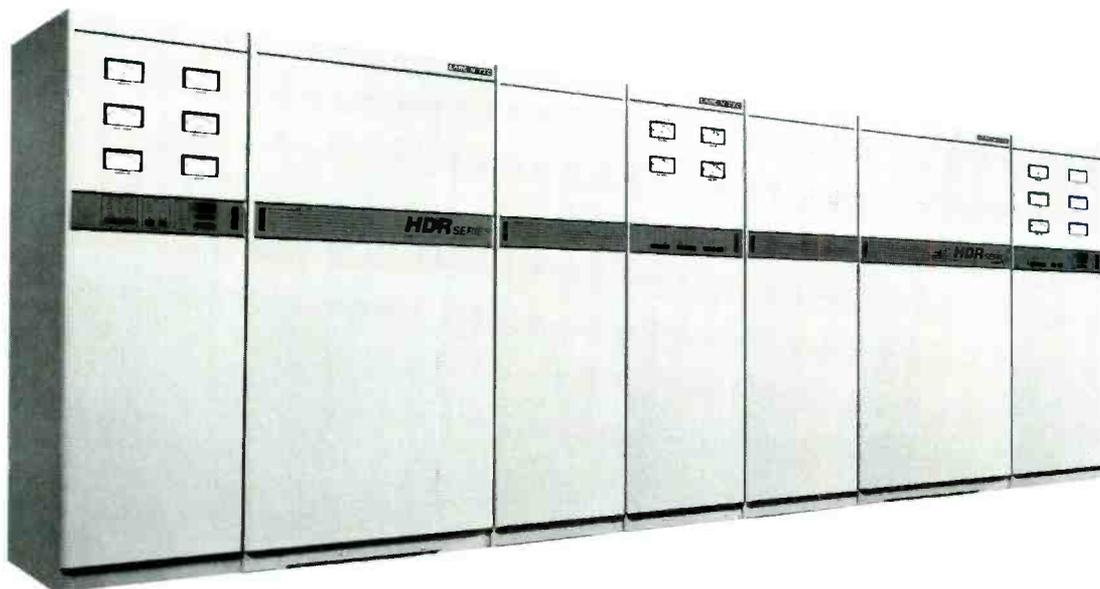
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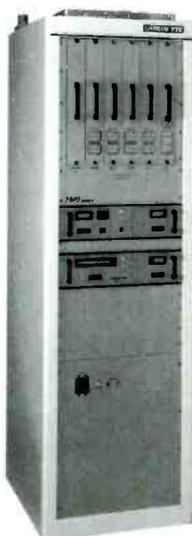


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## FCC adopts NPRM in video dial-tone rulemaking

ply structural separation requirements and non-structural safeguards to telcos' programming. This would include cost allocation rules and customer proprietary network information requirements.

### FCC seeks comments on fee policy

In July 1994, the U.S. Court of Appeals for the D.C. Circuit invalidated the FCC's Forfeiture Policy Statement. The policy statement was improperly issued without notice and comment. Accordingly, the FCC has solicited comment on its fee policy. It also is proposing to amend Section 1.80 of its rules by incorporating the guidelines for assessing fines.

The commission is proposing fee guidelines that are virtually identical to those in effect prior to the D.C. Circuit's decision.

**DATELINE: APRIL 1**

Commercial radio and TV stations in the following states must file their annual ownership reports or ownership certifications by April 1: Delaware, Indiana, Kentucky, Pennsylvania, Tennessee and Texas.

On or before April 10, all stations must place in their public files their first quarter listings of community issues and responsive programming.

The FCC recently initiated proceedings to consider new rules governing telcos' provision of video programming to subscribers. The commission took this action in response to recent court decisions holding that the cross-ownership ban established by the 1994 Cable Act prohibits telcos from providing programming to subscribers in their service areas.

In its fourth Further Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (NPRM), the FCC seeks comment on whether telcos should be permitted to provide video programming over their own video dial-tone platforms. The proposed safeguards would protect consumers and video programmers. The FCC also seeks comment on whether it has authority to require telcos that want to provide video programming to do so over their own facilities, rather than over existing cable TV facilities. The FCC will consider the extent to which Title II and Title VI, which govern common carrier and cable services, should apply to telcos providing video programming to subscribers.

Because telcos may be able to become programmers on their own video dial-tone

For the complete users' fee guideline, refer to the "FCC Update" in the October 1993 issue of *Broadcast Engineering*.

(See "FCC Update," October 1993 for the complete fee guideline.) The commission also is seeking comment on all aspects of its proposal, including whether the base fine amounts are appropriate. In addition, the FCC is questioning whether different base fines for similar violations in different services is proper in light of the different maximum fines for the different services. Those who are proposing alternatives should consider the distinctions between the services for purposes of maximum fines.

The fine policy provides general, non-binding guidance that the FCC may apply in appropriate cases. The commission emphasized, however, that it had the discretion to depart from the guidelines. Each decision will be based on the specific facts of the individual case. ■

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*The FCC is seeking comment on whether telcos should provide video programming over their video dial-tone platforms.*

systems, the commission is considering whether to adopt additional safeguards against anti-competitive conduct or cross-subsidization. The commission also solicited comment on whether telcos should be limited to using a certain percentage of the capacity of their video dial-tone platforms for their own programming. Finally, the commission is considering whether to ap-

### PROPOSED NEW REGULATORY FEES FOR TELEVISION

#### VHF Stations

Markets 1-10	\$21,450
Markets 11-25	\$19,075
Markets 26-50	\$14,300
Markets 51-100	\$ 9,525
Remaining Markets	\$ 5,950
Constr. Permits	\$ 4,775

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Markets 1-10	\$17,150
Markets 11-25	\$15,250
Markets 26-50	\$11,450
Markets 51-100	\$ 7,625
Remaining Markets	\$ 4,775
Constr. Permits	\$ 3,825

Terrestrial Satellite TV +Stations (All Markets)	\$ 595
Constr. Permits	\$ 200
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Broadcast Auxiliary	\$ 30
Multipoint Distribution Service (per call sign)	\$ 120

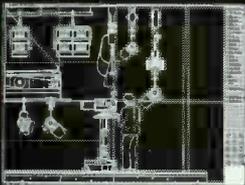
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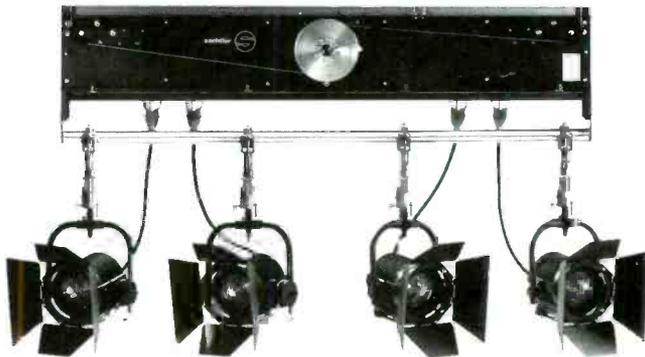
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## Personal chemistry, part 1

### Building personal chemistry

•**Research the company.** Did you ever meet anyone for the first time who knew quite a bit about you? It takes you by surprise. It's a great way to make a positive first impression. Make it your business to know as much as you can about the company, the position and the person you're meeting.

•**Build chemistry when you arrange interviews over the phone.** Most interviews are arranged over the phone and you can begin building good chemistry right there. Project confidence, friendliness and enthusiasm in your voice. Use the opportunity to gather more information about the company, job responsibilities and office environment.

Find out how much time the interview expects to take. If it's 15 minutes, you'll know it's only a screening interview. If they say "all day," plan accordingly.

Ask a theme question during the phone interview. This question is meant to stir conversation that could tip you off about what the interviewer considers important.

•**Build chemistry with the secretary.** Most secretaries screen calls, in effect serving as "gatekeepers." Over the years a number of polls have focused on whether executives pay attention to their secretary's opinions about job applicants. About two-thirds of them did. What do you think?

The bottom line is to be attentive to the secretary. Strike up a conversation and learn more about the inside scoop. You may find that when you go out of your way to be kind and respectful to the secretary, he or she will often go out of their way for you.

•**Maintain a positive attitude.** Build positive expectations. Visualize a successful outcome. If you think you can, you will. If not, you won't.

•**Project the right image.** Most employers make up their minds in the first four minutes of any interview. Some things you can't control but image is one that you can. Ask your friends and peers to give you a frank commentary on what they think about you. Listen and learn.

•**Pay sincere compliments.** During the first few minutes, let the interviewer know what you have heard about the company. This shows that you've researched the company. It also serves as a third-party compliment where you are passing on the good news you heard from others.

•**Build chemistry when you answer questions.** There are many effective methods for doing this. A safe way out is to self-qualify your answer. When you do that, you give the interviewer the opportunity to respond and direct the conversation toward other

areas if that isn't what they are interested in.

Your chemistry with the interviewer will be enhanced if you provide examples that demonstrate your grasp of an issue or familiarity with a process. This can be done with good, action-oriented stories.

Your chemistry will expand if you can handle the "insufficient information" question. Try the "polite turnaround" technique. This means that you don't give an answer, but you acknowledge the status of the interviewer and redirect the question.

*Most employers  
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in the first four  
minutes.*

•**Listen, find out what they want and build chemistry as you do it.** The first step is to keep your mouth shut. Listen for a description of the job requirements. If you don't get anywhere, ask questions on areas in which you can help the company. The conversation should be a mix of positive comments, questions and effective listening.

•**Let them know that you have what they want.** Consider the interviewer as a customer to whom you want to make a sale. You increase your chances for success by understanding the customer's needs and interpersonal style. First, ask a question; second, engage in a conversation so you can listen and learn; third, get across that you have the required strengths and skills. Finally, ask feedback questions. It's your best chance for determining if you've hit the mark and have what they want.

•**Always follow up.** Before concluding the interview, get feedback, make a positive summary and get the names of "the players." Write follow-up letters as soon as possible. Relay your appreciation for the opportunity to learn about their organization, stressing again the ways in which you can contribute. Separate letters should be sent to everyone who met you.

If you follow these guidelines for building personal chemistry, you'll be halfway home. Remember the adage -- listen more than you talk -- and you will be successful. ■

**B**roadcasting has seen significant cost cutting in the last few years. You might be one of those who have been put out to pasture, suffered a demotion or seeking new opportunities. Maybe you've been promoted or are contemplating going off on your own. Whatever the reason, this 3-part series is for you.

Whether you are content with your present position or plan to move up the ladder, the importance of communicating correctly cannot be overlooked. It's vital to your personal and business success. Good communicators practice active listening, which involves listening for meaning, soliciting information, paraphrasing to check meaning, and paraphrasing again. Good communicators understand how different levels of management (operational, middle and senior) communicate.

### Have a game plan

Let's assume that you're a TV chief engineer seeking a position at another network. In preparing for the interview, keep in mind that you can't plan precisely how things will go. You can, however, have a game plan.

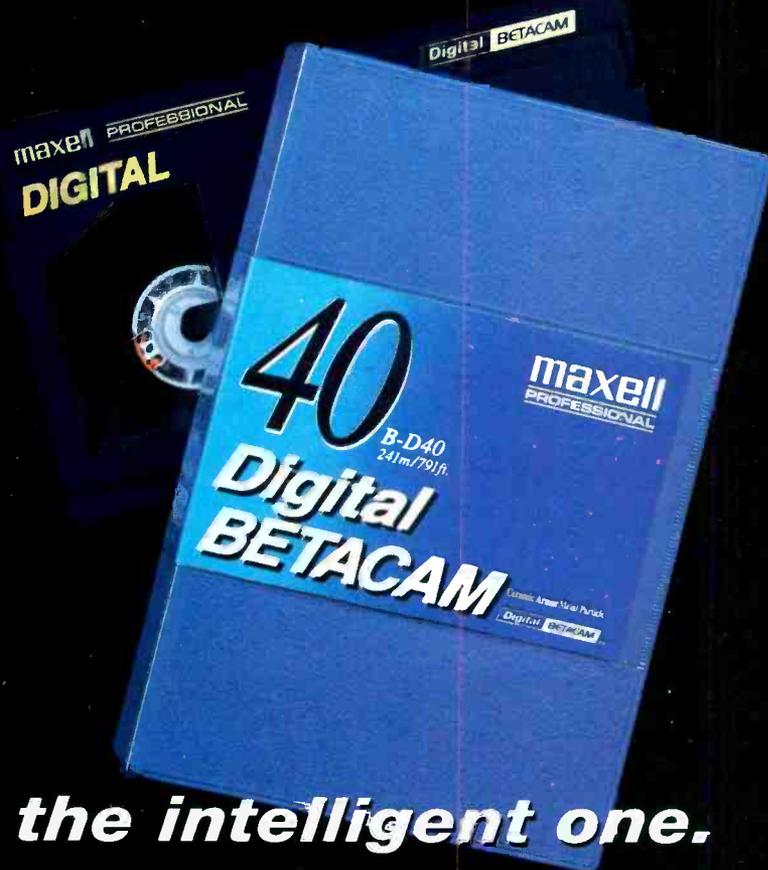
Think of the interview as a selling situation. Anyone who's sold successfully will tell you that two things have to happen in this situation. One is the exchange of information. The second is building personal chemistry. It's not only what you say that is important, but how you say it. Let's look at some things you can do to build positive rapport, even before the interview begins.

#### The 10 Commandments of Building Personal Chemistry

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3. Build chemistry with the secretary
4. Maintain a positive attitude
5. Project the right image
6. Pay sincere compliments
7. Build chemistry when you answer questions
8. Listen, find out what they want, and build chemistry as you do it
9. Let them know that you have what they want
10. Always follow up

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## Serial digital video

on one manufacturer's machine to play back on a machine made by someone else adhering to the same tape standard. However, what happens inside the machine is entirely up to the manufacturer; it's the end result that's standardized. If the world was going to be exclusively analog forever, that would be enough. There was clear vision, though, that digital held long-term advantages for interconnection and that demanded standards as well. Without them we'd be stuck in an analog interconnect world. Or, we would be forced to choose among proprietary systems that would lock each of us into using only the products of the single vendor whose system we originally purchased.

### First, define digital

The need for improved record quality was most demanded by the production and post environments, which suffered badly from the artifacts of composite video. Those applications were already shifting to component analog video (CAV). Because this need was strongest and the value greatest, initial development efforts went into defining how CAV would be sampled for digital conversion.

The method chosen was originally called CCIR 601 (now called ITU-R BT.601-2). It's built on 8-bit or 10-bit quantizing of either a 525- or 625-line signal at 13.5MHz for luminance and 6.75MHz for each of two color-difference signals. Other common terms are 4:2:2 and D-1. The term "4:2:2" comes from an arbitrary "subcarrier" frequency which, multiplied by 2 or by 4 results in the 6.75MHz and 13.5MHz figures above. D-1 is a tape format and is properly used only in that context.

The parallel transmission standard that comes from the sampling standard is SMPTE 125M. It specifies cables with 11 twisted pairs terminated in 25-pin D connectors. The combined data rate on that cable (13.5 + 6.75 + 6.75) is 27MHz. Unfortunately, if cables and connectors aren't properly shielded, bad mathematical karma takes over and we get a powerful harmonic at 121.5MHz, which is an international aircraft distress frequency.

It's questionable whether anyone really believed there would be much use for those bulky and troublesome cables beyond occasional machine-to-machine copying. The idea was to get analog video and audio into a tape machine where they'd be digitally recorded.

Innovative post-production boutiques didn't let bulky cables stand in their way. It

wasn't long before there were digital production switchers and parallel digital routing switchers of moderate size. Still, broadcaster interest was minimal. D-1 machines are component and broadcast is built on composite video. The cost of integrating an expensive component digital tape machine didn't make a lot of sense for most applications though some broadcasters bought into D-1, particularly for graphics applications.

### Enter D-2 and D-3

The pressing need to replace aging analog composite tape machines brought us D-2 and later, D-3. They're digital composite machines intended to be plug compatible with the old analog VTRs they were replacing. Although the machines recorded in digital, the I/O was still analog.

Composite standardization took split paths. D-2 puts video and audio on tape in one way and D-3 puts video and audio on tape in another way. You can't play D-2 tapes in a D-3 machine or D-3 tapes in a D-2 machine. But, while there are two recording standards, there's only one interconnection format. You can connect the out-

Is the analog production switcher that seemed like a safe buy when the planning started last year looking like it may become prematurely obsolete? Instead, would a digital production switcher with analog inputs and outputs fit into the existing analog facility and provide better-looking pictures and more versatile operation? These are typical questions engineering management ask themselves in today's combination analog and digital environments.

This opportunity to begin the transition to an all-digital environment is made feasible by digital having become serial. The appeal of moving away from analog signal distribution has grown rapidly as serial digital equipment becomes easily available and economical. What kept it from happening sooner? Actually, it took even longer than we noticed!

Digital came to television more than 20 years ago with time base correctors and frame synchronizers. Inside they were digital, but the I/O was analog. The same thing happened as digital video effects (DVEs) came on the scene. They were still analog in and out so the surrounding systems didn't change. Because the digital portion was self-contained, it didn't matter that manufacturers all had their own processing methods, the analog I/O remained standard.

### Digital recording forced standards

Digital tape recording offered the potential for better picture quality, especially over additional generations. They were the logical improvement over analog tape machines and were originally intended to replace the earlier generation VTRs nearing the end of their useful life. New machines demanded new standards, but this time not just for tape and what's on it, but also about the very nature of video.

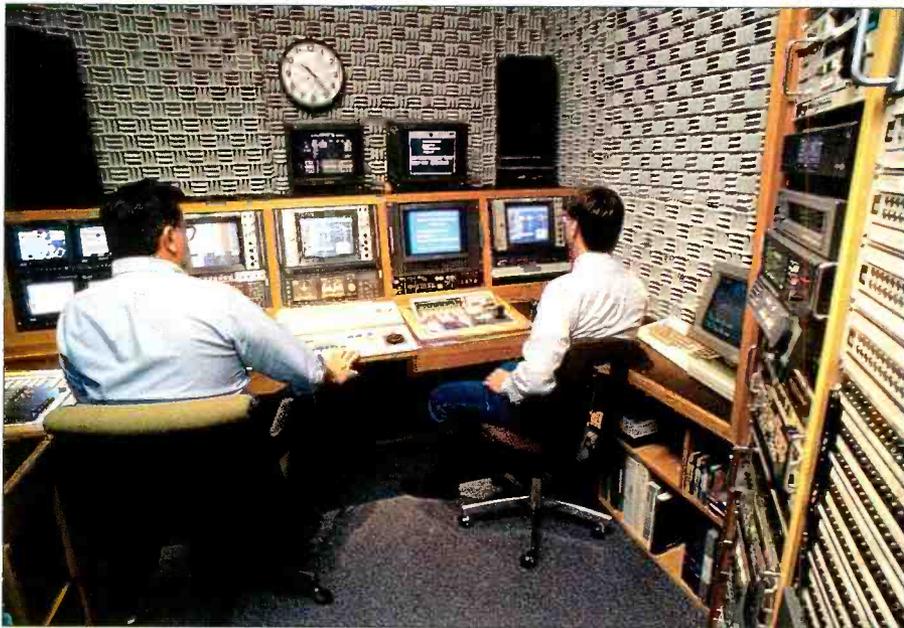
The result was two sorts of standards: recording standards and interconnection standards. You can expect a tape recorded



As digital equipment finds its way into more facilities, engineers are faced with the task of managing hybrid analog/digital environments. (Photos courtesy of Tektronix, Beaverton, OR.)

put of one type of machine to the input of the other and make copies.

Composite digital video was attractive to the NTSC world, but Europe saw no advantage. The PAL 8-field sequence makes composite editing difficult so Europe mostly edits in the component domain. A composite digital format doesn't



*Production suites are often the first place engineers face the challenge of installing digital video equipment in an analog environment. (Photo courtesy of Tektronix.)*

help with that, so digital in Europe kept to the component path. There was not, therefore, a lot of effort expended on defining

a single uniform standard. It was decided to base composite sampling on four times subcarrier frequency. For NTSC, the sam-

pling rate is 14.3MHz, for PAL it's 17.7MHz. Because there's no reason to directly connect the two standards, it isn't much of a handicap. Both the 14.3MHz and 17.7 MHz standards support 10-bit precision, so 8-bit and 10-bit quantizing are accommodated.

### **Moving to serial**

Here we were with tidy standards for digital interconnection and no clamor to use them because they require replacement of our existing coaxial cabling with something downright difficult. Still, with digital video on tape and lots of digital production devices, it didn't make sense to keep converting A to D and D to A, taking at least a minor picture quality hit each time. Fortunately, development of serial standards hadn't been neglected and work was going forward on squeezing serialization and deserialization into chipsets.

To get all the data traveling on 11 twisted pairs onto the single signal path of a coaxial cable, the data has to travel faster. If simply transmitting the same data faster is all that's done, the result is poor recovery potential and extreme difficulty with



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RF emissions. The first attempt at a component serial interface standard called for a 243Mb/s data rate that worked for 8-bit quantizing but not for 10-bit. It was later abandoned, but the 243Mb/s figure still generates occasional confusion. The final SMPTE 259M standard is based on a 270Mb/s data rate with scrambled NRZI (non-return to zero, inverse) coding that is more easily recoverable, less prone to generating RFI and allows insertion of ancillary data such as audio.

The 270Mb/s data rate is valid for both 4:3 and 16:9 aspect ratio pictures when the sampling rate is 13.5MHz. There are 720 available pixels per line regardless of line length. Pixels at 4:3 are essentially square while pixels at 16:9 are rectangular and vertical or horizontal resolution is lost. If you use 18MHz sampling at 16:9, then each of the 960 pixels are square, but the required data rate is now 360Mb/s. That leaves us guessing as to which scheme will prevail. Fortunately, equipment designed to pass 360Mb/s isn't significantly more expensive than equipment limited to 270Mb/s. The limitation is in the chipsets; early generations didn't address 360Mb/s because nobody had thought

about it.

The SMPTE 259M standard also supports composite digital signals at data rates of 143Mb/s for NTSC and 177Mb/s for PAL. The process is a little more complex because the parallel composite standard does not include a timing reference and serial transmission demands one. It's necessary to insert a timing reference signal (TRS) into the parallel signal before it can be serialized. It's placed in the digital equivalent of the sync tip and is removed when the serial signal is reconverted to parallel. Fortunately, the 3-word TRS leaves plenty of room in the sync tip for insertion (multiplexing) of up to four channels of AES/EBU audio at the time of serialization. The same process that deletes TRS at deserialization also removes the audio, demanding that recovery of the audio (demultiplexing) be done before deserialization. The TRS/ancillary data removal is total. This ensures that the problems encountered in cleaning multiplexed audio from video in the analog world are not perpetuated.

#### Logical options

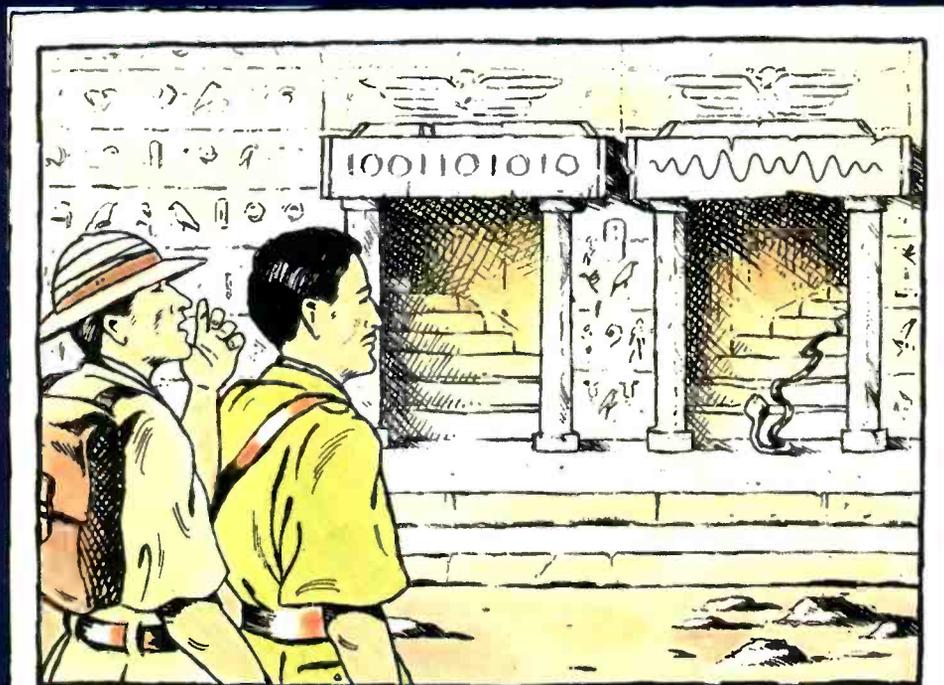
Serial sets us free of the constraints of

25-pin connectors and bulky cables. The coaxial cable interconnect standard lets us directly re-use much existing cabling. In addition, distribution and routing techniques are familiar, though the equipment required is different. Timing is a little different but new tools make it relative easy to keep everything in time. A wealth of conversion products are now available that permit an orderly progression toward a serial digital core system.

There's just this one thing: Until now we thought only composite and now we don't have to. Analog component video offered higher picture quality but at tremendous additional cost and in system complexity. Digital component changes the equation and might just hedge against premature obsolescence.

Next month we'll compare component and composite in light of the new digital realities and look at ways to manage the transition to digital. ■

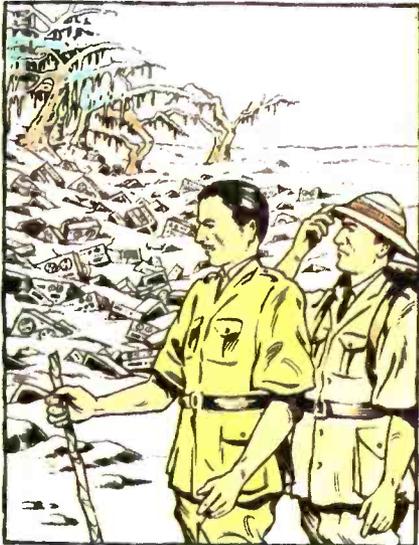
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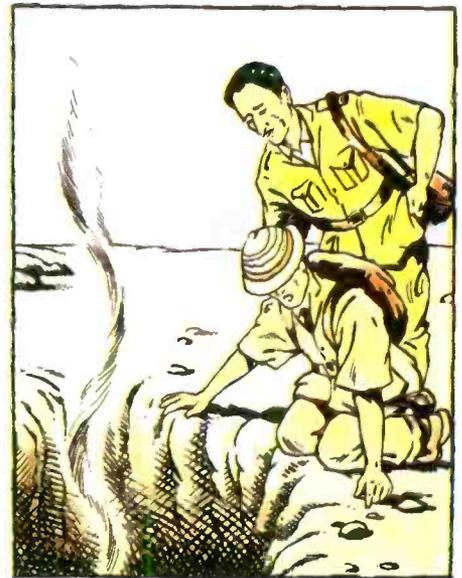
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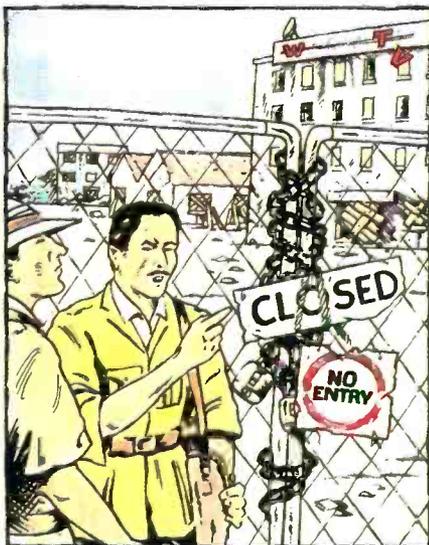
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What ISDN-BRI provides is two bidirectional 64kb/s *bearer* (B) channels and one 16kb/s *delta* (D) channel for signaling or X.25 packet switching. With some data compression, known in the broadcast world as *bit-rate reduction* or *digital audio coding*, an ISDN B-channel can offer excellent audio fidelity.

The main pitfall in using ISDN involves knowing which terminal equipment can work, or be adapted to work, with the service and the equipment at the other end of the line.

### SPIDs and TAs

Similar to tagging standard telephone lines, most ISDN circuits will be assigned a *service profile identifier* (SPID), which is created when the service order is made.

The terminal equipment on each end of these circuits is considered by telcos as *customer-premises equipment* (CPE). This means that it is the responsibility of the customer to select and use the proper hardware for the line.

The first of the CPE devices is the *network terminator* NT-1. It handles communicating with the digital circuit from the local telco office, which is supplied in one of two forms: the U-loop, a 2-wire interface, or the ST-loop, a 4-wire interface.

The next CPE item is the *terminal adapter* (TA) — the ISDN equivalent of the telephone instrument. The ISDN line's SPID must be configured into the TA to be used on that line. Failure to configure the TA to its corresponding SPID is a common source of trouble.

The final CPE piece for audio use of ISDN is the *codec*, short for coder/decoder. It is the device that applies the data compression

## Using digital links

algorithm to the original audio signal, allowing it to travel as a high-quality digital audio signal through the bandwidths offered by ISDN. Without data compression, a CD-quality stereo digital audio signal requires about 1.5Mb/s. With data compression, it can be reduced to as little as 128kb/s without excessive audio quality degradation.

### ISDN's Basic Rate Interface is already well established in some areas.

A recent trend has consolidated some or all of the aforementioned components into a single box, simplifying things. Many units include an automatic redial/reset feature if any connections are interrupted.

### Codecs

There are a number of different audio data compression algorithms in use. The most common is called G.722 (this terminology comes from CCITT, the international telephony standards organ), which provides reasonably quiet, 7.5kHz mono audio into 56kb/s or 64kb/s. More recently, ISO/MPEG Layer II (formerly called MUSICAM) and ISO/MPEG Layer III have been used, allowing higher fidelities at these low rates and more flexibility. But even these have difficulties. For example, due to Layer II's evolution over the years there is a degree of incompatibility among some manufacturers' Layer II codecs. Some of these problems can be corrected by simple retrofitting.

Layer II and Layer III codecs also are not interoperable, but current trends among codec manufacturers indicate that universal codecs incorporating G.722, Layer II and Layer III algorithms, with automatic detection on the receive end, are coming. A few current models offer G.722 and *either* Layer II or Layer III.

### IMUX, BONDING and H.221

Although ISDN B-channels carry only 56kb/s or 64kb/s, the two B-channels of an ISDN-BRI circuit can be combined and used for a 112kb/s or 128kb/s path by a process known as *inverse multiplexing* (IMUX). The same process can be used to combine multiple ISDN-BRI circuits, adding all their B-channels together to provide 256kb/s, 384kb/s and so on.

This provides another user option — and

another source of incompatibility. The IMUX can be performed either by the codec or the terminal adapter. For compatibility, it is more desirable to let the TA handle the IMUX. Most current TAs use a multiplexing method known as *BONDING* (Bandwidth-On-Demand Interoperability Group). Although widely used, BONDING is not perfect. If one B-channel of an IMUX'd path is interrupted and the IMUX synchronization is lost, BONDING won't restore it.

A newer IMUX method called H.221 is an *in-band* protocol. It runs constantly, checking synchronization and restoring it quickly if one line is interrupted. Unlike BONDING, H.221 steals a few bits from the B-channel in the TA to accomplish this. Although not yet widely deployed, the more reliable H.221 will likely supplant BONDING as the most common language of tomorrow's inverse multiplexing. Over the next year or so, the industry will begin hearing about J.52, which is the specification for implementing H.221 in audio codecs (rather than in the TA). Most codec manufacturers have announced that they will be using it. In the meanwhile, unless there are identical codecs at each end of the line, it's safer to rely on TAs using BONDING to handle IMUX.

Confusion still abounds on ISDN service and its terminal-gear maze. It's a "dot-rich" environment with many protocols, but it's getting simpler. The key for ISDN users is having a close working relationship with the manufacturer of their terminal equipment. Most offer 24-hour hotlines for support and some third-party companies can provide equipment and service setup. Until signals, service and equipment are truly standardized, ISDN may continue to stand for, "I Still Don't Know." ■

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 For more information on ISDN equipment, circle (300) on Reply Card. See also "Audio Coders & Decoders" and "Digital Terminal Equipment, Modems," pp. 49-50 of the Buyers Guide.

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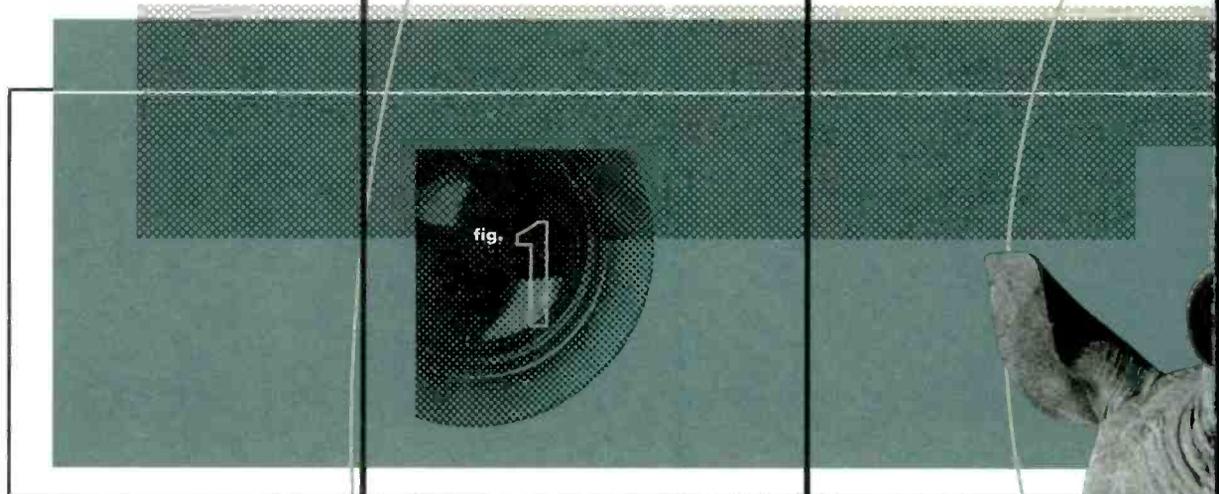
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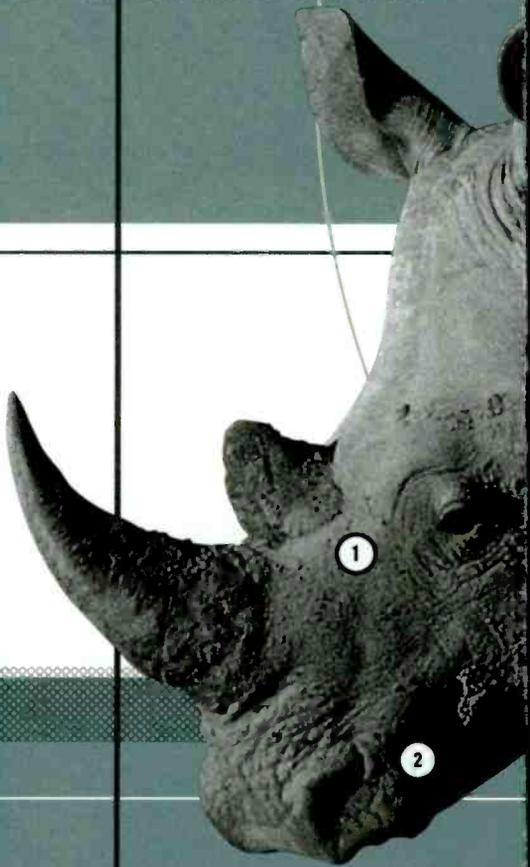
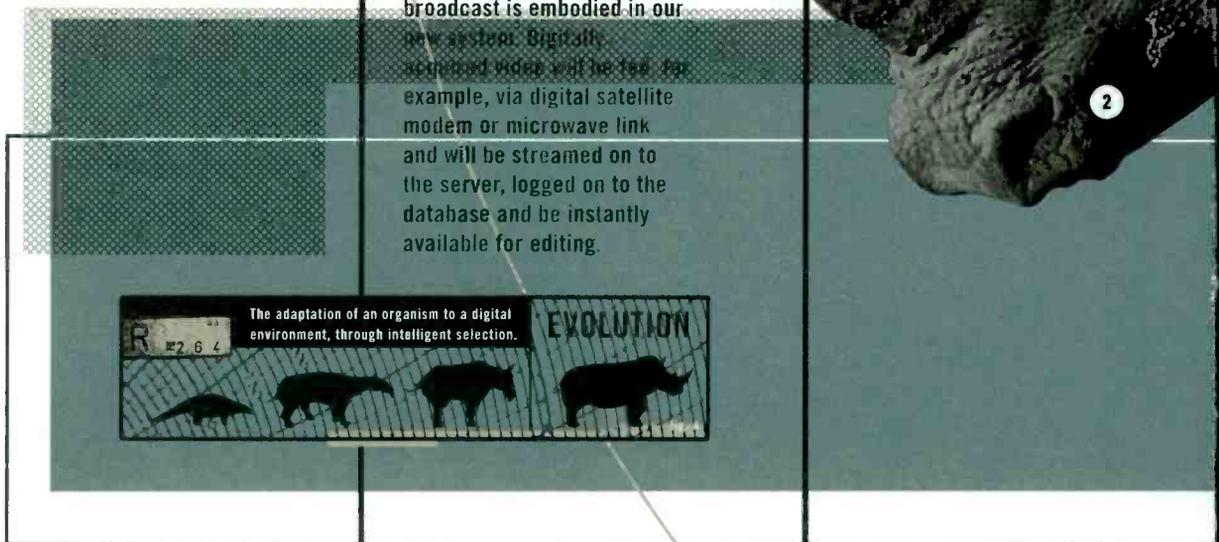


FIGURE D: evolution diagram



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FIGURE A/B: revolution vs. evolution

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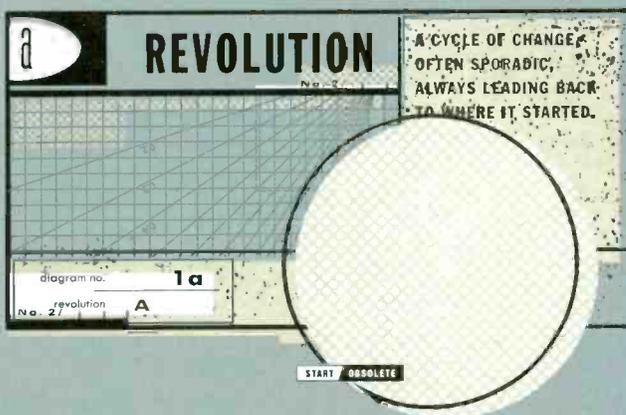
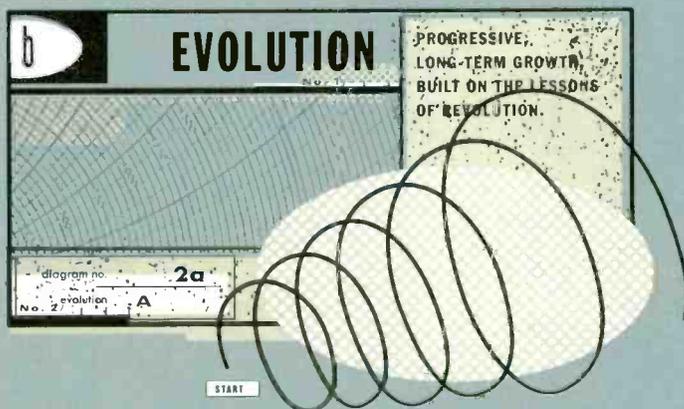


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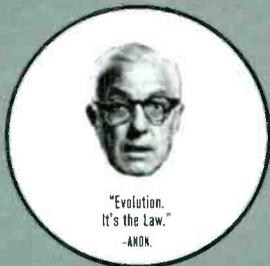


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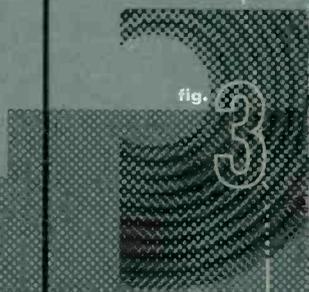
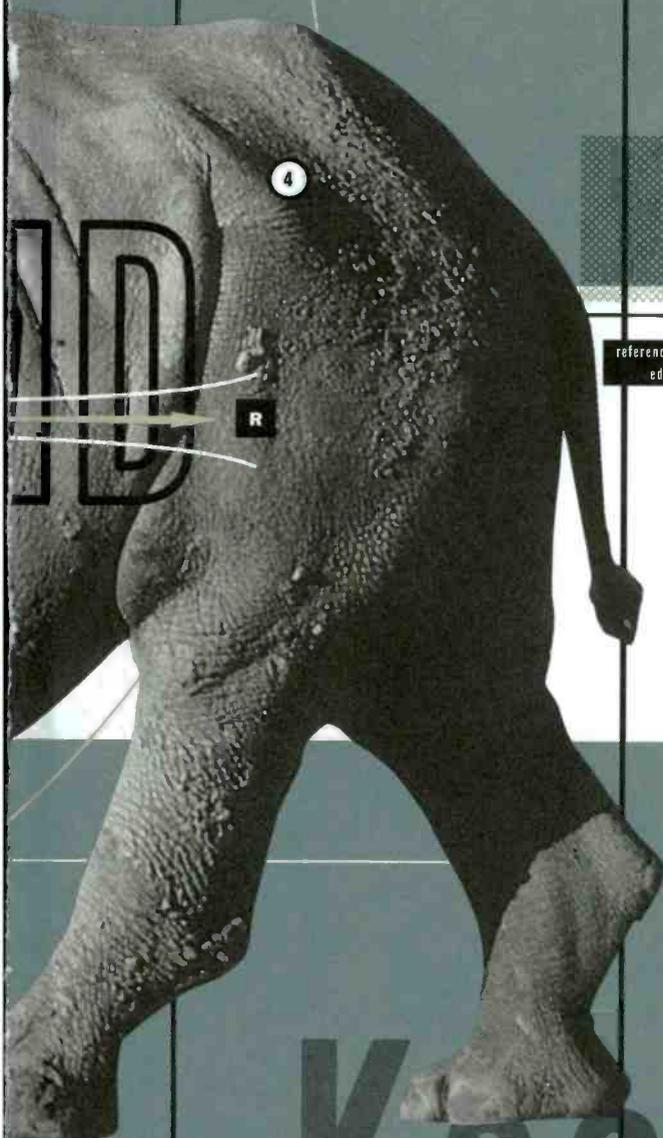
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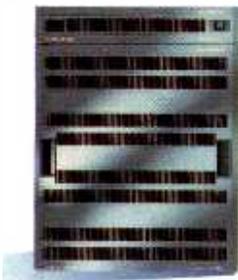
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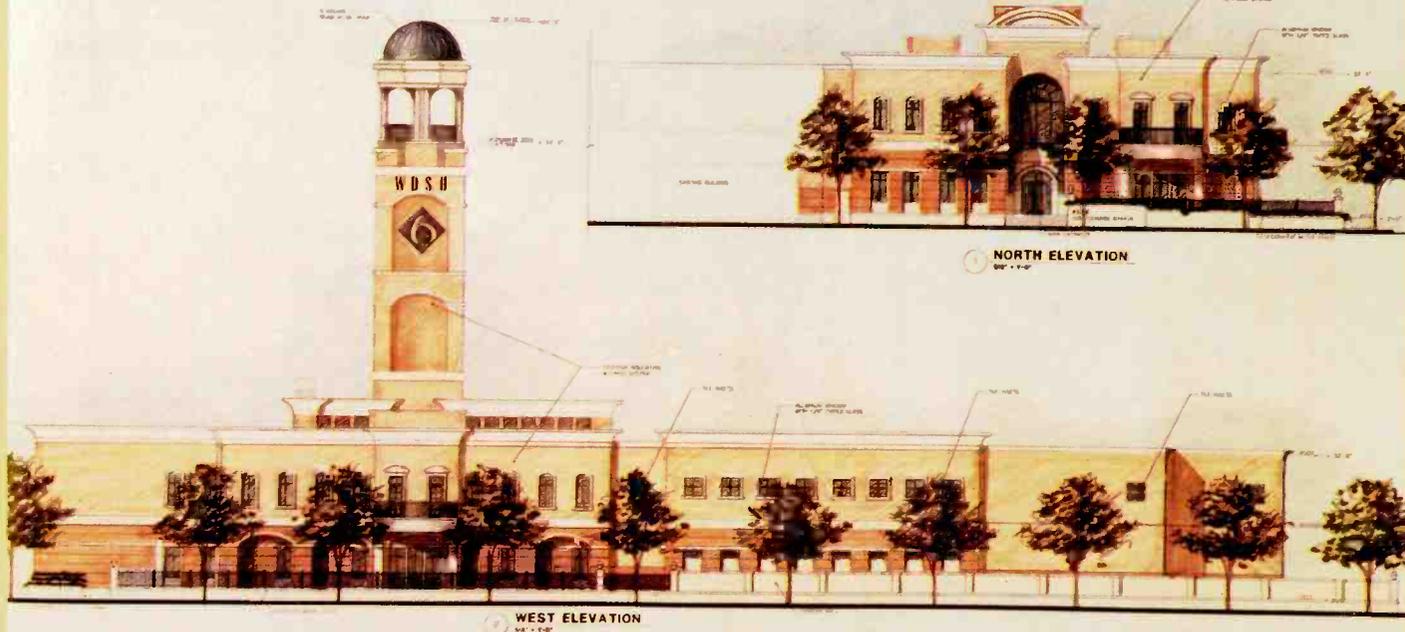
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## **The Bottom Line:**

*The TV business has been around for more than 40 years, and many stations are still in the original facility. The business has changed as have facility requirements. Depending on many factors, some stations have been able to adapt, while others have had to move to a new location to remain viable. WDSU-TV is among the latter, and faced numerous obstacles while designing a facility to take them into the future.* \$

By Shawn McBride

When WDSU-TV began planning for a new broadcast facility, management had more to consider than the industry's burgeoning technological requirements. For 45 years the station's staff and equipment have been packed into a quaint old building in New Orleans' famed French Quarter.

There were compelling reasons to seek a new home. Though the current location is prestigious and busy, it presents logistical challenges for the news staff. Parking is practically non-existent, and congestion renders ingress and egress for news vehicles difficult. Furthermore, the staff works through three interconnected buildings.

A modern facility specifically designed to accommodate the natural flow of fast-paced broadcast work was needed. Adequate parking, ready access to main thoroughfares and convenient ingress and egress were among the requirements. An additional requirement was flexibility to meet the technological challenges of today and tomorrow.

Beyond those necessities, WDSU-TV also sought to expand and enhance its community image. Perceiving that its involvement with downtown New Orleans was directly linked with profitability, the station wanted

to fit in and assert its technological eminence, while retaining a uniquely "New Orleans" presence.

After much research, a site was chosen south of the New Orleans central business district and adjacent to the historic warehouse district. Bounded on the south by an elevated section of the Ponchartrain Expressway and fronting on Howard Avenue at Baronne Street, the site affords high visibility.

Although the Louisiana-shaped site was problematic, creative building design proved the space large enough for the 47,000-square feet of usable space needed. Ample space for parking and a garage for technical vehicles was also available.

By choosing a downtown location, it was inevitable that architectural implications would become a major factor. Aesthetic considerations became as important as technological function. The new facility had to be state-of-the-art to accommodate contemporary as well as future broadcast technology. However, the design would also have to be intricate and detailed, with a greater than usual proportion of the eight-million-dollar budget being spent on appearance.

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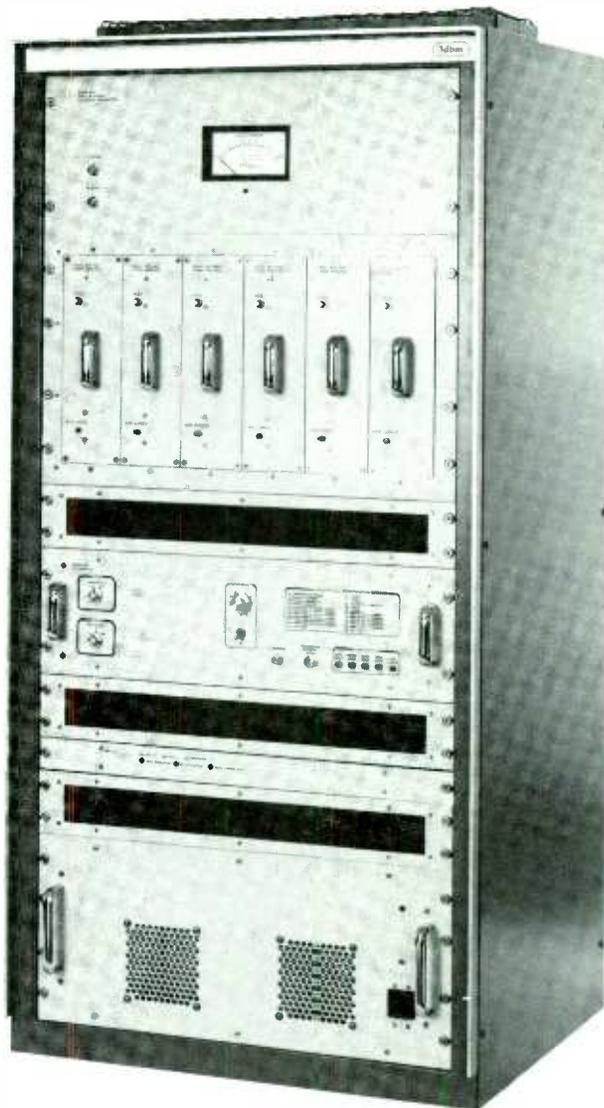
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As of early February, when this photo was taken, much of the preliminary foundation work was complete and reinforcing bars were in place for the concrete slab flooring. (Photo courtesy of Rees Associates, Inc.)

### Microwave tower or architectural landmark?

An on-site microwave tower was required for the station's eight mile STL. Despite the nearby presence of buildings and having to cross the Mississippi River twice, the city enforced a maximum height of 125 feet. This ensured the tower would not detract from a nearby statue of General Robert E. Lee. Nor could the tower be simply a functional steel structure; the city's representatives required that it blend aesthetically into the unique New Orleans cityscape.

