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CKGY	1170	Dec. 30, 1995	0200-0400

HCJB-690 - Quito, Ecuador, will conduct a DX test between 1:00 and 1:15 am EST on Sunday, December 3. The test will include Morse code IDs and "other unique items". Correct reception reports will be verified with a special QSL card. According to the station, if you hear code, you must report EXACTLY when you heard it and what characters you heard. Tape recordings are welcome, but tapes cannot be returned. Please include one international reply coupon (IRC) or first class postage in US or Canadian stamps for a reply to your reception reports, which may be sent to: Mr. Rich McVicar (HC1JMN) Frequency Manager - Attn: 690 DX Test - c/o English language service - HCJB Casilla 17-17-691 Quito, Ecuador. Arranged by Mr. Rich McVicar of HCJB for the benefit of all DXers.

CKGY-1170 - Bag 5339 Red Deer, AB T4N 6W1, Canada will conduct a DX test between 2:00 and 4:00 am EST on Saturday, December 30. The test will include voice ID's, Morse code ID's, and country music. Reception reports may be sent to Mr. Ron Thompson, General Manager. Arranged by J. D. Stephens for the IRCA CPC.

From the publisher ... Fred Vobbe sez that only about 10 hams have sent info for the yearly NRC Ham Call list. Remember, if you don't send him the info, he can't put it in. He'll include your name, call, and up to 40 characters of information on

where you operate; non-U. S. hams also should list their class of license. Send him your vitals at the address on the back of DXN.

Henry Hampel sent news of his radio station and asks for reports: "I put on the air a 100 mW input beacon with vertical antenna on June 28, 1995. The beacon is now operating on 1690 kHz with tone-modulated CW 24 hours a day. Because of a heavily loaded top hat on the vertical, it skips on occasion. The call letters are STLMO, and it is located in St. Louis, MO. An address for verification is broadcast on the beacon."

DXChange ... Peter Pompe - 38 Val Du Prince - 1950 Kraainem, Belgium (phone 322/731.62.84) is still looking for a Zenith Royal Transoceanic D7000Y in good condition, and he'll pay shipping.

Welcome to these new members ... Carlo Sgro, Waterloo, Ontario; Carl Lyren, Riverside, CT; Jerry Elya, Alexandria, VA (rejoins); Kristen Schell, Pittsford, NY; Jeff Persinger, Wylie, TX; Bill Andres, Frackville, PA (rejoins after rebuilding his roof); Allen J. Haydon, Derry, NH (rejoins); Tom Hertel, Arnold, MO; Rob Ziegler, Springfield, VA; Arthur Theroux, Jr. N1SXM, West Warwick, RI; Brian Rogers, Allen Park, MI; William Townshend, Washington, DC (rejoins); Peggy Leifert, Woodridge, IL; and Danny Roberts, Slaton, TX.

DX Time Machine

From the pages of DX News:

50 years ago ... from the Nov. 24, 1945 DXN: Roger Legge, Washington, DC, a noted SW DX'er, tried his hand on the BCB and reported hearing OAX4A-854, HJCB-1105, TIGPH-605, TPG-624, and TIEP-823 on his first attempt.

25 years ago ... from the Nov. 21, 1970 DXN: Listed as helping out at HQ publications sessions were Marc DeLorenzo, Tom Holmes, Randy Kane, Mark Katz, Bob Karchevski, Ruth Nelson, Big George Kelley, and Chuck and Jackie Rossier, and non-NRC'ers Keith McClelland and Don Hughes, plus Russ Edmunds and Steve Bohac who helped with "sundry HQ tasks".

10 years ago ... from the November 25, 1985 DXN: Leading NRC contesters was William Moser, ND, followed by Niel Wolfish, MB; Jim Renfrew, NY; Bill Hardy, WA; Bruce Conti, NH, Nancy Hardy, WA; and Patrick O'Connor, NH.

AM Switch

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Status changes in AM stations, supplied by the FCC and listeners

THE WJDM-1530 / 1660 STORY: Before we get down to the nuts and bolts of our usual material we lead off with what is probably the most talked-about story in recent weeks amongst AM DXers, the testing and pending move of WJDM to the expanded band. As regular readers will remember, the FCC recently revoked its list of stations which could migrate to the new expanded band released in 1994. Only one station on that list was granted an STA (Special Temporary Authority) to begin broadcasting here. That station was WJDM-1530 Elizabeth, NJ.

In early October, DXers began noticing a station testing with music on 1660 kHz, and, although no IDs were ever heard, it was assumed this was WJDM. On November 1 we spoke to Mr. John Quinn, owner of WJDM. He was very eager to have NRCers know the story and is very friendly toward the DXing hobby.

Here is what we learned. The 1660 tests are indeed WJDM. Testing is being done at several different power levels. Some tests have been at the full 10 kilowatt power although most are at a reduced level since full power is not required for most of the tests being done. The new 1660 transmitter is being diplexed into their existing short (57.5 degree) tower. The diplexing system is working well, as both 1530 and 1660 stations can run at full power simultaneously into the same antenna. Obviously they plan to continue using the present frequency.

There was some speculation they might drop the 1530 frequency and use 1660 exclusively. This is not the case. However, programming will not be simulcast. For obvious reasons Mr. Quinn was reluctant to reveal the format of the new operation. A target date has not yet been set although Mr. Quinn said they are hoping for a mid-November start-up, so this may have begun before you read this.

When we spoke with him, they were having problems with a new state-of-the-art remotely-operated audio processor that was holding up progress. DXers who have heard their tests have noticed a wide variation in audio quality.

Another short-range problem concerns the transmitter location, in a reservoir. On the day we spoke, Mr. Quinn said they had four feet of water surrounding the transmitter and access was a bit difficult. However, this location should provide excellent ground conductivity.

Future plans include building separate studios in Manhattan for 1660. The call for the 1660 station will also be WJDM. (We have an unanswered question concerning whether an expanded band operation could have a separate call if the "parent" station continues to broadcast in the traditional band. This does not seem to be addressed in any of the FCC paperwork I could find. It would seem that some stations running separate programming on their expanded band frequency might desire a different call for that station.)

Mr. Quinn welcomes reception reports and has already received quite a number including a tape of a very clear reception from Oregon with which he was particularly impressed. All reports should be sent to their Log address in care of Mr. Quinn and all should include return postage. Obviously WJDM will be flooded with requests for verifications. They have a small staff that will be even busier running two stations so patience in waiting for a reply is a must.

Mr. Quinn told us that he has no assurance from the FCC that WJDM will remain assigned to 1660 once the expanded band is reconfigured. They have informed the FCC that they are willing to move 20 kHz up or down if necessary to maximize the overall use of the band but even a small move will necessitate the retuning of the diplex filters. Their preference is, obviously, to remain on 1660, and they have informed the FCC of this also.

With an estimated 16 million radios in the NYC metro already capable of tuning the expanded band, Mr. Quinn is obviously excited with the potential of his new station. He also seemed fascinated with the possibilities that WJDM-1660 may have coast-to-coast night coverage during the time that they alone rule the frequency.

CALL LETTER CHANGES

	<i>Old call</i>		<i>New call</i>
620	KWSD	CA	Mount Shasta KMJC
640	WBYY	MI	Zeeland WMFN*
1330	KUPL	OR	Portland KKPZ
1580	WBBE	KY	Georgetown WTKT

*Note: In Issue 6 we typo'd WBYY's location as Rockford



APPLICATIONS FOR NEW STATIONS

None

GRANTS FOR NEW STATIONS

540 AK St. Paul: 2500/2500 U1 (note that the App for this station was misplaced on the 530 page in the new Log)

APPLICATIONS FROM EXISTING FACILITIES

None

GRANTS TO EXISTING FACILITIES

830 KABN AK Long Island: to 840 kHz with 10000/10000 U1
 840 KSDP AK Sand Point: to 830 kHz with 10000/10000 U1
 1090 KJJK MN Fergus Falls: to 1020 kHz with 2000/370 U2
 1090 WMTY SC Greenwood: power to 5000 (2250 CH)
 1190 WOWO IN Fort Wayne: night power to 9800 watts, antenna remains U2 but night pattern will be altered
 1190 WLJB NY New York: add 30000 watts nights, antenna U4
 1310 KMYX CA Taft: powers to 50/50 U1 STA (see Otherness)
 1530 WJJG IL Elmhurst: power to 760 watts
 1580 WDAB SC Travelers Rest: add 10 watts night, antenna U1

OTHERNESS

540 KIEZ CA Carmel Valley: station is SILENT
 630 KNRC NV Reno: station is SILENT (was still KRCV when it went off, assume request for new calls means it will return, see DXN V62 I-30)
 680 WRMD FL St. Petersburg: CP for 690/125 U1 is on
 960 WPMR PA Mount Pocono: silent station is ON THE AIR and joins WGBI and WXPX in relaying WILK-980
 1060 WRHL IL Rochelle: CP for 250/50 U1 is on
 1070 KMOM MN Monticello: station is SILENT
 1110 KTLD LA Pineville: CP for 2000 D1 is on
 1200 WNSW ME Brewer: station is SILENT
 1230 WMAF FL Madison: silent station is ON THE AIR
 1230 WNEB MA Worcester: silent station should return to the air "before winter" according to owner and NRC member Bob Bittner
 1240 KAWS TX Hemphill: silent station is ON THE AIR
 1290 WDLP FL Panama City Beach: silent station is ON THE AIR
 1310 KMYX CA Taft: silent station is ON THE AIR (KMYX lost their transmitter site and is presently operating with 50 watts into a longwire at their studio site pending a move to a new site)
 1340 KIDS MO Springfield: silent station is ON THE AIR
 1390 WEGP ME Presque Isle: station is SILENT
 1450 WNAT MS Natchez: silent station has been testing on the air and expects to resume broadcasting by the end of the year
 1460 WBJX WI Racine: silent station is ON THE AIR
 1490 KBKS CO Boulder: silent station plans to return to the air "by month's end" with a new call
 1540 KMBY CA Capitola: station is SILENT
 1580 WDAB SC Travelers Rest: CP for 5000/10 U1 is on
 1590 WEIT MD Ocean City: station is SILENT
 1600 KWOM MN Watertown: owners of this CP hope to have this new station on the air "by Thanksgiving"
 1630 ??? ? New station being widely heard here with REL format is NOT a new expanded band domestic station, it is a new Caribbean operation from an unknown location (not that it's a pirate, this is just a very new operation that suddenly appeared and we have no information on it yet)

THANKS: Al Merriman, David Lewis, Ed Krejny, Dick Truax, Bill Hale, Wayne Heinen, Ron Musco, Marvin Engstrom and MSJ

73 and Good DX,

Jerry & BKF

Jerry Starr & Buffalo K. Foonman



Domestic DX Digest

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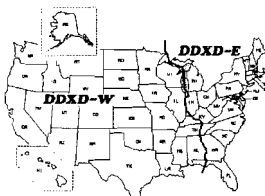
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DDXD-West

MEDIUM WAVE RAMBLINGS

☉ Thanks to Don Voorhies and Carl Dabelstein for Graveyard updates. And to Don Trelford for submitting some, but no new records grabbed. Actually Don, you already hold the Fall River pre-1960 record, from Espanola. And thanks to Rick Dau for the phone call. A reminder to E-Mailers . . . include your city and equipment in each message!!

* Internet stuff: The Summer ratings from Baltimore are in, and News/Talk WBAL-1090 captured the #1 spot with an 8.7 rating, up from 8.4 in the Spring book. No other AMers placed in the Top 10. Down Dallas-Fort Worth way, the top-rated AM station was WBAP-820 with their news/talk format, in at #6. Other AMs and their place were: #11 KRLD-1080; #21 KLIF-570; KHVN-970 and KKDA-730 tied at #22; #24 KESS-1270; KMRT-1480 and KTCK-1310 tied for #25. Ratings from Kansas City for the Summer look like this: #3 WDAF-610; #9 KMBZ-980; #14 KCMO-810; #16 KFEZ-1190; #18 KPRT-1590; #19 KCCV-760 (Overland Park, KS); #20 WHB-710; #21 KBEQ-1030 (Blue Springs); and #23 KNHN-1340 (Kansas City, KS).

‡ As the temperatures go down, the DX heats up. Be a part of it all, and submit your recent loggings today!

