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PEPSI BUYS COKE. . . Well, not quite: Westwood, which manages Shadow Broadcast Services, is acquiring Metro Networks in a stock deal worth about \$900 million. In many major markets, Metro and Shadow are fierce rivals to supply traffic, news, weather, sports and other information to radio and TV stations via barter. M Street has talked to some GMs worried about losing bargaining power, since a Metro client can no longer threaten to defect to Shadow (though Westwood swears the two will still compete). In many markets those were the only two outside choices. And some very large companies -- like Chancellor and Clear Channel -- are now trading away their inventory to an entity controlled by Mel Karmazin. Metro operates in 81 radio markets and 60 TV markets. Shadow's in 16 of the top 25 markets. Westwood tells M Street they'll continue to operate Metro and Shadow as competing and independent entities. They don't anticipate DOJ questions. M Street notes there are providers that compete with Shadow and Metro -- and many stations still produce their own traffic and other information.

BOARD GAMES. . . Billboards and radio are happy campers together at Infinity/CBS -- which just bought giant Outdoor Systems, Inc. for \$8.3 billion (May 27). But at Chancellor, they're abandoning the strategy of billboard plus radio, as Chancellor sells off its Martin and Whiteco outdoor units to Baton Rouge-based billboard specialist Lamar Advertising for \$1.6 billion (June 1). Meanwhile, over at Clear Channel, billboards and radio are just one big happy family. So what gives? It's partly management: Chancellor billboard executive Jim McLaughlin told Tom Hicks he wouldn't be sticking around. Therefore Chancellor sells to Lamar, pays down \$700 million in debt and takes a 30% stake in Lamar. So we see the formula of operating and selling radio and outdoor on one platform embraced by two operators (Infinity/CBS and Clear Channel, now the #1 and #2 billboard operators in the U.S.). And rejected by another (Chancellor). Does the selloff make Chancellor a better bet on Wall Street? And perhaps easier to sell outright? More radio news and trends in this week's M Street Journal, starting with the week's format news--

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

		<u>formerly</u>	<u>becomes</u>
AL Monroeville	WYNI-930	# silent	classic country // WYDH
	(WYNI enters an LMA-to-buy with	classic country WBCA and WYDH)	
AZ Phoenix	KTKP-1280	KHEP, rel. & talk	talk
Sedona (Flagstaff)	KQST-102.9	modern AC	CHR "Q-102.9"
CO Boulder (Denver)	KWAB-1490	# adult contemporary	talk and adult alt.
IN New Albany (Louis.)	WXLN-1570	southern gospel	adds religion (days)
IA Dubuque	WDBQ-1490	talk & sports	adds CNN Headline-news
	(WDBQ adds CNN Headline News in morning drive)		
Waukon	KNEI-1140	CW // FM and talk	adds ABC's Babe sports
KY Eminence	WXLM-105.7	# contemp. Christian	bluegrass // WKXF
Newburg (Louisville)	WNAI-680	# news & talk	WJIE, religion & talk
	(WJIE enters an LMA-to-buy with Word Bcstg which also LMA's WJIE(FM))		
Shepherdsville	WLCR-1470	# WBUL, s. gos//WXLN	EWTN - Catholic
Shepherdsville (Lou.)	WXLN-FM-105.1	c. Christ. // WXLM	contemporary Christian
LA Reserve (New Orleans)	WADU-FM-94.9	# adult standards	country // WYLA "Lake"
	(WADU-FM enters an LMA-to-buy with Styles Broadcasting, Inc.)		
ME Madison	WIGY-97.5	oldies // WABK-FM	sports // WSKW
Rumford	WLLB-790	adult standards	EWTN - Catholic
MI Bear Lake (NW Mich.)	WZTU-100.1	# silent	WSRQ, CHR "Star FM"
Beulah	WBVE-92.1	# silent	CHR // WSRQ

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FORMAT CHANGES & UPDATES (cont'd)

MI Kentwood(Grand Rapids)	WXBV-1140	talk	WKWM, WW1-rhyth. old.
MN Babbitt	KAOD-106.7	# new	modern AC // WWAX "Kiss"
Grand Marais	WXXZ-95.3	# new	modern AC // WWAX "Kiss"
MS Marks	WQMA-1520	# R&B & gos. // WOHT	CHR "Q-1520"
NE Bellevue (Omaha)	KAZP-1620	new	sports // KOIL
NY Canton (Ogdensburg)	WXQZ-101.5	# country // WNCQ-FM	WRCD, ABC-classic rock
Jewett	WRIP-97.9	new	to be soft AC (July)
NC Clinton	WCLN-1170	oldies	adds ABC - oldies
Greensboro	WCOG-1320	# WTCK, talk // WMFR	talk & CNN News // WTOB
Wilmington	(WCOG is now a combo with WTOB and new CP WWBG)		
	WDVV-89.7*	# WBID, new	to be religion in Aug.
	(WDVV becomes a combo with WMYT)		
PA Carnegie (Pittsburgh)	WZUM-1590	adult contemporary	reported silent
	(WZUM is expected to return by July with a new transmitter & format)		
SC Charleston	WGSE-730	country // WEZL	WSCM, news & talk
Charleston	WQNT-1450	talk	ESPN - sports
TX Brownsville	KQXX-1700	new	regional Mexican // KTJN
	(KQXX is the 4th part of a quad-cast that also involves KBOR & KTJX)		
Creedmore (Austin)	KQQA-1530	Spanish hits	JRN - regional Mexican
Diboll (Nacogdoches)	KSML-1260	tejano	JRN - regional Mexican
Howe	KHYI-95.3	Americana & CW	Americana/JRN-class. CW
	(This updates last week's listing)		
VT Addison	WRRO-93.7	WWFY, new	classic rock
	(WRRO has swapped stations with WGTK, now WWFY)		
Middlebury	WWFY-100.9	WGTK, classic rock	adult contemporary
	(The WGTK classic rock format moves to WRRO in a station swap)		
WV Elizabeth (Parkersbg)	WRZZ-106.1	classic hits	ABC - classic rock
	(WRZZ retains John Boy & Billy in morning drive)		
Fisher	WQWV-103.7	# silent	JRN - adult contemp.
	(WQWV picks up EMRN's morning show from WVAQ;		
	enters an LMA-to-buy with McGuire Broadcasting)		
WI Port Washington (Mil.)	WGLB-FM-100.1	classic hits	JRN - classic rock
	(WGLB-FM keeps Imus in morning drive)		

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

FL 90.5*	Cypress Quarters	no facils given	Living Proof, Inc.
GA 91.9*	Milledgeville	6000 w, 197 ft	Life Radio Ministries
MA 91.7*	Marshfield	no facils given	Best Media, Inc.
MT 90.9*	Dillion	850 w, -236 ft	Western Montana College
NJ 88.1*	Hopatcong	no facils given	Best Media, Inc.
OR 90.7*	Brookings	100 w, 1233 ft	Pacific Cascade Comm. Corp.
PR 91.7*	Quebradillas	no facils given	Hispanic Bcst. Systems, Inc.
91.1*	Rincon	no facils given	Arzuaga Radio Group
TX 88.9*	Hereford	no facils given	El Hispano, Inc
WV 99.5*	New Martinsville	6000 w, 328 ft	Nelson Hachem
92.3*	New Martinsville	1800 w, 453 ft	Seven Ranges Radio Co.

Returned/Dismissed Applications

IA 90.7*	Des Moines (R)		Community Voice Mail, Inc.
ME 88.9*	Oakland (R)		Light of Life Ministries
MI 91.3*	Bay City (R)		Great Lakes Comm. Bcstg.
		(returned 5/19/99)	
NM 88.1*	Grants (R)		The City of Albuquerque
		(returned by staff letter)	

NEW STATIONS: GRANTS

AK 88.1*	King Cove	100 w(v), -554 ft DA	City of King Cove
CA 88.5*	Bishop	900 w, 2916 ft DA	Living Proof, Inc.
MI 88.1*	Gaylord	3000 w (v), 128 ft	Gaylord Baptist Christ. School
MN 91.9*	International Falls	1500 w, 128 ft	Minnesota Christian Bcstrs.
PQ 92.5*	Havre-St-Pierre	25300 w	Canadian Broadcasting Corp.
	(This will rebroadcast CBSI-FM and replace seven AM low-power relays)		
89.9*	Ste-Anne-de-Beaupre	124 w	Canadian Broadcasting Corp.
	(This station will rebroadcast CBVX-FM)		

TRANSLATORS/BOOSTERS/SYNCHRONOUS XMTR: APPLICATIONS

AZ	new-90.1*	Black Canyon City	KAWZ	Calv. Chapel/Twin Falls
	new-90.7*	Surprise	KTLW	Living Way Ministries
CA	new-91.7*	Bishop	KCZO	Paulino Bernal Evangel.
	new-91.3*	Bishop	WJFM	Star Communications
	new-89.3*	Cowell	KCJH	Best Media, Inc.
	new-89.5*	Depala	KCJH	Best Media, Inc.
	new-88.5*	East Pasadena	KLRD	Best Media, Inc.
	new-91.1*	Fallbrook	KLRD	Best Media, Inc.
	new-89.1*	Lake Elsinore	KLRD	Best Media, Inc.
	new-89.5*	Las Gallinas	KCJH	Best Media, Inc.
	new-90.1*	S. Lake Tahoe	KKTO	CA State University
	new-90.1*	San Bruno	KCJH	Best Media, Inc.
	new-89.9*	South Laguna	KXRD	Best Media, Inc.
	new-90.9*	Truckee	KAWZ	Calv. Chapel/Twin Falls
CT	new-88.1*	Hartford	WSHU	Best Media, Inc.
	new-91.5*	Stanford	WSHU	Best Media, Inc.
FL	new-91.5*	Kissimmee	WBVM	Best Media, Inc.
	new-90.1*	Lake Buena Vista	WBVM	Best Media, Inc.
	new-89.5*	Ocoee	WBVM	Best Media, Inc.
	new-91.3*	Safety Harbor	WVIJ	Best Media, Inc.
IL	new-91.1*	Bristol	WWGN	Best Media, Inc.
	new-88.1*	Champaign	WPCS	Pensacola Christian Coll.
	new-91.3*	Hickory Point	KTLW	Living Way Ministries
	new-89.3*	Mount Prospect	WJCH	Best Media, Inc.
MA	new-88.5*	Lawrence	WMWM	Best Media, Inc.
MI	new-90.1*	Detroit	WGTE-FM	Best Media, Inc.
	new-89.1*	Hamtramck	WGTE	Best Media, Inc.
MN	new-88.1*	Chanhassen	KFAI	Best Media, Inc.
NV	new-89.1*	Gerlach	KVIP-FM	Pacific Cascade Comm.
NJ	new-88.1*	Leonardo	WSHU	Best Media, Inc.
NM	new-91.9*	Santa Fe	KCZO	Paulino Bernal Evangel.
NY	new-90.9*	East Port	WSHU	Best Media, Inc.
	new-88.1*	Hollis	WSHU	Best Media, Inc.
	new-89.5*	Massapequa	WSHU	Best Media, Inc.
	new-90.7*	Staten Island	WSHU	Best Media, Inc.
	new-88.1*	Stony Brook	WSHU	Best Media, Inc.
NC	new-88.1*	Charlotte	WLFJ	Best Media, Inc.
OH	new-89.5*	Lorain	WXML	Best Media, Inc.
OK	new-88.3*	Shattuck	KJIL	Ellis Cty. Translators
RI	new-91.5*	Newport	WBUR	Boston University
TX	new-91.3*	Barker	KAXF	Best Media, Inc.
	new-88.1*	Eagle Pass	KCZO	Paulino Bernal Evangel.
	new-88.1*	Florence Hills	KDKR	Best Media, Inc.
	new-88.1*	Grand Prairie	KJCR	Best Media, Inc.
	new-89.7*	Greenville	KEGG	KEGG Communications

(no primary station was given for this translator)

TRANSLATORS/BOOSTERS/SYNCHRONOUS XMTR: GRANTS

CO	K216EF-91.1*	Florence	14 w, KCME	Cheyenne Mtn. Pub. Bcstg.
MI	W201CF-88.1*	Baldwin	13 w, KAWZ	Calv. Chapel/Twin Falls
TX	K206CD-89.1*	Gainesville	250 w, KPFC	S. Western Diabetic Ctr.
	K220HF-91.9*	Port Lavaca	250 w, KCZO	Paulino Bernal Evangel.

(as amended)

CONSTRUCTION PERMIT ACTIVITY

AK	KWJG-91.5*	Kasilof	license to cover for new station
CA	KEZY-1190	Anaheim	increases to 20000 w days, DA-2
	KCTY-980	Salinas	increases to 10000 w days and nights, DA-2, changes xmtr location to 36-43-58 121-35-32, increases to 4 towers days and nights
	KEAR-106.9*	San Francisco	decreases to 1000 ft, changes xmtr location to 37-51-04 122-29-50
CT	WHUS-91.7*	Storrs	increases to 1028 w (h), 4400 w (v), 492 ft, add DA
FL	WFLM-104.7	White City	changes to 17500 w, 390 ft, changes xmtr location to 27-26-08 80-22-40

CONSTRUCTION PERMIT ACTIVITY (cont'd)

IA KKIA-92.9	Ida Grove	increases to 25000 w, 328 ft, changes xmtr location to 42-29-23 95-17-40
MD WMMJ-102.3	Bethesda	drops DA, changes xmtr location to 38-56-10 77-05-33
MN KBHP-101.1	Bemidji	increases to 522 ft
KKZY-95.5	Bemidji	license to cover for new station
KTCF-101.5	Crosby	corrects coordinates to 46-33-52 93-57-03
MS WKZU-102.3	Ripley	changes to 6000 w, 285 ft
MO KULH-105.9	Wheeling	license to cover for new station
MT KUHM-91.7*	Helena	license to cover for new station
NY WCBA-FM-98.7	Corning	changes to 1200 w, 722 ft, adds DA
NC WJRI-1340	Lenoir	changes xmtr loc. to 35-53-39 81-33-30
OH WRMR-850	Cleveland	increases to 50000 w days, augments nighttime standard pattern
OR KMCQ-104.5	The Dalles	corrects coordinates
PA WMGS-92.9	Wilkes-Barre	changes xmtr loc. to 41-10-56 75-52-23
TX KVIL-FM-103.7	Highland Park	increases to 1653 ft
KOKE-1600	Pflugersville	license to cover for new station
UT KUUU-92.1	Tooele	changes to 9700 w (h), 531 ft
WA KCWU-88.1*	Ellensburg	license to cover for new station

FACILITIES/PARAMETERS: APPLICATIONS

AK KUWL-103.9	College	(& reapplication) [docket number] modify CP to change xmtr location to 64-55-20 147-42-55
CA KAJZ-107.7	Merced	change to 4000 w, 407 ft
MN KTCF-101.5	Crosby	correct coordinates to 46-33-52 93-57-03
NY WXQZ-101.5	Canton	change to 5500 w, 341 ft, change xmtr location to 44-32-10 75-05-46
OH WTGR-97.5	Union City	build new auxiliary facility
PR WEUC-FM-88.9*	Ponce	build new auxiliary facility
TX KBMM(CP)-89.5*	Odessa	modify CP to increase to 3900 w
UT KNFL-104.9	Tremonton	modify CP to increase to 1203 ft
WA KMPS-FM-94.1	Seattle	increase to 67000 w, 2346 ft, change xmtr loc. to 47-30-17 121-58-04
KBKS-106.1	Tacoma	increase to 67000 w, 2346 ft, drop DA, change xmtr loc. to 47-30-17 121-58-04

Returned/Dismissed Applications

CA KYLD-94.9	San Francisco (D)	build new auxiliary facility
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FACILITIES/PARAMETERS: GRANTS