Rees Associates, Inc., the firm of architects, planners and consultants retained to design the facility, elected to incorporate the microwave tower into the footprint of the building. The tower is enclosed in a New Orleans-style interior courtyard disguising its electronic function with a campanile-like facade. Through its location and orientation, the tower achieves line-of-sight with the transmitter site, as well as with the main ENG microwave site two blocks away.

### Designing for technology and aesthetics

Fitting the building to the site and to the needs of the organization was not easy. Rees, with its long-term experience in design of broadcast facilities, first reviewed the existing facility and interviewed key station personnel. They explored anticipated equipment and staffing needs. Taking everything into consideration, the firm designed a building to take full advantage of the site.

Like the site, the building is roughly L-shaped. The main entrance gives way to a spacious interior courtyard — a significant design feature with multiple benefits. Func-

tionally, the courtyard serves as a central circulation and communications corridor for staff and visitors. Through clerestory windows it also allows diffused natural light into the open offices and work spaces. Additionally, the courtyard allows visitors to look into master control and the tape operations area.

Offices are situated toward the front, with technical functions behind them. As the building extends back from the street, it spreads into the base of the "L." The news operations are housed at the heart of the facility in a 2-story-high space that visitors can view from a second-floor vantage.

### Facilitating work through design

A primary objective was to co-locate departments that need to interface. The design calls for a newsroom of generous dimension, with access to the outside and easy ingress/egress for reporters and camera people. Along one wall is the news studio, with news edit booths on another wall. Also contiguous is a series of news-related offices. The assignment desk and photographer station are integrated into one unit to enable simultaneous communication of assignments to field crews.

Keeping options open for the future, a removable panel was specified on the wall separating the news studio from the newsroom. If removed, the panel exposes the newsroom as a backdrop during broadcasts from the news studio. There is also a large, second-floor expansion space that can be converted for additional news staff or other functions when needed.

### Accommodating electronic evolution

Although the digital age is approaching rapidly, for WDSU-TV, it is not quite here. Most of the equipment is analog, but will be converted to digital in the not-too-distant future. The rack room must do double duty, accommodating analog equipment brought from the current facility and future digital equipment. Both must be accommodated during the inevitable conversion period. In the near term, the space allocated for electronic equipment may appear oversized, but every square foot will eventually be put to effective use.

Planning for the technical area took natural work flow and access needs into consideration. The rack room is positioned amid all the spaces that require connection to it: the studios, the control rooms, the post-production edit suite and the satellite dishes.

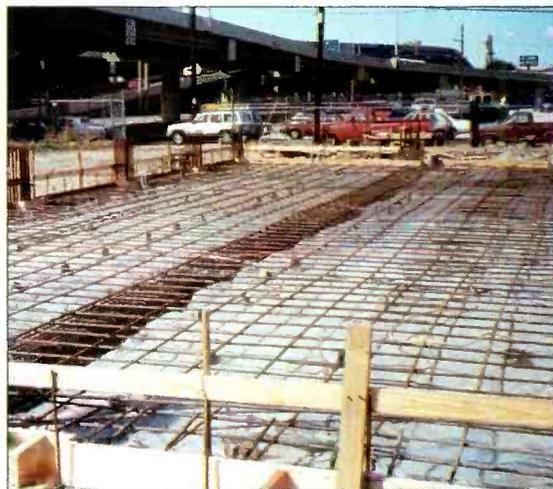
The master control area is large and designed for future change. It will comfortably contain all existing equipment as well as additional digital switchers, satellite controllers and increased staff, if needed.

Adjacent to master control is the tape room. In the near term, it will be filled with reel-to-reel and videocassette machines, along with the library management system. In the future, newer machines with smaller footprints will occupy the area. It is assumed that eventually the LMS will give way to a video file server connected to workstations dispersed throughout the facility. Experience indicates that smaller equipment usually means more individual components, greater flexibility, and more sophisticated staff. The generous space allotment will no doubt prove advantageous in the long term.

The station's maintenance shop, intended to serve as the center for all repairs, is in the middle of the technical operations, between tape operations and the rack room. This center will be a welcome improvement over the existing facility, which depends upon two separate maintenance shops — both inadequate. The new maintenance shop was deliberately made larger than necessary. The excess space will make it possible to expand tape operations or the electronic rack room, if needed.

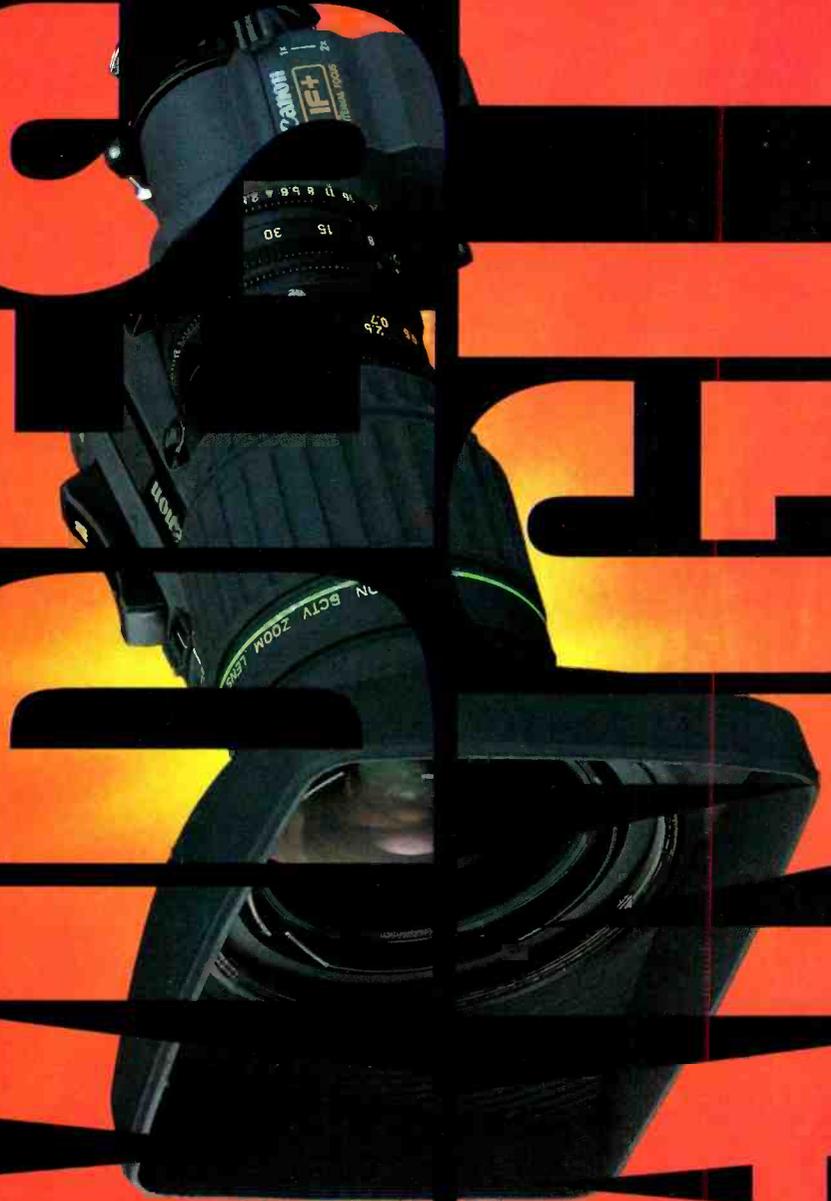
### Miles and miles of cable

Accommodating the miles of cabling required for a broadcast facility received plenty of attention during the planning stages. To en-



Another shot of the concrete work during construction. Note the expressway on-ramp in the background, a key issue during the site selection. (Photo courtesy of Rees Associates, Inc.)

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sure maximum flexibility and adaptability, efficient pathways connect all spaces, vertically as well as horizontally. Computer access flooring is used in master control, the studio control rooms, tape room, the rack room and the maintenance shop. Walker duct, overhead wireways and underfloor conduits allow convenient bundling and quick access. Plans call for stacking of telco rooms with chases between floors to permit efficient continuity of cable from story to story.

For the present, all internal cabling will be traditional. It will be coded in multiple colors to identify bundles by type of video (air program paths, reference, sync, monitoring, etc.). This should simplify wiring changes in the future.

For connecting to the outside world, the new facility is being equipped with service entrances for fiber optics from the cable companies as well as the capability to receive fiber from the telephone company and private vendors in the future. All entrances allow for quick access to the rack room.

### Storage space that works hard

Another source of relief for WDSU-TV personnel will be well-conceived and adequate storage space. At the current facility, tapes are stored literally anywhere and everywhere, the space originally allocated has long been filled. The new facility will rely on high-density storage space, using movable shelving without fixed aisles.

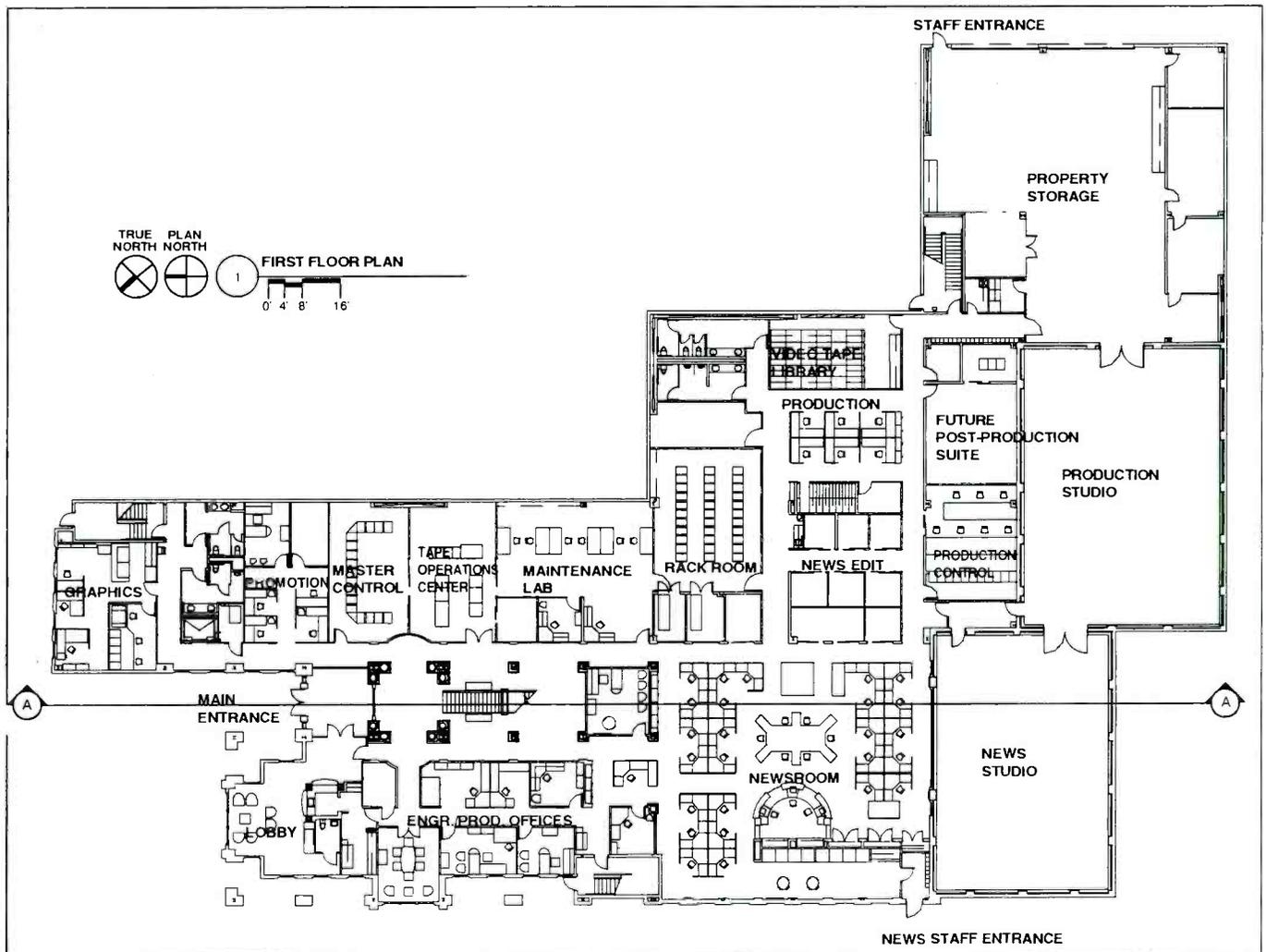
Next to the news edit booths there will be a space for news archives, while the station's main videotape library sits equidistant from the programming, tape and shipping areas, and adjacent to a stairway for access from the traffic, sales and program departments located on the second floor.

News-gathering vehicles will be garaged in a space that is large enough for both ENG and SNG trucks. The 20-foot ceiling allows the satellite antenna to be raised for indoor service and maintenance. The garage is located in the southeastern corner of the L-shaped structure.

### Electrical and mechanical systems

The facility will be served by three distinct power distribution systems: one for sensitive technical equipment; one for noisy, high-power, mechanical motor loads; and one for normal usage. For emergency power, plans call for a large generator with automatic switch-over capabilities to be installed in the future to furnish emergency power.

Because staying on the air is a basic requirement, the mechanical system has built-in redundancy to support operations during power outages. Two chillers ensure that vital areas remain cool. In addition, a free-standing system dedicated solely to electronic equipment will normally take chilled water from the central chiller. However, it is configured to draw on its own direct expansion system should the main system fail or be degraded. Such backup is especially vital in New Orleans, where extreme heat and humidity are commonplace. For acoustic reasons, the air-handling equipment serves each studio inde-



The first floor contains offices at the front with technical functions behind; news operations are tucked conveniently into the heart of the facility. Administrative offices are housed on the second floor.



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### Acoustical considerations

Being located near a highway has advantages, but it also presents greater acoustical challenges. The studio and control room are designed to meet NC-20 criteria. The envelope design isolates spaces within the overall structure and suppresses sound conduction. The foundation is isolated from the floor, as is the ceiling from the roof; and the inner walls are isolated from the outer walls.

### Site security

Security is a primary concern. Beyond a broadcast facility's vulnerability to acts of terrorism and revenge, stations must be concerned with acts of violence and vandalism. The higher visibility expected to enhance WDSU-TV's ratings may also increase the station's exposure to risk.

The property will be enclosed in wrought-iron fencing. All points of ingress will be equipped with electronic security, including camera monitors and eventually passive card readers. Although there was an effort to keep doors and windows to a minimum, the L-shape of the building demanded six entries. The building is set upon an elevated platform, which affords protection from potential flooding, and also prevents a direct line of sight through the windows from the street,

dispelling the threat of drive-by shootings. The exterior courtyard functions as a security buffer, and, as a further precaution, staff parking is mostly on-site and secured.

### Realizing the dream

Rees Associates and WDSU-TV are watching their plans take form. Ground was broken last November, and completion is scheduled for early 1996. There have been unique demands associated with the project: the ornamental tower, site complications, and the requirement to accommodate current technology while anticipating and planning for future transitions. The owner and architect have planned a facility that meets those demands and satisfies the station's priorities of community integration, architectural profile and contemporary TV work patterns. This has all been achieved at a price per square foot below average for New Orleans.

This project could only have been accomplished with careful, knowledgeable planning nurtured by working together and communicating continuously. Using interactive work sessions, modeling and gaming processes, (see the related article, "Facility Planning for Growth and Technological Change") the architects can identify and present options to those who will be using the space. By making maximum use of the technical expertise of the station's broadcast engineering staff, the architect can facilitate

planning at every step and assure the end result will meet all the station's needs. ■

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## Facility planning for growth and technological change

To get the most when building a new facility or expanding an existing facility, managers and architects must combine the best of their individual areas of expertise and experience. It's always advisable to deal with architects who understand the specialized needs of the broadcast industry. Every facility is unique and individual stations will always have some unique requirements and goals. Every effort must be made to identify all the issues up front. This permits early consideration of options and appropriate, timely decisions.

A structured method should be developed and refined to systematically elicit input from all those who understand present and future work flow, equipment requirements and the individual station's personality. The method should incorporate creative strategies for data collection and verification, program conceptualization, development and evaluation of alternatives and estimation and control of budget.

The planning phase should give the client all the information needed to make a "go" or "no go" decision and to plan for cash flow requirements. The resulting planning document should be completed in a matter of weeks and for a fraction of the cost of the full-blown project.

The critical steps of a successful planning phase include:

- Review existing facilities and equipment to determine a starting point for planning.

- Interview key station personnel to determine past and future trends and operational requirements.
- Assess the functional requirements of areas required for each operational department to determine gross space requirements.
- Prepare conceptual block diagrams to identify space requirements. (Rees Associates creates a gaming model with levels of Plexiglas supported by pedestals to represent each floor of the facility. Each level is overlaid with transparent sheets containing floor plans. Gaming pieces — paper cut-outs to scale — are then used to enable the client and the architect to explore dozens of options.)
- Develop a description of the construction method and the level of quality proposed for each portion of the facility.
- Prepare a project development schedule outlining the time and order of all actions required to achieve the facility's target on-air date.
- Develop a statement of probable budget and delineate a cash flow schedule, both month-by-month and total.

Other steps may be appropriate to specific situations. The bottom line during the planning phase is to identify all decision points and provide sufficient information for those decisions early in the project and at a relatively low level of investment. ■



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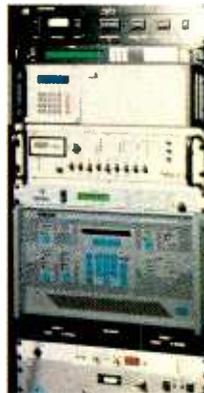
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## **The Bottom Line:** \_\_\_\_\_

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By Peter Douglas

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The primary design forces in building this facility are flexibility and speed of construction. Since the time line involved in this construction was such that the eventual occupants of the various parts of the facility were unknown at the time of design, much attention was given to a flexible and "clean" type of construction.

The first decision was to place raised flooring with an 18-inch rise throughout the entire facility. This allows all space to be technical space as the need dictates. All cabling and HVAC is via the floor. Again, this allows racks and equipment to be placed anywhere without worrying about routing of cooling and power. A large network of cable trays was installed below the floor to facilitate routing of video and audio cable without interfering

with power or other under-floor utilities.

The second major design decision was the use of "demountable" walls. This type of construction involves the use of 3/4-inch duct-liner material (similar to Sheetrock with a much higher audio STC rating) precovered with a vinyl wallpaper. These panels are assembled above the computer floor with metal studs and plastic trim, creating an attractive look. The primary benefit is the ability to relocate and/or remove these walls without problems such as dust and paint. We are using a local drywall contractor to build and assemble the components of the walls.

The basic floorplan is an open design with racks and demountable walls defining the individual areas. There are essentially two types of technical areas, master control rooms and post-production, and in each case the technical areas flow around mechanical electrical/IDF cores. Each core serves up to four master control rooms or up to six post-production facilities. Additionally, office space along the perimeters was also built on the raised floor to allow for conversion at a later date. By planning ahead, the facility will be ready for changes in technology that may dictate non-traditional use of office space,

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and assigned via the routing switcher control system.

A digital sample rate converter allows digital audio signals to be converted between sample rates without having to be converted into analog (e.g., a 44.1kHz compact disc can feed the 48kHz digital audio input of a VTR). Two standards converters connected to the analog and digital video routing switchers convert between 525/60 (NTSC) and 625/50 (PAL) formats. Several digital audio delays connected to the analog and digital audio routing switchers correct for signal path delays introduced by conversion devices such as standards converters and decoders.

In addressing how and where cable corrections would be made, Post Perfect decided all signals would be level corrected and equalized so their signals were correct at all possible destinations. This is accomplished by GVG 8503 precision distribution amplifiers on every analog video routing switcher input and output. In addition, precision distribution amplifiers are used on all of the normalised signal paths.

Determining no router, all router or hybrid router approaches was another major issue. It was decided that analog signals take the hybrid approach, with most sources normalising into analog control rooms each of which have two routing switcher connections in addition to their normalised signal paths. Digital signals are distributed solely via the routing switchers. This eliminated the

need for digital distribution amplifiers. However, it necessitated using large routing switcher frames.

In determining the specifications of the routing switcher, the primary question wasn't simply how large to make the new routing switcher, but rather how large could Post Perfect afford to make it? All manufacturers allow facilities to buy frames larger than they need, and the prospect of big amounts of headroom is tempting.

Post Perfect analyzed its current needs and planned for a reasonable amount of growth in various different signal points. The facility counted on a constant demand for filling the digital frame and a decreasing demand on the analog side. This resulted in the following specifications: 128 x 128 analog video, 64 x 64 analog video with characters burned in, 64 x 64 4-channel analog audio, 32 x 32 2-channel analog audio, 128 x 128 digital video, 128 x 128 AES/EBU digital audio (each signal is two channels) and 64 x 64 time code.

The routing switcher is controlled at individual destinations (e.g., at each VTR) by dedicated panels. In addition, a touchscreen control system has been installed in each control room, allowing operators to have personalized setup parameters for all of the routing switcher connections to and from each control room.

Post Perfect knew astute clients would appreciate the ability to instantly configure a room to meet their needs -- even at the last

minute. With touchscreen control, editors can call up any machine in the house -- video, audio, time code and visual time code -- at the push of a button. Encoding and patching equipment that clients forgot to book is a thing of the past. The extra minutes gained in a session translate into more time for creative decisions, with the editor continuing to concentrate on the task at hand instead of on the mechanics of the technology.

Because the digital control rooms are so router intensive, each repeat monitor in these control rooms has an LED display showing what signal is being routed -- a functional feature for operators and clients alike. These "under-monitor displays" are controlled by the central routing switcher controller.

Post Perfect considered custom under-monitor displays when the facility was built nine years ago. The per-room cost for under-monitor display at that time turned out to be the total amount Post Perfect invested on displays for the entire facility in 1994.

At Post Perfect, every input and output in the facility has a patch point for maintenance. The quality control area performs digital signal monitoring with Tektronics' 601i-scopes that permit the viewing of the analog characteristics of serial digital video signals. This means problems can be detected before they become significant enough to affect the picture.

In transforming any facility, a day a service area is closed means missed opportunities and lost revenue. So it was important for Post Perfect to engineer its massive infrastructure changeover with little or no downtime for the facility and its clients.

Glendale, California's National TeleConsultants (NTC) handled the design, installation and project management of a patchbay-based temporary routing system whose goal was to keep the facility open and at full capacity; NTC had the same responsibilities for Post Perfect's permanent router.

NTC worked with the facility's operations and engineering people to determine what needed to be available on the temporary system to ensure maintenance of day-to-day operations over a 5- or 6-week period. Because it is easy to overlook certain requirements for a temporary installation, as much care went into the patchbay-based system as into the permanent infrastructure.

Because Post Perfect had added cables on top of cables during the past eight years, a piecemeal switchover to the temporary system was not practical. The entire facility was taken down over a long weekend and transferred over to the patchbay-based system. NTC had prefabricated hundreds of cables in Glendale and shipped them to Post Perfect where it had personnel on site.

While the temporary system was on-line, NTC gutted and rewired the analog video



One of Post Perfect's all-digital color correction suites. Color A features a da Vinci Renaissance 8:8:8 color corrector (center console), digital and analog scopes, TLC keyboard, digital switcher and touchscreen routing switcher monitor (at far right).

Post Perfect required the highest level of signal quality physically possible. While reclocking is usually an option on routers, it was an absolute necessity for Post Perfect. The outputs of the serial digital router had to reclock the signals, rebuilding their time base. Without this capability, the facility would not face hard failures but intermittent, difficult-to-track problems.

Equally important was the ability to properly equalize both input and output sides of the analog video router. Post Perfect opted for a significant additional expenditure to have high-quality distribution amplifiers on every input so that all signals hit the router correctly without hum and on every output, establishing a correct level for the signal destination.

Resolving the question of dedicated vs. assignable signal paths involved not only Post Perfect's engineering staff but also its operations personnel. They decided on completely assignable signal paths for all devices in the machine rooms that have utility to more than one room (e.g., VTRs, digital disc recorders). Room-specific devices, such as title cameras, character generators and telecines, which offer no functional gains to the overall facility, have dedicated signal paths and do not use up routing switcher space.

All assignable signal paths have multi-point distribution, with the exception of machine control signals. Because the signals only go from one place to another at a time, control consistently seems to be the one thing worth patching in a post-production environment. With no signal-quality issues at stake, a control router didn't rank high in the cost/performance area.

Post Perfect decided to invest a significant sum in certain control panels and control heads for the consoles of edit and graphics rooms that shared these devices. This configuration eliminated the need to physically wheel a control panel or head from room to room in front of clients.

For the degree of flexibility required by the facility, all normal operations are performed without having to patch signals, however, every signal is available at patch points. Signals distributed and/or routed include analog composite video, analog composite video with visual time code burn in, digital composite video, digital component video, analog audio, digital audio and time code. Post Perfect decided analog component video signals would not be distributed due to quality problems; instead they are converted into component digital video at individual machines and distributed as digital component video. Also, machine control signals operate on normalised signal paths and must be patched to assign them.

At Post Perfect, all digital video is serial.



*Machine Room A features (left to right) D-2, Ampex DCT and D-1 machines and Imovision encoders for the D-1 decks (at extreme right).*

There are absolutely no parallel video signal paths. Devices that have only parallel digital inputs or outputs have their signals converted into serial format at their connectors via Miranda serializers and deserializers.

It was determined to treat AES/EBU digital audio as an individual signal and to not embed it in digital video signal paths. At the time Post Perfect specked its router, there was a big push on the part of manufacturers to embed audio and video in one signal path. But Post Perfect felt it had nothing to gain by embedding audio, only to use multiplexers and demultiplexers to separate it out again. Although embedding audio saves a router frame, it seemed to be a process better suited to the broadcast environment or to facilities with multiple locations.

All AES/EBU digital audio signals are distributed 75 $\Omega$ , unbalanced so standard video jackfields can be used. Devices that have only 110 $\Omega$  balanced inputs or outputs have their signals converted into 75 $\Omega$  unbalanced at their connectors, via Canarie transformers, enabling serial audio to be sent down a standard video cable.

All of Post Perfect's digital facilities (e.g., editing, telecine and graphics suites) work in both 525/60 (NTSC) and 625/50 (PAL) formats. Switching from 525/60 to 625/50 is accomplished with one master switch in each control room.

Signals are translated from one format to another in a number of different ways. Component digital VTRs and component digital

control rooms have individual encoders (serial component digital in to analog composite video out) to feed analog video routing switchers. In addition, three encoders connected between the digital video routing switcher and the analog composite video routing switcher are assigned via the routing switcher control system.

Each component digital control room has several decoders (analog composite video in to digital component video out) so composite analog sources from the routing switcher or from individual machines can feed these control rooms. Two decoders connected between the analog composite video routing switcher and the digital video routing switcher are assigned via the routing switcher control system.

All digital VTRs are connected to and from the analog audio routing switcher in addition to being connected to and from the digital audio routing switcher. External analog-to-digital and digital-to-analog converters are installed on those VTRs without this built-in capability.

All digital control rooms feed both the digital audio routing switcher and the analog audio routing switcher. They have several analog-to-digital converters so analog audio sources from the routing switcher or from individual machines can feed these control rooms.

Four analog-to-digital and four digital-to-analog converters are connected between the analog and digital audio routing switchers

# Post Perfect's digital solution



*Upgrading signal infrastructure requires a balancing act.*

## **The Bottom Line:**

*Post Perfect leaps forward and sets the standard for modern post-production houses by increasing its digital capabilities. In a major facility-wide upgrade, this leading post-production facility has balanced cost and performance to come up with the perfect design.* \$

By Dean Winkler

Facility signal infrastructure may not be as high-profile a topic as pioneering hardware or software or innovative facility layout and design, but as the driver of facility operations, it is critically important to every post-production house. Whether a new installation or an upgrade to an existing facility, as was the case last year for Post Perfect, signal infrastructure requires careful planning. Its design must balance cost, operational capabilities, signal quality, flexibility, maintainability and expandability.

One of New York City's leading high-end commercial post-production facilities, Post Perfect, was designed in 1986 when the industry was on the cusp of the coming digital revolution. Although we recognized the impact digital would have on video, audio and graphics and were determined to be among the first to take advantage of digital technology, there were few options for digital routing at that time, and the facility was built without it. But the recent advent of serial digital routing gave us the practical option we had been looking for.

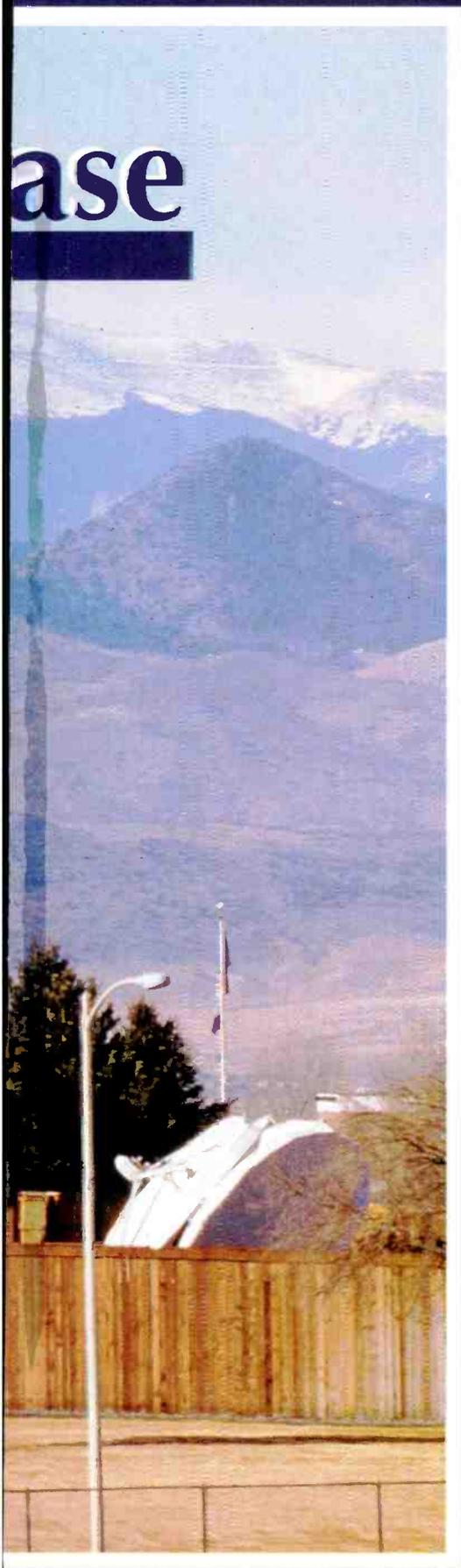
Since opening its doors, Post Perfect has consistently increased its digital capabilities, offering digital component edit suites, film

transfer and graphics. Based on the success of Edit 4, a fast, powerful NTSC/PAL compositing room that is fully-booked, we converted a second edit suite, Edit 1, from analog composite to digital component last year. In addition, we expanded with Edit 5, a high-quality interformat digital component environment that enables budget-conscious clients to maintain a high level of signal quality throughout the entire post process at accessible broadcast and longform prices.

As Post Perfect's digital offerings reached critical mass in 1994, we decided it was time to install a massive new signal infrastructure to better accommodate current needs and provide a pathway for future growth. In planning this major facility-wide upgrade, there was no single 'correct' answer for the facility. Like all engineering issues, it involved a series of trade-offs in which design criteria were weighed against cost and performance. Because the signal infrastructure affected the daily operation of the facility, decision-making required the representation of all of Post Perfect's departments and the consideration of ergonomic factors impacting the operators' day-to-day activities.

First and foremost, we determined that

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With competition increasing and technology moving at an increasing pace, many facilities are finding that now is the time to upgrade. In any such project, the challenges are many. However, one effective key to success is to build on solutions developed by others. This month's facility showcase highlights how some leading-edge broadcast and production facilities have rebuilt their facilities with an all-digital tomorrow in mind.

In addition to the traditional facilities, we'll also look at some cable, satellite and telco studios that address video and audio production (they call it content) in innovative ways. The solutions they have adopted to some traditional video/audio production problems may surprise you. It might be that we old dogs could learn a few things from these new pups.

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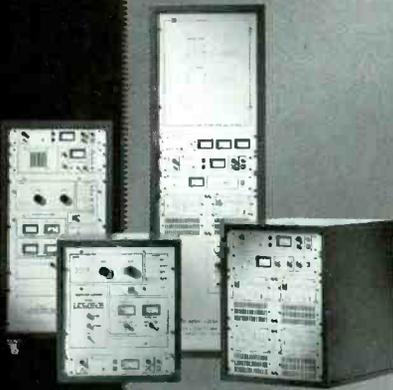
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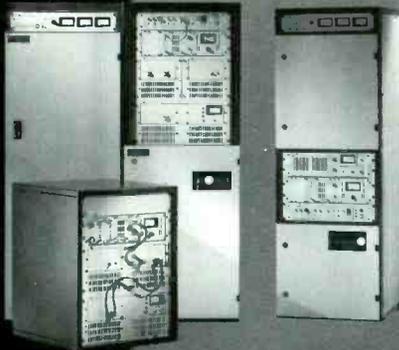
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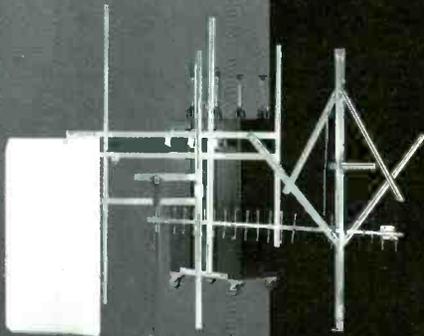
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According to David Elliot, vice president of engineering at the ABC Television Network, Index Plus and the XDS system offer two main benefits. "First, it is a service to our viewers. If someone wants to record *Home Improvement* and they have Index Plus, they can just tell their VCR to record that show without concern as to when it goes on. The machine gets the information from the schedule and updates it from the live program information that is transmitted in the XDS field."

The second advantage offered by XDS is that it helps cope with channel surfing: "People scan across channels and may hit in the middle of a network break or commercial. With this system, they will be able to know immediately what show they are watching. This is a service to us and our clients," presumably, their advertisers.

Commenting on the overall benefits of using XDS and Index Plus in light of the new realities of broadcasting, Elliot says, "It helps ABC by giving us a stronger network identity with the viewer. With the efforts everyone is making in stamping their video these days, branding and identifying is becoming more and more important in these days of multiple channels and channel surfers. "ABC is anticipating a second phase of its XDS implementation, but has not yet decided what other information it will be adding.

In testing and preparing for national launch of Index Plus, Gemstar is also leasing VBI lines at stations and cable networks. This way, the company can broadcast title data itself on a national basis to over 90% of the United States.

Support from broadcasters is a benefit to Index Plus users and to Gemstar because it enhances its product's features. "It's more content rich," explains company CEO, Dr. Henry Yuen, "if the broadcaster is involved." He also provides reasons why broadcasters would find it in their interest to support the system: "It gives the broadcaster a pre-emptive right to do last-minute program corrections and extend a recording beyond the normal time. Also, the broadcaster can provide live program information." Yuen predicts that the first VCRs incorporating Index Plus will probably reach consumers in the third quarter of 1995. Licensees include RCA/GE, Panasonic, Hitachi, JVC, Sanyo/Fisher, Mitsubishi and Sharp. Gemstar has either made or is negotiating agreements with other major broadcast and cable networks to support Index Plus. The company is also expected to license its Index Plus technology for TV sets in the future.

As the broadcast industry gathers in Las Vegas for NAB '95, we are likely to hear more about new ventures and announcements related to XDS and the VBI. Broadcasters are learning that you don't have to own a broadcast license to fill in the lines of the VBI but it always helps to make deals with someone who does. With its new high profile, the VBI is offering innovative ways for veteran broadcast operations to benefit from new products offered by start-up companies in other fields. Through these new offerings, broadcasters can provide a service to their viewers as they raise their own profile with viewers and advertisers. ■

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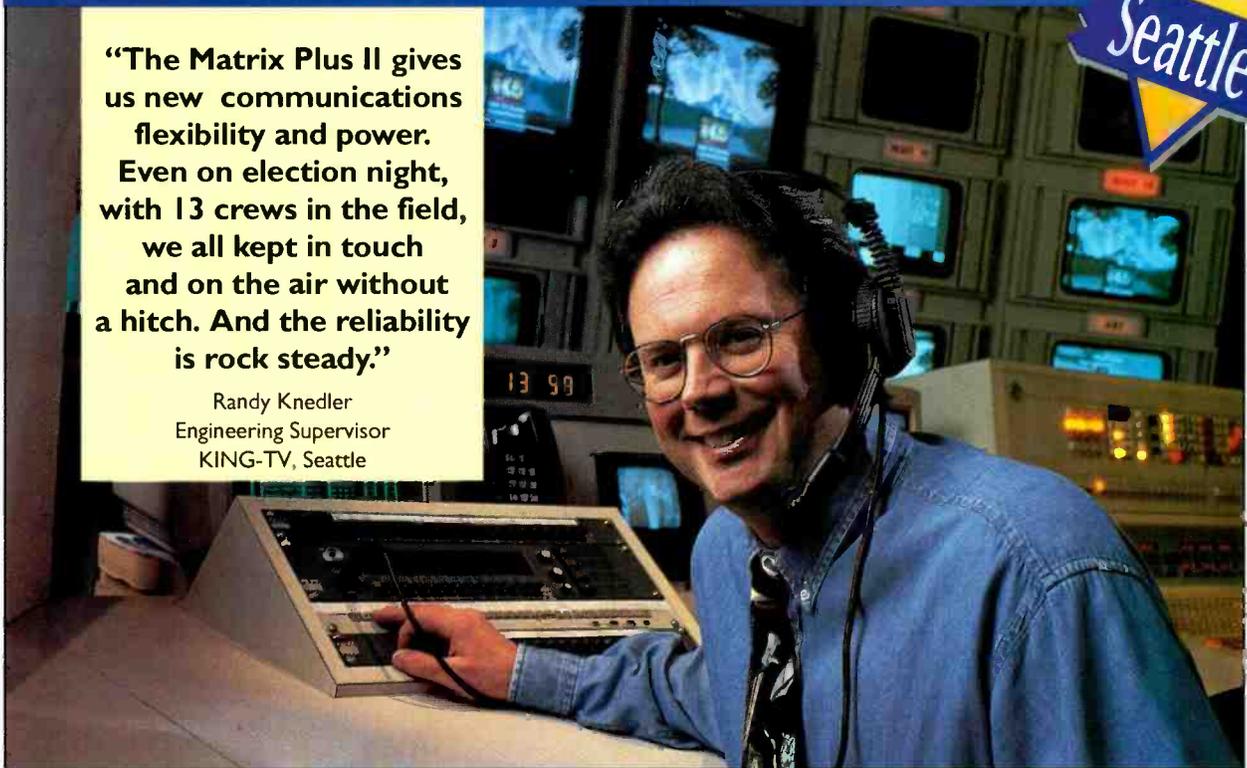
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upon that by opening up field 2 for captioning, which is not part of the requirements, but it has been documented in an EIA standard.

The next part of the progression, notes Szokolczay, was the design of a packetized data service within field 2, the XDS standard. XDS uses the same data format as closed-captioning but CC has priority at all times. XDS's data packets carry a range of information but the detail it can deliver is limited by its small bandwidth. The Mitsubishi VP continues to explain the hierarchy: "Then there is StarSight, which is a full-blown deluxe guide service that is not as bandwidth limited because it is using a chunk of three of four PBS VBI lines."

Despite its bandwidth limitation, XDS is capable of delivering valuable information and services to viewers. Unlike StarSight, XDS is free. (For both systems, of course, consumers have to purchase products that can capture and display each service's data.) Some of the information that can be provided via XDS includes the name of the show, its length and the time left in the program; captioning and audio services; the aspect ratio; and the network name and station call letters.

In 1994, PBS became the first broadcast operation to transmit some of this XDS information with nationally distributed data augmented locally, depending on the station. Current model TV sets that can display XDS information are recent models from Mitsubishi. Because XDS can also perform automatic VCR clock setting, in 1994 Sony added the feature to its SLV-770HF and SLV-920HF VCRs so the time is always correct and not blinking "12:00."

### Gemstar and ABC join forces for XDS launch

XDS will receive a major push in 1995 through the joint efforts of a commercial TV network and a consumer electronics development company. In February 1995, the ABC Television Network and six of its owned and operated (O&O) stations began transmission of XDS information. The added service was launched in collaboration with Gemstar Development through its new Index Plus system, with the company providing broadcast insertion/encoder hardware to ABC.

Gemstar, based in Pasadena, CA, took the VCR industry by storm in the past few years with the introduction of its VCR Plus technology. The technology solved a major consumer problem by making it much easier to record with a VCR. It is now a common feature in all major VCR brands after its debut as a separate handheld device in 1990. To record a program, consumers punch in the show's VCR Plus code number, printed next to a show in TV listing guides found in newspapers and *TV Guide*.

According to Gemstar's co-founder, and VCR Plus' co-inventor, Dr. Henry Yuen, his company now wants to simplify playing back tapes. Index Plus provides an on-screen directory of shows recorded on each videocassette and automatically fast-forwards or rewinds to selected programs. Index Plus VCRs use a proprietary computer chip to grab program titles and other information in the VBI.

Another important feature of Index Plus is its ability to access program information during live viewing. Program name and channel number can be displayed with the push of a button. An on-screen electronic guide covering the rest of the day for a specific channel being viewed can also be displayed instantly. Although this information is far from the detailed and week-long guide provided by StarSight, Index Plus does not require consumers to pay a subscription or other fees. Similar to StarSight, Index Plus also offers an easy point-and-record capability.

ABC and most of its O&O's are broadcasting show titles and other information via the XDS in phase one of its implementation. In addition to passing along their network's XDS information, the O&O's will be adding their own call letters, local program titles and running times.

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In addition to making TV viewing more manageable and convenient, Burns predicts StarSight will offer promotional opportunities to broadcasters and cablecasters in the future — presumably for a fee. Although StarSight products' president was not ready to reveal specifics, he did offer these possibilities: "One way is to highlight what is hot tonight." A viewer presses a button on the StarSight remote and, "Up pops some of the specials that are on tonight." Another way, suggests Burns, is for a station or network to put a marquee around a box at a certain time and the viewer can move to a bigger screen with more information. This could include tie-in possibilities with advertisers.

StarSight has also given indications that it plans to add weather, news and sports information in the future. We can assume that these services could be provided in partnership with broadcasters, cablecasters or their competitors at newspapers or wire services. The company is also exploring two-way communication with viewers through a phone or data jack.

#### Index Plus and XDS

The EIA subcommittee that set the standard for closed-captioning and XDS was

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<b>20/20 - ABC NEWS</b>	<b>60</b>
<b>FRESH PRINCE</b>	<b>30</b>
<b>COACH</b>	<b>30</b>
<b>BULLS v. NETS</b>	<b>120</b>
<b>Blank Tape Remaining</b>	<b>90</b>

*One advantage of the XDS system, shown above, is that TV stations can make last-minute changes in their program schedule with the system tracking those changes to the viewer.*

chaired by Julius Szakolczay, Mitsubishi Consumer's vice president of new technologies research. Because of his EIA committee work and his company's adoption of both StarSight and XDS, Szakolczay has a unique

perspective on these new services. According to Szakolczay, "They should be viewed as hierarchical. It starts with closed-captioning, which uses field 1 of line 21 of the VBI." He goes on to explain that they improved

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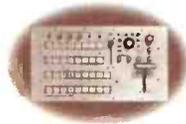
TV viewing also becomes more interesting as well as convenient because a viewer can

easily obtain a program synopsis, actors' names and the year a movie was released.

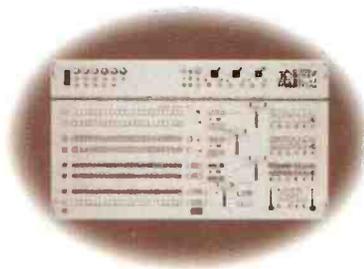
According to John B. Burns III, president of StarSight Products Group, the benefit to broadcasters is that, "StarSight gives [consumers] up-to-date information about [a broadcaster's] programming in a format that is easy to access and understand for a consumer." As Burns, formerly with Showtime, goes on to explain, "The problem is that there is a lot of good TV on and people can't find where it is. This is a tool for accessing it. This is a home run for broadcasters."

Since all the major TV set manufacturers — including RCA, Sony, Panasonic and Magnavox in addition to Zenith and Mitsubishi — have also signed agreements to offer StarSight products, it's likely that the service will gain wide acceptance in the United States. Another introduction that is likely to hasten the spread of StarSight is its stand-alone box sold by Magnavox at retail for under \$150. Companies will also be offering StarSight in VCRs with Samsung and GoldStar planning to be the first to make models available by summer. StarSight has also licensed its technology to other players in communications. Uniden is selling home satellite decoders incorporating StarSight, and Bell Atlantic Video Services (BAVS) will feature StarSight in its planned video dial tone service. StarSight is also available from cable operators in Zenith

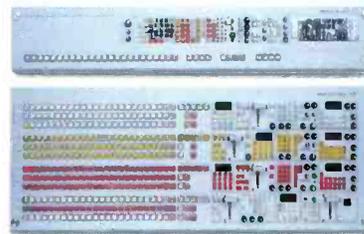
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The first of these new on-screen viewing guides is StarSight, launched in 1994. As evidenced by the recent 1995 Winter CES in Las Vegas, StarSight is one of the hottest new features on televisions and VCRs. Along with XDS-related services like Index Plus, StarSight is likely to change the way people watch television and make their viewing selections.

### StarSight: Navigating the future

StarSight is an interactive, electronic on-screen guide designed to help consumers navigate their TV information highway. It goes far beyond the information and capabilities provided by a cable system's preview channel and the print listings found in newspapers and *TV Guide*. StarSight, a Silicon Valley start-up founded in 1986, is leasing VBI lines from PBS to carry its information throughout the United States.

StarSight's on-screen features, displayed on its grid guide, include instant program selection, 7-day program information, and schedules for dozens of channels. The Fremont, California-based company's system also offers direct tuning by program title or by themes — such as movies, sports, news — as well as one-touch VCR recording.

Designed to incorporate its patented technology in TV sets, VCRs, satellite decoders and other converter boxes, StarSight's first major appearance was in several Zenith TV models. These sets, which shipped in summer 1994, were joined by Mitsubishi models this past fall.

StarSight data is supplied by TV Data Technology (TVDT) in Glen Falls, NY, a corporate partner in StarSight and one of the major providers of TV program guide information to print media. The TVDT information, formatted to StarSight specifications, is sent by dedicated data lines to StarSight in California.

After StarSight formats the schedules and adds security algorithms, the information is again sent by dedicated data lines, this time to PBS in Alexandria, VA. In Virginia, the StarSight data is inserted into the PBS VBI and uplinked to the Telstar 401 satellite. The StarSight information is downlinked at 200 PBS member stations achieving coverage of virtually every household in the United States.

To ensure national coverage and provide redundancy back-up, StarSight is also transmitting on the VBI of two cable networks, MTV and Nickelodeon, owned by StarSight equity partner, Viacom. These cable networks are also uplinking the StarSight data on their VBIs to Satcom C3 and Satcom C4 from Viacom's Hauppauge, Long Island satellite facility. Incidentally, other StarSight equity partners include Cox Communications, The Tribune Company, Times Mirror Cable, The

Providence Journal, Spelling Entertainment/Blockbuster and KBLCOM/Houston Industries.

To activate a StarSight-equipped product, a consumer calls an 800 number and provides cable system and home equipment information along with a credit card number. Then, in a matter of minutes, information specific to that consumer reaches the home setup, transmitted over the pathway described above. Consumers pay a one-time \$15 activation fee, and a monthly subscription fee averaging under \$4. After the entire initial download, which can take several hours, the consumer's StarSight information is refreshed daily when the consumer is not using the StarSight-equipped home hardware.

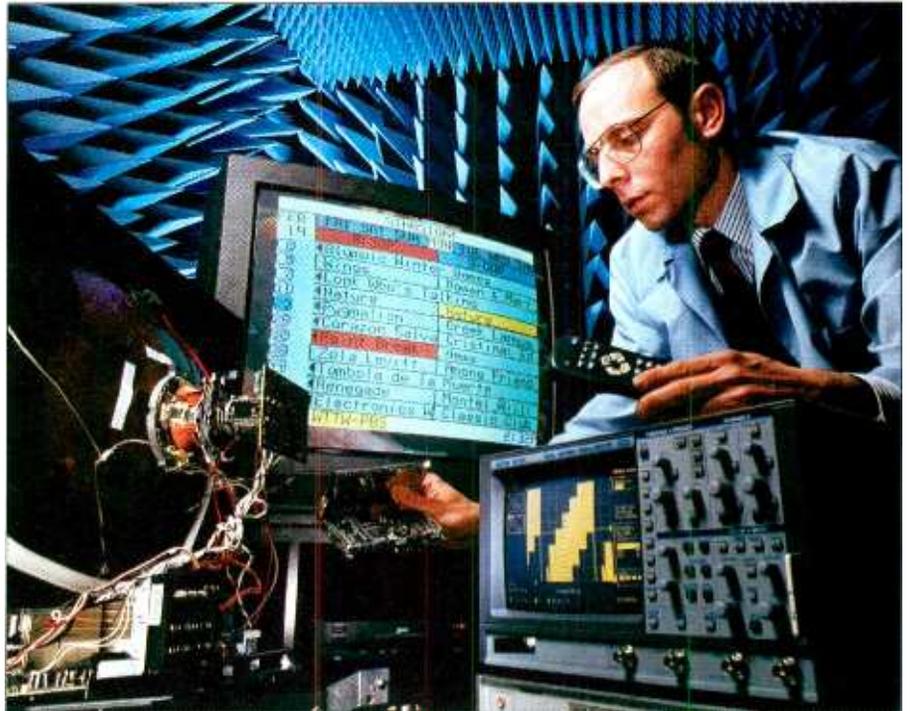
StarSight does offer a capability that on the surface might rattle broadcasters: The consumer can rearrange the order of channels on the StarSight grid and customize them for his/her viewing habits. As an example, a viewer could place channel 13 before channel 2, preceded by a frequently watched cable channel, like CNN.

### StarSight: Home run for broadcasters

The overall effect of StarSight should make all broadcasters and cablecasters happy. Based on first-hand experience, StarSight leads to increased TV watching. The reason is that with the click of the StarSight remote, the viewer gets an excellent rundown of what's on now or in a few hours or days. And,

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## *New consumer services fill in the VBI lines*



### *A Look at StarSight, XDS and Index Plus*

As broadcasters face a future of increased competition for viewers' attention and advertisers' dollars, keeping up with change is more important than ever. The purpose of this bi-monthly column is to address a growing range of new or announced technologies and services that will affect the world of broadcasting and cable. That way, your operation can keep current, competitive, and cash in on change.