REPORTERS (Baker's Dozen + 1)

SA-MB Shawn Axelrod Winnipeg ICOM R-70 w/filter mods and PLAM board + 4' box loop/Quantum Loop/100' lw
 NAP-AL Neal Perdue Madison ICF-7600G + McClintock Black Box (x2)
 CB-CO Craig Barnes Wheat Ridge
 GB-FL Gerry Bishop Niceville Drake R8 and new 100' folded (to fit yard dimensions) longwire <73171.2265@compuserve.com>
 BBM-TX BB McClurkan Irving Sony car radio in Ft. Worth mall parking lot
 BK-CA Bob Karchevski Sunnyvale NC-183D plus 5M-1 amplified ferrite loop; NEW Internet address: <karchev@nt.com> (x2)
 BW-OK Bruce Winkelman, AA5CO Tulsa <bwink@galaxy.galstar.com>
 CK-CO Chris Knight Northglenn <cgknight@ix.netcom.com>
 FA-ID Frank Aden Boise modified FRG-7, modified TRF, Sony SRF-42 \$ Walkman + 45' N-S longwire, 180' L-longwire, 4' box loop, Dexter's ears [that's a dog, hi - Ed.]
 TB-TN Tom Bryant Nashville
 KDF-IL Karl Forth Chicago Drake R8, Icom IC-R70, Hammarlund HQ-160 + spiral loop, LW
 JW-CO John Wilkins Wheat Ridge Drake R8 + 4' box loop
 DE-MO Dennis Elya Jefferson City Superadio III and the Delco <76472.2246@compuserve.com>
 Ed-ID Editor Meridian Delco AM\$/FM\$ ETR waiting at the Burger King drive-thru

SPECIAL

740 KTWK CO Colorado Springs - 10/22 1700 - ID *The new Memories 740*, KTWK, Colorado Springs. Apparent format change to NOS must be fairly recent. Also heard on 10/24 with *It's the music you grew up with, Memories 740*. (CB-CO)
 750 CJVR SK Melfort - 10/24 2252 - Play-by-play of World Series game #3. Local ads during inning breaks. *Hot New Country Favorites 750 CJVR* jingle. Fair-to-good, generally dominant. Ex: 1420. SK #23. (JW-CO)
 950 KKJO MN St. Louis Park - Is joining ABC's Urban Gold network, splitting from FMer KMJZ 104.1, and planning a call change. [Internet]
 1130 KCIB NM Milan - 10/21 0957 - Latino music, bi-lingual announcer Pedro using SS and EE in each sentence. Dedications. No ads noted during 0957-1045 monitoring period. Fair, with slight KHTH QRM. Ex: KOFK. (JW-CO)

1430 KQLL OK Tulsa - re: Rick Dau's logging in DXN 63:5 . . . KQLL broadcasts all the Jenks High School football games this year. He heard the Jenks/Union HS FB game broadcast that date. Jenks and Union are big HS FB rivals in the Tulsa metro area. My stores (Scott Robison's Prescriptions) are one of the sponsors of the Jenks HS FB broadcasts. I recorded the current spot that will be used thru the middle of November. (BW-OK)

1660 UNID ?? - 10/23 1956 - With TT. Sounded like a utility rather than a broadcast station. But at 2006 heard Sweet Caroline and several other Neil Diamond tunes before abrupt cut-off at 2013:30. (KDF-IL)

WJDM NJ Elizabeth - 11/1 2235 - Heard three Four Season songs: Beggin', Can't Take My Eyes Off You, and Marianne. Loud and clear. On 10kw possibly? Heard no ID's - just music. (DE-MO)

UNIDs and UNID HELP



1550 UNID ?? - 10/16 0030 - Fairly strong tester, with pulsing tone. Looping south. (KDF-IL)

DX AND EQUIPMENT TESTS

590 KID+ ID Idaho Falls - 10/14 0200-0230 - Good signal. Heard CIDs, VIDs in between POP and BBD music. Also mention of sending reports by FAX. (FA-ID)

1000 WDJL+ AL Huntsville - 10/23 0219-0224 - Poor with voice ID, into steel guitar instrumental, code at 0224 not discernable due to fading. Major QRM was XEUV. (CK-CO)

WDJL AL Huntsville - 10/23 0200 - Not heard. Only WMVP and possibly KTOK underneath. (SA-MB) Nothing heard under KOMO. (FA-ID) Not heard. WMVP has not had a MM SP recently. (KDF-IL) Scheduled test not heard. (JW-CO) Nothing heard that might have been a station testing. Did hear KOMO and occasional music (SS ?) (XEOY ?) (BK-CA)

1030 KFAY- AR Fayetteville - 10/30 - Listened from 0300-0332 and only heard KTWO (booming in, hard to null) and SS music (XEQR or KEVT?) plus local noise. NO morse code heard. (BK-CA) Nothing heard. KTWO dominant. (FA-ID)

1210 KREW+ WA Sunnyside - 10/28 0330-0348 - Fair, mostly under KGYN, with various CIDs and voice IDs, details of the test, etc. Mentioned NRC. (CK-CO) - 10/28 0335 - Heard the test, with multiple CIDs, also at 0340. Very poor reception, with no VID, though some music was audible under WGMP. Very first WA heard here, and only the third from any shack I've had east of the Mississippi. Was this really just 1000 watts? (GB - FL)

1320 WAMR- FL Venice - 10/23 0300-0400 - Nothing heard except KCNR and CHMB mixing. (FA-ID)

WOBL- OH Oberlin - 10/5 0000 - Not heard. Only KELO and KOZY. (SA-MB) Not heard 0000-0015. (KDF-IL)

TIS & OTHER STUFF

540 WPD1548 CO Denver Int'l Airport - 10/26 1100 - New airport TIS, replacing the one from the now-defunct Stapleton Airport, which operated on 530. Three-minute loop tape with info on parking, lane usage, *Tips for Frequent Travelers*. This is a service of the Aviation Department of the City and County of Denver. Fair daytime signal; barely noticeable at night, thank goodness. CO #91. (JW-CO)

WPD1548 CO Denver Int'l Airport - 10/28 1104 - New TIS station. Good, with loop tape of airport info and ID. Slop from local KLZ-560! (CK-CO)

890 WJEN760 IL Chicago - 9/15 2042 - With test tape. Heard at home, then a few days later from O'Hare IAP. (KDF-IL)

MIDNIGHT TO 0800 HOURS ELT

590 KAQQ WA Spokane - 10/14 0200-0300 - Heard under KID, with BBD/POP format. *Great Music and Great memories (?)*, KAQQ *Spokane-Coeur d'Alene*. Running CNN News at :00. Good signal, but would have been better if antenna was pointed to the north instead of east. (FA-ID)

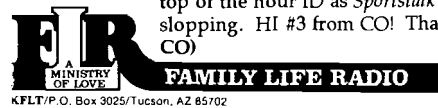
740 KRMG OK Tulsa - 10/29 0744 - Excellent with interview with Tulsa's Police Chief on local talk program. ID during promotional. New. (CK-CO)

790 KNST AZ Tucson - 10/22 0040 - Fair, with play-by-play of Arizona vs Washington football. Mixing with XERPC. (JW-CO)

- 830 CKKY AB Wainwright - 10/26 0245 - Good, with 83 Key slogan and CL ID in suffix of station's phone number given, then PSA. New. (CK-CO)
- 840 KTIX? NE West Point - 10/21 0745 - Good signal, with C&W music, ad for National Bank of West Point and weather. IDs as KWPN-FM. No AM call heard, so not sure of call change yet. (SA-MB)
- 930 KLUP TX Terrell Hills - 11/1 0145 - NOS music, *The LOOP* slogan. (DE-MO)
- 980 CKRM SK Regina - 10/26 0234 - Very good, with C&W music & ID: *Thank you for being a part of Saskatchewan's best country music on 9-80 CKRM*. New. (CK-CO)
- 990 KNIN TX Wichita Falls - 10/21 0145 - Loud, over local KRKS, with southern GOS music, ID, mentioned AM stereo. New. (CK-CO)
- 1010 KXEG AZ Tolleson - 10/22 0734 - Heard legal ID only in QRM: *The Spirit of 10-10, KXEG, Tolleson, QRM from SS station*. (CK-CO)
- KDJW TX Amarillo - 10/24 0323 - Way over CFRB . . . never heard while Little Rock was on. New, for TX #34. (TB-TN)
- 1060 KPAY CA Chico - 10/21 0106 - Promo for Chico State football, live next Saturday . . . on *News Talk 1060 KPAY*. At 0107 back to pbp of Pleasant Valley vs Oroville high school football. Fair-to-poor with KUKQ QRM. New, for CA #91. (JW-CO)
- 1130 KRDU CA Dinuba - 10/28 0259 - Fair, with station information, including address. IDs, presumed sign-off. Over CKWX. New. (CK-CO)
- WISN WI Milwaukee - 10/29 0659 - Station powered up just in time for legal ID: *Newstalk 11-30 WISN, Milwaukee*, into news. New. (CK-CO)
- CKWX BC Vancouver - 9/28 0045 - Fair-to-good, with C&W music, ads, female announcer. Mostly over WBBR. (KDF-IL)
- 1220 WSLM IN Salem - 10/31 0741 - Local ads, ID. (DE-MO)
- 1230 KEXO CO Grand Junction - 10/29 0003 - Good peaks with AC music, ID: *Today's hits on KEXO*. New. (CK-CO)
- 1320 KCNR UT Salt Lake City - 10/23 0300-0400 - Most dominant station on frequency. News/talk. *Super Talk*. (FA-ID)
- KCNR UT Salt Lake City - 10/27 0750 - With ad for bookstore in Orem and ID at 0752 as *Talk 1320 KCNR*. (CB-CO)
- 1380 KMJI CA Sacramento - 10/18 0059 - Good with *America's Sports Bi-line* program, legal ID, slogans given as *The Score*. New. (CK-CO)
- 1430 KRGI NE Grand Island - 10/27 0600 - ID KRGI *Grand Island* and AC format. (CB-CO)
- 1460 WACO TX Waco - 10/21 0058 - Good with High School sports program. ID: *You've been listening to a High School sports premier on station WACO*, into ads. New. (CK-CO)
- 1520 KSIB IA Creston - 11/1 0721 - Broadcast live from Creston HyVee Supermarket. Then local bowling scores (no other sports). Way above KOMA. (DE-MO)
- 1550 KXEX CA Fresno - 10/20 0102 - CRC (Radio Centro) Network News in progress. 0105 SID, then *Recuerdelo de noch en Fresno, esta de escucha la Doble X con Carlos Coronel, el Coronel del Aire*, then Latino music, jingles, dedications. Fair-to-good, over/under KQFN. (JW-CO)
- 1550 KQFN ND West Fargo - 11/3 0059 - Over/under WCTZ & KSFT. Solid ID on the hour. NEW for ND #3. Total count now 922. (TB-TN)
- 1590 KLFE WA Seattle - 10/21 0755 - Good signal, with a gospel-country type of music and *Positive Country* IDs. (SA-MB)

0800 TO 1600 HOURS ELT

- 660 KTNN AZ Window Rock - 10/25 0855 - Birthday greetings to local residents, including Cheyenne Anahzdi and Natasha Curly Hair, followed by haunting *Happy Birthday* song in Navajo. Fair-to-good. (JW-CO)
- 670 KPUA HI Hilo - 10/25 0859 - Thought I was listening to WMAQ's talk until 0859:30, when a simple KPUA Hilo ID was heard. KBOI nulled. Faded, then came back a few minutes later with *One-On-One Sports* network program. Larry King plug at 0918 (. . . on 67 AM KPUA . . .). Got a nice 5-minute taped segment to send to them. Finally!! After 14 years and 1319 stations, this is Hawaii #1!!! Inspired by Jeff Tynan's logging of KPUA about a week earlier at the same time. (JW-CO) [Looks like a KPUA pipeline to Colorado - Ed.]
- KPUA HI Hilo - 10/28 0859 - Sports/talk format all the way up to top of the hour. At top of the hour ID as *Sportstalk KPUA*. Poor, but clear signal when KNBR-680 not stopping. HI #3 from CO! Thanks to John Wilkins/Jeff Tynan for tip. New. (CK-CO)