CA KVHS-90.5*	Concord	change xmtr loc. to 38-01-49 122-00-03
KABX-FM-97.5	Merced	change to 8800 w, 1161 ft, change xmtr location to 37-26-44 120-08-37
KVCA-670	Simi Valley	modify directional antenna pattern
KUNX-1590	Ventura	direct measurement of antenna power; correct coordinates to 34-14-13 119-12-02
FL WWLD-106.1	Tallahassee	change xmtr loc. to 30-23-09 84-16-34
GA WCLA-1470	Claxton	decrease to 170 w nights, ND, change xmtr loc. to 32-10-01 81-54-07
IL WFUN-FM-95.5	Bethalto	one step application to increase to class C3, 24500 w, 335 ft, change xmtr location to 38-48-38 90-17-38
WBYS-FM-107.9	Canton	increase to 25000 w, 269 ft, change xmtr loc. to 40-32-41 90-01-16
LA WWNO-89.9*	New Orleans	increase to 85000 w (v), 748 ft, add DA, change xmtr loc. to 29-55-11 90-01-29
MI WUOM-91.7*	Ann Arbor	correct coordinates to 42-24-27 83-54-50
MN KRBI-1310	St. Peter	decrease to 870 w days, 260 w nights, change xmtr loc. to 44-19-42 93-58-16
MS WQYZ-92.5	Ocean Springs	increase to 321 ft, add DA, change xmtr location to 30-27-09 88-51-21
MO KTBj-89.3*	Festus	increase to 1150 w, add DA, change xmtr location to 38-13-56 90-23-51
NY WXXE-90.5*	Fenner	modify CP to change to 49 w, 413 ft, change xmtr loc. to 42-58-12 75-47-07

FACILITIES/PARAMETERS: GRANTS (cont'd)

NY WRDS-102.1	Phoenix	increase to 266 ft, change xmtr loc. to 43-06-04 76-16-58 (as amended)
NC WQMG-FM-97.1	Greensboro	decrease to 1230 ft, correct coordinates to 35-56-42 19-51-45 (petition for reconsideration granted and application restored; CP expires 4/4/2000)
PA WKOK-1070	Sunbury	change nighttime antenna pattern, change xmtr loc. to 40-52-54 76-49-11
SC WYKZ-98.7	Beaufort	increase to 715 ft, change xmtr location to 32-19-43 80-56-17
TX KZMP-1540	Fort Worth	modify CP to decrease to 32000 w days, DA-D, change xmtr location to 32-48-45 97-00-30, change city of license to University Park, TX decrease to 2 towers days
KCTM-103.1	Rio Grande City	move to 107.5 C2, increase to 12000 w, 994 ft, add DA, change xmtr location to 26-31-01 98-39-07
KBKV(CP)-102.7	Winona	one step application to increase to class C3, 9300 w, 531 ft, change xmtr location to 32-23-09 95-06-43
UT KCPW-88.3*	Salt Lake City	increase to 2350 w, -200 ft, add DA, change xmtr loc. to 40-45-48 111-53-23
VA WJNV(CP)-99.1	Jonesville	change to 4000 w, 403 ft, change xmtr location to 36-42-05 83-10-14
WA KLSY-FM-92.5	Bellevue	build new auxiliary facility
KRWM-106.9	Bremerton	change to 49000 w, 1299 ft DA
KWJZ-98.9	Seattle	build new auxiliary facility
WI WFDL-97.7	Lomira	change to 25000 w, 328 ft, class C3, change xmtr loc. to 43-42-32 88-13-14
BC CIOC-FM-98.5	Victoria	decrease to 47000 w

CALL LETTER CHANGES (# applied for by new owners)

AZ KFDJ-1360	Glendale	becomes # KCTK (requested) "Conservative Talk"
KHEP-1280	Phoenix	KTKP 5-30-99
CO KEXX-1280	Denver	KXKL 5-28-99
FL WFLV-104.9	Havana	# WHTF 5-24-99 "Hot 104.9"
WRBQ-1380	Saint Petersburg	# WWMI 5-1-99 "Mickey"
GA new-88.9*	Macon	WBKG 5-31-99
IL WIDB-950	Chicago	# WNTD 5-14-99 "Noticias Todas El Dia"
KY WNAI-680	Newburg	# WJIE (requested)
WJIE-88.5*	Okolona	WJIE-FM (requested)
WBUL-1470	Shepherdsville	WLCR 5-24-99
MI WZTU-100.1	Bear Lake	# WSRQ (requested) "Star"
WXBV-1140	Kentwood	WKWM (requested) "Kentwood, MI"
NV KAXA(CP)-98.9	Pioche	KBZB 5-31-99
NC WTCK-1320	Greensboro	# WCOG 5-18-99
WBID(CP)-89.7*	Wilmington	WDVV 5-17-99 "The Dove"
OH WVAE-94.9	Fairfield	WMOJ 5-21-99 "Mojo 94.9"
PA WCOG-100.7*	Galeton	WCOG-FM 5-18-99
NY WXQZ-101.5	Canton (Ogdensburg)	# WRCD (requested)
SC WGSE-730	Charleston	WSCM (requested)
WBZF-100.5	Marion	# WFSF 5-24-99 "Star"
TX KIKM-101.7	Azle	# KZMP-FM 5-19-99 "Z-Spanish B'cast"
KCDQ-102.1	Monahans	KFZX 5-17-99
VT WGTK-100.9	Middlebury	# WWFY 5-21-99 "Y 100"
WA KBMU(CP)-99.3	Naches	# KREW-FM 5-31-99
KIRO-FM-100.7	Seattle	KQBZ 5-24-99 "The Buzz"
KNJY-103.9	Spokane	# KWHK 5-24-99 "The Hawk"

PROPOSED STATION TRANSFERS

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

AZ KLVA-105.5	Casa Grande	314 from Educational Media Foundation to Big City Radio-Phoenix, LLC
KLNZ-103.5	Glendale	314 from KLNZ License Company, LLC to Tichenor License Corporation
KDDJ-100.3*	Globe	314 from New Century Arizona License to Educational Media Foundation

(\$5.5 million; assumption of liabilities)

PROPOSED STATION TRANSFERS (cont'd)

CA KVPC(CP)-105.5	San Joaquin	314 from Susan Lundborg-San Joaquin Bcstg. to Mesosphere Broadcasting, LP
	(\$2,350,000; includes \$250,000 for non-compete; broker is Blackburn & Co.)	
HI KUAU-1570	Haiku	314 from Lahaina Broadcasting Co., Ltd. to First Assembly of God-Hahului, Maui
IL WEEK-FM-98.5	Eureka	314 from WEEK License, Inc. to Cromwell Group, Inc. of Illinois
IA KWMT-540/ KKEZ-94.5	Fort Dodge	316 from KWMT Radio, Inc. (John P. Jenkins) to KWMT Radio, Inc. (John & Roma Jenkins)
MN KAOD(CP)-106.7/ WXXZ(CP)-95.3	Babbitt/ Grand Marais	314 from Eclectic Enterprises, Inc. to KQDS Acquisition Corporation
KBAJ(CP)-105.5	Deer River	314 from Harbor Broadcasting, Inc. to KQDS Acquisition Corporation
MO KMRN-1360/ KNOZ-100.1	Cameron/	314 from NFO, Inc. to KAAAN, Inc.
NH WDER-1320	Derry	315 from Spacetown Comm. (Lucky Gureckis) to Spacetown Comm. (J. Gureckis/M. McCullen)
NM KCIB-1130	Milan	314 from Ship of Fools Broadcasting Corp. to Cibola Radio Company
KXTC-99.9	Thoreau	316 from KGLX-KMFQ-KFXR, LLC to KXTC, LLC
NY WFAS-1230/103.9/ WZZN-106.3	White Plains/ Mount Kisco	314 from Westchester Radio, LLC to Aurora Communications, Inc.
PA WBUS-93.7	Boalsburg	315 from Boalsburg Bcstg. (Augusto Delerme) to Boalsburg Bcstg. (A. & C. Delerme)
TX KRTX-FM-100.7	Winnie	314 from Tichenor License Corporation to KLNZ License Company, Inc.
WA KREW(CP)FM-99.3	Naches	314 from Apple Maggot Broadcasting Co. to Thomas D. Hodgins
WY KODI-1400/ KTAG-97.9	Cody	314 from Yellowstone Ventures, Inc. to Legend Communications of Wyoming, LLC

Form 316 Transfer Applications were filed for Radio One from Liggins III and Cathy Hughes to Liggins III and Cathy Hughes Trust. The stations are: WYCB, WOL and WKYS in Washington DC. WHTA, Fayetteville and WAMJ, Roswell, New Mexico. WFUN-FM in Bethalto, Illinois. WOLB, WERQ-FM and WWIN, Baltimore; WWMJ, Bethesda; and WWIN-FM, Glen Burnie in Maryland. WDTJ, Detroit; WJZZ, Kingsley, WDMK, Mount Clemens and WCHB in Taylor, Michigan. WERE and WENZ, Cleveland, Ohio. WPHI, Jenkintown, Pennsylvania. WDYL, Chester; WKJS, Crewe and WSOJ in Petersburg, Virginia.

FM ALLOCATIONS: PROPOSED AMENDMENTS

IA new	Moville	add 97.1 A, comments due July 12, replies July 27
new	Rockford	add 92.9 A, comments due July 12, replies July 27
NE new	Ravenna	add 103.1 C2, comments due July 12, replies July 27
NM new	Tularosa	add 102.7 C3, comments due July 12, replies July 27
OK new	Colony	add 105.1 A, comments due July 12, replies July 27
TN new	Bethel Springs	add 97.7 A, comments due July 12, replies July 27
WY new	Wheatland	add 106.5 C1, comments due July 12, replies July 27

FM ALLOCATIONS: DISMISSED AMENDMENTS

FL new	Cross City (D)	add 97.7 A
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WASHINGTON THIS WEEK

The FCC's proposed new Public File rules won't be the nightmare some managers had feared, thanks to some re-thinking by the FCC. For example, stations won't be required to mail their public files or political files when somebody makes a phone request. The NAB and many state broadcasters had complained last Fall that political campaigns would abuse the new Main Studio rules by calling stations every single day and asking for updates to be mailed to them, and they'd already gotten a temporary break. Licensees also get a break on the retention of e-mail comments: They must save only those pertaining to operation and programming. (FCC No. 99-118)

Some members of Congress are taking aim at those nasty "attack ads", proposing that candidates themselves would have to appear in those ads to get the Lowest Unit Rate. Both the House and Senate are hammering out a new Communications Act, and Senator Ron Wyden (D-OR) and Rep. Greg Walden (R-OR) are proposing amendments to require a candidate doing attack ads to appear in 75% of a radio or TV spot if an opponent is mentioned. As it often works now, you see the harsh attack on the opponent, with just the bare-minimum mention of who's paying for the ad.

WASHINGTON THIS WEEK (cont'd)

The FCC has a "Chief Economist", and that position is about to turn over: The Commission's new Chief Economist is Howard Shelanski, currently Senior Economist at the President's Council of Economic Advisors. Shelanski takes over from William Rogerson, who's returning to his professorship at Northwestern University.

Another new name at the Commission: Susan Fox. She's the FCC's new point person on Low Power FM, EEO, DAB and ownership. Fox is moving from the 8th floor, as Chairman Kennard's Senior Legal Advisor, to become Deputy Chief of the Mass Media Bureau -- a powerful policy position. She'll be working with Mass Media stalwart Roy Stewart. Taking Fox' place as Kennard's Senior Legal Advisor is Tom Power.

And the FCC taps the private world to hire communications attorney Frank Montero to run the Office of Communications Business Opportunities. He's been extremely active with Hispanic and Spanish language broadcasters as a partner at the DC law firm of Fisher Wayland Cooper Leader and Zaragoza. Now Chairman Kennard recruits him to promote ownership and employment opportunities.

Three powerful GOP Senators introduce a bill to cut the FCC out of most merger reviews. If either the DOJ or the FTC indicate they won't block a merger, the FCC would be powerless to hold it up or change the terms. The "Telecom Merger Review Act" has some powerful sponsors: Commerce Committee Chairman John McCain. Judiciary Committee Chairman Orrin Hatch. And Missouri Sen. John Ashcroft. The FCC would be required to transfer licenses "without further delay" if the "expert agencies" (the DOJ and FTC) okay the merger. The FCC could file comments with the DOJ or FTC, but that's it. It would only be allowed to review cases that aren't consequential enough for the "expert agencies" -- and would have just 60 days to review those. Not only that, it would have to "presume approval" without attaching further conditions.

Several senators are ridiculing FCC Chairman Bill Kennard's "public interest" standard for merger reviews. They say the FCC has tried to "boost its role" beyond the limits. And it's time to "restore integrity and professionalism to federal review of telecom industry mergers." The Senators' example wasn't in broadcasting: They claim the FCC's delay in reviewing the SBC-Ameritech merger has cost the companies \$4 billion in stock market value. But we're sure many broadcasters are in the Amen Chorus on this one.

More possible regulatory relief on the way, for small radio deals. They would get a break from a Senate bill that would raise the threshold for automatic review by the Department of Justice or the FTC from \$15 million to \$25 million or even higher. As it is now, any merger that's less than \$15 million doesn't trigger an automatic "look" under Hart-Scott-Rodino legislation. That means recent radio deals involving Cumulus, Marathon and others wouldn't have hit the DOJ or FTC.

Got a question about the September 28 auctions for frozen licenses? It's okay to ask the FCC. We've read the bidding procedures and this thing is a lot more sophisticated than a country auction. Fortunately the FCC has issued a statement that will help: potential bidders for the licenses can ask the FCC staff questions without triggering the "ex parte" rules (and filing a lot of paperwork). The September 28 auctions will be a first-time event for broadcast licenses.

ELSEWHERE

In Erie, PA, WRKT/WRTS owner Rambaldo is buying a couple of AMs. Originally, Richard Rambaldo wanted to sell rock WRKT and CHR WRTS to Jim Embrescia's Media One -- but the DOJ stymied that move. So Rambaldo is now buying two AMs for a combined \$1.7 million: Talk/sports "Flagship" WFLP, Erie (1330 KHz), from Heart Broadcasting. (It's a 5,000-watter, directional day and night.) And talk WLKK, Erie (1400 KHz) from KDC Inc. (It's got 1,000 watts day and night, non-directional.)

New Hampshire Public Radio buys its fourth FM: commercial-band WXLQ, Gorham, NH (107.1 MHz). And exec Mark Handley confirms to M Street that the station up in the White Mountains near the Maine border will flip to non-commercial operation and re-broadcast news/classical WEVO, Concord, NH (89.1 MHz). Class A WXLQ has been doing oldies for owner GEP Investments.

In San Diego, Regent sells talker KCBQ (1170 KHz) to Concord Media. Mark Jorgenson's growing group expands to southern California with the \$6 million pickup of talker KCBQ. It's Regent's only property there and this sale probably allows Terry Jacobs and Bill Stakelin to concentrate their resources elsewhere. Regent acquired KCBQ in the fall of '97 from Par Broadcasting.

ELSEWHERE (cont'd)

The greater New Orleans area gets an expanded regional country simulcast, as Styles Broadcasting buys WADU-FM from Virgie Du Triel's River Road Radio for \$1.8 million. Styles -- which already operates suburban WYLA at 94.7 MHz -- can link up with WADU-FM at first-adjacent 94.9 MHz to improve its suburban daisy-chain simulcast. WYLA is already simulcasting its "Lake" country format on WYLK, Folsom, LA -- way up at 104.7 MHz, and still further north on the map from WYLA. WADU-FM is a Class C3 directional facility licensed to Reserve, LA -- out to the west of New Orleans. "Lake" originator WYLA is a Class A licensed to La Combe, north of New Orleans. The country leader in New Orleans is Clear Channel's WNOE-FM. John Saunders brokered Styles' purchase of WADU-FM.