Some of these developments will let your station develop new revenue sources, while others will have to be offered simply to stay competitive. And since what you don't know can kill you, we will also discuss a third area: services that may initially appear to be threats to your operation.

But before you pull out the patch cords and turn off the transmitter, we will also point out some interesting partnering opportunities for the savvy station. Even in a world filled with new competitors, broadcasters should always remember they have valuable and unique assets they can leverage. These include spectrum space with a license to broadcast and many years of real-world experience in producing professional-quality "content" — the term computer and telco people often use to describe TV programming.

#### **The face for VBI space**

The subject of this debut column, new

consumer-oriented services using the VBI, incorporates several aspects of the new media mix. The VBI is becoming one of the most sought-after parts of the spectrum because it provides an existing, cost-effective and dependable pathway for distributing data to consumers. New consumer data services and products tapping the VBI include StarSight, XDS and Index Plus.

Up until recently, the VBI's primary consumer use has been to transmit information for closed-captioning. As you may know, as of July 1, 1993, all TV sets 13 inches and larger manufactured for sale in the United States required built-in closed-captioning (CC) circuitry. Because of this federal mandate, TV-set makers have been exploring other ways to use this technology and circuitry to display additional text and information services.

This has led to a new standard called XDS, extended data services. Developed by the consumer electronics trade association, the Electronic Industries Association (EIA), you may have seen XDS demonstrated at recent NAB Conventions under its previous name, EDS.

Also moving consumer electronics (CE) manufacturers to offer new on-screen display features is the proliferation of channels available to TV viewers. VBI lines are being used to deliver new on-screen electronic view-



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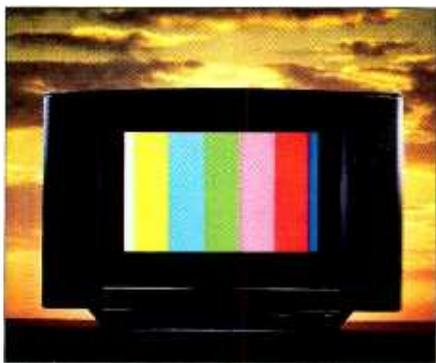
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## SMPTE Winter Conference

This year's SMPTE Winter Conference was held in San Francisco in early February. The last three meetings centered on the converging of video and computers. This year's theme, "New Foundations for Video Technology," continued that development, but with a slightly different twist.

This year's meeting brought together some of the highest-regarded experts in both the computer and video industries. No longer satisfied to simply talk about the merging of these two worlds, the meeting provided a good overview of how general-purpose computers will become an even more important tool for the video professional.

### The language barrier

Three years ago the conference was called "Collision or Convergence: Digital Video/Audio, Computers and Telecommunications." I recall that the event resembled a meeting of foreign delegates, all speaking different languages. At times, attendees almost needed a real-time translator to understand what the other party was saying. For instance, resolution conjures up one definition to the computer type and something different for the video professional.

I chuckled when the computer-based presenters called the small, jerky pixelated pictures on the computer screen *video*. One computer-based presenter showed "real video" on a computer monitor. It was Quick Time. The video professionals shook their heads in amazement. Not that the technology was possible, but that anyone would call it video.

For the video old fogies, seminar chairman, Charles Poynton of Sun Microsystems, delivered a wake up call on the merging fields of computers and video.

He showed how the two industries are becoming closer in terminology and function. As future technology is developed, it will be a blend of consumer electronics technology and information industry technologies, he said. In many ways, the video industry is piggybacking on the developments of the computer industry. The economics of scale are critical when it comes to

producing a cost-effective product. For one thing, it's far better to be able to amortize the cost of R&D over one million devices rather than 10,000, especially if the device was expensive to develop.

Look at video monitors. For every professional video monitor sold, perhaps thousands of computer monitors are sold. However the monitors cannot be identical because the applications are different. Fortunately for video applications, as manufacturers develop higher-quality (and less expensive) monitors for the computer market, the video products gain from that R&D, which is paid for by the computer products. The result is better products, more features and lower costs.

Another good example of the advantage of scale is the CD-ROM. It is now becoming standard equipment for computer users. However, were it not for the audio CD, the CD-ROM might still be a thousand dollar option reserved only for expensive computers.

Table 1 summarizes how the design parameters for video and computer products are fundamentally different. What makes the criteria different is the application, not the product. Understanding this premise, makes it easier to understand how hardware developed for one application may not prove effective in another.

### Multimedia

Multimedia is something easy to say, but hard to describe accurately. The executive director of the Interactive Multimedia Association, Philip Dodds, addressed the group at the Thursday luncheon. While some video types were outspoken in their wonderment at his selection as featured speaker, he proved up to the task.

Dodds' theme centered on the current development of interactive products. He com-

plained that interactive media was not well understood. He said that only the old systems where the video and control were kept separate produced a quality experience.

Originally, the systems were composed of a video disc player with the video and graphics combined in overlay cards. He complained that today, no commercial delivery systems, including CD-based systems, can produce the quality of video and degree of control as those "antiquated video disc systems" had. According to Dodds, the key was that the computer exerted only control. It did not handle video.

Dodds stated that the computer industry has declared "Analog is a scourge upon the earth and must be eliminated." In other words, "If you can't compute it, it is inherently bad."

He claimed that the video disc is dead because analog is a dirty word to the computer industry. "Like it or not," he said, "we all have begun the wholesale shift to compute-intensive, CPU-cycle-sucking digital multimedia." The video crowd loved it! The computer guys didn't see a problem.

### Next year

The SMPTE Winter Conference has never been a large show, and probably wasn't intended to be. And, it's not designed to teach you how to repair your tape recorder or provide a hands-on practical experience. However, for what it lacks on the practical experience level, it gains measurably by providing attendees with an important look at their industry's technological future.

It is a major gathering of the video and computer industry's experts. If you want to know where video and computer technology is going, or what tomorrow's hardware might look like, consider attending next year's conference in Seattle. You won't be disappointed. ■

Design parameter	Industry	
Industry standards	<b>Video products</b> Stable, monolithic. Detailed and layered. Standards are large	<b>Computer products</b> Small standards for little portions. Lets user plug and unplug parts of standards as desired.
User Access Patterns	Sequential Ex. movies, run from beginning to end. One pass only	Statistical Ex. caching, storing used data for future (repeated) use access and use.
System Topology	Open loop, ex. broadcast. no feedback from end user back to information source	Closed loop, ex. PC screen presents information, user responds via keyboard, and PC again responds.

Table 1. Because the basic application needs are different, the design parameters for video and computer products must be dissimilar. For example, computer monitors make lousy TV sets. They don't produce sufficient image brightness. Likewise, TV monitors are larger, designed for distance viewing and must have narrow cabinet depth. One cannot optimally replace the other.

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**O**n-line services such as CompuServe, Prodigy, and the Internet often are misperceived by the public as electronic hideouts for software hackers or a collection of chat lines for struggling souls desperate for a computer date. In fact, these access points to the so-called information superhighway are primarily networking tools that people in a range of professions, including broadcasting, are using to make contacts, find new jobs, buy and sell equipment, and exchange industry information.

### Useful resource

As a technology journalist, I log into CompuServe's Journalism Forum several times a day as part of my prospecting and networking strategy. There, I can discern the latest trends, or talk to editors seeking a specialist in a given subject area. I can even find press releases from universities and companies involved in the science and business fields. Having worked as a PBS-TV producer, I also use the Broadcast Professionals Forum to see if there are any documentaries looking for research assistance.

So, if your range of contacts in this business is limited, or if you want to investigate moving to a new locale, start by equipping your 486 PC or Macintosh to move in the fast lane with one of the commercial on-line services. Setting up your system for on-line access is relatively easy. The off-the-shelf software can be purchased almost anywhere for \$20 to \$150. You'll also need a modem that has at least 9,600bps capacity. That should cost about \$150.

Having just hinted that the whole process is easy — I lied. Well, it is easy if you're talking about one of the major on-line services like CompuServe, America On-Line or Prodigy because they all provide customized software. However, getting your system configured for the Internet is akin to having to wire a 64 x 64 component routing switcher using a manual written in Swahili with one hand tied behind your back and being color-blind!

Once you have your system up and running, call the on-line service (some software

## Networking

packages do this automatically) and log in. The system will ask you a few questions — like your life history — no, really just some credit card stuff. Answer the questions and you'll be in. You now have an official e-mail address. Using a local access number will connect you to the service and you're now an official member of the I-way.

### So what's on-line?

Now that you've gone to all this trouble, what's out there? The quick answer is about anything you can imagine. Let's take a quick tour of the Professional's Forum on CompuServe.

Forums consist of areas composed of like interests. Clicking on the Professional Forum brings up the following selections:

- Aviation
- Business Management
- Data Processing/MIS
- Media Services
- Engineering/Technology
- Entrepreneurial/Small Business
- Engineering/Technology
- Health Professions
- Legal Services
- Education
- Market Quotes/Highlights
- Other Interests

Forums are usually composed of several areas or *libraries*. The first library may be a general area where news and beginner guidance and rules are listed. This allows someone to cruise the net reading the intro areas and entering only those forums of interest.

Let's check into the Broadcast Professionals Forum. We call it BP Forum for short. It is reached by selecting the Media Forum, which yields another menu of choices.

- Help & Information
- TV
- CATV/MMDS
- Radio/TV Talent
- Strictly Audio
- Post-Production
- Radio
- Résumés/Jobs/Classified
- Manufacturer's Information

In addition there are several manufacturer-specific libraries where users can get technical assistance or download new drivers and information for their equipment.

Clicking on the Résumés/Jobs/Classifieds library, I saw this posting: "We are looking for two producers to work in Montreal full-time on contract. Five years of experience

needed. ABC digital editing, French fluency, and editorial judgment needed." Now, if I spoke French with any degree of confidence, I might have replied. But I do not, so I dared not.

In another posting I saw a member looking for the address of a radio station in New York City. According to the log (in I-way language a "thread") of replies, he received three responses from people who not only gave him the needed telephone numbers, but also contact names. The on-line environment is usually friendly; rather like living in a small town. People are quite willing to help.

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There are ads from people looking for specific equipment. One guy was looking to buy a PAL Betacam. Others were seeking to sell equipment from an Edit Master, to an ATVista and two MII decks, to a Barco CVS monitor. Many forums provide such classified sections like this one and they are accessible 24 hours a day.

### The personal touch

When operating on-line, keep in mind a couple of rules. Because you don't know what the other person looks like and you receive no social cues as to their status, you must deal with them on an equal level. Also, there are mores on-line. Generally, anyone who engages in vulgar language will be asked to leave by the system operator (SYSOP). Keep in mind that all your replies and messages are public (except your personal e-mail box). If you want privacy or want to send an individual message to someone, you have to log out of the forum and send them a direct e-mail message.

In the future as more people adopt this interactive technology, electronic networking will be a commonplace — not a cutting-edge — business practice. Until then, see you on-line. ■

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## Coming in April...

### *Cover Story: TV Station Builds Cable News Network*

Broadcasters and cable systems have finally stopped beating each other up as economic realities force cooperation. Savvy TV stations now use cable systems to deliver programming to areas they can't normally reach. San Francisco station KRON-TV was looking to the future when it built an entire network of cable outlets through the use of ISDN and transmission equipment.

### *Using Fiber for Video:*

One of the hottest in-studio technologies is fiber. The demands of high-speed data and video are often best-suited for fiber. We'll take a look at how fiber can solve many in- and out-of-studio problems.

### *Automation for multicasting:*

As stations forge alliances with cable systems and develop their own mini-service areas, one key to success is localized commercials. We'll look at tape- and disk-based storage technology, which is crucial to the effective implementation of multicasting.

### *Building an RF ATV facility:*

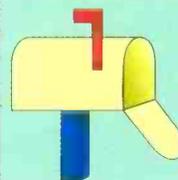
This "how to" is for engineers needing to plan for their station's ATV future. We'll discuss implementation costs for the RF portion of the system, including towers, transmitters, antennas, coaxial lines, filters and combiners.

### *Technical Glossary:*

A humorous look at the acronyms that plague our everyday technical environments.

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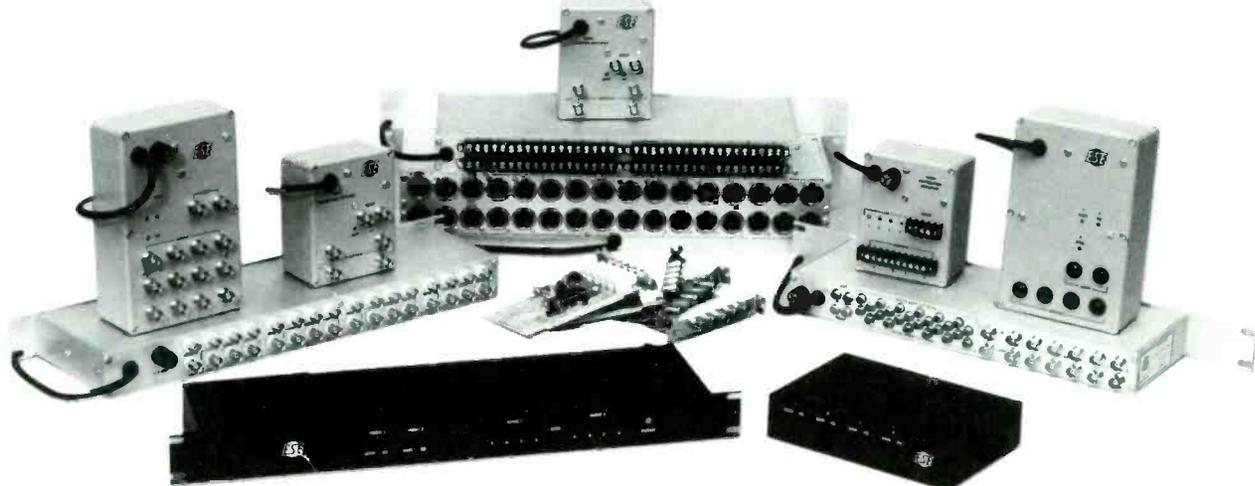
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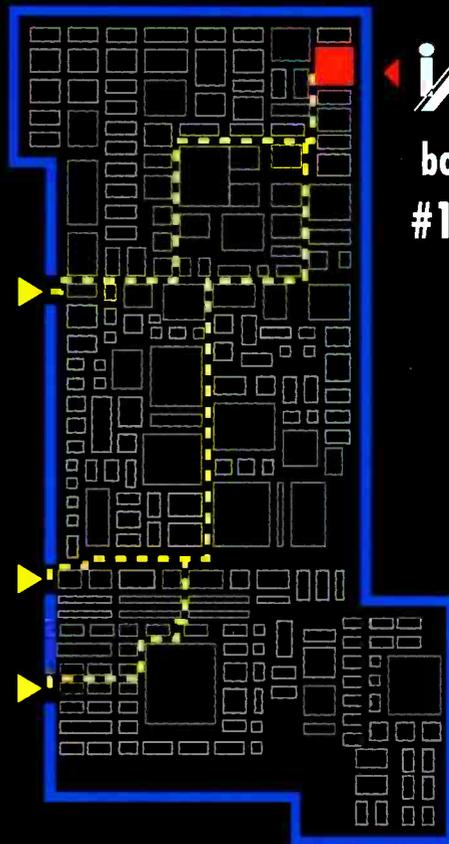
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such as non-linear workstations.

Functionality and ergonomics were important considerations in the design of the facility. The control room lighting is quite different from what most of us have seen in the past. A study has shown that the largest factor in eye fatigue among operators was not low light but the contrast between the typical direct lit work space (about 70 foot candles [fc] and the light emitted from a typical CRT (about 15-20fc). Another problem was the glare from the standard track light fixtures. To address this problem, we installed dimmable indirect fluorescent fixtures that maintain a constant 3,500°K color temperature. The result is a glare-free, evenly lit area with a constant illumination of about 20fc. An interesting facet of this is that when left to their own and without any suggestions, the operators consistently set the lights at this level. The cost of these fixtures is high, about \$1,800 per 6-foot strip, but it has proven to be a good decision based on operator feedback. These same fixtures are used wherever possible, especially in common work areas, such as cubicles, where individuals have little control over their environment.

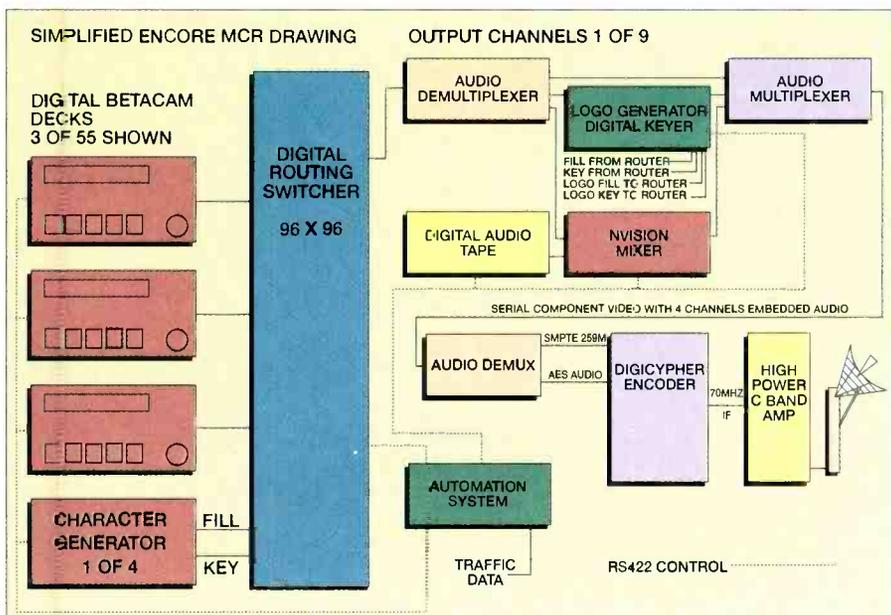
For the comfort of our employees and overall aesthetics, we opted to install carpet tiles over the raised flooring. There were also advantages in cost because we were able to use some used tiles since they would be covered. A Milliken static-free overlay carpet was used for the entire facility. I have yet to experience any static discharge as a result of walking the floors. In the electronic shop,

we used a grounding-type floor tile with a full bonded ground grid beneath the adhesive. A key factor in keeping static discharge to a minimum has been constant humidity and good maintenance of the carpeting. This requires a special cleaning treatment to maintain the static-free properties and Milliken factory people come in once a month to clean the carpet.

### General wire and construction concepts

In a facility this size much emphasis is placed on neatness, documentation and serviceability of installation. All the areas with discrete audio are interconnected with the ADC ICON system. All routers, DAs and other high-density devices are connected to swingout punchdown panels installed in the backs of each rack so that repeat connections do not disturb or wear the high-density connections on the equipment. Testing is also facilitated with this installation technique. The racks are interconnected with 26-pair numbered and insulated snake cable with intermediate blocks mounted on the walls behind each technical area.

Because our wiring area under the floor is considered a plenum, it was necessary to use plenum-rated cabling. For video, we use Belden 1506A (a mini 8281 product). For long audio runs we use a specially made plenum-rated 12-pair snake cable. Because the plenum-rated audio snakes are difficult to strip, we opted to use 3-inch flexible conduit for the rack-to-wall and wall-to-rack connections. The snake cables were placed in the conduits prior to them being installed under the floor and this turned out to be a relatively easy process — much easier than



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### Power and HVAC systems

Each of the four master control pods and six post-production areas are served by a core mechanical/electrical room. The HVAC system consists of a pair of 300-ton water-cooled chillers backed up by a pair of 200-ton air-cooled chillers. In five years, the efficiencies of the water-cooled system will have paid for the extra cost involved in building a separate chiller building. To keep the demand load down and to load test the generators, the backup chillers are only run while the backup generators are running. This is an effective test and exercise of both systems. Within each M/E core are Liebert air handlers that pressurize the floor with cooled and humidified air. A temperature of 72° with 40% humidity is maintained throughout the facility and by distributing the air handlers and backing up the chillers, chances for HVAC failure are remote.

Because all air conditioning is via the floor and intended primarily for equipment, we had some concern with the ability to control areas occupied by non-equipment (people). To solve this problem we used a 2-step process. First, all racks were sealed up as much as possible allowing cool air to flow in the bottoms and out of the vented tops of the racks. Secondly, thermostatically controlled floor vents with quiet fans are being used to control the temperature of the operator areas. To protect the control rooms from mysterious circuit breaker trips, we installed floor-mounted non-UPS outlets in the floor beneath the operating consoles for the inevitable portable heaters (not encouraged, but always present).

Three 1,250kW diesel generator sets feeding three 750kVA rotary UPS systems keep the facility well-powered in the event of a commercial power failure. The gensets and UPS systems are all paralleled on their outputs to allow for future expansion and service. Within the system one genset and one UPS are considered backup units. Although rather expensive (about \$160,000 each) the rotary UPS has proven to be extremely reliable while providing a spike-free clean AC waveform. The UPS feeds a series of power distribution units each located within an M/E core. The power distribution units are fed from 480VAC and transformer isolated, supplying each rack or outlet with isolated ground AC power. The circuit breakers are located on panels within the power distribution units.

In a facility covering this large of an area, much attention was paid to proper grounding. Beneath the computer floor, a 4' x 4' grid of 3-inch copper strap was placed. All connections are welded to the grid and all racks are



*Racks are interconnected with 26-pair cable to wiring blocks mounted on the wall behind each technical area. Computer flooring makes wiring changes a snap.*

grounded individually with No. 4 copper wire. The ground system is tied to a ground rod network installed within the base of five 9-meter satellite dishes outside the building.

### Voice and data

Scattered throughout the facility are more than 20 IDF closets. Each IDF is interconnected to the main telephone and data area with 200 pairs of traditional phone lines and eight fibers. The standard communication outlet for each office or other location is four 4-wire telephone jacks and two RJ45 data connectors. The data networks are interconnected using the fiber so there are no data lines in excess of 100 feet. In addition to the voice and data, a dual 750MHz house cable system was installed. We are currently using one of the LANs to carry e-mail/Internet, printer sharing, and two traffic systems.

### All-digital master control

Early in the process we made the decision to use the digital formats where applicable to our clients' requirements. Not all clients wanted to go the digital route. The first full digital master control room is being used by Encore to originate all nine of its movie networks. If you watch Encore, Starz or any of the Encore "Multiplex" channels, such as Mystery or Western, the signals are coming from this digital master control room. All origination from this MCR is done using serial compo-

nent digital with embedded audio.

Construction of this MCR was a challenge. While not a complete "turnkey" job, our partners in construction were Sony Systems Integration Division. We quickly discovered that there were many "digital holes" in the plan. Such things as digital downstream keyers and logo generators were not commonly available. In addition, we created a control system to use DAT for each network's audio voice-overs.

The basic system consists of 55 Sony DVW-A510 digital betacam tape machines, a GVG SMS7000 96 x 96 serial component router, primary and backup Alamar automation systems, Nvision digital audio mixing equipment, nine DAT playback machines, 18 Microvision digital downstream keyer/logo generators, four Chyron Max!> character generators with digital output options and a large assortment of Wohler digital audio VU/monitor amps, Sony digital conversion/demux boards and monitors/scopes.

All tape machines are fed into the router with four channels of embedded audio and the Alamar systems control the router and machines according to nine active playlists. The user bits are used to assure that the right tape gets to the right channel and all active tapes have a second tape synched to the original for backup purposes. The automation system monitors the RS-422 control lines for machine errors and will switch to the backup in the event of an error. Each channel has its own DAT machine that is used for voice-overs and is controlled by the Alamar system with time code. The advantage of the DAT system is twofold. First, we are able to keep all audio digital, and second, instead of the usual pile of analog carts we are all familiar with, we simply have one digital tape per channel per day. The program audio is dipped and voice-over audio is added with Nvision mixer components controlled by Alamar systems.

Downstream keys were added with the Microvision keyers (hot off the assembly line in Great Britain). On the Encore and Starz east/west networks there are three of these keyers. One is used for inserting the logo during the program and the other two are used for inserting live keys of upcoming events and other promotional material live in the MCR. The reasoning behind the stacked keyers is ease of controlling the key and fill video as well as being able to trigger the keys via the automation system.

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control rooms that would be considered traditional with LMS and MC switchers. We also operate a number of non-traditional control rooms. For our clients running longer-length program formats such as movies, we have combined as many as 10 channels out of one control room. All tape playback is fully redundant with backup copies synched to the original. These signals are switched to air with large routing switchers controlled by an automation system with keys put in downstream. Routing switchers are kept individualized between clients to prevent inadvertent airing of another client's material on the wrong channel. This heavy use of automation results in large savings on personnel costs and has proven to be effective and error free.

We are in the process of converting several networks to use disk-based commercial playback. Currently, we have three 3-channel AVID airplay systems installed and are using two single-channel systems to compile off-line. The 3-channel system grows out of the need for full redundancy in these network feeds. Two channels operate in a parallel mode with separate processors and disk buffers fed from a central 12-hour disk archive unit. These two channels provide a primary and backup feed to the air switcher and the third channel is used for inputting new spots.

One example of a busy master control operation is the control room for the new network "TV!" This is a sampler network now available in about six million homes and growing. The concept of the network is to allow basic cable subscribers to sample various upgraded service options at no cost. During the week, the schedule varies to include such premium

services as Disney, Encore and Starz as well as many other services. The complicating factor is the need to switch into and out of up to 16 different networks each day and covering all spots with new ones in the process. Timing must be exact and automated operation is only possible about 50% of the time. Four 4.5 meter C/Ku dishes are used to feed eight frame syncs and audio mixers with source material for this control room. An AVID system supplies the commercial playback. Because of a special ID effect used by "TV!" a 2-channel Grass Valley DPM700 DVE is installed downstream of the air switcher to allow a special effect that keys two live video sources over an animated cube. This effect is done "on the fly" repeatedly throughout the day. A typical daily event schedule for this channel may contain up to 2,200 events.

Traffic for many channels is handled individually with a large Columbine system and our own traffic system, called Savant, was developed primarily for the multichannel pay-per-view movie channels. All of the traffic systems are networked together for maximum operator flexibility.

**Studio and post-production**

We currently operate five on-line edit suites with varying levels of complexity and tape formats. Most of these suites are used for promo production and formatting of program materials. The simplest suite is run by a Grass Valley DPE 241 editor with GVG 110 switcher and DPM 700 DVE, while the largest is a CMX Omni 1000E with Abekas A-83 switcher and three channels of Abekas A-57.

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Dealing with multiple tape formats is a continuing challenge. We currently operate 89 D-3 decks, 72 Digital BetaCam, 43 Beta SP decks, more than 100 high-grade SVHS decks and the ever present 3/4- and 1-inch machines as well as a few D-2 machines. In the post rooms, format is matched to switcher as much as possible. For example a digital BetaCam format suite may contain an Abekas A-83 serial component switcher or a GVG 4000 switcher. A central tape room and dubbing facility allows for dubs from various analog and digital formats without loss of quality. The central facility also contains a large Sony still-store system and a variety of Chyron Inifit! and Abekas A-72 character generators available in all edit suites and studio control rooms.

In the interest of maintaining good functionality, we abandoned the concept of separate tape rooms in edit suites. With the advent of relatively quiet tape machines and the reality that most people do little truly qualitative audio monitoring, we feel that tape machines in the suite are a good idea. Tape machines are mounted in a rolling cabinet that can contain up to six machines. Triple B&W monitors are mounted above the machines in the cabinets, providing menu access to all machines. Our editors enjoy this feature, and it has proven to be a time saver in situations where a large number of tapes must be cycled through the machines in an edit session. In lieu of the usual producer desk located behind the editor, we have simply increased the counter space to the left and right of the primary editor position.

Currently under construction and due for completion in May of 1995 are four new production studios. The smallest is 65 x 40 and the largest is 100 x 80. All studios are built using a 12-inch filled concrete block inner shell with a ceiling consisting of four layers of Sheerock hung with dampeners. Additionally, to prevent the occasional jet noise overhead, we re-enforced the roof deck and placed a layer of 2-inch concrete pavers outside on the surface of the roofing material. This, along with generous acoustic treatments, resulted in an ANSI quietness spec of less than 25dB. Each studio contains a catwalk-type system to support the lighting and support equipment. A new type of semi-resilient flooring is being installed over a leveled concrete surface. It is hoped that this material will solve the traditional problems of studio floors that are either too hard or too soft. The material was originally specified for automated warehouse operations, which are similar in many ways to studio applications.

Each studio is supported by its own control room and all the switchers are Grass Valley 4000-2A digital switchers. A 9-channel Grass Valley Kaleidoscope DVE system is shared between the studios and some edit suites. Cameras are either Sony BVP375 or Ikegami



*The smaller editing suites, like this one, provide clients with enough power to complete the desired tasks in a cost-effective manner. Note the roll-around tape cabinet on the right.*

HK 377 and audio systems are automated Sony 3000 series boards. All mic pre-amps are placed in the studio connection boxes to reduce low-level runs of cables.

### Transmission facilities

Although not considered a primary uplink facility, there are considerable uplink operations within this facility. The dish complement is five 9-meter dishes and six 4 1/2-meter dishes. The 9-meter dishes are used for uplinking several compressed and analog signals. Again redundancy is a key issue. All HPA and transmission systems are fully redundant. Diverse fiber routes interconnect this facility with other local facilities as well as the VYVX network.

### Compression

One of the things that makes a facility like this work is the ability to compress video and audio signals to place multiple signals on transponders. The math on this is easy. For instance, let's say you own a C-band transponder on a prime satellite such as C-3 (F-3). A typical monthly cost for this transponder can run as high as \$200,000. What if you wanted to expand your service or sell space to additional users? Compression is expensive. The Digicypher I equipment we currently use costs about \$750,000 per 6-channel redundant unit. The additional five transponders would have cost you one million a month. As you can see, the hardware is paid for in less than one month.

We use the General Instrument Digicypher I units in both a 4:1 and 6:1 configuration. The units have provided satisfactory results for us

and many high-quality premium movie services are aired using them. Digicypher I is a fully proprietary system not compatible with any known standard such as MPEG-1. When the Digicypher II MPEG-2 compatible systems are available, all units will be converted.

Eighty-four channels of video are compressed and uplinked from this facility. Of these, 72 are for PrimeStar DBS customers while the rest are for traditional cable network signals.

### QC off-air monitoring

The last step in the process is an off-air monitoring facility. We use this area to provide a complete test of all systems from master control to downlink. This area is able to monitor up to 144 channels. Separate monitors with under monitor channel displays line the walls of this glass-enclosed room, but the real work is done within the four computer workstations. All 144 signals are received and the audio and video routed into four routing switchers (one for each workstation). Within each workstation are three powerful PCs with 17-inch touchscreen monitors as well as one analog high-resolution monitor with overlaid scope and audio monitoring equipment. Custom software scans the routing switchers to route every fourth frame of video of each channel into the PCs where they are analyzed for a change in average picture level within a window of both time and level. Audio signals are monitored by the PCs full time. The purpose of the system is to provide an operator with an alarm in the event of black, noise or loss of video on a particular channel. Each touchscreen contains 12 small pictures with

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### Authorization and "HITS"

One thing unique to facilities of this type is the need to provide authorization services for cable systems. Located within the facility is a large computer room that is capable of many thousands of transactions daily. Primarily, this is used to authorize individual cable converters in cable systems that do not have the computer resources to do this themselves. Usually these systems are small operators. The datastreams are transmitted on subcarriers of two satellite transponders that are received by virtually all cable systems. Modems are used to transmit the transaction requests and subsequent billing information back to the cable system.

A new product exclusive to this facility is Head-end In The Sky ("HITS"). This will be the source of the true 500-channel universe we have heard so much about. The basic premise is to transmit compressed video all the way into the consumer's home over existing bandwidth. This facility will begin testing this system this fall using new equipment compatible with MPEG-2. Compressed signals will be uplinked then downlinked at the cable system but, instead of being demodulated and remodulated, they will simply be transcoded and a local datastream added. The result is the ability to increase the number of video signals fed to the home by a large factor (average of 5:1). Therefore, your existing 36-channel system can carry as many as five times that number of channels without an expensive rebuild. In addition to expanded channel capacity, operators will have the benefit of fewer dish needs, since all signals will be available on a single satellite. This product will be available to all cable operators, telecommunications operators, wireless systems and SMATV operators.

### Conclusion

As you can see, this is not what most people in broadcasting would consider to be a typical "cable" facility. Indeed, we do not consider ourselves anything but a full-service network origination and production facility. Remember, all those cable channels have to come from somewhere. ■

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**By Steve Epstein, technical editor**

*Above photo: Some of the computer horse power behind Bell Atlantic's Digital Production Studio. (Photo courtesy of CEI.)*

Not far from the nation's capital, what may be the post facility of the future is evolving. The walls are up, and the gear is in, but everyday the process of getting the job done changes. It's not that those involved don't know what they are doing, on the contrary, most are professionals with many years of experience. The process changes, or more appropriately — evolves — because the tools and procedures used are being refined constantly. The facility is the Digital Production Studio, and it is a crucial piece of Bell Atlantic's Video Services Company.

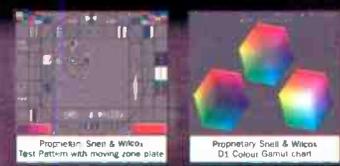
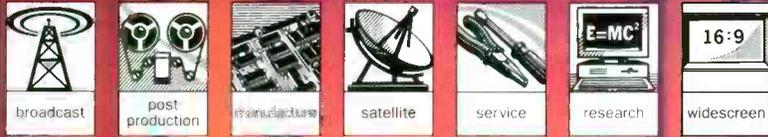
Bell Atlantic is the Regional Bell Operating Company (RBOC) that serves the Northeast. The Video Services Company, located in Reston, VA, was set up by Bell Atlantic to deliver interactive and broadband services to area customers on a trial basis. Unlike many of the video-on-demand (VOD) and video dial-tone (VDT) experiments, the Bell Atlantic system is commercially viable today. The system is designed to deliver interactive video data at 1.5Mb/s over asymmetrical digital subscriber line (ADSL). Because the system is designed to be viable today, it may not offer the flash of other trials. The

set-top decoders cost several hundred rather than several thousand dollars. The basic system is also scalable and extensible. As the inevitable economies of scale bring more horsepower to set-top boxes, the system's throughput can be easily increased, bringing additional services to customers.

Within Bell Atlantic's Video Services Company, there are four main divisions. One, the Digital Service Bureau (DSB) prepares video for interactive delivery. A second division is the Digital Production Studio (DPS), whose mission is to provide interactive video production services. The third, the Operations Center, houses servers and video databases used to provide video and audio information to subscribers. The fourth division markets the service and provides customer service and support. According to plans in place at this writing, the divisions will be split into separate companies by April.

The high-tech facility was designed and built as a turnkey installation by Communications Engineering Inc. (CEI), Newington, VA. The systems are built around extensive computer hardware and software including large-scale file server technology. CEI was responsible for technical design, planning

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*One of the production suites within the DPS used to build interactive productions.*

and documentation as well as installation, testing and operator training on the equipment.

### **The Digital Services Bureau**

The DSB takes standard video programming, movies and syndicated shows and prepares them for delivery. Programs are quality checked and then MPEG encoded. Currently, it takes three hours to encode each hour of original material. Four encoding rooms have been built, and up to seven more can be added when necessary. The current capacity of the rooms is 20,000 minutes per month. With all 11 on-line, it will increase to 50,000. Once encoded, programs are stored on 8mm Exabyte tapes. Later, depending on the air schedule, the encoded versions are downloaded onto the video server for playback to subscribers. Currently, the facility is using MPEG-1 encoding. MPEG-2 will be used in the future as new encoding equipment becomes available.

At present, the equipment complement of the DSB is anything but impressive to anyone familiar with the equipment requirements of a typical network video facility. Less than a dozen tape machines, both analog and digital, a router and four Silicon Graphics towers (see photo on opening page) along with test equipment make up the common equipment area. The encoding suites use off-the-shelf hardware configured in a proprietary manner. What is impressive is how much is being done with this small complement of equipment. The key to this facility's capability is how this small amount

of dedicated equipment is combined with high-speed computer systems. The result is nothing short of amazing. Whenever possible, dedicated equipment has been replaced by specialized software running on powerful computers.

It is also interesting to note that the compression process is accepted as part of the package. Comparisons are not done before and after encoding. Instead, the final compressed product is viewed by a group of regular viewers — not video professionals — to determine its acceptability. For the most part, the comparison is made relative to a cable TV signal in the home. After viewing video delivered over ADSL, I was surprised at the quality. Yes, there were some artifacts, but for the most part, they were negligible and did not affect the viewing experience. Professional video people will discern the artifacts, but the average viewer will not. Rather than being touted as high quality, it was realistically portrayed as being good enough.

The prevailing philosophy is different from the typical broadcast mentality. For one thing, the majority of what takes place happens through software. For example, there are no DVEs in the DPS, but there is DVE software. Because so much of the system is software-based, it can be modified. Having serious programmers on staff doesn't hurt either. As the job parameters change, so can the software. Another difference is the issue of quality. On one hand because the delivery method is ADSL, "good enough" is sufficient. On the other hand, because it is all digital, the signal will not

degrade. Artifacts that exist today will still be there tomorrow, but they won't get any worse, and new ones will not suddenly appear.

Comparing this facility to the DirecTV facility featured last year, the contrast is striking. At DirecTV, there are more than 300 Digital Betacam decks. At the Bell Atlantic facility there are just a handful. DirecTV compresses everything on the fly prior to uplinking. Because of this, compression ratios may vary based on the content of other channels. At Bell Atlantic, everything is compressed once for a 1.5Mb/s data-stream. Picture quality will not vary from one showing to the next as it might with DirecTV. In a sense, DirecTV is built on a parallel model whereas the Bell Atlantic facility is closer to a serial model.

### **Digital Production Studio**

Like the DSB, dedicated hardware exists in the DPS, but for the most part, it's workstations running specialized software. One of the major issues considered when the equipment was specified was related to connectivity. In a real sense, everything is connected to everything else. This has been accomplished by keeping everything in either the serial digital component domain or simply as digital data.

Another key aspect of the DPS is the inter-

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*The key to this facility's capability is how this small amount of dedicated equipment is combined with high-speed computer systems.*

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active nature of everything produced. Almost everything is short form, 15 seconds or less. Much of it is background and icons for menus, other items include still and moving video for interactive shopping. Because of this, few of the standard editing tools are needed. Rendering and compositing packages tend to be the production tool of choice. In addition, authoring software is used to develop the code (programs) needed to navigate through the various on-screen menus required for an interactive service. A significant portion of the work is done using low-tech tools — white boards. Menu hierarchy and decision points necessary to navigate through the system are all first carefully laid out. Once the planning stages are finished, the results are tested. Only after testing

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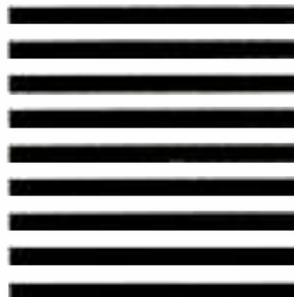
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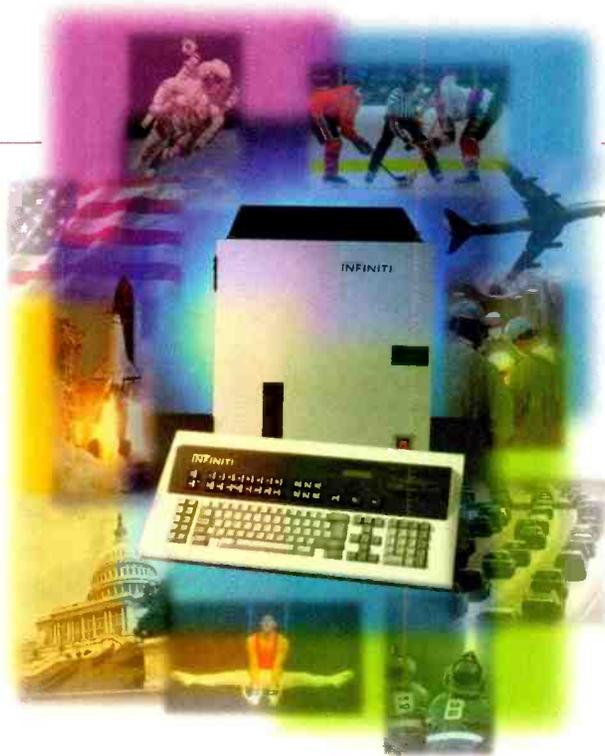


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Finally, there is the operations center, which houses several video servers. Current storage capacity for the on-line servers is 42,000 minutes for programming plus an additional 10,500 minutes that is used to instantly update the system with new programming. This is typically done at the end of the month when old programs are dropped and new ones added. A second server is used for testing new software. Another system for business and operations is used to provide the required interface between the subscriber's set-top box, the video server and the telephone switching network.

When describing the inner workings of the interactive video service, three levels of interfacing software get the job done. The GUI (graphical user interface) is what the customer sees, including the on-screen menus and icons that allow users to navigate through the system.

NUI is the navigational user interface that comprises the necessary code to get users from one area of the interactive system to

another area. By design, navigation is simple; point and click. The idea being that your grandmother can sit down with a remote, and if she can't get where she wants quickly and easily, more work is needed.

The LUI (linking user interface) is how subscriber commands are translated through the system. When a subscriber points and clicks, the relevant information, along with a user profile, goes through the business and operations system where it can be stored and tabulated if desired. Billing information is recorded, and the necessary verifications are made. These verifications ensure that subscribers do not get shows they don't want to see. The upcoming trial period will help resolve the numerous privacy issues that still need to be addressed. Finally, the LUI generates the necessary commands to initiate playback of the request.

### Where to go from here?

Recently, Bell Atlantic received regulatory approval to market its interactive services to area residents. In addition to the interactive services, broadband services are to be delivered over standard technologies (coax or fiber). With the combination of broadband

and interactive services, Bell Atlantic hopes to attract 50% of current cable subscribers away from cable to these new services. Time will tell whether the project is a success or failure, however, there is little doubt that the current facility is on the cutting edge of technology, both in terms of equipment and innovation. ■

## THE DESIGN TEAM

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# Soundwave: digital audio in perfection



*What's worse — outgrowing your old facility or moving to a new one?*

## **The Bottom Line:** \_\_\_\_\_

*Moving into new quarters without shutting down the operation is a frequently encountered obstacle to any production facility's growth. Unexpected delays always come up, and these can disrupt the best-laid plans. Creative solutions allowed this busy audio-post house to make its move with minimal problems.* \_\_\_\_\_ §

**By Jim Bloch**

At its start more than 15 years ago, Soundwave was a typical rock-and-roll studio in Washington, DC. The facility had been retrofitted into a pre-World War II-era apartment building-turned-office space. In 1983, Soundwave began to offer audio post-production services. By 1987, the music recording portion of the business was nearly phased-out — a familiar story. The next and natural step was to add yet more services in the allied disciplines of graphics and video. Soundwave was putting new and extraordinary demands upon the capabilities of the building — old electrical systems and poor air conditioning, to name just a few. The Soundwave staff found itself conducting a growing business in an ergonomic nightmare. By 1993, the company's business goals became too much for the old building. The only alternative involved the M-word: *move*.

After extensive searching, an appropriate space was found in the nearby suburb of Arlington, VA, and a project team was assembled. Several ground plans for the facility were roughed out, with each examined to see if it met the facility's needs technically and ergonomically. The plans

were based on the same basic number of audio, video and graphics rooms in the old space, plus room for expansion. Flexibility was one of the tests applied to the design: Could it be an office today and an off-line or graphics suite tomorrow? Eventually, an agreeable plan was attained.

Next up was examination of the building's mechanical core. This primarily involved air conditioning and power. The project's acoustic and mechanical consultants specified an air unit that would meet the HVAC needs and the noise constraints required. An additional air-conditioning unit would be required for the master control area to cool and humidify the machine core separately.

Power requirements were divided into three classes: 1) general use, 2) office computers (with an isolated ground) and 3) technical power (with full transformer isolation plus spike- and surge-suppression).

## **Making the move**

The design was broken down into major categories: audio, video, graphics, music composition, office space and miscellaneous.

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The facility's Avid on-line and graphics rooms were fairly self-contained so they presented few problems in relocating. They both moved with the same furniture and internal room wiring intact, although their harnesses to the master control had to be redone.

The staff composer's MIDI-based room also moved to the new facility with its existing harness and some slight modification to its cabinetry. This room was back up in about a day.

The bulk of the design and installation work occurred in the facility's four audio rooms. These had to be designed and built with all new equipment because the existing facility's rooms had to remain operational throughout the move to satisfy client needs.

The new plan called for three identical digital workstation rooms and one analog room with an existing NED Post Pro in it. After extensive budget/feature/performance analysis, AMS/Neve Logic 3 consoles with Audiofile Spectra workstations were selected for the DAW rooms. Near-field monitoring (Genelec 1031A) would also be used in all of the control rooms, allowing

simplified acoustic design and acceptable performance for the majority of projects. (The focus of the new facility's design and budget considered the type of work that was done 90% of the time. The additional cost for the other 10% of projects was simply deemed not worthwhile.)

Making the three DAW rooms identical allowed additional design economies, because once choices were made for one room, a simple copy and paste finished out the other two. (Unfortunately, this also applied to any errors or changes required.)

### Interconnection

System interconnection design included audio (digital and analog), video (component and composite), sync reference (black-burst and subcarrier), time code, control, grounding and data.

Operationally, minimal to no patching was desired for normal operation in the audio rooms. This implied the use of extensive normaling. The budget could not accommodate an audio routing system, so standard bantam patchbays were used. All audio paths were normaled first through the master control patchbays and then into the audio control rooms.

Custom panels were fabricated in each recording booth for plugging in microphones and headphones. These included built-in microphone pre-amps and headphone amplifiers (by Benchmark Media Systems), which minimized the amount of mic-level and power-level audio lines required. All audio runs were therefore at analog line level or AES/EBU. A custom-built central DC supply was used to power all pre-amps and headphone amps throughout the facility.

AES/EBU paths were carried on Apogee 110V AES/EBU cable. Patching of digital audio was done via XLR patchbays in master control and in each control room.

All video was run on Belden 8281. Most video decks are housed in master control. Formats include D-2, Betacam, 1-inch Type C, U-matic, VHS and ASC virtual recorders.

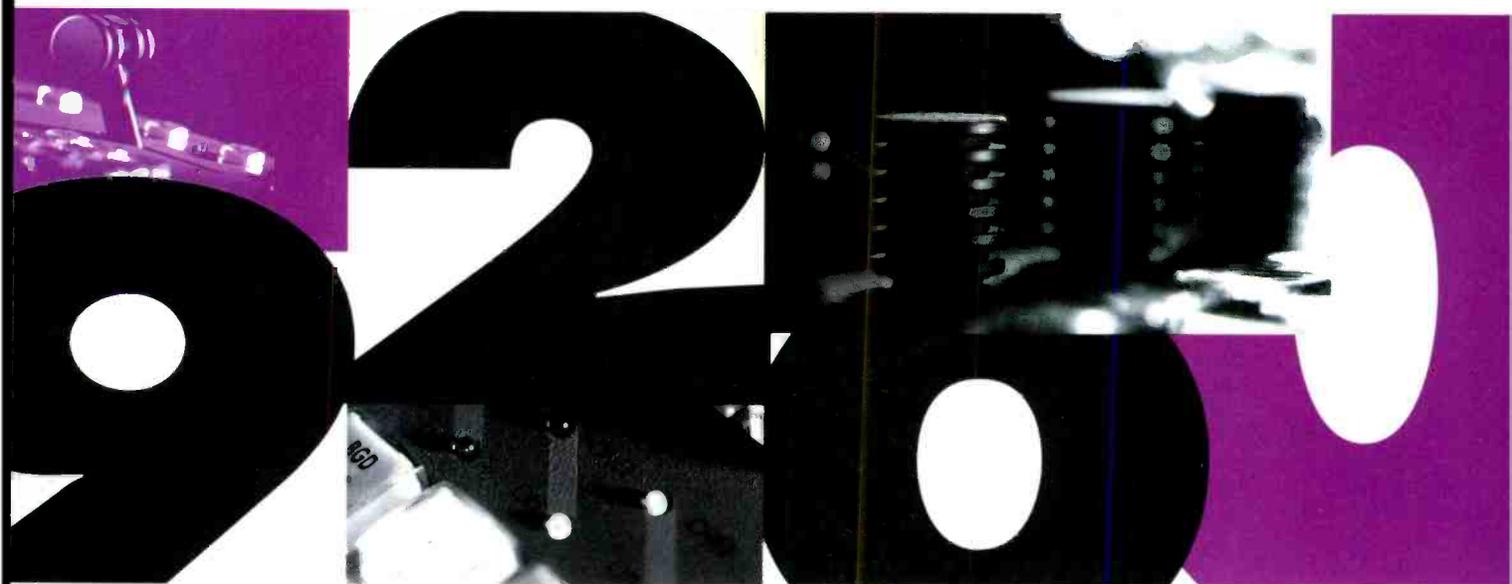
Serial 9-pin was the control standard adopted for the facility. All machine control centralized to an ADC serial patchbay in master control, which provides cost-effective flexibility and expandability via its modular and user-configurable design. Grounding was approached conventionally using a star plan to a central earth point. Telescoping shields were used for the audio runs. All grounding was done with low-gauge copper bus wire for the main star feeds and 1/2-inch braided shield for the equipment chassis runs.

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Soundwave's IDB and EDNET interconnections. The entire facility is wired for level 3 10Base-T LAN. Modem and data lines also star from master control to all control rooms, primarily for clients' use.

### Construction and installation

The construction went as well as could be expected for such detail-demanding work. There had to be someone on site every day checking the progress and details. Because this project was on such a fast track (aren't they all?), the different tradespeople were on top of each other through most of the construction. Permits and inspections created some uncontrollable delays.

To simplify installation and avoid exposing new patchbays to the drywall dust, the audio room racks were pre-wired off site. These rack systems held patchbays and the majority of ancillary

equipment. Everything was wired with connectors and all runs were punched down to the bays. When the new rooms were deemed dust-free, cabinetry was brought in, racks were installed and the main rack harnesses were dressed into the troughing system, back to master control. This saved weeks of on-site installation time.

