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MEGA-GROUPS GO DIGITAL. . . . In OWNERSHIP, that is -- In a truly amazing development, eleven of the largest U.S. radio groups are taking an ownership position in Digital Audio Broadcasting developer USA Digital Radio. The USADR consortium began in the early 1990s with backing from CBS, Group W and Garth Brooks. The surviving owner is CBS -- and M Street got very curious when we spotted an FTC filing a couple of weeks ago about CBS' ownership of USADR. Now the cat's out of the bag and it's a HUGE story (and one that Lucent may not love to hear). With one fell swoop, USA Digital guarantees itself backing from twelve of the country's biggest radio groups, with combined revenue of over \$5 billion. Here are the eleven newest broadcast owners of USADR, listed alphabetically: Chancellor, Citadel, Clear Channel, Cox, Cumulus Media, Emmis, Entercom, Heftel, Jacor, Radio One and Sinclair. A new non-broadcast investor is Chase Capital Partners. USA Digital is still developing its In-Band On-Channel systems for AM and FM DAB. But if you're Lucent, which just spun off a separate company last year to join the DAB Derby -- this announcement isn't good news. We'll follow the story for you this year, week by week.

IT AIN'T "YOUNG COUNTRY" NOW, PODNUH. . . . Infinity is de-emphasizing the "Young Country" package at the first station to pioneer the concept back in 1992 -- KYNG, Dallas. The station has a new program director (Bob McNeill) and a new slogan: "Superstar Country." McNeill's focusing on major hits by country "icons" like Garth Brooks, George Strait, Brooks & Dunn and Reba -- and going back further for oldies than "Young Country" did. There's also less talk and interactivity. The Young Country name isn't being completely retired, since the full slogan is now "Superstar Hits and a Young Country Attitude." But the heyday of "Young Country" in Dallas (and elsewhere) is over. M Street notes that the various "Young Country" stations (whether CBS-owned or not) varied quite a bit in both playlist and presentation. And we wonder what happens at the "Young Country" stations that remain, as the country cycle moves on. And our final observation: "Young Country" always was an attitude -- not a format. Lots more radio news to get you going in the New Year, inside this week's M Street Journal.

FORMAT CHANGES & UPDATES

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

		<u>formerly</u>	<u>becomes</u>
AL Citronelle (Mobile)	WQUA-102.1	southern gospel	ABC - urban gold
AR Maumelle (Little Rock)	KSIZ-96.9*	urban	KWLR, LifeTalk - rel.
	(LifeTalk LMA's KSIZ from Flinn Broadcasting)		
CA Los Angeles	KYPA-1230	brokered variety	Korean
	(Radio Korea moves its programming from KBLA; KYPA retains Jim Poorman's alternative music show from 4 to 8pm)		
Orange (L.A.)	KPLS-830	# stunting	CRN - Catholic talk
	(Live talk 6am-3pm, repeats 3-8pm and EWTN network shows 8pm to 6am)		
Santa Monica (L.A.)	KBLA-1580	# Korean	Unica - Spanish talk
Simi Valley (Oxnard)	KVCA-670	Unica - Sp. talk	Unica - Sp. talk // K
	(KVCA continues its LMA with Radio Unica)		
Stockton	KSTN-1420	dance	rhythmic oldies
CO Denver	KKYD-1340	# stunting	CRN - Catholic talk
	(Live talk 6am-3pm, repeats 3-8pm and EWTN network shows 8pm to 6am)		
FL Apopka (Orlando)	WTLN-FM-95.3	# religion // AM	talk // WDBO
	(Now a combo with WDBO, WHOO, WHTQ, WCFB, WWKA and WMMO; look for a new format soon)		
Apopka (Orlando)	WHIM-1520	religion/s. gospel	religion & gospel

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FORMAT CHANGES & UPDATES (cont'd)

IL Sandwich	WAUR-930	# stunting	CRN - Catholic talk
(Live talk 6am-3pm, repeats 3-8pm and EWTN network shows 8pm to 6am)			
KS Fairway (K.C.)	KCNW-1380	# stunting	CRN - Catholic talk
(Live talk 6am-3pm, repeats 3-8pm and EWTN network shows 8pm to 6am)			
Girard (Joplin)	KSEK-FM-99.1	modern AC	rock "Real Rock"
Hays	KAYS-1400	ABC - oldies	adds ESPN sports
Herington	KDMM-FM-105.7	Branson - country	Radio One - country
LA Opelousas (Lafayette)	KVOL-FM-105.9	talk & sports	drops Imus mornings
ME Brunswick (Portland)	WJJB-900	# shopping	adult alt. // WCLZ-FM
(WJJB and WCLZ-FM are now a combo with WBLM, WCYI, WCYY, WHOM, WJAE, WJBQ and WPKQ; look for a new format in a few months)			
Islesboro	WAYD-105.5	# new	adult standards
MA Plymouth	WPLM-1390	smooth jazz	standards/soft AC mix
(WPLM keeps its brokered morning business show)			
Plymouth (Boston)	WPLM-FM-99.1	smooth jazz	standards/soft AC mix
("Easy 99.1", like recent sign on KNKI in Dallas, targets 45+)			
Springfield	WHYN-560	talk	adds sports nights
(WHYN adds ESPN and Jim Rome for nights)			
Springfield	WMAS-1450	talk & standards	JRN - standards
MI Detroit	WKRK-FM-97.1	talk & rock	adds Mancow nights
Tuscola (Flint)	WWBN-101.5	rock	adds Bob & Tom
MN Minneapolis	WWTC-1280	# stunting	CRN - Catholic talk
(Live talk 6am-3pm, repeats 3-8pm and EWTN network shows 8pm to 6am)			
MO Kansas City	KOZN-102.1	modern AC	adult contemporary
(KOZN and KMXV are now a combo with country KOWW, KFKF-FM and KBEQ-FM)			
Lexington (K.C.)	KNRX-107.3	modern rock	R&B oldies "K-107"
NJ Camden (Philadelphia)	WSSJ-1310	# variety	tropical oldies
(Now a combo with Spanish hits WURD, this updates the station's first report that they were on the air with Spanish AC)			
NM Roswell	KSFY-100.5	classic rock	adds ABC - cls. rock
NY Fenner	WXXE-90.5*	new	variety
Huntington (L. Island)	WGSM-740	children's	standards // WHLI
New York	WQEW-1560	adult standards	Disney - children's
(WQEW enters into a long-term LMA with talk WABC and hot AC WPLJ)			
Voorheesville (Albany)	WPTR-96.3	country	urban "Jams 96.3"
PA Bloomsburg (Scranton)	WCNR-930	adult standards	talk & sports
Chester (Wilmington)	WPWA-1590	# stunting	CRN - Catholic talk
(Live talk 6am-3pm, repeats 3-8pm and EWTN network shows 8pm to 6am)			
TN Berry Hill (Nashville)	WVOL-1470	R&B oldies	black gospel "Glory"
(The station has changed its plans since last week's issue)			
Clarksville	WCTZ-1550	talk	SGN - black gospel
Oak Ridge (Knox.)	WOKI-FM-100.3	classic rock	adds John Boy & Billy
TX Freeport (Houston)	KJOJ-FM-103.3	dance-CHR // KHYS	rhythmic oldies // KHYS
Port Arthur (Houston)	KHYS-98.5	dance-CHR	rhythmic oldies "Jam"
(KHYS continues in its LMA with Clear Channel)			
VA Front Royal (Winches.)	WFTR-FM-95.3	ABC real - country	ABC - oldies
WI Jackson (Milwaukee)	WZER-540	# stunting	CRN - Catholic talk
(Live talk 6am-3pm, repeats 3-8pm and EWTN network shows 8pm to 6am)			

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

		(+ competes with existing application)	
CA 91.9*	Laytonville	110 w, 2532 ft	Redwood Community Radio
CO 90.1*	Craig	1000 w, 909 ft	Colorado Christian University
89.7**	Hayden	10000 w, 522 ft	Bcstg. for the Challenged
89.3*	Steamboat Springs	6500 w, 1676 ft	Colorado Christian University
ID 89.3*	Idaho Falls	no facils given	Faith Communications Corp.
IA 90.5**	Oskaloosa	6000 w, 440 ft DA	Family Stations, Inc.
90.5**	Oskaloosa	1500 w, 292 ft	IA State University of Science
KY 91.7*	Madisonville	200 w, 262 ft	Pennyrile Christian Comm., Inc.
ME 88.9*	Oakland	600 w (v), 666 ft	Light of Life Ministries, Inc.
MI 90.1*	Adrian	no facils given	Taylor University Building
104.9+	Lake City	6000 w, 328 ft	Nassawadox FM, Inc.
104.9+	Lake City	1600 w, 489 ft	Superior Communications
MN 90.1**	Albert Lea	6000 w (v), 134 ft	Bcstg. for the Challenged
90.1**	Albert Lea	5800 w, 348 ft DA	CSN International
89.7**	Grand Marais	6000 w, 613 ft	Minnesota Public Radio
90.1*	Hayfield	35000 w (v), 72 ft	Lifetalk Bcstg. Association
89.9*	Rochester	no facils given	Rochester Community College
90.9**	Windom	25000 w, 328 ft	Minn-Iowa Christian Bcstg.

NEW STATIONS: APPLICATIONS (cont'd)

OH 90.7** Norwalk 4000 w, 410 ft DA Kent State University
(petition for reconsideration granted; app reinstated 12/22/98)
OK 88.9* Grove 6000 w(v), 266 ft DA Grove Broadcasting, Inc.

Returned/Dismissed Applications

CT 91.1* Pomfret (R) Pomfret School
IN 88.3* Tipton (R) Educ. Opportunities, Inc.
OH 88.5** Sandusky (R) Kent State University
88.5** Sandusky (R) Public Bcstg. Foundation
VT 91.5* Wallingford (D) Mountain Ed. Fellowship, Inc.
WY 101.7 Thermopolis (D) Idaho Bcstg. Consortium, Inc.

NEW STATIONS: GRANTS

VT 91.7* Woodstock 100 w, 2276 ft DA Christian Ministries, Inc.

TRANSLATORS/BOOSTERS/SYNCHRONOUS XMTR: APPLICATIONS

AL new-91.7*	Hope Hull	WPCS	Pensacola Christ. Col.
AZ new-88.7*	Laveen	KSKD-FM	Educational Media Foun
CA new-91.1*	Pacoima	KTLW	Living Way Ministries
new-88.7*	Yankee Hill	KEFX	Calv. Chapel/Costa Me:
LA new-88.1*	Jennings	KAWZ	Calv. Chapel/Twin Fal.
OR new-88.5*	Blue River	KAWZ	Calv. Chapel/Twin Fal.
new-88.5*	Walton	KAWZ	Calv. Chapel/Twin Fal.
TX new-89.7*	Big Springs	KLVW	Educational Media Foun
VA new-88.7*	Boones Mill	KAWZ	Calv. Chapel/Twin Fal.
WA new-88.7*	Chinook	KEFX	Calv. Chapel/Costa Me:
new-89.1*	Chinook	KAWZ	Calv. Chapel/Twin Fal.

TRANSLATORS/BOOSTERS/SYNCHRONOUS XMTR: GRANTS

CA K213CT-90.5*	Bena	10 w DA, KAWZ	Calv. Chapel/Costa Me:
K207CT-89.3*	Lakehead	10 w (v) DA, KAWZ	Calv. Chapel/Twin Fal.
GA W201CC-88.1*	Buford	17 w, KAWZ	Calv. Chapel/Twin Fal.
NM K236AK-95.1	Eagle Nest	10 w, KRTN-FM	Eagle Nest TV Assn.
NY W214BB-90.1*	Lockport	27 w, WCOU	Family Life Ministrie:
W207BD-89.3*	Medina	38 w, WCOU	Family Life Ministrie:
OH W209BE-89.7*	Findlay	20 w, KLVC	Educational Media Foun
PA WGGY-FM1-101.3	Honesdale	500 w, WGGY	Sinclair/Wilkes-Barre
SC W214BC-90.7*	Greenville	10 w DA, KAWZ	Calv. Chapel/Twin Fal.
TX K208DG-89.5*	Galveston	250 w DA, KPFT	Pacifica Foundation
WA K205DH-88.9*	Shelton	3 w (v) DA, KAWZ	Calv. Chapel/Twin Fal.

CONSTRUCTION PERMIT ACTIVITY

AZ KAVV-97.7	Benson	requests 2nd extension of time to increase to 6000 w, 148 ft, change xmtr location to 31-59-29 110-10-21
KHOT-FM-105.9	Paradise Valley	increases to 36000 w, 574 ft, adds DA, class C2
KNNB-88.1*	Whiteriver	requests extension of time to increase to 1250 w, 640 ft, change xmtr location to 33-45-37 109-58-27
CA KOJJ-100.5	East Porterville	requests replacement of expired CP to change to 2100 w, 1109 ft, class B1, change xmtr loc. to 35-56-45 118-53-10
KLVS-99.3	Grass Valley	changes to 640 w, 1056 ft
KPLS-830	Orange	requests extension of time to increase to 50000 w days, 20000 w nights, DA-N
KPBS-FM-89.5*	San Diego	requests extension of time to change to 26000 w, 676 ft, change xmtr location to 32-50-24 117-15-06
KRTO-98.3	West Covina	changes to 600 w, 1004 ft
CO KPAW-107.9	Fort Collins	increases to 640 ft
FL WRHC-1560	Coral Gables	requests 4th extension of time to increase to 45000 w days, 4400 w nights, DA-2
WKRO-FM-93.1	Edgewater	changes xmtr loc. to 28-53-40 80-53-08
WLTF(CP)-105.9	Englewood	requests 2nd extension of time
WNTF-1580	Mount Dora	requests 4th replacement of expired CP to decrease to 2100 w days, ND, change city of license to Bithlo, FL
WHSR-980	Pompano Beach	changes xmtr loc. to 26-20-06 80-15-55 day:
WDRR-98.5	San Carlos Park	increases to 20500 w, adds DA, class C3

CONSTRUCTION PERMIT ACTIVITY (cont'd)

GA WZNY-105.7	Augusta	increases to 1217 ft
IL WCCQ-98.3	Crest Hill	dismissed extension of time and canceled CP to increase to 3600 w, 427 ft
		(CP canceled per applicant's request;
		station has a replacement CP for 3000 w, 469 ft granted this week)
WJTW-93.5	Joliet	increases to 276 ft
IN WZVN-107.1	Lowell	built new auxiliary facility
WKLO(CP)-92.9	Veedersburg	granted 4th extension of time
IA KDSN-FM-107.1	Denison	increases to 6000 w, 298 ft
KEMB-100.1	Emmetsburg	increases to 3900 w, 410 ft
KS KLPQ(CP)-102.5	Arkansas City	granted 2nd replacement of expired CP
KWGB-97.9	Colby	license to cover for new station
KY WTRT-88.1*	Benton	license to cover for new station
WXZZ-103.3	Georgetown	changes to 6000 w, 328 ft
LA KHFX-105.5	Ball	license to cover for new station
KJNA-FM-99.3	Jena	changes to 6000 w, 298 ft
MA WCRB-102.5	Waltham	changes to 8100 w, 1151 ft, changes xmtr location to 42-18-27 71-13-27
		(as amended)
MI WJNL(CP)-750	Petoskey	requests 2nd replacement of expired CP
MN KXKK-92.5	Park Rapids	license to cover for new station
KSKK-94.7	Staples	canceled CP to increase to 449 ft
		(canceled per applicant's request; station has a CP granted this week for 1860 ft)
MO KCSX-97.3	Moberly	license to cover for new station
KLPW-FM-101.7	Union	increases to 3300 w, 351 ft
NJ WXGN(CP)-90.5*	Egg Harbor Township	requests 3rd replacement of expired CP
WCHR(CP)FM-105.7	Manahawkin	requests 3rd extension of time
WNNJ-1360	Newton	granted 5th replacement of expired CP to increase to 2000 w days, 320 w nights, DA-2
NM KXDA-103.1	Las Cruces	changes to 1000 w, 551 ft, changes xmtr location to 21-24-18 106-45-41
NY WMHI-94.7*	Cape Vincent	changes to 5800 w, 331 ft, changes xmtr location to 44-04-42 76-15-26
WLIB-1190	New York	adds 30000 w nights, DA-2, increases to 4 towers nights
WBGK(CP)-99.7	Old Forge	requests 2nd extension of time
WRVD(CP)-90.3*	Syracuse	granted 3rd replacement of expired CP
ND KKXL-1440	Grand Forks	decreases to 600 w days, 300 w nights, ND
OH WOFX-92.5	Cincinnati	decreases to 866 ft, adds DA
WRMR-850	Cleveland	granted 3rd extension of time to inc. to 50000 w days, DA-2, increase to 4 towers days
OR KCMX-FM-101.9	Ashland	canceled CP to increase to 4310 ft
	(station has a new CP, granted this week for 42000 w, 1437 ft)	
PA WUSL-98.9	Philadelphia	built new auxiliary facility
TX KXEZ-92.1	Farmersville	license to cover for new station
KLTY-94.1	Fort Worth	decreases to 643 ft, changes xmtr loc. to 32-32-44 96-57-56
KCTI-FM-106.3	Gonzales	increases to 15000 w, 423 ft, class C3, changes xmtr loc. to 29-41-17 97-40-39
KWKQ-107.1	Graham	increases to 25000 w, 92 ft, class C3
KOFR-107.3	Post	changes to 22000 w, 748 ft, changes xmtr location to 33-13-23 101-26-26
WA KQWS(CP)-90.1*	Omak	requests 2nd extension of time
KGER-95.9	Quincy	license to cover for new station
WI WXEC(CP)-93.9	Nekoosa	requests 5th extension of time to change xmtr loc. to 44-13-19 89-51-13

FACILITIES/PARAMETERS: APPLICATIONS

AZ KNST-790	Tucson	(& reapplication) [docket number]
AR KDEZ-100.5	Jonesboro	direct measurement of antenna power
		modify CP to decrease to 407 ft, change xmtr location to 35-54-26 90-41-38 [92-87]
CA KIEZ-540	Carmel Valley	change xmtr loc. to 36-39-36 121-32-29
KIXW-FM-107.3	Lenwood	change to 1000 w, 781 ft, change xmtr location to 34-58-15 117-02-22
KBMB-103.5	Sacramento	modify CP to increase to 6000 w, 312 ft, add DA
KLRD-90.1*	Yucaipa	increase to 1200 w, 2526 ft, add DA, class B, change xmtr location to 34-03-15 116-54-11

FACILITIES/PARAMETERS: APPLICATIONS (cont'd)