DAB news from Lucent: It says it's had a successful test of its In-Band On-Channel FM technology on non-com WBJB-FM, Lincroft, NJ (90.5 MHz). Lucent claims there was no degradation of the host FM analog signal during the Digital Audio Broadcasting test. Lucent Digital Radio began testing on WBJB-FM just last April. Lucent President Suren Pai calls it a "significant milestone" toward DAB. Another announcement from Lucent, this time about AM: It will test its AM Digital Audio Broadcasting system with manufacturer Nautel. The new agreement starts with lab tests, using Lucent Digital Radio's prototype waveform generator, and advances to field tests at commercial stations. Nautel builds a range of solid-state radio transmitters, antennas, radio beacons and RF amplifiers.

And from Lucent competitor USA Digital, their latest sign-up is receiver maker Kenwood. Though the major Japanese maker doesn't commit actually to BUILDING receivers yet. Kenwood is the coalition's first receiver manufacturer, and it already builds and sells DAB-capable receivers in Europe (using Eureka-147). M Street notes that it's still a long road to setting the DAB standard, then doing receiver design and implementation.

The Art Bell story is finally coming out, and it's complicated and painful. First there are two lawsuits filed by Premiere-syndicated Art Bell himself: a \$60 million slander lawsuit that alleges "cyberstalking", which alleges that two former guests have spread false rumors that he's a child molester, rapist and pornographer (among other evil things). The defendants in that suit are David Oates and Robert A.M. Stephens. Oates has his own radio show, and Bell alleges that both the show and various websites have been the vehicles of the defamation. Then there's a separate lawsuit, filed last year and just getting publicity now, against a short-wave talkshow host and his guest. This one is against ex-FBI agent Ted Gunderson, now a short-wave radio host, and his guest, David Hinkson. Gunderson and Hinkson allegedly charged that Bell had been convicted of some unspecified crime and bribed a public official to make it go away. Bell attorney Gerard Fox says he expects the Gunderson-Hinkson trial to begin later this year. Fox is also representing Art Bell in the Los Angeles court action against Oates and Stephens.

And finally confirmation about the reason behind Art Bell's mysterious disappearance from his Premiere radio show between last October 13 and October 28. One of the rumors M Street heard (and couldn't confirm and did not print) was that Bell's son had been molested by a teacher who had AIDS. That story is unfortunately true. The Las Vegas Review-Journal reports that Arthur Bell IV (Art's son) filed a federal suit last November against the Nye County School District, its superintendent and a high school principal for negligently hiring a former substitute teacher named Brian Lepley. Last May Lepley was sentenced to life in prison for engaging in a sexual act with another young man and also Art Bell IV. Bell's federal suit was filed as a John Doe, but Judge Johnnie Rawlinson said she'd dismiss it unless the plaintiffs used their real names. The lawsuit was amended (May 28) to reveal the Bell family secret.

Here's a surprise: CD Radio resumes talks with General Motors. That news comes five weeks after CD Radio announced it had broken off negotiations with GM about putting its national satellite radio service in GM vehicles. CD Radio also told the SEC that it's got talks going with "several other" automakers.

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

Free programming that could keep a struggling station on the air? That's the offer from non-commercial classical WCPE, Raleigh, NC (89.7 MHz). GM Deborah Proctor writes M Street to say she's distressed when she reads about stations

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"having trouble making ends meet" and even going silent. Her offer: Pick up WCPE's "Great Classical Music" format for free off of Galaxy 5, using just a simple home C-Band dish. Not only that, Proctor offers to "re-direct the donations which come in from that station's area toward the cost of keeping that station on the air." Interested? Contact WCPE at Box 828, Wake Forest, NC 27588. E-mail "Signal@WCPE.org" Phone (919) 556-5178.

Blind and visually-impaired people have been filling various radio jobs for years -- but here's one who is a color commentator on the regular broadcast team of a Major League Baseball team. Enrique Oliu does color for the Spanish broadcasts of the American League Tampa Bay Devil Rays. How does he do it? The St. Petersburg Times reports Oliu has an encyclopedic knowledge of baseball and the players, an amazing memory of past games and the home team's Tropicana Field, and a very descriptive play-by-play partner named Eulides Nunez. Oliu's able to pick up more than just strategy on the field: He uses clues like the sound of the bat and the way the ball sounds when it's scooped up by a shortstop. The Devil Rays' Spanish-language games air on Mega's WLCC, Brandon, FL (760 KHz).

WFIL vs. WIBG? WRBQ-FM vs. "Power Pig" WFLZ? WETA vs. WAMU? No, it's just hard to imagine two giants of public radio waging one of those epic radio wars, but the latest news out of Washington, D.C. has a bit of that flavor. News/classical WETA, Washington, D.C. (90.9 MHz) is dumping the morning drive classical music to air NPR's "Morning Edition" from 6am to 9am -- and it's a very big deal in DC and public radio circles. News-talk & bluegrass WAMU, Washington (88.5 MHz) has aired Bob Edwards in morning drive since "M.E." debuted in 1981. WETA's move means the two stations are going head-to-head with the same morning show. That has prompted headscratching and strategy meetings over at WAMU. Another Washington station is beaming -- Bonneville's commercial classical WGMS-FM (103.5 MHz). The Washington Post says it will actively solicit former WETA classical fans.

From Colorado's Radio One, there's a new syndicated 24-hour format called "Boomer Oldies" -- delivered over the Internet. Cliff Gardiner's syndication firm will also offer production services along with the 35-54-targeted "Boomer Oldies." The music is delivered over the Net via FTP and stored on hard drive. Boomer Oldies launches on July 1. Avon-CO-based syndicator Radio One: (800) 746-2141.

There's a new weekly contemporary Christian music show produced for mainstream stations from Thompson Creative, and it's got input from well-known KLTY, Dallas personality Jon Rivers. Thompson Creative offers "MusicVisions" as a three-hour show for AC, hot AC and CHR stations. Reach them at (800) RADIO-ID.

SportsFan Network hires Dallas talker Rocco Pendola and shakes up the daytime lineup. Rocco replaces "The Drive" and will handle 10 am to 2 pm live. Pendola most recently hosted noon to 3pm at "The Ticket" KTCK, Dallas. SportsFan also says it's going to repeat JT "The Brick"'s overnight show in morning drive.

The NAB has just signed a partnership with the Salvation Army, to help communities during times of disasters -- and with the recent talk about more serious weather patterns developing because of things like global warming, it's a good thing to pay attention to. The NAB has a new preparedness guide calls "Disasters don't have to be disastrous -- a step-by-step guide."

Clear Channel stations and Premiere affiliates will be transitioning over to the StarGuide satellite system, as it gradually replaces the current Sedat system used on Satcom C-5. Clear Channel's NSN unit will manage the Clear Channel and Premiere-related operations, based out of its hub in Denver. Sounds like the StarGuide system will allow for more customization and flexibility.

At ABC Broadcasting, Kerry Carr replaces Bart Catalane as CFO. She'll be scanning expense reports for both ABC Radio and TV. Carr comes across the tracks from the Disney side, where she's currently VP for corporate management. Ten-year ABC vet Catalane left last Wednesday to join "Monster.com" parent TMP Worldwide as its new CFO.

At syndicator Premiere Radio Networks, Eileen Thorgusen becomes Senior VP/Affiliate Marketing. She joined Premiere in January 1996 after ten years at Westwood One.

Pacific Research & Engineering hires high-tech veteran David Caputo as its new VP/Operations. He joins the Carlsbad, CA-based equipment manufacturer from Sync Research.

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Sorry to report the deaths of two radio pioneers this week: Frank Gunther, and Harry Jacobs. Gunther actually worked with FM pioneer Edwin Armstrong to give the first public demonstration of Frequency Modulation radio in 1935. He also did early work on short-wave and installed the first two-way radio system on an airplane in 1932, says the AP. Gunther died in Venice, Florida at age 91. Harry Jacobs did pioneering electronics work during WWII (including developing radar to thwart the Nazi buzz bombs and V-2 rockets). Then he returned to San Francisco and worked with ABC (and oversaw construction of the Sutro tower). Jacobs also worked as an engineer at KGO, among other Bay Area stations. He was 84.

Anchorage owner Gary Buell has died at age 40. He bought AC KMBQ, Wasilla, AK (99.7 MHz) in 1995 after a sales management career at CBSI and then a radio gig in Juneau, AK. KMBQ's community service during the the 1996 Big Lake fire helped make Buell the Alaska Broadcasters Association Broadcaster of the Year in 1997. The Anchorage Daily News reports he had transferred the station's license to a trust before he passed away, and there are no plans to sell the station. Cause of death was cancer (melanoma).

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EYE IN THE SKY OR PIE IN THE SKY? . . . Clear Channel makes a \$75 million investment in XM Satellite Radio to get 10 slots on XM's future 100-channel pay-radio system. While National Public Radio (and reportedly also Public Radio International) ink a content deal with rival CD Radio. What's going on? Weren't these guys supposed to be competitors? Well, yes -- But it's time to hedge your bets, expand your horizons and make sure you've got a slot in a possibly important new audio delivery stream. Clear Channel joins a growing list of other broadcasters who have forged content deals with either XM or CD Radio: Hispanic Broadcasting (the just-renamed Heftel), Salem, Radio One, Bloomberg and AsiaOne, just to name a few. While NPR aspires to expand its reach and also maintain its important relationship with member stations (it won't offer "All Things Considered" or "Morning Edition" on the satellite). Details of the deals inside this week's M Street Journal.

SINCLAIR RADIO 4 SALE. . . The Baltimore-based broadcaster announces that it's mulling options related to its radio group -- and those include spinning it off into a separate publicly-traded group, or selling the 10-market radio group outright. Sinclair wants to repair its sagging stock price (and \$2.3 billion indebtedness) and the easiest avenue may be to move its radio assets. Deja vu? If Sinclair lets the radio group go, that would almost re-create the former Keymarket radio group, before it merged with River City (and River City merged with Sinclair). Sinclair says if it took the public-offering route, it would be looking to raise \$175 million to \$200 million. The 10 Sinclair radio markets: St. Louis (Arbitron #19). Kansas City (#30). Milwaukee (#31). Norfolk (#36). New Orleans (#41). Greensboro, NC (#42). Buffalo (#43). Memphis (#46). Greenville-Spartanburg, SC (#58). And Wilkes-Barre/Scranton, PA (#64).

FORMAT CHANGES & UPDATES

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

		<u>formerly</u>	<u>becomes</u>
AK Houston (Anchorage)	KADX-94.7	new	sports // KAXX
	(Look for a new format soon for KADX)		
Kasilof	KWJG-91.5*	new	oldies & variety
Valdez	KVAK-FM-93.3	new	ABC- hot AC & cls. rck nights)
	(KVAK-FM is ABC hot AC days and ABC classic rock nights)		
Valdez	KVAK-1230	WW1 - AC	WW1 - country
CA Salinas	KCTY-980	# reg. Mex. // KZSL	JRN - Spanish hits
	(KCTY, KLXM & KRAY are now a combo with KTGE & KZSL)		
Santa Margarita(S.L.O)	KKAL-106.1	classic country	ABC Real - country
	(KKAL & KIQQ are now a combo with KWWV, KDDB, KKJG and KZOZ)		
CO Manitou Springs (C.S.)	KXRE-1490	reg. Mexican//KBNO	Unica - Sp. talk//KAVA
Pueblo	KAVA-1480	reg. Mexican//KBNO	Unica - Spanish talk
	(KAVA & KXRE end their LMA with KBNO)		
CT New Haven	WELI-960	talk	adds Rush
IN Gary	WLTH-1370	talk & variety	reported silent
	(WLTH is off the air due to disputed ownership)		
Roanoke (Ft. Wayne)	WYSR-94.1	modern AC	WW1 - rhythmic oldies
IA Belle Plaine	KZAT-FM-95.5	oldies	adds ABC - oldies nights
Fort Madison	KBKB-FM-101.7	# adult contemporary	country "The Bull"
	(KBKB AM/FM are now a combo with hot AC KGRS and AC KBUR)		
Fort Madison	KBKB-1360	# AC // FM & talk	talk & CW // FM
IA Keokuk	KRNQ-96.3	new	smooth jazz
	(KRNQ is in an LMA with KOKX AM/FM, look for a new format soon)		

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LA Lake Arthur (Lake Ch.)	KRAW-107.5	country	adds Neon Nights
MN Bemidji	KKZY-95.5	new	adult contemporary
MS Bay Springs	WIZK-1570	# silent	black gospel
Hattiesburg	WFOR-1400	# southern gospel	reported silent
	(Look for WFOR to return soon)		
Heidelberg (Laurel)	WEEZ-99.3	# southern gospel	JRN - oldies // WHER
	(WEEZ is now a combo with WHER and WFOR)		
Laurel	WQIS-890	adult standards	Reach - s. gospel
Vicksburg	WBBV-101.3	country	adds Neon Nights
MO Doniphan	KDFN-1500	s. gospel & JRN-CW	JRN - country
	(KDFN & KOEA enter into an LMA-to-buy with Eagle Bluff Enterprises)		
Wheeling	KULH-105.9	new	JRN - classic rock
MT Helena	KUHM-91.7*	new	info/variety // KUFM
NJ Bridgewater	WWTR-1170	# sports	WW1 - standards // WMTR
	(WWTR enters into an LMA-to-buy with WMTR and rock WDHA-FM)		
Egg Harbor City (A.C.)	WEMG-104.9	WRDR, silent	Spanish dance "Mega"
Newark (New York)	WNJR-1430	standards/variety	all standards "Sunny"
Woodbine	WJPH-89.9*	new	MGS - cont. Christ./rel.
NY Albany	WABY-1400	# news & stand. //FM	news & ABC - soft AC//FM
Gouverneur	WGIX-FM-95.3	oldies // WSLB	remains oldies
Ogdensburg	WSLB-1400	oldies	to be talk (July 1)
Ogdensburg	WPAC-92.7	hot AC	WW1 Adult - rock
Ravena (Albany)	WABY-FM-94.5	# adult standards	ABC - 45+ soft AC
NC Fair Bluff	WNCR-1480	# talk	black gospel
PA Cashtown	WFKJ-890*	religion	adds Oasis - gospel
Loretto (Johnstown)	WEBG-1400*	# gold based AC	Oasis - gospel & rel.
SC Parris Is. (Hilton H.)	WGZO-103.1	oldies // WGCO	CHR "Z-103.1"
TN Henry	WMUF-FM-104.7	new	JRN - country // WMUF
TX Pflugersville	KOKE-1600	new	religion & variety
WA Ellensburg	KCWU-88.1*	new	modern rock/variety

<u>NEW STATIONS: APPLICATIONS</u>		(* non-commercial station) (& reapplication)	
		(+ competes with existing application)	
FL 91.7*	Crescent City	no facils given	Community Public Radio, Inc.
88.5*	Live Oak	120 w (v), 174 ft	Melody Christian Academy
IN 89.1*	Cloverdale	22000 w (v), 298 ft	Hoosier Bcstg. Corporation
MT 88.5*	Lockwood	9000 w (v), 695 ft	CSN International
NM 89.9*	Alamogordo	no facils given	Your Christian Companion
OR 91.3*	Coquille	6000 w (v), 1401 ft	Pensacola Christian College
PA 89.7*	Williamsport	5700 w, -13 ft DA	Northeastern PA Educ. TV Assn.
TX 91.3*	Greenville	no facils given	Bill R. Wright

<u>Returned/Dismissed Applications</u>		
LA 92.1	Rayville (D)	John T. Hunt
MI 89.9*	Benton Harbor (R)	Interfaith Christian Union
		(returned by staff letter)
NY 88.1*	Chateaugay (R)	St. Lawrence University
		(returned by staff letter)

<u>NEW STATIONS: GRANTS</u>			
TX 88.5*	Plainview	3000 w, 282 ft	Paulino Bernal Evangelism

<u>TRANSLATORS/BOOSTERS/SYNCHRONOUS XMTR:</u>		<u>APPLICATIONS</u>	
NM new-89.9*	Alamogordo	KCJH	Your Christian Comp.