The final construction hurdle was presented by the sophisticated HVAC system. Prior to its installation, no occupancy permit could be issued, and no equipment could be operated. Naturally, it was late in arriving, caused in part by a tropical storm that stranded the unit on its manufacturer's loading dock in Georgia. It took a pontoon truck to get it on its way. When it arrived, the mechanical installers had to demolish several walls to get it into place. Finally, the process of moving in staff and equipment could begin.

Each Soundwave division — audio, video, graphics and music composition —

came up against its own set of unique challenges during the facility move. In most cases, each group had an adequate amount of time to shut down operations in the old downtown location and power-up in the new suburban facility. The exception to this was the audio division, which was in the unenviable position of trying to keep fully operational through the move. This was necessary to accommodate the weekly network-broadcast schedule of a long-standing client.

The original, over-the-weekend shut-down/start-up plan was scuttled by combination of late county inspections and last-minute client demands, forcing the two facilities to be operated in parallel for more than two weeks. Despite the staff's best efforts to prevent it, some producers became understandably skittish as pieces of equipment and acoustical treatment began to disappear from the old facility. Ultimately, the programs made it to air on time, and the facility transition was completed.

Before and during the move, comments from the clients ranged from, "I can't wait to work in your new place," to "I'll never leave the city to work in Arlington." But the latter group of clients were curious about the new facility, nevertheless. Their curiosity generally led to "trial" sessions, and then to positive reactions. Clients who had sworn off Soundwave before the move began to come back. As a result, virtually the entire client base has moved with the facility to its new and improved home. ■

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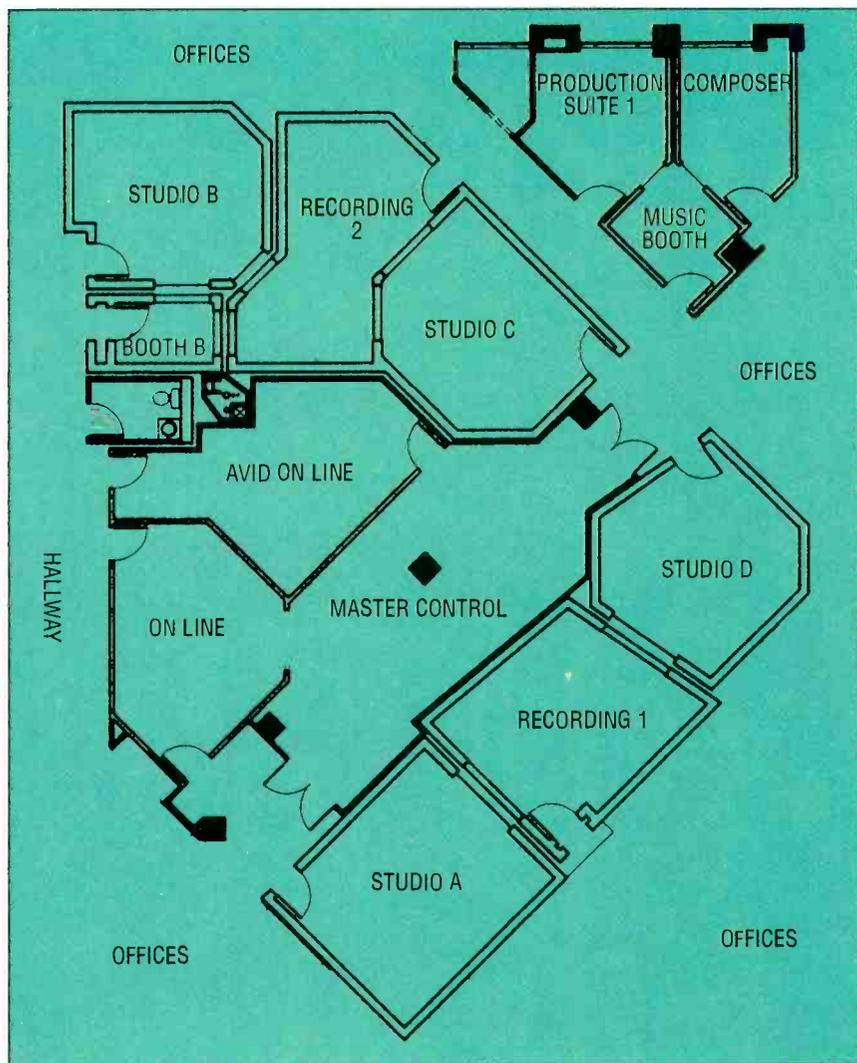


Figure 1. Floor plan of the new Soundwave facility in Arlington, VA.

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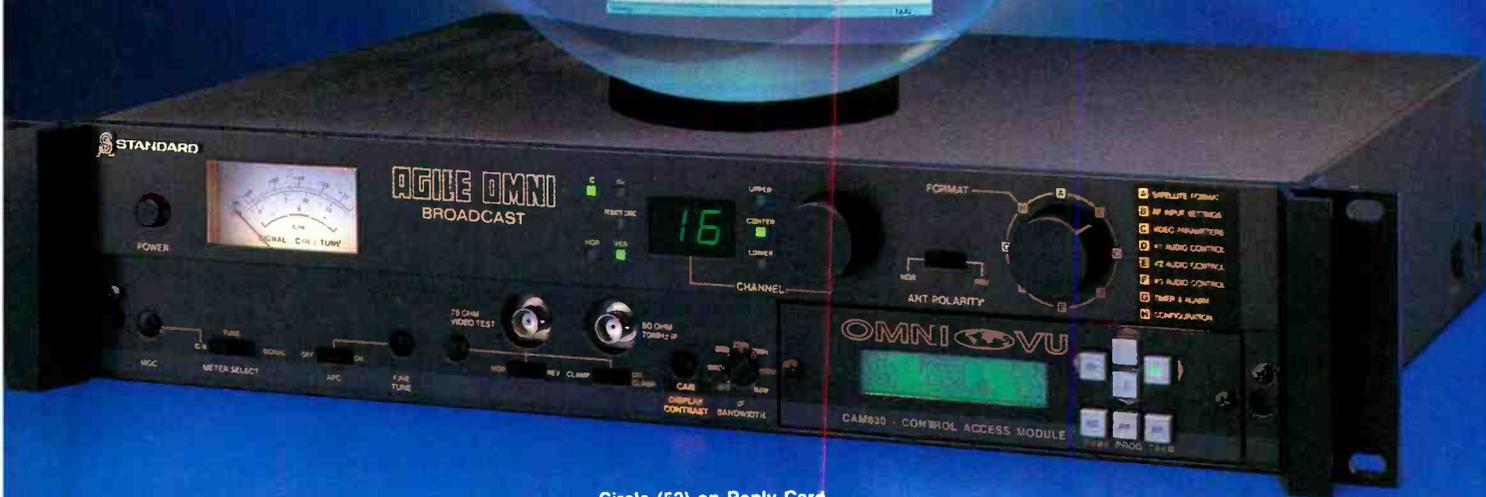
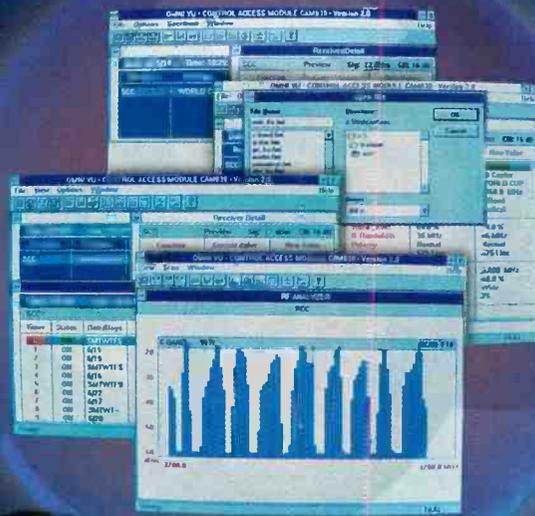
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By Altan Stalker

**H**igh-quality standards, technical excellence and customer satisfaction have made Group W Network Services (GWNS) a leading independent outsourcer of TV facilities and services. GWNS provides a variety of customized production, post-production and transmission services tailored to the needs of its customers, which include all major commercial broadcast networks, leading cable programmers, special-events producers and business networks.

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largest and most sophisticated renovations occurred in 1994.

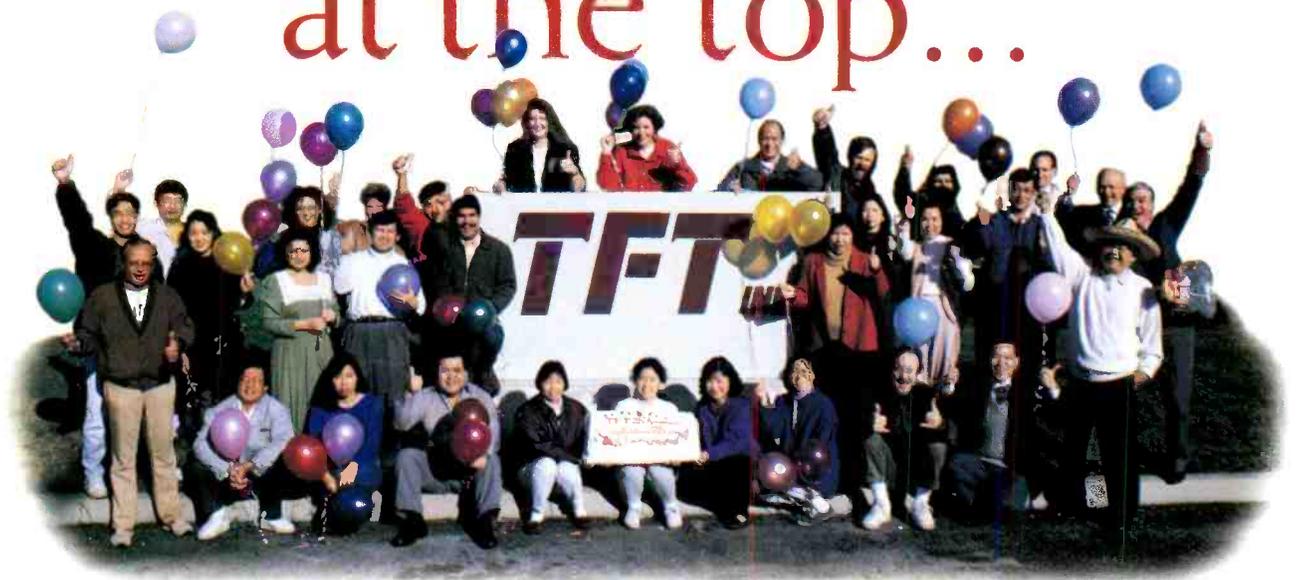
### **Serving new customer demands**

GWNS has had a long history in this business. When CBS became the first commercial broadcast network to change from AT&T landlines to satellite transmission in 1984, it chose Group W to handle the task. Since then, the company has helped launch many of today's leading cable programmers including *The Discovery Channel*, *A&E*, *Lifetime*, *The Travel Channel*, *Home Premiere Network* (which became *Viewer's Choice*), *Request TV* and most recently, *The History Channel*.

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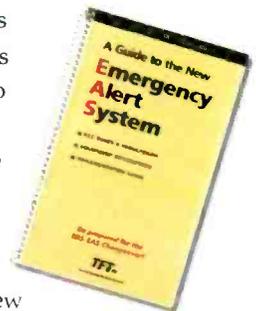
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events master control center, which includes nine 9x9 foot master control rooms. This facility is capable of collecting and disseminating up to eight events (sports matches, concerts and the like) simultaneously. (The ninth room serves as a spare.)

The company's work on special events for pay-per-view channels *Request TV* and *Viewers' Choice* has provided valuable experience in the growing special-events business. In 1994, when the National Football League (NFL) decided to create a special package of events for the direct-to-home subscription market, it chose GWNS as its turnkey provider. As many as 12 regional NFL games are collected each Sunday during the season via downlinks and terrestrial circuits, then promotional and commercial video elements are inserted, and the program (called *NFL Sunday Ticket*) is encrypted and uplinked to the C-band TVRO market. On Saturdays, GWNS provides a similar service for college football to ESPN Enterprises.

The output from each master control is sent to the Glenbrook Earth Station on a Com/Lux fiber-optic transmission system where the signals are encrypted by individual VideoCipher II Plus scrambling systems. The scrambled signals are then uplinked to the appropriate satellites for distribution. Backup links and hardware are always standing by.

All feeds are received on consumer-grade equipment and displayed in a central monitoring area at Harbor Plaza. This area is equipped with TV monitors for all downlinked feeds, descrambling status monitors and phones. An intercom system allows the central monitoring center to be in communication with the technician in each of the master control rooms.

### Helping customers grow

An example of the company's commitment to its clients occurred when *Arts & Entertainment*, which has been a client since 1984, approached



Control room for the pay-per-view service, "Viewer's Choice," one of several cable channels that originates at the GWNS facility.

GWNS about providing similar services for *The History Channel*, its new 24-hour service that launched on Jan. 1, 1995.

*A&E* and *The History Channel* needed separate but integrated control rooms so that they could be managed from a common location yet operate independently. Two contiguous master control rooms — one for *A&E* and one for *The History Channel* — were constructed in addition to four shared rooms: an audio mixing room, a quality-control room, a common tape room and a tape library.

Each of the master control rooms uses a Bosch MCS 2000 master control switcher, a Digicart digital audio cart machine, a

linked signal to check any discrepancies.

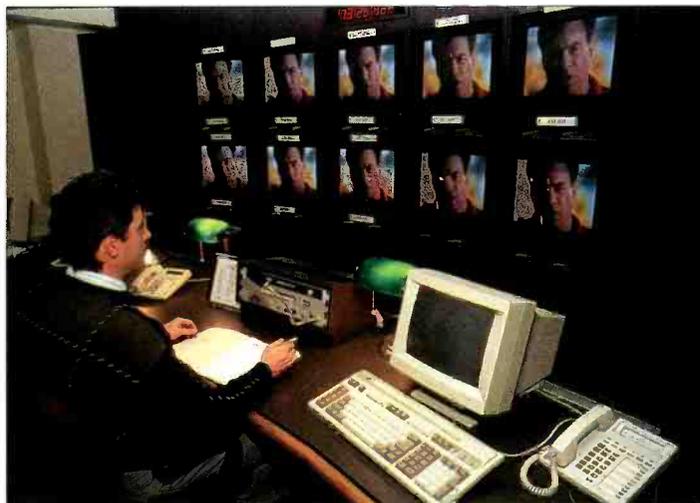
Two Odetics TCS 90 cart machines, each with six Sony Beta decks automate the tape loading and playback process, which involves the insertion of approximately 960 commercials and promotional spots each day for each channel. The backs of the Odetics cart machines are built into a passageway outside of the room. A maintenance technician can open doors on the passageway to gain easy access to the Odetics and its components.

The quality control room, where tapes are checked for quality as well as time and then dubbed, is outfitted with two 1/2-inch tape machines and two 1-inch machines.

A Sony PVE500 editor and a Quanta Delta character generator in an adjacent console allow the technician to add titles and make minor edits in the tapes.

The audio mixing room includes a recording booth for creating voice-overs. The area is equipped with a Ram-sa audio mixer, a SADiE digital audio workstation and two Digicart cart machines, as well as cassette and CD players.

Tucked in a rack room alongside the complex are a BTS TVS/TAS 2000 router, two Orban Optimod-TV audio limiters and all the electronic frames for the various equipment used throughout

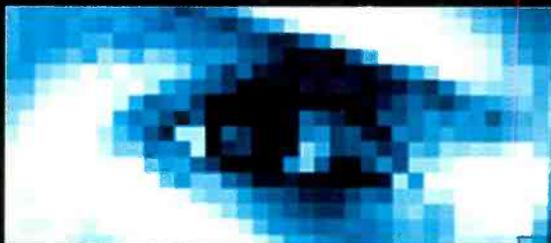


This room monitors the downlink returns from each GWNS control room feed.

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the A&E and *The History Channel* rooms.

### One-stop video shopping

Included in the Harbor Plaza facility are production and editing facilities: a 3-camera production studio, a full-capability on-line post-production edit suite and a graphics suite. A second on-line edit suite is currently under construction. Digital audio and multimedia tape dubbing are also offered at the facility. The facility is aimed toward commercial/entertainment and business/non-entertainment video users.

The two edit suites and the studio can operate independently or as an integrated system. The edit suites and studio share three Philips LDK 9RS cameras and an Abekas A-53D dual-channel digital video system with WARP effects and key channels. Tapes in either D-2, 1-inch, 3/4-inch or

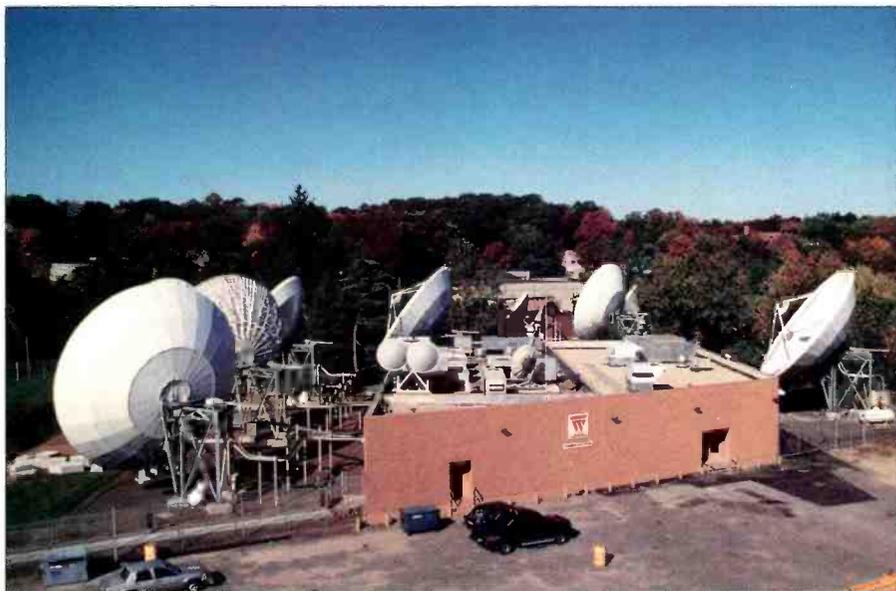
switcher, Sony MPX 3036 audio console, Leitch dual-channel Still File system, Chyron infinit! dual-channel character generator with Transform and five Sony BVW-75SP Betacam recorders.

The edit room is an on-line suite with dedicated D-2, 1-inch and 1/2-inch Beta decks for interformat editing. It includes a Sony BVE-9100 editing system, GVG200-2N production switcher with streamline effects and fully expanded wipe system. Also included is a Quanta Delta SX dual-channel digital character generator. A Graham Patten D/ESAM 800 digital audio console with 48 inputs, 16 channels of digital equalization and full automation is interfaced with the rest of the suite's digital equipment to handle audio sources completely in the digital domain. A Leitch Still File DSF 3100 still-store and a Studer Dyax-

cable and special-events transmission was expanded to allow for two additional operators and more efficient handling of special events and international traffic. A new independent transmission control and customer service desk was constructed to service the growing business TV segment.

The business TV transmission control was designed with a variety of corporate communications uses in mind. Video signals originate from the Harbor Plaza studio or from the client location and are sent

*One client placed fiber throughout its manufacturing facility so that equipment can be demonstrated via its training video network.*



*The recently expanded GWNS Glenbrook Earth Station in Stamford, CT.*

1/2-inch formats can all be accommodated.

The 40 x 45 foot studio is equipped with a 15-foot grid and floor lights, controlled by Strand Century 24-channel, 2-scene, 4-submaster dimmer board and a

is II digital audio workstation complete the suite.

A recent addition to the facility is a non-linear editing suite, featuring an Avid MC-1000 with AVR-27 digitizing software. The system includes multicamera editing software, four channels of audio and 27GB of hard drive storage.

*The two edit suites and the studio can operate independently or as an integrated system.*

CD-80 66-circuit dimmer. A QVT teleprompter system is used in production.

The studio control room is outfitted with a GVG-220-2 video production

### Transmission control center expansion

To provide transmission services to the growing number of special-events producers as well as increased broadcast and cable traffic, GWNS recently doubled the size of its transmission control center at its Glenbrook Earth Station.

Two separate transmission control areas have been established. One for broadcast,

to the earth station via terrestrial fiber-optic link or portable satellite uplink at the client location. One client placed fiber throughout its manufacturing facility and put cameras on the factory floor so that its equipment can be demonstrated via its training video network.

Two new high-power amplifier (HPA) rooms are capable of handling 14 additional HPAs, bringing the total on hand to 38. To serve this expansion, the electrical system for the earth station was also doubled in capacity. It is powered by two 675kVA generators and two 300kVA uninterruptible power supplies.

The combined Harbor Plaza and Glenbrook Earth Station facility is the largest video earth station complex in the United States. It includes 15 satellite antennas: 11 C-band and four Ku-band. Nine antennas are equipped for full uplink and downlink and six are downlink only. The Ku-band system has full international capability, including INTELSAT E-3 certification for the Atlantic Ocean Region.

All critical path equipment is redundant, or can be bypassed, and all facility support systems are backed up. GWNS provides 24-hour, 7-day maintenance staffing and support to all program services and transmission clients. This reliability and the facility's overall flexibility combine with GWNS's dedication to customer satisfaction and its expertise to create a true "video services supermarket" for the TV industry. ■

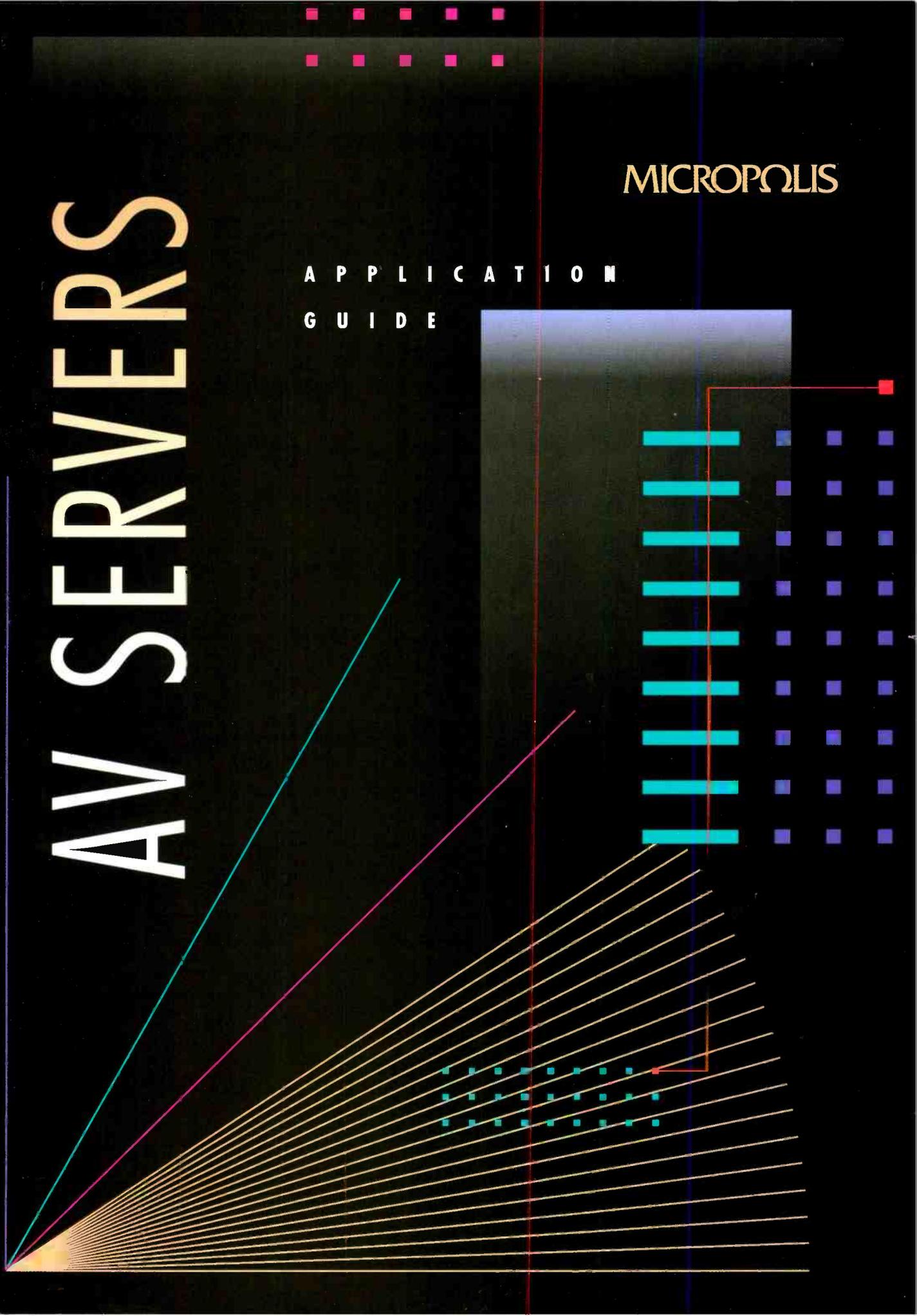
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# AV SERVERS

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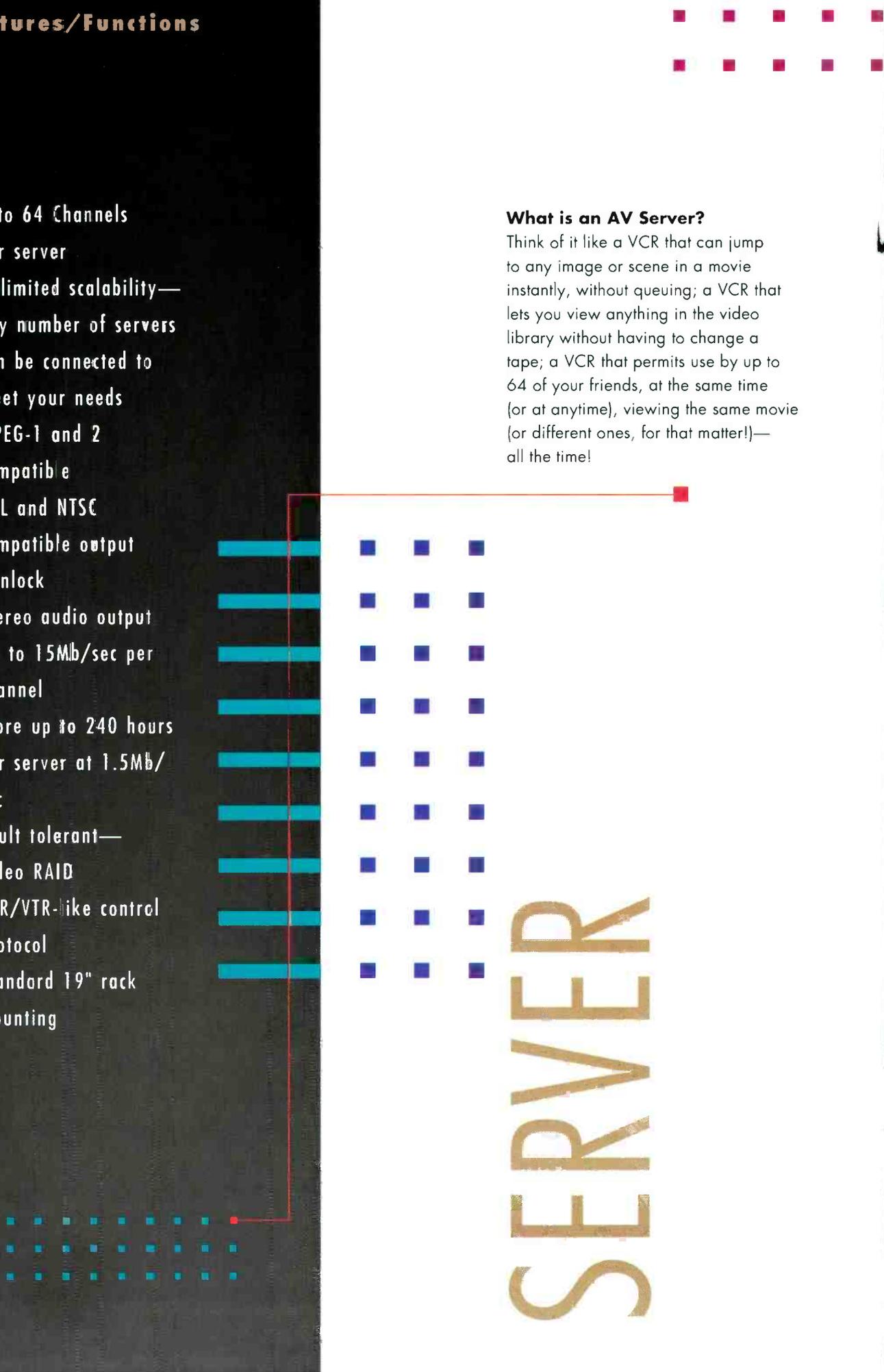


## Features/Functions

- 1 to 64 Channels per server
- Unlimited scalability—any number of servers can be connected to meet your needs
- MPEG-1 and 2 compatible
- PAL and NTSC compatible output
- Genlock
- Stereo audio output
- Up to 15Mb/sec per channel
- Store up to 240 hours per server at 1.5Mb/sec
- Fault tolerant—Video RAID
- VCR/VTR-like control protocol
- Standard 19" rack mounting

### What is an AV Server?

Think of it like a VCR that can jump to any image or scene in a movie instantly, without queuing; a VCR that lets you view anything in the video library without having to change a tape; a VCR that permits use by up to 64 of your friends, at the same time (or at anytime), viewing the same movie (or different ones, for that matter!)—all the time!



# SERVER

# APPLICATIONS



## **HOTELS**

*In-room entertainment. Watch movies, sports, and look for places*

*to go or shows to see; order room service; or go shopping and skip those lines with video-check-out when you're ready to leave. Increase your occupancy and room revenue!*



## **KIOSKS**

*Information at your finger tips. Talking yellow pages and shop in virtual*

*reality; multimedia guides are the future. It's the new advertising medium!*



## **CRUISE SHIPS**

*View ports of call, preview activities and schedules, or learn how to*

*gamble—if you can stay away from the video games. Keep your passengers from threatening a mutiny!*



## **AIRCRAFT**

*On-line entertainment. Tired of looking at someone's head? Out of*

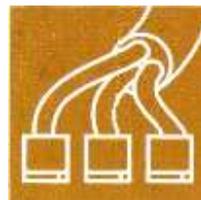
*batteries? Seen the movie three times? Got a credit card? Access on-line entertainment. Get your first- and business-class seats filled!*



## **BROADCAST TV**

*Wondering where you're going to put the next LMS? This is*

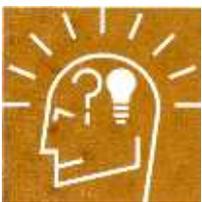
*the video "Cache" for on-air programming, ad-insertion, and net-delays. And it's a lot less expensive—even if you buy another for a spare. Flexibility and economy!*



## **CABLE HEADENDS**

*500 channel ad-insertion with VTRs? Not likely! How about*

*any channel, any ad, any time, one copy. Thinking about Pay-Per-View? How about PPV in the same system. Two systems for the price of one!*



## **TRAINING AND EDUCATION**

*Interactive education—Multimedia enhanced*

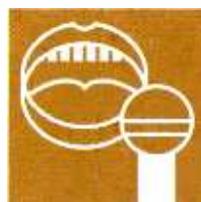
*A teacher with patience. No more boring text books. Get results. Interactive learning on-line!*



## **DESKTOP VIDEO**

*Turn your desktop PC into multi-media client. All you need*

*is a TV tuner-card and video overlay card to turn your desktop PC into a multimedia client capable of handling any video database. From stock listings to weather reports and in between, get it all. Welcome to the future!*

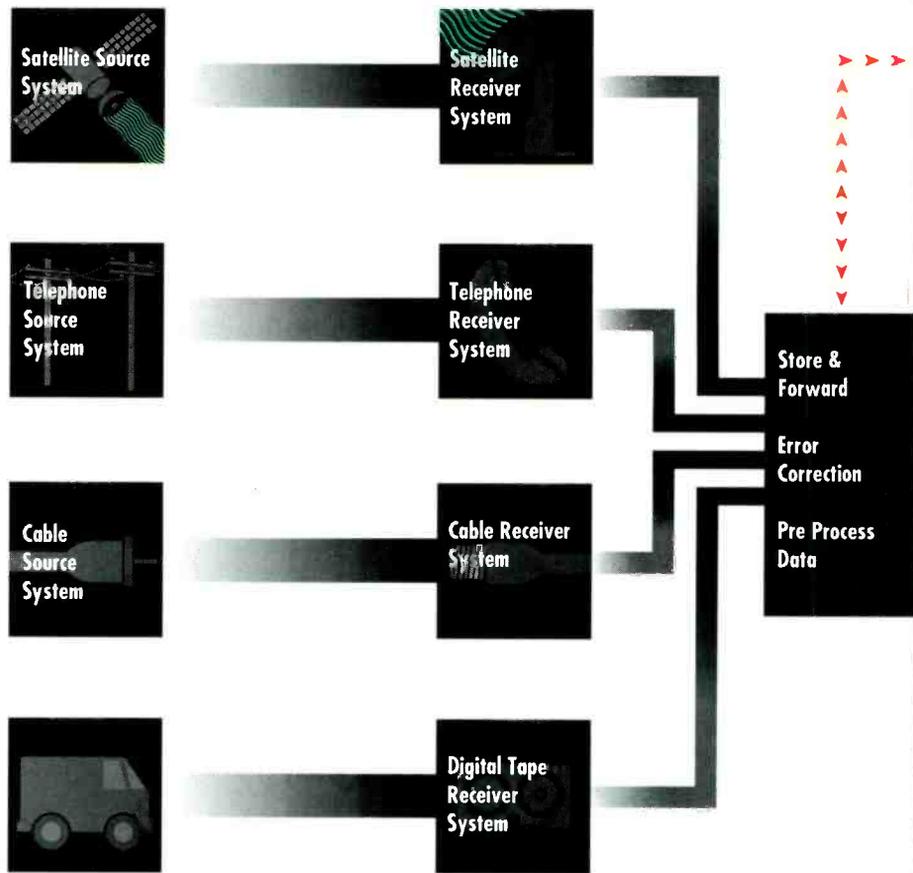


## **KARAOKE**

*Over thousands of video titles available at your finger tips.*

*Any music video, any user, any time, all the time. Skip this, play that, and order a beer without getting up from your seat. Keep your customers and your accountant singing!*

# IMPLEMENTATION



## Content Preparation

*Post-Production:* Video material is edited for video server playback.

*Content Preparation:* Video and audio can be indexed and logged for contextual retrieval.

*MPEG Encoding:* Audio and video is encoded in real-time and a MPEG stream is produced.

*Video File Formatting:* A MPEG stream is required to be interleaved and formatted in the AV Server File Format for playback.

## Transmission/Communication

*Satellite:* Provides single point to multipoint transmission. Allows everyone to be updated with a single transmission.

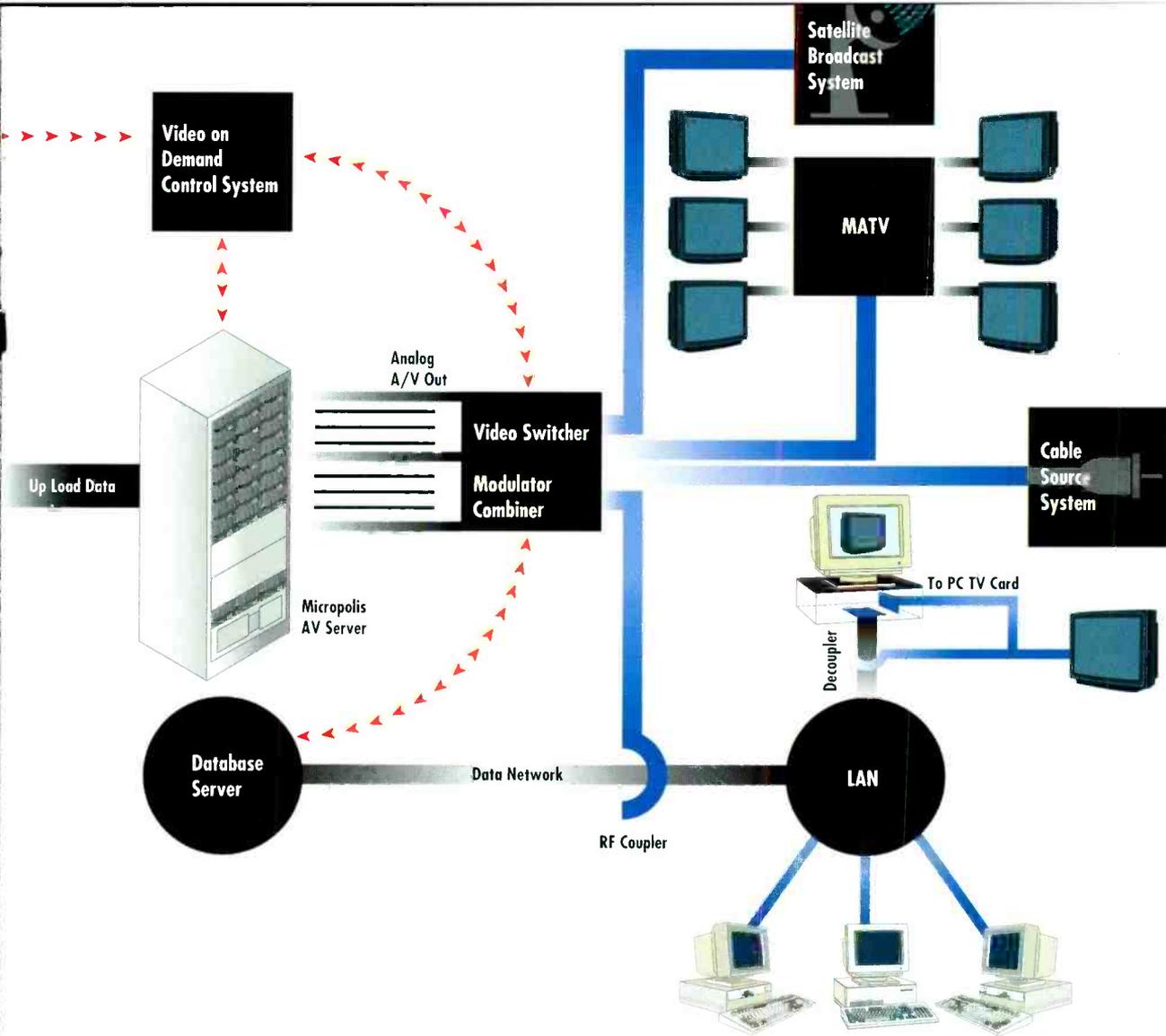
*Telephone:* Allows communication and control of VOD system remotely with limited point to point transmission of data.

*Cable:* Provides single point to multipoint transmission on multiple channels. Allows selective receives.

*Store and Forward:* Provides a holding tank of incoming data which allows reconstruction of data before loading.

*Error Correction:* Provides verification and error correction of incoming data to ensure data integrity

*Upload:* AV Server dynamic load balancing allows fastest possible uploading by using all excess bandwidth.



### Operation & Control Methods

**VOD Control System:** The AV Server responds to high level - VTR/VCR like commands. The Micropolis proprietary communication protocol can be used on RS-232 or TCP/IP over existing LAN.

**AV Server:** The Micropolis AV Server is the heart of the VOD system. It is the video storage and playback engine delivering up to 64 simultaneous user with full random access capabilities.

**Analog AV Out:** The AV Server provides up to 64 of composite video and 64 48KHz stereo audio channel per system.

**Database Server:** A traditional database server can be used to provide contextual information for each video file over existing LAN.

### Distribution Methods

**Video Switcher:** A Crossbar switch can provide mapping of N video sources onto M video output ports.

**Frequency Modulator:** Provides modulation of video signals into VHF or UHF band for use with TVs.

**Combiner:** Aggregates all modulated channels for distribution on a single coax cable.

**MATV:** Transmission system for standard cable RF distribution.

**LAN:** Data network.

**RF Coupler/Decoupler:** Couples and decouples RF from data signals.

**PC TV:** PC-TV Tuner and overlay card provides an RF video feed to a video in a window.

## Introducing the Micropolis AV Server

- It's digital.
- It's random access.
- It's based on Micropolis' patented Video RAID technology.
- It's got MPEG.

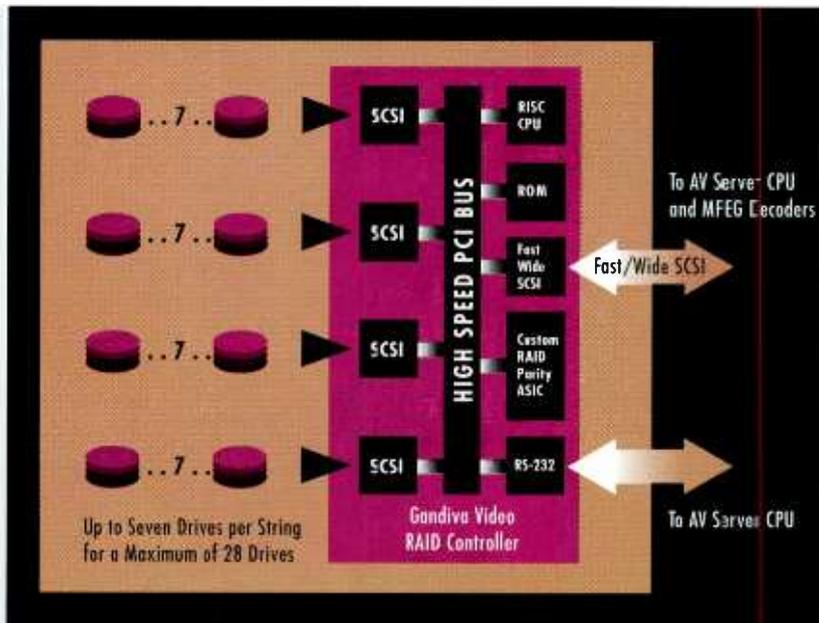
# AV SERVER



*Software  
Architecture*

### AV Server Architecture

The Micropolis AV Server is based on a "Disk Centric" Architecture. The Server uses the CPU only as a file manager, and traffic controller over the Fast-Wide SCSI Data Bus. The data is delivered directly from the RAIDION VOD video RAID storage subsystem to the SCSI based Multi-Channel MPEG Video Decoders. No data is passed through the CPU while playing. The AV Server is designed with fault-tolerance in mind. It is capable of sustaining single drive failures without degradation in performance. Each drive and video decoder board is designed to be easily hot-plug replaceable while the system remains running. Communication with AV Server is provided through RS-232 or with TCP/IP over LAN. Using Micropolis VTR/VCR-like high level communication protocols, controlling the AV Server is as easy as selecting a channel, and a video file for play.

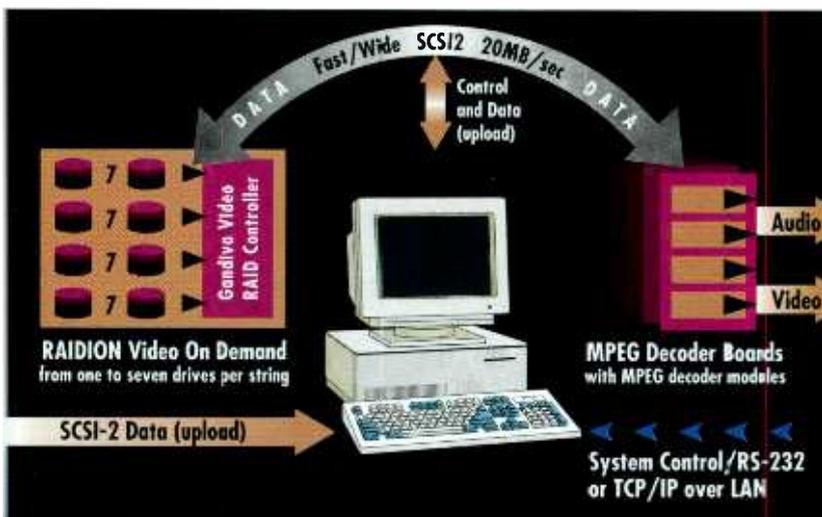


RAIDION VOD System Diagram

The Gandiva™ RAID controller provides parallel transfer of data through four 10 MB/s SCSI buses. The custom parity chip on the controller generates parity "concurrently" guaranteeing video playback on all channels, even with a drive failure.

## RAIDION VOD

The RAIDION VOD is based on the Gandiva Video RAID Controller. It is designed around a 33MHz R3000 RISC processor with one Fast Wide host SCSI bus and four Fast SCSI-2 drive bus on a PCI architecture. At the heart of Gandiva is the Micropolis custom Parity ASIC. The Gandiva is tasked to provide simultaneous random access for all users while maintaining video data rates. Each of the four drive SCSI bus can deliver up to 10MBytes per second with a combined parallel data throughput of 40MBytes. The Gandiva can sustain an aggregate throughput of 17MBytes per second to the Video Decoders while allowing full random access. The RAIDION VOD is capable of connecting up to 28 drives with a maximum of 8 drive arrays; holding a total of 252GB or approximately 240 hours of MPEG-1 video. A patented feature of the RAIDION VOD is "concurrent parity". Provided through the custom ASIC, the RAIDION VOD can sustain a drive failure and still guarantee video playback on all channels.



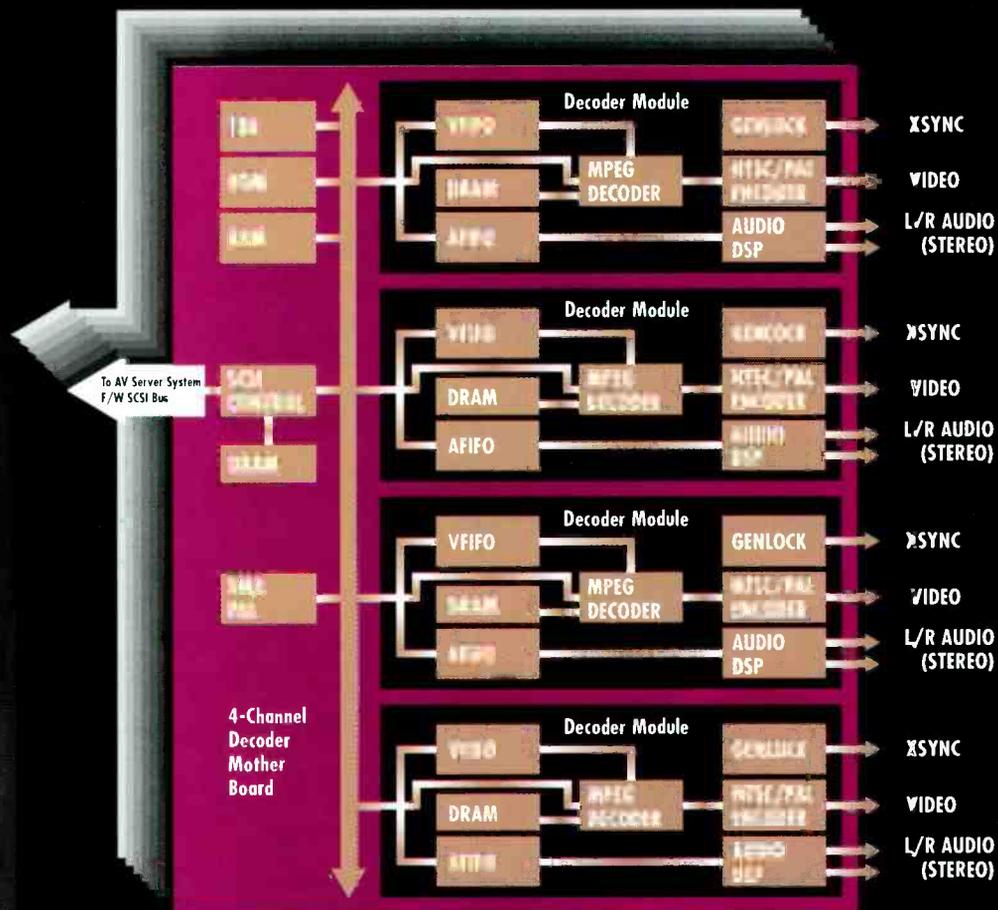
AV Server Diagram

## AV Server CPU

The AV Server CPU is an Intel based 486 PC workstation. It is the heart of the AV Server. Its primary function is to direct user requests to each video decoder board and to manage the data flow over the Fast-Wide SCSI data bus. The AV Server OS/ App is written on top of DOS to take advantage of hardware compatibility, however, all I/O and file management functions are unique to Micropolis. All MPEG data is formatted in the AV Server File Format by the Server CPU before it is stored on the RAIDION VOD.

The Micropolis  
MPEG Decoder

# MPEG DECODER



### Multi-Channel MPEG Video Decoders

Each Micropolis MPEG Video Decoder provides up to four composite and four stereo audio channels. On each Video Decoder Board resides the Micropolis Video Stream Manager running on the onboard 186 CPU. The stream manager controls each of the four video decoder modules on board, and is responsible for real-time delivery of video data to each of the four MPEG decoders. The AV Server CPU provides each Decoder Board video file location on the RAIDION VOD system (for each channel) and Video Stream Manager is then responsible for fetching the data.