FL WSBR-740	Boca Raton	direct measurement of antenna power
WKRO-FM-93.1	Edgewater	change xmtr loc. to 28-53-40 80-53-08
WFKZ-103.1	Plantation Key	one step application to increase to class C2, 50000 w, 449 ft, change xmtr location to 24-57-29 80-34-31
WSTU-1450	Stuart	direct measurement of antenna power
IL WIBH-1440	Anna	direct measurement of antenna power
IN WZVN-107.1	Lowell	make changes in auxiliary facility
IA KXGE-102.3	Dubuque	change to 2000 w, 308 ft, change xmtr location to 42-35-07 90-38-50
MA WBET-1460	Brockton	direct measurement of antenna power
MI WSHN-1550	Fremont	direct measurement of antenna power
MO KRRY-100.9	Canton	modify CP to change to 28000 w, 656 ft, change xmtr loc. to 39-53-09 91-36-38
KWWR-95.7	Mexico	one step application to increase to 1479 ft, add DA, change xmtr location to 39-15-49 92-08-06
KREO(CP)-107.5	Superior	one step application to increase to class C1, 100000 w, 298 ft, change xmtr location to 47-10-43 114-54-20
NE KKAR-1290	Omaha	direct measurement of antenna power
NJ WXGN(CP)-90.5*	Egg Harbor Township	decrease to 1600 w, 253 ft DA, change xmtr location to 39-27-40 74-41-06
NM KTAO-101.7	Taos	modify CP to decrease to 1200 w, 1295 ft, change xmtr loc. to 36-14-48 105-39-15 [90-39-15]
NY WSIV-1540	East Syracuse	modify CP to move to 720 KHz, decrease to 1000 w days, ND-D, change xmtr location to 43-03-31 76-10-00
WLIB-1190	New York	modify CP to augment nighttime antenna pattern
WBGK(CP)-99.7	Old Forge	change to 1400 w, 676 ft, change xmtr location to 43-08-28 75-01-49, change city of license to Newport Village, NY
NC WHKP-1450	Hendersonville	direct measurement of antenna power
NV KBAD-920	Las Vegas	change to DA-N from DA-2
OK KAYC(CP)-91.1*	Durant	change to 500 w, 213 ft, change xmtr location to 34-01-17 96-28-18
PA WXVX-1510	Monroeville	increase to 1000 w (critical hours), DA-D, change xmtr location to 40-25-13 79-51-04
TN WZPC-102.9	Shelbyville	modify CP to decrease to 955 ft
TX KKLK-106.9	Daingerfield	increase to 9100 w, 502 ft, class C3, change xmtr loc. to 32-41-54 94-37-04, change city of lic. to Ore City, TX [97-25]
KKLD-98.3	Prescott Valley	move to 92.7 C3, increase to 2500 w, 328 ft, change xmtr location to 30-11-19 97-11-51
KYUF-104.9	Uvalde	requests extension of time to increase to 25000 w, 272 ft, class C3
UT KMGR-92.1	Tooele	change to 9700 w (h), 531 ft
WI WDGY-630	Hudson	increase to 200 w nights, increase to 3 towers nights
WCLO-1230	Janesville	direct measurement of antenna power
WY KHOC-102.5	Casper	modify CP to increase to 1860 ft, change xmtr location to 42-44-37 106-18-31
KIGN-97.9	Cheyenne	increase to 810 ft, change xmtr location to 40-53-42 105-11-40
PQ CFEI-FM-106.5	Ste-Hyacinthe	increase to 3000 w

Returned/Dismissed Applications

FL WVIJ-91.7*	Port Charlotte (R)	increase to 3000 w, 285 ft, add DA
GA WHFE(CP)-105.9	Lakeland (D)	increase to 19500 w, 374 ft, class C3
	(dismissed per applicant's request)	
KS KBDD(CP)-91.9*	Winfield (R)	increase to 48000 w, 492 ft, add DA, class C2, change xmtr location to 37-22-56 96-57-20

(returned by letter 12/17/98)

FACILITIES/PARAMETERS: GRANTS

CA KKTR-1650	Costa Mesa	change xmtr location to 33-53-30 118-11-03, change city of license to Torrance, CA
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FACILITIES/PARAMETERS: GRANTS (cont'd)

FL WNCM-FM-88.1*	Jacksonville	modify CP to increase to 8000 w, 495 ft add DA, class C3, change xmtr location to 30-16-34 81-33-53
WPRW-93.5	Naples	increase to 6000 w, 328 ft, change xmtr location to 26-19-00 81-47-13
IL WPCD-88.7*	Champaign	modify CP to increase to 10500 w, 338 ft, change xmtr loc. to 40-13-27 88-17-56
WCCQ-98.3	Crest Hill	increase to 469 ft, change xmtr location to 41-26-09 88-11-04
WYLL-106.7	Des Plaines	increase to 423 ft, change xmtr location to 42-08-14 87-58-57
KS KSEK-1340	Pittsburg	direct measurement of antenna power
KY WTBK-105.7	Manchester	one step application to increase to class C3, 5000 w, 466 ft, change xmtr location to 37-08-59 83-45-08
ME WOZI-101.7	Presque Isle	modify CP to move to 101.9 C2, increase to 7900 w, 1207 ft, add DA, change xmtr location to 46-32-51 67-48-35
MN KSKK-94.7	Staples	modify CP to increase to 50000 w, 469 ft, change xmtr loc. to 46-33-08 94-39-03
MS WGVM-1260	Greenville	direct measurement of antenna power
MO KWIX-1230	Moberly	direct measurement of antenna power
NY WOR-710	New York	direct measurement of antenna power
WFRY-FM-97.5	Watertown	modify CP to change to 97000 w, 476 ft
WDST-100.1	Woodstock	increase to 3000 w, 315 ft, change xmtr location to 41-59-24 74-01-07
OK KNOR-1400	Norman	direct measurement of antenna power
OR KCMX-FM-101.9	Ashland	increase to 42000 w, 1437 ft, class C, change xmtr loc. to 42-17-54 122-44-59 [87-321]
KCBZ-96.5	Cannon Beach	change to 950 w, 302 ft, change xmtr location to 45-57-08 123-56-14
KNND-1400	Cottage Grove	(as amended) decrease to 950 w days and nights, change xmtr loc. to 43-45-43 123-04-42
PA WEJL-630	Scranton	correct coordinates to 41-24-34 75-40-01
TN WFHC-91.5*	Henderson	increase to 10500 w, 308 ft, class C3, change xmtr loc. to 35-27-40 88-40-51
TX KLZK-104.3	Brownfield	increase to 476 ft
KOXZ-94.3	Comanche	change to 32000 w, 620 ft, add DA
KUKA-105.9	San Diego	(as amended) increase to 10000 w, 413 ft, drop DA, change xmtr loc. to 27-38-59 98-07-44
VA WZZI-101.5	Vinton	change to 510 w, 784 ft
WA KUJ-FM-99.1	Walla Walla	increase to 9400 w, 1118 ft, class C2 [97-246]
KHHK-99.7	Yakima	change to 4100 w, 804 ft, change xmtr location to 46-31-20 120-20-08
WI WHHI-91.3*	Highland	correct coordinates to 43-02-55 90-22-09
WVCY-FM-107.7*	Milwaukee	change to 43000 w, 528 ft, add DA, change xmtr loc. to 42-57-46 88-04-23
WY KUYO-830	Evansville	increase to 25000 w days, ND-D

CALL LETTER CHANGES (# applied for by new owners)

AR KSIZ-96.9	Maumelle	becomes	KWLR	(requested)
IL WCBR-FM-92.7	Arlington Heights		WKIE	(requested)
WBRO-92.7	Kankakee		WKIF	(requested)

PROPOSED STATION TRANSFERS

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

AR KFAY-1030/	Farmington/	314 from Demaree Media, Inc.
KFAY-FM-98.3/	Bentonville/	to Cumulus Licensing Corporation
KKEG-92.1	Fayetteville	
(\$4.5 million; assumption of liabilities; broker is Media Services Group)		
CA KBKO-1490/	Santa Barbara/	315 from Spectacular Bcstg. (Jacor)
KSPE-FM-94.5	Ellwood	to Spectacular Bcstg. (Clear Channel Comm.)
KBHX(CP)-96.1	Shingletown	314 from Redding FM, Inc.
		to Phoenix Broadcasting, Inc.
FL WYHI-1570	Fernandina Beach	314 from North East Florida Radio, Inc.
		to RJM Communications, Inc.

(\$225,000)

PROPOSED STATION TRANSFERS (cont'd)

HI KORL-99.5	Honolulu	314 from Caribou Broadcasting, LP to New Wave Broadcasting, Inc. (\$1.65 million; assumption of liabilities)
IA KIDA-92.9	Ida Grove	314 from Maple River Broadcasting, Inc. to Eisert Enterprises, Inc.
KY WAHY-107.9	Midway	315 from WAHY-FM, Inc. (Vicki Bell, et al) to WAHY-FM, Inc. (Jacor Communications Co)
WAHY-107.9	Midway	315 from WAHY-FM (Shareholders of Jacor) to WAHY-FM (Clear Channel Communications) (contingent upon sale from Vicki Bell, et al)
LA KROF-960/105.1	Abbeville	315 from Abbeville Bcstg. Voting Trust to Abbeville Bcstg. (Galloway Consulting)
KWDF-840	Ball	316 from Ball Bcstg. (William Franks) to Ball Bcstg. (A. T. Moore)
MD WTRI-1520	Brunswick	314 from Tri-State Broadcasting, Inc. to Capital Broadcasting Corporation (\$300,000)
WINX-1600	Rockville	314 from Radio Broadcast Communications, Inc to Mega Communications of Rockville Lic. (\$600,000; broker is Fischer and Associates)
MI WTVB-1590/ WNWN-FM-98.5/ WNWN-1560/WFAT-96.5	Coldwater/ Portage	316 from MWC, Inc. to Midwest Communications, Inc.
MS WJWF-1400	Columbus	314 from Radio Columbus, Inc. to Cumulus Licensing Corporation
NH WPNH-1300/100.1	Plymouth	314 from Pemigewasset Broadcasters, Inc. to Northeast Communications Corporation
NM KYRK-100.9	Eunice	314 from Mark C. Nolte to Fivestar Enterprises, LLC (\$250,000)
NC WLYT-102.9	Hickory	316 from Capstar NC, LP to Capstar TX, LP (this sale was applied for and granted this week)
ND KQZZ-96.7	Devils Lake	314 from American Wireless, Inc. to Two Rivers Broadcasting, Inc.
OR KRBZ-99.5	Reedsport	314 from Pioneer Bcstg. Co. of Oregon, Inc. to Umpqua River Broadcasters, Inc. (\$260,000; includes \$160,000 promissory note)
PA WURD-900	Philadelphia	316 from Mega Bcstg. of Philadelphia, LP to Mega Communications of Philadelphia, Inc.
PR WMDD-1480	Fajardo	316 from Richard J. Friedman to Pan Caribbean Broadcasting DE P.R., Inc.
TN WCSV-1490	Crossville	316 from Samuel T. Armes to WCSV, LLC
WCSV-1490	Crossville	314 from WCSV, LLC to Crossville CBC, Inc. (contingent upon transfer from from Samuel T. Armes) (\$1.4 million; assumption of liabilities; includes \$140,000 promissory note)
TX KOXZ-94.3	Comanche	314 from Charles Haddon Strickland to 377 Broadcasting, Inc.
KIOL-FM-104.7	Lamesa	314 from Noalmark Broadcasting Corporation to GBE of Abilene, LLC (\$250,000)
KBKV(CP)-102.7	Winona	315 from S.O. 2000, LLC (Sungroup, Inc.) to S.O. 2000, LLC (Sunburst Media, LP)

Fuller-Jeffrey Broadcasting Company filed form 316 Transfer Applications from Maine to New Hampshire. Maine stations are: WCYY, Biddeford; WJJB and WCLZ-FM, Brunswick; WXBB, Kittery; WCYI, Lewiston; WJBQ and WBLM, Portland; and WJAE, Westbrook. New Hampshire stations are WPKQ, Berlin; WOKQ, Dover; WXBP, Hampton and WHOM, Mt. Washington.

DISMISSED STATION TRANSFERS

WI WRJQ-1570	Appleton (D)	316 from Winnebago Bcstg. (W. Koeffler, et al) to Winnebago Bcstg. (Robert Artabasy) (dismissed at request of licensee)
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WASHINGTON THIS WEEK

It's not a safe bet: Legalized gambling is being attacked by religious conservatives and others, and it's about to become one of the "wedge" issues in the next round of elections, and guess what? Radio's right in the middle of it, trying to get more advertising dollars. Current federal law forbids broadcasters from taking spots that actually tout gambling (as opposed to features like parking, entertainment, etc.). It now looks like a very good bet that the Supreme Court will vote to review the ban on broadcast gaming ads. Right now the legal situation is contradictory: Stations in states covered by the S.F.-based 9th Circuit Court of Appeals and those licensed to New Jersey can take the ads. But stations on the Gulf Coast -- like those represented by the Greater New Orleans Broadcasting Association -- can't. And Congress has weakened the government's position by creating numerous loopholes (for casinos on Indian reservations, state-run lotteries and non-profit gaming). The FCC and the Clinton Administration are fighting to defend the status quo, but it's a classic situation where federal appellate courts (the 9th in San Francisco and the 5th in New Orleans) disagree. M Street believes the High Court may well grant full review of the 9th Circuit ruling.

More red flags over the same deal: The FCC questions Bocephus' latest attempt to sell seven Virginia stations as a group by tagging the apps with its new-fangled red flags. Last August it red-flagged Bocephus' earlier filing for these same seven stations in Blacksburg-Christiansburg, related to an \$8.6 million sale to Root that never closed. In December Bocephus struck a new \$6,445,000 deal to sell them to Steve Garchik's New River Radio Partners. And guess what? This week the FCC again sticks seven of its new "concentration/competition/diversity" red flags on the apps. The stations: talk/sports WFNR (710 KHz); country combo WPSK (990 KHz) & WPSK-FM (107.1 MHz); adult standards WRAD (1460 KHz); oldies WVMJ (105.3 MHz); modern AC WBZV (100.7 MHz); and soft AC WNRV-FM (101.1 MHz). The FCC's untested new policy invites "anyone interested in filing a response to this notice" to do so, and states its own concerns. M Street notes that these seven stations account for virtually all the above-the-line listening in Arbitron.

The FCC is not amused by a pirate's "Certified Demand for FCC Jurisdiction." No, they're not laughing down at 1919 M Street over Keith Perry's failure to file the usual Notice of Appearance after an earlier Show Cause order related to his unauthorized broadcasting operation. Leander, TX-based Perry is actually challenging the FCC's very authority to regulate. He was allegedly operating on not one but two unauthorized frequencies (88.5 MHz and 95.9 MHz) -- and has just earned himself a Cease and Desist Order plus an \$11,000 fine. (CIB Docket #98-46)

The FCC crackdown on unlit radio towers gains new urgency with a second near-miss that could've been fatal to those flying inside a medical helicopter. The first incident was late last year, near Muleshoe, TX. The second one happened on December 21 near Arcadia, FL, and again the medical chopper was forced to alter its pattern when the pilot spotted an unlit radio tower. The FCC says the tower was a 500-foot stick under construction -- without temporary lights. And the Commission is again strongly cautioning stations about tower lighting. (Report No. CI 99-1)

CANADA THIS WEEK

The Canadian Radio-television and Telecommunications Commission (CRTC) wants to learn "how well Canadian third language and ethnic programming" serves ethnic groups and gain a better understanding of the economics of ethnic broadcasting. To this end they've scheduled public consultations for February. Questions to be covered at these meetings include: To what extent does the present broadcasting system adequately serve Canada's ethnocultural communities? How can the needs of ethnocultural communities continue to be served? Should there be a priority on the development of Canadian ethnocultural services rather than importing foreign services?

ELSEWHERE

Ever since General Sherman, people have been trying to conquer Atlanta, but it's sure hard to do from a radio standpoint because of the limited number of signals. Jacor's already in the market with rock WKLS, soft AC WPCH and talk WGST [AM], plus the long-term LMA of WGST-FM and the pending purchase of north-suburban WHEL, Helen, GA (105.1 MHz). Now it's located four more suburban stations, including two FMs. The newest family members are all to the southwest of the rich Atlanta metro. The AMs are classic country/talk WCOH, Newnan (1400 KHz) and urban WMXY, Hogansville (720 KHz). The FMs are soft AC "Magic" WMKJ, Peachtree City, GA

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(96.7 MHz), and AC WZLG, Hogansville (98.1 MHz). Jacor's paying a total of \$4.4 million to the interrelated Metrosouth, City of Homes and Radio LaGrange acquire them. So how does the mixture of in-market signals and suburban rim-shotters all fit together? Hard to tell (yet). Brokers for the seller: Scott Knoblauch and George Reed of Media Services Group.

Small market specialist Cumulus just keeps on buying, as it shops for three more in the North Dakota state capital of Bismarck. Richard Weening's already got three FMs (oldies KACL, classic rock KBYZ, country KKCT) and an AM there (full service KLXX). Now he pays \$4.5 million for three of Andy Anderson's four licenses: classic rock KSSS (101.5 MHz), country KBMR (1130 KHz) and the CP for KXMR (710 KHz). According to the M Street Database, this leaves Anderson with just country KQDY (which Cumulus probably couldn't buy under the current ownership concentration standards).

And the big-market groups keep bulking up, too: Entercom is buying WREN (1250 KHz), its seventh station in Kansas City. And M Street's betting that Mortenson's current black gospel format will be gone when the deal closes later this year (though Entercom market Manager Bob Zuroweste tells M Street there probably won't be an LMA). And M Street notes that Mortenson retains ANOTHER black gospel station in the market: KGGN, Gladstone, MO (890 KHz). Entercom's paying a reported \$2.75 million for both WREN and the CP for its expanded-band sister, KBJC (1660 KHz). Historical note: WREN is a rare AM move-in. It was originally a Topeka station and only recently slid into Kansas City. Entercom's current six stations in K.C.: news/talk KMBZ; talk KCMO; country WDAF; oldies KCMO-FM; soft AC KUDL; and rock KYYS (the former KLTH, now re-christened with the market's heritage rock call letters).

Northwest veterans Michael O'Shea and Ivan Braiker roll in another couple of stations in Klamath Falls, OR: talk KAGO (1150 KHz) and classic rock KAGO-FM (99.5 MHz). Seller is local owner Garrard, Inc. O'Shea and Braiker are operating this time under the name of "New Northwest Broadcasters", and the group already has a pending deal to acquire the KLAD/KLAD-FM country simulcast and the CP for KAQX, Bonanza, OR (102.9 MHz) in Klamath Falls.

Chris Devine and Bruce Buzil are buying again, this time as "Deer Valley." Under that name, they're acquiring Salt Lake City-area KMGR, the Tooele, UT-licensed 92.1 MHz facility that's now doing oldies as "Magic." Seller is Salt Lake City power Simmons Family, which has much bigger interests in the market through stations like soft AC KSFI. While KMGR, from west of Salt Lake City, literally didn't make the book. Chicago-based Devine and Buzil are active through other groups like Marathon Media. But this is our first sighting of "Deer Valley Broadcasting, LLC." Devine was previously involved in the Salt Lake area through the original "K-Bear" KBER. Greg Merrill of Media Services Group brokered the sale of KMGR.

Sometimes the radio business SEEMS like science fiction, but here are some radio owners with real sci-fi credentials: Sci-Fi Channel founders Michael and Laurie Rubenstein are buying West Palm Beach-market WJBW and WJBW-FM for \$10.5 million. They created cable TV's Sci-Fi Channel and then sold it to USA Network some years ago. Since then their interests have included a little radio -- they own adult standards WDBF, Delray Beach, FL at 1420 KHz -- but this is by far their biggest radio investment. Seller is Howard Goldsmith's Panamedia, and the stations are the mostly-simulcast "Jukebox" adult standards WJBW, Jupiter (1000 KHz) and WJBW-FM, Jupiter (99.5 MHz).

Don't click here: Arbitron's promised Internet listening study is "delayed indefinitely" because of problems with the first-time report. Arbitron tells M Street "We want it to be comparable" to the audience estimates that customers are used to in the standard Arbitron research. The eventual study will profile both usage (using the traditional five-minute standard) and format performance, and will include both over-the-air stations and Internet-only radio.

Contract troubles: Beasley's WQAM, Miami is so upset with the off-season breakup of the Florida Marlins that they're suing the team (whose games they carry) and owner Wayne Huizenga. Just before the 1997 season WQAM signed a lucrative five-year, \$15 million contract to air Marlins play-by-play. They team went on to win the World Series. But in the off-season Huizenga sold off most of the stars and the Marlins had a disastrous year in 1998 and lost 108 games. Now Beasley is suing to win a reduction of the rights fees (but wants to keep the rights). Huizenga -- who built Blockbuster Video and then sold it to Sumner Redstone's Viacom -- has a pending deal to sell the Marlins to John Henry.

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

Now they're talking: The new Catholic Radio Network starts 1999 by debuting its first three live shows. The talkhosts are Alan Keyes (6 to 9 am Pacific), John Crudele (9 to noon) and Doug Barry (noon to 3). That's followed (3 to 8 pm) by a repeat of the earlier lineup, then programming from Mother Angelica's Birmingham-based EWTN. John Lynch tells M Street the brand-new CRN is a "work in progress", with the goal of mounting a full 24-hour live schedule by March. The buzz-phrase is "The Intersection of faith and life." And the Catholic Radio Network is recruiting talkhosts and commentators -- and looking to buy more stations as well as seek new affiliates. John Lynch wants to fill out the lineup with long-form hosts and commentators (clergy and laity). San Diego-based CRN: (619) 784-6900.