<u>TRANSLATORS/BOOSTERS/SYNCHRONOUS XMTR:</u>		<u>GRANTS</u>	
FL W208AR-89.5*	Lake Placid	10 w, WJIS	Radio Training Network
TX K209DB-89.7*	Edna	50 w, KCZO	Paulino Bernal Evangel.
K216EI-91.1*	Louise	50 w, KCZO	Paulino Bernal Evangel.
		(as amended; granted 6/1/99)	

<u>CONSTRUCTION PERMIT ACTIVITY</u>		
CA KHZZ-104.3	Davis	changes to 6000 w, 328 ft
KGEM-FM-94.5	Hanford	increases to 446 ft
KACE-103.9	Inglewood	increases to 4100 w
CO KYZX-104.5	Pueblo	moves to 103.9 C2, changes to 1750 w, 2158 ft, changes xmtr location to 38-44-40 104-51-41, changes city of license to Pueblo West, CO
IA KLGA-1600	Algona	decreases to 1000 w days, changes xmtr location to 43-04-05 94-18-16

CONSTRUCTION PERMIT ACTIVITY (cont'd)

MO KLOW-105.1	Caruthersville	increases to 4800 w, 328 ft
MT KQDI-1450	Great Falls	decreases to 720 w days and nights, changes xmtr loc. to 47-27-56 111-19-22
NJ WJPH-89.9*	Woodbine	license to cover for new station
NY WMNS-1360	Olean	corrects coordinates to 42-06-18 78-23-25
OH WRMR-850	Cleveland	decreases to 4700 w nights, DA-2
OK KYBE-95.9	Frederick	increases to 6000 w, 249 ft
TX KAJG-105.9	Centerville	license to cover for new station
KLUV-FM-98.7	Dallas	increases to 1663 ft

FACILITIES/PARAMETERS: APPLICATIONS

(& reapplication) [docket number]

AK KUWL-103.9	College	modify CP to change xmtr location to 64-55-20 174-42-55
AR KQEW-102.3	Fordyce	one step application to increase to class C3, 25000 w, 328 ft, add DA, change xmtr location to 33-57-49 92-29-09
CA KLIT-92.7	Avalon	modify CP to increase to 272 ft, add DA, change xmtr loc. to 33-20-20 118-19-03
KLAX-FM-97.9	East Los Angeles	build new auxiliary facility
KAJZ-107.7	Merced	change to 4000 w, 407 ft
KRUZ-103.3	Santa Barbara	decrease to 2968 ft, change xmtr loc. to 34-31-29 119-57-32
FL WMOP-900	Ocala	correct coordinates to 29-14-17 82-07-17
WFSJ-FM-97.9	Saint Augustine	drop DA
WDRR-98.5	San Carlos Park	drop DA
GA WMKJ-96.7	Peachtree City	increase to 2150 w, 551 ft, change xmtr location to 33-29-22 84-34-07
HI KSHK(CP)-103.3	Kekaha	build new auxiliary facility
KSRF(CP)-95.9	Poipu	build new auxiliary facility
IL WSOY-FM-102.9	Decatur	decrease to 443 ft, change xmtr loc. to 39-52-41 88-56-32
MI WOBE(CP)-100.7	Crystal Falls	increase to 489 ft, change xmtr loc. to 45-49-58 88-05-09
MN KTCF-101.5	Crosby	correct coordinates to 46-33-52 43-57-03
KNXR-97.5	Rochester	correct coordinates to 44-02-28 92-20-25
MS WTYJ-97.7	Fayette	modify CP to change to 2500 w, 515 ft, change xmtr loc. to 31-40-32 91-06-18
NE KRVN-FM-93.1	Lexington	increase to 813 ft
NH WNNH-99.1	Henniker	change to 2800 w, 479 ft, add DA, change xmtr loc. to 43-12-49 71-41-19
OH WLRY-88.5*	Rushville	change to 900 w (v), 299 ft
WTGR-97.5	Union City	build new auxiliary facility
OK KMMY-97.1	Muskogee	decrease to 1246 ft, correct coordinates to 35-15-35 95-25-52
OR KMCQ-104.5	The Dalles	correct coordinates to 45-42-44 121-06-50
SD KELO-FM-92.5	Sioux Falls	build new auxiliary facility
KTWB-101.9	Sioux Falls	build new auxiliary facility
KRRO-103.7	Sioux Falls	build new auxiliary facility
TX KRNB-105.7	Decatur	build new auxiliary facility
WA KMPS-FM-94.1	Seattle	increase to 67000 w, 2345 ft, drop DA, change xmtr loc. to 47-30-17 121-58-04
KBKS-106.1	Tacoma	increase to 67000 w, 2345 ft, drop DA, change xmtr loc. to 47-30-17 121-58-04

FACILITIES/PARAMETERS: GRANTS

AL WESP-102.5	Dothan	change to 16500 w, 403 ft, change xmtr location to 31-15-48 85-18-24
AK KAKZ(CP)-102.7	Juneau	increase to -417 ft, change xmtr loc. to 58-17-09 134-25-40
AZ KNAU-88.7*	Flagstaff	increase to 1447 ft, change xmtr loc. to 34-58-07 111-30-24
AR KKTZ-107.5	Mountain Home	change to 90000 w, 1017 ft, change xmtr location to 36-29-13 92-29-39
CA KAEH-100.9*	Beaumont	change to 1500 w, 478 ft, change xmtr location to 33-54-29-116-59-45
KTYM-1460	Inglewood	direct measurement of antenna power
KIXW-FM-107.3	Lenwood	change to 1000 w, 781 ft, change xmtr location to 34-58-15 117-02-22
KJSN-102.3	Modesto	decrease to 289 ft, change xmtr loc. to 37-40-50 120-55-26

(as amended)

FACILITIES/PARAMETERS: GRANTS (cont'd)

CA KBUA-94.3	San Fernando	build new auxiliary facility
CO KRSJ-100.5	Durango	one step application to increase to class C, 30000 w, 1965 ft, change xmtr location to 37-21-46 107-47-37
KNZZ-1100	Grand Junction	augment nighttime antenna pattern
FL WMFJ-1450*	Daytona Beach	direct measurement of antenna power
WWKQ(CP)-89.1*	Kissimmee	correct coordinates to 28-10-27 81-17-01
ID KBJX(CP)-107.9	Shelley	move to 106.3 C1, decrease to 636 ft, chg. xmtr loc. to 43-32-34 111-53-07 [97-194]
(as amended)		
IL WKOT-96.5	Marseilles	decrease to 2500 w, change xmtr loc. to 41-18-33 88-48-45
MA WBPS-890	Dedham	make changes in antenna system
WBPR-91.9*	Worcester	change to 870 w, 285 ft, add DA, change xmtr loc. to 42-15-15 71-57-36
MI WXDG-105.1	Detroit	change to 13500 w, 955 ft; build new auxiliary facility
MO KCRV-1370	Caruthersville	direct measurement of antenna power
KBHI(CP)-107.1	Miner	change xmtr loc. to 36-56-33 89-41-47
MT KQDI-1450	Great Falls	modify CP to decrease to 720 w days and nights, change xmtr location to 47-27-56 111-19-22
NY WMXO-101.5	Olean	correct coordinates to 42-06-18 78-23-25
WCJW-1140	Warsaw	modify CP to decrease to 2500 w, DA-D, change xmtr loc. to 42-43-35 78-06-43
NC WBXB-100.1	Edenton	increase to 492 ft, drop DA, change xmtr location to 36-18-18 76-52-56
OH WRMR-850	Cleveland	modify CP to augment nighttime antenna pattern
WTGR-97.5	Union City	build new auxiliary facility
OK KQSR-94.7	Oklahoma City	modify CP to change beam tilt
KTST-101.9	Oklahoma City	modify CP to change beam tilt
PA WZUM-1590	Carnegie	modify CP to increase to 4400 w days, add 59 w nights, DA-2
(petition for expedited action filed 4/29/99)		
TN WCQR-FM-88.3*	Kingsport	build new auxiliary facility
TX KDET-FM-102.3	Center	modify CP to move to 100.5 MHz, change to 2050 w, 567 ft, change xmtr loc. to 31-43-34 94-15-27 [98-57]
KLVW-99.1*	Odessa	correct coordinates to 31-50-53 107-27-04
WI WKTI-94.5	Milwaukee	decrease to 754 ft; build new auxiliary facility
WY KIGN-97.9	Cheyenne	increase to 810 ft, change xmtr loc. to 40-53-42 105-11-38

(transmitter is located in Colorado; amended 4-14-99)

CALL LETTER CHANGES (# applied for by new owners)

NJ WNJR-1430 Newark becomes WNSW (requested) "Sunny"

PROPOSED STATION TRANSFERS

(\$1,100,000; includes \$55,000 brokerage fees to Martin Radio Co.)		
CA KSCA-101.9	Glendale	314 from Golden West Broadcasters to HBC License Corporation
KCTY-980/	Salinas	316 from Radio Suprema (TSG Assoc. II/Bustos)
KRAY-103.5/KLXM-97.9		to Radio Suprema (TSG Assoc. III/Bustos)
KCBQ-1170	San Diego	314 from Regent Licensee of San Diego, Inc. to Concord Media Group of California, Inc.
KIQS-1560	Willows	315 from KIQS, Inc. (A. & M. Rusnak) to KIQS, Inc. (Thomas Huth)
FL WLUS-980	Gainesville	314 from Pinnacle AM Bcstg., Inc. to Prime Time Radio, Inc.
(\$1,100,000; includes \$55,000 brokerage fees to Martin Radio Co.)		
WHGN-104.3*	Inglis	315 from Seven Rivers Ministry (Old Board) to Seven Rivers Ministry (New Board)
WLMS-88.3*/	Lecanto/	316 from Bishop of the Diocese
WBVM-90.5*	Tampa	to Bishop of the Diocese of St. Petersburg
WDJY-101.7	Trenton	314 from Pinnacle FM Broadcasting, Inc. to Prime Time Radio, Inc.
(\$1.4 million; includes \$70,000 brokerage fees to Martin Radio Co.)		
GA WBHF-1450	Cartersville	314 from Frier Broadcasting Co. to Prestige Cable TV of GA, Inc.

PROPOSED STATION TRANSFERS (cont'd)

GA WMVG-1450/	Milledgeville	315	from WMVG, Inc. (Dale Van Cantfort)
WKZR-102.3			to WMVG, Inc. (W. R. Beasley)
WIMO-1300	Winder	314	from Cooper Broadcasting Network
IL WSEY(CP)-95.7	Mount Morris	316	to Walden Nelms Broadcasting
KS KQNK-1530/106.7	Norton	314	from Farm Belt Radio, Inc.
			to Goetz Broadcasting Corporation
ME WJJB-900/	Brunswick/	314	from Pioneer Country Broadcasting, Inc.
WJAE-1440	Westbrook		to Dierking Communications, Inc.
WRED-95.9	Saco		(\$165,000)
MD WSER-1550	Elkton	314	from Fuller-Jeffrey Radio
MI WBUM-104.3*	Baraga	314	to Atlantic Coast Radio, LLC
MS WJKX-102.5	Ellisville	314	from Vacationland Bcstg. Services, Inc.
			to Atlantic Coast Radio, LLC
		314	from First Philadelphia Properties, Inc.
			to World Revivals, Inc.
		315	from Keweenaw Bay Bcstg. (Stockholders)
			to Keweenaw Bay Bcstg. (VCY/America)
		314	from JLW Broadcasting, Inc.
			to Cumulus Licensing Corporation
			(\$1,940,000; includes \$50,000 for non-compete; broker is Media Services Group)
WQIS-890/	Laurel	314	from Design Media, Inc.
WNSL-100.3			to Cumulus Licensing Corporation
			(\$3.1 million; includes \$50,000 non-compete)
ND KPFX-107.9	Fargo	316	from Radio Ingstad of Iowa, Inc.
			to Ingstad Broadcasting Corporation
OR KKGTT-1150	Portland	316	from Western Bcstg. (F. & M. Eisenzimmer)
			to Western Bcstg. (W. & C. Sizemore)
PA WISP-1570	Doylestown	315	from Holy Spirit Radio (Old Board)
			to Holy Spirit Radio (New Board)
WXTA-97.9/	Edinboro/	314	from Media One Group-Erie, Ltd.
WRIE-1260/WXKC-99.9	Erie		to Regent Licensee of Erie, Inc.
WFLP-1330	Erie	314	from Heart Broadcasting
			to Rambaldo AM Communications, Inc.
WLKK-1400	Erie	314	from KDC, Inc.
			to Rambaldo AM Communications, Inc.
TX KHLT-1520/	Hallettsville/	315	from Hill Country (Geoffrey Dunbar, et al)
KTXM-99.9/			to Hill Country Radio (Academy Partners)
KGUL-96.1/	Edna/		
KYKM-92.5	Yoakum		
KGFJ-92.5	Markham	314	from KGFJ, Inc.
			to LBR Enterprises, Inc.
			(\$250,000; no assumption of liabilities)
KTCY-104.9	Pilot Point	315	from New World (Antonio Rodriguez)
			to New World (Marcos A. Rodriguez)
KRMN-92.7	Shamrock	316	from Turbo Radio, LP (James Tuevaville)
			to Turbo Radio, LP (Shamrock Bcstg. of TX)

Fuller-Jeffrey Radio filed Form 315 Transfer Applications from R. Fuller to Citadel Broadcasting for the following stations: In Maine, WCYY, Biddeford; WCLZ-FM, Brunswick; WXBB, Kittery; WCYI, Lewiston; and WBLM and WJBQ, Portland. In New Hampshire, WPKQ, Berlin; WOKQ, Dover; WXBP, Hampton; and WHOM, Mt. Washington. The sale price is \$65,500,000 and is being brokered by Kalil & Co. See more on this in Washington This Week.