- 689.93 KRGS CO Rifle - 10/?? 1016 - Station continues to operate slightly off frequency. Local ads, Community Calendar, then back to *The Valley's Hot New Country*. (JW-CO)
- 970 KNFX IA Austin - 11/4 0809 - Slogan: *Fox Country 102.5* local ads. Above a crowd. (DE-MO)
- 1020 KOTD NE Plattsmouth - 11/4 0918 - Local talk show. Gave phone # - same as NRC log. (DE-MO)
- 1129.55 KLSR TX Memphis - 10/25 0838 - Another station with its own engineering standards. C&W music, weekend football slate including Shamrock, Canadian, Memphis and Clarendon. *Forty degrees on the Rolling Plains* and back to music. (JW-CO)
- 1130 WISN WI Milwaukee - 10/25 0809 - Traffic and weather, local/state headlines, winning Super Cash numbers. Good on peaks. Can only hear this during a brief morning window after they power up and change antenna pattern. (JW-CO)
- 1180 KOFI MT Kalispell - 10/28 1014 - Good with regional news, ID, local ads. New. (CK-CO)
- 1210 KONY UT Washington - 10/27 1038 - Poor/fair with local ad, ID, slogan as *Coney Country* (makes me hungry - hi), into C&W music. New. (CK-CO)
- 1280 WBIG IL Aurora - 11/4 0847 - Local ads, ID. Over many others. (DE-MO)
- 1300 KBRL NE McCook - 10/27 1029 - Good peaks with phone-in classifieds, CDT TCs, legal ID for KICX FM and KBRL. New. (CK-CO)
- 1330 KGAK NM Gallup - 10/27 0832 - With ID as *KGAK News Talk, and Navajo Radio, KGAK Gallup*. (CB-CO)
- 1420 KMOG AZ Payson - 10/28 0952 - Poor, with ID and weather forecast, ABC news at top-of-hour, C&W music afterwards. New. (CK-CO)
- 1460 KLTC ND Dickinson - 10/28 0957 - Very good, with c&w music, birthday/ Anniversary greetings, ID. New. (CK-CO)
- 1480 KRXR ID Gooding - 10/28 1049 - Good, with song *Love Potion Number 9*, ID: *Stereo 14-80 KRXR*. New. (CK-CO)
- 1490 KKAN KS Phillipsburg - 10/27 1000 - Fair/good with C&W legal ID, mention of FM parallel, into call-in classifieds. New. (CK-CO)

1600 TO 2400 HOURS ELT

- 540 KNNZt CA Costa Mesa - 10/25 2103 - Announcer Dave Green saying *News when you want it on K-News*. Ad for Mission Viejo Imports and coupla others. Fair, with QRM. Lost at 2115 power cut. Last heard as KOJY. (JW-CO)
- KNNZ CA Costa Mesa - 10/28 2058 - Fair with news, *K-News* slogans, legal ID in EE and SS, current temperature (73 degrees) in Riverside mentioned. New. (CK-CO)
- 550 KOY AZ Phoenix - 10/21 2204 - With ID as *KOY Phoenix* followed by CNN News and 55 KOY, *Arizona's good music station, with CNN News on the hour*. (CB-CO)
- 590 WVLC KY Lexington - 10/22 1827 - Legal ID, song by Chicago (old). (NAP-AL)
- 620 WJDS MS Jackson - 10/24 1915 - Ad for East Ford Motors and mention of upcoming football game between Ole Miss and Vanderbilt. New. (BBM-TX)
- 630 WAVU AL Albertville - 10/20 2205 - Good, with Scottsboro vs Albertville high school football, ads. Unneeded. (KDF-IL)
- 640 WCRV TN Collierville - 10/25 1928 - Ads for Christian businesses in Memphis area. Program note for *Grace To You* Monday through Friday at 830 *here on AM 640, WCRV Memphis*, then cut power, leaving WWLS. (JW-CO)
- 650 KMTI UT Manti - 10/29 1918 - Very good peaks, with ad for Better Built Homes in Richfield, ID, country countdown program. Over WSM. New. (CK-CO)
- 740 KBRT CA Avalon - 10/28 2059 - Very good, over KIDR, etc, with legal ID, *K-Bright* slogans, into Bible study program. New. (CK-CO)
- KFVC CO Cortez - 10/22 1704 - With ABC news, followed by *You'll hear the greatest hits of all time on KFVC, 740*. (CB-CO)
- 750 KAMA TX El Paso - 10/24 2220 - Loud, with Latino music, Budweiser ad in SS, *Cama 750* slogans (cama means "bed" in Spanish). Must have been on 10 kw day power. (JW-CO)
- 820 WOSU OH Columbus - 10/20 1939 - CLs and mentions of Ohio. Bluegrass music, dates for places in Ohio for bluegrass and "newgrass" groups. Not heard in many years. (NAP-AL)
- 860 WSON KY Henderson - 10/30 1816 - Briefly strong, right after WTZX sign-off, with EZL music, *Henderson Radio*, WSON. This should be a frequency for me to watch, now that nearby WHRT Hartselle has moved to 890 as WYAM. (NAP-AL)
- WTZX TN Sparta - 10/30 1816 - CLs, mention of nearby Crossville in sign-off announcement. Which is correct QTH? [??-Ed.] New. (NAP-AL)

- 890 KVOZ TX Laredo - 10/24 1932 - Two men discussing Laredo events, then female signing in SS. (BBM-TX)
- 910 KALL UT Salt Lake City - 10/28 2043 - Fair in local KPOF null with ID: "Your station for news, talk, sports, Call 9-10, KALL". (CK-CO)
- 920 KKLS SD Rapid City - 10/28 2037 - Good with OLD, ID: "Your good times oldies station, KKLS". New. (CK-CO)
- 930 KOGA NE Ogallala - 10/25 1624 - With On KOGA AM, upcoming local high school and college football info and NOS music. (CB-CO)
- KSDN SD Aberdeen - 10/25 2106 - With The Jim Bohannon Show here on AM 930, KSDN. (CB-CO)
- 950 WGTA GA Summerville - 10/28 1915 - Legal ID after ad for Tall Paul's Auto Repair Service. (NAP-AL)
- 960 KNDN NM Farmington - 10/28 2012 - Fair-to-good, in local KKFN null, with Navajo programming, ID, into C&W music. New. (CK-CO)
- 970 WERH AL Hamilton - 10/26 1916 - Sign-off announcement, legal ID, prayer, and I believe, SSB (but messy by then). (NAP-AL)
- KBBK ID Rupert - 10/2? 2150 - Female with phone-in show in SS. SS/EE ID at 2201:30 as 97 KBBK Rupert-Burley, then into Latino pop music. Fair-to-poor in QRM. XEJ partly nulled. Not heard too often here. (JW-CO)
- 1020 KASR OK Perry - 10/11 1749 - With older C&W music, CL ID. (CB-CO)
- 1030 KFAY AR Fayetteville - 10/28 1924 - Break from sports . . . on the Arkansas Razorbacks Network ID. Heard here on regular schedule so didn't try for it on DX test. New. (CK-CO)
- 1080 WTIC CT Hartford - 10/23 1916 - WTIC, Sportstalk, local weather (high of 50 the next day). Only heard once before, in 1982, on a communications receiver and wedge loop. 12 minutes after LSS. Grayline? KRLD not in yet to bother this, but was on top 8 minutes later. (NAP-AL)
- 1120 WTWZ MS Clinton - 10/18 1925 - CLs, Christian Country, AM 1120, Christian music, legal ID at 1930 and mention of critical hours. New. Also heard 10/26 1920 with sounded like (as I heard it) WTWZ with K-1 Power (whazzat?) [dunno - Ed.], then faded out. Heard in KMOX null. Only my 3rd station on 1120, KMOX and KCLE being the others. (NAP-AL)
- 1140 KHTK CA Sacramento - 10/28 2200 - Equal strength with nulled local KGEM. Bill Frahm, CE at KBOI said KGEM was running only 3.5 instead of 10 kw due to financial situation. Editor spoke to station personnel and they said "2.5 kw, and management wasn't worried about it". (FA-ID)
- WAKK MS McComb - 10/24 1931 - From the heart of Southwest Mississippi, WAKK. NASCAR race news. (NAP-AL)
- 1180 WSAF GA Trion - 10/20 to 10/26 nightly on follow-ups, with C&W music, slick DJ (good enough for satellite-fed show). Finally nailed it as this. New. (NAP-AL)
- 1210 WGSF TN Bartlett - 10/24 1901 - With Eyewitness News. Mention of Shelby County, South Memphis Park, U of Memphis and U of Tulsa game. New. (BBM-TX)
- 1270 KSCB KS Liberal - 10/2? 1900 - CNN News, female announcer with Talk Radio 1270 KSCB ID, then back to Bruce Williams Talknet. Briefly good, but soon overtaken by KIML. (JW-CO)
- 1300 KGLO IA Mason City - 10/29 1945 - Poor, with weather forecast (rain changing to snow), Current temperature is ___ degrees here at the KGLO studios. New. (CK-CO)
- 1330 WMNN MN Minneapolis - 10/17 2200 - Good signal, with WMNN Minneapolis - St. Paul ID into AP network News, then 1330 Weather. Also said they would be carrying the Minnesota Moose IHL games. New. (SA-MB)
- 1360 WKYO MI Caro - 10/27 1957 - Good, with high school football, ad, ID. (KDF-IL)
- 1370 KXTL MT Butte - 10/17 2329 - Break from Jim Bohannon Show, ID, ad for Radio Shack jingle-ID. KSOP nulled. New. (CK-CO)
- 1380 KUVR NE Holdrege - 10/24 2059 - ID as News from around the world is next from ABC on KUVR AM and FM Holdrege. Supposed to be on 62 watts at this time, but seemed too strong. Probably another engineering lapse. (JW-CO)
- 1420 KTOE MN Mankato - 10/28 2259 - Good with Fall back to Standard Time reminder, legal ID, into ABC news. New. (CK-CO)
- 1430 WMYS IN Indianapolis - 10/20 2258 - Dave Shreveport (?) keeps you in touch, every morning on WMYS. OLD. Only once before, last season. This frequency sounds like a GYer here. (NAP-AL)
- 1550 KXEX CA Fresno - 10/28 2119 - SS, very good with ad for Coors Light, La doble-X slogan and CL ID, mentions of Fresno. New. (CK-CO)

- KSFT MO St. Joseph - 10/17 2126 - NOS format and ID Take the memories with you on KSFT. Solid signal. (CB-CO)
- 1600 KUBA CA Yuba City - 11/03 2015 - Detailed weather for The Valley with many city mentions, program notes for tomorrow (Saturday), AM 1600 KUKA slogan. Not new, but very rare due to dominant KGST. [Ed.-ID]
- WAAM MI Ann Arbor - 9/29 2043 - With ads, high school game of the week. (KDF-IL)
- WKBJ TN Milan - 10/31 1822 - Oldies, heard jingle, local ads. (DE-MO)
- KRVA TX Cockrell Hill 10/31 1916 - SS, traffic report- many mentions of Dallas, Fort Worth, and Arlington. (DE-MO)



GRAVEYARD DX UPDATE

* indicates record from North America

			1230 kHz:		
KATO	AZ	Safford	Carl Dabelstein	Omaha, NE	(Tie) 961
KGEK	CO	Sterling	Carl Dabelstein	Omaha	(Tie) 383
WHOP	KY	Hopkinsville	Carl Dabelstein	Omaha	543
KSLO	LA	Opelousas	Carl Dabelstein	Lincoln, NE	755
WGRY	MI	Grayling	Carl Dabelstein	Lincoln	661
WSTR		Sturgis	Carl Dabelstein	Lincoln	(Tie) 588
KSIX	TX	Corpus Christi	Carl Dabelstein	Omaha	(Tie) 937
KSST		Sulphur Springs	Carl Dabelstein	Overland Park, KS	410

Totals:	1230	1240	1340	1400	1450	1490	Total
Don Trelford	Various Loc., ON*	31/7	24/6	41/17	38/10	37/7	30/7
Don Voorhies	Oswego, NY	31	2 0	29	26	2 6	38
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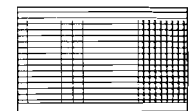
* before/after 1960

ABBREVIATIONS USED IN DDXD

/ / :parallel to :00: on the hour AC:Adult contemporary AP:Associated Press BBD:big band BRN:Business Radio Net C&W:country & western CCR:contemporary Christian radio CHR:contemporary hit radio CID:code ID CL:call letter EZL:easy listening EE:English FF:French GOS:gospel IRN:Interstate Radio Net LSR:local sunrise LSS:local sunset NBA:National Basketball Assn NFL: National Football League NPR:National Public Radio OC:open carrier POL: political PRI: Public Radio International PSRA:pre-sunrise authority PSSA:post-sunset authority QRM:man-made interference QRN:natural interference QTH:location PRI:Public Radio International REL:religious ROK:rock 'n' roll RS:regular schedule \$:stereo SID:singing ID SRS:sunrise skip SS:Spanish SSB:Star Spangled Banner SSS:sunset skip TC:time check TT:test tones UC:urban contemporary UPI:United Press International