"Men, sports radio and cars go together" -- Any woman could have told you that, but we still agree with XM Satellite Radio President Hugh Panero that it's pretty much true. Panero said that as satellite broadcaster XM signs a deal to add programming from One-On-One Sports to its 100-channel lineup.

Multiple Grammy winner Curtis Chapman headlines the National Religious Broadcasters convention later this month in Nashville. Opryland may have lost the Country Radio Broadcasters, but the NRB folks are trying it out for the first time. Convention runs January 30-February 2, and Chapman will headline the February 2 banquet, which features former Nixon aide Chuck Colson. The NRB expects more than 4,000 conventiongoers.

Publicly-traded Redwood Broadcasting is in the process of re-inventing itself as an Internet company, accompanied by some top-level changes: John Power and Andrew Moore exit as officers and board members. They're replaced by Ron Conquest and Greg Mastroeni. There's also a claimed change of control, as Redwood says investors led by Andaman Investments, Ltd. have acquired a controlling interest from some current stockholders. Redwood says also it's buying Interactive Radio Group, which develops websites and content for radio station clients. Meanwhile Redwood (which has recently sold some of its radio holdings) is transferring most of its non-Internet assets and liabilities to "Alta California Broadcasting."

After 18 years of doing it every Monday night, AMFM Radio Network's "Rockline" expands to a second weeknight. (Hey, if "60 Minutes" can do it, why not "Rockline", which dates back almost as far?) The new night is Wednesday, and the guest list (John Mellencamp, Boston and Rush) tells M Street that Wednesdays will be geared more to baby boomers, while Mondays will be focused on the younger active-rock listener.

"Death, drugs and destruction are the diseases" -- That's the catchphrase of the syndicated "Street Soldiers" program, aimed at preventing violence (especially in urban areas) and promoting communication. Now they're doing a special three-hour interactive show for Martin Luther King Day on Sunday, January 17. For info: (843) 762-2384.

Two more familiar L.A. names join Michael Jackson at new Infinity Los Angeles talk station KRLA: One is 31-year KABC veteran Ken Minyard, who's now teamed with his son Rick doing afternoon drive. The other new name at KRLA is Ira Fistell. He debuted Monday night (1/4/99) doing 10 to 1. Fistell should be familiar to night-owls from his 20 years at KABC (he left in 1995), and from his syndication on the 1980s ABC Talkradio network lineup. (Ira always had great trivia questions.)

We're happy to report that syndicated talkhost Judy Jarvis is back on the air after cancer treatment. The Hartford-based personality did a couple of hours on Monday (1/4/99) and then her full shift Tuesday. She's back from chemotherapy and her company says she's "recuperating nicely." Listeners heard about her illness back on December 14. Jarvis' son Jason has been filling in on the show since then.

Former Jones Radio President Eric Hauenstein is Citadel's new market manager in Salt Lake City. He was a casualty of consolidation as JRN and MediaAmerica finished merging operations. Now he's moving from Denver to Salt Lake to oversee all six Citadel stations there: country "K-Bull" KUBL, hot AC KBEE-FM, modern rock KBER, adult alternative KENZ, sports KFNZ and Radio Disney affiliate KCNR.

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BLACK, WHITE AND GREEN. . . . FCC Chairman Bill Kennard says the story of minority-owned and minority-targeted stations is "A tale of two systems", with the minority operators going to the back of the line because of advertiser dictates. The FCC's long-awaited report on advertising appeared Wednesday (1/13) with these top-line findings: 91% of minority radio broadcasters in the Civil Rights Forum survey had lost money because of "no urban" or "No Spanish" dictates. The FCC says those exclusions are often based on stereotypes about minority consumers. And when minority stations DO get buys, they get lower rates -- up to 63% lower revenue overall. Kennard had the report in his hand when he participated in a roundtable discussion with broadcasters (like WRKS, New York GM Judy Ellis), advertising execs and civil rights leaders. That dialogue continues with a "summit" on February 22. The goal: Re-examination of current practices, and even a "Code of Conduct" to discourage unfair ad placement and encourage diversity. M Street notes one law that can't be amended by the Commission: The law of Supply and Demand.

MOTOWN MADNESS. . . . Are you dancing to "Rhythmic oldies" or the next-generation "R&B Oldies"? They're similar, but not identical, and M Street's tracking growth in both (in terms of number of stations). Here's a quick M Street primer on how to tell the difference: Rhythmic oldies draws on the rhythmic side of POP music of the late 60s, 70s and early 80s. You can think of "rhythmic oldies" as the pop and dance side of classic hits, on a station that's tempo-driven (playing few if any ballads). Rhythmic oldies stations (like Chancellor's KCMG, Los Angeles) generally try to shoot for a demographic (white, black and Hispanic) that mirrors the general market. Whereas the evolving breed of "R&B oldies" stations aim more for ethnic listeners and also include tunes that were hits just on urban radio. Another tipoff: They may use the word "soul" in their imaging. One very successful role model of R&B oldies is WRBO, Memphis. Since 1984, M Street's been tracking formats and hybrids as they come and go (remember "rock CHR?"), and we'll continue to do that for you.

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

		<u>formerly</u>	<u>becomes</u>
AL Atmore (Mobile)	WDWG-104.1	# classic country	WYOK, urban "K-104"
	(WDWG swaps frequencies with WYOK)		
Birmingham	WEZN-610	adult standards	WAGG, black gospel
	(WEZN and WAGG swap frequencies)		
Birmingham	WAGG-1320	black gospel	WEZN, adult standards
Mobile	WGOK-900	black gospel	adds blues (2-7 pm)
Trussville (Birmingham)	WENN-105.9	# urban	stunting
	(WENN is reported in an LMA with WERC, WMJJ, WOWO and WQEN)		
AZ Willcox	KHIL-1250	JRN CD - country	JRN - classic country
AR Heber Springs	KAWW-FM-100.7	CHR // KHTE	JRN - standards // KR
North Little Rock	KRNN-1380	# sports	JRN - adult standards
	(KRNN is now a combo with CHR KHTE)		
CO Yuma	KNEC (CP)-100.9	adult standards	remains a CP
	(This corrects a previous listing)		
IN Auburn (Ft. Wayne)	WGL-FM-102.3	modern AC // WYSR	dance "Z-102.3"
IA Onawa (Sioux City)	KZSR-102.3	KOLK, country	adult contemporary
KS Holcomb	KBUF-1030	country & talk	adds ABC Real - count
KY Benton (Paducah)	WTRT-88.1*	new	SKY - cont. Christian

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KY Burnside	WKEQ-910	sports	Reach - southern gospel
Lexington	WLXG-1300	talk	sports
Somerset	WSFC-1240	talk	adds 1 on 1 - sports
Versailles (Lexington)	WCDA-106.3	# rel. & c. Christ.	reported silent
	(LMA-to-buy with AC WGKS & sports WLXG; new format expected soon)		
MD Frederick	WFRE-99.9	country	adds Nash. Nights/Aft. Mid-
MI Ann Arbor	WIQB-FM-102.9	rock	adds Bob & Tom
Benton Harbor	WYKL-94.9	oldies	WCNF, hot AC "Coast"
MS Moss Point (Mobile)	WYOK-104.9	# urban	WDWG, classic country
	(WYOK swaps frequencies with WDWG)		
MO Festus (St. Louis)	KXEN-1010	religion	adds Spanish AC nights
	(KXEN has added night service with 500 watts)		
MT Hamilton	KUFN-91.9*	new	info & variety // KUFM
Kalispell	KUKL-89.9*	new	info & variety // KUFM
OK Blackwell	KOKB-1580	news & talk	JRN - classic country
Elk City	KADS-1240	# silent	sports
	(KADS is now a combo with KTJS)		
Idabel	KQIB-102.9	# new	hot AC
	(KQIB is in an LMA-to-buy with country KKBI)		
Perry	KOKP-1020	country	JRN - classic CW // KOKB
Tahlequah	KEOK-101.7	# country	adult contemporary
Tahlequah	KTLQ-1350	# country // KEOK	AC // KEOK
	(KTLQ and sister KEOK enter an LMA-to-buy with Johnson Communications)		
OR Ashland	KTMT-580	KCMX, talk	sports "The Score"
	(KCMX and KTMT swap frequencies)		
Phoenix (Medford)	KCMX-880	KTMT, sports	talk
SC Charleston	WPAL-730	# urban AC & gospel	country // WEZL
	(WPAL combos with oldies WXLY and WEZL)		
Hartsville (Florence)	WHSC-FM-98.5	classic rock	modern rock "The Buzz"
	(WHSC-FM's classic rock format has moved to WMXT)		
Marion (Florence)	WBZF-100.5	# modern rock	ABC - hot AC "Star 100"
	(WBZF's modern rock format moves to WHSC-FM)		
Pamplico (Florence)	WMXT-102.1	# hot AC	classic rock "The Fox"
	(WMXT's hot AC format moves to sister WBZF; WMXT joins sister WBZF in a combo with WHSC A/F, WHLZ, WYMB, WYNN A/F and WWFN)		
TN Dunlap (Chattanooga)	WSDQ-1190	ABC Real - country	ABC - country
Dyersburg	WTRO-1450	CW, talk & sports	to be oldies (March)
Farragut (Knoxville)	WTNN-670	# talk & religion	reported silent
	(WTNN is now a combo with standards WATO & WLOD, oldies WESK and silent WBLC; expect WTNN to debut a new talk format in February)		
Greeneville	WSMG-1450	country	adds ESPN - sports
Huntingdon	WVHR-100.9	WW1 - country	WW1 - soft AC
Lenoir City (Knox.)	WBLC-1360	# rel. & s. gospel	reported silent
	(WBLC enters a combo with standards WATO & WLOD, oldies WESK and silent WTNN; WBLC expects to debut a new format by February)		
Lexington	WDXL-1490	country	southern gospel
Manchester	WMSR-1320	# country	classic hits
Maryville (Knoxville)	WGAP-1400	# country // WGAP-FM	country
	(WGAP enters an LMA-to-buy with WATO, WBLC, WESK, WLOD and WTNN)		
Maryville (Knoxville)	WGAP-FM-95.7	# country	hot AC "Mix 95.7"
	(WGAP-FM is now a combo with WIMZ AM & FM, WJXB and WNFZ)		
Milan	WKBJ-1600	WW1-CW // WVHR	WW1 - soft AC // WVHR
Morristown	WMXK-95.9	country	JRN - classic country
Pulaski	WKSR-1420	country // FM	oldies "K-Hop"
Rockwood	WOFE-580	talk	adds s. gospel (7-10 am)
Tusculum	WSMG-FM-103.1	hot AC	soft AC
TX Plainview	KKYN-FM-103.9	country	adds WW1 - country
VA Petersburg (Richmond)	WPLZ-FM-99.3	urban	R&B oldies
WA Port Angeles	KONP-1450	oldies & talk	talk & sports
Seattle	KRPM-1090	hot AC // KBKS	to be classic country
	(KRPM will simulcast sister KMPS-FM's Ichabod's morning show)		
Seattle	KSRB-1150	business	ABC - R&B oldies
WI Neenah (Appleton)	WROE-94.3	adult contemporary	soft AC // WLTM

Returned/Dismissed Applications

IN 88.1* Versailles (R) Good Shepherd Radio, Inc.

NEW STATIONS: GRANTS

KY 88.3* LeRose 100 w (h), 161 ft White Sky Broadcasting
 ON 90.7* Paris 4000 w Canadian Broadcasting Corp.
 (This station will rebroadcast CBL-FM)

TRANSLATORS/BOOSTERS/SYNCHRONOUS XMTR: APPLICATIONS

AZ new-90.9*	Guadalupe	KRUC	World Radio Network,
new-89.9*	Mesa	KEFX	Calv. Chapel/Costa Me
new-91.9*	Mesa	KAWZ	Calv. Chapel/Twin Fal
AR new-88.7*	Hot Springs	KLOV-FM	Educational Media Fou
CA new-89.5*	Ignacio	KLOV-FM	Educational Media Fou
new-106.1	Josua Tree	KPLM	RM Broadcasting, LLC
CO new-88.1*	Burlington	KAWZ	Calv. Chapel/Twin Fal
new-89.5*	Lake George	KRCC	Colorado College
new-90.1*	Lamar	KAWZ	Calv. Chapel/Twin Fal
new-91.7*	Limon	KAWZ	Calv. Chapel/Twin Fal
new-88.5*	Sterling	KAWZ	Calv. Chapel/Twin Fal
new-91.7*	Yuma	KAWZ	Calv. Chapel/Twin Fal
IN new-88.5*	Goshen	KRUC	World Radio Network
new-90.3*	Michigan City	WBEZ	WBEZ Alliance, Inc.
MS new-90.9*	D'Iberville	KAWZ	Calv. Chapel/Twin Fal
NM new-88.5*	Alamogordo	KEFX	Calv. Chapel/Costa Me
OH new-89.5*	Coshocton	WOSE	Ohio State University
OR new-88.9*	La Grande	KLOV-FM	Educational Media Fou
WA new-89.3*	Aberdeen	KSKD-FM	Educational Media Fou
new-88.1*	Centralia	KLOV-FM	Educational Media Fou
WI new-90.9*	Manitowoc	KAWZ	Calv. Chapel/Twin Fal

TRANSLATORS/BOOSTERS/SYNCHRONOUS XMTR: GRANTS

NE K211DP-90.1*	Alma	250 w, WJCG	Moody Bible Institute
NY W210BJ-89.9*	Truxton	19 w (v), WXXE	Syracuse Comm. Radio
TX K208DH-89.5*	Bushland	90 w DA, KAWZ	Calv. Chapel/Twin Fal
WA K218CU-91.5*	Delphi	6 w (v) DA, KTLW	Living Way Ministries
K220GX-91.9*	Wishram	10 w DA, KSOH	Lifetalk Bcstg. Assn.

CONSTRUCTION PERMIT ACTIVITY

CT WKCI-101.3	Hamden	built new auxiliary facility
FL WRMA-106.7	Fort Lauderdale	canceled CP to build new auxiliary facility
WHKR-102.7	Rockledge	canceled CP to add DA, change xmtr location to 28-21-14 80-48-57
GA WIBB-FM-97.9	Fort Valley	canceled CP to remove contour protection
IL WALS-102.1	Oglesby	canceled CP to change to 1800 w, 413 ft, change xmtr loc. to 41-18-05 88-57-14
IN WGL-FM-102.3	Auburn	increases to 6000 w, 315 ft, changes xmtr location to 41-21-07 85-09-55
WQMF-95.7	Jeffersonville	canceled CP to change to 29500 w, 633 ft, correct coordinates to 38-08-16 85-56-06
WSJD-100.5	Princeton	canceled CP to change to 6000 (circular), change xmtr loc. to 38-23-24 87-34-23
IA KKDM-107.5	Des Moines	built new auxiliary facility
MI WYKL-94.9	Benton Harbor	license to cover for new station
MO KBFL-99.9	Buffalo	changes to 3100 w, 476 ft, class C3, changes xmtr loc. to 37-31-14 93-06-14
NE KLMS-1480	Lincoln	decreases to 1000 w days, 750 w nights, DA
NY WBKK-97.7	Amsterdam	canceled CP to increase to 1600 w, change antenna from 1 bay to 3 bays
WCIY-88.9*	Canandaigua	canceled CP to increase to 500 w
WBBS-104.7	Fulton	canceled CP to decrease to 479 ft, change xmtr location to 43-12-50 76-23-47
WFRW-88.1*	Webster	canceled CP to change to 25000 w, 325 ft, DA, change xmtr loc. to 43-04-21 77-05-3.
NC WWMO(CP)-89.5*	Asheboro	granted extension of time
OH WCVO-104.9*	Gahanna	increases to 6000 w, 308 ft
PA WZMT-97.9	Hazleton	canceled CP to change to 15000 w, 751 ft, DA, change xmtr loc. to 41-04-52 75-56-5.
WNTE-89.5*	Mansfield	canceled CP to increase to 3450 w, -157 f change xmtr loc. to 41-48-21 77-04-15
TN WXOQ-105.5	Selmer	canceled CP to increase to 6000 w
TX KSTA-FM-107.1	Coleman	canceled CP to increase to 25000 w, 213 f class C3
KLTY-94.1	Fort Worth	built new auxiliary facility
(this corrects last week's listing,		station remains at 100000 w, 1590 ft)
KONE-101.1	Lubbock	increases to 883 ft, changes xmtr locatio to 33-26-31 101-52-40
UT KOSY-106.5	Spanish Fork	increases to 45000 w, 2758 ft
WI WORT-89.9*	Madison	canceled CP to change xmtr location to 43-03-03 89-29-13

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

AR KVRE-92.9	Hot Springs Village	one step application to increase to 12000 w, 315 ft, class C3
KAFW(CP)-103.7	Wilson	move to 94.7 MHz, change xmtr location to 35-18-04 90-19-34 [97-215]
CA KLDZ-104.9	Fremont	increase to 5700 w, 338 ft
KHWZ(CP)-100.1	Ludlow	increase to 174 ft, change xmtr location to 34-42-35 116-09-04
KRPQ-104.9	Rohnert Park	modify CP to change to 2250 w, 548 ft, change xmtr loc. to 38-23-21 122-40-40
CO KRKI-102.1	Estes Park	modify CP to decrease to 171 ft, change xmtr location to 40-17-34 105-33-05
CT WKCI-101.3	Hamden	correct coordinates to 41-25-22 72-57-06; correct coordinates for auxiliary facility
FL WJBW-FM-99.5	Jupiter	move to 106.3 C3, increase to 25000 w, add DA, change xmtr location to 26-56-20 80-07-02 [94-155]
WPIO-89.3*	Titusville	modify CP to change to 10000 w (v), 298 ft
IA KIDA-92.9	Ida Grove	increase to 25000 w, 328 ft, change xmtr location to 42-29-23 45-17-40
IL WFUN-FM-95.5	Bethalto	one step application to increase to 10000 w, 518 ft, change xmtr location to 38-46-15 90-12-46
WLRZ-100.9	Peru	change to 3000 w, 328 ft, change xmtr location to 41-18-09 89-14-11
WAIV-103.3	Spring Valley	increase to 4900 w, 361 ft, change xmtr location to 41-18-09 89-14-11
IN WZVN-107.1	Lowell	increase to 502 ft, change xmtr location to 41-21-10 87-24-11
KY WWAG-107.9	McKee	increase to 3900 w, 410 ft, change xmtr location to 37-23-39 83-54-27
MD WBJC-91.5*	Baltimore	build new auxiliary facility
NY WWFY(CP)-93.7	Hague	decrease to 289 ft, drop DA, change xmtr location to 44-01-34 73-09-44
TN WNAZ-FM-89.1*	Nashville	modify CP to increase to 2500 w, 197 ft, add DA, change xmtr location to 36-08-28 86-45-23
TX KXTJ-107.9	Beaumont	increase to 1952 ft, DA, change xmtr location to 30-07-17 94-40-17
KMOO-FM-96.7	Mineola	one step application to move to 99.9 MHz, increase to 6000 w, 295 ft [96-10]
VA WCVC(CP)FM-90.5*	Wise	modify CP to change to 70 w, 669 ft, change xmtr loc. to 36-57-39 82-30-56
WA KZOK-FM-102.5	Seattle	modify CP to increase to 67000 w, 2345 ft, drop DA, change xmtr location to 47-30-17 121-58-04