FM ALLOCATIONS: PROPOSED AMENDMENTS

AZ new	Flagstaff	add 103.7 C2, comments due July 26, replies Aug. 10
new	Mountaineire	add 106.5 A, comments due July 26, replies Aug. 10
new	Winona	add 96.3 C3, comments due July 26, replies Aug. 10
CA new	Carmel Valley	add 105.9 A., comments due July 12, replies July 27
new	Cloverdale	add 102.7 A, comments due July 12, replies July 27
new	Easton	add 107.9 A, comments due July 12, replies July 27
new	Hamilton City	add 101.7 A, comments due July 12, replies July 27
new	Herlong	add 104.1 C2, comments due July 12, replies July 27
new	Lost Hills	add 105.7 A, comments due July 12, replies July 27
new	Maricopa	add 94.9 A, comments due July 12, replies July 27
new	Mettler	add 98.9 A, comments due July 12, replies July 27
new	Summit City	add 92.1 A, comments due July 12, replies July 27
CO new	Dove Creek	add 102.5 C3, comments due July 26, replies Aug. 10
HI new	Hanamaulu	add 101.1 C1, comments due July 12, replies July 27
new	Hanapepe	add 94.3 C1, comments due July 12, replies July 27
new	Holualoa	add 92.1 C2, comments due July 12, replies July 27
new	Honokaa	add 102.9 C2, comments due July 12, replies July 27

FM ALLOCATIONS: PROPOSED AMENDMENTS (cont'd)

HI new	Kihei	add 107.5 C2, comments due July 12, replies July 27
new	Kurtistown	add 102.1 A, comments due July 12, replies July 27
new	Nanakuli	add 106.9 A., comments due July 12, replies July 27
new	Wahiawa	add 103.7 A., comments due July 12, replies July 27
ID new	Bruneau	add 102.5 C1, comments due July 12, replies July 27
new	Grand View	add 93.5 A, comments due July 26, replies Aug. 10
new	Hazelton	add 94.3 C3, comments due July 26, replies Aug. 10
new	Kimberly	add 106.1 C3, comments due July 26, replies Aug. 10
new	Koontenai	add 106.7 A, comments due July 26, replies Aug. 10
new	Kuna	add 97.3 C, comments due July 26, replies Aug. 10
new	Melba	add 99.9 C2, comments due July 26, replies Aug. 10
LA new	Amelia	add 97.7 C3, comments due July 26, replies Aug. 10
new	Buras	add 103.7 C2, comments due July 26, replies Aug. 10
new	Golden Meadow	add 105.7 C2, comments due July 12, replies July 27
TX KAYG(CP)	Camp Wood	to 98.1 C3 from 99.1 A, comments due July 26, replies August 10, 1999

FM ALLOCATIONS: GRANTED AMENDMENTS

LA KJAE	Leesville	to 93.5 C3 from 92.7 A
MT KQRV	Deer Lodge	to 96.9 C1 from 96.5 C2
KBMG	Hamilton	to 96.3 C from 95.9 C3
KZIN-FM	Shelby	to 96.7 C1 from 96.3 C1

WASHINGTON THIS WEEK

"Re-authorize" may become Bill Kennard's least-favorite word this year: Senator John McCain, Chairman of the Commerce Committee, is determined to leave his mark on the FCC, and it could get ugly. Every time we talk with the Commerce office, they're using that "re-authorize" word, and it sounds like they mean clipping the wings of the FCC. They want it to administer the law -- period. The Commission hasn't been re-authorized since 1992, and though there's no legal requirement to do so, Congress can use the process to make big changes (or none). Separately, McCain's Commerce Committee has just postponed a scheduled June 17 hearing on mergers and consolidation in the communications industry, but we're assured it will be re-scheduled and there should be plenty of griping about the FCC. One Capitol Hill source tells M Street "Since this is a John McCain hearing, there will be some bashing of the Telecom act." And on yet another front, McCain and two other Senators are pushing a bill to neuter the FCC when it comes to performing merger reviews (see our story in last week's Journal).

More merger holdups? The FCC has just red-flagged Citadel's purchase of the 10-station Fuller-Jeffrey group. That's all the licenses in the Portland, ME and Portsmouth-Dover, NH markets that Doc Fuller and J.J. Jeffrey are selling to Citadel. The now-familiar FCC red-flag notices that solicit extra public comment about concentration and diversity may not stop the deal or even slow it down -- but they'll certainly require more paperwork. Stations flagged for special treatment in the June 4 FCC applications include heritage rocker WBLM, Portland (102.9 MHz).

And no sooner does Cumulus Media file to buy three more stations in the Laurel-Hattiesburg, MS market than the FCC slap red flags on those deals. Cumulus filed to acquire Laurel, MS-licensed WQIS and WNSL from Design Media, and WJKX, Ellisville, MS from JLW Broadcasting (details on the actual deal coming up later in this week's Journal).

Slow down, you move too fast: An NAB industry Task Force is asking the FCC to delay Low Power FM, at least until DAB proponents have turned in their test results. That would be December 15. The Task Force just met in Washington and also urged the FCC to move forward ASAP on its proposed rulemaking on Digital Audio Broadcasting. So it wants a go-slow approach on LPFM -- fearing interference with the transition to DAB -- and a speed-up on a Rulemaking on DAB. Chair of the NAB's DAB Task Force is longtime DAB activist Randy Odeneal, of Sconnix.

CANADA THIS WEEK

The new month brings more consolidation in the Canadian radio industry. Telemedia Communications has agreed to purchase all of the stations owned by Radio One. The purchase includes five stations and four relay transmitters in New Brunswick and two stations in Nova Scotia. In a related deal, Telemedia acquires CIBX-FM in Fredericton, NB. CIBX-FM is in an LMA with Radio One's CIHI and CKHJ-FM. The newly-acquired stations are Telemedia's first in the maritime provinces and take the firm farther afield from its longtime concentration in Ontario and Quebec.

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The announced deal comes on the heels of Telemedia's acquisition of the Okanagan Skeena Group, which brought Telemedia west of the Canadian Rockies for the first time. With the stations in this week's deal and the Okanagan Skeena acquisitions, Telemedia's radio holdings increase to 69 stations and 23 relay transmitters. Both the Okanagan Skeena purchase and this week's deals are subject to regulatory approval. For the record, Canada's Radio One has no relation to the U.S. based Radio One.

ELSEWHERE

Dough for philanthropy: Domino's Pizza made Tom Monaghan a billionaire and now that he's sold his interest to Bain Capital, he's increasing his philanthropic work -- particularly as a Catholic layman. Monaghan's Ave Maria Foundation is upgrading its Detroit presence by purchasing WWCM (990 KHz). Ave Maria has been LMAing WDEO, Ann Arbor, MI (1290 KHz) from Cumulus. But WDEO is a directional 500-watt daytimer, and that leaves most of Detroit uncovered, even during the day. Monaghan's solution: buy WWCM, Ypsilanti, (990 KHz) for \$2.5 million. WWCM possesses a much healthier daytime signal of 9200 watts and at least some kind of night signal (250 watts). WWCM is directional both day and night, but it's sure an improvement over WDEO. Seller is Word Broadcasters, now programming contemporary Christian and religion. M Street's able to confirm that Ave Maria will shift its Catholic programming from WDEO to WWCM. Programming control of WWCM will revert to Cumulus when Ave Maria's LMA ends September 9. Broker on the sale of WWCM: Mike Bergner.

Up in Thomas Jefferson country, Clear Channel buys into the Charlottesville, VA market (Arbitron #222). It's paying Michael Douglass-run Clark Broadcasting \$6,350,000 for three of its stations: Country WCYK-FM, Staunton (99.7/Class B). Oldies WVAO-FM, Crozet (102.3/Class A). And Rhythmic Oldies WWSY, Ruckersville (101.9/Class A). WCYK-FM was the top station 12+ in the Fall '98 Arbitron. Jim Duncan's American Radio says WCYK-FM was also the market's top biller in 1998 at \$1.3 million. Duncan figures the three Clark FMs together were the #2 billing entity, behind Charlottesville Broadcasting, owner of talker WINA. Broker in Clear Channel's purchase of the Clark FMs: George Reed of Media Services Group.

In Iowa, northwest of Des Moines, Clear Channel says howdy to Ft. Dodge, IA (for \$7.5 million). Clear Channel just happens to own Des Moines-market monster WHO (news-talk and trucking at 1040 KHz). Not to mention Des Moines-market hot AC KMXD and soft AC "Sunny" KYSY. So even though Ft. Dodge isn't a rated Arbitron market, Clear Channel likes the acquisition from a regional operating standpoint (a la the old Jacor hub-and-spoke strategy). Here's what Clear Channel is buying: Country KWMT, Ft. Dodge, (540 KHz), with 5,000 watts day and 172 night, both directional. And CHR-rock "Z94" KKEZ, Ft. Dodge, a Class C1 facility at 94.5 MHz. Seller is local owner KWMT, Inc. Analyst and radio historian Thom Moon of Duncan's American Radio notes this deal re-unites two former sister stations that got separated long ago: KWMT, Ft. Dodge was started in the mid-1950s by American Broadcasting Stations, which then owned WMT, Cedar Rapids, IA (600 KHz). And WMT is now owned by, you guessed it, Clear Channel.

Stations in Columbus, OH, Wheeling and Steubenville are suddenly getting attention, now that the parent of the Associated group has been sold to Liberty. That's "Liberty" as in Liberty Media Group, led by billionaire cable magnate John Malone. He's paying \$2.8 billion -- yes, billion -- for Associated. Malone craves the Pittsburgh-based Associated Group because it's the largest single investor in Teligent -- a key player in the fixed-wireless market. John Malone's never shown much interest in radio, so that's why there's immediate speculation about the radio group's future. Let's check the M Street Database to identify Associated's radio portfolio: It's five stations in three markets. In Columbus, OH there's classic hits WXST (107.9 MHz). In Wheeling, WV, talk WOMP (1290 KHz) and hot AC WOMP-FM. And in Steubenville-Weirton, OH, there's news-talk WSTV (1340 KHz) and country WRKY (103.5 MHz).

In Richmond, the 4M group is picking up WLEE -- currently LMA'd by Capstar -- for its third AM in Richmond. The Richmond-based company led by Chuck Milkis and Mike Mazursky currently owns all-news WVNZ, Richmond (990 KHz) and WHAP, Hopewell, VA (1340 KHz). Now they put WLEE, with its legendary Richmond call letters, into the mix. WLEE's currently owned by automobile super-dealer Max Pearson and is LMA'd out to Capstar, which has it doing oldies. The facility is a 1320 KHz daytimer with a 5,000-watt directional signal.

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Just north of Sacramento, in the central California market of Yuba City-Marysville, Tom Huth exercises his option to buy KMYC, Marysville from EXCL. Seller EXCL retains its other properties in the Yuba City/Marysville market, like regional Mexican KRCX-FM. Huth had an LMA with purchase option on KMYC, Marysville (1410 KHz), now doing talk, and he's filed to buy it for \$425,000. The facility has 5,000 watts day, 1,000 watts night, directional both day and night.

Press Communications says goodbye to television ownership -- with the stunning \$191,500,000 sale of WKCF-TV, Orlando to Emmis -- and hello to more radio. Bob McAllan decides to quit fighting the big guys in TV and concentrate on building his radio group. Channel 18 has been the WB Network's #1 or #2 affiliate in recent seasons and also owns the rights to the NBA Orlando Magic's away games. It used to have a sister radio station: FM talker WTKS, (104.1 MHz), now in the Clear Channel column. New Jersey-based Press Communications, the successor company to Press Broadcasting, owns talker "New Jersey 101.5" WKXW, Trenton, and mostly-simulcast WBSS-FM, Millville, NJ (97.3 MHz), plus "Great Gold" WBUD, Trenton (1260 KHz). Orlando (TV market #22) becomes the largest TV market of Emmis' now seven-station group.

We told you earlier that the FCC wasted no time in red-flagging Cumulus Media's latest three purchases in Laurel-Hattiesburg,, and here's more about the deal itself: From JLW Broadcasting, Cumulus buys urban AC WJKX, Ellisville, MS (102.5 MHz/Class C2). And from Design Media, they'll snag CHR WNSL, Laurel, MS (100.3 MHz/Class C) and Reach southern gospel WQIS, Laurel (890 KHz/10,000-watt daytimer). That makes six for Cumulus in the southern Mississippi market (Arbitron #209). It's already got "Eagle" oldiesWHER, simulcast WEEZ and temporarily silent WFOR. (M Street loves the "For Her" phrase spelled out by the two of the stations, previously owned by Gulf Central.)

More on this week's national satellite radio story: Clear Channel is getting 10 national satellite channels from its new \$75 million investment in XM Satellite Radio. (It's actually buying \$75 million in convertible debt.) Credit Suisse First Boston analyst Harry deMott observes that Clear Channel won't be limited to doing just music or talk -- it could also broadcast high speed data, stock quotes, even do some Internet-related distribution. For a relatively modest \$75 million investment Lowry Mays guarantees himself access to one of the two licensed national satellite services. He also builds in the possibility of promotional partnerships with Clear Channel radio stations, Premiere Radio Networks and its personalities. Clear Channel's \$75 million investment in XM is just part of a new \$250 million package. Other new investors are General Motors and DirecTV, the TV service owned by GM subsidiary Hughes Electronics. GM and DirecTV each commit \$50 million. A group of private investors that includes Columbia Capital, Telcom Ventures and Madison Dearborn Partners is committing \$75 million, the same as Clear Channel. DirecTV also gets channel capacity, and will supply subscription-management expertise in the areas of customer service, billing and "conditional access capabilities."

More news from the sky: It's now for sure that General Motors will factory-install XM radios in its cars. The OEM market is crucial and now we've got an exclusive deal between General Motors and XM Satellite Radio. It's not a surprise given the previous relationship between GM-owned Hughes and XM. David Margolese of competitor CD Radio tells a press conference monitored by M Street that he's continuing to meet with Ford and other automakers.

And over at XM competitor CD Radio, they line up an important content deal with National Public Radio (and also Public Radio International). The PRI pact isn't supposed to be public yet, but we know it thanks to an alert press-conference question from Current magazine, which covers public radio. But the spotlight was definitely on Washington, DC-based NPR. It gets two channels on the national satellite service now, and a possible two more down the road. The NPR channels will definitely be non-commercial, by the way. NPR President Kevin Klose says one channel will be "news, talk and information" -- but won't offer NPR's bread-and-butter "Morning Edition" and "All Things Considered." Klose doesn't want the CD Radio agreement to interfere with current arrangements with NPR affiliates. Programming on the second channel will be "more eclectic" than #1 and maybe more entertainment-based. NPR also had conversations with XM, but went with CD Radio.

Goodbye to the "SW Networks" name, at last: New owner Launch Media is retiring the "SW Networks" name, but not the show-prep and content service itself. Launch acquired the service from Sony in April. "SW" originally stood for parents "Sony Warner." Then it was "Sony Worldwide" after TimeWarner bailed out. Now the name has been shelved by Santa Monica-based Launch Media, a website specializing in new

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music. One familiar name HAS remained at the operation: radio veteran Ron Rivlin. With the name change, he gets a promotion to VP of Affiliate Marketing.

"Tradeout" used to mean a new station van and maybe the GM's latest suit. Now station airtime is being used for much bigger and more permanent gains -- equity positions in new media companies. Clear Channel is bartering its way into a new partnership with Everything4Less and Buyitnow. It earns a 4.7% stake in the new online retailer "Buyitnow.com LLC" in return for \$12.5 million in media (presumably outdoor and broadcast). Everything4Less is the former National Media infomercial house now run by longtime Premiere head Steve Lehman. It has a 51.5% stake in the new company.

Tradeout is also how CBS is adding Switchboard.com to its Internet holdings. Mel Karmazin gains a 35% stake in return for \$135 million worth of ad time and space across CBS and Infinity. This is one of the older web-based utilities for looking up phone numbers and creating maps (we've used it for years). The Banyan Systems-owned service gets re-badged as "CBS Switchboard."

Next radio company in the IPO pipeline is religious and conservative talk specialist Salem Communications, which has altered its plans from the original April 20 SEC filing. It now aspires to go public on Nasdaq (not the New York Stock Exchange), and will likely use the symbol "SALM" (instead of the previously-announced "SLC"). Salem itself will offer 6 million shares. Principals Ed Atsinger and Stu Epperson are each selling another 750,000 shares from their own holdings. And if there's enough demand from the Street, the underwriters can buy an additional 1,125,000 shares from Atsinger and Epperson. That could run the Initial Public Offering up to a total of 8,625,000 shares. The underwriters are BT Alex. Brown, ING Baring Furman Selz, and Salomon Smith Barney. They're predicting a pricing of between \$19 and \$21 per share -- but as always, M Street reminds you that's subject to the latest market conditions. Assuming 7.5 million shares at the mid-range \$20 price, this IPO would gross \$150 million.