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 Network listings for team sports stations

First some short items. Dave Yocis reports that the Boston Celtics are heard on 680 WRKO-MA, not 850 WEEI-MA (last minute change). Dave also reports that the Toronto Raptors are also heard on 1150 CKOC Hamilton ON. Greg Coniglio's Internet surfing produced this (probably incomplete) Rams' network list:

When you are traveling outside of Z100's local broadcast area, please tune your radios into the following Zimmer Super Stations to hear St. Louis Rams' football:

Cape Girardeau	KZIM	960 AM
Poplar Bluff	KWOC	930 AM
Columbia ("Clear 99 FM")	KCLR	99.3 FM
Sikeston	KSIM	1400 AM
Carbondale ("New Country Z100")	WOOZ	99.9 FM



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Denver Nuggets (NBA) 95/96 - (from "Media Guide" via Dave Yocis from USENET)

580 KUBC-CO	920 KLMR-CO	1230 KSTC-CO	1400 KCOW-NE	104.5 KSIT-WY
590 KCSJ-CO	930 KROE-WY	1290 KOWB-WY	1450 KBFS-SD	106.1 KNFO-CO
600 KIIH-CO	950 KKFN-CO *	1300 KVOR-CO	1480 KRAE-WY	106.7 KFXX-KS
730 KLOE-KS	960 KNEB-NE	1310 KFKA-CO		107.9 KBKL-CO
740 KTWK-CO	1150 KIMM-SD	1400 KBZZ-CO	102.3 KSPK-CO	

CBS Radio NFL Network (retrieved from <http://www.cbsradio.com> on 11/02/95)

Note that some stations on this list carry only the CBS radio sports feed; they don't carry the CBS Radio News broadcasts. Note also that the reverse is true; some CBS Radio network stations do not carry the sports feed. As I have noted previously, if a home team is playing in the game, the CBS station will not broadcast the game, instead deferring to the team's flagship station. For example when the Chicago Bears play on Sunday evening or Monday evening, 1000 WMVP-IL will NOT carry the CBS broadcast allowing 720 WGN-IL (the Bears' flagship) to broadcast the game without local competition. (And WMVP is not the CBS affiliate in Chicago). This list is subject to change.

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550 WDUN-GA	850 WEAT-FL	1150 KAGO-OR	1330 KGAK-NM	1450 WGNC-NC
KBOW-MT	WRUF-FL	WTAW-TX	KOVE-WY	WKXL-NH
560 WQAM-FL	WEEI-MA	WHBY-WI	340 KKTR-CA	WFPG-NJ
WHYN-MA	WEEU-PA	1160 KSL -UT	WBGD-KY	KRZY-NM
567 KGUM-GU a	860 KKOW-KS	1170 WACV-AL	WBRK-MA	KGFF-OK
570 WTEM-DC	WSON-KY	KJOC-IA	KDLM-NC	WDAD-PA
580 WGAC-GA	870 WWL -LA	KPUG-WA	KCAP-MT	WFRA-PA
WIBW-KS	KPRM-MN	1180 WHAM-NY	KGFW-NE	WMAJ-PA
WTAG-MA	WHCU-NY	1200 WOAI-TX	WENT-NY	KAYC-TX
590 KTHO-CA	900 WEAS-GA	1210 WGMP-PA	WSTV-OH	KSGI-UT
KCSJ-CO	WCPA-PA	1210 KREW-WA	WWPA-PA	WSNO-VT
WKZO-MI	910 KBLG-MT	1220 WKNR-OH	WHAP-VA	WDLB-WI
KFNS-MO	WGBI-PA	1230 KINO-AZ	WLDY-WI	WRCO-WI
KUGN-OR	KJJQ-SD	1350 WIOU-IN	1460 KENO-NV	WBNS-OH
KLBJ-TX	WJCW-TN	WHOP-KY	WSMB-LA	WACO-TX
WLV-A-WY	WRVH-WY	1360 WAOZ-OH	KOHU-OR	1470 KNTS-TX
600 KIIH-CO	920 KARN-AR	1470 WPPA-PA	1480 KRAE-WY	1490 KYCA-AZ
WREC-TN	WMEI-FL	KWSN-SD	1490 WVRQ-WI	KRKC-CA
KROD-TX	KCPL-WA	1370 KSIX-TX	KPCO-CA	WSPD-OH
KTBB-TX	930 KIUP-CO	1370 WXCO-WI	WSPD-OH	WDAN-IL
610 KARV-AR	WNZS-FL			

KDAL-MN	KSEI-ID	1240 KJAA-AZ	WDEF-TN	WZOE-IL
WRFX-NC	WTAD-IL	KLOA-CA	KFRO-TX	WKBV-IN
WGIR-NH	WFMD-MD	KNRY-CA	1380 WABH-NY	WBEX-OH
KONA-WA	WSLI-MS	KSMA-CA	KOTA-SD	WESB-PA
620 KTAR-AZ	WBEN-NY	WTAX-IL	1390 KNCK-KS	WLP-A-PA
WTRP-GA	WSEV-TN	WHBU-IN	KRRZ-ND	1510 WLAC-TN
WZON-ME	950 KKFN-CO	KIUL-KS	WRTK-OH	1520 WLUV-IL
WHEN-NY	WVJ -MI	WJEX-MD	WJTC-SC	KFXX-OR
WTMJ-WI	WIBX-NY	KFMO-MO	1400 KTUC-AZ	1560 KNZR-CA
630 KJNO-AK	WSPA-SC	KODY-NE	KUKI-CA	1570 WKBH-WI
WLAP-KY	960 WRFC-GA	WJTN-NY	WDWS-IL	1590 WPSL-FL
WPRO-RI	KZIM-MO	WBBW-OH	WBAT-IN	WIFN-MI
640 WWLS-OK	KNEB-NE	WHIZ-OH	KVOE-KS	WCSL-NC
660 WFAN-NY	WKVX-OH	KKAJ-OK	WIDE-ME	KGAS-TX
670 KPUA-HI	WFIR-WY	WOON-RI	WJIM-MI	1600 KYGO-CO
KBOI-ID	970 KIAK-AK	KCCR-SD	KFRU-MO	WCWC-WI
680 KNBR-CA	WAMD-MD	WOMT-WI	KQDJ-ND	
WCNN-GA	WFUN-OH	1250 WGL -IN	KCOW-NE	92.7 WDUX-WI
WDBC-MI	KTRW-WA	1260 WNDE-IN	KLIN-NE	93.1 WMMN-WV
WPTF-NC	980 KINS-CA	KKSA-TX	KTEM-TX	93.5 KKBN-CA
700 KBYR-AK	KMBZ-MO	WWIS-WI	WATW-WI	93.9 WDOR-WI
710 KGNC-TX	WAAV-NC	1270 WCBC-MD	WDUZ-WI	94.1 WAAV-NC
KURV-TX	WILK-PA	KWEB-MN	1410 KQAM-KS	95.7 WLRX-IN
WFNR-VA	990 KSVP-NM	KPLY-NV	WELM-NY	WCCK-KY
KIRO-WA	WTIG-OH	KBAM-WA	WING-OH	96.5 WWIQ-GA
730 KWOA-MN	1000 WMVP-IL	WRJC-WI	KQV -PA	96.7 WVNC-NY
WOHS-NC	WVWI-VI	1280 WSAT-NC	1420 WRCG-GA	98.3 WVIN-NY
KULE-WA	1050 WWIC-AL	WHTK-NY	WIMS-IN	98.5 WLXC-SC
740 WWNZ-FL	WTKA-MI	1290 KGVO-MT	KPEL-LA	99.9 KHST-MO
KCMC-TX	WLON-NC	KIVY-TX	1430 KQLL-OK	100.1 WNIR-OH
KTRH-TX	1060 KPAY-CA	WVOW-WV	WVAM-PA	100.3 KWMQ-AR
WRNR-WV	1070 KNX -CA	1300 KVOR-CO	1440 KMLB-LA	100.7 WBNK-VA
760 KFMB-CA	WKOK-PA	KGLO-IA	WMAX-MI	101.1 WUPY-MI
KGU -HI	WINA-VA	WOOD-MI	WRGM-OH	101.7 KARN-AR
KTKR-TX	1090 WBAL-MD	WQBK-NY	WAJR-WV	102.5 WYIQ-GA
790 WWKY-KY	1100 KNZZ-CO	1310 KNOX-ND	1450 WTKI-AL	103.9 KNUC-UT
KFGO-ND	1110 KAOI-HI	WIBA-WI	KGIW-CO	104.5 KWXE-AR
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820 WNZE-FL	KSAL-KS	WFHR-WI	KBU -MN	107.1 WDOH-OH
830 WCCO-MN	KSEN-MT	1330 WTRK-MI	KMSL-MT	107.7 KPEL-LA

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WCBM wants 6 towers at Woodbine farm

By TONI GUAGENTI
Times Staff Writer

WOODBINE — A plan to build six "state-of-the-art," AM radio towers — each 350 feet tall — here has caught the attention of a South Carroll citizens group.

The owners of WCBM, a talk radio station, want to replace the station's four towers outside Owings Mills with six new ones on the Harold Mercer farm off Hoods Mill Road near the Carroll/Howard county line.

The station's attorney, Joe LaVerghetta, said Wednesday the Mangione family, owners of the

station and Turf Valley Hotel and Country Club outside Ellicott City, need to build new towers to serve a wider geographic area. To do so, they need to strengthen the radio station's signal. The current towers, which can be seen from Interstate 795, were built almost 50 years ago. The Mangiones have operated WCBM since October 1988.

WCBM's market has "moved . . . beyond where the station can service," LaVerghetta said. "In order to better serve that Baltimore service market, the station needs to move."

It's uncertain, he said, if the sta-

'My initial reaction is it's not something I would like to have towering over my house.'

Harold Paine
South Carroll Citizens Committee

tion's offices and studios would relocate.

The tower plan doesn't sit well with Harold Paine, co-chairman of the South Carroll Citizens Committee. The group is fresh off its most recent victory of blocking a gun range proposed for the Hoods

Mill Landfill off Md. 97.

"My initial reaction is it's not something I would like to have towering over my house," said Paine, who lives off Md. 97 near Hoods Mill Road.

Paine said he'd heard a golf course and a housing development

might be built on the Mercer property.

"It's kind of a shock," said Paine. "This is something that just came up."

The Mangiones need permission from the Carroll County Board of Zoning Appeals to build the slender towers on the land zoned for agriculture and conservation. The board is expected to hear the case in two weeks. Claude Rash, chair of the board, is the brother of Harold Mercer's wife, Esther. Rash is expected to excuse himself from the proceedings.

Harold and Esther Mercer, who

opposed the gun range, said Monday in front of their 18th century house that they carefully considered the proposal to build the towers on their nearly 400-acre property.

"It's not harmful; it's not noisy," said Esther Mercer. "We didn't think it would bother anybody."

"We're going to live here," she said. "We wouldn't want something that's going to be a nuisance."

The Mercers have been trying to sell their land for several years, said William Dulany, their attorney. The family plans to keep about five acres, which includes the house.

The Mangiones have the remaining 390 acres under contract. The towers would be located at three different spots on a total of 70 acres in the agricultural zone. About 250 of the acres are rented to farmers.

LaVerghetta said the Mangiones don't know what they will do with the remaining acres, but a golf course isn't in the plans.

"All we're looking to do is get that land, get that use and that's it," LaVerghetta said.

A public hearing on the issue will be held by the Board of Zoning Appeals on Sept. 28 at 10:30 a.m. in Room 07 of the Carroll County Office Building, 225 N. Center St., Westminster.

WCBM plans to build six radio towers

Zoning approval needed to construct near Sykesville

55-acres wanted

Board scheduled to hear the case on Sept. 28

By MARY GAIL HARE
STAFF WRITER

Six 350-foot radio towers could soon rise above a South Carroll cornfield if WCBM-AM wins county zoning approval to build on a 55-acre parcel near Sykesville.

Nicholas Mangione, owner of the Owings Mills station, has submitted plans to buy all but five of the 389 acres that 80-year-old Harold Mercer has farmed on Hoods Mill Road for most of his life. Mr. Mercer and his wife will continue living in the 200-year-old home on the property.