FACILITIES/PARAMETERS: GRANTS

FL WXKB-103.9	Cape Coral	one step application to increase to class C, 1118 ft, change xmtr location to 26-25-22 81-37-49
WPAW-99.7	Vero Beach	increase to 50000 w, change xmtr location to 27-44-07 80-27-27
IL WLIT-FM-93.9	Chicago	change xmtr loc. to 41-52-44 87-38-08
WYAA-102.3	Crete	change to 1050 w, 499 ft, change xmtr location to 41-19-32 87-37-15
MN KQKK(CP)-101.9	Walker	one step application to increase to class C2, 50000 w, 390 ft
MO KRLK(CP)-107.7	Stockton	change xmtr loc. to 37-37-47 93-54-01 (as amended)
NY WRVD(CP)-90.3*	Syracuse	change to 280 w, 43 ft, DA, change xmtr location to 43-02-02-27 76-08-22
NC WTZQ-1600	Hendersonville	direct measurement of antenna power
SC WELP-1360	Easley	modify CP to correct coordinates to 34-50-23 82-38-22
TX KTBK(CP)-1700	Denison	decrease to 700 w nights, ND, change xmtr location to 33-25-23 96-39-45, change city of license to Sherman, TX
KYFP(CP)-89.1*	Palestine	increase to 25000 w, 420 ft, add DA, class C2, change xmtr location to 32-00-13 95-43-06

FACILITIES/PARAMETERS: GRANTS (cont'd)

WA KCIS-630	Edmonds	build new nighttime auxiliary facility
WY KHOC-102.5	Casper	increase to 1860 ft, change xmtr location to 42-44-37 106-18-31

CALL LETTER CHANGES (# applied for by new owners)

AL WAGG-1320	Birmingham	becomes	WEZN	(requested)	
WEZN-610	Birmingham		WAGG	(requested)	
AZ new-100.1	Flagstaff		KBLC	1-8-99	
CA KLFA-93.9	King City		# KZSL	1-8-99	"Z-Spanish"
CO new-92.3	Holyoke		KKYT	1-8-99	
FL WLWU-1470	Dunedin		# WTBL	12-28-98	
new-88.3*	La Belle		WBIY	1-8-99	
WFNS-910	Plant City		WSUN	(requested)	
IL WCBR-FM-92.7	Arlington Heights		# WKIE	12-28-98	"Kiss-FM"
WBRO-92.7	Kankakee		# WKIF	12-28-98	"Kiss-FM"
IA KOLK-102.3	Onawa		KZSR	12-30-98	
KS KBIE(CP)-105.9	Ingalls		KSSA	12-28-98	
KY WHBN-FM-99.3	Harrodsburg		# WJMM-FM	12-28-98	
new-88.3*	LeRose		WSPE	1-8-99	
WAHY-107.9	Midway		# WBTF	1-5-99	"The Beat"
WJMM-FM-106.3	Versailles		WCDA	12-28-98	
MI WAIR-92.5	Atlanta		WBYC	1-4-99	
WYKL-94.9	Benton Harbor		WCNF	(requested)	"Coast 94.9"
WIXC-97.3	Essexville		# WEEG	1-5-99	"Eagle 97.3"
WIAR(CP)-100.7	Honor		WAIR	1-4-99	
MN new-89.5*	Alexandria		KBHG	1-8-99	
MO KOWW-1030	Blue Springs		# KCWJ	(requested)	
MP new-101.1	Garapan, Saipan		KBLB	1-8-99	
NJ new-89.9*	Woodbine		WJPH	1-8-99	
NM new-96.5	Raton		KBKZ	1-8-99	
NY WPTR-96.3	Voorheesville		WAJZ	(requested)	"Jams 96.3"
OH WHHA(CP)-96.9	Willard		WLRD	12-28-98	"Willard"
OR KTMT-580	Ashland		KCMX	1-1-99	
KCMX-880	Phoenix		KTMT	1-1-99	
PA WHBN-FM-99.3	Harrodsburg		WJMM-FM	12-28-98	
WLWJ(CP)-88.5*	Masontown		# WYFU	(requested)	
new-91.7*	West Chester		WCUR	12-28-98	
RI WERI-1230*	Westerly		# WXNI	1-4-99	
SC WBAW-740	Barnwell		# WMXG	1-8-99	
WNST-105.3	Moncks Corner		WCOO	12-28-98	"Kool 105.3"
TX KNKI-96.7	Flower Mound		# KMEO	12-28-98	"Memories"
new-91.3*	Lamesa		KBKN	1-8-99	
UT new-99.1	Levan		KBLN	1-8-99	
WA KEZX-1150	Seattle		KSRB	1-1-99	"Seattle's R & B"

PROPOSED STATION TRANSFERS

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

CA KKSC-1300/	Brawley	314 from Stodelle Bcstg. Corporation to Commonwealth License Subsidiary, LLC
KSIQ-96.1		
LA WXOK-1460	Baton Rouge	316 from Citywide Bcstg. of Lafayette to Citadel License, Inc.
WIBR-1300/	Baton Rouge/	316 from Southern Communications, Inc. to Citadel License, Inc.
WKJN-FM-103.3/	Hammond/	
WEMX-94.1/	Kentwood/	
KQXL-106.5	New Roads	
KLEB-1600	Golden Meadow	314 from Callais Cablevision, Inc. to Coastal Bcstg. of LaRose, Inc.
		(\$250,000; assumption of liabilities)
KNEK-1190/104.7/	Washington/	316 from Citywide Bcstg. of Lafayette to Citadel License, Inc.
KRRQ-95.5/	Lafayette/	
KFXZ-106.3	Maurice	
MS WONG-1150	Canton	314 from Ola Communications System to John H. Pembroke
		(\$52,000; reverts back to original owner)
NJ WKMB-1070	Stirling	315 from K & M Bcstrs. (H. Michels, Executor) to K & M Bcstrs. (Herbert P. Michels)
NY WODZ-1450	Rome	314 from Forever of NY, LLC to Bible Broadcasting Network, Inc.
NC WBID(CP)-89.7*	Wilmington	314 from Moody Bible Institute of Chicago to Praise Broadcasting Network, Inc.

PROPOSED STATION TRANSFERS (cont'd)

PR WMDD-1480	Fajardo	316 from Richard J. Friedman to Pan Caribbean Bcstg. DE P.R., Inc.
TN WKBL-1250	Covington	314 from Royce D. Wilson to Covington Broadcasting, Inc. (\$600,000; includes three year non-compete)
WCSV-1490	Crossville	314 from Samuel T. Armes to WCSV, LLC (\$1.4 million; includes \$140,000 promissory note; purchase price also includes WAEW and WXVL)
TX KYCM-88.5*	Bastrop	314 from American Bcstg. Educational Found. to Queen of Peace Radio, Inc.
KXTQ-950/93.7	Lubbock	316 from Ramar Communications, Inc. to Ramar Communications II, Ltd.
VA WKDV-1460	Manassas	316 from Mega Communications, Inc. to Mega Communications, LLC
WI WXCE-1260	Amery	316 from Johnson Towers Partnership to Lake Country Broadcasting Corporation

Bocephus Broadcasting, Inc. filed Form 314 Transfer Applications to New River Valley Radio Partners, LLC for seven Virginia Stations: WFNR and WVMJ, Blacksburg; WBZV, Christiansburg; WPSK, Narrows; WPSK-FM, Pulaski; and WRAD and WNRV-FM in Radford.

FM ALLOCATIONS: GRANTED AMENDMENTS

OK KMAD-FM	Madill	to 102.3 A from 102.5 A (KMAD-FM will revert back to its previous frequency and xmtr location)
TX KBUS	Paris	to 101.9 C2 from 104.3 C2 (station is already at this frequency, having never moved from the previous granted amendment)

FM ALLOCATIONS: DISMISSED AMENDMENTS

TX new	Victoria (Den.)	add 104.3 A
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WASHINGTON THIS WEEK

Soliciting trouble: Gay-rights activist Frank Kameny challenged Virginia's sodomy law (on D.C.-market WZHF's "Rainbow Hour") by inviting "the entire adult population of the state of Virginia" to commit so-called "crimes of nature." Veteran activist Kameny knew what he was getting into, and now the anti-gay "Traditional Values Coalition" has filed an FCC complaint against WZHF, for its role in "commission of a felony." In Virginia, where there have been massive roundups for indecent exposure, even solicitation of "sodomy" involving either sex is a crime -- not just the actual deed.

The High Court is hiding out on this one: The Supreme Court on Monday (1/11) refused to accept the New Jersey-based Players International case for fast-track review -- essentially leaving radio stations with different sets of rules (and sales opportunities) depending on which state they're licensed in. The Clinton Administration is fighting to keep the exception-riddled federal law that bans ads which promote gambling. Stations in the nine states of the 9th Circuit Court (based in San Francisco) and those licensed to New Jersey can take such ads, based on an FCC stay of the regulations. Monday's Supreme Court action let the New Jersey ruling stand but didn't create the opportunity to expand it. But the Greater New Orleans Broadcasters member are stuck for now. The NAB-led fight isn't over, just going slowly: The Supreme Court will have more chances to look at commercial free speech in future cases.

Citadel's deal to buy Wicks Broadcast Group's five stations in Binghamton, NY draws an FCC red flag. It's the now-familiar alert about concentration, competition and diversity, and it affects all five stations, including country WHWK, classic rock WAAL, adult standards WKOP, talk WNBF and oldies WYOS. The red-flag treatment still hasn't been tested, but it does draw public attention to specific market situations. M Street notes the Commission did NOT flag the stations Larry Wilson proposes to acquire from Wicks in the Charleston, SC market.

Speaking of those pesky red flags, they're still trying to get the Wichita part of the Capstar-Triathlon deal through the Commission. It's the first time M Street has seen the "Red Flag" accompanied by this language: "Consent motion for further extension of time." Triathlon's been dealing with the government on concentration issues for several years. "Consent motion" requests were filed on behalf of Wichita-market KQAM (1480 KHz), KWSJ (105.3 MHz), KRBB (97.9 MHz), KEYN-FM (103.7 MHz) and KZSN-FM (102.1 MHz).

WASHINGTON THIS WEEK (cont'd)

Boy, THIS low-power radio scheme didn't fly very far: Joel Lawrence Efrein's idea was to reserve 107.9 MHz (FM Channel 300) for a very low power FM broadcast service that would be unlicensed. The Commission rejects his proposal, as it continues to invite inquiry on some others. (DA 98-2560)

In fact, the FCC Chairman's "Agenda for 1999" specifically includes low-power community radio. To "open low-power radio frequencies for local use" is right there on Bill Kennard's wish list for 1999. One of the reasons broadcasters oppose the notion is that it may complicate the introduction of In-Band DAB. Kennard announced dozens of agenda items for the year and most concern telephone companies, the Internet and reducing the regulatory burden. M Street notes that the NAB Radio Board just established a task force, led by Bonneville's Bruce Reese, to study "spectrum integrity."

The Commission cares...about the Political File. Problems with the political file cost a Michigan station \$4,800. Actually, the fine's charged to the FORMER licensee of oldies WFXD, Marquette, MI (103.3 MHz). Vista Point Communications has been tagged for "repeated violations" of Section 73.1943, the Political File rule. (DA No. 99-118)

Heidi Damsky loses again. The disqualified applicant for a new Birmingham-market FM continues to file motions at the FCC over the facility that finally became Birmingham-market WEDA, Homewood, AL (97.3 MHz). Years ago Damsky was one of the original three applicants. The Commission found her to be financially unqualified and awarded the CP to a joint venture of the other two, known as "Homewood Radio." Ever since then Damsky's waged a crusade to stop Homewood. Her latest attempt was a Further Petition to Enlarge Issues and to Remand for Further Hearing, based on allegations of improper "ex parte" contact between Commission staff and attorneys for the other group. Damsky asked the FCC to throw the license into the new competitive bidding process, but it again rules the CP was properly awarded. Cox has a deal to acquire CHR "Hot 97.3" WEDA from Homewood Radio, to whom it loaned funds for construction. (MM Docket 90-638)

Zero tolerance: That's the FCC's avowed new policy when it comes to unregistered antenna structures. Estimates of unregistered facilities run as high as 30%, and now's the time to get with the program. The Commission's concerned about safety problems as well as spectrum management. For more information, contact the National Call Center at 888-CALL-FCC (888-225-5322).

Here's what the NAB's Radio Board is worried about (based on its just-concluded Winter meeting in Naples, FL): The traditional Capitol Hill issues of attacks on alcohol advertising, attempts to introduce microradio, changes in ownership (like limiting the size of local radio/TV combos), lottery and gambling ads and -- well, you get the idea. A bad idea never really goes away in Washington -- it just re-surfaces next year. The Radio Board puts its weight behind increasing diversity in ownership and workforce, with a filing expected soon in the FCC's EEO proceeding. The board's also in favor of internship programs, mentoring and fellowships (like the Emma Bowen minority internship program). In case you're worried about the NAB's conventions, Jack Knebel says both the Spring Las Vegas show and the Radio Show "exceed financial expectations."

ELSEWHERE

Spanish Broadcasting picks up stations (and networks) in Puerto Rico. It's adding the "Mega" Spanish hits network that's simulcast on WEGM, Hermigueros, PR (92.1 MHz) and WMEG, Guayama, PR (106.9 MHz). And it's also picking up stations from International Broadcasting, including WDIN. Those separate deals come on the heels of Raul Alarcon's closing on the \$8,250,000 purchase of Spanish tropical WDOY, Fajardo, PR (96.5 MHz) from Pan Caribbean Broadcasting. Puerto Rico's geography and economy have produced a number of island-wide "cadenas", or networks that essentially re-broadcast one main service.

More small-market consolidation for Regent, which writes a \$12.7 million check to enter St. Cloud, MN (Arbitron market #215). Terry Jacobs and Bill Stakelin are buying three of Andy Hilger's four stations there: market-leading country WWJO (98.1 MHz), which did an 11.0-share 12+ in the Spring '98 Arbitron. Oldies KMXX, Cold Spring, MN (94.9 MHz), which did a 3.5 share. And news/talk/sports WJON (1240 KHz), good for a 5.1 share. Hilger's "WJON Broadcasting" apparently retains religious contemporary KKJM, St. Joseph, MN (92.9 MHz). Broker: Media Venture Partners' George Otwell.

ELSEWHERE (cont'd)

Syncom is doubling up in Kansas City with the \$10,750,000 purchase of CHR-formatted KCHZ, Ottawa, KS (95.7 MHz). Seller is Frank Copsidas-run Radio 2000. Syncom's current K.C. station is KNRX, which just dropped modern rock for R&B oldies. Syncom's principal is Herbert Wilkens.

DAB abroad: Singapore says it will introduce Digital Audio Broadcasting this year, making it the first Asian country to actually implement DAB. It's no big surprise that the first DAB licenses to be awarded went to the state-controlled Radio Corporation of Singapore, which will broadcast four of its 12 existing stations in digital (according to Reuters).

Alliance Broadcasting files for listing on Nasdaq's Small Cap Stock Market. It currently trades on the NASD's over-the-counter bulletin board, but says its recent acquisition of Northern Radio Network adds enough assets to qualify for the Small Cap market. Now it's up to the SEC to review the claims of Indy-based Alliance.

Research recall: AccuTrack is recalling the Fall 1998 quarterly estimates for New York, Los Angeles, Chicago, Philadelphia and Dallas, because they were incomplete -- missing most of the scheduled 12-weeks' worth of results. At the Journal's presstime, Strategic Media Research was promising corrected Fall numbers ASAP.

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

Jacor creates more hub-and-spoke programming for oldies (from Las Vegas) and country (for the area around Columbus, OH). The company's taking advantage of some of the low-performing sticks it bought in small markets by putting together a couple of regional music format networks. This Monday (January 18), Jacor's launching a night-time oldies network out of KQOL in Las Vegas -- taking advantage of the golden acts that roll through town. That includes comedy acts like the Smothers Brothers as well as music. Seven Jacor stations are picking up the oldies show, which broadcasts from the studio atop the Stratosphere Tower. Ed "the professor" Wright hosts from 6 to 11 p.m. Jay Michaels takes over 'til 4 am sign-off. And according to Jacor station consultant Jaye Albright, Jacor will roll out the WCOL-FM (92.3 MHz), Columbus-based "Buckeye Country Network" in the next few weeks. The network will share talent among a half-dozen or so country stations in Central Ohio.

Major personality change in New York, from FM to AM, as ABC entices WPLJ's Rocky Allen across the hall (literally) to do mornings at talker WABC, NY. It's a fascinating move: the "Rocky Allen Showgram" has carved out a niche on a mostly music station (WPLJ) by doing mostly talk in afternoon drive. Its 3.8 share 12+ made afternoons the highest-rated weekday daypart on 'PLJ. WABC PD Phil Boyce is importing the entire "Showgram" cast: Rocky, co-host Blain Ensley, producer Albert Reinoso, associate producer Harry Kapsalis, "Street Correspondent" Kevork and traffic reporter Cristina Lang. Essentially Rocky's already been doing a morning show for WPLJ. Now WABC hopes he can bring along his fans and become the "Last Morning Show" they've been promoting. "Showgram" debuts January 25. Over at WPLJ, there's no word yet about PM drive -- but let's guess the station will choose a "more music" approach this time.

The AP debuts the Internet-delivered "SoundBank" audio clip service with 70 years of news. Associated Press adds this to its current suite of web-delivered offerings: PrimeCuts, PowerPrep (show prep) and SportsPower. "Soundbank" lets AP members search an archive of soundbites and preview the bit before actual downloading.

The RAB hires LA vet Bob Griffith to succeed Lynn Christian as Senior VP/Stations. Griffith's held management jobs at KYSR, KXEZ, "Pirate Radio" KQLZ and KFI/KOST, and has done consulting -- good experience for his new role at the RAB. He'll run the Radio Advertising Bureau's West coast office. Christian left the RAB just after Christmas (as planned), ending a six-year tenure there.

"Windy City Airchecks" operator Tim Benko has passed away (in south-suburban Lansing, IL). He founded the company over 25 years ago and was an indefatigable airchecker and fan of the business.

After keeping up with the FCC, DOJ, NAB, RAB, PUSH and many other organizations this week, M Street's going to let the computer cool off until NEXT week's edition of the Journal. Remember our custom database services, in case you need to reach radio stations by mail or phone. Call M Street at (800) 248-4242.

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CHANCELLOR EXITS? . . . Chancellor Media surprised Wall Street by announcing that it's retained investment banker BT Alex. Brown to explore "strategic alternatives intended to maximize shareholder value." If nothing else, the Wednesday morning statement (1/20/99) jolted the stock price, and the lagging stock price of "AMFM" was the primary reason Chancellor gave for hiring BT Alex. Brown. The current model of Chancellor Media contains three primary operating divisions: radio, TV and outdoor. When Chancellor closes on its pending merger with Capstar it will be the largest radio group by number of stations with 465. Chancellor's allied holdings include the Katz mega-rep, the Broadcast Architecture consultancy and AMFM Radio Networks. Who would -- or who COULD -- buy Chancellor, or part of Chancellor? We'll follow the story for you week by week in M Street, and see what (if anything) gets sold or merged.

DO NOT PASS GO, DO NOT COLLECT \$20 MILLION. . . Children's Broadcasting may be watching \$20 million waft away in the breeze, as federal judge Donald Alsup overturns last year's jury decision to award Children's \$20 million in damages from Disney/ABC Radio. That's as a result of the broken deal between CBC and Disney that resulted in the launch of "Radio Disney." The judge ruled that the facts don't support the damages, finding that Children's Broadcasting had problems before it hooked up with Disney/ABC Radio. Children's executive Chris Dahl promises an appeal, and possibly even an entire new trial based on different issues. CBC originally sued for breach of contract and misappropriation of trade secrets and apparently had won a big verdict in last year's trial in its home town of Minneapolis.