In a move downplayed by the NAB, Rupert Murdoch's Fox television has pulled its 22 owned-and-operated TV stations out of the association. It blames the NAB TV Board's failure to support more deregulation of TV ownership. The NAB says it's "disappointed" but says the Fox pullout was "not unexpected." The NAB also says the financial impact will be "minimal." According to the NAB, even if all four TV networks left the NAB, that would be less than 4% of the NAB's annual budget. Background: The NAB TV Board has squabbled about whether to support raising the national TV cap above the current 35% level, and that's what finally pushed Fox out the door. NBC has made similar noises. In the early 1990s, ABC bailed out of the NAB for about 18 months, then re-joined the fold.

It's no longer "Heftel" -- The company name is now officially the "Hispanic Broadcasting Corporation." The name change approved by shareholders June 3 took effect this week. Heftel retains its stock symbol: "HBCCA."

Clear Channel, concert promoter? It may be bidding for concert promoter Universal Concerts, being sold off by Seagram. New York Daily News business columnist Phyllis Furman reports the story and says the bidding for Universal could stretch up to \$175 million. Of course Bob Sillerman-run SFX has been vacuuming up most of the concert promoters recently, but SFX might be sidelined on this one because of the DOJ. Clear Channel would be just one of several suitors (including Anspach and the Pritzker family-controlled SMG Facilities) rumored among the bidders.

Lucent Digital Radio signs a tech deal with equipment manufacturer ERI. They'll jointly work on a "combiner" -- a gizmo that literally adds together two radio signals during the transmission process. It will combine the good-old analog FM signal with the new Digital Audio Broadcasting signal so they can be fed in one stream into the same antenna. For Lucent Digital, it's another piece of the puzzle to solve -- and President Suren Pai acknowledges that it's a "very difficult problem" requiring art as well as science.

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

Now that Westwood is buying Metro Networks for \$900 million in stock (see the lead story of last week's M Street Journal), how does the traffic and information business change? Specifically, what will Clear Channel do with its "AirWatch" traffic service, which suddenly becomes #2? Jacor bought the San Diego-based service in 1997 and now operates it in 12 markets and claims nearly 200 affiliates. AirWatch President Earle Curtice says his expansion plans "have been propelled forward by joining Clear Channel." We'll see how much Clear Channel is

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willing to invest in AirWatch to spread its geographical reach. Mel Karmazin got Shadow up to 16 markets before deciding to buy rival Metro Networks.

After 35 years on the air at KFDI, Wichita, Great Empire co-owner Mike Oatman has hung up his headphones. Buck Owens, Charlie Daniels and Little Jimmie Dickens were among the country stars who called "Ol' Mike" during his last shift (June 4). And they literally cut the microphone cord after his show and presented him with a plaque containing the microphone he's been using on country KFDI (1070 KHz). Oatman remains as GM. And M Street notes that it's now been a full 12 months since Journal Broadcast Group filed to purchase the Great Empire group from Oatman and Mike Lynch, and the FCC still hasn't okayed the deal. Of the \$95.9 million purchase price, the AP notes Great Empire's 320 employees will split about \$33 million -- a nice reward for loyalty.

Need some advice? How about a nightly advice show? Jones has picked up the "Rhona At Night" program and is pitching the therapist's show to young talk stations. Canadian Rhona Raskin has been offered in the U.S. for a while now, working from a beachhead at "Buzz" KIRO-FM, Seattle (just re-named KQBZ.) Now Jones/MediaAmerica adds her to its stable of talkshow hosts. The syndicator makes a point of Rhona's credentials: she's a registered clinical counselor and family therapist. The show airs live from 11pm to 2 am Eastern, Sunday through Thursday. It's produced in Vancouver, BC by Rogers Broadcasting.

Westwood One launches a new two-hour weekly sports show called "Players Inc. Radio", hosted by NFL veteran Matt Millen and Fox TV sports anchor Dan Miller. The football-focused show runs for 21 weeks starting Friday, September 10.

ABC names its new black gospel format "Rejoice." M Street told you nearly two months ago that a black gospel format was one of the new 24-hour formats out of ABC's Dallas shop. Now it's got a name: "Rejoice." How much room has Sheridan's syndicated "Light" format left for ABC?

Weatheradio's Tom Churchill says his system made "EAS and broadcast history", with the first "automated, concatenated, bilingual EAS weather bulletin" aired on KANS, Emporia, KS (92.9 MHz) on Sunday, June 6. The KANS "Digital Weatherman" system got the EAS text bulletin from the National Weather Service at about 9:23am, then converted it into three separate audio cuts: the first was the EAS preamble presenting the bulletin info in "WRSAME" format. Then a spoken, English-language recreation of the bulletin text. And a spoken Spanish-language version of the bulletin text. Churchill says both the English (in male voice) and Spanish (female voice) announcements were "real human speech, virtually indistinguishable from a live announcer." There's been lots of grumbling about the automated synthetic speech announcement used by the NWS. Details from Churchill at (800) 728-4647, extension 182. Or write him at Weatheradio, Inc. P.O. Box 1400, Dubuque, IA 52004-1400. (We now return you to your regularly-scheduled M Street Journal...)

Change at the top of The Grand Ole Opry, where Gaylord has just hired Pete Fisher as its new GM. We're encouraged that Gaylord is talking about Fisher's "vision" -- because we think the Opry needs to evolve and grow, and sooner rather than later. Fisher's just 36, but he's already done artist management (Paul Brandt and Carolyn Arends) and song publishing. The "world's longest-running live radio broadcast" celebrates its 75th anniversary next year on Gaylord-owned WSM, Nashville (650 KHz).

Down in Dallas, ABC Radio Networks has just hired Phil Hall as VP/Programming -- which means Lyn Andrews replaces one "Hall" -- Robert -- with another one -- Phil. We told you a couple of months ago that Robert Hall was winding down his involvement with ABC, and now ABC Radio Networks President Andrews hires his replacement. Phil Hall is the former PD at KHJ and KPTH, Los Angeles and currently consults OnRadio.

That's it for the radio news, the FCC filings and the format changes this week. M Street also publishes the authoritative M Street Directory of U.S. and Canadian radio stations and the M Street Daily fax newsletter. Just give us a buzz at (615) 251-1525 if you'd like to see a sample of the M Street Daily. As always, if you have radio news, comments or suggestions, please contact us. See you back here next week on M Street!

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ROLL OF THE DICE. . . If your station's licensed to a state that has legalized casino gambling, Lady Luck just smiled on you: You can take advantage of the Supreme Court's June 14 decision in the Greater New Orleans Broadcasters case and accept gaming ads from casinos. But if you're not in one of those states you just rolled snake-eyes. Greater New Orleans Broadcasters attorney Ashton Hardy says "It's exactly what we asked for." But Barry Umansky (former NAB attorney and now a Washington partner of Vorys, Sater, Seymour & Pease) says "it's not a complete victory." Looks like the Court tried to balance federal interests with the rights of the states to regulate. Some legal experts read it differently and say the decision can be widened to all states. So June 14, Flag Day, was a pretty good day for the First Amendment. And the long-anticipated High Court ruling does mean more money -- for stations, if not for gamblers.

UNANIMOUS BUT SLOW. . . One year after it announced the deal, Journal Broadcast Group finally wins unanimous (5-0) Commission approval for its \$100 million acquisition of the 13-station Great Empire group. The approval was slow as molasses despite that fact that the Department of Justice didn't object and the FCC itself never red-flagged the applications. Broker Mike Bergner handled the transaction, and he asks "Why was the FCC even voting on this deal at all?" He says the FCC should have cleared it at the staff level and been done with it. But a lot of folks think the word came down from the 8th Floor not to process it. The problem for the FCC was Omaha, where Journal owns six stations and Great Empire two. Using the FCC's current definition of a market, Journal could own all eight. But Commissioners Gloria Tristani and Susan Ness think the definition is too broad. More of the week's radio news inside this week's M Street Journal.

FORMAT CHANGES & UPDATES

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

		formerly	becomes
AL Fairhope (Mobile)	WABF-1220	# standards and jazz	WW1 - adult standards
Robertsdale	WXWY-1000	# southern gospel	JRN - adult standards
	(WABF and WXWY become a combo)	with adult contemporary	WCSN)
AR Glenwood	KWXE-104.5	JRN - classic CW	JRN - soft AC
Glenwood	KWXI-670	JRN-class.CW//KWXE	JRN - classic country
CA Ontario (Riverside)	KMSL-1510	# sports	KIKA, country (July)
Pt. Reyes Stn. (S.F.)	KWMR-90.5*	new	variety "Watershed"
CO Englewood (Denver)	KCUV-1150	# regional Mexican	Unica - Spanish talk
	(KCUV enters an LMA-to-buy with Radio Unica)		
FL Marco Island(Ft.Myers)	WMIB-1660	# new	ABC - standards //WODX
GA North Augusta	WGUS-1380	cls. hits//WEKL	CNN Headline News
IL Bethalto (St. Louis)	WFUN-FM-95.5	# children's	reported silent
	(WFUN-FM is expected to return with an urban format in late August)		
Colchester	WMQZ-104.1	new	soft AC "Mix"
Lincoln	WLLM-1370	WVAX, talk // WTAX	WW1 - standards (July)
Morton (Peoria)	WTAZ-102.3	news and talk	WFXF, classic rock
	(WFXF adds Howard Stern; the news-talk format and calls move to 1350 AM)		
Peoria	WOAM-1350	sports	WTAZ, news-talk-sports
Peoria	WWCT-105.7	rock	drops Howard Stern
	(WWCT has ended it's LMA with WTAZ, WFXF, WOAM and WXCL; Stern moves to 94.3 MHz)		
IA Carroll	KCIM-1380	country	soft AC
KS Kansas City	WREN-1250	# black gospel	to be sports (July)
	(WREN joins KCMO, KCMO-FM, KMBZ, KUDL, KYYS and WDAF in a combo; expect new call letters soon)		

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MN Atwater	KKLN-94.1	KYRS, country	classic rock
NV Reno	KRNV-FM-101.7	news and talk	adds JRN - smooth jazz
	(KRNV-FM programs smooth jazz at night)		
NY Hornell	WLEA-1480	oldies and talk	soft AC and talk
Massena (Ogdensburg)	WMSA-1340	adult contemporary	WW1 - adult standards
	(WMSA enters into an LMA-to-buy with country WNCQ-FM,		
	adult contemporary WYSX & classic rock WRCD)		
New York	WNEW-102.7	rock	adds LoveLine
	(WNEW airs LoveLine for 4 hours using the live show & a repeat)		
OH Bryan	WBNO-FM-100.9	JRN - soft AC	JRN - classic rock
Wilmington	WKFI-1090	JRN - classic CW	JRN - oldies
	(WKFI also expands its sports talk to fill afternoon drive)		
OK Guthrie (OK City)	KOKC-1490	# silent	talk // KNOR
	(KOKC enters an LMA-to-buy with KNOR)		
Holdenville	KTLS-1370	silent	ABC - oldies // FM
PA Philadelphia	WURD-900	Spanish CHR	WEMG, Spanish CHR // FM
Williamsport	WLYC-1050	# classic country	talk
TX Lamesa (Odessa)	KTXC-104.7	KAXT, soft AC	country
	(KTXC also adds Jones' Nashville Nights)		
Tulia	KTUE-1260	# country // KJMX	ABC Real - CW // KLGD
Tulia	KLGD-104.9	# KJMX, country	ABC Real - country
Winters (Abilene)	KATX-96.1	# KLGd, new	to be ABC Real-CW(Aug)
UT Roy (Salt Lake City)	KSNU-107.9	soft AC// KOSY	modern rock
	(Trumper Communications dissolves its LMA with KSNU; expect new call letters soon)		
VA Leesburg	WAGE-1200	country and talk	talk
Wise	WISE-FM-90.5*	WVCV-FM, new	info. and classical/variety
WA Wenatchee	KRRV-104.9	country	adds Nashville Nights
ON Sarnia (Port Huron)	CHKS-FM-106.3	CKTY, country	modern AC "K-106.3"
MX Tijuana (San Diego)	XHCR-99.3	XHKY, regional Mex.	JRN CD - country

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

IL 90.3*	Gridley	5500 w, 328 ft DA	American Family Association
IN 90.5*	Greencastle	20000w(v), 171 ft DA	Hoosier Bcstg., Inc.
MI 91.3*	Charlevoix	550 w (v), 177 ft	Great Lakes Comm. Bcstg.
90.7*	Mount Pleasant	1500 w, 190 ft	Great Lakes Comm. Bcstg.
MN 88.3*	Brainerd	5000 w, 669 ft	Rochester Comm. Radio, Inc.
MT 88.1*	Billings	no facils given	Bcstg. for the Challenged
NM 89.7*	Farmington	2500 w (v), 384 ft	Bcstg. for the Challenged
ND 88.3*	Bismarck	100000 w (v), 482 ft	Bcstg. for the Challenged
NE 89.1*	Lincoln	100000 w, 551 ft	Redwood Valley Bcstg, Inc.
OR 91.3*	Coos Bay	2200 w, 512 ft	Sacramento Brain Trust, Inc.
SC 89.3*	Chesterfield	800 w, 269 ft	North Carolina Public Bcstg.
TX 89.7*	Camp Wood	no facils given	Christian Educ. Assn.
90.3*	Smiley	41000 w, 98 ft	Hispanio Christian Comm.
WY 89.3**	Laramie	no facils given	Bcstg. for the Challenged
89.3**	Laramie	30000 w, -118 ft	Laramie Union Bcstg., Inc.
ON 100.7	Michipicoten	5 w	North Superior Broadcasting

(This station would rebroadcast CJWA-FM)

Returned/Dismissed Applications

NJ 91.7*	Hanover (R)	Best Media, Inc.
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NEW STATIONS: GRANTS

NM 89.7*	Las Cruces	500 w, 171 ft	Moody Bible Institute/Chicago
NC 91.7*	Ahoskie	45000 w, 443 ft	American Family Association

TRANSLATORS/BOOSTERS/SYNCHRONOUS XMTR: APPLICATIONS

AK new-88.3*	Unalaska	WJCG	Alaska Village Missions
AZ new-88.7*	Laveen	KEAR	Family Stations, Inc.
new-90.5*	Winslow	KCZO	Paulino Bernal Evangel.
CA new-89.3*	Bolinas	KWMR(CP)	West Marin Comm. Radio
CO new-88.1*	Lincoln Park	KEFX	Calv. Chapel/Twin Falls
FL new-91.9*	Tallahassee	WJIS	Radio Training Network
GA new-91.5*	Stockade	WNEE(CP)	Community Public Radio
IL new-89.9*	Freeport	WNEE(CP)	Community Public Radio
NC new-88.3*	Aberdeen	WCPE	Educ. Information Corp.
new-88.9*	Foxfire	WCPE	Educ. Information Corp.
TX new-88.3*	Kilgore	KCZO	Paulino Bernal Evangel.
new-88.1*	Longview	KCZO	Paulino Bernal Evangel.
WA new-88.7*	Chinook	KPLU	Pacific Lutheran Univ.
new-89.3*	Enumclaw	KACS	Chehalis Valley Educ.