Mr. Mangione must win conditional use approval to construct the towers on agricultural land. The Board of Zoning Appeals will hear the case Sept. 28.

"The towers will be on the back of the property and separated from us by a lot of

trees," Mr. Mercer said. "We have no fear of the towers. We wouldn't let anything destroy the neighborhood."

William B. Dulany, the attorney for Mr. Mercer, plans to meet this week with neighbors of the proposed project to diffuse opposition.

The property is a little more than a mile west of Sykesville, where town officials and residents have battled the construction of a 200-foot telecommunications tower for nearly two years. The town has appealed the case to the Maryland Court of Special Appeals.

"A 350-foot tower will be visible from Timbuktu," said Matthew [See Tower, 5b]

H. Candland, Sykesville town manager. An agreement between the county and its eight municipalities requires Carroll to keep town officials apprised of projects in their planning areas. The radio station's plans arrived in Sykesville's Town House on Thursday but the town Planning Commission cannot meet to review them until after the zoning appeals board hearing, Mr. Candland said.

Each tower must be at least 550 feet from any dwelling, according to the county's tower ordinance, adopted last year. No regulations exist for how far one tower must be from another, however. County officials said the towers would have to be equipped with flashing

aircraft warning lights.

Lynne Dugan, a Hoods Mill Road resident for six years, said she wouldn't object to radio towers near her home.

"They are not a nuisance, won't generate traffic or need more public utilities," she said. "They may be unsightly, but they are necessary."

Harold Paine, a member of the South Carroll Citizens Committee, said that he and 32 adjoining landowners to the proposed site will oppose the structures.

"No. 1, they certainly will screw up the landscape," Mr. Paine said. "We absolutely don't want them here."

Although the citizens' group is fresh from winning a fight against a proposed county-run shooting range, members acknowledge that opposing WCBM may prove more difficult. "Here, you're dealing with private landowners, not politicians," Mr. Paine said.

Dan Hughes, a founder of Solutions for a Better South Carroll, another group of community activists, said Friday that the tower proposal is symptomatic of what is wrong with the way the county is developing. "They're fresh off fighting a gun range, and now they find out about this," Mr. Hughes said. "It's almost never-ending. I wish them luck, but by the time the public finds out about these things, it's almost always too late."

Joseph C. LaVerghetta, WCBM's attorney, said he is prepared for opposition to the project. "We chose the property because it fits in with our engineering demands," he said.

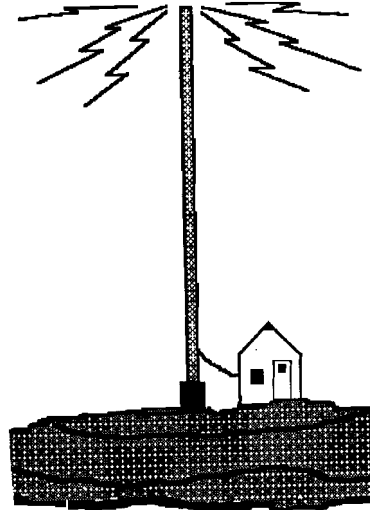
The all-talk station has outgrown the four towers it built in Owings Mills nearly 50 years ago, when that area was considered the far reaches of its market.

"Our market has migrated," Mr. LaVerghetta said. "We can't even reach Timonium and Cockeysville now."

The station ranks 12th out of 22 in overall ratings, according to Arbitron, drawing about 14,000 listeners in an average quarter-hour.

Although Mr. Mercer has had his property on the market for a few years, he has refused offers to divide it, including the station's first bid to buy 70 acres.

Neighbors also are concerned with what Mr. Mangione could do with the remaining property. But Mr. LaVerghetta said there are no plans for the remaining 300-plus acres. It would be difficult to rezone from agricultural, Mr. Dulany said.



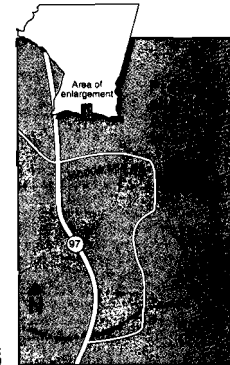
-via Joe Kureth:

Baltimore Sun (left) and Carroll County Times (above and right)

The saga of WCBM is likely to be repeated across the country as once-plentiful and cheap land is gradually covered with homes whose owners have had a dream of living in the country in a home with a view. Is a bucolic vista, sans 350-foot towers, a right which takes precedence over the necessary operation of a business? (And what about that RF on their toasters ... ?) Stay tuned!

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Benjamin Brown
County Commissioner



Times graphic

Zoning law offered to block radio towers

By KATIE V. JONES
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Six tall AM radio towers proposed for a Woodbine farm have roused strong opposition from neighboring county owners.

Now the County Commissioners appear ready to join South Carroll residents in fighting the towers.

An amendment to Carroll County Zoning Ordinance No. 1E — the tower ordinance — was proposed Monday. It would confine the building of communication towers to industrial zones, and there only as a special use.

If passed, the amendment would effectively block WCBM-AM's proposal to build six 350-foot-tall towers on Harold and Esther Mercer's farm near Hoods Mill Road. That property is zoned for agricultural and conservation uses.

"Roughly 32 percent of the homes built in Carroll County are in the agricultural and conservation zones," said Commissioner Ben Brown, who proposed the amendment. "That's a lot of people living in those zones."

At a community meeting on Thursday, a crowd of more than 100 citizens informed the commissioners of their concerns about the towers. They also pointed out that the existing county ordinance did not address "antenna farms" such as the six WCBM towers.

Brown agreed with the citizens that the ordinance may need to be modified, but didn't guarantee that it would happen in time to prevent the proposed towers.

Now, he thinks there is a good chance the towers could be stopped.

"I anticipate that we could enact this ordinance before the applicant has a permit to proceed. I would think within 30 to 40 days," Brown said. "As of now, he [the owner]

doesn't have a right to put the towers up."

Louis Mangione and his family, the owners of Turf Valley Country Club and WCBM-AM, a talk-radio station, have proposed building the towers on 70 acres at the Mercer's farm. The towers would replace four towers in Owings Mills and provide a larger audience for the station.

After a monthlong postponement, the Carroll County Board of Zoning Appeals heard testimony Monday from supporters of the towers, who are seeking a conditional use permit to build the towers. The testimony is expected to continue on Nov. 9 despite the proposed amendment.

"We're obviously going to go on with the hearings," said William B. Dulany, the Westminster attorney representing the applicant and the Mercers. He was concerned about the commissioners' amendment proposal, however.

"The way they wave the American flag isn't American," Dulany said. "The Carroll County Commissioners can't pass an ordinance every time something happens."

"Though the amendment is not directed at the business community, Dulany believes they'll take note of it."

"Anybody interested in putting commercial or industrial businesses in this county who sees this kind of thing happen is going to write it off," Dulany said. "They are not going to come into a political climate. Where's the stability?"

A public hearing on the proposed amendment is scheduled for Nov. 13 at 9 a.m. in Room 07 of the Carroll County Office Building.

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Some of you have been asking if there will be a written report from Newfoundland 4. The answer is that all six reporters' logs are being combined and "harmonized" (a Biblical scholar's term for combining the four gospels without repetition) by Mark Connelly. Biblical scholars have been taking centuries for the task, but Mark is doing it in less than a month! It's been time-consuming because each participant has had to review many hours of tape cassettes. Mark hopes to have the final version prepared for distribution this weekend. Amen!

TRANS-ATLANTIC DX

- 153 ALGERIA Bechar, NOV 5 0150 - Assumed with AA music. [Stutterheim-NY]
- 162 FRANCE Allouis, NOV 5 0151 - With American pop music, French lady DJ, fairly good signal. [Stutterheim-NY]
- 171 MOROCCO, OCT 16 0518 - R. Mediterranee ID at 0522, American pop music. Getting constant "Darth Vader" type QRM from 155 kHz which drifts up to 175 kHz. OCT 29 2217 - Man talking in FF. [Stutterheim-NY]
- 216 FRANCE Roumoules, OCT 29 2117 - Assumed with Arabic-influenced music (with a beat!), still strong on recheck at 2215 with rock and rap at 2257. [Stutterheim-NY]
- 234 LUXEMBOURG?, OCT 29 2218 - Singing, weak. [Stutterheim-NY]
- 252 ALGERIA, OCT 29 2115 - Assumed with jazz piano music, FF DJ. [Stutterheim-NY]
- 558 SPAIN, Valencia et al., OCT 30 0540 - SS talk/teletalk, over 5 Hz SAH. [Connelly-MA]
- 585 SPAIN, RNE1, Madrid, NOV 3 0130 - woman in SS; fair. [MC/TB-MA]
- 612 MOROCCO, Sebaa-Aioun, OCT 30 0538 - emotional AA speech by man; to good peaks. [Connelly-MA] 621 CANARY ISLANDS, Santa Cruz de Tenerife, NOV 3 0126 - man & woman in SS; good. [MC/TB-MA]
- 684 SPAIN, RNE1, Sevilla, OCT 29 2224 - Man and woman in SS. [Stutterheim-NY] NOV 3 0301 - SS news by woman; loud, excellent with WRKO phased. [MC/TB-MA] NOV 9 2210 - weak audio, man and woman speaking. Not much, but, hey, it's a TA! [Renfrew-NY]
- 693 AZORES, RDP, Santa Barbara, NOV 3 0151 - female vocal // 836; way atop UK. [MC/TB-MA]
- 711 LIBYA, synthros, NOV 3 0109 - good with excited AA vocal // 1251. [MC/TB-MA]
- 738 SPAIN, RNE1, Barcelona, OCT 30 0535 - // 774 with SS talk by woman; fair. [Connelly-MA]
- 747 NETHERLANDS, OCT 16 0243 - Strong with cabaret type music, man and woman in DD later talking over piano music. [Stutterheim-NY]
- 756 SPAIN, R. Euskadi, Bilbao, OCT 30 0532 - fast SS talk; fair. [Connelly-MA]
- 774 SPAIN, RNE1 synthros, OCT 30 0535 - // 738 with SS talk by woman; fair. [Connelly-MA]
- 765 SWITZERLAND, R. Suisse Romande, Sottens, OCT 30 0533 - FF teletalk by woman; fair through WABC slop. [Connelly-MA]
- 835.3/836/837 UNIDS, NOV 3 0023 - # hets, all real, on all antennas and radios. [Stutterheim-NY]
- 836 AZORES, RDP, Barossa, NOV 3 0151 - female vocal // 693; fair. Not only is this off-channel, but its modulation is weak. [MC/TB-MA]
- 837 CANARY ISLANDS // SPAIN, NOV 3 0152 - SS talk in jumble, weaker than adjacent Azores-836. [MC/TB-MA]
- 855 SPAIN, RNE1 synthros, OCT 30 0519 - man & woman SS discussion about government; fair with WEEI-850 phased. [Connelly-MA] NOV 4 2318 - Strong with two men talking. [Stutterheim-NY]
- 882 ENGLAND, BBC Wales / R. 4, Washford et al., OCT 30 0528 - EE interview with a foreign correspondent; to fair peaks with WCBS phased. [Connelly-MA]
- 891 ALGERIA, Algiers, OCT 30 0524 - fast-paced morning show with AA talk & interspersed music; usually stronger than WBPS/WLS-890. [Connelly-MA] NOV 9 2212 - Strong het over WLS, weak music audio. [Renfrew-NY]
- 909 ENGLAND, BBC Radio 5 synthros, OCT 30 0525 - bits of EE talk in WABI/CHRL-910 slop. [Connelly-MA]
- 954 SPAIN, R. Espana, Madrid, NOV 2 0418 - man & woman in SS; fair. Most TA's were below average at the time. [Connelly-MA] NOV 3 2340 - Soprano with opera aria, man in SS, then SS songs by the same (?) soprano. [Stutterheim-NY]
- 981 ALGERIA, Algiers, OCT 30 0511 - big het, AA talk by man; poor with semi-local WCAP phased. [Connelly-MA]