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

		<u>formerly</u>	<u>becomes</u>
AL Trussville(Birmingham)	WENN-105.9	# stunting	rhythmic oldies
	(WENN enters an LMA-to-buy with talk WERC, adult contemporary WMJJ, CHR WQEN, and country WOWC)		
AR Conway (Little Rock)	KCON-1230	# talk & soft AC	JRN - adult contempor.
	(KCON has been donated to The University of Central Arkansas and is being run as a commercial station)		
England (Little Rock)	KHUG-96.5	# BCN - country	country
	(The Branson Country Music Network will cease operations January 31)		
England (Little Rock)	KLRA-1530	# BCN-country//KHUG	country // KHUG
Paragould	KDRS-1490	# gospel & c. Christ Reach	- s. gospel
Paragould	KLQZ-107.1	# oldies	KDRS-FM, Hot AC
	(KDRS-FM and KDRS are now in a combo with KDEZ, KDXY and KJBX)		
CA Bakersfield	KZPM-1100	new	regional Mexican
	(KZPM enters an LMA with Hispanic Inland Marketing; about half of the programming is expected to be infomercials)		
Los Angeles	KYPA-1230	Korean & alt. rock	drops alternative
	(Jim Poorman's alternative show moves to sister KMNY)		
Los Angeles	KKHJ-930	Spanish news-talk	ranchera "La Ranchera
Pomona (L.A.)	KWPA-1220	romantica	regional Mexican
	(KWPA is in an LMA with Hispanic Inland Marketing; about half of the programming is expected to be infomercials)		
West Covina (L.A.)	KRRA-900	# ranchera	regional Mexican
	(KRRA enters an LMA with Hispanic Inland Marketing; about half of the programming is expected to be infomercials)		

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FORMAT CHANGES & UPDATES (cont'd)

CO Dillon (Vail)	KHTH-1130	oldies & talk	drops talk
Kremmling	KRKM-106.3	classic country	adds Art Bell 11pm - 4am
FL Apopka (Orlando)	WTLN-FM-95.3	# stunting	WYPO, dance "The Party"
Beverly Hills	WXOF-106.3	# country	WGUL-FM, JRN - standards
Dade City (Tampa)	WGUL-FM-96.1	# adult standards	WBDN-FM, tropical // WBDN
Inverness	WINV-1560	standards//WGUL-FM	to be talk (February)
Port St. Lucie (Ft. P)	WHLG-101.3	new	adult contemporary
St. Augustine (Jack.)	WAOC-1420	# talk	adds sports
Yankeetown	WBKX-96.3	# country // WXOF	WXOF, country "The Fox"
GA Albany	WGPC-FM-104.5	# adult standards	country // WKAK
Albany	WGPC-1450	# standards // FM	adult standards
Sasser (Albany)	WEGC-107.7	# oldies	adult contemporary
Statenville	WHLJ-97.5	urban AC	adds ABC's Tom Joyner
IL Chicago	WIND-560	Sp. talk/romantica	adds Renan Coello
KY Princeton	WAVJ-104.9	# country	JRN - soft AC "Lite"
Princeton	WPKY-1580	# country // WAVJ	JRN - soft AC // WAVJ
Versailles (Lexington)	WCDA-106.3	# silent	hot AC "CD 106.3"
MI Mt. Clemens (Detroit)	WWBR-102.7	# classic rock	WKSK, soft AC "Kiss"
Niles (Benton Harbor)	WNIL-1290	oldies & sports	drops sports
MO Lexington (K.C.)	KNRX-107.3	R&B oldies	adds ABC's Tom Joyner
Moberly	KCSX-97.3	new	WW1 - country "Kicks"
St. Louis	KSD-93.7	classic rock	hot AC "Mix 93.7"
NE Omaha	KKCD-105.9	classic rock	adds Bob & Tom
NJ Princeton (Trenton)	WTTM-1680	new	to be sports (Spring)
OR Milton-Freewater (Tri C)	KTHK-97.9	classic rock	adds Bob & Tom
PA Carbondale (Scranton)	WCDL-1440	country // WCTP	talk // WARM
Carlisle (Harrisburg)	WHYL-FM-102.3	# country	country // WRKZ
Hazleton	WAZL-1490	adult standards	talk // WARM 6a to 6p
TN Oak Ridge (Knoxville)	WOKI-FM-100.3	classic rock	adds John Boy & Billy
TX Marshall (Longview)	KMHT-1450	urban AC //KZEY-FM	adds Banks // KZEY-FM
Marshall (Longview)	KZEY-FM-103.9	urban AC	adds ABC's Doug Banks
Tyler	KZEY-690	urban AC // FM	adds Doug Banks // FM
VA Front Royal (Winc.)	WFQX-99.3	modern rock	rock "The Fox"
Vinton (Roanoke)	WZZI-101.5	# country	modern rock
WV Huntington	WTCR-FM-103.3	country	adds Nashville Nights
WI Marathon (Wausau)	WKQH-104.9	classic hits	classic rock
Stevens Point (Wausau)	WSPT-FM-97.9	adult contemporary	modern AC
ON Hamilton	CHAM-820	country & religion	drops religion 7-10pm

NEW STATIONS: APPLICATIONS (* non-commercial station) (& reapplication)
(+ competes with existing application)

CT 91.1*	Pomfret	100 w (v), 289 ft	Pomfret School
FL 91.1**	Beverly Beach	1300 w, 188 ft	Good Idea, Inc.
91.1**	Favoretta	1300 w, 188 ft	Daystar Public Radio
91.1**	Favoretta	1300 w, 188 ft	Pathway Public Radio
91.1**	Flagler Beach	2000 w, 49 ft	Bcstg. for the Challenged
IA 90.7*	Des Moines	250 w, 98 ft	Community Voice Mail, Inc.
88.9*	Fort Dodge	25000 w, 295 ft	Family Stations, Inc.

NEW STATIONS: APPLICATIONS (cont'd)

IA 88.9*	Newton	no facils given	Bcstg. for the Challenged
88.9*	Spirit Lake	50000 w, 273 ft	Minn-Iowa Christian Bcstg.
89.9**	Waverly	3000 w (v), 144 ft	Bcstg. for the Challenged
MI 88.5*	Cass City	25000 w, 200 ft	Bcstg. for the Challenged
89.7*	Marlette	100 w (v), 33 ft	Great Lakes Comm. Bcstg., Inc
NY 88.1*&	Eagle Bridge	100 w, -351 ft, DA	Northeast Gospel Bcstg., Inc.
OR 90.5*	Astoria	1200 w, 688 ft	World Radio Network, Inc.
88.9*	Newport	800 w (v), 928 ft	Family Stations, Inc.
TX 91.9*	San Angelo	25000 w (v), 328 ft	Bcstg. for the Challenged
WA 91.1*	Kelso	500 w (v), 2355 ft	CSN International
WY 89.1*	Jackson	2200 w, 1102 ft	Bcstg. for the Challenged

Returned/Dismissed Applications

SD 106.3+	Rapid City (D)		Conway Bcstg., Inc.
106.3+	Rapid City (D)		Gregory Gentling, Jr.
106.3+	Rapid City (D)		Harbor Broadcasting, Inc.
106.3+	Rapid City (D)		Lee O. Axdahl

NEW STATIONS: GRANTS

OR 91.7*	Florence	100 w (h), 1601 ft DA	Oregon State Bd. of Education
		(as amended)	
SD 106.3	Rapid City	100000 w, 997 ft	Steven E. Duffy
		(as amended)	

TRANSLATORS/BOOSTERS/SYNCHRONOUS XMTR: APPLICATIONS

CO new-88.5*	Fort Morgan	KAWZ	Calv. Chapel/Twin Fal
OK new-90.9*	Guymon	KTLW	Living Way Ministries
UT new-91.9*	Clarkston	KAWZ	Calv. Chapel/Twin Fal
WA new-88.9*	Cape George	KAWZ	Calv. Chapel/Twin Fal
new-88.9*	Granite Falls	KAWZ	Calv. Chapel/Twin Fal
new-107.1	Longview	KRTQ	ECI License Co.
new-91.9*	Orchards	KTLW	Living Way Ministries

CONSTRUCTION PERMIT ACTIVITY

AL WHOD-FM-94.5	Jackson	requests extension of time to increase to 30000 w, 640 ft, class C2
WLVV-1410	Mobile	requests extension of time to decrease to 3900 w days and nights, DA-N, change xmtr location to 30-45-40 88-08-04
AZ KJTA(CP)-89.9*	Flagstaff	requests extension of time
KCDX(CP)-103.1	Florence	granted 5th extension of time
KOFH(CP)-99.1	Nogales	requests extension of time
KESP-101.1	Payson	changes to 82000 w, 1069 ft
AR KANX-91.1*	Pine Bluff	increases to 16500 w, 522 ft, changes xmtr location to 34-17-26 92-29-36, changes city of license to Sheridan, AR
CA KNCO-830	Grass Valley	requests extension of time to increase to 25000 w days, 10000 w nights, DA-N
KZFO-92.1	Madera	requests extension of time to increase to 50000 w, 492 ft, class B, change xmtr loc to 36-53-15 119-50-36, change city of license to Clovis, CA
KWVE-107.9	San Clemente	granted 4th replacement of expired CP to change to 560 w, 3689 ft, add DA, change xmtr loc. to 33-42-40 117-31-54
KCZN-96.7	Santa Paula	granted 3rd extension of time to increase to 278 w, add DA
KUIC-95.3	Vacaville	changes to 460 w, 2024 ft
CO KPRZ-FM-96.1	Fountain	requests extension of time to increase to 1700 w, 2198 ft, add DA, class C2, change xmtr location to 38-44-43 104-51-3
FL WRHC-1560	Coral Gables	granted 4th extension of time to change xmtr location to 25-51-29 80-28-52
WRGP(CP)-88.1*	Homestead	granted 3rd replacement of expired CP
WNTF-1580	Mount Dora	granted 4th replacement of expired CP to decrease to 2100 w days, ND, change xmtr location to 28-32-11 81-05-06, change city of license to Bithlo, FL

CONSTRUCTION PERMIT ACTIVITY (cont'd)

FL WPNP(CP)-780	Mulberry	requests extension of time
GA WHTA-97.5	Fayetteville	granted 3rd extension of time to change to 6600 w, 636 ft, change xmtr location to 33-29-22 84-34-07
WNSY-100.1	Talking Rock	license to cover for new station
IL WLLI-FM-96.7	Joliet	decreases to 276 ft, corrects coordinates to 41-33-06 88-03-15
	(this application was granted and built this week)	
WNIW-91.3*	La Salle	license to cover for new station
WRIK-FM-98.3	Metropolis	requests extension of time to increase to 100000 w, 699 ft, class C1, change xmtr location to 36-45-09 88-29-58
WNVN-1030	Vernon Hills	granted 4th extension of time to increase to 4000 w days, 3200 w (critical hours), DA-D, change xmtr loc. to 42-15-10 88-23-45
IN WYGB(CP)-102.9	Edinburgh	granted 3rd extension of time
IA KIIC(CP)-97.9	Lamoni	requests extension of time
KS KZDY-96.3	Cawker City	license to cover for new station
KOMB-103.9	Fort Scott	increases to 4100 w
LA KKAY-FM-104.9	Donaldsonville	requests extension of time to increase to 6000 w, 328 ft
MI WMOM(CP)-103.1	Pentwater	requests extension of time
MN WXXZ(CP)-95.3	Grand Marais	requests extension of time
MS WGNL-104.3	Greenwood	changes to 50000 w, 276 ft
MO KCMQ-96.7	Columbia	requests extension of time to increase to 100000 w, 912 ft, class C1, change xmtr location to 38-41-30 92-05-44
MT KBEX-105.1	Billings	license to cover for new station
NE KAWQ(CP)-101.3	Bridgeport	requests extension of time
NV KPXC(CP)-99.3	Indian Springs	granted 8th replacement of expired CP
NH WVNH(CP)-91.1*	Concord	granted 3rd extension of time
NM KNMA(CP)-104.5	Reserve	requests extension of time
KRSR(CP)-95.9	Santa Rosa	requests extension of time
NY WBXL-90.5*	Baldwinsville	changes to 175 w, 207 ft
WRLI(CP)FM-91.3*	Southampton	granted 7th extension of time
WPBX-88.3*	Southampton	requests extension of time to change to 16000 w (circular), 748 ft, add DA, class B, change xmtr loc. to 40-51-18 72-46-12
WCJW-1140	Warsaw	requests extension of time to increase to 5000 w days, 2300 w (critical hours), DA-D, change xmtr location to 42-43-35 78-06-43
NC WSVV-92.1	Moyock	dismissed CP to increase to 3700 w
	(dismissed as moot, station is at 14500 w, 430 ft, DA)	
WNHW-92.5	Nags Head	moves to 92.3 MHz, changes to 18000 w, 384 ft, changes xmtr loc. to 35-50-49 75-32-19
OK KTGS-89.9*	Ada	license to cover for new station
KCES-102.3	Eufaula	moves to 102.5 C3, increases to 10500 w, 505 ft, changes xmtr location to 35-06-09 95-36-53
OR KPXA(CP)-104.1	Sisters	requests replacement of expired CP
PA WALY-103.9	Bellwood	changes to 380 w, 918 ft, changes xmtr location to 40-34-01 78-26-32
WVCH-740	Chester	granted 13th extension of time to increase to 50000 w days, DA-1, change xmtr location to 40-08-46 75-28-37
PR WRUO-88.3*	Mayaguez	license to cover for new station
SC WKXC-FM-99.5	Aiken	changes to 24000 w, 712 ft, changes xmtr location to 33-38-34 81-55-45
WPLS-FM-96.7	Greenville	increases to 20 w, 102 ft, changes xmtr location to 34-55-13 82-26-17
	(changes to commercial status, already moved from 96.5 MHz)	
TN WKDA(CP)-1200	Lebanon	requests extension of time
TX KAVO-91.5*	Borger	increases to 310 w
KRBH(CP)-98.5	Hondo	requests extension of time
KMMX-100.3	Tahoka	changes xmtr loc. to 33-26-31 101-52-40
UT KCYN-97.1	Moab	license to cover for new station
VI WVGN(CP)-107.3	Charlotte Amalie	requests replacement of expired CP

CONSTRUCTION PERMIT ACTIVITY (cont'd)

WA KKOL-1300	Seattle	requests extension of time to increase to 35000 w days, 16000 w nights, DA-2, change xmtr location to 47-34-59 122-10-5 increase to 3 towers
WV WBHZ-91.9*	Elkins	license to cover for new station
WI WMEQ-FM-92.1	Menomonie	requests extension of time to increase to 18000 w, 699 ft, class C2
WY KWRR(CP)-89.5*	Ethete	granted 4th extension of time
KASX(CP)-105.3	Pine Bluffs	requests extension of time

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

AR KVRE-92.9	Hot Springs Village	one step application to increase to class C3, 12000 w, 315 ft, change xmtr location to 34-38-59 93-03-33
KAFW(CP)-103.7	Wilson	move to 94.7 MHz, change xmtr location to 35-18-04 90-19-34, change city of license to Turrell, AR [93-259]
CA KLDZ-104.9	Fremont	increase to 5700 w, 338 ft
KRPQ-104.9	Rohnert Park	modify CP to change to 2250 w, 548 ft, change xmtr loc. to 38-23-31 122-40-40
CO KRKI-102.1	Estes Park	modify CP to decrease to 171 ft, change xmtr location to 40-17-34 105-33-05
FL WJBW-FM-99.5	Jupiter	move to 106.3 C3, increase to 25000 w, add DA, change xmtr location to 26-56-20 80-07-02 [94-155]
IL WFUN-FM-95.5	Bethalto	one step application to increase to 10000 w, 518 ft, class A, change xmtr location to 38-46-15 90-12-46
	(ERP exceeds maximum for class A)	
WLRZ-100.9	Peru	change to 3000 w, 328 ft, change xmtr location to 41-18-09 84-14-11
WAIV-103.3	Spring Valley	increase to 4900 w, 361 ft, change xmtr location to 41-18-09 89-14-11
IN WOWO-1190	Fort Wayne	modify CP to augment nighttime antenna pattern
NY WWFY(CP)-93.7	Hague	decrease to 289 ft, drop DA, change xmtr location to 44-01-34 73-09-44, change city of license to Addison, VT
TX KXTJ-107.9	Beaumont	increase to 1952 ft DA, change xmtr location to 30-07-17 94-40-17

FACILITIES/PARAMETERS: GRANTS

CA KQBR-104.3	Davis	change to 6000 w, 328 ft
IL WGBK-88.5*	Glenview	modify CP to increase to 185 w, DA, change xmtr loc. to 42-06-39 87-49-56
WLLI-FM-96.7	Joliet	decrease to 276 ft, correct coordinates to 41-32-06 88-03-15
IA KILR-1070	Estherville	direct measurement of antenna power
KS KMZA-92.1	Seneca	change to 4000 w, 403 ft, drop DA, change xmtr loc. to 39-49-34 96-01-45
	(as amended)	
LA KWCL-FM-96.7	Oak Grove	increase to 23000 w, 341 ft
MN KBUN-1450	Bemidji	correct coordinates to 47-27-56 94-54-20
MS WDSK-1410	Cleveland	change xmtr loc. to 33-45-56 90-42-41
MO KDBB-104.3	Bonne Terre	decrease to 790 w, change xmtr location to 37-48-01 90-33-47
	(as amended)	
NM KZZX-105.5	Alamogordo	move to 105.3 C3, increase to 8000 w, -607 ft, change xmtr location to 32-53-13 105-57-02 [87-218]
	(as amended)	
PA WYFM-102.9	Sharon	change to 33000 w, 604 ft, change xmtr location to 41-03-26 80-38-22
SD KGFX-1060	Pierre	augment day and night standard patterns
TX KPXI-100.7	Mount Pleasant	one step application to decrease to class 1 8100 w, 571 ft, change xmtr location to 32-09-07 95-03-27, change city of license to Overton, TX [97-84]

CALL LETTER CHANGES (# applied for by new owners)

AR KLQZ-107.1	Paragould	becomes	# KDRS-FM (requested)	"The Ridge"
FL WTLN-FM-95.3	Apopka		# WYPO (requested)	"The Party"
WXOF-106.3	Beverly Hills		# WGUL-FM (requested)	
WGUL-FM-96.1	Dade City		# WBDN-FM (requested)	
WBKX-96.3	Yankeetown		# WXOF (requested)	"The Fox"
GA WGPC-FM-104.5	Albany		# WKAK (requested)	"K-Country"
IN WJVA-1620	South Bend		WHLY (requested)	
WHLY-1580	South Bend		WJVA (requested)	
MI WWBR-102.7	Mount Clemens		# WKSK (requested)	"Kiss"

PROPOSED STATION TRANSFERS

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

AK KCBF-820/	Fairbanks		314 from Northern Television, Inc.	
KXLR-95.9			to AK Media Group, Inc.	
CA KRHT-1480	Concord		314 from Concord Area Broadcasting	
			to Immaculate Heart Radio	
CT WLAT-1230/	Manchester/		316 from Mega Communications, Inc.	
WNEZ-910	New Britain		to Mega Communications, LLC	
FL WBDN-760	Brandon		316 from Mega Bcstg. of Tampa, LP	
			to Mega Communications of Tampa Licensee	
WGUL-FM-96.1	Dade City		316 from Mega Communications, Inc.	
			to Mega Communications, LLC	
WTAL-FM-105.7	Monticello		314 from Monti Radio, LLC	
			to WW & Nia, LLC	
			(\$67,000; broker is Media Services Group)	
KS KCHZ-95.7	Ottawa		314 from Radio 2000 KS, Inc.	
			to Syncom Radio Corporation	
ME WDEA-1370/	Ellsworth/		314 from Dudman Communications Corporation	
WWMJ-95.7/			to Cumulus Licensing Corporation	
WEZQ-92.9	Bangor			
			(\$4 million; includes \$50,000 non-compete; LMA with WQCB, WBZN and WTOS-FM;	
			Broker is Blackburn & Company)	
MD WKDL-1050	Silver Spring		316 from Mega Communications, Inc.	
			to Mega Communications, LLC	
WACA-1540	Wheaton		316 from Los Cerezos Television Company	
			to Latin Radio of Washington D.C., LLC	
MA WBPS-890	Dedham		316 from Mega Communications, Inc.	
			to Mega Communications, LLC	
NJ WSSJ-1310	Camden		316 from Mega Communications, Inc.	
			to Mega Communications, LLC	
NC WGAI-560/	Elizabeth City/		316 from Ray-D-O Biz, Inc.	
WQDK-99.3/	Ahoskie/		to Ray-D-O Biz, LLC	
(CP)-94.5/	Hatteras/			
WCXL-104.1	Kill Devil Hills			
ND KRRB-92.1	Dickinson		314 from Roughrider Broadcasting Co.	
			to KLTC/KCAD, LLC	
			(\$665,000 cash at close; broker is Johnson Communication Properties)	
OH WPTW-1570	Piqua		314 from Cox Radio, Inc.	
			to Frontier Broadcasting, LLC #2	
			(\$75,000; assumption of liabilities)	
RI WXNI-1230*	Westerly		314 from Bear Broadcasting Company	
			to WRNI Foundation	
			(\$300,000; assumption of liabilities)	
TX KVJY-840	Pharr		316 from Vie Dansante Bcstg., Inc.	
			to Vie Dansante Bcstg., Inc. (Ramon Garcia)	
KSOX-1240/102.1	Raymondville		314 from Edgar L. Clinton	
			to Sendero Multimedia, Inc.	
			(\$3 million)	
VT WWAY-100.7	Wilmington		314 from Border Broadcasting, Inc.	
			to Dynacom Corporation	

WBG License Co., LLC filed Form 314 Transfer Applications to Citadel License, Inc. The stations affected are: In Indiana, WMDH AM and FM in New Castle and WWKI in Kokomo. In New York, WAAL, WBNF, WKOP, and WHWK, Binghamton; and WYOS Chanango Bridge. In South Carolina, WTMA, WXTC, WSSX-FM and WSUY, Charleston; WTMZ, Dorchester; WMGL, Ravenel; WNKT, St. George; and WWWZ, Summerville. Sale price is \$77 million.