## Decoder Specifications

### Decoder Module

Resolutions: SIFF, 1/2 D1, Full 601

Compatibility: Support MPEG-1, 1.5 (CL-950), and 2 (CL-9100) bit streams

Data Rate: 15Mbits/s

### Decoder Motherboard

Data Rate: 6Mbits/s per channel with 4 channels active (higher if fewer channels are active)

Data Rate: 3.5MB/s per motherboard

Features: Trigger Accuracy:  $\pm 360$ ms

### Video Specifications

Output: RS170A Composite

Format: NTSC and PAL software selectable

Features: Full Chroma Genlock with host and reference sync.  
Jitter Margin: 50 ppm

### Audio Specifications

Output: Stereo Audio up to 48 KHz @ 16-bit per channel

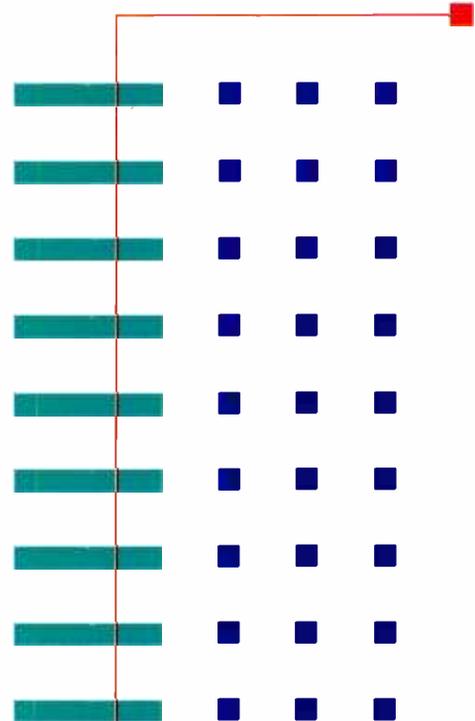
Format: MPEG Layer I

### Connector Mechanical Specifications

Video Output: BNC

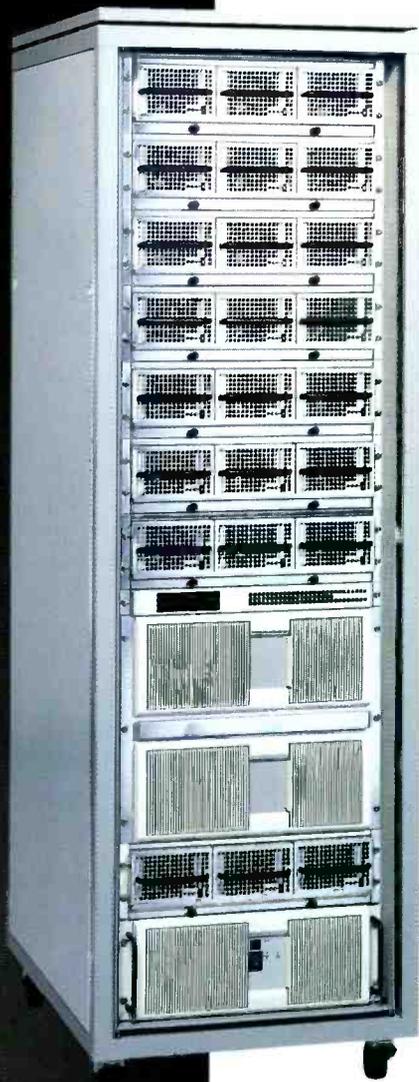
Audio Output: BNC, Left and Right

Genlock: SNB

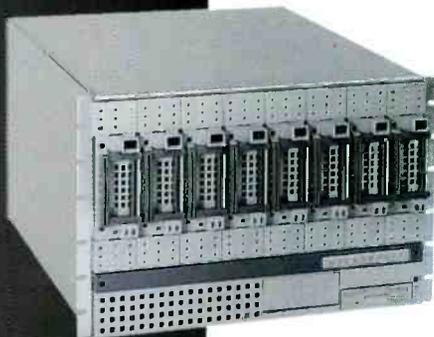


Modular Design

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AV Server 100/200



AV Server 50

**AV Server 200**

- Up to 64 Channels
- Up to 252 GB storage
- Video RAID
- 19" Rack format
- AV Server CPU
- Redundant Power

**AV Server 100**

- Up to 32 Channels
- Up to 252 GB storage
- Video RAID
- 19" Rack format
- AV Server CPU
- Redundant Power

**AV Server 50**

- Up to 16 Channels
- Up to 252 GB storage
- Video RAID
- 19" Sub-rack format
- AV Server CPU
- Redundant Power

## System Specifications

Data	Fast SCSI2	10 MB/s
Control	RS 232; TCP/IP	9600 baud; Token ring, Ethernet

### Video

Output:	RS170A Composite
Format:	NTSC and PAL s/w selectable
Features:	Full Chroma Genlock with host and reference sync.

### Audio

Output:	Stereo audio @ 48KHz per channel
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## Electrical Specifications

### Input

Voltage	120v at 20 amps 240v at 10 amps
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## Components

## Description

### AV SERVER CPU



AV Server 50	16 channels
AV Server 100	32 channels
AV Server 200	64 channels

### VDEC MODULE



MPEG decoder module; resolutions: SIFF, 1/2 D1, CCIR-601, support MPEG-1, 1.5 (CL-950) and 2 bit streams; data rate 1.5 Mb/s to 8 Mb/s sustained

### GANDIVA VOD



19-inch rackmount module contains GANDIVA array controller, power supply and cooling fan

### VDISK 2/4 MODULES



VDISK drive modules; 3 modules per 19" rackmount tray, capacity (per module): 2 or 4 GB, power supply and cooling fan

### VDISK 9



VDISK 9 drive module with one 9 GB 5.25" disk drive, power supply and cooling fan

### DISKRACK 3



19-inch rackmount tray; holds up to eight VDISK 2 or VDISK 4 drive modules

### DISKRACK 9



19-inch rackmount tray; holds up to three RS drive modules

### PCX 486



Optional Intel 486 For satellite link and error correction

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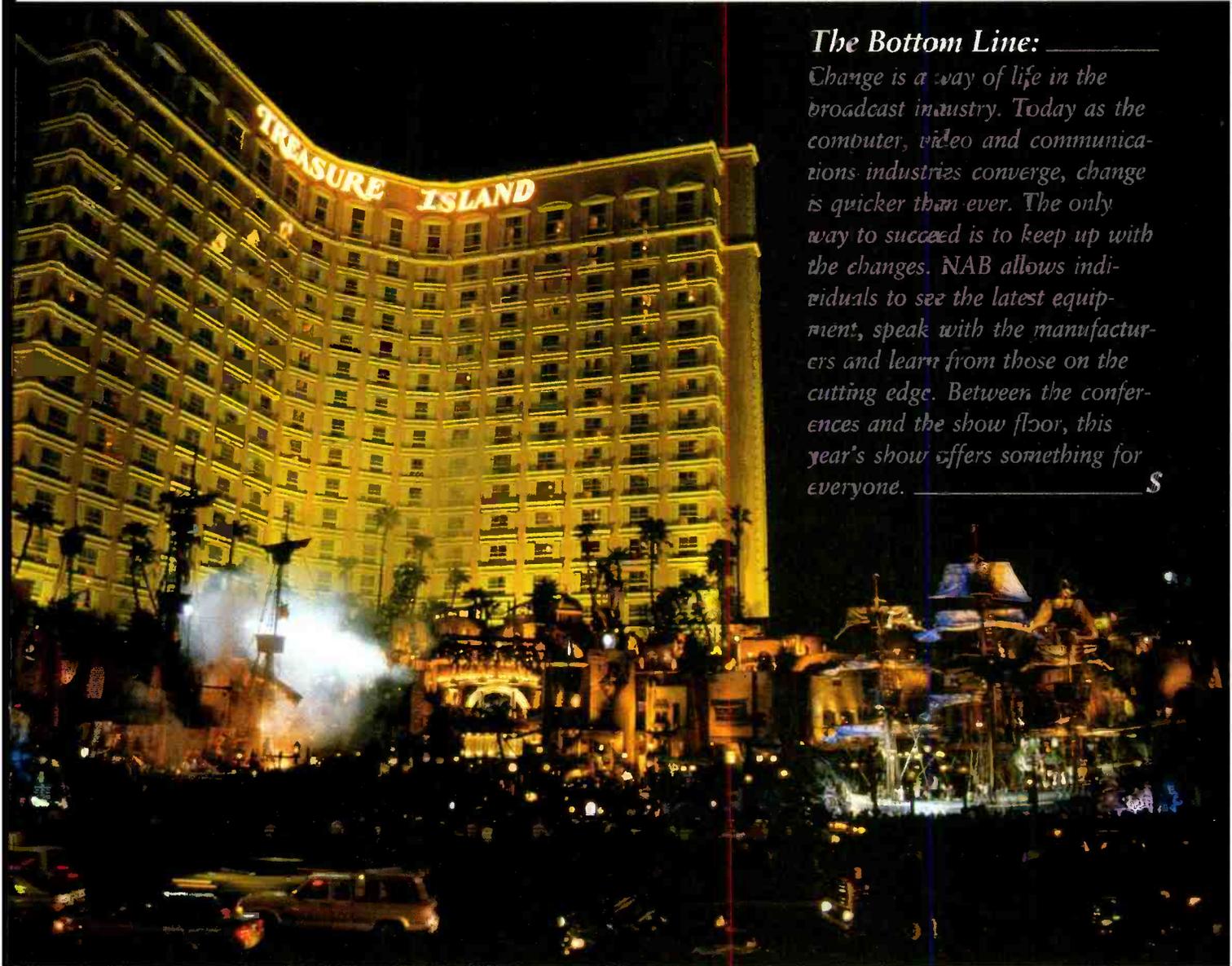
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# NAB conference preview

By Steve Epstein, technical editor

*A help to planning your time carefully.*



## *The Bottom Line:*

*Change is a way of life in the broadcast industry. Today as the computer, video and communications industries converge, change is quicker than ever. The only way to succeed is to keep up with the changes. NAB allows individuals to see the latest equipment, speak with the manufacturers and learn from those on the cutting edge. Between the conferences and the show floor, this year's show offers something for everyone.*

**B**roadcasters, video professionals, and those involved with multimedia will all converge the second week of April in Las Vegas.

The reason is the annual NAB convention, the largest show of its type in the world. This year's show will bring together more than 1,000 exhibitors and more than 70,000 attendees. For the third year, multimedia exhibits and conferences, co-sponsored by the Interactive Multimedia Association will be in the Hilton. New this year and expanding on the HDTV Production Conference will be the Digital TV Production Conference.

This year's exhibits will be spread throughout more than half a million square feet of exhibit space. Also

included this year will be the convention center's south hall. The hall was opened to make room for more than 150 exhibitors on the NAB waiting list. Unlike the other areas, where specific technologies are displayed, the new hall offers technology of all types. Numerous treasures surely await the adventurous who take the time to explore this area.

Three technical seminars are scheduled to start on Saturday April 8. An all-day seminar, "Pixel, Pictures and Perception," will examine similarities and differences between the various imaging technologies. In addition, a morning tutorial on digital video will be offered as will an afternoon session on digital radio.

# Broadcast Engineering Conference

Las Vegas Convention Center, Las Vegas, Nevada

Saturday, April 8 - Thursday, April 13

Gain an insider's perspective on the newest technologies, systems and products for radio and TV in the most comprehensive broadcast engineering conference in the world. You'll explore advances in digital technology, data broadcasting, satellite and auxiliary systems, post-production and more.

	Sat. 4/8	Sun. 4/9	Mon. 4/10	Tues. 4/11	Wed. 4/12	Thurs. 4/13
<b>MORNING</b>	<b>Special Technical Seminars</b>  <b>9:00 am-</b> Digital Video Made Easy  Pixel, Pictures & Perception: The Differences and Similarities Between Computer Imagery, Film & Video -- Part I	<b>9:00 am-</b> Keynote: FCC Commissioner James H. Quello  <b>9:30 am-</b> Advanced TV Technology -- Part I	----- NAB '95 Exhibits Open -----			
			<b>10:30 am-</b> TV Data Broadcasting: Technology Development	<b>9:30 am-</b> Tapeless Video Production: The Evolution  Digital Audio Encoding: Concepts and Realities	<b>9:00 am-</b> Audio and Video Testing: New Technologies  Technical Regulatory Issues: Radio & TV -- Part I	<b>9:00 am-</b> Television RF Workshop: Maintaining the Signal
<b>AFTERNOON</b>	<b>Special Technical Seminars</b>  <b>1:00 pm-</b> Pixel, Pictures & Perception: The Differences and Similarities Between Computer Imagery, Film & Video -- Part II	<b>1:00 pm-</b> Advanced Television Technology -- Part II	<b>1:00 pm-</b> Television On-Line: Interactivity and the New Media  Computer Technology for Broadcast Support: BBSs, LANs, WANs and the Internet	<b>1:00 pm-</b> Designing the All-Digital Video Facility: Broadcast and Production	<b>12:30 pm-</b> Engineering Awards Luncheon  <b>2:00 pm-</b> Digital Video: Maintaining the Image  Technical Regulatory Issues: Radio & TV -- Part II  <b>6:00 pm-</b> Ham Operators Reception	

## Broadcast engineering conference highlights

Starting at 9:00 on Sunday morning, FCC commissioner James H. Quello will give the keynote address. Following that will be two technical sessions on advanced television technology. The first is sched-

*Also included this year will be the convention center's south hall.*

uled to start at 9:30, the other at noon. These sessions will cover the current status of HDTV, the regulatory issues surrounding it and numerous technical issues involved with the transition from NTSC to HDTV.

Monday morning starts off with a look at

TV data broadcasting, followed by sessions addressing on-line interactivity for networks and local stations. Another afternoon session will look at how computer technology such as BBSs, LANs and even the Internet can be used to interact with viewers and streamline station operations.

On Tuesday, the morning starts out with a pair of sessions; one on tapeless video production, the other on encoding (compressing) digital audio. In the afternoon, attendees can delve into designing all-digital broadcast and post-production facilities.

The morning sessions that will be held Wednesday look into the realities of testing audio and video equipment and the technical regulatory issues facing broadcasters. The Engineering Awards Luncheon follows at 12:30 with Lewis Platt, chairman/CEO of Hewlett Packard as the featured speaker. The afternoon sessions will focus on digital video and regulatory issues. The

traditional Ham Operators Reception will round off the evening at 6:00.

On the last day of the conference, sessions will take place only in the morning. For television engineers, a workshop will focus on RF. Throughout the convention, sessions will also be taking place on management and multimedia. For those wishing to expand their horizons, these sessions are an excellent way of becoming familiar with new areas of responsibility. Just like conventions of the past, there is far more to do and see than there is time. Plan your time carefully to get the most out NAB '95! ■

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Finding the products you need at a convention as large as NAB is difficult at best. First, the companies are not arranged by product type, but by a seniority and size process. Second, because many companies offer a variety of products and services, it would be impossible to group them by product category.

Finally, most of us don't have time to visit all the booths just to find that perfect piece of equipment, even if we knew what products every company was exhibiting.

Recognizing this, the *BE* editors devised a better plan. The result is the *BE FASTtrack*.

## Shortcut

The *BE FASTtrack* provides you with a shortcut to locating the companies that provide the products and services you are looking for. Instead of arranging companies by name in alphabetical order, the *BE FASTtrack* groups companies first by product type, then by booth number.

The result is a list of all companies providing

products and services in any of 40 categories, broken down by booth number. This allows you to select the type of product needed and immediately know what companies provide that type of product.

Then, using the *BE FASTtrack* listing, you can take the shortest path between booths. The result should be a more efficient use of your time. The time saved can be used to see more equipment or, if no one is looking, relax and enjoy the other attractions Las Vegas has to offer.

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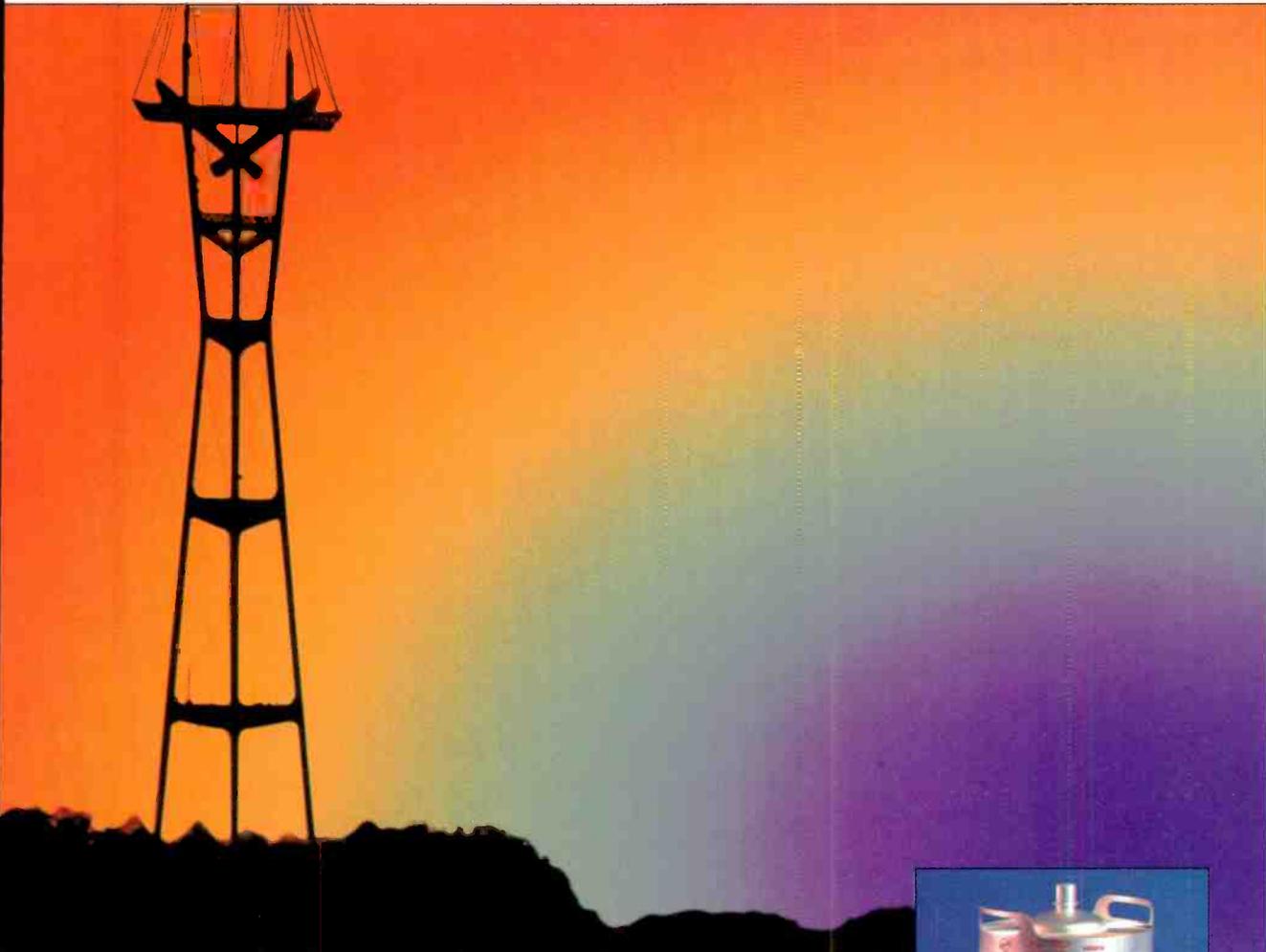
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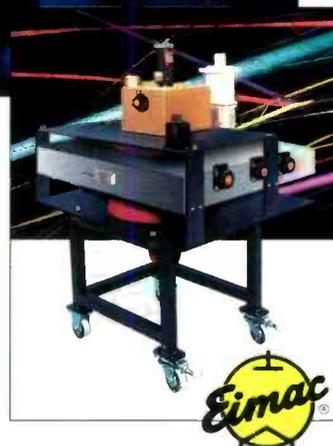
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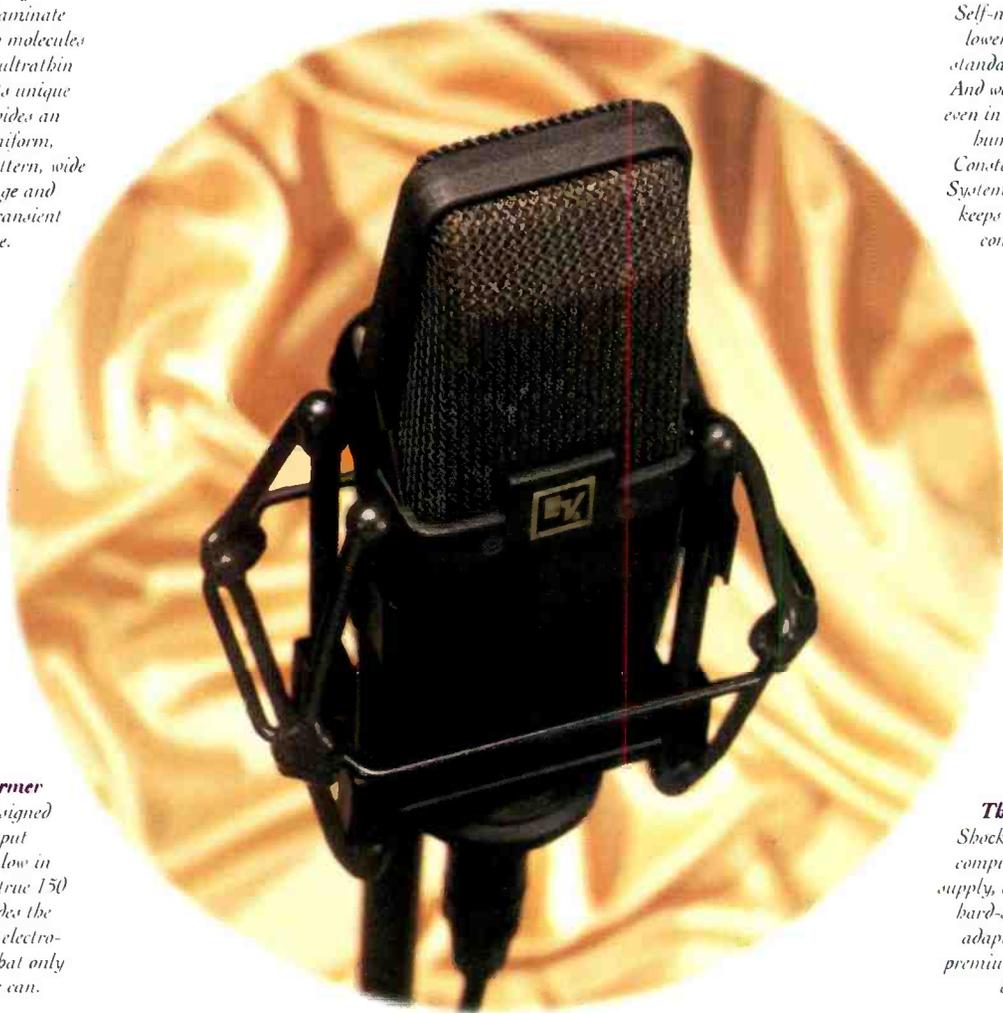
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## Making Right Choices

The benefits of component digital technology are now well established, more and more broadcasters, cablecasters, post houses and facilities are moving over to serial. Sound advice on what to use and implementation comes from experience and technical expertise. Dealing with a 270Mb/s signal is quite different to a 5 MHz carrier. One of the foremost innovators in this area is Leitch, who has been designing and manufacturing serial products since the beginning of serial technology. Close working relationships with users have enabled the company to develop products and arrive at solutions geared to a wide range of applications.

Broadly grouped under the title *Digital Glue*, Leitch offers an enormous range of interfaces, converters, synchronizers, routing and signal distribution products, typically everything found at the core of technical installation. The DigiBus product line epitomizes the approach taken by the company to centralized functionality, as a single system can accommodate decoders, synchronizers, encoders, format converters and audio processing functions all operating together under an integrated control system. This is the industry's first achievement in 'open architecture' hardware where groups of modules replace traditional racks of equipment, saving space and power and simplifying installation. An interesting application of this is at WTTG-TV in Washington DC.

### Analog or Digital?

WTTG is believed to be the first Fox affiliate to 'go digital'. Weighing up the balance between a new analog installation and digital was initially a risky thing. It became apparent as time went on that serial digital technology was becoming more available and affordable.

Discussions with various manufacturers revealed that the future of signal distribution

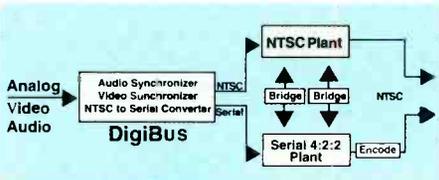
is serial 4:2:2. With this in mind, when the 'go' button was pressed, WTTG confidently stepped forward into the digital world. The tough decisions were not which choice of switcher or CG, but how to equip the technical infrastructure, particularly as they would need to transition to digital over a period of time. It was important to choose suppliers who could cover the bases, minimize any potential interfacing and signal conversion issues.

Leitch was selected because they met the criteria and, amongst their products, the DigiBus system provided an efficient way to 'bridge' between analog and digital. Their particular problem was to take NTSC feeds, together with analog audio, into and out of a serial island.

### "Digital bridges were the key..."

The DigiBus system provided an integrated platform where multiple decoders, video synchronizers and audio synchronizers all operate together and under a common control system. As the facility gradually replaces its old analog equipment then the DigiBus system can be equipped with additional modular products and so the technical infrastructure migrates effortlessly to its serial future.

WTTG's confidence in Leitch was backed up across the board with digital encoders, distribution amplifiers, monitoring encoders, totaling over \$400,000.



### WTTG-TV facility in Washington, DC

Earlier this year, Arnold Palmer opened the new Golf Channel with all the razzmatazz of a new station. Broadcasting 24 hours a day, means that golf lovers will now have to decide whether to watch TV or go out and shoot birdies. This channel has made a few good scores of its own. It's one of America's first all digital stations and was on the air in record time. Leitch tied it all together as a main supplier of terminal equipment, at the core of the station.

"Leitch was chosen because of its reputation for quality equipment and commitment to customer service."

Typical of the switch to digital is ABC in New York, who built a new component digital graphics suite using *Digital Glue* to interface

with its existing NTSC plant. This was one of the first U.S. installations of Leitch's NTSC to 4:2:2 decoder, which ABC is using to convert NTSC signals between their plant router and the 4:2:2 suite. ABC, like many other users, such as Editel, Turner Broadcasting, and The Family Channel have turned to Leitch for solutions to their digital installations.

### ...serial "was surprisingly easy to install..." - HGTV

On March 30, 1995, the ribbon will be cut on Home and Garden's new facility. HGTV is making its mark not just by its popular programming, but by setting new standards for program production.

By choosing a serial digital infrastructure, HGTV made a significant decision to take advantage of the very latest technology. Although editing, graphics, and network origination are serial components, HGTV still receives and transmits analog NTSC signals. Leitch was chosen as a major equipment supplier because of its "very solid reputation for reliability" as well as its capability to deliver key core equipment. For the short term the cablecaster will be mixed format, analog and digital. Commenting on their experiences, HGTV said that serial was, "surprisingly easy to install and maintain, it even simplified our production process." HGTV is very much a leader in its decision and Leitch was delighted to be associated with this successful project.

With so many installations complete, the issue amongst users is how to analyze and verify digital signals in service. The preferred methods with engineers is EDH techniques (Error Detection and Handling). Once again, Leitch is playing a major part in the implementation of this new technology and is working with users on in-field testing. We will be talking about this subject in more detail in the future. Meanwhile, for more information on serial digital technology, *Digital Glue* products, EDH, or would just like to talk to Leitch about installing serial digital systems, call any of the numbers below:

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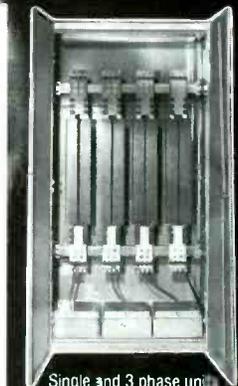
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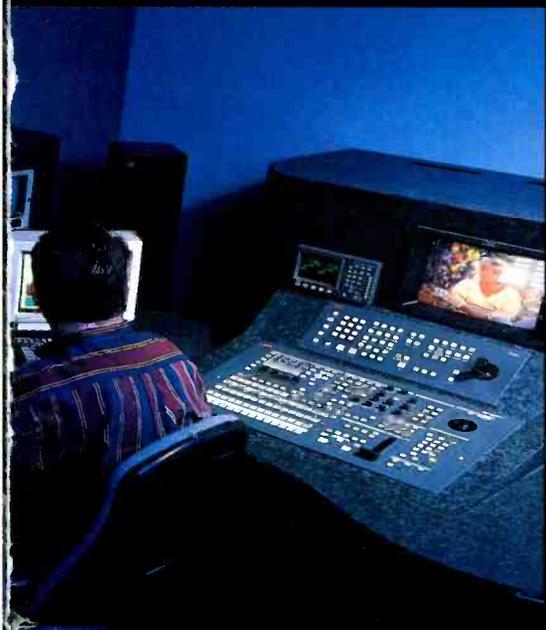
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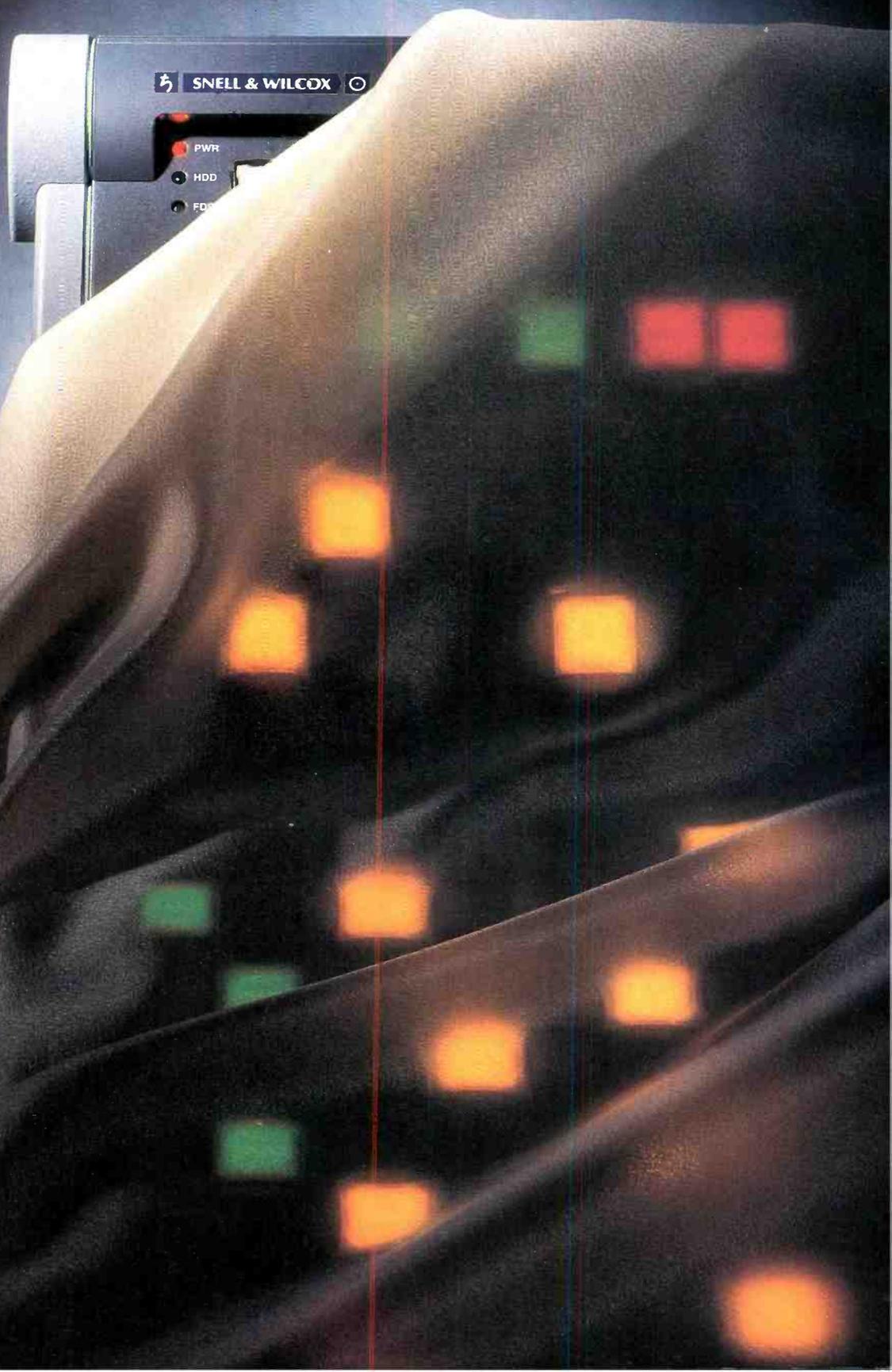
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## Digital Switcher - Analog Price



### **DVS1000** **Component Digital** **Switcher & Router**

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The DVS1000 accepts 8 SDI component inputs and has 4:2:2, 10-bit processing throughout. As the unit is entirely digital, it allows maximum performance to be obtained from today's 10-bit DVTRs.

It offers an optional downstream keyer, with external key and fill, and is also available in 16:9 aspect ratio.

This is a serious switcher in a small box.

## Dual Channel Effects - Single Channel Price



Extended control panel



Standard control panel

### **Magus** Digital Video Effects

Magus is a high quality 3D digital effects system, whose unique architecture enables the cost-effective single-channel production of many popular effects previously only available on dual channel DVEs (see overleaf)

The system is modular in concept, going from a 3D digital effects frame-store up to a multi-channel system, with the option of digital component layering mixer, with wipe and transparency.

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## Applications

### DVS1000

#### Component Digital Switcher & Router

- Digital quality without the price penalty
- Designed for telecine, 3D animation, graphics, special projects and simple edit applications in broadcast and post-production



telecine



post-production



broadcast



satellite



editing



graphics



16:9

- Eight channel switcher, providing 8x4 serial digital routing matrix
- Downstream keyer option with external key and fill
- Maintains 4:2:2 signal path
- Eight serial inputs of 4:2:2 video processed to full 10-bit resolution
- Multiple wipes with variable edge softness. Auto transitions, internal black and background generators
- Six integral switching busses, four output busses. External control from editor
- 525/625 Switchable
- Available in 4:3 or 16:9 aspect ratio

## Applications

### Magus

#### Digital Video Effects

- 3D effects with perspective
- Dual image effects on single channel
- Warp effects as standard
- Live, still or matte backgrounds
- High quality filtering and interpolation
- Dynamic Rounding™\*
- Still store capability
- False color, quantization, pixelation and defocus which can all be manipulated within the picture
- Linear keying throughout
- Sophisticated trails and sparkles
- Extensive ripple controls
- Lighting and shading effects
- Corner positioning
- Variable strobe with motion blur effect
- GPI and serial protocol interfaces
- Selectable 4:3 or 16:9



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16:9

#### Examples of Magus single channel effects\*\*



Dual source, double-sided pageturn



Push on / push off with widescreen



True 3D with intersecting planes



Warp with drop shadow over internally generated background



Circular ripples with lighting

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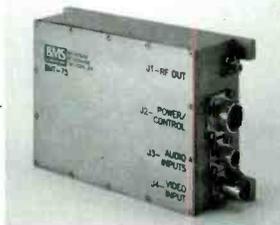
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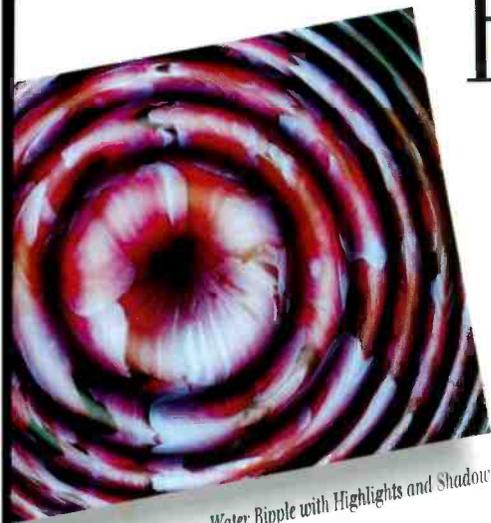
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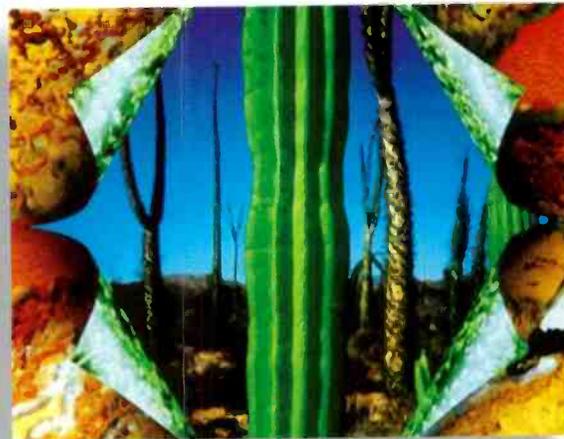


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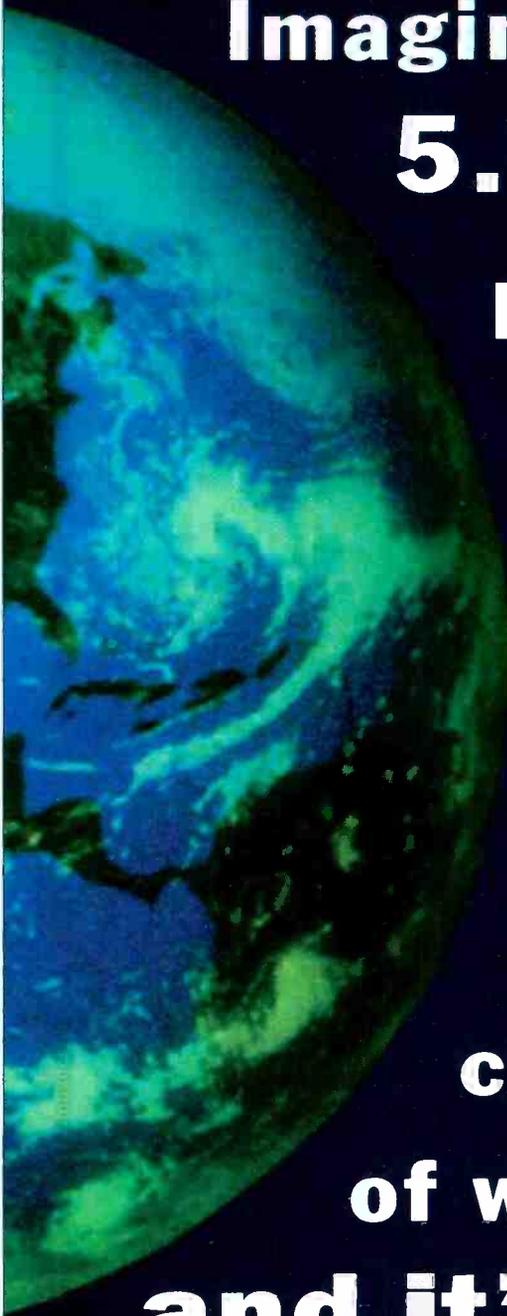


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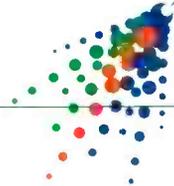
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# Exhibitor Highlights

A comprehensive listing by company of product introductions for the 1995 NAB Convention.

Once again, Las Vegas calls us for the annual NAB Convention. It's time to get ready for the daily exhibit floor walkabout. There's nothing more thrilling than exploring hundreds of exhibits demonstrating the latest technology. It can also be overwhelming and exhausting wandering around in that massive exhibit hall trying to locate the booths you want to see.

Well, **BE's Exhibitor Highlights** is your tour guide. Use it to pinpoint the companies you want to explore. The *Exhibi-*

*tor Highlights* is a preview of products and services to be shown on the convention floor.

Booth numbers are based on information provided by NAB as of Feb. 1, 1995. An M in front of a booth number indicates that the company is exhibiting in the multimedia exhibit.

## FASTtrack

If you are looking for a specific type of product, use the **BE FASTtrack** listing, which begins on p. 84. It provides you with

a list of companies and booth numbers, based on booth location. Following the route in the *FASTtrack* will shorten your trek to finding the products you need.

## New exhibit area

S-6 is a newly opened exhibit hall. Any late additions for the main and multimedia hall will be listed in the S-6 Hall listings that begin on p. 182. See the map on p. 184 and 185.

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### AAVS/Sencore 19623

Introducing DSA309 digital video studio analyzer.

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### ABC Digital/Australian Broadcasting 5627

Digital audio recording products.

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### Abekas Video Systems 11853

Introducing Texas character generator provides, six attributes per character, Postscript Level II interpreter, imports TIFF graphics; Clipstore scalable server for stills, full-motion audio/video clips; Diskun real-time, 10-bit disk recorder, 30s or 60s of CCIR-601 recording capacity; Hexus multichannel, multi-user recorder with six record/playback channels available to four users; ASWR8100 component digital switcher; AS7/51 digital special effects system; A83 component digital switcher.

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### Accom 15766

Introducing ELSET virtual 3-D environment, allows cameras to zoom, pan, enabling presenters to walk around computer-generated 3-D backgrounds; WSD/XL 62s digital video disk recorder; Brontostore video server; Axial 2010 on-line editor; RAVE Random Access Visual Editing; RTD disk recorder.

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### Accu-Weather 19205-8

UltraGraphix-32 weather system with Virtual Weather Flythrough using Pentium PC; Front Door 7000 for high-speed, dial-up, real-time satellite and NEXRAD images, maps, features; NEXRAD Storm Tracker severe weather forecast graphics; FirstWarn automatically generates crawls and graphics from NOAA weather line; Meteorology School educational program; Ray-Ban UV Index.

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### Acoustic Systems 13417

Announcer facilities, voice-over booth.

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### Acoustical Solutions 13419

Acoustic treatments including AlphaSorb wall panels and hanging baffles; Audio Seal sound barrier; modular recording booth, 4'x3'4"x6'6."

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### Acrodyne Industries 13821

Introducing TRU/60KD Diacode-equipped 40-60KW UHF transmitter; TLU/100E 100W, TLU/1KE 1kW, TLU/1KE 2kW solid-state LPTV UHF transmitters; TRU/1K 1kW, TRU/2K 2kW, TRU/5K, TRU/10K solid-state UHF transmitters.

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### Adams-Smith 3613

Augan digital audio workstations.

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### ADC Telecommunications 19935

Signal distribution products, LightSwitch fiber/coax digital routers and video converters; "true 75Ω" BNC connector family; S-8 RS-422 patchbay.

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### ADCOM 16804

NIGHT Suite D-1 non-linear video production system.

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### Adda Technologies M 315

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### ADM Systems 17836

Audio mixing consoles.

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### Adobe Systems M1609

Adobe Premiere 4.0 for Macintosh and Windows.

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### Adrienne Electronics 13640-740

Introducing AEC-Box 30G serial LTC data inserter with LTC generator; AEC-Box-60 video

sync monitor, RS-232/422 output; Windows interface for existing PC-based time-code boards.

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### ADT 12107

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### Adtec Productions 13262

Introducing Ad Maestro low-cost network commercial inserter; Lite-Ning automated playback controller (V 2.0); Active Broadcasting System automation system; Operator, on-demand remote-control device.

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### Advanced Broadcast Systems 10161-261

CST computer supervised IOT UHF TV transmitters with integrated remote control, auto-logging; HEPS BCD pulser to cut power costs with klystron-based transmitters.

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### Advanced Designs 12905-6

Introducing enhanced 32-bit radar graphics display with street-level mapping, Storm Path Analyzer; 32-bit time lapping; 32-bit NEXRAD display with street-level mapping.

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### Advanced Digital Imaging 15169-369

Digital Magic non-linear editing, compositing, special effects and rotoscoping; direct QuickTime control; Adobe Premiere editing interface; CoSA special effects; Photoshop frame-by-frame editing.

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### Advanced Imaging M 413

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### Advent Communications 19377

D-SNG NewSwift motorized/vehicular and NewSwift Flyaway, world's smallest systems; D-SNG C-band Mantis Flyaway; digital and analog products; communications packages; test, monitoring system; remote-control systems; exciters, converters, receivers, modulators; VSAT, DAMA.

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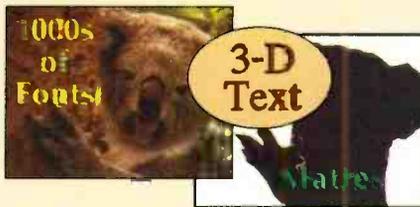


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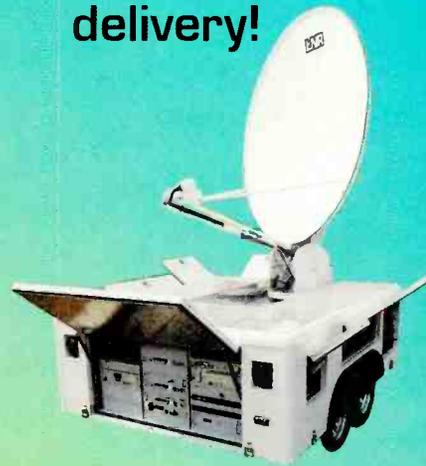
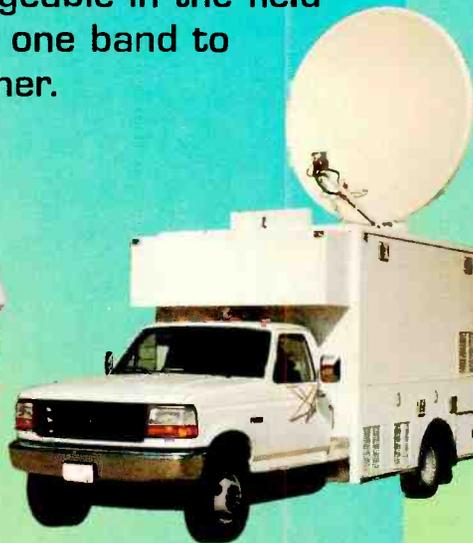
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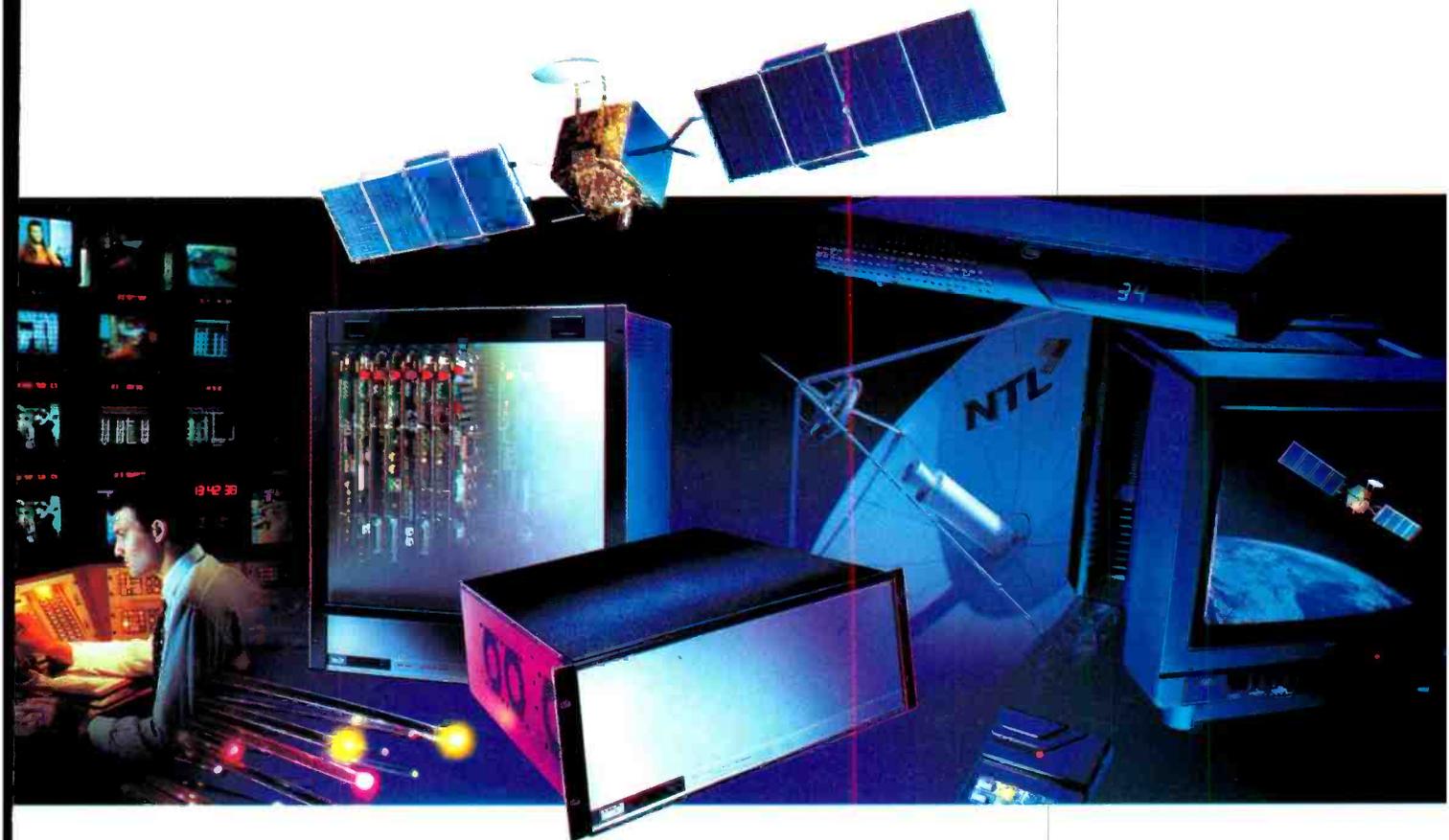
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**BURLE INDUSTRIES** 12100-1  
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**Burst Electronics** 16351  
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**Cablewave Systems/RF Systems** 16643  
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**California Amplifier** 10456-556  
RF amplifier products.

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**Caligari** M 801  
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**Calzone Case** 16758  
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**Canare Cable** 11118-22  
Cable and connectors, including L-5CFB serial digital 75Ω coax; RF-BCJRU RCA-to-BNC recessed panel-mount 75Ω adapter; IMPX AES/EBU digital audio adapters; PF-C 75Ω crimp-on F connectors.

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**Canon USA/Broadcast Optics** 18456  
Broadcast lenses: J14ax17B KRS V with vari-angle prism optical stabilization system; standard, internal focus lenses; LX-200 Hi8 prosumer camera; laser transmission systems.