- 999 SPAIN, COPE, Madrid, OCT 30 0509 - fast SS news by man; over CKBW slop. [Connelly-MA]
- 1053 UNITED KINGDOM, TalkRadio UK synthros, OCT 30 0506 - EE teletalk show with man & woman; poor to fair - regen. was used to pull it through WEVD/CHUM slop. [Connelly-MA]
- 1062 DENMARK, Danmarks R., Kalundborg, OCT 30 0503 - news by man in Danish; fair to good. [Connelly-MA]
- 1089 UNITED KINGDOM, TalkRadio UK synthros, OCT 30 0500 - woman in EE with news about Quebec independence vote; over others, choppy fade pattern. [Connelly-MA]
- 1098 CANARY ISLANDS // SPAIN, RNE5 synthros, OCT 29 0405 - news by man in SS, talk about "ministeria", timecheck (caught "cinco minutos"); to good peak over growl. NOV 4 0644 - man in SS; still peaking to good strength at this late time. [Connelly-MA]
- 1107 SPAIN, RNE5 synthros, OCT 29 0409 - SS talk by man & woman; fair, in slop. [Connelly-MA]
- 1134 CROATIA, Hrvatski R., Zadar, OCT 29 0415 - pop music with Slavic lyrics; over/under Spain. [Connelly-MA]
- 1134 SPAIN, COPE synthros, OCT 29 0415 - SS talk over/under Croatia; heard with WBBR phased. [Connelly-MA]
- 1161 SPAIN, EI, San Sebastian, OCT 29 0418 - SS talk by several announcers; poor (regen. used to extract audio). [Connelly-MA] 1179 SPAIN // CANARY ISLANDS, SER synthros, OCT 29 0422 - bits of SER SS news; regen. helped to get this past Cuba-1180. [Connelly-MA]
- 1179 SWEDEN, Radio Sweden, Solvesborg, OCT 30 0453 - man in Swedish, then religious-sounding classical music; good to excellent, stronger than 1180. [Connelly-MA]
- 1197 UNITED KINGDOM, Virgin Radio synthros, OCT 29 0436 - Joe Jackson song // 1215; poor to fair. [Connelly-MA]
- 1206 FRANCE, R. Bleue, Bordeaux, NOV 4 0637 - FF talk by man & woman; fair. [Connelly-MA]
- 1215 UNITED KINGDOM, Virgin Radio synthros, OCT 29 0429 - good with "She's Got Legs" by ZZ Top, slow vocal (probably by Sting), then "Is She Really Going Out with Him?" by Joe Jackson. [Connelly-MA] 1215 SPAIN, NOV 3 0230 - SS teletalk; fair. [MC/TB-MA]
- 1251 LIBYA, Tripoli, OCT 29 0440 - AA vocal at low audio level; atop unID talk station (likely Portugal or Hungary). [Connelly-MA] NOV 3 0109 - AA vocal // 711; strong carrier, weak audio. [MC/TB-MA]
- 1296 SPAIN, COPE, Valencia, OCT 31 0544 - man & woman in SS; poor to fair with jumpy fades. [Connelly-MA]
- 1314 NORWAY, NRK, Kvitsoy, OCT 29 0444 - emotional Norwegian male vocal in a light operatic style, then woman in Norwegian; good to excellent. [Connelly-MA]
- 1395 ALBANIA, TWR, Filake (Lushnje), OCT 30 2204 - preacher in EE; good. [Connelly-MA] 1467 FRANCE, TWR Roumoules, OCT 30 2211 - operatic-style hymn; fair. OCT 30 2253 - good with man in AA over WZOU/WSRO-1470 slop. [Connelly-MA]
- 1521 SAUDI ARABIA, Duba, OCT 29 0452 - news / discussion by man in AA, then flute & violin music; good to excellent. OCT 30, 0432 - female AA vocal; fair. OCT 30 2100 - fading up; loud by 2258 with Koranic male a cappella vocal. NOV 2 0335 - AA man preaching, several Allah mentions; good. NOV 4 2050 - AA talk interspersed with music, already up to fair strength on pre-sunset reception. [Connelly-MA]
- 1530 VATICAN, Vatican R., OCT 30 2259 - classical music, Vatican interval signal; in jumble of stations of both domestic and foreign origin. [Connelly-MA]
- 1544 CLANDESTINE (probably ALGERIA), NOV 2 2337 - AA talk at low modulation level on big carrier. [MC/TB-MA] NOV 9 2217 - Het noted here for the first time. [Renfrew-NY]
- 1566 AZORES, Vila de Porto, NOV 4 2048 - poor with muffled bits of PP talk & music; WQEW skip slop already troublesome for this pre-sunset reception. [Connelly-MA]
- 1575 SPAIN, OCT 29 0505 - fast SS newstalk by man & woman; to fair peaks. [Connelly-MA]
- 1584 SPAIN, OCT 29 0502 - SS female vocal; fair. OCT 30 2340 - man in SS; poor to fair. [Connelly-MA]

Jim speaks: "I've finally set up a longwire along the treeline outside of my church office in rural Bergen NY. The noise at home pushed me to this extreme measure. It's about 200 feet long, but the treeline is N/S, so not really well-situated for TAs. I've attached my ground wire to a lightning rod downlead (hope that's OK!). Got some hets on the first afternoon. Since there are no moose in the area, I may run a wire E/W along the ground across the neighboring farmer's field, but I'll wait until he parks all of his tractors for the winter."

PAN-AMERICAN

- 535 TURKS AND CAICOS, RVC, NOV 3 0137 - back on this channel (ex-532) with SS talk by woman; excellent. Grenada was audible under. [MC/TB-MA] NOV 4 2320 - With religious program in SS on USB, and GRENADA with soft music and lady DJ in Carib-EE

- on LSB. Engineered co-existence? Turks uses the Kahn one-sideband AM transmission standard which puts 90-95% of audio one sideband only. This apparently proves you can get two stations on one channel (Independent sideband - ISB). [Stutterheim-NY] (Steve Whitt, on Sheigra DXpedition says this changed from 532 to 535 between NOV 1 and NOV 2, and tonight, NOV 10, Matt Stutterheim called to say they are back on 532 again! - Jim)
- 540 VENEZUELA YVOY R. Perija, OCT 22 1005-1018 - LA music into rapid fade as dawn approaches. [Stutterheim-NY]
- 555 ST. KITTS & NEVIS, ZIZ, Basseterre, NOV 3 0136 - Caribbean EE teletalk show; excellent. [MC/TB-MA]
- 580 MEXICO XEMU Piedras Negras COAH, OCT 23 1058 - Fair under semi-local WOFE with SS male vocal of "Mamas, Don't Let Your Babies Grow Up to Be Cowboys", ID as "XEMU, la Rancherita del Aire at 1101. [Francis-TN]
- 580 PUERTO RICO, R. Reloj, WKAQ, San Juan, NOV 3 0135 - woman said "desde San Juan, W-K-A-Q", then SS teletalk; atop WTAG/CJFX. [MC/TB-MA]
- 650 COLOMBIA HJKM, OCT 18 0957 - With several slogans, including Radio Fútbol Mundial and Radio Emisores Amigos, lots of commercials ("noticias"). [Stutterheim-NY]
- 680 unID, NOV 3 0105 - SS teletalk audible with local WRKO phased. Believed to be WAPA in San Juan, Puerto Rico (based upon Cape Cod receptions). [MC/TB-MA]
- 690 ANGUILLA, Caribbean Beacon, The Valley, NOV 3 0108 -good (way over CBF) with Caribbean EE news // 1610. [MC/TB-MA]
- 700 VENEZUELA YVPQ, NOV 4 2243 - On top of channel for about 10 minutes, music and repeated IDs, gone 20 minutes later. [Stutterheim-NY]
- 705 ST. VINCENT, Kingstown, NOV 3 0117 - poor with rhythmic music. This seems weaker than it once was ... possible hurricane damage? [MC/TB-MA] (They're always weak here! - Jim)
- 720 UNID, NOV 2250 - Two men in SS announcing futbol sports event, repeated references to Maracaibo, assume YVQE. [Stutterheim-NY]
- 740 NICARAGUA YNRS Managua, OCT 19 1045 - Fair under KRMG, CBL and KTRH with apparent sign-on at this unusual time. Nicaraguan anthem, followed by "... YNRS ...desde Managua ... la República de Nicaragua ...". I believe this is the same transmitter as the old YNX-750 which used to get out so widely. [Francis-TN]
- 750 VENEZUELA, YVKS, Caracas, NOV 3 0155 - booming in with Radio Caracas Radio and "RCR" ID's. [MC/TB-MA]
- 760 COLOMBIA, RCN, HJAJ, Barranquilla, NOV 3 0155 - fast SS talk // 770; atop a pile of at least 3 other South Americans. [MC/TB-MA]
- 770 COLOMBIA, RCN, HJIX, Bogotá, NOV 3 0155 - excited SS talk // 760; atop WABC at times. Other SS Latin Americans under. NOV 3 0225 - SS RCN program // 1000; excellent. [MC/TB-MA]
- 789.8 BARBADOS, Bridgetown, NOV 3 0202 - definite calypso/soca music & fragments of apparent Carib-EE talk barely separable from hard-to-null WLKW- 790. Regeneration was needed to cut audio away from 790 and there was too much slop to get a firm ID. This had been logged on the October NF DXpedition. There was a weak growl of about 60 Hz against this (maybe the Argentinian). [MC/TB-MA] (According to Steve Whitt, also noted by the UK DXpedition going on right now. I've only heard a light het here - Jim)
- 810 COLOMBIA HJCY, OCT 18 0944 - Under WGY with Caracol ID. [Stutterheim-NY]
- 840 CUBA CMHW Santa Clara, OCT 24 0002 - Doble V ID, merengue music, repeated mentions of Santa Clara. [Stutterheim-NY]
- 870 COLOMBIA, OCT 23 1130 - Lively SS morning show, many ads, mentions of Barranquilla, under WWL, but sure to be HJSB. [Stutterheim-NY]
- 870 ARGENTINA?, NOV 4 2300 - While listening fro Dominican Republic, heard time pips on hour, under jumble of signals. To my knowledge only one station on this channel does that: LRA-1 Buenos Aires. Considering the early hour, an indication of good conditions. DXedge shows dusk in BA at that time in NOV. [Stutterheim-NY] (Before WHCU went 24 hrs, I heard those pips about 7 years ago, and they used pips several weeks ago when we heard them in NF - Jim)
- 885 MONTSERRAT, R. Montserrat, ZJB, Plymouth, NOV 3 0102 -thickly-accented Carib-EE teletalk about politics; good. [MC/TB-MA] NOV 4 2315 - With American pop music. [Stutterheim-NY]
- 895 ST KITTS & NEVIS VO Nevis, Charlestown, SEPT 17 0140-0200 - Reggae and/or Soca music, timecheck at 0154 and announcing next day's programs, sign-off at 0200 with mention of power, national anthem. Fair/steady, with little QSB, much QRM from 900 kHz. [Thresher-RI] OCT 30 0156 - With EE religious service, sign-off with anthem at 0200. Interesting because they suggested switching to 1610 kHz for more religious programs.