Capstar Broadcasting Corporation filed Form 316 Transfer Applications to Chancellor Media Corporation for 347 radio stations this week.

DISMISSED STATION TRANSFERS

TN WSDT-1240

Soddy-Daisy (D)

314 from Lamar Bearden

to Willis Broadcasting Corporation

(dismissed per assignor's request)

WASHINGTON THIS WEEK

Here's a real courtroom surprise that could mean millions for radio in new revenue: The U.S. Supreme Court WILL take up the casino ad ban, after all. It just accepted the Greater New Orleans Broadcasters case from the 5th Circuit -- a mere three days after it DECLINED to take a similar case from a New Jersey federal court. (That's perhaps because it wanted the New Jersey case to go to the 3rd Circuit in Philadelphia first.) The NAB and the New Orleans broadcasters argue that restricting casino-gaming advertising on radio and TV is a violation of commercial free speech, and that ads for state lotteries and Indian gaming casinos are already legal. They're also relying on the Court's recent commercial-speech decision in the "44 Liquormart" case out of Rhode Island. Bottom line: the Supreme Court will hear arguments on the New Orleans case in April and probably issue a decision in June -- which might be when sales managers in most states can start pursuing a new category of clients. (Case is Greater New Orleans Broadcasting v. United States, No. 98-387)

The FCC Squirms: Powerful Senator (and Commerce Committee Chairman) John McCain seems determined to rein the FCC on a number of issues broadcasters care about. The draft language of his proposed new legislation would repeal the FCC's authority to approve mass-media mergers, require that new broadcast rules be approved by a super-majority (four out of five) of the Commissioners, and totally remove EEO enforcement from the purview of the Commission, entrusting it to the federal EEOC. M Street cautions that these key points (first printed by The Hollywood Reporter) are merely part of a draft document. But they do indicate McCain's thinking, and the general drift is not good news for Chairman Bill Kennard, who only has a reliable three votes on the Commission (his own, plus Susan Ness and Gloria Tristani). Congress has tried to bring the FCC to heel before, usually without much success. M Street notes that McCain has launched a number of high-profile initiatives (like removing the federal excise tax on telephone calls), as he explores a run for the presidency in 2000.

Is Pay-For-Play fair play? Two Democratic congressmen are questioning arrangements like Cumulus Media's reported \$1 million chain-wide deal with independent promoter Jeff McClusky. And Chancellor's \$237,000 marketing agreement with A&M Records for a new Bryan Adams single. Senator Paul Wellstone (D-MN) says "These are the kinds of things that occur when there is no real competition." Rep. John Conyers (D-MI) says "The idea that radio stations may have invented new ways of accepting pay-for-play confirms my worst fears about merger mania." Those quotes are from the LA Times -- which has been driving the pay-for-play story through a series of high-profile features. We're still a long way from an FCC investigation. First the agency needs a formal complaint. Then comes the question of whether anything illegal (including lack of disclosure) took place. And M Street's betting that a lot of lawyers eyeballed these deals before they were signed.

Marco, Marco Island -- It's all the same to the FCC. Attorney Gary Smithwick asks for and gets a letter from Mass Media Bureau Chief Charles Kelley on the question of where a main studio would have to be for a station licensed to either. The answer: for the purposes of the Main Studio Rule, Marco, FL and Marco Island are the same, under Section 73.1125 of the Rules.

CANADA THIS WEEK

Thirty-three radio stations that concentrate airplay on music produced prior to 1981 applied for lenient treatment under the Canadian Radio-television and Telecommunications Commission's (CRTC) Canadian Content rules. The CRTC has considered the "relatively limited supply of Canadian music appropriate for the formats of these stations," in offering to waive the requirement that 35% of the music played on these stations be of Canadian origin and substitute a 30% quota. Among the stations applying for this waiver are CFFR and CKMX, Calgary; CFRN, Edmonton; CKOC and CHML, Hamilton; CKAC and CKGM, Montreal; CIWW and CJRX, Ottawa; CHUM, Toronto; CISL and CKBD, Vancouver; and CKY, Winnipeg.

ELSEWHERE

Shaping up: Larry Wilson's Citadel agrees to shed 25 small-market stations to Chris Devine-run Marathon Media. The reason? Markets like Billings and Johnstown just aren't where Wilson wants to focus his company. While Chris Devine calls them "a perfect strategic fit" for Chicago-based Marathon. In fact Marathon already owns three stations in one of the smaller Citadel markets (Billings, MT): country KIDX, classic country KGHL and CHR KRSQ. So M Street takes a deep breath, starts a new paragraph, and gives you all the stations Citadel is selling to Marathon for \$26 million --

On the west coast, Marathon will acquire these properties from Citadel -- Five stations in Billings, MT (Arbitron #243): "Kat" country KCTR-FM (102.9 MHz) and simulcast KBUL (970); oldies KKBR (97.1 MHz); hot AC KBBB (103.7 MHz); and classic rock KMHK, Hardin, MT (5.5 MHz). Six stations in Medford/Ashland, OR (Arbitron #206): News/talk KTMT, Phoenix (580 KHz); soft AC KCMX-FM, Ashland (101.9 MHz); dance KTMT-FM, Medford (93.7 MHz); classic rock KBOY-FM, Medford (95.7 MHz); sports KCMX, Ashland, OR (880 KHz); and "Kat" Country KAKT, Phoenix (105.1 MHz). Five stations in Tri-Cities, WA (Richland/Kennewick/Pasco) (Arbitron #207): country KORD-FM, Richland (102.7 MHz); hot AC KEYW, Pasco (98.3 MHz); sports KFLD, Pasco (870 KHz); classic rock KTHK, Milton-Freewater (97.9 MHz); rock KXRX, Walla Walla (97.1 MHz); KTHK and KXRX are also part of the Walla Walla market. And three stations in Eugene-Springfield, OR (Arbitron #144): classic hits KEHK, Brownsville, OR (102.3 MHz); country KKT, Eugene (97.9 MHz); and news/talk KUGN, Eugene (590 KHz).

Marathon's also acquiring some Citadel properties in the Eastern time zone: Four stations in State College, PA (Arbitron #237): News/talk/sports WBLF, Bellefonte, PA (970 KHz) and simulcast partner WRSC, State College (1390 KHz); hot AC WIKN, Port Matilda, PA (107.9 MHz); and "Quick Rock" rock WQWK, University Park, PA (97.1 MHz). Two stations in Johnstown, PA (Arbitron #168): "Quick Rock" WQKK, Ebsburg, PA (99.1 MHz), simulcasting State College-market WQWK; and CHR WGLU, Johnstown (92.1 MHz).

In completely separate deals, Marathon was also busy buying stations in Utah: Two stations owned by Red Rock Broadcasting -- oldies KONY, Washington (1210 KHz) and country KONY-FM, Kanab (101.1 MHz). And one owned by Brian Head Broadcasting -- soft AC KREC, Brian Head, UT (98.1 MHz). Marathon will LMA the Red Rock properties on February 1.

In Tidewater, VA, the Alliance Broadcasting group buys AM WVNS from 4M. Station is the 670 KHz all-news licensed to Claremont, VA. It didn't qualify for the Summer Arbitron book. Richmond-based 4M is taking part of the purchase price in Alliance stock and President Charles Milkus is talking about "an ongoing relationship" between the two companies.

M Street research shows that Tennessee's Democratic State Chairman Doug Horne is now involved with six stations around Knoxville. Horne is a prominent local businessman who's thought to have ambitions about running for governor in 2000. M Street's noticed he's a principal in several recent deals. Looks as if he'll be involved in a half-dozen area stations by ownership or LMA: Adult standards WLOD, Loudon (1140 KHz). Standards WATO, Oak Ridge (1290 KHz). Country WGAP, Maryville (1400 KHz). Oldies WESK, Loudon (105.3 MHz). And now-silent WBLC, Lenoir City (1360 KHz) and WTNN, Farragut (670 KHz). You can look for some format changes as deals close.

Big tech news this week is a major announcement from DAB developer Lucent Digital Radio, which unveils a new "Multi-Streaming" DAB technology -- for which it won't charge royalties. This news comes two weeks after rival USA Digital signed up most of the country's major market broadcasters. Key points of Lucent's claimed technological breakthrough -- A "Multi-Streaming" system that gives In-Band On-Channel DAB the same coverage area as analog. That's a big advance, since we thought the DAB signal would be geographically limited during the transition period. So Lucent's promising an end to "digital drop-out" and the so-called "cliff effect." Our ears are used to the gradual fading of today's analog signal. DAB has worked the other way -- it either sounded terrific or it vanished. Lucent says it's solved that problem. Lucent claims Multi-Streaming works for both AM and FM, and it will offer DAB broadcasters royalty-free licenses for its IBOC system, to be field-tested this year.

ELSEWHERE (cont'd)

The money's good: We've got full-year 1998 revenue numbers from broadcasters groups in both New York and Los Angeles, and they're excellent. The New York market radio revenues topped \$580 million (+11.5%) in 1998. Los Angeles is still a bigger radio market in terms of dollars but has many more stations. That's why New York stations dominate Jim Duncan's list of top billers. Broadcasters association NYMRAD says that thanks to an amazing December (+20.7%), New York-market stations billed an estimated \$584,200,000 in calendar 1998. Local grew 9.5% (to \$482,500,000). National zoomed 22.6% (to \$101,700,000). NYMRAD: (212) 808-4332.

Los Angeles becomes the first radio market ever to break \$600 million in revenue. 1998's 12.2% increase boosts the take of LA-market stations to \$605.7 million, based on just-released figures from the Southern California Broadcasters Association. SCBA President Mary Beth Garber says local revenue grew 14.4% and national 6.3%. If you add in revenue from SoCal NON-members of SCBA, they estimate the market did \$654.5 million. SCBA: (323) 938-3100.

Sending a message to stalkers: The man convicted of stalking Howard Stern gets double the usual sentence from U.S. District Judge John Keenan, who said the 2-1/2 year federal sentence is meant to "deter this defendant and others from engaging in this type of conduct." Michael Lance Cavin sent four threatening letters to Stern from Las Vegas last year. One said "I will absolutely, without a doubt, kill you and this is 100% guaranteed."

AccuWeather -- now heard on more than 80 U.S. stations -- moves its rep business from Premiere to United Stations. The new partnership covers distribution, affiliate relations and sale repping. State College, PA-based AccuWeather's affiliates include Infinity stations like WINS, New York, WBBM, Chicago, WBZ, Boston and KDKA, Pittsburgh.

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

For once, urban specialist Radio One DOESN'T do an urban format, as it fills an obvious format hole in Detroit with a new soft AC station called "Kiss." Classic rock "Bear" WWBR just became soft AC "Kiss", with requested calls of "WWSK." Chancellor's WNIC has been running away with the AC shares. (It maintained an 8-share 12+ in the Fall Arbitron and stayed #1.) Radio One already has a Detroit-market urban player in "Jams" WDTJ. The smart move with WWBR, a 102.7 MHz Class B facility licensed to suburban Mt. Clemens, was soft AC. M Street hears "Kiss" picks up the BP-syndicated Delilah for nights. Former "Bear" PD/morning personality Joe Wade Formicola exits as Radio One takes over.

A plug here for "Inspo 99", the three-day conference for religious broadcasters and musicians active in the inspirational music format. Dates are June 27-29, place is Northwestern College in St. Paul, MN, and it's sponsored in part by the SkyLight Satellite Network. "Turning Point" speaker Dr. David Jeremiah is one of the featured speakers. Musicians scheduled to appear include Sandy Patti, Michael Card, Fernando Ortega and River. Registration info at (651) 631-5021, or e-mail KAC@nwc.edu or JRV@nwc.edu.

Chancellor rolls in another kind of vendor: production library creator Brown Bag Productions. Brothers Bob Lee (a lawyer) and Mike Lee (sporting a new Ph.D) founded their company in the Denver area in 1976 and went on to create and sell music that's used in production libraries for radio and TV. (Their stuff's been heard on "The Simpsons" and "NYPD Blue.") Now they've sold their company to Chancellor-based AMFM Radio Networks. Both Bob and Mike Lee remain with the operation and now carry "VP" titles with Chancellor.

Colorado-based Radio One Networks offers a new "Mainstream Country" 24-hour format. It's based on Radio One's "Go Country" format and uses the same music and hosts. Looks like a generic feed of the locally-customizable Go Country and is delivered on the same satellite (Galaxy 6, transponder 1) as the defunct Branson Music Network. Radio One Networks: (970) 949-3339.

Whatever happened to former American Top 40 host Shadoe Stevens? He's back, and he's got a deal with Portland, OR-based NBG Radio Network to host the weekly "World Atomic Rhythm Party" and a short-former called "Fly-Bys." They debut April 2. M Street notes that Shadoe took over AT-40 when Casey Kasem left in 1988 and hosted the show through 1995. Syndicator NBG: (800) 572-4624.

M STREET BAZAAR (cont'd)

Making money on the web -- National Media, Premiere and "Broadcast.com" will simulcast "Everything4Less" on the web and live network radio. The concept is "blow-out" prices on name-brand products in a fast-paced talk radio format. Jacor's Randy Michaels says the multimedia home-shopping idea "incorporates our investments in both Broadcast.com and National Media." Jacor owns Premiere. Just a guess here: Will Premiere personalities participate in the action?

Two syndicated talkshow hosts (Michael Reagan and Janet Parshall) have taken more active roles in GOP politics. The moves were triggered by the resignation of conservative Christian activist Gary Bauer from several of his current jobs, to get ready for a run at the GOP presidential nomination in 2000. Salem Radio Network-syndicated Janet Parshall becomes "national advocate" and "chief media spokesperson" for the conservative Family Research Council. And Premiere Radio Networks talker Michael Reagan replaces Bauer as head of the conservative Political Action Committee called "Campaign for Working Families."

Now you can SEE them: Radio's Carey Brothers just landed a regular gig on CBS News Saturday Morning. "On The House" home repair experts James and Morris Carey are turning into quite an industry: They've got the syndicated weekend radio show, a syndicated newspaper column, a book and now a regular spot on CBS-TV's Saturday Morning. Their radio show's handled by On The House Syndication (800-REPAIR-IT).

Now they can listen to "All Things Considered" Down Under: NPR Worldwide has just cleared ATC for airing (at 2 pm Sydney time) on the Australian Broadcasting Corporation's NewsRadio network. A couple of months ago, NPR Worldwide cleared ATC, Fresh Air and the Magliozzi Brothers' Car Talk in Italy.

It's a Wireless Flash! The venerable odd-ball news and show-prep service called "The Wireless Flash" starts doing barter and signs with Fisher Entertainment. Glenn Fisher will handle syndication for the longtime "kicker" news service and show-prep supplier, and says he just signed KFWB, Los Angeles and WNND, Chicago as new affiliates. Fisher Entertainment: (831) 420-1400.

Shadow is promoting veteran Richard Marks from Co-COO to Chief Operating Officer. Also at Shadow: Tony Burke is VP/GM at Shadow/Baltimore, with Kathleen Barba succeeding him as GSM. And in Houston, Billy Parrott becomes VP/GM with Alicia Day the new GSM.

ABC VP/Talk Programming Frank Raphael leaves to program Infinity's all-news WCBS, New York. This one's a bit of a surprise (network to local station), but Raphael has plenty of experience in news programming at the station level. He joins Steve Swenson's new team over at "Newsradio 88" WCBS.

Another personnel departure at ABC, as ABC Radio Senior VP/Programming Robert Hall steps back from day to day. Hall's been around the ABC corporate offices for many years and currently rides herd on the 24-hour formats. Hall will continue to do consulting for ABC, and we'll let you know when ABC announces a new head of the 24-hour formats.

A new face at the RAB's New York office is veteran Renee Cassis, who takes the newly-created Director of Corporate Marketing slot. She'll report to Executive VP Judy Carlough. Cassis ran her own marketing firm following a six-year stint at Westwood and Unistar.

See you in Atlanta at the RAB (February 4-7). M Street's packing our bags for another road trip, and we look forward to meeting you (if you're there) and reporting the goings-on (if you're not there). The M Street office in Nashville (615-251-1525) remains open to talk about our custom database services, mailing and telemarketing lists, and other services. See you back next week here on M Street!

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A 1,000-STATION GROUP? . . . IF Chancellor closes on Capstar, and IF Clear Channel/Jacor acquires Chancellor/Capstar -- They'd have well over 900 stations, not counting various divestitures. That's about 10% of all licensed commercial stations in the entire U.S. All the chatter about the future of Chancellor got us thinking that the U.S. really COULD have a group that's nearly 1,000 stations strong. Some further questions: Would the Department of Justice be forced to re-think its local-concentration standards, faced with extensive regional groups that own dozens and dozens of stations in just one state? How much clout would that group have with vendors, from Arbitron to consultants and researchers? And mostly -- would this be able to service the local listener and make money?