TRANSLATORS/BOOSTERS/SYNCHRONOUS XMR: GRANTS

NY W213BC-90.5*	Olean	10 w, WCID	Family Life Ministries
WA K201EZ-88.1*	Port Angeles	19 w DA, KAWZ	Calv. Chapel/Twin Falls
		(as amended)	
K218CX-91.5*	Yakima	4 w, KAWZ	Calv. Chapel/Twin Falls
		(as amended)	

CONSTRUCTION PERMIT ACTIVITY

AL WYAM-890	Hartselle	increases to 2500 w days, ND
AZ KLVA-105.5*	Casa Grande	changes xmr loc. to 33-08-14 111-58-53
AR KBTA-FM-99.5	Batesville	license to cover for new station
CA KLVY-91.1*	Fairmead	increases to 9100 w, 1148 ft, adds DA
KSCA-101.9	Glendale	changes to 1750 w, 3090 ft, class B,
		changes xmr loc. to 34-13-36 118-03-56
KRUZ-103.3	Santa Barbara	decreases to 2969 ft, changes xmr loc.
		to 34-31-29 119-57-32
FL WMIB-1660	Marco Island	license to cover for new station
GU KGUM-FM-105.1	Dededo	license to cover for new station
IL WSOY-FM-102.9	Decatur	decreases to 443 ft, changes xmr loc.
		to 39-52-41 88-56-32
WNIE-89.1*	Freeport	license to cover for new station
KS KSSA-105.9	Ingalls	license to cover for new station
MA WFHN-107.1	Fairhaven	changes to 6000 w, 325 ft, adds DA,
		changes xmr loc. to 41-37-43 71-00-24
MS WDSK-1410	Cleveland	changes xmr loc. to 33-45-56 90-42-41
NJ WNJC-1360	Vineland	increases to 5000 w days, decreases to 800 w
		nights, DA-2, changes xmr loc. to 39-47-23
		75-06-11, changes city of license to
		Washington Township, NJ
NY WZNE-94.1	Brighton	changes to 2500 w, 328 ft
NC WAAE-91.9*	New Bern	increases to 1350 w
ND KXMR-710	Bismarck	license to cover for new station
OK KTMC-FM-105.1	McAlester	increases to 1600 w, 505 ft, changes
		xmr location to 34-59-13 95-42-10
OR KFLY-101.5	Corvallis	changes to 74000 w, 1099 ft, class C1,
		changes xmr loc. to 44-38-24 123-16-25
TX KAIQ-95.5	Littlefield	license to cover for new station
KMOO-FM-96.7	Mineola	moves to 99.9 MHz, changes to 6000 w,
		295 ft
KMAT-105.1	Seadrift	license to cover for new station
KTBK-1700	Sherman	increases to 1000 w nights
UT KNFL-104.9	Tremonton	increases to 100000 w, 1060 ft, changes
		xmr location to 41-44-54 112-13-37
VA WSVY-FM-107.7	Windsor	changes to 1700 w, 620 ft, drop DA
WA KHHK-99.7	Yakima	changes to 4100 w, 804 ft, changes xmr
		location to 46-31-20 120-20-08
WV WAJR-FM-103.3	Salem	license to cover for new station
ON CJSS-1220	Cornwall	moves to 101.9 MHz, 3000 w
CFLG-FM-104.5	Cornwall	increases to 30000 w
CKTY-1110	Sarnia	moves to 106.3 MHz, 35000 w

FACILITIES/PARAMETERS: APPLICATIONS

AK KVAK-1230	Valdez	(& reapplication) [docket number]
AR KCCB-1260	Corning	direct measurement of antenna power
CA KWXY-1340	Cathedral City	direct measurement of antenna power
KGAM-1450	Palm Springs	direct measurement of antenna power
FL WODX-1480	Marco Island	direct measurement of antenna power
WAJL-1190	Pine Castle	direct measurement of antenna power
WQBN-1300	Temple Terrace	modify CP to correct coordinates to
		27-56-51 82-23-50
IN WRAY-1250	Princeton	direct measurement of antenna power
ME WIDE-1400	Biddeford	direct measurement of antenna power
OH WERE-1300	Cleveland	direct measurement of antenna power
WEDO-810	McKeesport	direct measurement of antenna power
PQ CKLD-FM-105.5	Thetford Mines	increase to 6000 w

FACILITIES/PARAMETERS: GRANTS

AK KAMT(CP)-100.7	Juneau	increase to -417 ft, change xmr loc.
		to 58-17-09 134-25-40
AK KGTW-106.7	Ketchikan	one step application to increase to
		class C3, 440 w, 2185 ft, change xmr
		location to 55-21-39 131-47-43

FACILITIES/PARAMETERS: GRANTS (cont'd)

CA KRSH-98.7	Middleton	change to 165 w, 1876 ft, change xmtr location to 38-47-16 122-44-50
GA WXAG-1470	Athens	change xmtr loc. to 33-59-14 83-20-17
KY WKWC-90.3*	Owensboro	increase to 82 ft, change xmtr loc. to 37-44-32 87-07-27
MS WVYE(CP)-100.5	Port Gibson	one step application to increase to class C3, 25000 w, 256 ft, change xmtr location to 32-08-13 90-55-12 (as amended)
MO KSYN-92.5	Joplin	decrease to 407 ft
NH WNTK-FM-99.7	New London	change to 760 w, 676 ft (as amended)
NY WHLD-1270	Niagara Falls	decrease to 143 w nights, DA-1, change xmtr loc. to 42-44-41 78-53-13
OK KXXY-FM-96.1	Oklahoma City	modify CP to change beam tilt
TN WDNX-89.1*	Olive Hill	change to circular polarization
WZPC-102.9	Shelbyville	modify CP to decrease to 955 ft
TX KAZF(CP)-91.9*	Hebbronville	increase to 295 ft, change xmtr loc. to 27-19-00 98-40-07
KLJT-102.3	Jacksonville	modify CP to increase to 50000 w, 492 ft, class C2, change xmtr location to 31-52-18 95-10-00 [97-57]
UT KNFL-104.9	Tremonton	increase to 100000 w, 1060 ft, change xmtr location to 41-44-54 112-13-37
WI WBDK-96.7	Algoma	change to 8000 w, 538 ft, change xmtr location to 44-42-26 87-24-26
WXEC(CP)-93.9	Nekoosa	decrease to 66 ft, change xmtr loc. to 44-13-19 89-51-13

CALL LETTER CHANGES (# applied for by new owners)

AZ new-89.1*	Fountain Hills	becomes KBIE	6-11-99	
CA new-90.9*	June Lake	KIHS	6-11-99	
KMSL-1510	Ontario	# KIKA	(requested)	
new-89.9*	Soledad	KFRS	6-1-99	
FL new-95.9	Sebastian	WBKM	6-11-99	
IL WFXF-94.3	Chillicothe	WKSO	(requested)	"Kiss"
WVAX-1370	Lincoln	WLLM	6-11-99	"Lincoln Land Memories"
WTAZ-102.3	Morton	WFXF	(requested)	"The Fox"
WOAM-1350	Peoria	WTAZ	(requested)	
KY WGSE-730	Charleston	# WSCC	6-1-99	
MI WZTU-100.1	Bear Lake	# WSRQ	6-11-99	
MN KYRS-94.1	Atwater	KKLN	6-11-99	
MS WHER-103.7	Hattiesburg	# WUSW	6-11-99	
WEEZ-99.3	Heidelberg	# WHER	6-11-99	
NE new-88.1*	Ralston	KMLV	6-7-99	
NJ WNJR-1430	Newark	WNSW	6-11-99	"Sunny"
NY WASB-FM-105.5	Brockport	WRPO	6-1-99	
WXOZ-101.5	Canton	# WRCD	6-1-99	"Rock 101.5"
PA WURD-900	Philadelphia	WEMG	(requested)	"Mega"
SC WHSC-FM-98.5	Hartsville	WBZF	6-1-99	
TX KAXT-104.7	Lamesa	# KTXC	6-4-99	"K * TX"
KJMX-104.9	Tulia	# KLGD	6-3-99	"Country Legends"
KLGD(CP)-96.1	Winters	KATX	6-3-99	
VA new-102.1	Virginia Beach	WANN	6-11-99	
WCVC(CP)-FM-90.	Wise	WISE-FM	6-11-99	"Wise Radio"
WI WMJO-106.9	Brookfield	WJMR	6-1-99	"Jammin'"
ON CKTY-106.3	Sarnia	CHKS-FM		"K-106.3"
MX XHKY-99.3	Tijuana (San Diego)	XHCR		"Hot Country 99.3 FM"

PROPOSED STATION TRANSFERS

(314 asset sale, 315 transfer of control, 316 reorganization)		
CA KMYC-1410	Marysville	314 from EMI Sacramento Radio, Inc. to Thomas Huth
GA WNGC-95.5	Athens	314 from Clarke Broadcasting Corporation to CXR Holdings, Inc. (\$77,500,000; assumption of liabilities)
WWWN-1550	Vienna	314 from Dooly-Crisp Communications Corp. to Sundance Communications, Inc. (\$125,000; assumption of liabilities)
IL WYPA-820	Chicago	314 from Chicago WYPA License Co., LLC to CRN of Chicago, Inc. (\$10.5 million; broker is Media Services Group)

PROPOSED STATION TRANSFERS (cont'd)

KS KBMP(CP)-90.5*	Enterprise	314 from Solid Rock Broadcasting, Inc. to American Family Association
ME WHQO-107.9	Skowhegan	314 from Mountain Wireless, Inc. to Maine Public Broadcasting Corporation
OK KRSC-FM-91.3*	Claremore	316 from Board of Regents of Rogers Univ. to Board of Regents of Oklahoma Colleges
PA WYCY-105.3	Hawley	314 from Banner Broadcasting Corporation to De Wit Broadcasting Corporation ((\$257,675; cash at close)
PR WDOY-96.5/ WMEG-106.9/ WEGM-92.1	Fajardo/ Guayama/ Hormigueros	316 from Spanish Bcstg. of Delaware to Spanish Bcstg. of Puerto Rico, Inc.
SC WTUA-106.1	St. Stephen	314 from George Wells to Jeremiah Ravenell ((\$275,000; includes \$225,000 in promissory note)
UT KSNU-107.9	Roy	314 from Sundance Broadcasting, LLC to Deer Valley Broadcasting, LLC ((\$3.25 million; liabilities to be paid by seller)
VT WRRO(CP)-93.7	Addison	314 from Bulmer Communications of Vermont to Dynamite Radio, Inc.
WWFY-100.9	Middlebury	314 from Dynamite Radio, Inc. to Bulmer Communications of Vermont, Inc.
WA KVLRL-106.3	Twisp	314 from Methow Radio to Valley Air, LLC
WI WSGC-FM-101.9	Ringgold	316 from Lyle Roberts Evans to Fox Cities License Corporation

WASHINGTON THIS WEEK

Licenses of AM directional operations are getting a break from the FCC. And they could use one -- keeping some AM directional arrays in tolerance is like playing a video game blindfolded. The FCC proposed new regs that would substantially relax the testing and verification procedures. The bad news is that some AM directional operations have been out of spec for years, and possibly causing interference to other stations, and this latest FCC proposal won't help matters any. Highlights of the Notice of Proposed Rule Making are contained in Report No. MM-99-6

I know a market when I see one: Watch the FCC as it continues to wrestle with the problem of defining a "market" for the purpose of mergers. Now both Gloria Tristani and Susan Ness have expressed public doubts about the liberal definition that uses signal overlaps (which is what troubled them about the Journal Broadcast Group-Great Empire deal). If Chairman Kennard were to join them to create a majority, the Commission could indeed re-visit its yardstick of a "market." Their problem is potential challenges from licensees who have already configured deals under the existing standard. And Commissioner Harold Furchtgott-Roth is on the other side, commenting in the Journal-Great Empire decision that the FCC shouldn't be "screening" merger deals by applying a standard that hasn't been tested and open for public comment. Bottom line: Many people at the FCC would like to toughen up the "market" standard or stop deals they find objectionable. But they can't find the legal grounding to do so. That's likely what produced the lengthy delay in Journal-Great Empire.

Here's something stations must have in the Public File: a publication called "The Public and Broadcasting", and it's intended for readership by people inspecting the public files. The FCC released the revised version, and that's the one that licensees must keep in the Public File "at all times." The good news is -- you can download it directly from the FCC's website: <http://www.fcc.gov>.

CANADA THIS WEEK

The outdoor-radio synergy appears to work in French Canada as well. Astral Communications, whose interests include billboards in Quebec as well as a minority stake in radio group owner Radiomutuel, Inc., has tendered an offer for the rest of the company. Astral will pay C\$224-million for the 75.6 percent of Radiomutuel it doesn't control. The bid of C\$24 per share is slightly above the price at which Radiomutuel now trades on the Montreal stock exchange. Radiomutuel owns 11 radio stations, two rebroadcasting transmitters, a network that delivers French language CHR programming and the Francophone cable TV service Canal Z. Radiomutuel is also a 50% partner with Telemedia in CKAC, Montreal and CHRC, Quebec City as well as the Radiomedia radio network that distributes news, talk shows and other programming. The deal is subject to CRTC approval.

And the familiar "Shaw" name is about to be replaced -- on its broadcast properties -- by the new corporate-sounding moniker of "Corus." That's possibly

CANADA THIS WEEK (cont'd)

because it wants to avoid regulatory problems by putting too many assets under the "Shaw" banner, Canada's Shaw conglomerate is spinning off its radio and TV assets under the "Corus" name. Terry Strain will run the radio division of Corus, which will include the current Shaw stations plus the three Ontario stations it's buying from Blackburn radio. Corus Entertainment will be the umbrella for radio, television, the DMX music service, an advertising/marketing group, and cable (including the Canadian "CMT" Country Music Television). The spinoff to current Shaw shareholders will probably occur on September 1.

ELSEWHERE

Capstar -- actually the Capstar TRUST -- solves a problem just ahead of the expected July 13 merger with Chancellor. Up north of New York City, the trust agrees to sell four stations (including heritage rocker I-95) to Aurora Communications for \$11,250,000. The principals of Aurora are Frank Osborn and Frank Washington, who have already done some business with Capstar. Stations involved in this latest sale: Danbury-market rock station WRKI, Brookfield, CT (95.1 MHz/Class B). "Wine country" simulcast WINE, Brookfield, CT (940 KHz, with 680 watts daytime, non-directional) and WPUT, Brewster, NY (1510 KHz, with 1,000 daytime, directional). And oldies "B105", WAXB, Patterson, NY (105.5 MHz/Class A).

Hola, Denver! Looks like Radio Unica is buying itself a Denver O&O: KCUV. And it struck an immediate LMA to put Radio Unica's Spanish-language talk, news and sports network programming on KCUV. Denver is a booming Hispanic market (#16 in the US, says KCUV's Manuel Fernandez). So Joaquin Blaya was probably eager to lock it up for Radio Unica. KCUV, Englewood, CO (1150 KHz) had been doing regional Mexican music programming as "Que Suave!" ("How smooth!"). The facility is 5,000 watts day, 1,000 watts nighttime, directional both day and night. Cuban exiles and husband-and-wife team Manuel and Magaly Fernandez previously sold their local concert venue to Bill Graham Presents -- now owned by SFX -- but retain their "Latino USA" concert booking business.

Way up in Fairbanks, Alaska, New Northwest has built an instant cluster (using two stations Ackerley hasn't closed on). Ackerley's been unable to close on oldies KCBF and classic rock KXLR, so they were still available for Michael O'Shea and Ivan Braiker to buy. New Northwest enters Fairbanks with a five-station cluster, assembled from two sellers for a total of \$3,550,000. Here's the shape of the cluster: From Borealis Broadcasting -- New Northwest buys news-talk KFAR (660 KHz/10,000 watts non-directional). Hot AC KWLF (98.1 MHz/C2, with CP for C1). And modern AC KUWL (103.9 MHz/Class A, CP for C3). New Northwest gets these three from Frank DeLong-run Borealis for a total of \$2,800,000. And from Northern Radio & Television, New Northwest gets oldies KCBF (820 KHz/10,000 watts ND). And Classic rock KXLR (95.9 MHz/Class C3). New Northwest pays \$750,000 for this pair. But what happened to Ackerley? Last August 10, Ackerley announced it was buying KXLR and KCBF along with co-owned NBC affiliate KTVF. That radio-TV package deal was worth \$8 million, but never closed. That's because there was a Petition to Deny which has kept the deal bottled up at the FCC for 10 months.