- [Stutterheim-NY] NOV 3 0100 - excellent with ID "V-O-N in the Federation of St. Kitts and Nevis". [MC/TB-MA] NOV 4 2317 - Assumed with American pop. [Stutterheim-NY]
- 960 CUBA, R.Reloj, NOV 3 0055 - usual format with "RR" code beeps, ticker, SS news. [MC/TB-MA]
- 1000 COLOMBIA, HJAJ, Cartagena, OCT 28 0339 - used slogan "RCN Bogotá". [Connelly-MA] NOV 3 0225 - RCN // 770; excellent. [MC/TB-MA]
- 1000 VENEZUELA (t), likely YVNM, Morón, OCT 28 0342 - Venezuelan ads, briefly over Colombian. [Connelly-MA]
- 1090 VENEZUELA, YVSZ, Caracas, NOV 3 0032 - SS talk, clear Union Radio ID; loud, dominating the channel. [MC/TB-MA]
- 1100.28 COLOMBIA, HJAT, Barranquilla, NOV 3 0030 - SS teletalk with woman in Cartagena, jingle with CARACOL mention, then CARACOL ID. Stronger than 1100.0 stations. Het growl from this is often noted, even on non-auroral nights. [MC/TB-MA]
- 1129.6 unID, NOV 3 0317 - het. [MC/TB-MA]
- 1130.45 unID (likely COLOMBIA), NOV 2 0400 - het on WBBR, bits of SS talk. Believed to be Rio-Mar in Barranquilla. [Connelly-MA] NOV 3 0210 - het, bits of talk. [MC/TB-MA]
- 1140 PUERTO RICO, WQIL, San Juan, NOV 1 0016 - Calm SS talk by man, two "Once- Q" SIDs, over WRVA, another LA (presumed Venezuela), fair-good. [Yocis-CT]
- 1160 BERMUDA, VSB3, Hamilton, NOV 3 0224 - excellent (// 5975) with BBC discussion of a meeting with Russian officials. [MC/TB-MA]
- 1170 COLOMBIA, HJNW, Cartagena, NOV 3 0227 - SS talk, ID by callsign; loud, dominating channel. [MC/TB-MA]
- 1200 BRAZIL, Ceara Clube, ZYH585, Fortaleza, NOV 3 0253 - PP talk with mention of Fortaleza and "igrejas" (churches). This briefly topped a generally-stronger SS station (likely YVOZ); the phasing unit was adjusted for best aggregate null of a domestic cluster that was already much reduced from normal strength by aurora. [MC/TB-MA]
- 1205 CAYMAN ISLANDS (t), R. Cayman, George Town, NOV 3 0252 - carrier / het. [MC/TB-MA]
- 1228.8 unID, OCT 31 0540 - het. [Connelly-MA]
- 1375 ST. PIERRE ET MIQUELON, OCT 29 0446 - upbeat instrumental music, then FF talk by 2 men; excellent. [Connelly-MA] 1410.5 unID, NOV 3 0239 - het. [MC/TB-MA]
- 1498.2 unID, NOV 3 0003 - het. [MC/TB-MA]
- 1500 VENEZUELA, R. Dos Mil, YVRZ, Cumana, NOV 3 0008 - festive music, R. Dos Mil ID; to good peaks with WTOP phased. [MC/TB-MA]
- 1505 ANGUILLA, The Valley - NOV 2 2345 - woman in EE; poor to fair with WNRB phased. [MC/TB-MA]
- 1520.08 unID, NOV 3 0015 - strong het against 1520. On 1520 there were two Latin Americans (likely YVIC/WRAI) battling WWKB. [MC/TB-MA] 1540 BAHAMAS ZNS-1, Nassau, OCT 1 2102 - Radio Bahamas ID heard during announcements, woman with birth announcements, personal announcements, reading letters requesting pen-pals, etc., playing a few pop music songs. Fair with slow fading, QRM from KXEL. First time I definitely heard this one; nice to have WPTR off for a change. [Thresher-RI] NOV 2 2335 - Bahamas weather, Jolly Roger Carpet ad, Wendy's ad, then "ZNS Network News"; very good with WDCD (ex-WPTR) phased. [MC/TB-MA]
- 1630 "WJTS" UNID - first of all, the call letters heard by David Crawford were "WJTS", but programming is Caribbean Christian Radio (merely CCR feed from satellite?). The mystery continues. [Terry Krueger/DX South Florida via e-mail] Got a reasonable DF null from 1630 this morning using the Scotka ferrite, roughly 40/220 degrees, in absence of the navaid signal. Gerry gets NW/SE from Eglin, Potter gets N/S from Leningrad. I don't think our measurements would pass a chi-squared statistical test, but they MIGHT indicate something in the Crystal River area, which is consistent with a 1500 UTC fadeout time here for a low power transmitter. Same fadeout time precludes a Caribbean location (I can't even get a decent sig this far inland from Radio Tafo past 1400 UTC), unless there are actually two unknown stations on the freq. If it's this close, it has to be quite low power given the peak signal levels, on the order of 20 watts I'd SWAG. This is also consistent with the fact that the FCC has never heard of them. Therefore, this station has to be a pirate. Somewhat presumptuous logic, so feel free to find the flaws in it. If I can convince myself that it's worth sitting in a car for 3 or 4 hours, might take a drive down to Crystal River area after my afternoon siesta, er class, and see if anything shows up. Will post a full report. Did the previously threatened road trip this afternoon and the station is not in Crystal River nor anywhere between here and there. So, when do we all want to sign up for DF school? **Rough** bearing taken roadside in Crystal River still had the station

on a 30 to 40 degree azimuth, so evidently the station is actually to the NNE/NE of here. Path was GNV SW on 24 to Otter Creek, then 5 on 19 to Crystal River, then back north to Red Level, 488 NE to Dunnellon, 41 N to Williston, then 121 back to GNV. Signals picked up a little due to setting sun as I got close to CR, but never any better than weak, and the bearings were pretty consistent the whole way. I still haven't figured out how to stand on the road shoulder with a Scotka loop and the 2010 without looking like a freak worthy of arrest. Next idea, anyone? I'm going to call FCC Vero Beach in a few minutes and see if they know anything (and also seal the station's fate, probably). [David Crawford via Terry Krueger/DXSF] 1630 coming in pretty steady as I type, no ID but note that it's NOT parallel 1020 Caribbean Christian Radio audio from Turks. My question: how many times have (any of you) noted this NOT parallel? Or is there a CCR-2 audio feed out there? Essentially a waste of pennies. The watch officer wasn't aware of station, but to his credit he duly referenced his sources and found no WJTS/1630 or near 107.9-ish listings (not that we didn't know that already). He fired up a receiver near the phone for me to hear, and I must say I was happy to know that my rigs work better that theirs: he had the navaid pulser well, but almost nada from the broadcaster-proper. Crawford's bearings pretty much coincide with my rough/quick bearings last week of NNE/SSW. [Terry Krueger/DXSF e-mail] (Dave Braun and I aren't sure where to run this in DXN, as it fits DDXD and IDXD turf requirements, but I thought you would enjoy the details of the "hunt" - Jim)

Mark speaks: "Comments: The DX session at Tom's house barely scratched the surface on the Latin American DX rolling in at the time. Most channels had multiple-station piles that had Caribbean / South American signals too close in strength to allow easy ID extraction. Tom's site has at least 20 dB of gain to the south versus the Billerica QTH."

TRANS-PACIFIC DX

- 153 RUSSIA Komsomolsk FE, NOV 4 1400 - Fair with tone signal on the hour followed by news by woman in RR. [Woods-OR]
 243 RUSSIA Ussuriysk FE, NOV 4 1403 - Fair with news // 153. [Woods-OR]
 531t JAPAN JOQG Morioka, NOV 1413 - Poor with man speaking JJ. [Woods-OR]
 693 UNID, OCT 24 0812 - Mystery het, gone by 0822. Still dark here on east coast but looking at October plot on DXEdge, it would appear that it is just getting light in Japan. I can hope, can't I? Last month I was getting early morning hets on 1134 and 1008 about the same time. [Stutterheim-NY]
 720 NEW ZEALAND 4YZ-Invercargill (tent), OCT 23 1055 - Light piano jazz music; at 1059 6 pips, into news seemingly parallel 2YA-567. Was looking for KDWN sign-on, which was postponed an hour. [Park-HI]
 747 JAPAN JOIB Sapporo, NOV 4 1406 - Good with world news in EE. This is the news program broadcast by Radio Japan on shortwave, ended at 1410. [Woods-OR]
 774 JAPAN JOUB Akita, NOV 2 1338 - Good with EE lesson, discussion of Bed and Breakfast facilities in the US. [Woods-OR]
 830 HAWAII KHVH Honolulu, OCT 30 1433 - Fair with Limbaugh talk. [Woods-OR]
 870t HAWAII KAIM Honolulu, OCT 30 1448 - Fair with sermon by man. [Woods-OR]
 900t HAWAII KNUI Kahului, Maui, OCT 30 1505 - Poor with talk in native language, believe it was Hawaiian. [Woods-OR]
 1035 UNID, NOV 3 1435 - Poor with EE lesson, basic, similar to language lessons heard on Japanese NHK 2 network. My guess is Taiwan. [Woods-OR]
 1048/1049 UNIDs, OCT 30 0929 - Two hets here, gray line passing over China at the time. [Stutterheim-NY]

STATION NEWS

Thanks to the Sheigra DXpedition (via *Medium Wave News*) for some of the following news items. Steve Whitt notes, "DX heard from Alaska down to Argentina and most points in between. Nine new UK FIRSTS logged and identified in first week of a four week DX-pedition to Sheigra, NW Scotland. Tentative logging made of HCJB DX test - tape needs analysing to resolve a suspected Morse signal. Full report will appear in next issue of *Medium Wave News*."

BARBADOS: Voice of Barbados is off channel on 789.8kHz. Heard as late as 0800 UTC so probably 24hr operation now. [Sheigra DX-pedition via *Medium Wave News*] (As observed in Newfoundland in OCT - Jim)

NETHERLANDS: On their first official day on air OCT 17, Veronic Nieuws Radio (VNR) on 1395 started to relay the daily Dutch program from Deutsche Welle at 1807-1837. [Michael Schaay in MWN NOV 95] The present schedule is from 0700-1900 local time. [Tony Champion in MWN NOV 95]

TURKS & CAICOS: Radio Vision Cristiana moved from 532kHz to 535kHz sometime between 1st & 2nd November. Now on 535 only on USB (it is possible to hear R. Grenada on 535 LSB). [Sheigra DX-pedition via *Medium Wave News*] (And now, NOV 10, back on 532 again! - Jim)

PUERTO RICO: WRSJ 1560kHz Bayamón, Puerto Rico is now a full time English-language all-news station. Currently listed as Spanish Easy Listening format. [Sheigra DX-pedition via *Medium Wave News*]

UNID: 1450kHz using slogans like "Today's hits.. continuous hits", "More hit songs back to back" music like Bon Jovi, U2, Bruce Springsteen, Sting, Cher, Eric Clapton. Mostly back to back records, some short sung jingles. Jingle instead of US-style legal ID at 0800 (unfortunately only weakly heard). Also heard slogan by Latin American accented female (in English) possibly with reference to Cuba. Heard this station at 0558 UTC NOV 3 0747 UTC NOV 4. Propagation at time of reception was strongly to Caribbean & S America. This signal never was strong but had some good peaks. Don't think this is Bermuda - VSB heard around 2200-2300 most nights and carries a country music format. Could this be Radio Maboja, Cuba?? [Sheigra DX-pedition via *Medium Wave News*]

AN UNUSUAL TIP

Some years ago my wife and I drove to the Canadian Rockies in our new car. Before the return trip home we had the car hoisted up to change the oil. The attendant called our attention to the bottom of the car, where the anti-rust undercoating had been completely nibbled away by some animal! What animal could ever be this hungry? Up in the California Sierras this summer we witnessed marmots eating hoses and wiring in the engine compartment of cars. This leads up to a tip I just read from Arthur Owen in *Medium Wave News*, who described another DXer's problem with moose and other toothy animals eating the insulation off of ground-level antenna wires. It seems that they are attracted to the smell of new insulated wire, and that they leave alone older wire. So the tip is this: buy your wire well in advance and let it sit outside for a few months!

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PIRACY: Avoiding the Long Arm

by John D. Bowker

Part III

Recap (If you did not read Parts I & II, here is what you missed): Pirate radio is okay if you do not get caught. The purpose of this series is to keep you from getting caught! We have begun to find how the FCC rules permit operating a broadcasting station without a license. And now, Part III.

In our last installment we learned how one section of the FCC's Rules teach about going on the air on the AM broadcast band legally without any license. The tricks are (1) to keep the radiation from your antenna rather low, and (2) to select an antenna that goes wherever you want to be heard .. such as the regular electric lines, or even a small wire you string yourself!

You may have wondered when we were going to get to FM systems. Well, we are there now but, unfortunately, you will note that this is a very short paragraph. The FCC pretty much restricts you to service within your own premises on any FM broadcast frequencies. There is no legal way to cover a substantial number of people without a license on FM. And, by the way, operating within the f.m. band but transmitting on an "in-between" frequency such as 88.2 or 97.8 MHz, does not change their power limits at all.

The easiest way to describe what they allow is to point out that the FM Wireless Microphones you can buy here and there stretch the rules pretty well. You may know these little devices can barely be picked up two doors away in most cases. What happens if you add wire to the little stub antenna on a wireless mic? Probably nothing. What happens when you cheat on your Income Tax? Probably nothing. Just do not get caught.

Who is going to catch you? Probably not the FCC. No, it can be worse than that. You see, anyone with an FM license has really been put through the wringer, and they're sure not going to let someone steal audience from them without a major fight (maybe even a civil suit for stealing?)

To go on the air legally with an FM broadcast station requires extensive engineering plots, money, maps of signal

contours, money, legal assurances, money, and about a three-year processing time. What most people don't realize is that the first step is to petition for a change in the FCC Rules! So in order to build a new FM station, it usually means you have to request that a new channel be assigned to your city. If the FCC says "okay" (takes about a year), then anybody can apply for a station on "your" channel! The actual application processing then takes a year or even more. So do not get caught FM pirating. Too many local interests have too much to lose to let you go on the air illegally.