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**Capitol Production Music** 12904  
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**Carpel Video** 16232-332  
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**C-Cube Microsystems** M 712  
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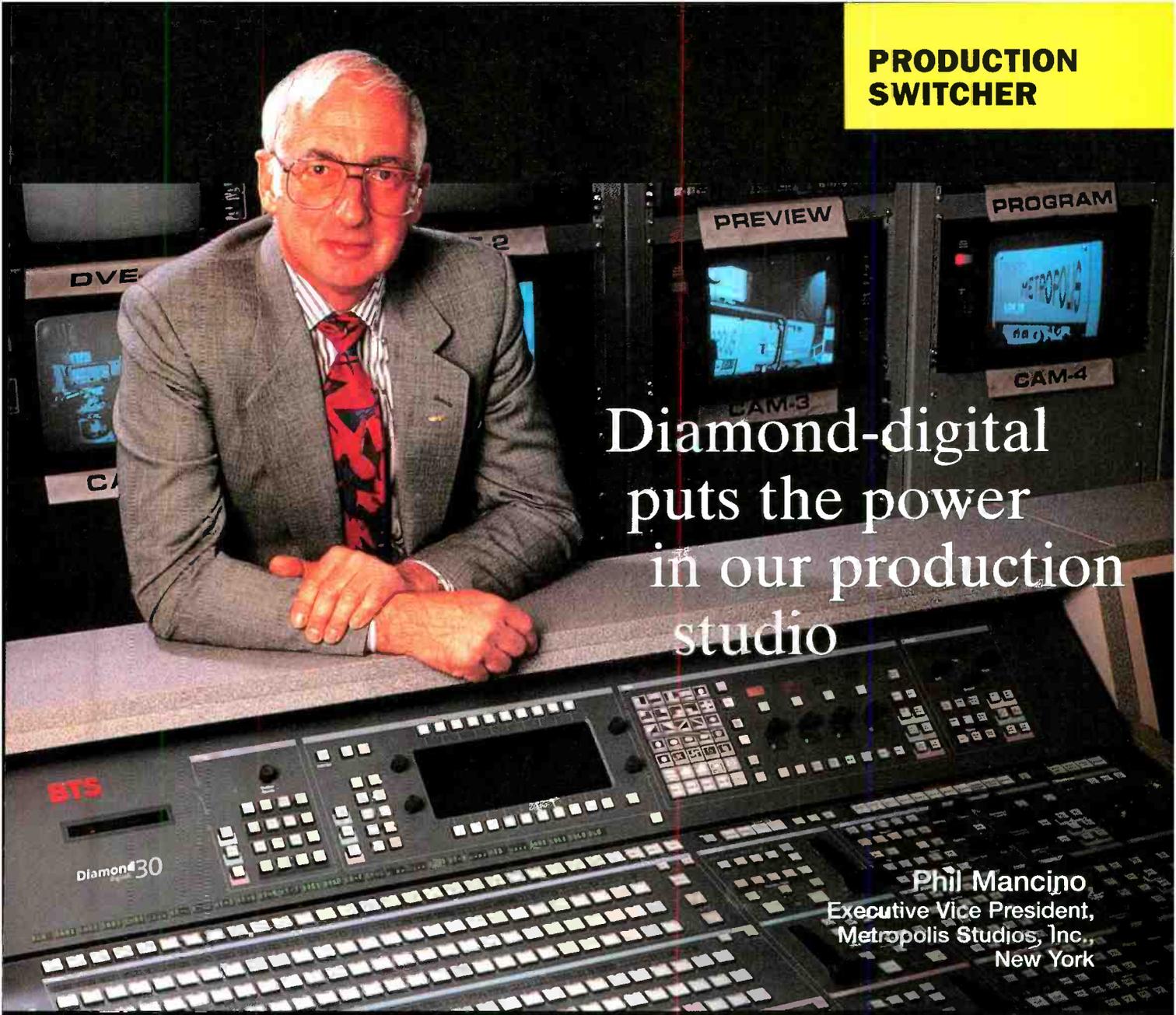
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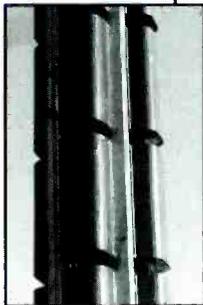
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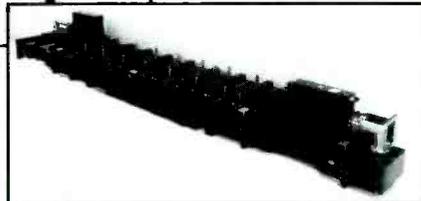
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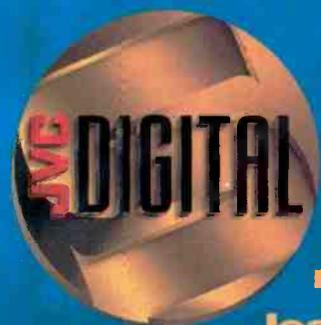
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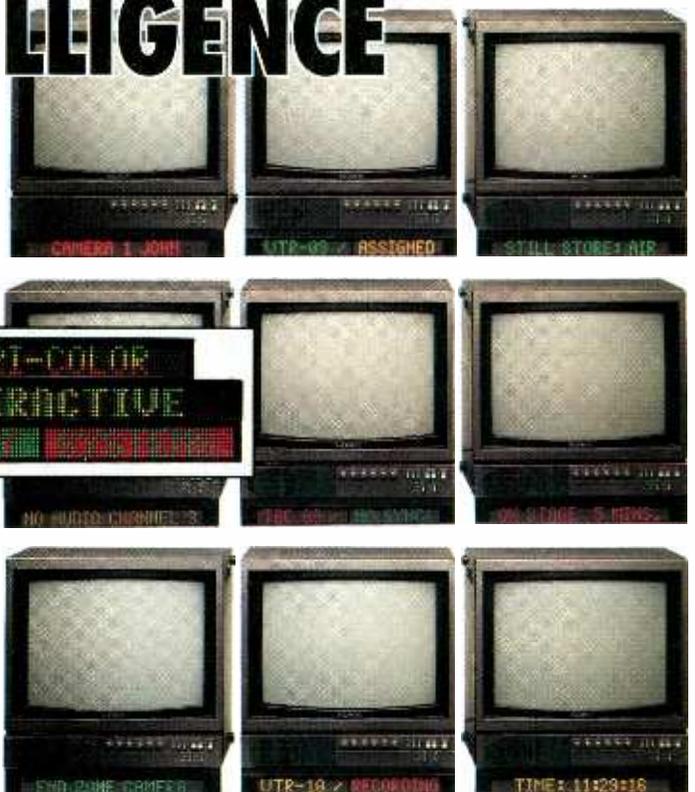
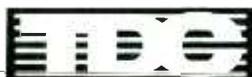
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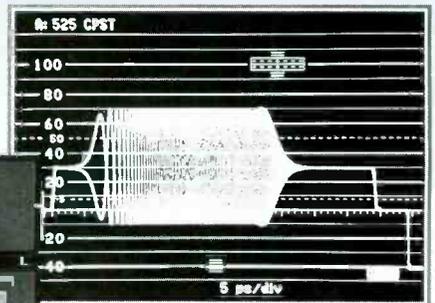
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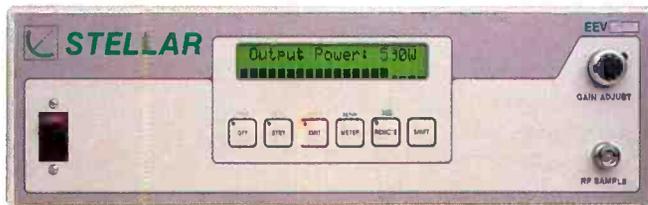
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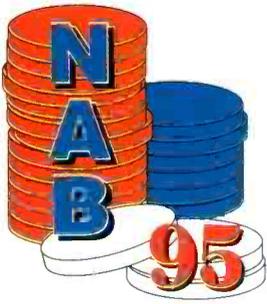
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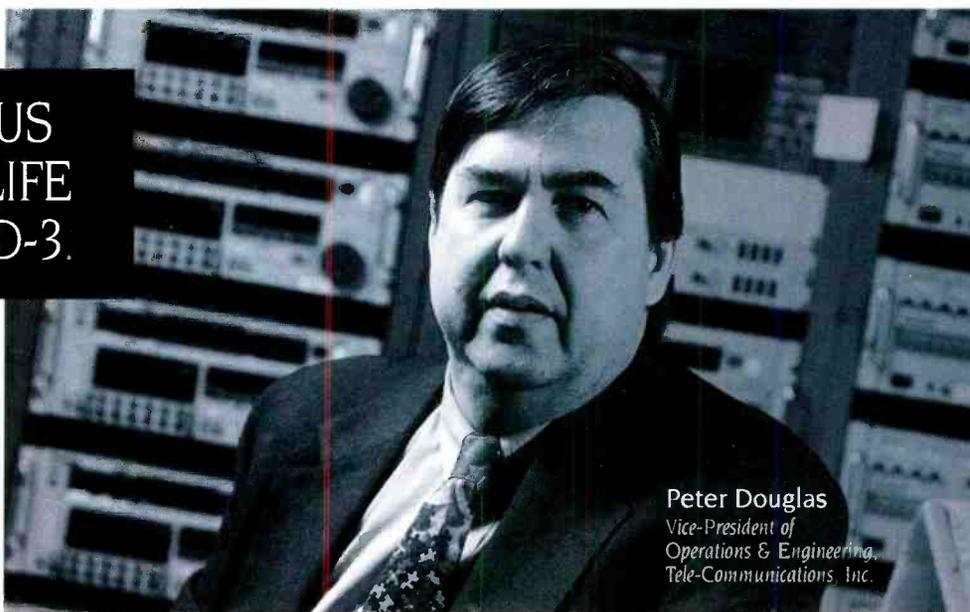
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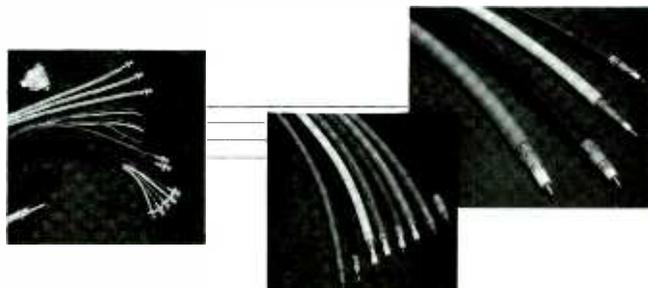
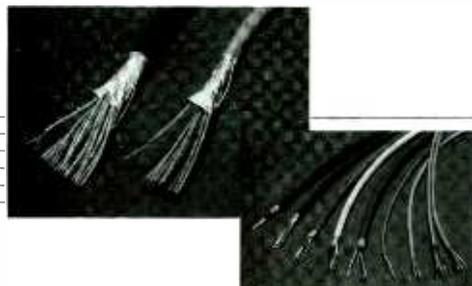
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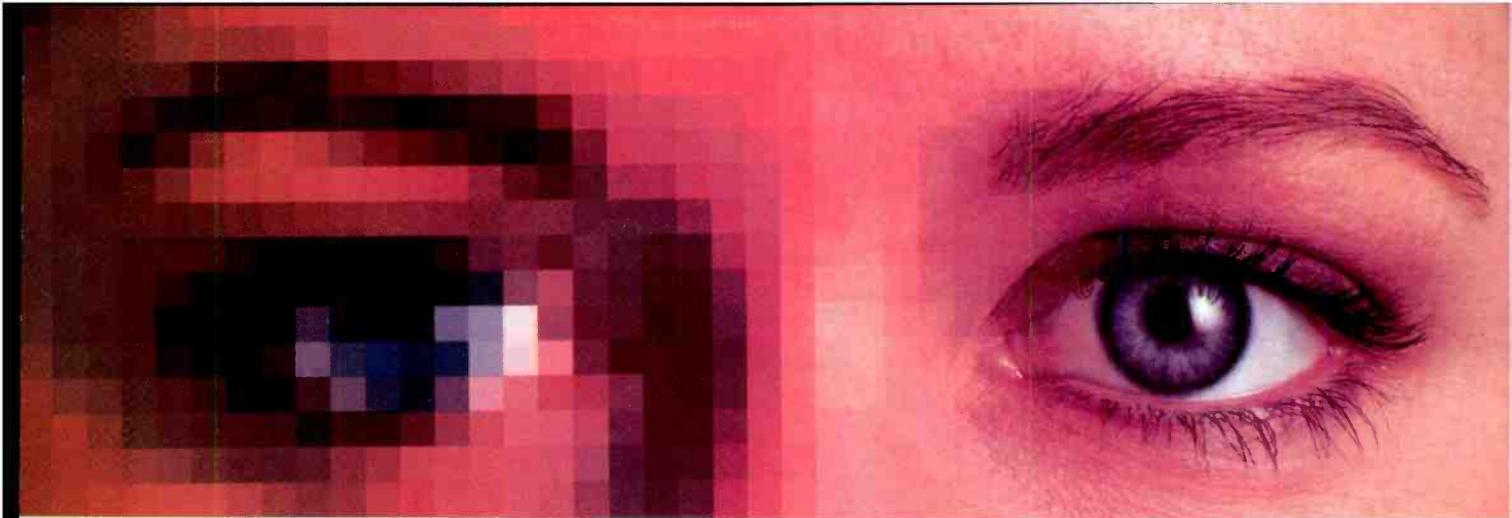
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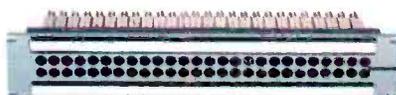
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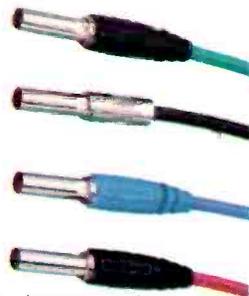
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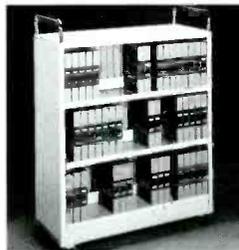
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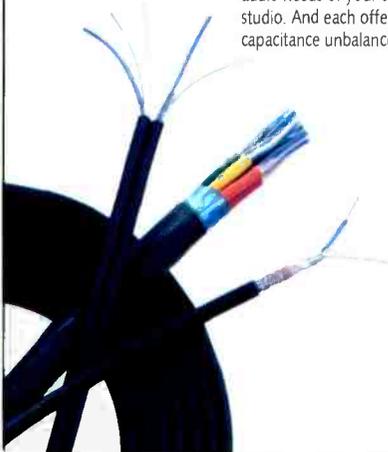


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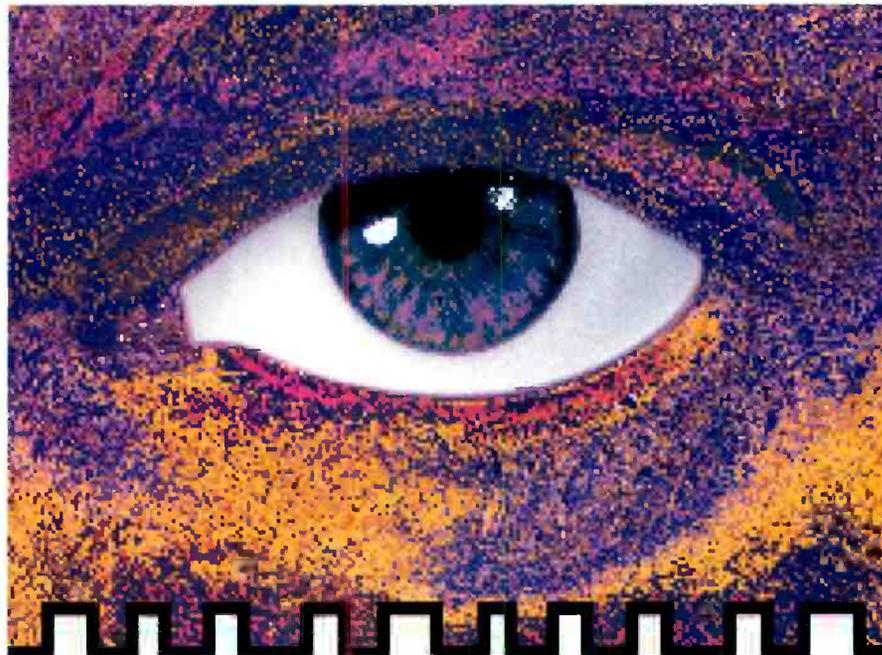
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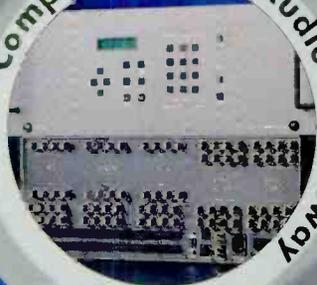
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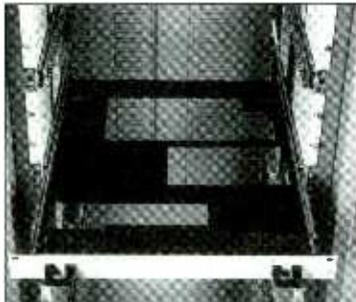
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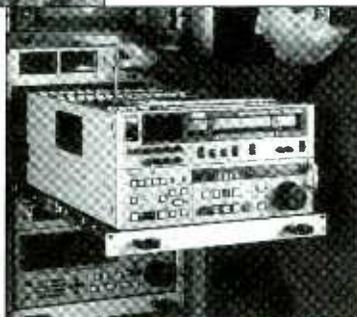
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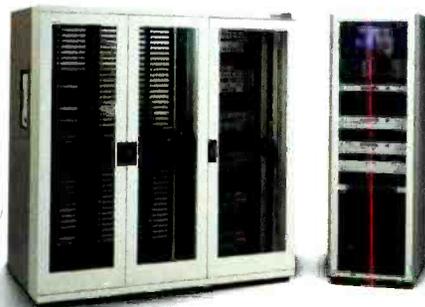
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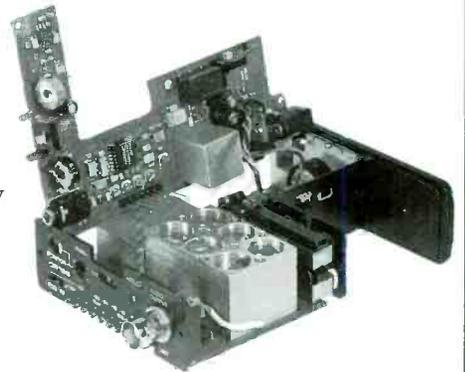
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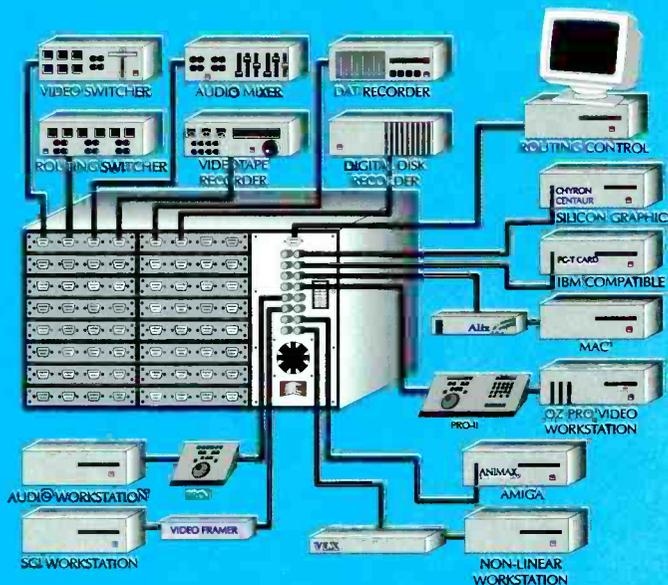
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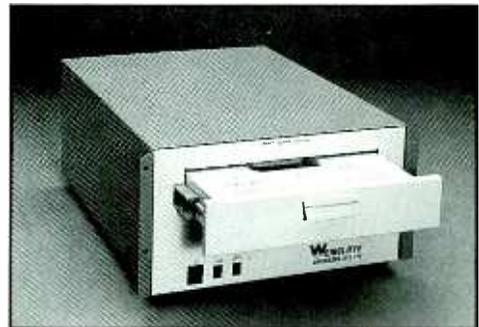


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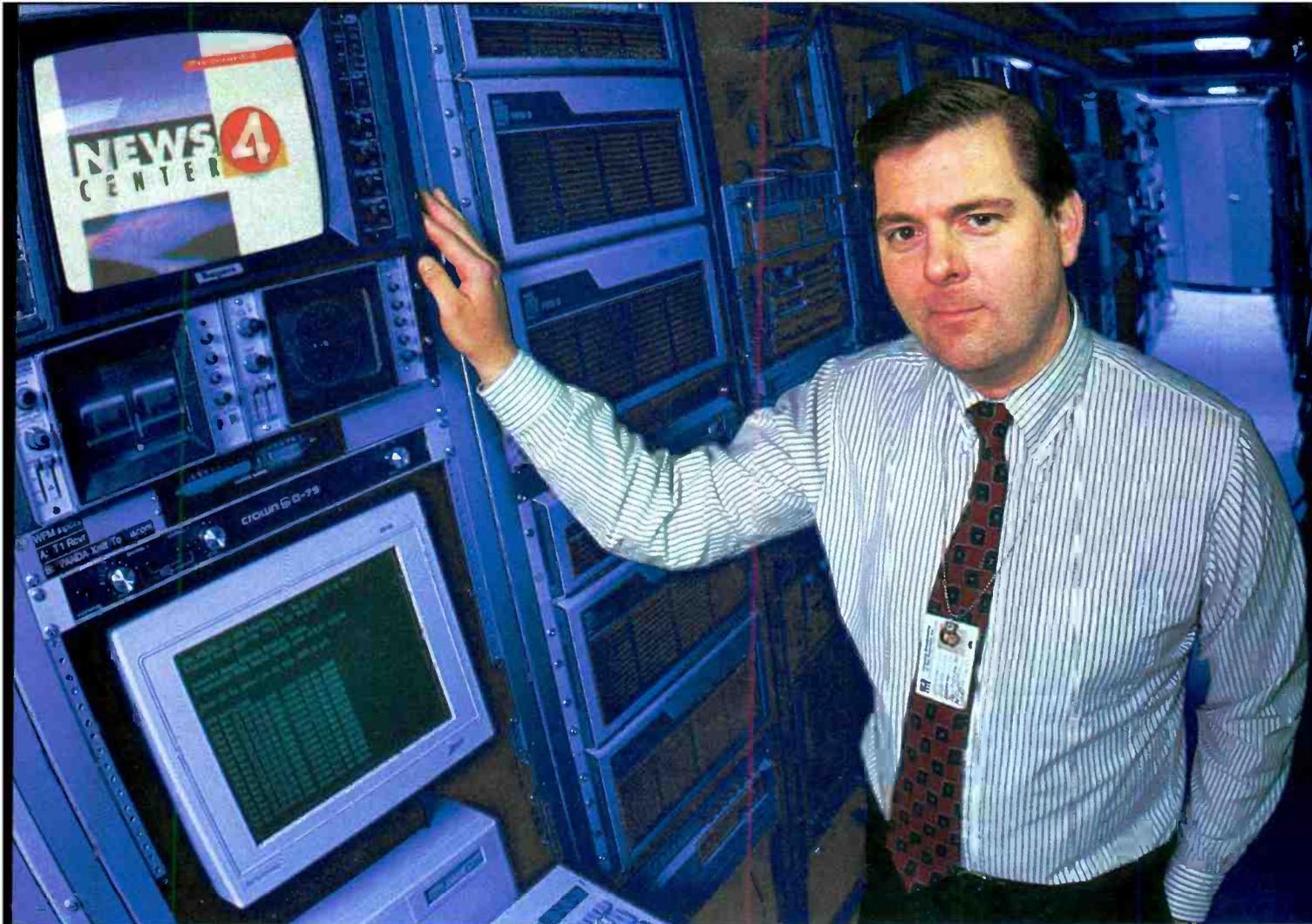
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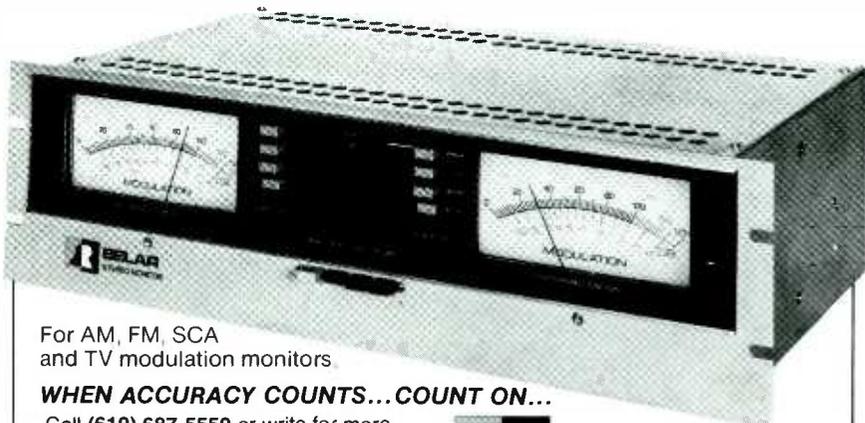
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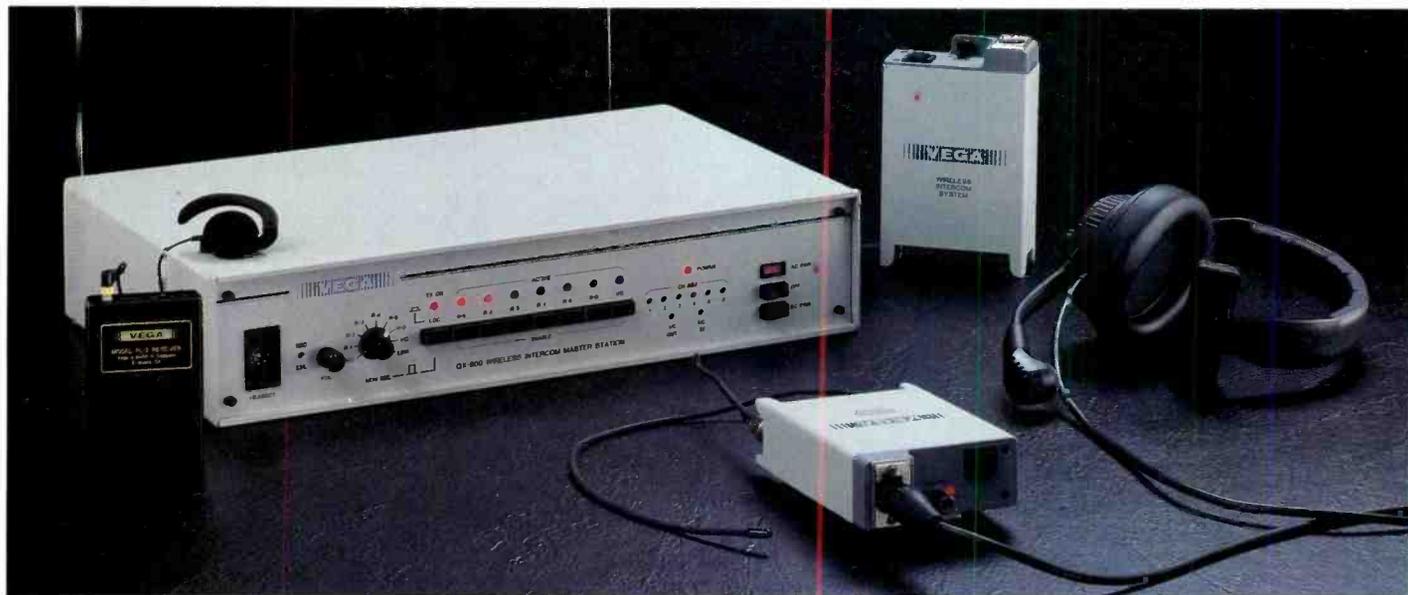
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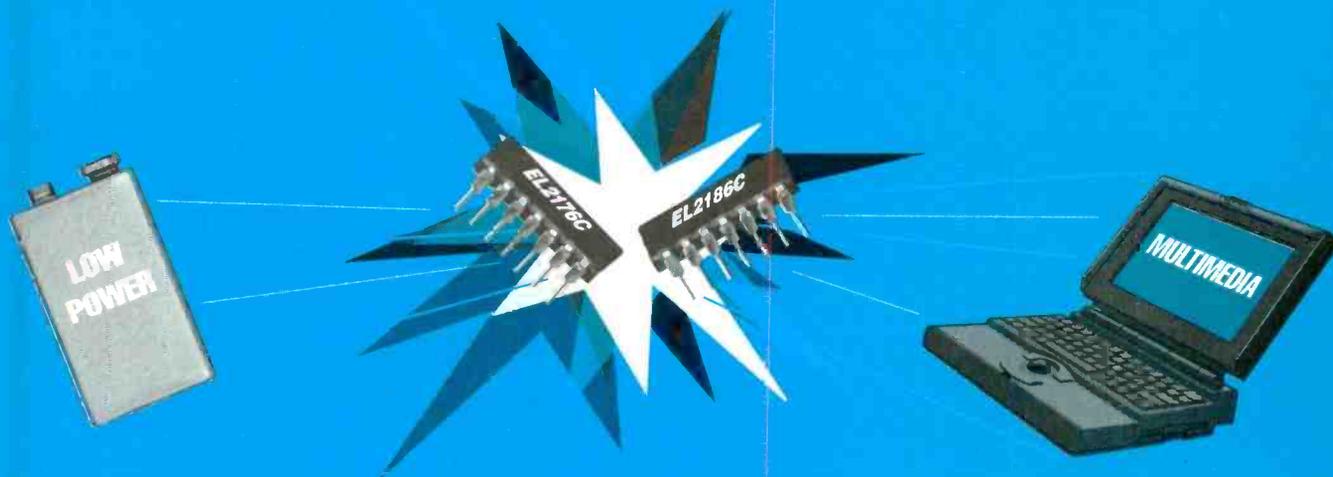
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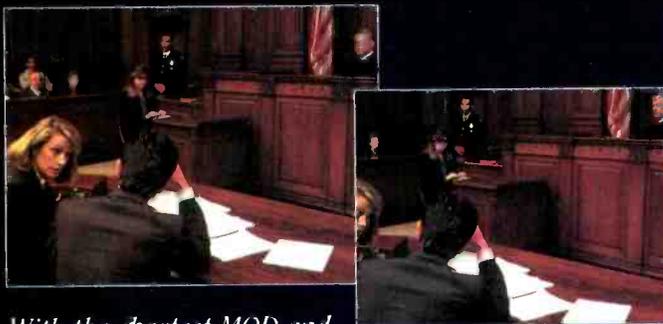


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## S-6 Exhibition Hall

Too many exhibitors for too small of space is the case for this year's show. In February, NAB opened additional exhibit space for those exhibitors who could not get space in the main or audio halls. The solution was the S-6 hall, which is located south of the main exhibition center, across Desert Inn road.

Although it may be a long trek, it's worth the journey. This exhibit space contains some of the more innovative companies

in the industry, so don't forget to allocate some time there.

Because of the lateness in announcing the new exhibit hall, it was impossible to provide complete information on the companies who will be there. The following represents the companies NAB has announced will be in the hall along with their booth number if known. The information was current as of press time. Please check the program for the latest information.

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## Broadcast Engineering Conference

### Saturday:

1:00pm - 5:00pm Digital radio broadcast transmission

### Sunday:

9:00am - 9:30am Keynote address: James Quello, Commissioner, FCC  
 9:30am - 12:00pm The all digital radio station, Part 1: Digital audio broadcasting  
 1:00pm - 5:00pm The all digital radio station, Part 2: Digital audio production

### Monday:

9:00am - 10:30am All industry opening featuring Eddie Fritz, President, NAB  
 10:30am - 12:00pm Radio data broadcasting: Present and future technologies  
 1:00pm - 5:00pm Computer technology for broadcast support: BBSs, LANs, WANs and the Internet

### Tuesday:

9:00am - 12:00pm Digital audio encoding: Concepts and realities  
 1:00pm - 5:00pm Radio remote broadcasting: The latest technologies

### Wednesday:

9:00am - 12:00pm Technical regulatory issues: Radio and TV Part 1  
 12:30pm - 2:00pm Engineering awards luncheon, speaker: Lewis Platt, Chairman/CEO of Hewlett Packard  
 2:00pm - 5:00pm Technical regulatory issues: Radio and TV Part 2  
 6:00pm Ham radio operators reception

### Thursday:

9:00am - 12:00pm Radio RF workshop: Maintaining the signal

## Radio Management Conference

### Sunday:

2:00pm - 4:00pm Small/Medium market idea swap  
 2:00pm - 4:00pm Raise Ratings and rates with better radio copy  
 4:00pm - 5:30pm Radio opening reception

### Monday:

9:00am - 10:30am All industry opening featuring Eddie Fritz, President, NAB  
 11:00am - 12:15pm 25 management techniques to take you to the top  
 11:00am - 1:45pm Radio production workshop  
 12:30pm - 1:45pm Newsroom technologies  
 2:00pm - 3:15pm Managers look at digital broadcasting  
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 3:30pm - 4:45pm Managing people new to radio  
 3:30pm - 4:45pm Best of the best radio promotions

### Tuesday:

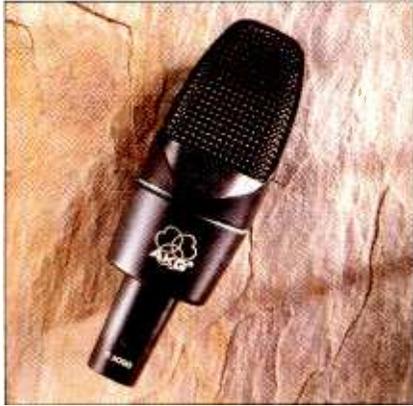
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 12:00pm - 1:30pm Radio luncheon, Crystal awards  
 3:30pm - 4:45pm Commissioners' regulatory dialogue

### Wednesday:

9:00am - 4:00pm RAB sales & marketing sessions  
 1:00pm - 2:30pm Station acquisitions  
 2:00pm - 5:00pm Radio station tours (sign up early, space limited)

### Thursday:

9:00am - 10:30am Round table Session: Cross promoting on radio and TV  
 10:45am - 12:00pm Round table session: Money-makers, winning sales promotion ideas



## AKG C3000 condenser microphone

temporary internal electronics provide a wide dynamic range. The C3000 comes with an internal shock-absorption feature and a degree of wind protection. A stand adapter and a padded carrying case are also supplied. An external wind-screen and an elastic suspension mount are offered as optional accessories.

### Eclectic design

The C3000 is an interesting combination of classical design and distinctive new features. It retains the *radial* or "side-

rigors of remotes than its more delicate studio cousins. One thoughtful design feature is a little flange around the edge of the connector-end of the C3000, which helps prevent the mic from slipping out of its stand adapter clamp when mounted upside down (i.e., connector-end up), as it would be placed for typical announcing use.

Electronically, the C3000 uses a fairly conventional FET pre-amp design and features a transformerless output. It operates via phantom (simplex) power from 9VDC to 52VDC, which must be supplied by the mixer or an external power supply. There is no provision for internal battery powering.

The C3000 is equipped with three 2-position selector switches, readily visible in red, but recessed and shaped in such a way that a small tool, such as a pocket screwdriver, is required to operate them. One of the switches selects between cardioid and hypercardioid patterns. Omni-directional and figure-eight patterns (the latter useful in M-S recording techniques) traditionally found on multipattern mics are not available. However, they will not be missed for applications such as announcing and vocal recording. The other switches select -10dB attenuation and low-frequency rolloff.

### In use

Perhaps most notable when first using the C3000 is its extraordinarily high output level relative to the typical condenser microphone. (It is nearly 20dB hotter

### Performance at a glance:

- Relatively low-cost, large-diaphragm, transformerless studio condenser microphone with "side-firing" design
- Selectable cardioid or hypercardioid pick-up pattern
- Accepts a wide range of phantom power voltages
- Effective internal shock-mount minimizes need for external elastic-suspension
- Matte-black finish for attractive appearance on-camera or on-stage
- Greater than 120dB dynamic range with low self-noise

For the past quarter century or more, studio engineers commonly have employed large-diaphragm condenser microphones from central European manufacturers when recording pop music vocals and acoustic instruments. Microphones of this type have also found increasing favor for announcing use, especially at the network level. In the early 1970s, a new large-diaphragm microphone cost approximately \$400. Increased demand and a highly labor-intensive manufacturing process has pushed prices well beyond what could be justified for all but the most well-heeled broadcasters.

Meanwhile, the worldwide proliferation of home and project recording studios has become a lucrative market for audio equipment manufacturers. This has brought to market a significant amount of cost-effective audio gear that can also be used by broadcasters. It is to this market that AKG has targeted its new C3000 condenser microphone, listing for about \$700. The C3000 is a phantom-powered unit designed for studio use with a switchable directional pattern. Con-

firing" transducer alignment found in AKG's other large-diaphragm microphones (dating back to the Austrian manufacturer's C-12, originally produced in the 1940s), but with a rounded grille, are reminiscent of more recent models from other microphone manufacturers. The shape of the microphone housing can have a significant effect on a microphone's sonic character.

Traditional large-diaphragm, multipattern microphones use two identical capsules facing in opposite directions. The outputs are combined in various phase relationships by the microphone's internal electronics to create the desired directional patterns. The C3000 uses a novel approach with one large and one small capsule, presumably as a cost-saving measure. Both are of the backplate electret design, permitting lower-powering voltages. Another innovative feature is an internal spider-type shock-mount that suspends the capsules in place within the mic while effectively absorbing most vibration transmitted from the stand or mount.

Physically, the C3000 exudes quality. The matte-black finish and distinctive shape are pleasing to the eye. This makes it attractive on stage or on camera. It's a fairly hefty (11.3 oz) unit that seems much more likely to stand up to the

*The C3000 is an interesting combination of classical design and distinctive new features.*

*Most notable when first using the C3000 is its extraordinarily high output level.*

than most dynamic microphones.) This certainly helps reduce noise, but take care that the microphone pre-amp driven by the C3000 can accommodate such a level. For example, if adequate mic pre-amp headroom is not available, a vigorous air personality might well cause clipping on a broadcast console, even with the C3000's -10dB switch engaged. Although not a line-level microphone, the C3000 can certainly be considered a hot

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microphone.

The internal shock-mount feature is effective. There are probably few applications where the optional external suspension mount is necessary.

Although an internal windscreen is included, the manufacturer recommends use of the optional external windscreen for close vocal or outdoor work. In station announcer tests, plives were often problematic with only the internal windscreen, especially when using the hypercardioid pattern. Of course, proper placement and announcer mic technique also can make a big difference.

AKG's claims of low self-noise are borne out. This is a quiet microphone, and its high output level further minimizes noise in quiet settings. The claimed 1% distortion point is at 137dB. This is well above the level at which human hearing can be compromised. The microphone's internal circuitry provides a separate FET pre-amp stage for each of its two capsules. Interestingly, the -10dB switch operates after these first stages. This is unlike many other condenser mics that use the attenuator to guard the first-stage electronics from high capsule levels. The microphone's rated source impedance is 200Ω, but minimum recommended load impedance is 2,000Ω. This might be a problem for older consoles that terminate their mic inputs with a low impedance.

### So how does it sound?

The published frequency response for the C3000 is rather smooth — within 2dB between 70Hz and about 4kHz. Like many such mics, there is a rise above 5kHz, peaking at about +4dB at 7kHz. Above this, the response heads back down, however, crossing the 0dB line at about 10kHz, and falling to -4dB at 15kHz. The plot also shows a bit of a presence range dip of about 2dB between 4kHz and 5kHz. This dip is even more pronounced in the hypercardioid mode. Low-end response falls off smoothly, reaching -4dB at 50Hz, and staying there down to 20Hz.

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generally smooth.*

Sonic results are as might be expected. The sound is warm and generally smooth. The presence dip seems more noticeable than the response plot would suggest, however, and the falloff at the high end means the C3000 lacks much of the sizzle or airiness that are the trademarks of large diaphragm condensers. This is partly because other popular mics tend to have a more prominent high-end peak. (The capsule materials used in classic tube-era mics tend to age in a manner that further accentuates the high-end rise.)

Like most directional mics, the C3000 exhibits a noticeable low-frequency proximity effect. For some announcing applications, this may be desirable. In this test, the resulting output sound was considered a little bass-heavy, especially in the hypercardioid mode at close range. On the other hand, the C3000's low-frequency rolloff feature is a steep -10dB at 100Hz. Using it to counteract proximity effect in an announcing situation can make the mic sound quite thin. A less dramatic rolloff — or a second "in-between" position — would be advantageous, and make the C3000 a more desirable announce mic. For several



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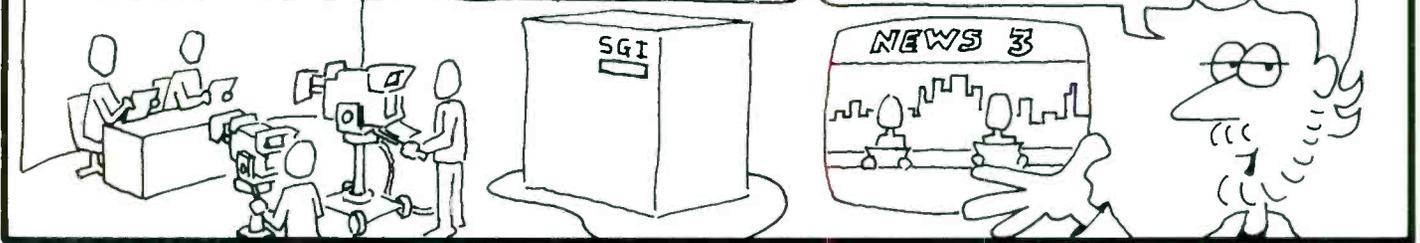


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voices the C3000 gave decent results, but most users wished for a bit more high-end airiness. Using the hypercardioid pattern allowed greater working distance from the mic to reduce proximity effect, but slight movements of the speaker's head then became noticeable.

In the recording studio, the C3000 was tested on vocals, where it sounded much more pleasing for singers than it did for announcers. Tests on an assortment of acoustic instruments such as guitar, folk fiddle and cello exhibited competent performance. The mic captured the sound of

the instruments with a smooth midrange and low-end, though an occasional EQ adjustment was required to add a bit of top-end. In a remote classical recording, the C3000 was used as a spot mic. Again, the result was clean, quiet and hot.

A stereo-pair orchestral test of the C3000 was not included in these evaluations. Based on experience, however, it would probably provide a well-rounded, slightly "dark" quality to an orchestra. This could be just right for an especially reverberant hall.

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#### Conclusion

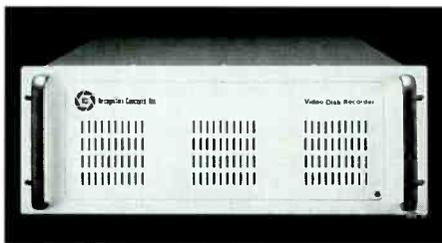
After careful listening, the C3000 could be characterized as "the perfect ribbon microphone." Its frequency response characteristics — and even its proximity effect — are like those of an idealized ribbon mic, but without the typical midrange roughness and low output common to that transducer class. Those looking for the sound of a U-87 or C414 may be a bit disappointed, but the C3000 is a versatile mic. It is attractive, well-made, relatively rugged, and includes a mix of design elements that can make it useful in many situations. Some may come to love

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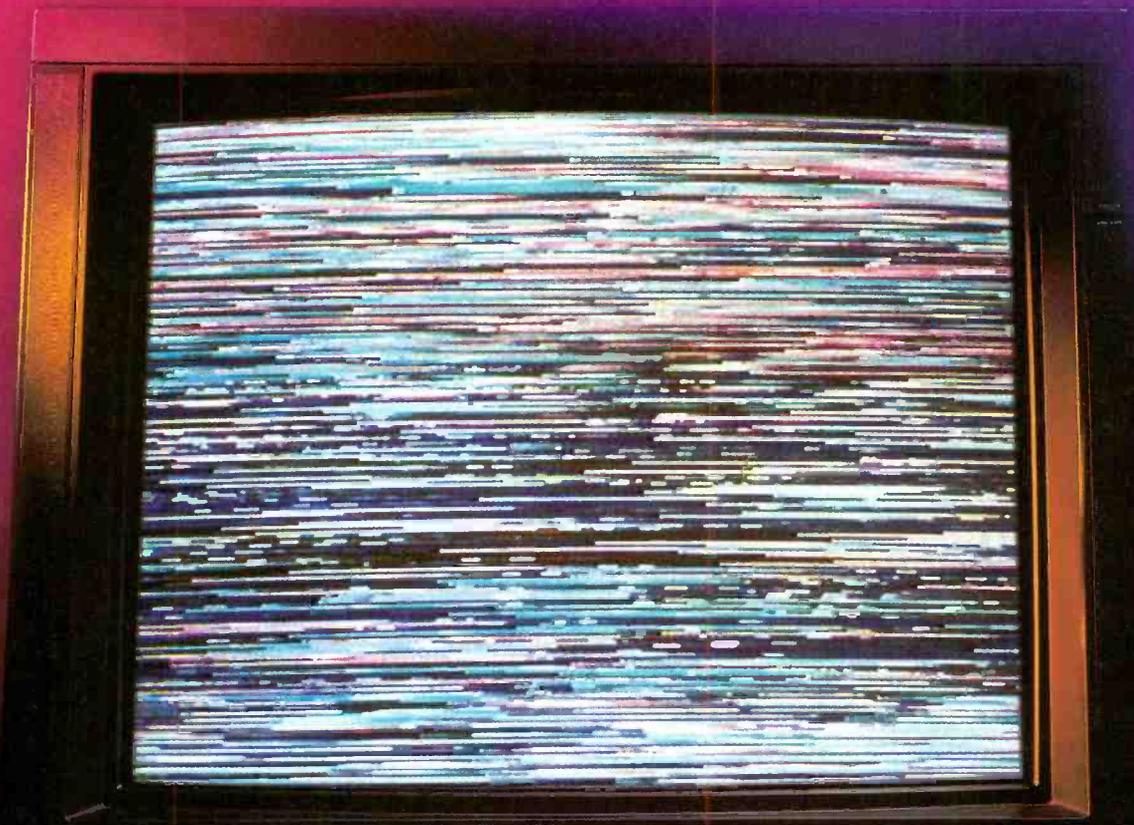
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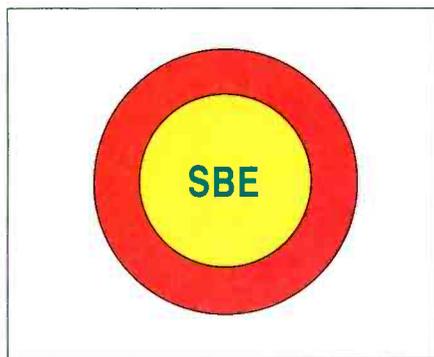
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The finishing touches are being made to the Broadcast Engineering Conference (BEC) at the spring NAB Convention in Las Vegas. The annual event is being organized by a committee of SBE- and NAB-appointed members. Work on the BEC began last summer when the first call-for-papers announcements were mailed.

This year, the BEC offers the most comprehensive examination of new technologies, systems and products for radio and television ever presented. The conference runs from Sunday, April 9 through Thursday, April 13. On Saturday, three special tutorials are planned on the topics of digital radio broadcast transmission, similarities and differences between computer, film and video imagery, and general video technology. The main portion of the BEC will follow the same schedule used in years past, with split TV/radio sessions running from Sunday through Thursday morning. The exhibition runs Monday through Thursday afternoon.

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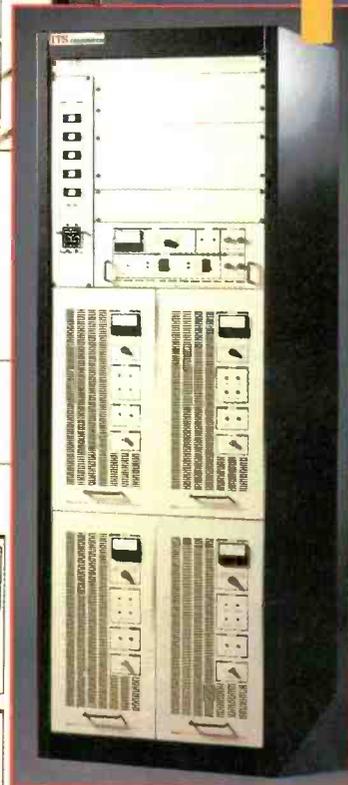
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Noon				Engineering Luncheon	
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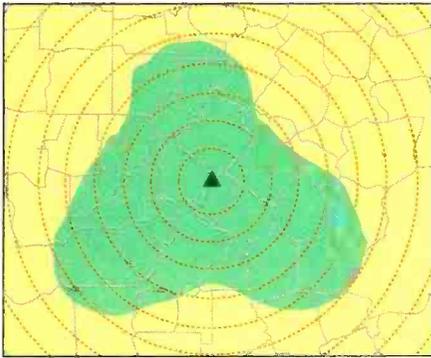
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## Television STL systems

**T**V STLs (studio-to-transmitter links) are an often ignored part of the station signal path. STLs deliver the studio output signal to the transmitter input. They are expected to quietly work without interruption, while delivering the signal to the transmitter site transparently.

In the real world, STLs usually perform as just described. They only come to the chief engineer's attention when they go down, when a change is made in the studio or transmitter location and for new facilities. To relocate or establish new links, seek help in Part 74 of the FCC rules. Requirements have changed over the last 20 years. This is mainly due to the frequency congestion in many of the larger market areas.

In some areas, the microwave STL is going the way of the buggy whip as fiber optics are installed. However, in many locations, fiber is not yet available or may never be. Mountain-top transmitters, miles away from populated areas, will probably never get fiber service because of the high installation costs. For many stations, microwave is still going to be the answer for STL purposes. Currently, old-fashioned analog microwave is still the medium of choice. Digital microwave systems have not come into widespread use or design due to the lack of a modulation standard. When such a standard is adopted, design work may lead toward all-digital STL systems.

### Frequency

Selection of an STL frequency has been left up to the individual applicants by the FCC. Stations are expected to coordinate applications with other concerned licensees. The first move is usually contacting your local SBE frequency coordinator. An alternative and a recommended second step is to actually contact the chief engineers at all area TV stations to determine the frequencies they are using and what they are being used for — STLs, intercity links or remote pickups? Standby facilities or backup frequencies are a

low priority use according to Section 74. Unfortunately, some chief engineers consider any frequency that their transmitter might cover to be theirs for exclusive use. This can cause problems in coordination. However, the commission expects the local stations to work problems out, if possible. If coordination cannot be worked out, file your application and obtain a license for use of a frequency.

If you receive interference from lower-priority services, make an interference complaint and the commission will resolve it. Fixed links, including STLs, for full-service broadcast stations have the highest priority when considering interference protection. The second layer of priority includes TV remote pickup stations. The third priority is fixed or mobile stations serving translators or LPTV stations. The fourth level of priority includes backup facilities and TV pickup stations used outside of a licensee's local service area. Therefore, if one station needs a particular frequency for its TV pickup truck and there is no other frequency for your fixed STL system, the STL has priority. The trick is to work out this frequency usage between stations. In any case, you do not have to accept the claims by an existing station concerning the use of a frequency for remote pickup. In the case of equal priority uses, the first licensee will be preferred.