MOUSE TRACKS. . . Disney/ABC has almost certainly talked about buying Chancellor Media, and for the first time since the CapCities/ABC deal is seen as a possible acquirer in a multi-billion media deal. But the early handicapping from last week's Chancellor bombshell (it's exploring strategic alternatives, including a sale, partial sale or merger) continues to zero in on Clear Channel as the best fit. M Street hears Clear Channel's Lowry Mays may have talked with Tom Hicks as long ago as last year about acquiring Chancellor, and those talks may have continued intermittently. Here's one scenario: Clear Channel winds up with Chancellor's radio and outdoor assets, then does the necessary Department of Justice and FCC spinoffs. That would help reduce the debt load. Capstar, scheduled to merge with Chancellor later this year, may or may not actually do so. With Chancellor, Clear Channel gets important major-market radio stations and outdoor assets. And some other group takes the Chancellor TV properties (the LIN group which Chancellor also hasn't closed on). This is THE story of 1999 so far, and M Street will track it for you week by week. Lots more radio news inside this week's Journal, starting with format changes and updates --

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

		<u>formerly</u>	<u>becomes</u>
AL Andalusia (Ft. Walton)	WWSF-98.1	oldies	sports
Bridgeport	WKEA-1480	country // FM	adds JRN - CW // FM
Gadsden (Birmingham)	WQEN-103.7	CHR	adds Mark & Brian
(Mark & Brian return to their old home town through syndication; see story Page 10)			
Scottsboro	WKEA-FM-98.3	country	adds JRN - country
AZ Paradise Valley (Phx.)	KHOT-FM-105.9	urban AC	rhythmic oldies
	(Look for another change later this year as Heftel announces it will acquire KHOT-FM for \$18.3 million)		
Willcox	KWCX-98.3	JRN - AC	JRN - soft AC
AR Paris	KERX-95.3	BCN - country	WW1 Adult - rock
CA Joshua Tree	KKJT-92.1	modern AC	Radio 1 - modern rock
Twentynine Palms	KDHI-96.3	country	adds Radio 1 - country
Visalia	KVBL-1400	KFSO, oldies	sports // KCBL
	(KVBL will remain oldies in the morning)		
GA Ellijay	WLJA-FM-93.5	BCN - CW & gospel	JRN - classic CW & gosp.
Ellijay	WLJA-1560	BCN-CW/gospel //FM	JRN - cls. CW/gosp.//FM
IL La Salle	WNIW-91.3*	new	info. & classical
	(WNIW simulcasts WNIJ days and WNIU nights)		
IL Pana	WXKO-FM-100.9	BCN - country	WW1 - country
KY Franklin (Bow. Green)	WFKN-1220	BCN - country	Radio 1 - country
LA Franklinton	WFCG-1110	BCN - country //FM	Radio 1 - country // FM

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LA	Franklinton	WFCG-FM-98.9	BCN - country	Radio 1 - country
MA	Framingham (Boston)	WKOX-1200	talk & ethnic	rel. & cont. Christian
	(WKOX has Spanish		religious programming	daytime and English at night)
MI	Benton Harbor	WHFB-FM-99.9	adult contemporary	country
	(WHFB AM/FM	enters into an LMA	with talk WSBT and	AC WNSN)
	Ishpeming	WJPD-92.3	BCN - country	Radio 1 - country
		(WJPD will use Radio	1 for overnights)	
	Mount Clemens (Det.)	WWBR-102.7	soft AC	adds Delilah evenings
	Niles (Benton Harbor)	WNIL-1290	oldies	adds JRN - oldies
	St. Louis	WMLM-1520	BCN - country	ABC Real - country
	Taylor (Detroit)	WCHB-1200	# silent	black gospel & talk
	(WCHB returns with an upgraded	signal from a new transmitter site)		
MN	Atwater	KYRS-94.1	BCN - country	Radio 1 - country
MT	Billings	KBEX-105.1	# new	country // KGHL
	(KBEX is in an LMA-to-buy with	country KGHL, KIDX and CHR KRSQ;		
		KBEX and KGHL use Jones classic	country nights.	
MO	De Soto	KDJR-100.1	news	country "K-100"
NJ	Millville (Vineland)	WREY-1440	tropical	talk
NC	Belhaven (New Bern)	WANJ-101.1	oldies // WKO	standards // WANG-FM
	Edenton	WZBO-1260	talk & sports	standards // WCNC
	(WZBO/WCNC use Jones' Music of	Your Life nights)		
	Elizabeth City	WCNC-1240	# adult standards	adds JRN - standards
	Ocean Isle Beach (M.B)	WDZD-93.5	new	rock "93.5 Asylum"
OK	Ada	KTGS-89.9*	new	southern gospel
	Atoka	KHKC-103.1	BCN - country	Radio 1 - country
	Holdenville	KTLS-1370	country	reported silent
	(Look for KTLS to return in the	spring)		
	Sand Springs (Tulsa)	KTFX-102.3	# country	rock
	(KTFX is in an LMA-to-buy with	KRMG, KGTO, KJSR, KRAV and KWEN)		
	Tishomingo	KAZC-88.3*	contemp. Christian	southern gospel (Feb. 15)
	Vinita	KITO-1470	BCN - country //FM	Radio 1 - country // FM
	Vinita	KITO-FM-96.1	BCN - country	Radio 1 - country
	(KITO AM and FM will us	Radio One for overnights)		
OR	Reedsport (Coos Bay)	KLLU-1030	BCN - country	ABC Real - country
PA	Port Matilda (St. Col)	WNCL-107.9	WIKN, hot AC	oldies "Cool"
PR	Mayaguez	WRUO-88.3*	new	info. & variety // WRTU
SC	Goose Creek (Charles.)	WSSP-94.3	# adult standards	dance - CHR "The Beat"
	(WSSP is in an LMA-to-buy with	Concord Media)		
	Greenwood	WZSN-103.5	WMTY-FM, urban	WW1 - soft AC "Sunny"
TN	McKenzie	WHDM-1440	BCN - country	Reach - s. gospel
	Tazewell	WCTU-94.1	BCN - country	Radio 1 - country
TX	Comanche	KOXZ-94.3	# new	to be ABC Real - CW
	(KOXZ will come on air in	March, this corrects a previous	report)	
	Crockett	KIVY-FM-92.7	news & BCN - CW	news & Radio 1 - CW
	Eastland	KVMX-96.7	country // KSTV-FM	reported silent
	Hondo	KCWM-1460	BCN - country	Radio 1 - country
	Lampasas	KCYL-1450	BCN - CW // KACQ	Radio 1 - CW // KACQ
	Lometa	KACQ-101.9	BCN - country	Radio 1 - country
UT	Ephrian	KAGJ-89.5*	silent	alternative
	(KAGJ's license has been	reinstated by the FCC)		
	Moab	KCYN-97.1	new	country
VA	Clinchco	WDIC-1430	BCN - country	ABC Real - country
WV	Danville	WZAC-FM-92.5	BCN - country	Radio 1 - country
WI	Adams	WDKM-106.1	BCN - country	Radio 1 - country
	Milwaukee	WLUM-FM-102.1	adult alternative	rock
	(Mancow is retained for	mornings)		
WY	Newcastle	KASL-1240	BCN - country	ABC Real - country
	Wheatland	KYCN-1340	BCN - country	Radio 1 - country
BC	Whistler	CFOX-FM-1-92.3	new	rock // CFOX-FM

NEW STATIONS: APPLICATIONS

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

FL	91.1*+	Beverly Beach	1300 w (v), 187 ft	Community Public Radio
	91.1*+	Palm Coast	2100 w (v), 174 ft	Central FL Educ. Foundation
IA	88.9*	Adel	no facils given	CSN International
MI	88.5*	Elkton	15000 w, 335 ft	CSN International
	102.3+	Sault Ste. Marie	class C3	Bcstg. for the Challenged
MS	91.7*	Lake	no facils given	Greater Mississippi Bcstg.
MO	91.9*	Lake Lootawana	no facils given	Community Broadcasting, Inc.

NEW STATIONS: APPLICATIONS (cont'd)

MB 96.9	Cranberry Portage	18 w	Native Communications, Inc.
		(This station will repeat CINC-FM)	
NW 101.9*	Cambridge Bay	110 w	Canadian Broadcasting Corp.
		(This station will rebroadcast CFFB)	
101.9*	Kugluktuk	110 w	Canadian Broadcasting Corp.
		(This station will relay CFFB)	

NEW STATIONS: GRANTS

MI 88.5*	Mackinaw City	3800 w (v), 417 ft	Great Lakes Broadcast Academy
WA 1600	Blaine	50000/10000 DA-2	Birch Bay Broadcasting, Inc.

TRANSLATORS/BOOSTERS/SYNCHRONOUS XMTR: APPLICATIONS

AL new-88.9*	Madison	WAYM	WAY-FM Media Group
CA new-88.1*	El Centro	KAWZ	Calv. Chapel/Twin Falls
new-91.1*	Templeton & Atasca	KLVM	Prunedale Ed. Fund/CA
NV new-97.5	Henderson	KBJS	Kemp/Mesquite, Inc.
OR new-88.9*	Glide	KAWZ	Calv. Chapel/Twin Falls
SC new-91.7*	Lowrys	WRBK	Richburg Educ. Bcstrs.
new-88.1*	Rock Hill	WRBK	Richburg Educ. Bcstrs.
TN new-88.9*	Dyersburg	WAYM	WAY-FM Media Group
AB new-99.3	Hinton	CFMI-FM	Gary Dymond
new-94.5	Hinton	CISN-FM	Gary Dymond
MB new-102.1	Churchill	WJCG	Cyril Paul Fredlund
	(If granted, this would be the first Canadian rebroadcaster of a U.S. station that we're aware of; see story Page 7)		
SK new-95.7*	Swift Current	CBC Radio 2 Network	C.O.R.B. Swift Current

CONSTRUCTION PERMIT ACTIVITY

CA (CP)-100.5	Templeton	requests extension of time
KJUG-1270	Tulare	changes xmtr loc. to 36-10-06 119-15-12
FL WCCL(CP)-97.7	Punta Rassa	requests extension of time
GA WLBA-1130	Gainesville	requests extension of time to decrease to 2200 w days, ND-D, 700 w critical hours, change xmtr loc. to 33-51-34 84-38-08, change city of license to Powder Springs, GA
IN WOWO-1190	Fort Wayne	decreases to 9800 w nights, DA-N
IA KIIC(CP)-97.9	Lamoni	granted extension of time
MI WKQS-FM-101.9	Negaunee	increases to 12000 w, class C2
NY WMCA-570	New York	granted extension of time to increase to 50000 w days, 30000 w nights, DA-2 increase to 6 towers
ND KABU(CP)-90.7*	Fort Totten	granted 2nd extension of time
OK KTFX-102.3	Sand Springs	increases to class C2, 50000 w, 492 ft
KRQZ-FM-95.5	Wagoner	changes to 6000 w, 276 ft, changes xmtr location to 35-34-39 95-12-36, changes city of license to Warner, OK
OR KPXA(CP)-104.1	Sisters	granted replacement of expired CP
TN WENO-760	Nashville	changes xmtr loc. to 36-08-28 86-45-23
TX KQQA-1530	Creedmore	increases to 1100 w critical hours, DA-D
KAWY(CP)-97.5	Denver City	requests replacement of expired CP
KKDA-730	Grand Prairie	requests replacement of expired CP to decrease to 9 w nights, ND, change xmtr location to 32-41-45 97-14-06
KMAT(CP)-105.1	Seadrift	granted 4th extension of time
UT KXRQ-94.3	Roosevelt	license to cover for new station
VA WJYA-89.3*	Emporia	license to cover for new station
VI WVGN(CP)-107.3	Charlotte Amalie	granted extension of time
WA KULE-FM-95.9	Ephrata	moves to 92.3 C2, increases to 26000 w, 672 ft, changes xmtr location to 47-18-18 119-35-53
KGER(CP)-95.9	Quincy	dismissed 3rd extension of time
	(filed prior to CP expiration; dismissed as moot)	
WV WJLS-560	Beckley	decreases to 4500 w days, 470 w nights, DA-N, changes xmtr loc. to 37-45-32 81-11-12
AB CJCY-1390	Medicine Hat	moves to 96.1 MHz, 100000 w
NS CKEN-1490	Kentville	decreases to 750 w nights, changes to DA-D

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

FL WPHK-102.3 Blountstown one step application to move to 102.7 MHz, increase to 6000 w, 328 ft

WAFC-FM-106.3 Clewiston move to 99.5 C3, increase to 12500 w, 466 ft, add DA, change xmtr location to 26-42-35 80-54-00 [94-155]

IA KIDA-92.9 Ida Grove increase to 25000 w, 328 ft, change xmtr location to 42-29-23 95-17-40

KS KGCR-107.7 Goodland correct coordinates to 39-22-02 101-26-44

KY WKLX(CP)-100.7 Beaver Dam increase to 7000 w, 617 ft, class C3, change xmtr loc. to 37-09-17 86-19-33 [98-17]

MA WBPS-890 Dedham make changes in antenna system

NY WLIR-FM-92.7 Garden City increase to 2000 w, 525 ft
(application was refiled from 522 ft to 525 ft)

WRRV-92.7 Middletown change to 6000 w, 269 ft, change xmtr location to 41-27-25 74-26-24

PA WTIV-1230 Titusville make changes in antenna system

TX KCAS(CP)-91.5* McCook change to 2500 w, 358 ft, change xmtr location to 26-28-51 98-23-45

WI WJMC-FM-96.3 Rice Lake one step application to move to 96.1 C2, change to 38000 w (circular), 561 ft, change xmtr location to 45-37-13 91-45-03

PQ CKRN-1400 Rouyn-Noranda move to 95.7 MHz, 26100 w
(CKRN has a CP for 862 watts on 98.3 MHz)

Returned/Dismissed Applications

CO (CP)-107.3 Silverton (D) one step application to move to 107.1 C, change to 100000 w (h), increase to 1866 ft, change xmtr loc. to 37-21-49 107-47-30

FACILITIES/PARAMETERS: GRANTS

AZ KOAZ-97.5 Oro Valley build new auxiliary facility

CA KMCA-1450 Burney modify CP to decrease to 260 w days, 250 w nights, ND, change xmtr location to 40-33-44 122-27-12 days, 40-36-28 122-27-36 nights(two site operation), change city of license to Shasta, CA

FL WWJB-1450 Brooksville correct coordinates to 28-33-20 82-22-36

GA WRBN-104.1 Clayton increase to 370 w

IA KIIC(CP)-97.9 Lamoni drop DA, change xmtr loc. to 40-48-52 93-50-15

MI WMOM(CP)-103.1 Pentwater one step application to move to 102.7 MHz, increase to 6000 w, 328 ft, change xmtr location to 43-52-10 86-21-32
(as amended)

NC WHLC-104.5 Highlands increase to 460 w, 1158 ft

WEND-106.5 Salisbury increase to 84000 w

PR WSAN-98.9 Vieques move to 98.3 A, change to 760 w, 1958 ft, add DA, change xmtr loc. to 18-16-44 65-51-12 change city of license to Las Piedras, PR [91-259]

SD KGFX-1060 Pierre direct measurement of antenna power

TX KROD-600 El Paso augment nighttime antenna pattern

WA KARI-550 Blaine increase to 25000 w days

KCSH(CP)-88.9* Ellensburg change to 380 w, 548 ft, change xmtr location to 47-10-02 120-45-50

KLES-98.7 Mabton one step application to increase to class C3, 5800 w, 679 ft

WV WJLS-560 Beckley modify CP to augment nighttime pattern, correct coordinates to 37-45-32 81-11-12

ON CKTY-1110 Sarnia move to 106.3 MHz, 35000 w

CALL LETTER CHANGES (# applied for by new owners)

AL WAGG-1320 Birmingham becomes WEZN 1-15-99 "Heaven"

WEZN-610 Birmingham WAGG 1-15-99

WJCC-101.9 Montgomery # WHHY-FM 1-22-99 "Y-102"

WYOK-104.9 Moss Point # WDWG 1-11-99 "The Dawg"

AZ KANG(CP)-96.7 Lake Havasu City KBBC-FM 1-11-99 "British Bcstg. Co."

AR KSIZ-96.9* Maumelle KWLR 1-18-99 "Word 97"

KLQZ-107.1 Paragould # KDRS-FM 1-11-99

CA KQBR-104.3 Davis # KHZZ 1-22-99

KRAK-FM-93.7 Roseville KXOA 1-15-99 "Arrow"

CALL LETTER CHANGES (cont'd)

CA KOME-1470	Sacramento	KRAK	1-15-99	
KFSO-1400	Visalia	# KVBL	1-15-99	"The Ball"
CO KDDZ-1550	Arvada	# KADZ	1-19-99	"Radio Disney"
KADZ-1690	Arvada	# KDDZ	1-19-99	"Radio Disney"
FL WXOF-106.3	Beverly Hills	# WGUL-FM	1-11-99	
WGUL-FM-96.1	Dade City	# WBDN-FM	1-11-99	"Bradenton"
WSUN-620	Saint Petersburg	# WSAA	1-11-99	
WBKX-96.3	Yankeetown	# WXOF	1-11-99	"The Fox"
IL new-88.1*	Lincolnshire	WAES	1-18-99	
MI WYKL-94.9	Benton Harbor	WCNF	1-15-99	
WGMV-940	South Haven	WCSY	1-11-99	"Cosy"
MS WDWG-104.1	Atmore	# WYOK	1-11-99	"K-104"
MP KPXH(CP)-100.3	Garapan	KWAW	1-15-99	
NJ WREY-1440	Millville becomes	WMVB	1-22-99	"Millville/Vineland/Bridgeton"
NY new-95.5	Albion	WBJA	1-22-99	
WAXK(CP)-97.9	Jewett	WRIP	1-15-99	"(Land of) Rip Van Winkle"
NC WKJA-101.1	Belhaven	WANJ	1-22-99	
WCPQ-1330	Havelock	WANG	1-22-99	
WANG-105.1	Havelock	WANG-FM	1-22-99	
OH WBUB-1250	Washington Ct. House	WCHO	1-18-99	"WA Court House OH"
PA WIKN-107.9	Port Matilda	WNCL	1-15-99	"Cool 107.9"
SC WPAL-730	Charleston	# WBUB	1-18-99	
WMTY-FM-103.5	Greenwood	WZSN	1-19-99	
TX KBCM(CP)-1630	Fort Worth	KOME	1-15-99	
KHYS-98.5	Port Arthur	KTJM	1-22-99	"The Jam"
KPOZ-1310	San Antonio	KXTN	1-15-99	
KBJV(CP)-89.9*	Sanger	# KTPW	1-18-99	
KTPW-89.1*	Springtown	# KMQX	1-18-99	
UT new-102.3	Randolph	KAIO	1-22-99	
VT new-91.7*	Woodstock	WCKP	1-18-99	
WY new-101.7	Thermopolis	KBIK	1-22-99	
MB CJCY-96.1	Medicine Hat	CFMY-FM		"My 96"

PROPOSED STATION TRANSFERS

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

AL WESP-102.5	Dothan	314 from Signal Enterprises, Inc. to Gulf South Communications, Inc.
		(\$1,394,730; includes \$44,730 non compete; includes LMA)
AR KLRA-1530/ KHUG-96.5	England	314 from Pearson Broadcasting of England to Equity Broadcasting Corporation
KBII(CP)-104.1/ KBIJ-105.3	Hatfield Mena	314 from Bobby Caldwell to Quachita Broadcasting, Inc.
		(\$100,000)
CA KKAL-1280	Arroyo Grande	314 from American General Media-Texas, Inc. to F & L Broadcast Development Corporation
		(\$150,000; includes \$7500 in broker's fees to Miller and Assoc.)
KRCX-1110/ KSXX(CP)-1690	Roseville	316 from The Freedom Network, Inc. to The Freedom Network of Roseville, LLC
KGEN-1370/ KGEN-FM-94.5	Tulare/ Hanford	316 from Rolando Collantes to Azteca Broadcasting Corporation
		(see story Page 10)
FL WUNA-1480	Ocoee	316 from The Freedom Network, Inc. to The Freedom Network of Ocoee, LLC
GA WATB-1420	Decatur	316 from The Freedom Network, Inc. to The Freedom Network of Decatur, LLC
WMXY-720/ WZLG-98.1	Hogansville	314 from Radio La Grange, LLC to Citicasters Co.
WMXY-720/ WZLG-98.1	Hogansville	315 from Citicasters Co. (Shareholders/Jacor) to Citicasters Co. (Clear Channel)
WCOH-1400	Newnan	314 from City of Homes Radio, LLC to Citicasters Co.
WCOH-1400	Newnan	315 from Citicasters Co. (Jacor) to Citicasters Co. (Clear Channel)
WMKJ-96.7	Peachtree City	314 from Metro South Communications, LLC to Citicasters Co.
WMKJ-96.7	Peachtree City	315 from Citicasters Co. (Jacor) to Citicasters Co. (Clear Channel)
KS WREN-1250	Kansas City	314 from Mortenson Bcstg. Co. of Canton, LLC to ECI License Company, LP
		(\$2,750,000; includes expanded band KBJC; assumption of liabilities)

PROPOSED STATION TRANSFERS (cont'd)

NV KXEQ-1340	Reno	316 from Rolando Collantes to Azteca Broadcasting Corporation
OH WDFM-98.1	Defiance	315 from Lankenau Small Media Net. (Jacor) to Lankenau Small Media (Clear Channel)
WMPO-1390/92.1	Middleport	314 from E.T. Broadcasting, Inc. to Positive Radio Group, Inc. of Ohio
WKBN-570/98.9	Youngstown	315 from WKBN Bcstg. (Shareholders/Jacor) to WKBN Bcstg. (Clear Channel Comm., Inc.)
PA WURD-900	Philadelphia	316 from Mega Communications, Inc. to Mega Communications, LLC
TN WKBL-FM-93.5	Covington	314 from WKBL Radio to Covington Broadcasting, Inc.
TX KDFT-540	Ferris	316 from The Freedom Network, Inc. to The Freedom Network of Ferris, LLC
UT KAGJ-89.5*	Ephraim	315 from Snow College (Gary Chidester) to Snow College (Board of Trustees)
		(see story bottom of this page)
KSVN-730	Ogden	316 from Rolando Collantes to Azteca Broadcasting Corporation
WA KBFW-930	Bellingham	314 from Bellingham Broadcasting Corp. to Saga Broadcasting Corporation
MB CFQX-FM-104.1	Selkirk	from Forvest Broadcasting Corp. to Craig Broadcast Systems, Inc.