But wait! There is more to this FM business!!

It is called cable radio. This concept has been around for years and, in a few places, has proven successful. Basically, you make a deal with the local cable tv operator to put your programs on his cable at some "dead" spot on the fm dial. If you have any luck finding such a dead spot, terrific! But the bigger hurdle will be to convince the cable operator that it's a good idea. If you go to the operator by yourself, you'll probably get nowhere. If you go as a representative of your school, or of the town council, or of your apartment association, you might just find they'll listen. After all, they want to make money by having people subscribe to their cable and all the little exclusive extras they can market work to their advantage. So you should sell your idea for a local cable radio station in terms of how it will benefit the operator.

Sure, it takes a bit more work, but if you promote such a venture properly (high school sports, local news, interviews with local people, association meetings, etc., etc.) people will begin to listen. And if you would like to chat about this, drop me a line at PO Box 1279, Valparaiso, IN 46384 or to RADIOJOHN@AOL.COM Next time I will tell you all about T.I.S. -- Travelers Information Stations. There was an article in *DX News* (January 30, 1995 from Bill Hale) that you may find revealing. I will discuss what some of the jargon in the FCC Rules means and we will see if maybe you want to be a hero in your home town!

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INFO RADIO

"Your Total Vacation Station" 1340 AM

By Brian H. Seitz
BRANSON INFORMATION RADIO, 1340 AM, a 1000 watt non-directional, unrestricted station out of Springfield, Missouri, is powered up and ready to greet visitors before they reach Branson.
 The ONLY all information station in the Ozarks, Branson Info Radio is a continuous feed, two hour information loop focusing on shows, logging, camping, special events, dining and more!

What does this mean for you? Glad you asked. It means that advertisers can now directly reach their target market, the Branson area vacationer, hours before they reach the music mecca at just the right time for decision making. Any marketing or promotions director in the area knows that the "Branson Pie" has been cut into smaller pieces and advertising in the correct places can make

or break a business season.

Vonda Milton, Sales and Marketing Director for **BRANSON INFORMATION RADIO** said, "85% of the traffic coming to Branson goes through Springfield and with **BRANSON INFO RADIO** we can reach them at least one hour outside of Springfield before they are bombarded by the glitz and glamor of Branson".

Vonda, originally from Oklahoma and a long time vacationer to Branson formerly with the Alliance Press, publishers of All Roads Lead To Branson said, "We are an information station and our job is not to entertain (Editor's note: the station will be fun to listen to, offering comedy segments, Branson trivia, notification of special events and more) but to reach people with area information that will make their vacation more enjoyable".

"BRANSON INFO RADIO

is very similar to the AM station outside of Disney World. They promote all of the attractions in their market and we will do the same for Branson and the Ozarks", Vonda said.

How will people know to turn on to 1340 AM?

"Brian, we have 14 billboards going up, five of them are on I-44, two on 160, one on Hwy 13, one on Hwy 65 North with two going south and one on Hwy 60", Vonda replied.

BRANSON INFO RADIO will use Travel Host Magazine (Branson's number 1 "in room" publication) and Music Country News, Branson's Premier Newspaper, to reach people locally and have over 1500 rack card locations outside of Branson to alert people to the station on their way to the Live Entertainment Capitol of The World.

"We are not affiliated with any other radio station nor is it our

goal to compete with other area stations. We are an information station geared for and targeting the tourist market", Vonda noted.

BRANSON INFO RADIO has the capability to produce quality, cost effective advertisements and will air indepen-



Vonda Milton
 dentilly produced ads as well

"We will promote Branson as a city full of friendly, helpful people and will reach folks traveling the highways who might not be coming to Branson as well. After hearing Branson Info Radio and what we have to offer, people can plan a future trip or even decide to make this area their home", Vonda said.

With so many places to go and things to do in the Country Music Capitol of the World, **BRANSON INFO RADIO**, 1340 AM is "Your Total Vacation Station"!

Music Country News
 -via Phil Tallman

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Tune in and hear all you need to know
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Radio Roundup

News of the radio industry, of interest to DX'ers

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Greetings all ... Nashville radio talk show hosts Teddy Bart and Karlen Evins say they have exercised their option to buy WKDA-AM (1,000 watts) from Dick Broadcasting, owner of Nashville's WKDF-FM and WGFY-FM. They are expected to move into the old studios of WWTN-FM, recently purchased by Gaylord Broadcasting, owner of WSM-AM/FM. WWTN was to move to WSM-FM's studios. WSM-FM is now broadcasting from the Opryland USA theme park, also owned by Gaylord. Bart and Evins, who are now doing mornings on WKDA, are former talk show hosts at WWTN and WLAC-AM. Brent Stoker, former promotions director at WSM, will become WKDA's general manager ... Rhett Walker, former sidekick and newsmen for Coyote McCloud's morning zoo crew at WYHY-FM, is now hosting mornings at Nashville's WRMX-FM (oldies) ... WWCS-540, Canonsburg, has expanded their BBC World Service, programming from 5:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. This change drops their airing of the "Arab Network of America," a syndicated Arabic music and information program ... KKH1-1510, San Rafael, operated by Mount Wilson FM Broadcasters, has dropped the classical simulcast of their FM to Jazz programming. They have changed their call to KNOB and ID'ing as "The jazz knob" ... Long-time Bay Area talk show host Lee Rodgers, who left the market about two years ago to take a mid-morning gig at KIRO Seattle, has returned to the San Francisco market to do morning drive at all-conservative KSFO-560. Rodgers was previously on co-owned KGO AM 810 in the evenings ... On June 5th, WBT (1110 AM 50kW) started simulcasting on WBZK-FM in Chester, SC. WBT, based in Charlotte, NC, is owned by Jefferson-Pilot Communications, which made the decision to purchase the Chester station to fill a void in its coverage area west of Charlotte, and also to allow them to broadcast both the Charlotte Hornets and the Carolina Panthers at the same time if games by the two Charlotte pro sports teams ever occur at the same time. WBT expected to change WBZK-FM's call letters to

WBT-FM. The existing WBT-FM was to receive new call letters ... Sharp-eyed NRC'er Dave Braun reports that Bill Trumbull recently celebrated his 35th anniversary at WMAL-630 ... BTW, if you want to e-mail Bill his AOL address is BillT620 ... Joe Madison's WWRC talk show has recently been expanded and may be heard weeknights from 8 to midnight, pushing syndicated talker Bruce Williams to a weekend slot ... Reel Talk Radio? A new radio has hit the market for those talkshow addicts who don't want to miss their favorite gabber. The tower-type radio has an LCD display and a quarter speed cassette deck, thus allowing for four hours of compressed audio recording. Another model for music listeners is under development. For more information contact Reel Talk at 1-800-766-TALK (8255) ... Casey Kasem recently celebrated his 25th anniversary as a Top 40 countdown radio host ... Los Angeles-market radiophiles may want to check out a new publication titled "Los Angeles Radio People." This 222-page paperback looks back at the personalities that have hit the airwaves during the 1957-1994 time frame. Lots of trivia. The book is available through db Marketing, (818) 773-2255 ... From the where-are-they department, Joey Reynolds has surfaced in California, as president of Cutler Productions a radio syndicator, now getting into the television production side of the business ... NRC'er Brent Taylor reports from Canada that CFNB-570 and CH11-1260 are now under the same management but different owners. Both stations are in Fredericton. Sort of a Canadian version of the duopolies down here is the states ... I love small markets, as that is where you learn your craft and hone your skills, doing a little bit of everything. Here is a little tidbit: I note that Susan Ethridge is the new Music Director of WDRM in Huntsville, Alabama. Her previous job at the station ... receptionist ... KIRO-AM will no longer be simulcast on their FM sister ... WPCG has dropped its all business in favor of hip-hop Flava ... Another politico has hit the airwaves, Gary Hart's Heartland has premiered on KOA in Denver. He's be heard Sunday evenings from 7 to 8 pm local time ... John Gambling's new on-air sidekick at WOR in the mornings is Ozzie Philips. Ozzie's previous gig was on a tiny station in New London, Connecticut ... The FCC has ruled that stations may "channel" political spots

deemed indecent or too graphic for times when children may not be listening or viewing. While some will scream of political censorship, viewing some of the anti-abortion ads promoted by a tiny fringe politician element during dinner time, isn't appreciated by many, regardless of their political beliefs ... Westwood One is now offering 24-hour talk programming on weekends ... Did you know that baseball superstar Jeff Bagwell's wife is Shaune Bagwell, who is half of the Beau & Bagwell evening team on KKQB in Houston? ... Doc Wells has given up the all night gig in Birmingham, NY in favor of moving cross town to WGRG for an afternoon drive tour ... The Electronic Industries Association has allocated a half million dollars for the promotion of RDS, Radio Data System ... WMGI in Terre Haute is now a CHR station ... The FCC news regs are allowing 65 stations to up their power. While most station changes will be the 10 to 20 kw range, some stations will see dramatic increases, as in the case of KFWB and WWRC, both going to 50,000 watts ... Financial talkshow host Sonny Bloc and WOR have been slapped with a lawsuit over their promotion of wireless cable television. Investment fraud is alleged according to Newsday ... Bloc and WOR claim they are not responsible for their sponsors ... On the Urban scene, WBLS in New York City has blasted their programming rival WRKS by calling it a Plantation Station, in essence a Black station owned by whites. Such racial slurs aired recently when WBLS said "WBLS is and continues to be a black-owned and operated radio station. There are some radio stations out there that are faking the funk, and are just the opposite, you know what I am saying?" They go on to say "If you know some brothers and sisters who are listening to those plantation stations, ask them who you gonna support? Such slanderous comments have no place in society or on the radio when presented in such a fashion. This certainly isn't a class act by WBLS to be sure ... KFRC's morning man J. Paul Emmerson has left the station ... Fellow columnist John Bowker offers the following radio tidbit for your thoughts: This is the story of a 15-year-old radio station in Tampa with a quandry. WMNF-88.5 may be "in a slow demise as the area's leading outlet for progressive music" according to the *Tampa Tribune*. Their problem is simple to understand, but perhaps oversimplified by them. They feel their audience for such "alternative" programs is growing older, so they now plan to cut back on the underground music and lean more toward folk and acoustic music. Their only source of revenue is from their audience (pledge drives, etc.) and as their audience becomes more affluent (that is, as

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they mature) they stop listening to WMNF and switch over to main-stream stuff. "But cutting back will mean less exposure for new bands, and such exposure is incredibly important to music", the *Tribune* said. WMNF now plays 14 hours a week of alternative rock music; they will be cutting back to less than 6 hours according to present plan. "They think the changes will increase contributions to the station, but they'll also reduce the overall diversity of the station" said the owner of the Daddy Kool record store in nearby Sarasota, according to the *Tribune*. So Bowker worries: What's a station to do that caters to a young audience? Don't know. As the management of a station grows older, its ability to select what's right for a younger audience diminishes .. so there's no easy or obvious solution ... Don & Mike are out at WHTK in Rochester, NY. In their place the Fabulous Sports Babe ... Tom Leykis is now being carried on WGY ... NRC'er Greg Hanson reports that The Greaseman, Doug Tracht is doing comedy at clubs in NY, Atlanta, DC and Philly ... NPR's Morning Edition recently celebrated its 15th anniversary. It is currently aired on 437 stations with an estimated listenership of over 7 million ... WTOP listeners may be interested to know that 37-year radio vet Jamie Bragg's real name is Casper James App ... Frank Harden recently signed a three-year contract, which at its completion will give him a 50 year run at WMAL ... After discussing Internet many times in this column, an issue of R&R had an article on why radio stations should be using it to enhance ratings. Yes ... The NRC again ahead of the curve ... Radio vet Pat St. John has signed on with CBS Radio to host Live From the House of Blues Presented by Pontiac Sunfire. Nothing like a sponsor getting in on the title ... Dav-O is now on KYGO as the afternoon driver in Denver ... Kelli Austin is now doing the afternoon news anchor chores on WHIO in Akron ... Yolanda Gaskins has replaced the talk team of Smiley & Naravette on KMPC ... The call KQLL moves to the FM side of the radio ... If you would like to contribute to this column, I may be reached at the address above, CompuServe 72376,2557, InterNet PeteKZ1Z@AOL.COM, the FIDO system in the Shortwave, Ham or Broadcasting echo areas, The Oracle 1:141/1015, or amateur radio packet, KZ1Z @ KIUOL.CT. So much for now.

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