In several of the larger markets, the channels from 1.99GHz to 2.1GHz have been semi-reserved for mobile unit use by gentlemen's agreement. The 6GHz frequencies have been more heavily used for STLs with the 12GHz frequencies used when the 6GHz band overflows. A much better working relationship can be maintained by adhering to local custom.

Frequencies are also available in the 18GHz

and 23GHz band for use as STLs. However, those frequencies are shared with other services and require more extensive coordination. The coordination required is fully explained in Part 21 of the rules and requires a study of all users in the area as well as notification to give other users the opportunity to object or comment. Coordination is best done by firms offering commercial frequency coordination services because it is complex and requires an extensive database.

### Antenna systems

The sole criteria for picking an STL system used to be based on the minimum dish size providing the necessary fade margin. That is no longer the case. Part 74 contains some definite antenna criteria limiting the minimum dish size. A summary is shown in Table 1. As an example, in the 6GHz band, the minimum transmitting antenna size would be six feet in non-frequency-congested areas and eight feet in frequency-congested areas. There is no clear definition of what constitutes a congested area. In general, it may be assumed that you are in a frequency-congested area if frequency coordination is difficult. If plenty of frequencies are available, you are in a non-congested area and can use Type B antennas. It is left to the individual user to select the size of the receiving antenna. Obviously, receiving antennas don't send off signals that could cause interference to other stations. However, if you receive interference from another station due to the fact that you are using a small receiving antenna with a broad beam, it is the station's responsibility to go to a larger antenna to eliminate the interference.

Old periscope antenna systems consisting of dish transmitting antennas with tower-mounted reflectors are generally frowned upon. However, it is possible to obtain a new periscope antenna system if the request is accompanied by a certification that the radiation from the entire system meets the antenna standards for Type A or Type B antennas. Realistically, that is difficult to do. The best way to design a new system is to start with a tower-mounted antenna.

Transmitting antennas are available on the market that meet the criteria for Category A antennas while not being full dishes. The entire surface of a round parabolic dish is not uniformly illuminated by the dipole feed structure. Some manufacturers have simply cut off that portion of the antenna that is not contributing heavily

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Table 1. The minimum dish size for STLs is specified by the FCC based on the signal frequency and whether the link is located in a congested area. (Category A.)

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### Path and power

In a further effort to attempt to reduce interference on the STL frequencies, the commission has established minimum path lengths for full-power STL transmitting facilities. These range from 17km at 1.9GHz and 6GHz to 5km at 12GHz. Above 17.7GHz, there is no limit. This means the power must be reduced below the maximum permissible if the path link is less than the minimum specified in Section 74.644 of the FCC rules and regulations. If you are running a 7GHz STL on a path only 5km long, your maximum EIRP would be 19.37dBw as determined by the following equation:

$$EIRP = 30 - 20 \text{ LOG } (A/B)$$

EIRP = equivalent isotropic radiated power in dBW

A = minimum path length in kilometers  
B = actual path length in kilometers

This effective radiated power still permits stations to obtain a 40dB fade margin with reasonable size antennas. At the same time, it limits the overall amount of RF being propagated in the market area in an attempt to lower the overall interference to other auxiliary broadcast users.

### Transmission lines

The preferred transmission line for 1.9GHz systems is still the old reliable 1/8-inch coaxial cable. At these frequencies, it is relatively efficient and is inexpensive and easy to install. For higher frequencies, coaxial cable tends to become too lossy in anything other than short runs. The preferred transmission line at 6GHz and 12GHz is semi-flexible elliptical waveguide. It is also easy to install and comparatively inexpensive while providing adequate efficiency. The need for more efficient line comes in situations where the path is long and the transmission line at one or both ends is also long. In those cases, better efficiency can be obtained by going to rigid waveguide. The best efficiency is found using circular

waveguide, which tends to present its own set of problems. Circular waveguide can be difficult to install and tame. Once properly adjusted, it provides an efficient transmission line system. However, it is not recommended except in cases where the losses in elliptical waveguide are excessive.

### Standby systems

It is highly advisable to use a 100% redundant system for a primary STL link. These systems include hot standby transmitters and receivers with automatic switchover if either unit fails. While the mean time between failures for modern microwave transmitters and receivers is long, they *will* fail and the station will be down until a backup system is found or until repairs are completed. Because most stations do not have the equipment necessary to repair these systems, the downtime could be significant. It is permitted to use the remote pickup system as an STL during periods when the STL fails. However, you may have to contend with an irate news department.

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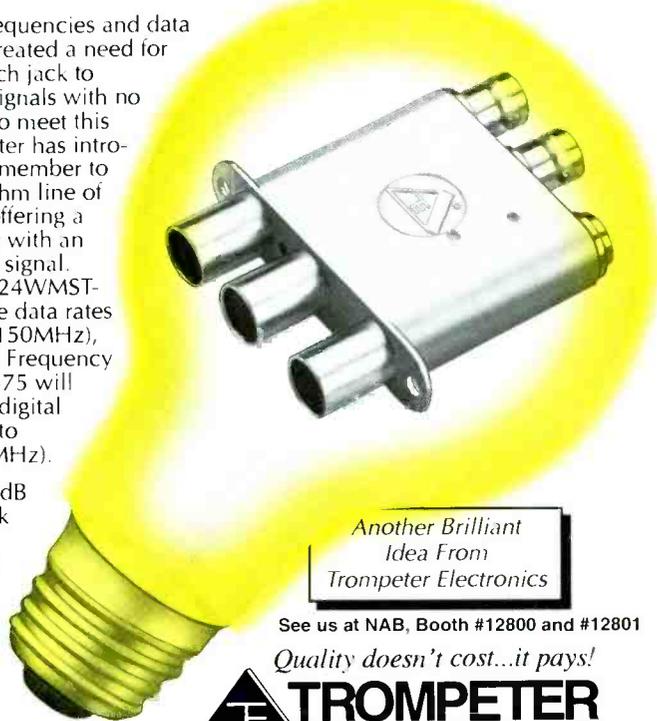
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**D**uring the past 18 months the major computer manufacturers have increased their efforts to market broadcast video servers for on-air presentation applications. Even though they are using proven computer technology, the storage and retrieval of video segments for broadcasting have proven to be far different from their core data processing applications.

Many manufacturers are on a learning curve to fully understanding those differences in order to produce the required broadcast operational software. This was apparent to us when last year in a joint meeting, the chief developer from a major computer vendor asked us, "What's an ID?"

A similar challenge is also facing the traditional broadcast product manufacturers who are announcing hard-disk products. Dubbing material into a disk while structuring a database that allows for instant retrieval of that material by ID requires a different approach than the processes used in a linear-tape environment. After all, do the commands "thread," "standby" or "eject" have any meaning with disk technology? They are now dealing with new terms, such as "archiving," "scalability" and "multistream management!"

Computer-based video disk system hardware is available today, but fully developed control software in the hard disk is still maturing. In some instances, the software doesn't take full advantage of the disk's random access capabilities as some vendors' software mimic controlling a VTR. In addition to basic control software, the industry needs disk software integration with older products, such as cart machines, and software integration with external broadcast applications, such as automation systems.

Since inception, Louth's ADC-100 software-based system has automated on-air presentation by integrating a diverse array of serially controlled devices. Hard-disk video servers and buffers are no exception. The system's video disk software activities provide an open-system disk-control pro-

## Louth Automation intelligent video disk control software for on-air presentation

col, a disk device "object," a tape-to-disk media management system, and software for caching from cart machines to video disk buffers.

### The Louth disk control protocol

Late in 1993, it became apparent that many of the video disk vendors would be developing proprietary or closed systems. Experience shows that it would be more beneficial and cost-effective if there was an open, non-proprietary control protocol with a command structure enabling flexible and effective use of disks. The key was to get such a protocol adopted by all disk system developers.

With industry input, Louth engineers developed a control system protocol and distributed it to disk systems vendors. This protocol is in the public domain and Louth has proposed it as a SMPTE standard. It has currently been implemented or committed to be implemented by Accom, ADT, ASC, BTS, Digital, Dynatech, Hewlett-Packard, Silicon Graphics and Tektronix.

The protocol allows full use of hard-disk random access capability for broadcast presentation applications. Unlike a VTR protocol that uses linear addressing (time code), the disk protocol uses a file naming convention (ID) for random access and efficient storage space management. In addition, the protocol provides a mechanism to address multiple input and output ports. The protocol is based on a well-proven cart

machine protocol structure, but implements commands specifically for control of video disks. Each command is simple and direct. Commands may be easily added to the protocol when new functions are required.

The protocol identifies media for record and playback by a simple ID and duration. A recorded ID may be played back in its entirety by requesting the ID. Or if a portion of the ID is to be played, then an offset start and duration time may be specified.

For multichannel applications, the protocol allows a control port to *open* multiple I/O channels. These may be opened as *locked* (not available to another controller) or *unlocked* as needed. Once a controller has opened multiple I/O ports, individual ports may be issued commands when *selected*. When multiple control ports are used by different controllers (e.g., a controller is recording into a disk while another is playing), the protocol provides a mechanism to examine changes to the directory. For example, changes that occur when spots are inserted or deleted from the traffic schedule.

The Louth protocol also allows the user to set specific disk parameters, such as video compression ratios and audio sample rates. These commands are useful for systems that need to provide scalable presentation quality for different elements. The protocol supports deferred or timeline commands. This concept was added for instances when the data transport mechanism is indeterminate (e.g., Ethernet). The

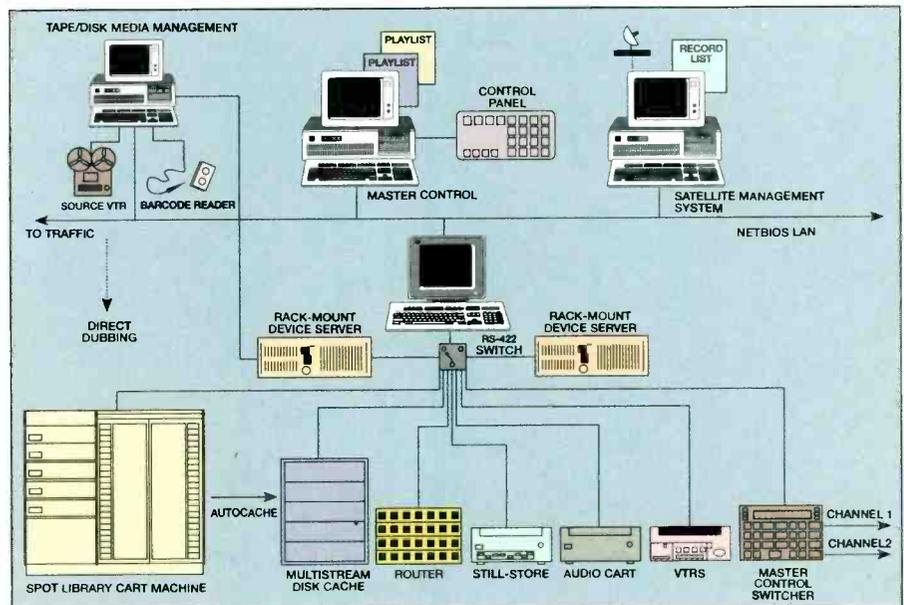


Figure 1. The ADC-100 automated master control caching from cart machine to disk.

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command structure also provides a sequence of archive commands, such as *send to archive*, *get from archive*, *delete from archive*. The protocol is concise and direct, and provides comprehensive status reporting from the controlled devices.

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### Object-oriented programming

Object-oriented programming (OOP) is used to develop the automation software solutions. A software *object* has been developed as the software interface module to disk devices under control of the ADC-100 automation system. This disk-driver module supports the disk as a peer with all the other supported devices (cart machines, switchers, etc.) under automation control.

This interface allows an operator to view the video disk as a cart machine equipped with two VTRs that have a thread and cue time of a second or two. The *object* supports all the functions available on a standard cart machine, but eliminates tape and VTR usage conflicts. The *object* also uses the system protocol to communicate with the disk.

The *object* status display appears to the operator as a cart machine with two VTRs. Normally, one status line (VTR-1) would be showing the current spot being played while the other status line (VTR-2) would show the status of the next spot to be played. This allows continuous monitoring of both the disk status and the spots to be played.

The key to media management for on-air presentation is closing the status and the control loop between the operator and the automation controller. The cart machine *object* keeps the list display accurate to the second as to the available spots and needed spots in the cart machine. The process is accomplished through *ID added* and *ID deleted* status and requests commands. Disk resources are displayed in blue, and those items needed are displayed in red. As spots are recorded into the disk, the display automatically turns blue indicating that the spots are available for playout. Additionally, the operator can bring up a window that lists all of the IDs currently in the video disk.

Each copy of the disk *object* supports one video disk input or output stream. Multiple copies of the disk *object* may be used

for controlling multiple video ports from the same video disk. They can also control multiple video ports from different video disks. This allows the automation system to control several on-air outputs from a single disk. It also allows several outputs to play media from several different video disks (such as a commercial disk, news disk and program disk).

The ADC-100 system also interfaces the disk to Autocompile, the Louth automated tape compiler, for pre-compiled back-up tape. This is done as a background function directly from the disk in advance of airing the media.

### Disk media management system

Turbodisk is a PC-based system for dubbing media into broadcast video disk products. It automates the labor-intensive tasks of dubbing, screening, and verifying media on video disks. It also creates a database where all dubbed media is logged including titles, station-specific information and notes. This database may be shared with other tape preparation products. Turbodisk also provides manual control of a disk recorder via a VTR-like control panel.

The *autocopy* feature simplifies and automates the entire dubbing process. The operator only has to load and unload source tapes. After the spot master has been cued and the spot information selected from a dub (record) list, the automated dubbing requires only a single keystroke. The system automatically rewinds the source VTR for tape preroll, prepares the video disk for the recording session, and prerolls the tape. Additionally, the system starts disk recording at the first frame of the video and stops both devices at completion. All spot information is automatically entered into the media database for use by the automation system. When the dubbing process is completed, a preview feature allows for automatic review of the entire spot, or the first or last three seconds of the spot.

Multiple PCs can be networked to share the same database. The database can reside on the Turbodisk PC or a network file server. Database retrieval and viewing are then available directly in Turbodisk. Deletion of the correct database entry is made automatically when a spot is deleted from a disk. The system can retrieve the complete spot inventory from a disk for display, or save it on a PC hard disk. This spot list may be sent to traffic or used for other verification purposes.

The current disk status and status of the current ID are always displayed on the PC screen. Complete disk status is available, such as the number of spots residing in a particular disk and the amount of free space available. A menu is provided to allow the operator to change the record

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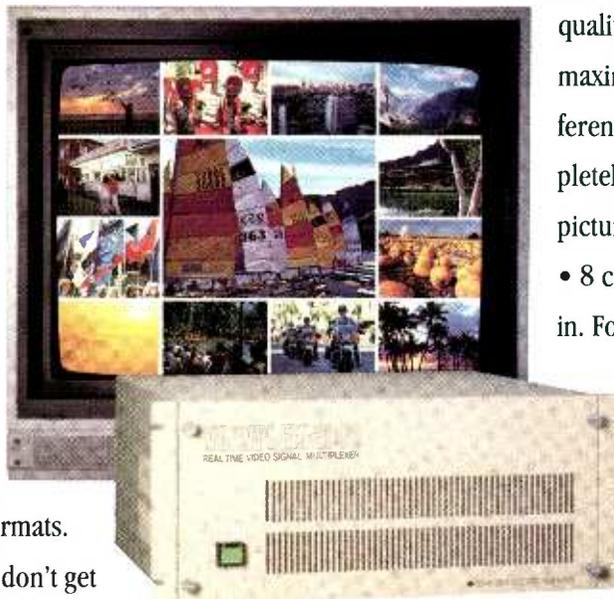
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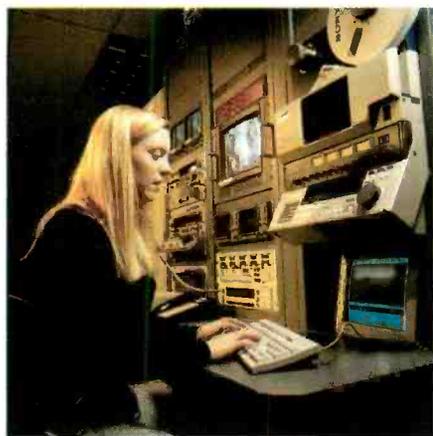
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The Turbodisk media management system can be used for dubbing in source material.

parameters supported by the disk manufacturers. Recording parameters, such as video compression factors and audio channel usage can be set for all recordings or changed for individual elements.

Turbodisk supports simultaneous access to the disk media for both recording and playout. This allows last-minute dubs with preview and editing functions independent of on-air schedules. This permits rushed schedule changes to be made quickly and is well-suited for a news environment where last-minute production is routine.

The system provides a fully functional disk control panel on the PC monitor complete with all the functions of a traditional VTR front panel. Manual commands include cue, play, stop, record, still, reverse play, fast forward, fast reverse, step, jog and shuttle. Because disks are randomly accessed, a playing spot can be stopped and a new spot selected, cued and played in seconds. *Begin* and *end* markers can be placed while inspecting a spot in any play mode (including still). A new spot can be created from any segment of an existing spot without video encoding or decoding and the associated loss of quality. And this newly created spot is independent of the original spot. Either spot may be played or deleted without affecting the other. This simple editing feature allows fast and accurate news cuts, program segmenting or spot trimming.

### Caching from cart machine to disk buffer(s)

Some video disk servers may provide sufficient storage to contain the user's entire spot inventory. If this is the case, they can work as cart machine replacements. Other disk systems are well-suited as on-air caches or buffers when interfaced to a tape library source. When news and program material are also included for video disk

playout, an external archiving system is often required. Archiving is a task well-suited to tape, and digital tape storage technology ensures that the process maintains image quality.

The standard cart machine is an excellent device for storing spots for eventual video disk cache. Louth's Adplay system automates cart machine/disk buffer integration using caching and list management. Adplay is a stand-alone spot playout system, but it can be upgraded to total master control automation. This system allows the cart machine and disk buffer to act as peers of all the other devices (VTRs and switchers), all operating under automation control.

With either Adplay or ADC-100 control, the cart machine is converted from a direct-to-air device to a source library system. Both the cart machine and the disk must be under the control of the same automation software to manage the timely transfer of material. All of the inventory is contained in multispot tapes (up to 100 per tape) with the cart machine running proprietary control cart machine software. Control software for all Sony and Odetics cart machines is available now, and by March 1995, the Panasonic MARC family will be supported.

Disk caching has several advantages over the traditional direct-to-air cart machine application: 1) the workload on the cart is reduced as spots with multiple playouts are transferred only once to the disk buffer; 2) spots may be rearranged and/or replaced with greater ease and reliability; 3) redundancy is enhanced because the cart machine can be used as an emergency backup; 4) in multichannel applications, several channels can be presented to air from a cart machine with a limited number of VTRs; and 5) tape handling is reduced by directly dubbing from source tapes into the cart machine multicut cassettes.

The Louth software module that manages this transfer as a background function is called *Autocache*. The interface is dedicated to buffering audio/video material from a cart machine to a disk cache. Because the ADC-100 can simultaneously support up to eight asynchronous channels, *Autocache* will also support multichannel copying to disk.

The transfer to disk is done prior to air with a user-defined number of events in the *look-ahead* of each schedule. Depending on the amount of disk storage available, the *look-ahead* of a disk server could be as long as 48 hours. Typically, a disk cache contains only a few hours of storage.

Assuming 16 minutes of break material every hour, a 2.5 hour disk drive can store

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## CCD cameras

Over the past few years, technological advancements in new digital VTR formats, disk-based editing systems and compression algorithms have been stealing the headlines. But what about cameras? Although the number of new breakthroughs is not at the level it was five to eight years ago when CCDs were in their infancy, the steady pace of advancements is nonetheless noteworthy. This article looks at some of the recent advancements in CCD technology.

### Horizontal resolution

When 3-CCD cameras were introduced, camera designers were plagued with the problem of controlling aliasing or moiré patterns. These patterns were generated whenever the camera was aimed at finer detail than Nyquist criterion would allow. Soon, the spatial offset technique, which displaces the green CCD horizontally by one half of a picture element (pixel), was incorporated into most 3-CCD cameras. The result of spatial offset is that aliasing is substantially reduced, which together with the appropriate shifting of the optical low-pass filter, permits the resolution that the CCD is capable of, to actually be seen.

One problem with spatial offset is that to be completely effective, the green signal must equal the sum of the red and blue signals. The formula for the luminance channel is:

$$Y = 0.59G + 0.30R + 0.11B$$

Because green represents 59% and the sum of red and blue is only 41% of the signal, spatial offset is not completely effective in canceling aliasing. The mixing ratio for the luminance signal must remain constant, because it affects color accuracy and luminance is a key component in deriving the color-difference signals. Recently, several manufacturers have adopted a frequency-dependent method for altering the luminance equation. Aliasing is a problem only at high frequencies and colorimetry is less critical at high frequencies because the color-difference signals are band-

width-limited. Therefore, the following luminance equation is substituted only at high frequencies:

$$Y_{high} = 0.50G + 0.25R + 0.25B$$

The ideal mixing ratio of 50-50 is achieved, and color reproduction is not altered. The drawback of this technique is that the mounting accuracy of the green CCD becomes even more critical. At this level, even chromatic aberrations caused by the lens must be taken into account. Otherwise, resolution will be reduced due to signal cancellation rather than alias cancellation. This technique, together with high-speed sample-and-hold circuits allows a horizontal resolution of at least 750 TV lines with well-controlled aliasing.

### Continuous auto black balance

Color cameras have always suffered from color imbalances and drift in the dark portions of the picture. Cameras have high gain in the dark portions as a result of the required gamma correction. Small signal drifts are multiplied by the high gain. For this reason, most cameras incorporate an automatic black balance function. The automatic black balance calibrates the black clamping circuits for true black (lens iris

fully closed).

Many camera manufacturers ease the design burden by reducing the gain of the gamma circuit in the dark portions. Although this may reduce the amount of drift, it also has negative consequences on reproduction in dark portions of a scene, including loss of shadow detail and color hue shifts. (For more information, see "The latest in CCD Camera Technology," p. 26, *BE* July 1993.) A new circuit has recently been introduced which, for the first time, totally eliminates the need for an external automatic black balance switch. Dubbed continuous auto black (CAB) it uses optically masked pixels at the edge of the CCD to maintain an absolute black reference.

In the past this optical black portion has been used as relative, rather than absolute, reference. Due to noise and spikes generated by the sample hold function of the first clamping stage, the optical black portion was cut and replaced with an electrically generated black reference. Hence the absolute optical black reference was lost and could not be used by subsequent stages. The only way to acquire an absolute black reference was to close the iris and perform a traditional automatic black balance, which takes time and could upset the flow

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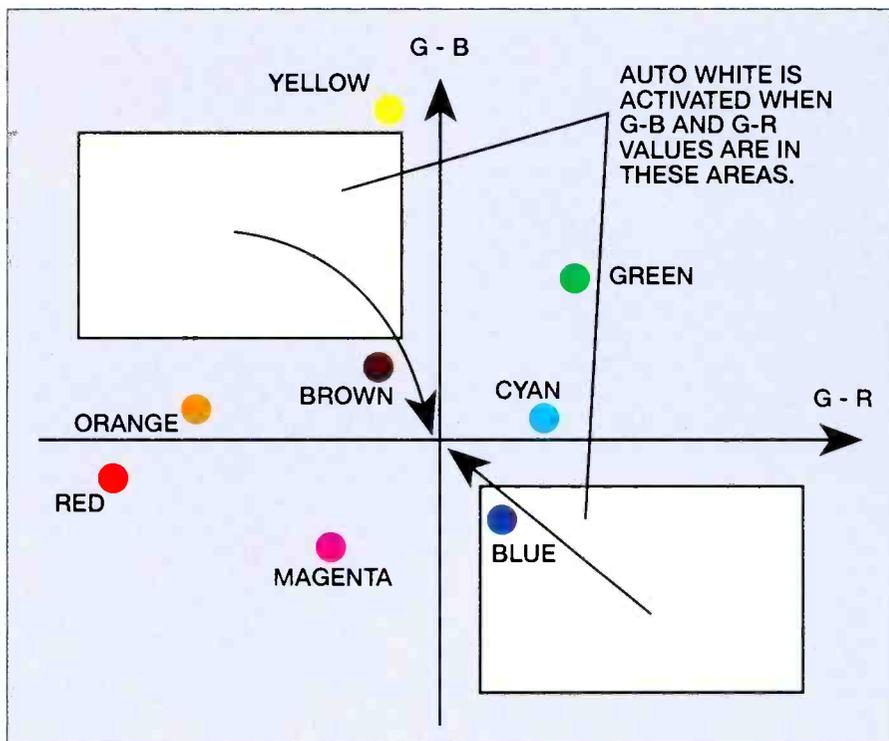


Figure 1. Newer auto-white circuitry uses lookup tables for gain vs. color temperature information. Correction circuitry only activates when G-B and G-R values are in the rectangular areas.

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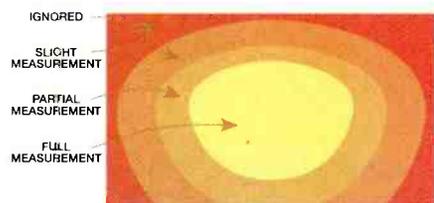
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*Figure 2. Multizone iris weighting is used to provide better overall contrast under less than ideal lighting conditions. Weighting allows white peaks near the edge to be completely ignored.*

eras, greatly increasing the accuracy of the full-time auto white circuitry. All white balance circuits measure the green channel relative to red and blue, and adjust the gain of the red and blue channels until they equal the green channel. Applying this same method to a full-time auto white circuit indiscriminately can produce serious inaccuracies. It can make a red rose turn gray and make faces completely colorless. To prevent this, a look-up table con-

tains the red to blue gain relationship of every color temperature from roughly 2,600K to 9,000K. This prevents the white balance circuit from responding to colored objects, only to changes of color temperature. (See Figure 1.)

In addition, a hysteresis loop is established for low saturation objects along the I-axis. This prevents the circuit from incorrectly responding to skin tone. Although still not as accurate as taking a white balance on a white card, it is

of a shooting sequence.

The first camera to use a continuous auto black circuit is the JVC GY-X2B camcorder. First, noise has been reduced to a minimum through careful design at the front end including proprietary signal detection methods. Next, high-speed sample-and-hold circuits have been developed that allow the original optical

*High-speed sample-and-hold circuits have been developed that allow the original optical black to be retained through all clamping stages.*

black to be retained through all clamping stages. This optical black is replaced with system blanking at the output of the signal processing circuit after all clamping is complete. The result is that black balance is maintained without drift continuously, and without the need to take a black balance in the middle of a shoot.

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certainly superior in those situations where continuous shooting in multiple color temperatures is required.

#### Auto-iris problems

The accuracy of auto iris circuitry is another problem that has plagued shooters. Problems usually arise under high contrast, harsh lighting circumstances typical of field shoots. The subject of interest may be bright relative to the rest of the scene

*A multizone iris weighting system allows exposure priority based on a series of zones whose positions correspond to natural areas of interest.*

causing overexposed pictures. Or, a bright light or candle may be in the scene causing the subject to be underexposed. A multizone iris weighting system allows exposure priority based on a series of zones whose positions correspond to natural areas of interest. (See Figure 2.)

In addition, another circuit automatically adjusts the detection ratio between peak detection and average detection called APB. Figure 3 illustrates the operation of the combination of multizone iris weighting and peak vs. average detection.

#### Future camera technology

The question arises as to what the future holds for camera development. Technically, expect to see even greater improvements in sensitivity, signal-to-noise ratio, and perhaps further reductions in vertical smear. Operationally, expect to see cameras that are even easier to use, with even better performing automatics so that the pros will not sneer at the thought of using them. Despite the advances of the past, there is little doubt that cameras will continue to improve in the future. ■

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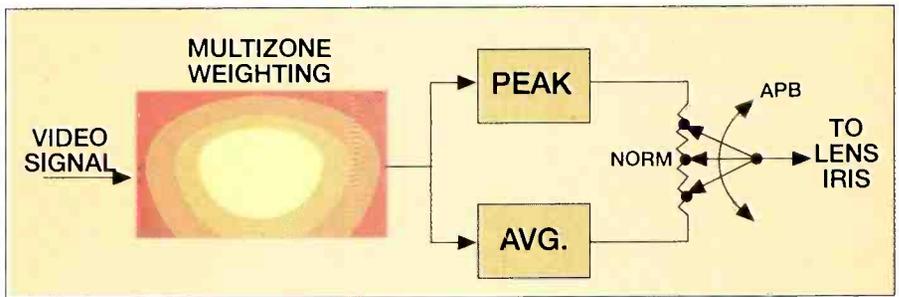


Figure 3. Intelligent iris detection circuitry uses the multizone weighting along with automatic peak and average detection circuits (APB) to determine lens iris setting.

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## BUSINESS

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Harris Allied's Broadcast Division, Quincy, IL, has earned ISO 9001 certification, joining the October 1994 certification of its Cambridge, England facility.

Abekas Video Systems, Redwood City, CA, has shipped its ASWR8100 component digital switcher to CNN and Video Wisconsin.

Nvision has named several international sales representatives and distributors including: Boxner Systems Ltd., St. Albans, North London, UK; C.V.E., Seregno, Italy; f.f.d Vertriebsgesellschaft, Munich, Germany; Gerrit de Jonge bv Axel, Axel, Holland; IMMAD Broadcast Services, Markham, Ontario, Canada; LYNX SA, St-Prex, Switzerland; REA/Elda Video, Chatillon, France; VideoCad AB, Vallingby, Sweden.

Videssence, Inc. has relocated its headquarters to a larger facility in Burlingame, CA Tel: (415) 579-7577; Fax: (415) 579-7579.

Quantel has delivered its complete digital compositor, Hal, to Hammer & Pixel, Chicago, KTVU, Oakland, CA, and S.O.S., Columbus, OH. Its still-store system, Picturebox, has been installed at KNBC, Burbank, CA, and WWL-TV, New Orleans. Also, Quantel has installed Paintboxes, Pictureboxes, Picturenets and Hal for Scripps Howard.

Louth Automation, Menlo Park, CA, has delivered LTB-100 time delay systems. The network version, Time Banking, is currently undergoing final shadow testing at ABC headquarters in New York and will provide the west network delay feed.

Avid Technology, Inc., Tewksbury, MA, has announced that New Hampshire Public Television and Maine Public Broadcasting will use Avid's AirPlay system to broadcast promos, spots and station identification directly from disk.

The Network, Rainier, WA, has announced that Crow Film and TV are now using the Soundcraft DC2000 digitally controlled console.

Microwave Solutions, National City, CA, has received a \$96,850 contract award from

the U.S. Army Electronics Command, Fort Monmouth, NJ, for hardware and software for high-power microwave amplifiers and specialized testing.

Synergistic Technologies Inc., Pittsburgh, PA, has been chosen to provide international transmission services for The Texaco Metropolitan Opera International Radio Network.

ASC Audio Video Corporation, Burbank, CA, has supplied KOTA-TV, Rapid City, SD, with the Virtual Recorder system.

Advent Communications Ltd., has been awarded a contract from European News Exchange, Luxembourg, to supply all the complete fixed satellite earth stations for its new digital TV satellite network.

FilmCore Editorial, Los Angeles, has added the digital 8-track audio recording system Tascam DA-88 to its headquarters in Hollywood.

Siemens Audio, Inc., New York, has announced the sale of the first Capricorn digital recording console to Right Track Recording, New York.

Matthews Studio Equipment Group, Burbank, CA, has entered into a letter of intent to acquire all of the outstanding stock and operating rental assets of Studio Rentals, Inc., Chicago, for \$3.5 million in cash and restricted common shares.

Otari Corporation, Foster City, CA, and TG Systems have agreed to give Otari worldwide exclusive rights to market and distribute PicMix products.

Graham-Patten Systems, Grass Valley, CA, has supplied the D/ESAM 400 Digital Edit Suite Audio Mixer to Desert Productions, Phoenix; Editel, Hollywood, CA; Foto-Kem, Burbank, CA; Lackland Air Force Base, San Antonio, TX; and Peachtree Post, Atlanta, GA.

Vistek Electronics, Ltd., Buckinghamshire, England, has sold the V4228 digital varicomb decoder to London's VTR, MPC, Soho Images and The Machine Room. The company has supplied Reuters Television and the BBC with Vistek Vector standards converters.

Morning Studios, Inc., a division of Fox Circle Productions, has purchased more than \$500,000 of JVC professional cameras, S-VHS camcorders and S-VHS editing systems to equip its new fX cable network.

Audio Processing Technology Ltd., Los Angeles, has delivered more than 250 Digital Codec 3D2 systems to IDB, Culver City, CA.

Solid State Logic has installed two custom SL 8000 film consoles at the Warner Bros. Studios Post-Production Facility, Burbank, CA.

TimeLine Vista Inc., Vista, CA, has announced the purchase of 12 DAW-80 digital audio workstations and 13 Version 6.0 software upgrades for existing Waveframe 1000s by Sony Pictures Entertainment's Sound Production Department, Culver City, CA.

Pinnacle Micro, Inc. (NASDAQ:PNCL), Irvine, CA, has announced price reductions of more than 30% for its Orray optical disk storage system.

Nesbit Systems Inc., Princeton, NJ, has signed a license agreement with USA Networks to develop a software package that will streamline the marketing, selling, scheduling and billing of commercial spots.

Scripps Howard ordered \$2 million-plus of Quantel graphics technology comprising Picturebox still-stores, Paintboxes, Picturenet networking systems and Hal. The first installation was at KJRH, Tulsa with Paintbox and Picturebox Twin. Other stations include KNXV Phoenix, WEWS Cleveland, WFTS Tampa, WMAR Baltimore, WPTV West Palm Beach and Home and Garden TV in Knoxville.

Chyron Corporation, Melville, NY, signed a Memorandum of Understanding to acquire all of the outstanding stock of Evolving Video Technologies Corporation, Arvada, CO. The total purchase price for the acquisition is \$3,750,000 payable in a combination of cash and Chyron securities over a 5-year period.

Fujinon Inc., Wayne, NJ, has announced the use of its Ah66X9.5ESM lens by WSJK, Knoxville, for maximum focal length and close-up shots in sporting events.

Mobile Satellite Products Corporation, Baldwin, NY, has announced that its LYNXX Transportable Inmarsat-B Terminal became the first transportable Inmarsat-B terminal to receive Inmarsat-B type approval for high-speed data.

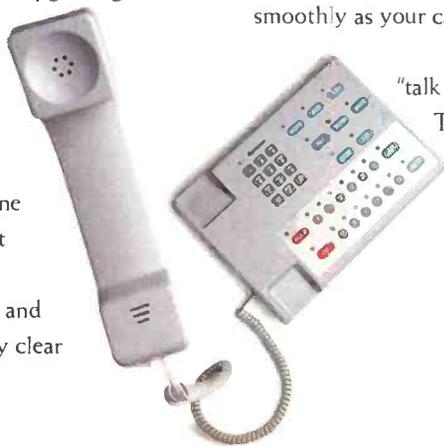
Respect Productions Limited has recently installed a Solid State Logic SL 4000 G plus console at its newly opened recording studio, Westpoint Studios.

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Truevision, a subsidiary of RasterOps Corporation and Avid Technology, Inc., has entered a 3-year OEM relationship whereby Avid will continue to incorporate leading-edge technology developed by Truevision in its full product line. The agreement has an estimated value of \$40 million over its term.

Microwave Networks Inc. (MNI), Houston, TX, has won the President's "E" award from the U.S. Department of Commerce for excellence in export standards and improving the U.S. balance of trade. Nationwide, MNI is one of 28 companies to win the award so far this year.

Panasonic, Secaucus, NJ, has announced the purchase of two Panasonic AJ-D350 D-3 digital studio recorder/players and an AS-D700 digital composite switcher to Branson Teleproductions, Branson, MO.

Also purchased from Panasonic were two AJ-D350 D-3 VTRs and four AG-A300 slow-motion controllers by Starliner Mobile Video, Primos, PA.

The Public Broadcasting Service (PBS) recently took delivery of 12 Panasonic 1/2-inch component digital VTRs for use in its National Program Service.

Computer Prompting & Captioning Co. (CPC), Washington, DC, was presented the "Distinguished Vendor of Accessible Technology Award" at the Washington D.C. headquarters of the U.S. Department of Commerce by Secretary of Commerce Ronald H. Brown.

ImMix, Grass Valley, CA, has announced the installation of two digital video post-production workstations, the VideoCube and the VideoCube PLUS, at CBS-affiliate KRQU-TV, Albuquerque, NM.

EEV Inc., Elmsford, NY, has appointed Enders and Associates, West Hills, CA, to represent EEV in the front line representation of the company's broadcast products in the states of Alaska, Arizona, Colorado, Hawaii, Utah and Wyoming. The company will also be responsible for Leddicon camera tube sales to all non-call-letter TV facilities in California and Nevada.

Xymox Systems, Inc., Van Nuys, CA, has been ranked 361 in *Inc.* magazine's 13th annual ranking of America's 500 fastest growing private companies.

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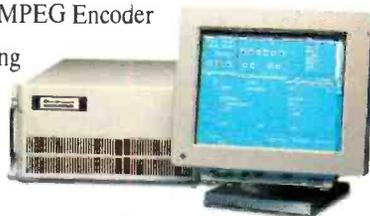
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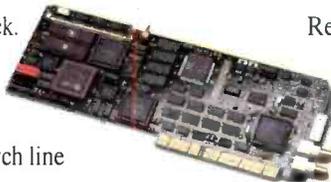
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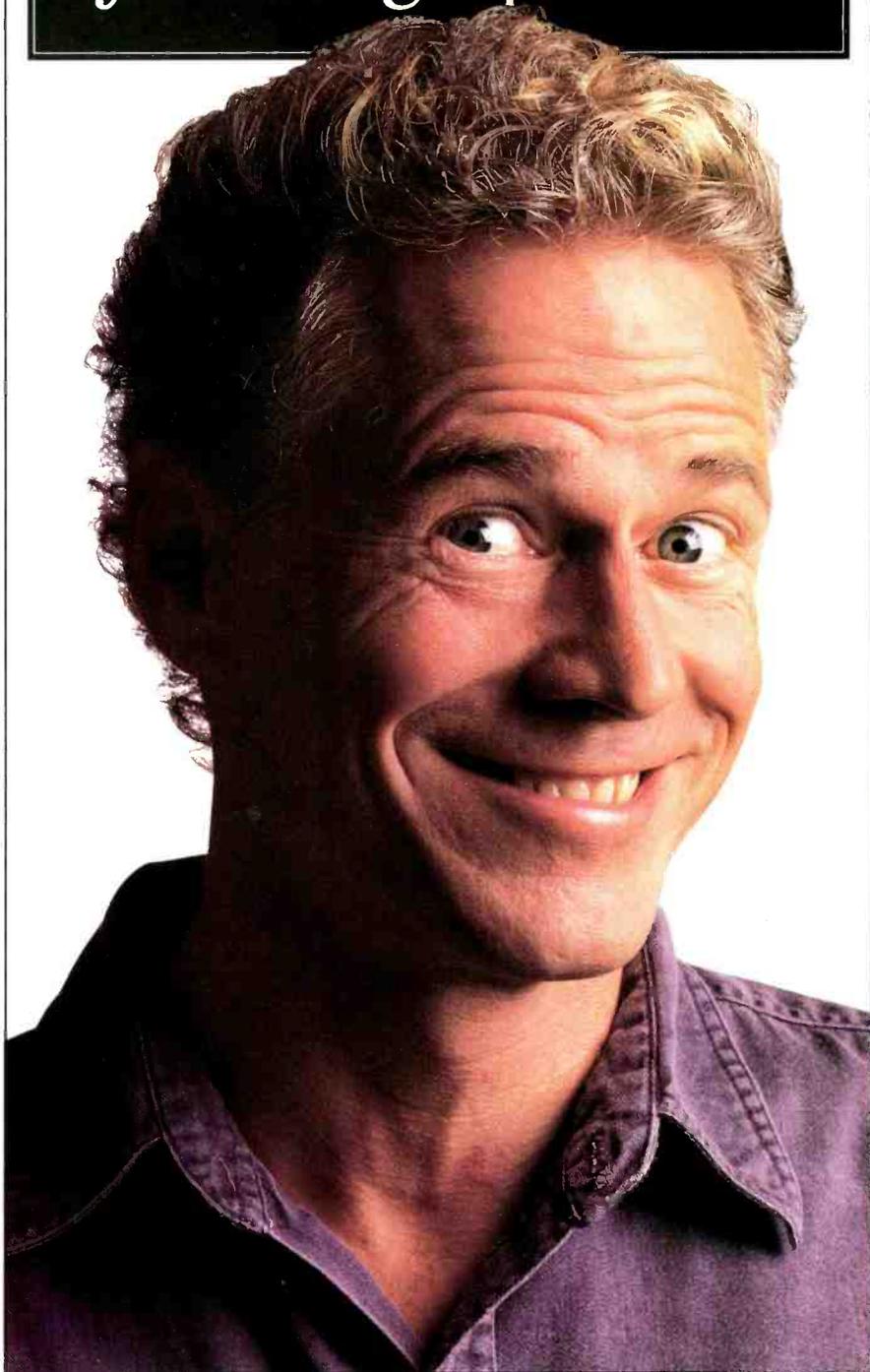
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The Public Broadcasting System (PBS) has become an authorized Panasonic repair center, offering any TV outlet, including commercial broadcasters and cable networks, videotape machine maintenance and repair services.

Manhattan Transfer/Edit's new Manhattan Digital Center was used to produce a 3-D animated phone bill jet in a U.S. Sprint commercial. The image was created on a Macintosh then texture wrapped onto a 3-D wire airplane model generated by Softimage software on a Silicon Graphics Inc. system.

Lightworks, Hollywood, CA, has announced the purchase of its Heavyworks One systems, a multicamera digital non-linear editing system, by Complete Post, Hollywood, CA.

JAMPRO Antennas Inc. has announced its expansion with the creation of JAMPRO RF Systems Inc., a new division of the company to specialize in the design and manufacture of passive RF components. Its product line will include harmonic filters, directional couplers, UHF RF systems, MMDS filters and channel combiners, and TV intermode filters.

ColorGraphics, Salt Lake City, UT, has announced the purchase of two DP/MAX machines by Atlanta Olympic Broadcasting, a division of the Atlanta Committee for the Olympic Games.

Channel One, London's first round-the-clock news cable TV station, is using Parallax Software's Matador 2-D and Acrobat 3-D software systems.

Sony, Park Ridge, NJ, has announced the purchase of two DVW-A500 digital betacam VTRs and two DVW-A510 players by Vision Video, Winston-Salem, NC.

Also purchased were two digital edit suites by ABC, New York, for on-line digital production of *Turning Point*.

Corporate Computer Systems, Inc., Holmdel, NJ, has announced the purchase of more than 140 CDQ-2012 codecs by Swedish Broadcasting. The codecs are being used to establish a nationwide digital audio network between Swedish Broadcasting's headquarters in Stockholm and its 25 regional offices.

Digipath Video Inc., Pointe-Claire, Quebec, Canada, is a new manufacturer of analog and digital broadcast equipment.

## PEOPLE

Lucie Fjeldstad has been named president of Tektronix Video Systems Division, Wilsonville, OR.

Sam Cercone has been appointed vice president, sales, for Videssence, Inc., Burlingame, CA.

Chris Horne has joined Lawrence Behr Associates, Inc., Greenville, NC, as project engineer.

Richard Zabel has been appointed eastern sales manager for Tekniche, Northvale, NJ.

Patrick Griffis has been named vice president and general manager for Panasonic Broadcast & Television Systems Company, Secaucus, NJ. Other additions at Panasonic include Joseph Videtti as product marketing manager for optical memory disk recorders (OMDR) and Robert Caniglia as product specialist for switchers.

Beth Simon has been promoted to senior vice president at Audio Plus Video International (APVI) Inc., Northvale, NJ. Also, Leonard Schwartz has been appointed vice president in charge of the New York facility.

Don Lefebvre has been promoted to vice president of North America Sales for Dynatech Video Group's Production Business Unit, Salt Lake City, UT. Also, Michael Guess has been named product manager of the Production Business Unit.

Paul Burnham has been appointed field service manager for EEV Inc., Elmsford, NY.

Kim Wright has been named director of sales and marketing at FilmCore Distribution/Vault Services in San Francisco, CA.

Steven J. Spradlin has been promoted to sales application engineer for Harris Corporation's Broadcast Division, Quincy, IL.

Louis J. Doctor has been named president and CEO of RasterOps Corporation, Santa Clara, CA.

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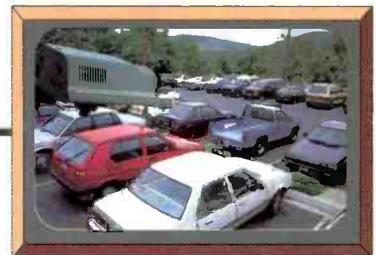
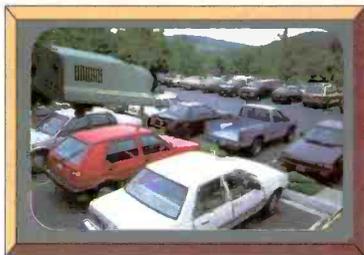
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## STABILITY

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## Multichannel video codec Grass Valley

► J series multichannel DS3 video codec: features full-motion and full-color resolution video as well as CD-quality audio; package provides up to four channels of video and up to four channels of CD-quality audio per video channel, per module; 10 modules can be configured on a single 6-rack unit chassis for a total of 20 channels of video; modules can be configured in a mix-and-match manner to meet the exact requirements of the application; modules are based on a single board called the Main Add Drop (MAD) module; the coder and decoder are plugged onto the MAD board or onto one another in a variety of configurations to change the number of channels or function of the module; when fully populated, a MAD module is one inch wide.

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## UHF panel antenna Jampro

► JUHD broadband UHF panel antenna: designed to broadcast any channel within the UHF band channels 14-69; antenna offers equal performance on any channel and is available in horizontal, vertical, or elliptical polarization; design allows new channels to be added to the existing system at any time; available for low, medium, or high-power applications; can be configured to produce directional or omnidirectional azimuth patterns.

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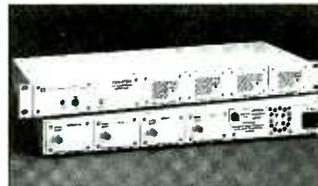
## Audio/video cable tester Sescom

► CT-6 cable tester: designed to test various combinations of audio and video cables; tester will advise the user of cable shorts, improper phasing, opens and intermittents; unit is constructed in a rugged aluminum housing; three switches with integral LEDs test XLRs 1/4-inch stereo, 3.5mm, RCA, "F", BNC and 5-pin DIN for midi; unit operates on two "AA" batteries.



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## Fiber-optic transmission system Opticomm



► Model FMX-47000 series: fiber-optic transmission system transmits multiple RS-170 composite video, subcarrier audio or digital signals over one multimode fiber; pulse frequency modulation (PFM) video transmission provides adjustment-free operation over distances up to 4km; wavelength division multiplexing (WDM) techniques enable each channel to transmit in either direction; system offers full electrical isolation against noise, lighting, and ground loops; modular transmitters and receivers permit custom configurations; front-panel indicators display the status of each channel.

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## Jack connector Re an

► PerpJack: a 1/4-inch jack connector featuring the "quick fix nut;" pin-for-pin compatible with existing market standard; pin design pops into place for rapid flow soldering.

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## Non-linear digital video editing software Radius

► Radius Edit: non-linear digital video editing for QuickTime with integrated titling and special effects capabilities; features dual monitor display, built-in titling, built-in professional transitions and multiple key frames; Do-It-Once FX feature permits the saving and storing of original effects and style shots for future use and collaboration with other designers.

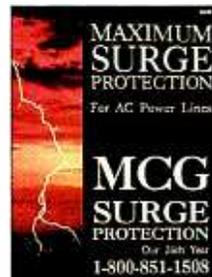


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## Surge protection catalog MCG Surge Protection

► Surge Protection for AC Power Lines: 24-page full-color catalog includes a coordinated surge suppressor selection guide that enables the user to select an appropriate protector based on the National Electrical Code's service entrance, panel board and branch panel designation; also features full technical specifications and installation instructions for MCG's complete line of AC power line protection devices as well as an explanation of ANSI/IEEE C62.41-1980; AC line protectors range from wall plug-in units and 6-outlet strips to computer room and complete facility protectors.

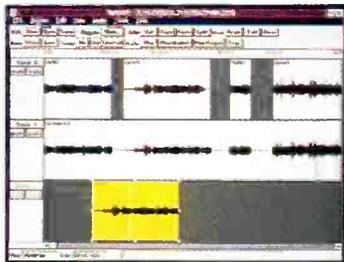
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## Advanced digital audio editor Antex Electronics

► **NuWAVE:** Microsoft Windows-based digital audio editor designed to support multiple .WAV compression formats including Dolby AC-2, MPEG Layer I/II and MS-ADPCM, as well as standard 8- and 16-bit PCM; all file formats are transparent allowing user to handle multiple compression formats within a single edit decision list (EDL); features non-destructive editing and "drag and drop" interface; user can add to the EDL by importing existing audio files or recording new files in real-time from the editor.

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## Graphics overlay module

### Pivotal Graphics/ Primagraphics

► **Valiant:** a graphics overlay generator that provides superimposition of text and graphics over full color images from any manufacturer's imaging or graphics display system; configured as a 6U VME-compatible printed-circuit card; incorporates a Texas Instruments TMS34020 32-bit graphics processor and dual Brooktree Bt459 RAM-DACs with hardware cursors; monochrome or RGB signals can be simultaneously acquired from one or two genlocked sources via Valiant's dual video input channels; two 8-bit pseudocolor or gray scale outputs are refreshed from an on-board, dynamically allocatable, frame buffer.

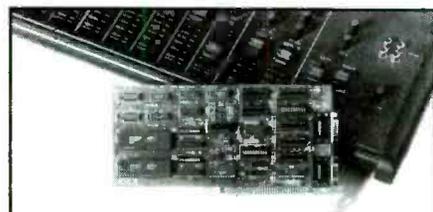
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## Vehicle mount Cinema Products

► **Vehicle mount:** film and video camera support system designed for use with Cinema Products' line of Steadicam products; versions available for use with the Steadicam Video SK or the Steadicam EFP, Steadicam III A and Steadicam Master series; features precision aluminum construction and scratch-resistant powder coat exterior coating.