(CFQX-FM is in an LMA with Craig's CKMM-FM)

ECI License Company filed Form 316 Transfer Applications from Current Ownership to Revised Ownership for California stations KSSJ, Fair Oaks; KCTC, KDND, KSEG and KRXQ in Sacramento. In Florida, WKTK, Crystal River; WDKY-FM, Micanopy. KUDL in Kansas City. In Massachusetts WEGQ, Lawrence; WWTM and WWAF in Worcester. In Missouri, KMBZ, KCMO AM and FM, KYYS and WDAF, Kansas City. In Oregon, KKSNN, Oregon City and KBON, Portland. In Washington, KBSG, Auburn; KNRK, Camas; KRQT, Castle Rock; KEDO and KBAM, Longview; KIRO AM and FM, KNDD, KISW and KNWX, Seattle; and KMTT and KBSG-FM, Tacoma.

FM ALLOCATIONS: GRANTED AMENDMENTS

NC new	Buxton	add 101.5 A
	Buxton	add 99.9 A
OK new	Wynnewood	add 104.5 A
WV new	New Martinsville	add 92.3 A
	New Martinsville	add 99.5 A

(windows for the above allocations
will be addressed by the Commission in a subsequent order)

FM ALLOCATIONS: DISMISSED AMENDMENTS

OK new	Paul's Valley (Den)	add 104.5 A
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WASHINGTON THIS WEEK

The proposal to allow some AM operators to be granted FM translators for at least nighttime use continues to keep the folks at Kinko's busy churning out copies: Based on what M Street is seeing, filings from AM standalone operators are (predictably) running in favor of the idea. We'll track the progress of this issue for you.

They got it back: Licensee Snow College in Utah was able to get its renewal app back in the "processing line" for KAGJ, Ephraim (89.5 MHz). Back on May 12, 1998 Snow had its application dismissed and its authority to operate terminated -- but is now headed to renewal. Form 315 Transfer Applications were filed for the station this week to change the ownership from Gary Chidester to the Board of Trustees.

Please answer ALL the questions on the form: Licensee Big City Radio owes a \$5,000 Notice of Apparent Liability for failing to report discrimination complaints against its WRKL, New City, NY. The company blames it on a paperwork foulup -- Section VII of Form 396 was inadvertently omitted in a workup and the form went to the FCC showing no discrimination complaints. Actually, there were a couple. The consequence: The FCC is dishing out a \$5,000 fine for willful omission of the complaints. One complaint concerned a physical disability -- blindness -- and another was for alleged sexual discrimination. A side note: Later in the process, the physically disabled employee tried to withdraw his informal objection to renewal. The FCC found that he'd received consideration for that and denied his request to withdraw the objection. Big City is in the process of selling WRKL. (DA 99-206)

WASHINGTON THIS WEEK (cont'd)

Another case of not responding completely: KFNN, Mesa, AZ gets an \$8,000 NAL for non-disclosure on ITS Form 396. The FCC says CRC Broadcasting failed to explain why it didn't report a discrimination complaint by former employee Michelle Suarez. The company says it talked with the state Civil Rights Division, which said the case hadn't been assigned and hadn't been filed with the federal EEO, and that's why it didn't report the situation. KFNN does win license renewal -- but also that \$8,000 fine. (DA 99-205)

Over at the Commission's Office of Plans and Policy, Lisa Sockett becomes the new Deputy Chief, working with OPP Chief Roger Pepper.

And a paperwork note: A "clarification of filing of revised broadcast ownership report" from the Commission advises that all NON-exempt licensees with no changes in the identity and ownership interests of previously reported holders of attributable interests get a break: "Such 1999 filers need only submit a revised Form 323, identifying themselves, attesting that no changes have occurred, and completing Question 11 in full." All commercial licensees that are not exempted from the annual reporting program must submit the newly-revised Form 323. That new form includes information about race and ethnicity, for monitoring purposes only. Still got a question? Check counsel or look for DA 99-174 on the FCC's website at <http://www.fcc.gov>.

CANADA THIS WEEK

Consolidation continues this week in Canada. Craig Broadcast Systems, Inc. has signed a deal to acquire CFQX-FM, Selkirk, MB from Forvest Broadcasting Corp. CFQX-FM serves the Winnipeg market with a country format. It will pair with Craig's CHR formatted CKMM-FM. Both CFQX-FM and CKMM-FM are in an LMA with Rogers Broadcasting's oldies outlet CKY and rock CITI-FM. The LMA is expected to continue.

Rarely do applications for translators, or "radiocommunication distribution" undertakings as they're called in Canada, make the news, but this one is novel. Cyril Paul Fredlund has applied to rebroadcast a U.S. radio station. Fredlund wants to relay the programming of WJCG, Monee, IL into Churchill, MB. WJCG is owned by the Moody Bible Institute and carries that network's lineup. If the application is granted it would be, to our knowledge, the first time a Canadian transmitter is used to relay an American station.

ELSEWHERE

Hola, Phoenix! Heftel is entering the important Hispanic market of Phoenix, courtesy of the \$18.3 million purchase of KHOT-FM, Paradise Valley, AZ (105.9 MHz) from New Century Arizona. There's no question about a flip to Spanish, as Mac Tichenor says "Buying English-formatted stations and converting them to Spanish language formats is an essential part of our strategy." (In fact, Heftel recently did just that in San Diego.) Heftel says Phoenix is the 12th-largest U.S. Hispanic market. At the moment KHOT-FM is doing rhythmic oldies". M Street notes it's got an application at the Commission to upgrade from 8,200 watts at 571 feet to 36,000 watts at 574 feet, directional.

Up in the Florida Panhandle, Gateway Computer-connected Waitt Broadcasting adds four radio stations in a market where it's already got a TV property. The radio stations are four FMs licensed to Root Communications: country WAKT, Panama City Beach (105.1 MHz); soft AC WLHR, Panama City (107.9 MHz); hot AC WMXP, Callaway (103.5 MHz); and classic hits WRBA, Springfield (95.9 MHz). Package price is \$6,500,000, and the broker is Kalil & Company. Two notes here: WMXP currently re-broadcasts the "Mix" hot AC programming of Ft. Walton Beach-market WMXZ, licensed to De Funiak Springs, FL. Waitt is NOT buying WMXZ as part of this deal. Second note: Norm Waitt's Gold Circle Entertainment already owns WPGX-TV, Panama City. So Omaha-based Norm Waitt and his brother are funneling some of the dollars they're making from Gateway Computer into broadcasting.

Cox has just started operating in an LMA-to-buy in the Tulsa-market KTFX and taken it rock as "Real Rock." Station is the Sand Springs, OK-licensed 102.3 MHz facility that had been doing classic country. Cox owns five other outlets in Tulsa: country KWEN, adult standards KGTO, classic hits KJSR, hot AC KRAV and news/talk KRMG. Class A KTFX gets an upgrade from Class A (1700watts/436 feet) to Class C2 (50,000 watts at 492 feet).

ELSEWHERE (cont'd)

Moving over to Charleston, SC: Mark Jorgenson's Concord Media agrees to buy Charleston-market WSSP (and at the same time changes the format to dance). Regent was originally going to buy WSSP, Goose Creek, SC (94.3 MHz) and keep it, along with some other in-market stations. But WSSP was the only one it was able to close on. Jacor has been LMAing WSSP. Now Jorgenson's Concord Media steps in to buy and (as of January 15) LMA it. The station had been doing adult standards before the flip to dance CHR.

In southeastern Nebraska, Frank Copsidas' Radio 2000 buys country combo KNCY/KNCY-FM. That's south of Omaha, if you're looking at the map. The 1600 KHz AM is licensed to Nebraska City and the 105.5 MHz FM's licensed to Auburn, NE. Seller is Sunrise Broadcasting (principal Joerg Klebe). Price is \$710,000 and the broker is Michael Bergner.

There's new money for Michael O'Shea and Ivan Braiker, who attract the Marriott family as an investor in their "New Northwest Broadcasters" group. O'Shea tells M Street "we always wanted to bring them in" as a backer. Dick Marriott gave O'Shea his first GM job in 1981 at KUBE, Seattle. The Marriott family investment comes through First Media Corporation, based in Potomac, MD -- a familiar name in radio during the 1980s. Other investors in the small-market Northwest startup are Key Equity Capital and Northwest Capital Appreciation.

Don't say "Diary": One day's worth of morning show wisecracks has placed Capstar's KOSO, Modesto in sales purgatory, below the line in the Fall Arbitron. The hosts' repeated comments about Arbitron, filling out diaries, and the whole survey process sure got Arbitron's attention. KOSO earns a cover notice, notice inside the report, computer tape flag, and the more serious below-the-line listing in at least four separate books: Modesto, Stockton, Sacramento and Merced. As a guide to what's objectionable to Arbitron, here's some of what the KOSO personalities were recorded saying: "[We've had] tons of calls from people who say, 'How can we help? How can we make you guys number one?' Number one thing that everyone's saying, though, is 'I didn't get a diary. No one asked me to fill out an Arbitron.'" Another example: Caller says "Some guy called my house and had me do one of these surveys. . .and then they sent me \$10." KOSO hosts: "So it's a profit deal. . .We thank you for filling it out, and telling them that you listen." To Arbitron, that all adds up to Rating Bias.

There's money in agriculture -- ag radio, that is: The one-hour daily "AgriTalk" show has been sold to publisher Doane Agricultural Services Company. IBC (Innovative Broadcast Communications) launched AgriTalk in 1994 with a base of 70 stations. They claim they're now up to 112 stations and are selling the late-morning AgriTalk show to Doane Agricultural Services for an undisclosed sum. Doane thus adds long-form radio to its stable of four agricultural magazines (including "Agri Marketing") and two newsletters. And from the way St. Louis-based Doane is talking, sounds like it's planning more ag-radio programming.

OmniAmerica breaks ground on a new "super tower" in Tampa. The new 1,589-foot structure in Riverview Township, FL will accommodate up to 14 TV stations (HDTV and analog), 12 FM radio antennas and 75 other wireless services. OmniAmerica brags that it's the only Tampa-area tower that will meet the FCC's new FM Class C-Zero height requirements. The OmniAmerica tower group is supposed to merge shortly with American Tower.

Remember those "Dr. Laura" vignettes? American View says it's settled with current Dr. Laura Schlessinger syndicator Premiere over the rights to these early-1980s short-form pieces. AVI says Premiere signed an agreement not to challenge Norman Baer's ownership or American View's right to syndicate them. American View claims Premiere had threatened legal action to stop it, so AVI went ahead and actually filed suit in Los Angeles Superior Court. American View apparently has a clear legal course to proceed with syndication.

Russia's now threatening to jam foreign broadcasts like Voice of America if those broadcasters don't obtain a government license. The AP reports that Mikhail Seslavinsky of the Federal Television and Radio Service has told VOA, the BBC, Germany's Deutsche Welle and others that they'd better apply for licenses within the next month -- or else. The official says he's not talking about censoring outside signals; he just wants them to obtain a license, which Radio Liberty actually did last summer.

ELSEWHERE (cont'd)

Group name change: Rolando Collantes to "Azteca Broadcasting Corp." Spanish operator Collantes takes his radio, LPTV and UHF translator holdings in California, Nevada and Utah out of a sole proprietorship and into a corporation called Azteca. Radio stations are regional Mexican KGEN, Tulare, CA (1370 KHz) and Spanish "La Gordita Musical" KGEN-FM, Hanford, CA (94.5 MHz). Spanish hits KXEQ, Reno, NV (1340 KHz). And regional Mexican KSVN, Ogden, UT (730 KHz). In the Salt Lake area, Collantes (now Azteca) owns low power Channel 21 KSVN-LP, Ogden and a UHF translator licensed to Salt Lake.

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

Now that Heftel's clearing the Los Angeles-based "Renan" morning show in nine markets, Heftel's got plenty more syndication going. Heftel also just fired up two other in-house projects: #1, the late-morning "Javier y Oswaldo" talk show, based in Miami. It's already clearing on several Heftel-owned Spanish AMs. And #2, a sports show, which airs 6 to 9 pm on many of Heftel's Texas AMs, including KLAT, Houston. So far these Heftel station-generated shows are airing just inside the family, but that could change. And M Street hears there are more coming. It makes sense: spread out programming costs and create regional and national avails to sell in targeted programming. Heftel stresses to M Street that it's trying extra-hard to leave room in all the networked shows for local content. In fact, they're using the term "interlinked" instead of "network." One hard-learned lesson of Spanish radio from many past projects: the importance of localization.

An executive change at the NAB: New Senior Vice President Chris Brown joins the Washington-based association to supervise conventions and meetings. Brown replaces Haidee Calore, who left last year. Brown's background is in the convention business -- He ran the Meetings and Conventions division of the Personal Communications Industry Association. "Conventions and meetings" is important to the NAB both in terms of providing useful meetings to members and the budget: the Spring show in Las Vegas is a cash cow for the NAB.

The RAB's expecting more than 2,500 people at its annual convention in Atlanta (February 4-7) -- but Elizabeth Dole won't be one of them. Ms. Dole accepted the keynote speaking engagement while she was still head of the Red Cross. She's now resigned that post and is exploring a run for the presidency. The RAB would have liked her to keep her speaking engagement, but she's declined. Her replacement: humorist, author and stress-management specialist C.W. Metcalf, author of "Lighten Up: Survival Skills for People Under Pressure."

"WBKI" spells "Buckeye" -- Dayton-market WLSN becomes the first affiliate of Jacor's new Buckeye Country Network. The playlist is programmed for Dayton out of Jacor's WCOL-FM, Columbus, and the voice tracks are produced in Columbus exclusively for Dayton. The facility is the 106.5 MHz frequency licensed to Greenville, OH. This is the first of an expected series of Buckeye Country Network stations with programming supplied out of WCOL-FM, Columbus. (Jacor's planning a similar project for oldies stations, originating in Las Vegas.)

If you're thinking of calling your new rhythmic oldies station "Jammin' Oldies" -- check with Legal first. M Street hears that Dick Broadcasting got a letter from Chancellor Media about the use of "Jammin' Oldies" on Nashville-market WGFX. Chancellor applied for a service mark on "Jammin' Oldies" last year. M Street's GENERIC term for the evolving new format is "rhythmic oldies."

Non-commercial WNYC (820 KHz) rescues some of the adult standards programming cut loose by WQEW when it turned on Radio Disney just after Christmas: Jonathan Schwartz will do two regularly-scheduled weekend shows for WNYC [AM]: a two-hour Saturday night featuring the music of Frank Sinatra (10 pm to midnight). And an "eclectic" Sunday evening show (8 pm to midnight) with "music, cultural insight and storytelling." Schwartz will also contribute short-form cultural features to WNYC/WNYC-FM's local version of "Morning Edition." New Yorkers still don't have a full-time, full-market replacement for WQEW -- and M Street's betting they won't for quite a while.

Also at WNYC/WNYC-FM, Salomon Smith Barney Vice Chairman Eduardo Mestre takes on the challenge of being Chairman of the Board of news/talk WNYC (820 KHz) and news/classical WNYC-FM (93.9 MHz), for a two-year term. He succeeds Peter Darrow. M Street notes that Mestre's family has been involved with TV and radio in Cuba and Argentina. Laura Walker continues as President/CEO of WNYC, which is in the process of buying its two licenses from the City of New York as part of a deal forged in 1995. It just made the third of six payments which will eventually total \$20 million -- a good reason to have an experienced Wall Street hand on board.

M STREET BAZAAR (cont'd)

Sorry to note the death of longtime New York-market personality Mary Thomas, who just died at the age of 55. Thomas was associated with a number of stations from the 1970s through the 1990s, including the original disco version of WKTU, "Kiss" WRKS, urban WBLS, and then later on smooth jazz WQCD. She died of an inoperable brain tumor, according to the Bergen (NJ) Record.

Say goodbye to an inventor who was a real pioneer of broadcasting -- and a war hero, to boot. Jack DeWitt just passed away at the age of 92 after an amazing life whose accomplishments included: being the first person ever to bounce radio waves off the moon (1947). Pioneering the early use of microwaves and satellites to connect radio and TV stations. Inventing the proximity fuse for WWII howitzer shells (which earned him a Legion of Merit). Doing the first radio broadcasts ever in his hometown of Nashville (1922, from Ward-Belmont College). Helping build WSM, Nashville and later upping its power to 50,000 watts. And (from 1947-1968) serving as president of WSM and launching WSM's sister, Channel 4 (using microwave relays to get the station going years before the telephone company was able to deliver a usable TV signal from NBC).

Mark and Brian return to Birmingham, AL, 12 years after they teamed up there. Before they went on to KLOS, Los Angeles to do big-market radio and (briefly) network TV, they were first partnered at then-CHR WAPI-FM. Capstar brings their syndicated morning show back to the market on CHR WQEN, Gadsden -- newly aimed at the Birmingham market. Most Mark and Brian affils are on the West coast.

A high-level move at the network radio level: Westwood One recruits Wall Street Journal Radio Network/Dow Jones & Co. executive Peggy Belden as its new Executive VP/Sales. She's currently the Director of Broadcast Services for WSJ/Dow and has spent nearly seven years there. M Street notes that recently-named Westwood CEO Joel Hollander is working in a difficult network sales environment. Chancellor's AMFM and Premiere are putting new pressure on the traditional RADAR combatants like Westwood/CBS and ABC. And network radio hasn't enjoyed nearly the growth that individual radio stations have.

First e-mail, now e-invoices: Columbine JDS (303-237-4000) says electronic invoicing for agencies is already working at more than 20 companies. The Denver company also reveals that its "Spotdata" system is publishing an open standard that will be supported by Professional Software Systems and Marketing Resources Plus. Concept is to allow agencies, media buyers and in-house agencies to download electronic invoices from broadcasters and cable, instead of waiting for the mail or fax. Columbine JDS says it will continue to support the 15-year-old El Express, and is working on a web-based product that will be searchable by station call letters and invoice number. (Website: www.spotdata.com)

A raft of news from Catholic Radio Network, which is busy covering the pontiff's visit to St. Louis: CRN recruits former California Attorney General Dan Lungren to do a daily three-hour afternoon show. And it says once-and-future GOP presidential candidate Steve Forbes has agreed to do short-form commentaries for it. Behind the scenes, the San Diego-based Catholic Radio Network has hired Hal Brown as VP of Programming and Operations, which reunites Brown with former Noble Broadcasting boss John Lynch.

Who belongs in the Country Music Disc Jockey Hall of Fame? If you know somebody -- living or dead -- who does, the Country Radio Broadcasters wants to hear from you, and soon. The CRB took over administration of this Nashville-based Hall of Fame last year, and it's looking for nominations based on at least 25 years of service to country radio, and contributions to both country radio and country music "as an artform." Nominations are due by April 7. The CRB: (615) 327-4487. Website: www.crb.org.

Book us on the "Gone With The Wind Tour" -- If you're in Atlanta for RAB '99, look for a friendly face from M Street, because we'll be there in force. Our Nashville office (800-248-4242) will continue to be open to handle your requests for database services like custom telemarketing lists. And we'll see you back next week here on M Street!

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