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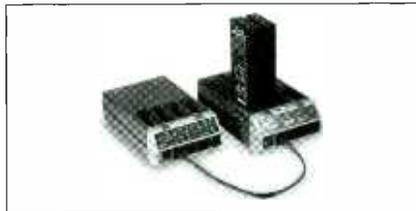
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### FREZZI AR304 CHARGER

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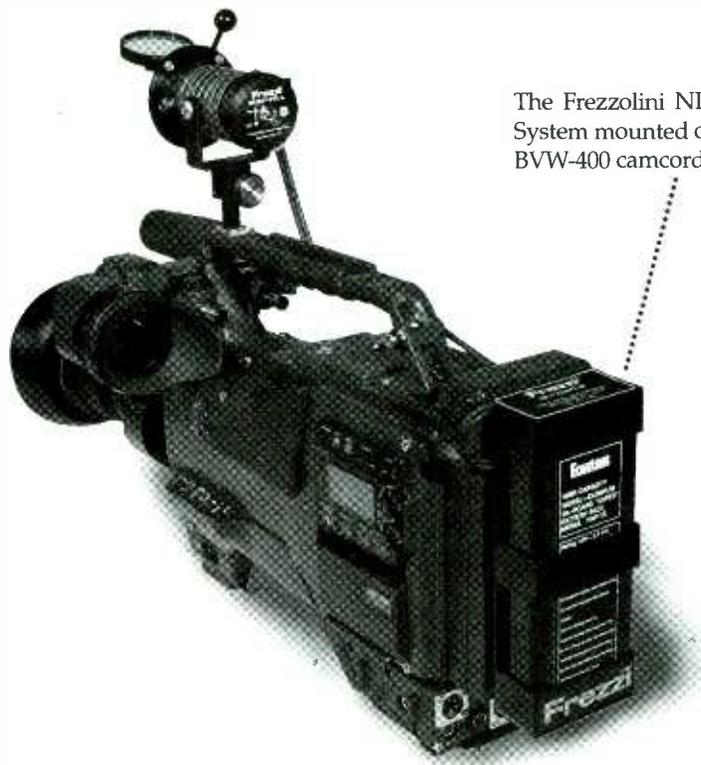
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► NP-23dx: NiCad NP-type professional video battery with LED charge status indicators; the NP-23dx is a direct replacement for all common NP-type batteries including the NP-1B; compatible with all standard NP-type battery chargers.

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**Headsets**

**Noise Cancellation Technologies**

► ProActive 1000 series: line of active industrial headsets; product consists of two lightweight open-back active noise reduction headsets (ProActive 1000 without communications, ProActive 1500 with a boom microphone for communications); headsets electronically reduce noise in 30 to 1,200Hz range by up to 15dB; powered by a rechargeable NiCad battery; one charge lasts 12 hours.

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**MPEG encoding system**  
**Minerva Systems**

► Compressionist: an integrated system consisting of the Minerva encoding engine, a Macintosh-based host system, and the MPEGmaker application software; the real-time, scalable video processing engine is capable of digital or analog video input, high-quality audio capture, and MPEG audio and video encoding and multiplexing at bit rates up to 4mb/s; the platform can simultaneously encode and decode audio and video so user can instantly preview results of the MPEG encoding process and adjust the engine parameters based on the visual feedback.

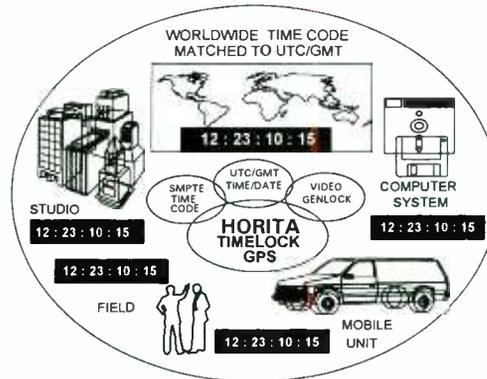
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**GPS Locked SMPTE Time Code Generators**  
**Time and Date References for Studio and Field**



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## Uninterruptible power supplies Superior Electric



► **SL series Stabiline:** series provides a reliable source of clean, continuous sine wave AC power for mission-critical, voltage-sensitive electronic equipment; offered in 12 models with power ratings between 400-2,200VA; available in North American styles that permit user selectable 110, 120 or 127VAC, 60Hz operation and international configuration that permit user selectable 220, 230 or 240VAC, 50/60Hz operation; units use a "boost/buck" tap system for tight output regulation and control over chronic low or high input voltage conditions; bidirectional surge diverting/filtering circuitry is used for protection of electrical noise generated from either the AC input or the protected load; front panel features a self-

diagnostic routine on start-up and indications for site wiring fault, battery service, communication operation, input line condition, battery and percent load levels; "battery sleep" feature prolongs battery life.

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## Graphics workstation Silicon Graphics

► **Reality Station:** newest member of the Onyx family is a single-processor graphics workstation; features a single 200MHz MIPS R4400 microprocessor and includes RealityEngine<sup>2</sup> graphics; also features a real-time 3-D graphics feature set including real-time texture mapping; full-scene anti-aliasing of polygons, vectors and points; quad buffering for interactive high-resolution stereoscopy; hardware support for image processing; standard NTSC/PAL/S-video output; and broadcast video options.

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## Digital time base corrector Ikon Video



► **IXT-7 "Super Seven:"** digital time base corrector available in single and dual channel modes; unit is contained in a one U metal rack frame or table-top configuration; this family of TBCs will include NTSC or PAL and will accept and transcode composite, Y/C, component, and RGB formats; correctors will also include a full 3-field synchronizer.

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## FM switchless combiners Jampro Systems

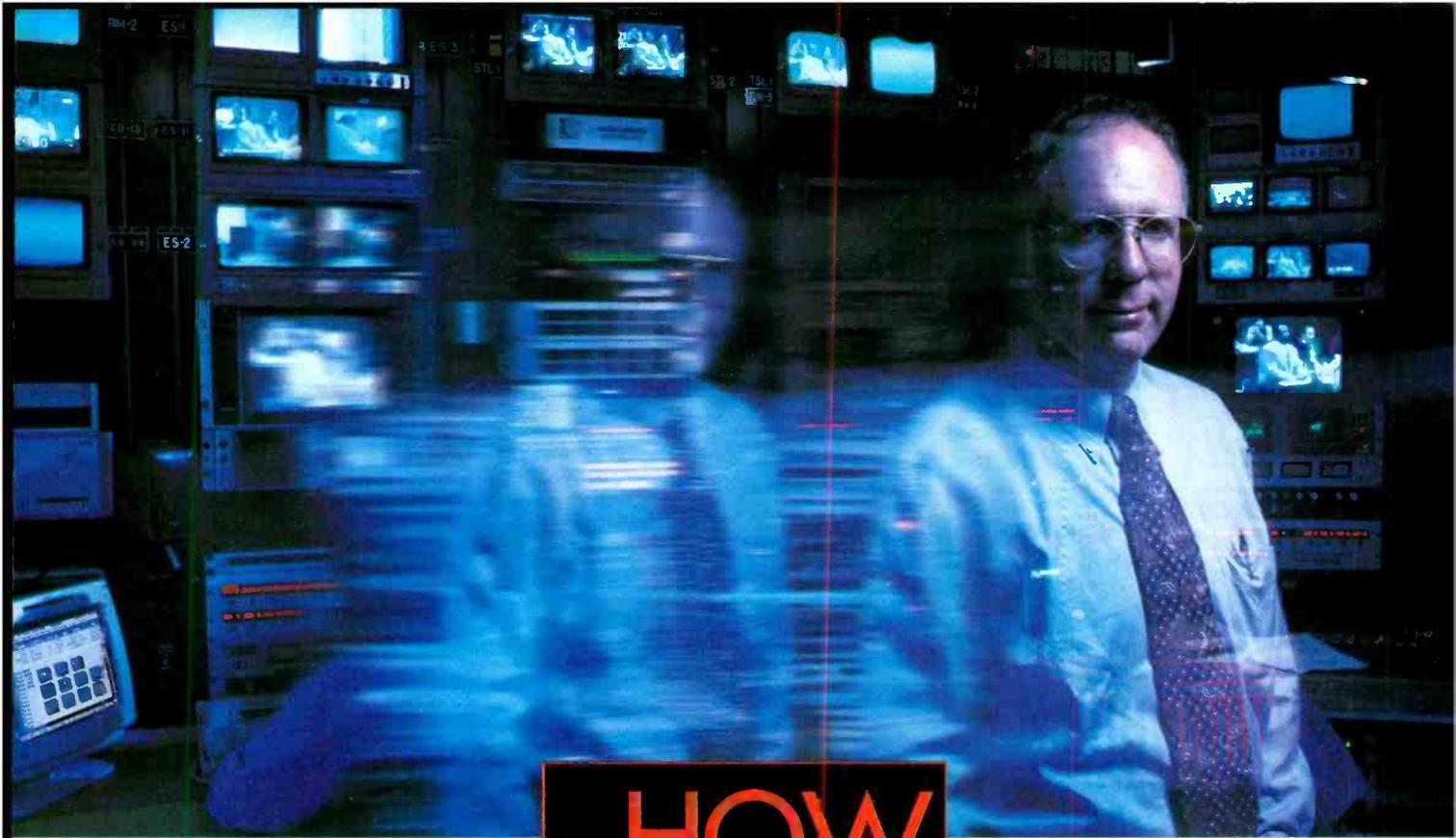
► **FM switchless combiners:** ensures maximum output power availability at the antenna at all times; allows full power on-air transfer between active and standby transmitters as well as multiple transmitter combining; available in 1 5/8-inch to 6 1/8-inch coax line sizes with power ratings up to 125kW; high levels of isolation between the transmitters are maintained for all positions of the phasing line by the input hybrid.

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## Interface United Media/Pinnacle Systems

► **API/DLL interface:** a direct software link between United Media's MultiVision system (MVS) linear editor and Pinnacle's Alladin media printer; with the flexibility of sync rolling from 2-7 VTRs from a single plug-in card, the MVS linear editor uses all four inputs of the Alladin's switcher by sync rolling A/B/C/D/E and F rolls; both the MVS editor and the Alladin run under Windows and can reside in the same computer or on different computers.

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etary automation software or choosing any disk vendor you wanted?

**A:** *No.*

**Q:** So if you were to give advice on how to make the transition to disk, without worrying about where your station goes in the future, what would it be?

**A:** *Louth.*

**Q:** And what about the multi-casting environment?

**A:** *Louth.*

**Q:** Of course, you'd still need a media management and traffic interface system to tie it together. Any final words of advice?

**A:** *Louth.*

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## Control access module Standard Communications



► **Omni Global VU CAM830/830I series control access module:** designed as an upgrade solution to Standard's Omni Broadcast MT830 satellite receiver; offers access and adjustment of all essential features and functions of the receiver manually or by remote control; allows user to operate up to 30 receivers located at multiple off-site locations; CAM830 module is easily field retrofitted in any existing Omni Broadcast MT830 satellite receiver installation.

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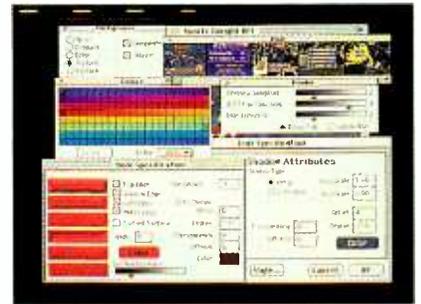
## Software Re an

► **PatchLabel:** software for accurate and neat labeling of all patchbay connectors; can be used with Apple Mac or IBM-compatible PC; allows user to select position of headings for perfect alignment with designation strips.

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## Video titling software McRoberts Software Inc.

► **Comet/CG 3.0:** professional video titling software for compositing high-quality anti-aliased text and graphics over digital or analog video; features added text and graphic options including PowerPC native code for fast rendering, general-purpose interface control, and soft edge shadows with variable softness, depth, color and transparency; also features beveled rules and bars, style palette, thumbnail palette, storyboard importing, super-fast sequencer and alignment controls with seven object alignment options.



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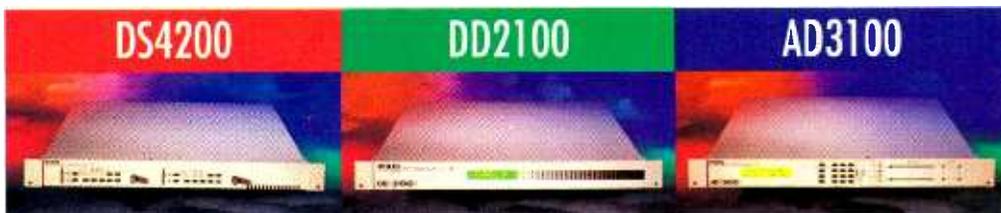
## AV disk drives Micropolis

► **AV Gold series:** new generation of drives offering a minimum sustained transfer rate of 4MB/s; drives are optimized for continuous and sustained delivery of data; eliminates the possibility of delays in the datastream that cause frame dropouts and jerkiness in digital audio/video playback or recording; disk drives feature a 650,000-hour mean-time-between-failure (MTBF).



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### MMDS transmitters

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► 1700A series: line of MMDS transmitters accommodating NTSC or PAL TV standards; packaged in an upgradable configuration permitting 10W or 20W transmitter to be upgraded to 50W; features include low phase noise oscillators, phase locking capability, and offset frequency control; also features advanced multilevel diagnostics with local or remote monitoring capabilities.

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### Fluorescent lighting

#### Strand Lighting

► Videolux fluorescent softlights: designed around 6x26W and 2x36W compact fluorescent lights, Videolux provides a smooth, wide spread; this spread is concentrated by its intensifier attachment that collects the light from the edge of the beam and re-directs it toward the center; the high lumens-to-watt ratio means low power consumption and low heat generation; can be used in conjunction with Strand Lighting's dimming control products for full control of studio lighting.

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### Tower lighting controls guide

#### SSAC

► Tower and Obstruction Lighting Controls Application Guide: 16-page applications and product selection guide; new guide includes lamp outage and beacon flasher monitoring relays that are now required to meet new FAA lighting inspection procedures; also features controls for beacon flashing, synchronous flashing of beacons, dusk-to-dawn operation, lamp outage and failed flasher alarm modules, 3-phase voltage monitors and more.

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### Enclosures catalog on disk

#### Equipto Electronics

► CAB-NET: catalog available on IBM-compatible PC disk; features a full line of modular electronic cabinets and computer furniture.

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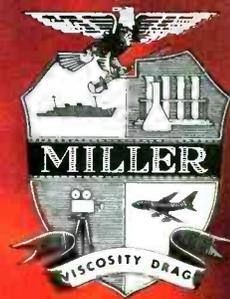
### Satellite earth station interfacility link

#### Ortel

► Remote RF monitoring via fiber: service previously available as an option for the System 8000 interfacility links, this capability is now available as a stand-alone item; capability allows for the remote spectrum monitoring of radio frequency (RF) uplink signals; monitoring maintains the proper effective isotropic radiated power (EIRP), intermods, spurious emission and frequency stability; allows operators to add microwave fiber options to systems at earth stations already in place and interconnected with waveguide and coaxial cable.

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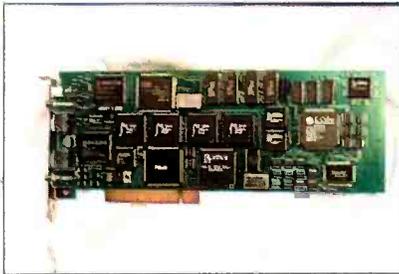
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## Non-linear digital video editing system

### Interactive Images

► **Plum:** Plug n Play, PC-based system produces broadcast-quality video (CCIR 601 video sampling at 720x480 NTSC or 720x576 PAL at 59.94/50 fields/second); the design features an on-board rendering engine that reduces rendering time by approximately 95% compared to more conventional cards; using the superfast PCI bus, Plum supports a databurst rate of up to 132MB/s and sustained compressed frame sizes of 125kB without expensive RAID disk arrays; Plum is bundled with a high-quality audio card, a fast SCSI-2 card, and the Adobe Premiere 4.0 editing software.



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## Automatic line voltage regulators

### Phenix Technologies

► **SBL series:** line of regulators offering improved performance through the use of Phenix's CTR linear variable transformers and roller-type contacts; features include single-board computer control, individual phase regulation, input circuit breaker, output contactor, no break bypass, and digital meters.

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## Products catalog on disk

### Remece

► **Master Catalog:** Remece's complete electronic wire and cable product offering for PVC, plenum, fiber-optic and composite cables available on computer disk; a built-in assistant guides the user through the computer program.

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## Video production system

### Radius

► **VideoVision Telecast:** a BetacamSP-quality video capture and playback system for QuickTime-based digital video editing; includes professional-level digital audio and time-code support; features comprehensive video I/O offering component (YUV and RGB), S-Video, and composite connectors; also features high-quality 16-bit, 48kHz stereo sound locked to the video signal; front-panel LEDs show current input/output selections; system has full gen-lock capability for flicker-free video mixing; other features include longitudinal and vertical interval SMPTE/EBU time code for both audio and video, RS-422 device control, GPI trigger, and built-in adaptive JPEG video compression/decompression engine.



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### Fiber feed module Iptek



► Imtran 10-bit professional line: high-speed digital fiber delivery for the broadcast chain; offers better than RS-250C short-haul video and audio performance; four or eight discrete NTSC composite analog video feeds may occupy a single fiber; each video channel may optionally have up to four CD-quality balanced audio lines and one simplex RS-232 data line; standard Imtran frame occupies 3RU of vertical rack space.

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### Digital TV broadcast standard and format converter Video International



► DTC 1600P6: based on the DTC 1600P5 "Worldwide Problem Solver," features 4-field/4-line motion adaptive interpolation, up to 20dB noise reduction, 4:2:2 processing and digital encoder/decoder; stand-alone unit requires no additional TBC or synchronizer for operation; serves as an analog-to-digital as well as digital-to-analog format converter when equipped with the optional D-1, 4:2:2 serial or parallel interface.

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### Stereo audio tone generators Link Electronics

► Model PTG-616 and Model 6160: high-quality audio tone generators designed for the Link PFM-600 mounting frame and the Starflex 3000 frame respectively; both models feature simultaneous 1kHz and 400Hz balanced, low impedance outputs; a third output is provided for 1kHz or 400Hz, selectable from the front panel; units are designed as a stereo tone source with independent A and B channel outputs; total harmonic distortion is <0.06% for all outputs; output amplifiers feature a cross-coupled feedback configuration for the precise phase and level matching of the balanced output.

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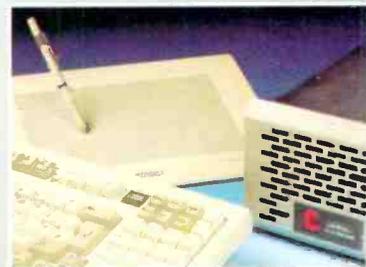
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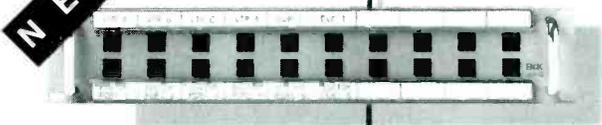
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**Measurement products catalog Tektronix**

► 1995 Measurement Products Catalog: 596-page, soft-cover catalog featuring a full-color product section with new form-factor measurement solutions; 900 products are featured including additions to the color printing and imaging, network displays, and video systems divisions; catalog also includes Tektronix partnerships/alliance solutions offered by Advantest, Japan, and Rohde & Schwarz, Germany.



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**Digital audio monitor Tektronix**



► 764 Monitor: operates as an audio phase and level meter and as a digital data monitor; uses interpolation to calculate accurate audio levels; the passive loop-through inputs allow the 764 monitor to be installed in-line with the signal of interest; has the ability to compile statistics associated with an audio passage; also displays

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**Switcher DNF Industries**

► SW1X8 RS-422 switcher: allows the ST200 and ST100 Universal VTR controllers, an edit controller, or any other RS-422 VTR controller to control up to eight VTRs; operator can select one out of eight VTRs for individual control, select a group of VTRs to control, or gang roll all eight VTRs at the press of a button; two or more switchers can be connected to control more than eight VTRs.

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**Digital video system Truevision**

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Intrinsic to the 8mm video format is the Automatic Track Finding (ATF) control system. This approach records the tracking control information, along with the program material, using the helical scan (video) head. Compelling S-VHS based system record the tracking data with a linear recording head, independent of the program data. The S-VHS tape must be run at a higher speed (thereby delivering shorter recording time) to deliver control track reliability, and requires some form of automatic or manual tracking adjustment. Synchronization and tracking must be adjusted, either automatically or manually (just like on your home VCR) as the machine ages, or if the tape is played back on another machine.

On the other hand, the ATF system ensures that there will be no tracking errors or loss of synchronization. The DA-88 doesn't even have (or need) a tracking adjustment. All eight tracks of audio are perfectly synchronized. What's more, this system guarantees perfect tracking and synchronization between all audio tracks on all cascaded decks - whether you have one deck or sixteen (up to 128 tracks!).

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One of the best features of the DA-88 is the ability to execute seamless Punch-ins and Punch-outs. This feature offers programmable digital crossfades, as well as the ability to insert new material accurately into light spots. You can even delay individual tracks, when you want to generate a time offset or compensate for poor timing. All of this can be performed easily on a deck that is simple and intuitive to use.

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Full transport control is available via the unit's industry-standard RS-422 port, providing full control right from your video bay. The RD-8 records at either 44.1 or 48kHz and will perform Pull-Up and Pull-Down functions for film/video transfers. The Track Slip feature helps maintain perfect sound-to-picture sync and the 8-Channel Optical Digital Interface keeps you in the digital domain.

All of this contributes to the superb sound quality of the RD-8. The audio itself is processed by 16-bit digital-to-analog (D/A's) converters at either 44.1 or 48kHz (user selectable) sampling rates, with 64X oversampling. Playback is accomplished with 18 bit analog-to-digital (A/D's) and 64X oversampling, thus delivering CD-quality audio.

The S-VHS transport in the RD-8 was selected because of its proven reliability, rugged construction and superb tape handling capabilities. Eight tracks on S-VHS tape allow much wider track widths than is possible on other digital tape recording formats.

With its LCD and 10-digit display panel, the RD-8 is remarkably easy to control. You can access 100 locate points, and cross-fade time is fully controllable in machine to machine editing. Table of Contents data can be recorded on tape. When the next session begins, whether on your RD-8 or another, you just load the set up information from your tape and begin working. Since the RD-8 is fully ADAT compliant, your machine can play tapes made on other compatible machines, and can be controlled by other manufacturers ADAT controllers. Your tapes will also be playable on any other ADAT deck.

In addition to familiar transport controls, there are a number of logical, user friendly features. This is the only unit in its class with an on-board, back-lit variable contrast LCD display. It provides all of the information you'll need to keep track of offsets, punch points, generator functions and other pertinent data. Three function keys, combined with HOME, NEXT and UP/DOWN buttons, enable you to navigate the edit menu effortlessly. If you need to have access to the front panel controls, the optional model 8312 remote control gives you remote command of the most common functions.

## SENNHEISER

### RF SERIES CONDENSER MICROPHONES

Unlike traditional condenser microphones, the capacitive transducer in Sennheiser condenser microphones is part of a tuned RF-discriminator circuit. Its output is a relatively low impedance audio signal which allows further processing by conventional bi-polar low noise solid state circuits. Sennheiser microphones achieve a balanced floating output without the need for audio transformers, and insure a fast, distortion-free response to audio transients over an extended frequency range. The RF-design yields exceptionally low noise levels and is virtually immune to humidity and moisture. The comparatively low RF-voltage across the elements of the transducer also eliminates arcing and DC-bias creeping currents. Sennheiser employs RF-technology to control residual microphone noise. Optimizing the transducer's acoustic impedance results in a further improvement in low noise performance. Sennheiser studio condenser microphones operating according to this RF-principle have proven their superior ruggedness and reliability in the past decades under every conceivable environmental condition.



### MKH 70 P48U3 (Shotgun)

Extremely lightweight RF condenser, rugged, long shotgun, low distortion push-pull element, transformerless, low noise, switchable presence (+5 dB at 10 kHz), low cut filter (-5 dB at 50 Hz), and 10 dB preattenuation. Handles 133 dB/SPL with excellent sensitivity and high output level. Ideal for video/film studios, theater, sporting events, and nature recordings.

### MKH 416 P48U3

### Supercardioid/Lobe (Shotgun)

Transformerless, RF condenser designed as a combination of pressure gradient and interference tube microphones. Very good feedback rejection, low proximity effect, 128 dB/SPL. Rugged and resistant to changing climate conditions. Ideal for boom, lispole, and camera mountings. A long-distance microphone for video, film, and studio recording. Excellent for interviewing for reporters, podium or lecture microphone.

### MKH 816 P48U3

### Ultra-directional Lobe (Shotgun)

Narrow-beam pattern, transformerless RF condenser microphone. Handles 124 dB/SPL and has high output voltage. Perfect for crowded news conference, movie sets, TV stages, sporting events and nature recording.

### MKH 20 P48U3 Omnidirectional

Low distortion push-pull element, transformerless RF condenser, flat frequency response, diffuse/near-field response switch (6 dB boost at 10 kHz), switchable 10 dB pad to prevent overmodulation. Handles 142 dB SPL. High output level. Ideal for concert, Mid-Side (M-S), acoustic strings, brass and wind instrument recording.

### MKH 40 P48U3 Cardioid

Highly versatile, low distortion push-pull element, transformerless RF condenser, high output level, transparent response, switchable proximity equalization (-4 dB at 50 Hz) and pre-attenuation of 10 dB to prevent overmodulation. In vocal applications excellent results have been achieved with the use of a pop screen. Recommended for most situations, including digital recording, overdubbing vocals, percussive sound, acoustic guitars, piano, brass and string instruments. Mid-Side (M-S) stereo, and conventional X-Y stereo.

### MKH 60 P48U3 (Short Shotgun)

Short interference tube RF condenser, lightweight metal alloy, transformerless, low noise, symmetrical capsule design, smooth off-axis frequency response, switchable low cut filter (-5 dB at 100 Hz), high frequency boost (+5 dB at 10 kHz) and 10 dB attenuation. Handles extremely high SPL (135 dB), ideal for broadcasting, film, video, sports recording, interviewing in crowded or noisy environments. Excellent for studio voiceovers.

## CHYRON Graphics

### PC-CODI TEXT and GRAPHICS GENERATOR

A PC-compatible (ISA bus) board, the PC-CODI incorporates a broadcast quality encoder and wide bandwidth linear keyer to provide highest quality realtime, video character generation and graphics display. Used individually or configured with multiple boards, it is a complete and affordable solution for information displays, broadcast, video production or multi-media applications.

- Standard PC/AT ISA bus interface, 2/3 length form factor
- Fully anti-aliased displays
- Less than 10nsec. effective pixel resolution
- 16.7 million color selections
- Fast, realtime operations
- Character, Logo and PCX Image transparency
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- Automatic character kerning
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- User definable read effects: playback, wipes, pushes, fades
- High quality composite & S-video (Y/C) encoder
- Integral composite and S-video linear keyer
- NTSC or PAL sync generator with genlock
- Module switchable NTSC or PAL operation
- Software controlled video limiting
- Board addressability for multi-channel applications
- Auto display sequencing
- Local message/page memory
- Preview output with safe-title/cursor/menu overlay
- Composite & S-video input with auto-genlock select

## SONY COLOR MONITORS

### PVM-1350

### 13" Presentation Monitor

- Employs a P-22 phosphor fine pitch CRT to deliver stunning horizontal resolution of 450 horizontal lines
- Equipped with beam current feedback circuit which eliminates white balance drift for long term stability of color balance

### PVM-1351Q

### 13" Production Monitor

- Has all the features of the PVM-1350 PLUS - is also a multisystem monitor. It accepts NTSC, PAL and video signals. NTSC 4:3 can also be reproduced.



- Has analog RGB, S-video and two composite video (BNC) inputs as well as 4 audio inputs.
- Automatic Chroma/Phase setup mode facilitates the complex, delicate procedure of monitor adjustment. Using broadcast standard color bars as a reference, this function automatically calibrates chroma and phase.
- Chroma/Phase adjustments can also be easily performed with the monochrome Blue Only display. In Blue Only mode video noise can be precisely evaluated.
- Factory set to broadcast standard 6500K color temperature
- Provides an on-screen menu to facilitate adjustment/operation on the monitor. The on-screen menu display can be selected in English, French, German, Spanish or Italian
- On power up, automatic degaussing is performed.
- There is also a manual degauss switch to demagnetize the screen.
- Sub control mode allows fine adjustments to be made on the knob control for contrast, brightness, chroma and phase. The desired level can be set to the click position at the center allowing for multiple blanking area and sync/burst timing by displaying the horizontal and vertical intervals in the center of the screen.
- Color temperature switchable between 6500K/9300K/User preset. 6500K is factory preset. 9300K is for a more pleasing picture. User preset is 3200K to 10,000K.

### PVM-1354Q/PVM-1954Q 13" and 19" Production Monitors

All the features of the PVM-1351Q PLUS

- SMPTE C standard phosphor CRT is incorporated in the PVM-1354Q/1954Q. SMPTE C phosphors permit the most critical evaluation of any color subject. Provides over 600 lines of horizontal resolution.
- The PVM-1354Q mounts into a 19-inch EIA standard rack with the optional MB-5028 rack mount bracket and SLR-102 slide rail kit same as PVM-1351Q. The PVM-1954Q mounts into a 19-inch EIA rack with the optional SLR-103 slide rail kit.

## SHURE



### FP32A PORTABLE STEREO MIXER

This small and rugged portable mixer is well equipped to handle the demands of EFP, ENG, live music recording or any other situation that requires a low noise high performance mixer.

- High quality low noise electronics, perfect for digital recording and transmission
- Three balanced inputs, two balanced outputs plus tape out and monitor
- Supports all types of condenser mics with internal phantom supply
- Inputs can be switched between mic and line level
- Each channel has own pan pot
- Each channel has illuminated meter and peak indicator
- Two units can be cascaded to provide six input channels
- Internal 1KHz oscillator for record and send level calibration
- Internal (2x9V alkaline batteries) or external power
- Switchable low cut filters

## MACKIE



### MicroSeries 1202 12-Channel Ultra-Compact Mic/Line Mixer

Usually the performance and durability of smaller mixers drops in direct proportion to their price, making lower cost models unacceptable for serious recording and sound reinforcement. Fortunately, Mackie's fanatical approach to pro sound engineering has resulted in the Micro Series 1202, an affordable small mixer with studio specifications and rugged construction. The Micro Series 1202 is a no-compromise, professional quality ultra-compact mixer designed for non-stop 24 hour-a-day professional duty in broadcast studios, permanent PA applications and editing suites where nothing must ever go wrong. So no matter what your application, the Micro Series 1202 is ideal. If price is the prime consideration or you simply want the best possible mixer in the least amount of space, there is only one choice.

### CR-1604

### 16-Channel Audio Mixer

In less than three years, the Mackie CR-1604 has become the industry standard for compact 16-channel mixers. It is the hands-down choice for major touring groups and studio session players, as well as for broadcast, sound contracting and recording studio users. For them the CR-1604 offers features, specs, and day-in-day-out reliability that rival far larger boards. Its remarkable features include 24 usable line inputs with special headroom/ultra-low noise Unityplus circuitry, seven AUX sends, 3-band equalization, constant power pan controls, 10-segment LED output metering, discrete front end phantom-powered mic inputs and much more.

## TASCAM



### 688 Midstudio

The 688 MIDSTUDIO is a compact, 20 input audio mixer combined with an 8 track cassette recorder system. Designed for the MIDI-based studio, this unit will work well for both the production facility and the individual artist. In the MIDI environment, sources can be selected, destinations assigned and routing designated, all from the remote MIDI controller. With its wide input range and ability to be remotely synchronized, the 688 can be the heart of a high tech, compact 8 track studio.

- Full featured 20 input mixer (10 balanced XLR inputs)
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## HORITA

### WG-50 Window Dub Inserter

- Makes burned-in SMPTE TC window dub copies
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- Also functions as play speed SMPTE time code reader
- Adjustments for horizontal and vertical size and position
- Dark mask or "see thru" mask surrounds display
- Provides reshaped time code output for copying TC
- Displays time code or user bits • Display on/off
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- Always frame accurate (on time)

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### TG-50 Generator / Inserter

Combination time code generator and window dub inserter. It includes all features of WG-50 PLUS—

- Generates SMPTE time code in drop/non-drop-frame format
- Jamsync mode jams to time code input and outputs new TC
- Simple "on screen" preset of time code and user bits
- Run/stop operation using front panel momentary switch
- Selectable 30/60/120-second automatic generator back-time
- Make a window dub copy while recording TC on source tape

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### BSG-50

#### Blackburst/Sync/Tone Generator

The BSG-50 provides an economical means for generating the most common RS-170A video timing signals used to operate various video switchers, effects generators, TBCs, VCRs, cameras and video edit controllers.

- 6 BNC video/pulse outputs
- Now available: 6 blackburst, 4 sync, 2 subcarrier
- Each sync output individually selectable for composite sync, composite blanking, H-drive, or V-drive
- Separate buffer for each output—maximum signal isolation
- 1.1KHz, 0dB sinewave audio tone output, locked to video
- Outputs can be easily configured to meet specific user and equipment needs

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### CSG-50

#### Color Bar/Sync/Tone Generator

- Generates full/SMPTE color bars, blackburst and composite sync signals
- Built-in timer can automatically switch video output from color bars to color black after 30 or 60 seconds. Easy and convenient for producing tape leaders and striping tapes with color bars and black
- Front panel selection of full-field or SMPTE color bar patterns or color/black (blackburst) video output
- Includes crystal-controlled, 1KHz, 0dB audio tone output
- Outputs: video, sync, blackburst, 1.1KHz, 0dB
- Audio tone switches to silence and color bars change to black when using 30/60 second timer
- Fully RS-170A SC/H phased and always correct
- No adjustment required

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### TSG-50

#### NTSC Test Signal Generator

The TSG-50 generates 12 video test signals suitable for setting up, aligning, and evaluating the performance of various video equipment found in a typical video editing system, such as video monitors, distribution amplifiers, VCRs, switchers, effects generators, TBCs, etc. In addition to the video signals, the TSG-50 also generates composite sync and, with a video DA such as the Horita VDA-50, becomes a high quality, multiple output, house sync generator.

- Fully RS-170A SC/H phased and always correct. No adjustments ever required
- Built-in timer automatically switches video output from color bar pattern to black after 30 or 60 seconds. Makes it easy to produce tape leaders of color bars followed by black
- Video signals generated are in accordance with industry standard EIA RS-170A video timing specification
- Audio tone switches to silence and color bars change to black when using 30/60 second timer
- Convenient pattern selection - 12 position front panel switch
- Includes crystal-controlled, 1KHz, 0dB audio tone output
- Generates precise oscilloscope trigger output signal one H-line before start of color field 1
- Outputs: video, sync, ref frame, 1KHz, 0dB

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- VLT-50PC - VITC-To-LTC Translator / RS-232 Control
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## SONY

### NEW! SVP-5600 and SVO-5800 S-VHS Player/S-VHS Editing Recorder

#### SVP-5600 and SVO-5800 features:

- By combining the high resolution (400 horizontal lines) of S-VHS with high quality signal processing techniques like DNR, Digital Field DDC and Chroma Process improvement, they deliver the consistent picture quality so essential to editing. They also incorporate a wide video head gap and track width (58mm) for stable and faithful picture reproduction
- Each has a built-in TBC plus an advanced Digital Noise Reducer (DNR) for both the chrominance and luminance signals to eliminate noise during playback. At the same time, a field memory incorporated in the video recorder removes jitter to provide sharp, stable pictures. The field memory also includes a Digital Field DDC (Dropout Compensator), which replaces signal dropout with information from the previous field
- They also incorporate Chroma Process Improvement circuitry for excellent color picture quality in the playback mode. This advanced circuitry greatly improves the chroma bandwidth, thus enabling sharper and clearer color picture reproduction.



#### ADVANCED EDITING FUNCTIONS

- For frame accurate editing, both machines employ a sophisticated servo system, an improved quick response mechanism and built-in LTC/VITC time code capability. This makes them ideal for animation and computer graphic recording, where a frame-by-frame editing function is indispensable.
- They are equipped with industry standard RS-422 9-pin serial interface. The 9-pin connector carries edit commands and time code data between the VCR and the edit controller.
- When connected to an RS-422 equipped edit controller, the SVO-5800 functions as an editing recorder. It performs assemble and insert functions and also provided audio split editing capability of normal audio tracks 1 and 2. In the insert mode, video, audio and time code can be inserted independently, or in any combination.

#### FOUR CHANNEL AUDIO SYSTEM

- They each incorporate four-channels of high quality video. There are two channels with Hi-Fi (AFM) tracks and two with longitudinal (normal) tracks. The Hi-Fi tracks provide a wide frequency response from 20Hz to 20kHz and a superb dynamic range of 90dB. The normal tracks incorporate Dolby B noise reduction for high quality sound reproduction. XLR connectors are used for the inputs and outputs for all four channels.

#### MULTIPLE INPUTS AND OUTPUTS

- Both machines employ composite and S-Video connectors. With optional SVBK-170 Component Output Board, they provide component signal output through BNC connectors. With the board, the VCRs can be integrated into Betacam SP editing systems.

#### USER FRIENDLY OPERATION

- They have a built-in character generator which superimposes characters on the "video monitor output" signal. This allows time code data, control track, menu setup and VCR function status to be shown on a monitor.

- For more efficient operation they have an on-screen setup menu which allows a variety of customized VCR mode operations. Programmed in the form of a layer structure, you simply go through the menu and initialize VCR operation.

- All parameters of the TBC, such as luminance level, chroma level, setup, hue, Y/C delay, sync phase and SC phase are easily controlled from the front panel, and can be remotely controlled from the optional UVR-60 TBC Remote Control. The UVR-60 also accesses field freeze function in the still mode and allows on/off control of the chroma and luminance noise reducer.

- Quick and smooth picture search can be performed by either using an RS-422 equipped edit controller or the optional SVRM-100 Remote Control Unit. Recognizable color pictures are provided at up to 10x normal speed in forward or reverse.

### REBATES: Buy an SVP-5600 or SVO-5800 Professional S-VHS VCR

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## FXE-100 ALL-IN-ONE VIDEO EDITING SYSTEM

The new FXE-100 is an A/B roll editing system designed for quicker, easier video editing, and is well-suited for today's professional audio/visual communications. It is an edit controller which controls basic VCR functions, a special effects generator which cuts, mixes, wipes and composites the video sources with stunning effects, and an audio mixer with various fading and switching abilities. There is no longer a need to configure multiple devices for video editing. With either Hi-8 or S-VHS VCRs and the FXE-100, an ideal professional editing system can be easily configured.

- Switchable machine control of three RS-422 equipped VCRs or three RS-232 equipped VCRs. Basic VCR functions, such as play, stop, still, fast forward, rewind and record are controlled through these interfaces. Variable speed control is also possible for VCRs equipped with Dynamic Tracking
- Accepts time code, control track (CTL), and 8mm time code as editing references. These can be set separately for each VCR
- Performs assemble and insert editing (Video, Audio 1, Audio 2). The first EDIT mode, which allows you to record sufficient timecode for synchronization to a new tape is also featured
- Features a split audio edit function which allows setting of audio and video in-points separately. This permits you to bring in the audio source before a visual transition
- Store up to 50 scenes, including effects settings, in memory
- Edit list data can be saved and downloaded to an IBM-compatible PC, allowing you to review or modify edit data at any time
- The FXE-100 has two program buses, the A- and B-bus. Each bus provides Player 1, Player 2, Aux inputs and Background Color. Both composite and S-Video signals can be input
- Digital effects, such as mosaic function, two machine editing with effect transitions is realized by freezing the recorder DUT point picture. Also, by selecting the same video source in both A and B bus, wipe or mix in/out of the digital effects is possible without picture transition. This "Self A Roll" function is another feature which allows effective two machine video editing

#### SWITCHER AND SPECIAL EFFECTS GENERATOR

- Multiple wipe patterns, including picture scroll and slides, are programmed in. Wipe patterns are easily accessed, and transition rates can be set. Soft edges or a choice of 15 color borders can be added to most wipes and effects
- Variety of mix effects, such as mosaic mix, black and white mix, postezation mix and picture-in-picture (PIP). Also fade to black and fade to white effects
- Digital effects, such as mosaic, paint, pixel trail, multi-plate, monochrome, and zoom. Picture freeze function is also featured in frame or field mode
- Because all the special effects can be set separately to the video sources of each bus, wipes or dissolves of the sources with the digital effects can be executed. It is also possible to combine multiple effects to create stunning images, such as wiping the multi-picture effect with the paint effect and dissolving color corrected picture with mosaic effects

#### ADJUSTABLE TRANSITIONS

Transitions are done using the joystick, or they can be automatically set. Transition time can be set from 0 to 999 frames. Transition can also be paused and reversed. Other parameters such as GPI timing, wipe selection and pre-roll time can be set.

#### CHROMA KEYER

The FXE-100 features chroma and luminance keys to superimpose characters, figures, or video sources onto a background. Clip and gain levels can be adjusted to give clean and sharp key edges. Color correction is done via the joystick for both buses with memory to hold a variety of settings for storage and recall.

#### WIPE CONTROL

By moving the location stick, you can move the closed wipe patterns such as square, circle and heart, around the screen. This function also enables you to start the wipe transition from any desired position on the screen.

#### AUDIO MIXING

Audio-follow-video editing can be performed with the FXE-100. Two channels are assigned to each player VCR's input and one channel for the recorder VCR's input. Two channels of AUX inputs and a MIC input are available for mixing background music with voice-over. All audio input levels can be adjusted separately. Two Program output channels and one monitor channel are provided. A switch for -7.5dB and +4.0 dB is provided for flexibility in choosing input levels for VCRs with either RCA or XLR connectors.

#### USER FRIENDLY OPERATION

- All keys and buttons are logically grouped by function, and are color coded for quick identification and economy of keystrokes.
- Permits one monitor operation. No need for multiple monitors.
- Various editing data, such as edit mode and time code address of each VCR, can be monitored on the same screen.

#### VERSATILE SYSTEM INTEGRATION

- No need to configure multiple devices. By simply connecting three VCRs, a professional video editing system is formed
- Two frame synchronizers allow perfectly synchronized wipes and dissolves without time base correctors
- Equipped with: two GPIs for control of external devices, such as character generators and audio mixers. Also has a GPI input, allowing it to be controlled from an external edit controller
- Has four back burst outputs to distribute internally generated sync signal, synchronizing connected devices. There is no need for an external sync generator.

## MAGNI



### MM-400

- The MM-400 is a combination waveform and vector monitor especially configured for the cost-conscious producer. A low-cost alternative to CRT-based waveform monitoring the MM-400 produces a video picture of the input signal's waveform and displays it on any video monitor. It provides a simple, affordable and accurate way to set camera levels before a shoot, or to check time base correctors and color fidelity in editing. Problems like hue shift, smearing, muddy contrast and loss of detail are easily identified for correction.

#### FEATURES:

- Converts waveform or vector display information into a standard video signal which can be displayed on a video monitor or routed around a video facility, no need for additional expensive monitors. Switch between pictures and waveforms at the push of a button
- Incorporates an advanced SC/H phase and color frame indicator that is easy for editing and post production. At a glance it tells you if a signal's subcarrier-to-horizontal phase is properly adjusted and if the signal's color frame matches the house black burst connected to the MM-400 external reference input.
- Works anywhere and with any analog video format—NTSC, PAL, Component or S-Video. It has automatic detection between NTSC and PAL formats.
- Three loop-through inputs can accept three composite signals or one component, or RGB signal
- No complex displays or special test signals are required for component video monitoring
- Interchannel timing and amplitude display make component analog monitoring easy. Has color bar limit markings for Betacam, M-II and SMPTE formats
- Waveform and vectorscope controls, including channel, sweep speed, position control, phase rotation are on easy-to-see dedicated pushbuttons
- Besides instant toggling between picture and waveform, a mix mode combines waveform and picture displays for simultaneous viewing
- The MM-400 can be readily used by even novice operators. It has easy-to-understand set-up menus for display color, interchannel timing, SC/H phase alarm
- Usable in any video facility of any size for displaying signals, its low cost makes it affordable by the smallest studio, while its features and performance make it ideal for monitoring in high-end facilities as well.

## LEADER Model 5850C

### Vectorscope

An ideal companion for the 5860C Waveform Monitor, the 5850C adds simultaneous side-by-side waveform and vector monitoring. Featured is an electronically-generated vector scale that precludes the need for fussy centering adjustments and eases phase adjustments from relatively long viewing distances. Provision is made for selecting the phase reference from either (A or B) inputs or a separate external timing reference.

### Model 5860C Waveform Monitor

A two-input waveform monitor, the 5860C features 1H, 1V, 2H, 2V, 1 μs/div and 2V MAG time bases as well as vertical amplifier response choices of flat, IRE (low pass), chroma and DIF-STEP. The latter facilitates easy checks of luminance linearity using the staircase signal. A PIX MON output jack feeds observed (A or B) signals to a picture monitor, and the unit accepts an external sync reference. Built-in calibrator and on-off control of the DC restorer is also provided.

### Model 5864A Waveform Monitor



A fully portable waveform monitor for field use, the Model 5864A is a two-channel unit that provides 2H and 2V sweeps with MAG, FLAT and IRE response, and normal and X4 gain.

### Model 5854 Vectorscope

2-channel portable vectorscope is ideal for field use and features A and B phase reference, fixed and variable gain. Both units shown with optional battery holder and NP-1 type battery.

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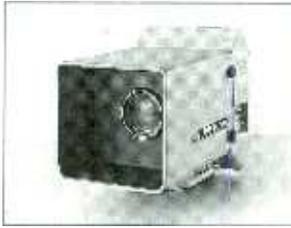
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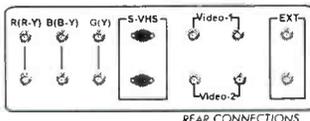
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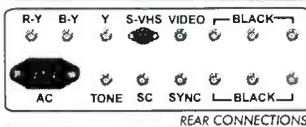
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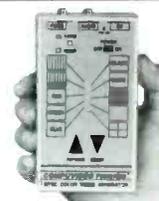
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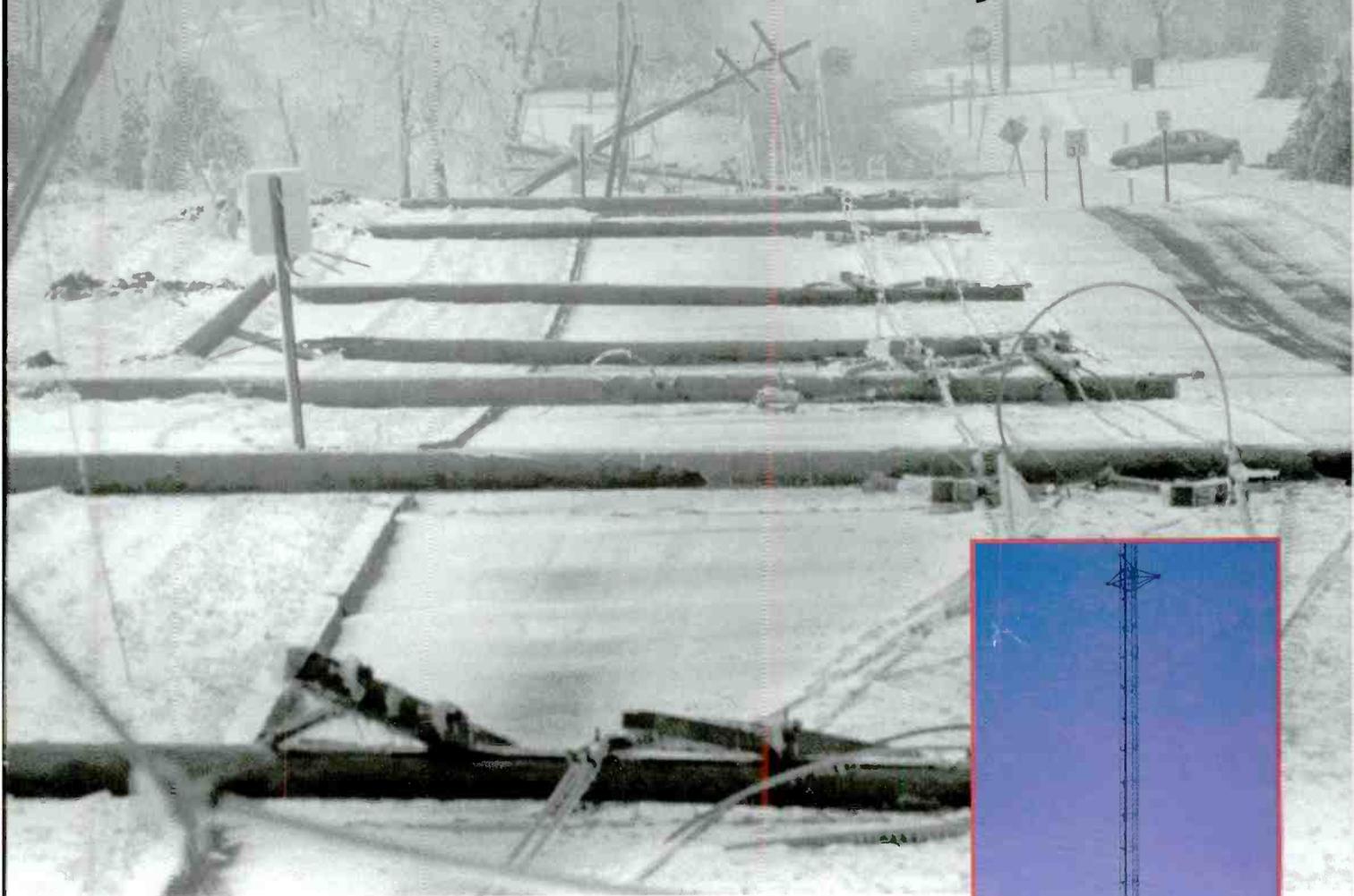
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