Up where Texas meets Arkansas (and not far from Louisiana), there's a sale in the Texarkana market: Duane Miller's Dominion Media is paying \$1 million cash for an FM (southern gospel KPYN), a now-silent AM (KALT) and a CP for KALT's expanded-band twin at 1610 KHz. Seller is Ark-La-Tex Broadcasting, whose president is David Wommack. More about the stations: KPYN is a class C2 facility at 100.1 MHz. KALT, the silent AM, is licensed for 1,000 days, non-directional. KALT's expanded-band allocation is for 1610 KHz. All the stations are licensed to Atlanta, TX. M Street notes that KPYN's southern gospel format pulled a 4.3 share 12+ in the Fall Texarkana Arbitron. Broker on the sale: Bill Whitley of Media Services Group.

Hispanic Broadcasting aims to buy another \$150 million worth of stations this year -- and \$1 billion by 2003. That's according to CFO Jeffrey Hinson at the recent PaineWebber Conference in New York. Dow Jones reports HBC wants to fill out its top-15 Hispanic market presence and expand in secondary markets -- though M Street notes it's already forged alliances with Z-Spanish. Hispanic Broadcasting -- the former Heftel -- watched its "HBCCA" stock surge to several new 52-week highs in the days after Hinson's comments.

Here's a deal that cratered: As they drew to closing on WWCT, Peoria, IL (105.7 MHz), buyer (and LMA manager) Bob Kelly offered Bruce Foster \$6 million instead of \$7.75 million. That's according to the Peoria Journal Star, which quotes Foster: "They defaulted on the deal, so the signed agreement is null and void, and I took back the station." That's why employees showed up at the transmitter in rural Tazewell County at 2pm on Friday (June 11) and played their

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own brand of rock and roll (and with no commercials). Kelly says WWCT is now worth less than when they struck an LMA-with-purchase deal. Rocker WWCT lost a federal discrimination filed by former jock Jenifer Daniels, and Kelly says the negative publicity from the suit "did play a factor" in his reduced offer.

More radio-outdoor synergy, as Clear Channel buys a controlling stake in French outdoor company Dauphin for \$250 million. Clear Channel planted its flag on the continent with last year's big purchase of More Group Plc. In this latest deal, it's paying the Dauphin family \$250 million (a 34% premium over the most recent closing price) for 50.5% of the company, and plans a tender offer for the rest of the shares. The actual offering price per share was 146.35 Euros, or 960 francs. Dauphin operates in France, Spain, Italy and Belgium.

Tracking the satellite radio companies: XM is building terrestrial repeaters in 70 markets. It needs repeating stations on the ground to cover areas where the satellite signal's going to have trouble because of terrain or buildings. And remember that its "signal" is actually 100 separate programming streams. Contractor LCC International will begin actual deployment of terrestrial repeaters in five major markets. Its contract began with the technical assessment of 30 markets and gets extended to 40 more.

Ford tough -- that's what CD Radio was singing this week, courtesy of a major deal announced with Ford that includes Mercury, Mazda, Jaguar, Aston Martin and Volvo as well as the Ford vehicle line. David Margolese apparently expects to beat the XM Satellite Radio-General Motors deal to market, since he says Fords will be the first cars and trucks to have factory-installed satellite radio receivers. CD Radio promises to "revolutionize in-vehicle entertainment." That's just what some current broadcasters are afraid of.

A Chicago feud has boiled over into a \$110 million lawsuit filed by the wife of WCKG personality Steve Dahl (reports the Chicago Sun-Times). Janet Dahl is suing syndicated personality Mancow Muller, charging that Muller "repeatedly and falsely referred to [her] as engaging in adultery, fornication and sexual promiscuity in the vilest of terms." And that she "regularly engaged in bizarre sexual conduct with persons not her spouse and with animals." Ms. Dahl alleges defamation, invasion of privacy and intentional infliction of emotional distress. Her suit names Muller, WKQX, Emmis, seven stations that air Mancow's syndicated show, WCIU-TV, and two firms that license Mancow merchandise. Not named, says the paper: WKRK-FM, Detroit, which also carries Steve Dahl's show.

Mega joins the new unwired sales network along with Hispanic Broadcasting and Z-Spanish. Alfredo Alonso says "There are a lot of dollars out there" going to Spanish TV giants Univision and Telemundo. The Hispanic Broadcasting-run sales-net aims to channel some of those bucks to radio. Alonso tells M Street the sales effort doesn't replace his national rep, Caballero Media. M Street told you of the multi-group sales effort launched by then-Heftel and Z-Spanish 2 months ago. As Alonso says: "Spanish is hot."

Interep hops on the web: The mega-rep associated with radio opens a new division called "Interep Interactive", and it will offer selling services to web publishers (with an eye to the synergy with radio). Adam Guild is president/CEO of the new Interep Interactive, and he says the unit's already got rep deals with "mapquest.com", "gorival.com", "allmusic.com" and "study24-7.com."

Howard Stern helping the homeless? New York Magazine (June 14th edition) reveals the existence of the "H & A Stern Family Foundation", which gives money for "the prevention of hunger, homelessness and domestic violence." Ironic since one of Stern's ongoing bits is "The Homeless Game", where street people are asked very simple questions ("Whose face is on a \$5 bill?"), and the Stern crew members bet on the outcome. New York Magazine observes that the foundation hasn't filed financial-disclosure reports with either the IRS or the New York Attorney General's office, so it's difficult to know just how generous the foundation has been so far.

More radio-Internet deals, as Chancellor (the future AMFM) buys itself a 25% stake in the Internet music retailer called Custom Revolutions, which runs a website called "CustomDisc.com." It's one of those "create-your-own-CD-from-the-website" deals. There's also talk about Stamford, CT-based Custom Revolutions going public soon. Chancellor might operate its interest in Custom through its new "AMFMi" unit. Question: How will record labels feel about Chancellor's new foray into online music retailing of customized CDs?

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

Louie the Lizard cleans up at this year's Radio Mercury awards (even if he got fired from the Budweiser "frogs" act). Goodby Silverstein's "Louie The Lizard" spot won the \$100,000 Radio Mercury prize at Manhattan's Supper Club the other night (June 10). "Selling Out" was written by Steve Dildarian, produced by Cindy Epps and had creative direction by Jeffrey Goodby and Rich Silverstein. San Francisco-based Goodby Silverstein also won a \$10,000 Radio Mercury for a Hewlett-Packard spot. In the Station-Produced category, Zimmer Radio Group of Cape Girardeau, MO walked off with the \$10,000 Radio Mercury check. The spot was "Same Old Song & Dance", for MVP Communications, produced by Ryan Young. The purpose of the Radio Mercury awards is to encourage agencies and advertisers to invest more time and creative talent in radio production. If you want to hear this year's Mercury winners, the audio should be posted soon at "www.RAB.com".

"King Biscuit Flower Hour" used to be synonymous with the counterculture. Now it's just sold a stake in itself to big-time businessman and investor Charles Koppelman. Privately-held King Biscuit has an enormous archive of concerts and radio shows -- more than 21,000. Koppelman's CAK Entertainment also just brokered an exclusive licensing deal between King Biscuit and EMusic (the former GoodNoise) allowing online users to buy King Biscuit album titles on the web. King Biscuit also does the Silver Eagle Cross Country Radio Show and owns four record labels: Oxygen, Pet Rock, Silver Eagle Cross Country and KBFH.

Commercial loads are up -- and so is "underwriting." M Street salutes public radio for asking some tough questions about the effect of more corporate money entering the budget through underwriting. PRI's "Marketplace" did an unblinking story about the question the other night as part of the conversation, and we salute them for it. Underwriting now accounts for about 15% of the budget in public radio -- and it's the fastest-growing segment. We especially salute "Marketplace" for mentioning that its own intro contains the musical signature for GE's "We bring good things to life" slogan.

The NAB's "Salute to America" summit is Monday, June 21, and the NAB and sponsor Bonneville are really going all-out, inviting Gen. Colin Powell, Nancy Reagan, Don Imus and Cokie Roberts. And congratulations to Cox Radio's WZZK-FM, the Birmingham station that wins the first "Friend In Need Radio Award" for its efforts to aid victims of a tornado.

Is Radio Disney a force in CD sales? Record companies (according to the LA Times) are taking the pre-teen network very seriously -- now that Capitol Records has used it to launch The Moffatts. And now that the Backstreet Boys have sold record-breaking numbers of their "Millennium" CD, and kid-friendly acts like Britney Spears, 'N Sync, and B*Witched have done big retail after being featured on Radio Disney. The proof: Labels are seeing sales in Radio Disney markets where nobody else is playing a particular artist.

Don Hallett turns to consulting full-time. In addition to doing programming and marketing consulting on his own (as The Positioning Works), he's functioned as director of music research for Critical Mass Media. That carried a non-compete in markets where Critical Mass has research clients. Now Hallett, former PD at WSNY, Columbus, will do The Positioning Works full-time. (Hallett: 614-451-9589 or DWHallett@aol.com).

TV is the thing with the picture tube: At Sinclair, radio exec Barry Drake will now run both TV and radio. That puts Drake in the same operating position as the departed Barry Baker -- though for regulatory reasons, Baker never held the title of "CEO." David Smith's appointment of Drake comes just as Sinclair is testing the waters for a possible spinoff or sale of its 51-station radio group. Sinclair's TV revenues have been lagging along with other independent TV operators. Its TV group either owns or programs 58 stations, reaching 24.4% of US TV households.

Christian radio veteran Dick Marsh pops up in the online world, as the Director of Broadcasting and Entertainment of "Lightsource.com", which offers Internet resources to Christian broadcasters and the music industry. Marsh most recently was Executive VP of Mortenson Broadcasting.

Congrats to Charles Osgood, whose "Osgood File" just got the RTNDA's Edward R. Murrow Award for outstanding writing in the Radio Network/Syndication/Program Service category. Charles won for his inspired verse-making the day after Mark McGwire hit home run #70. The Osgood File is syndicated by Westwood/CBS.

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THE MORE THE MERRIER. . . Wall Street calls it a "rollup" when somebody decides to consolidate several existing companies into one larger company. That's how Steve Dodge and company created American Radio Systems -- out of three existing companies -- and that "rollup" process is underway in at least two different efforts right now. One will probably include the Bloomington and Sunburst groups, in an effort led by broker Larry Patrick. Steve Gormley of Boston-based MC Partners has a stake in both groups and wants to use them to create a larger consolidated group -- one that could be taken public. The Bloomington-Sunburst rollup could eventually fold in as many as five existing radio groups, concentrated in the midwest and deep South. M Street also hears about a rollup effort among much smaller operators. So the wave of consolidation sparked by the 1996 Telecommunications Act picks up new force.

KEEPING UP WITH THE JONESES. . . Consolidation hits the network and syndication business, as Jones buys Seattle-based Broadcast Programming. The companies have been both competitors and allies over the years: Competitors in the lucrative country syndication field, where Jones does "Nashville Nights" and BP does "Neon Nights." And allies because Jones' MediaAmerica unit has been the sales rep for BP's bartered programming. BP's current parent is Broadcast Electronics, which bought it in late 1993. The deal also gives Jones ownership of BP's hit nighttime "Delilah" show. BP will operate autonomously under Jones, with Edie Hilliard remaining as chief exec. Jones CEO Ron Hartenbaum says the two companies are "complementary" and he's right: Jones does 24-hour formats. BP doesn't, but does supply the pieces -- music, consulting, voicetracking -- under the "Total Radio" name.

FORMAT CHANGES & UPDATES

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

		<u>formerly</u>	<u>becomes</u>
AR Batesville	KBTA-FM-99.5	new	JRN - soft AC
CA California City	KCEL-106.9	new	variety
	(KCEL mixes country, oldies, rock, talk and Spanish)		
CO Brush	KPRB-106.3	new	Radio One - hot AC
CT Greenwich (Stamford)	WGCH-1490	talk & jazz	talk & standards
FL Kissimmee (Orlando)	WOTS-1220	# Spanish contemp.	brokered Spanish
	(WOTS is now a combo with Spanish talk WPRD & Spanish contemp. WTRR)		
Marco (Ft. Myers)	WMKO-91.7*	new	info, class, jazz//WGPU-FM
Riviera Beach (W.P.B.)	WPOM-1600	# gospel & urban	Disney - children's
Sanford (Orlando)	WTRR-1400	black gosp. & talk	Spanish contemporary
	(WTRR also adds overnight Spanish talk from La Super Cadena in PR)		
GA Hinesville (Savannah)	WSKX-92.3	urban	JRN - country
GU Dededo	KGUM-FM-105.1	new	rock
IL Freeport	WNIE-89.1*	new	info. & classical
	(WNIE simulcasts programming from WNIJ by day and WNIU at night)		
Kankakee	WKAN-1320	adult contemporary	country
Quincy	WQCY-99.5	hot AC	to be WCOY, CW (Aug.)
	(The WQCY format and calls will move to WMOS; WCOY will broadcast Young & Elder in the morning and the Truckin' Bozo overnight)		
Quincy	WMOS-103.9	soft AC	to be WQCY, hot AC
IA Fairfield	KMCD-1570	country & talk	talk
Keokuk	KOKX-1310	oldies & talk	WW1 - standards & talk
Keokuk	KRNQ-96.3	jazz	classic rock
	(KRNQ also adds John Boy & Billy in morning drive)		

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IA Marshalltown	KDAO-1190	AC // KDAO-FM	adult standards
KS Ingalls	KSSA-105.9	# new	EXCL- regional Mexican
(KSSA becomes the first non-owned affiliate of EXCL Communications' satellite delivered regional Mexican format)			
MI Crystal Falls	WOBE(CP)-100.7	new	to be oldies (Sept.)
Stephenson	WWHK(CP)-106.3	new	to be WMXG, CHR (July)
MO Hannibal	KGRC-92.9	# adult contemporary	classic hits "River"
(KGRC and sister KZZK are now a combo with WMOS, WQCY and WTAD)			
Houston	KUNQ-99.3	classic country	adds JRN - classic CW
Poplar Bluff	KZMA-103.5	new	soft AC
NM Roswell	KBIM-FM-94.9	adult contemporary	adds ABC - AC
NY Buffalo	WLCE-92.9	modern AC	rhythmic oldies "B 92.9"
Cornwall-on-Hudson	WWLE-1170	silent	country // WRWD-FM
(WWLE had been silent for almost a year, this is an arrangement of convenience to preserve the station's license)			
Homer	WXHC-101.5	gold based AC	hot AC
Hornell	WHHO-1320	talk & sports	adult alt.//WKPQ mornings
Houghton	WJSL-90.3*	# religion // WMHR	classical // WXXI-FM
(WJSL enters an LMA-to-buy with WXXI A/F)			
Jamestown	WJTN-1240	soft AC & talk	adds ESPN - sports
Jeffersonville(Mont.)	WWHW-102.1	new	all weather
(WWHW is reportedly looking to sell this station)			
Johnstown	WIZR-930	adult standards	ABC - 45+ soft AC
Mount Kisco	WVIP-1310	talk & jazz //WGCH	talk & standards//WGCH
ND Bismarck	KSSS-101.5	classic rock	adult contemporary
Bismarck	KXMR(CP)-710	new	to be talk (July)
Bismarck	KBMR-1130	country	classic country
OH Cleveland Heights	WJMO-1490	black gospel	adds ABC- black gospel
(WJMO is the first affiliate of ABC's "Rejoice" black gospel network)			
McArthur	WJLI-98.7	classic hits	religion
OR Florence	KCST-1250	CW & soft AC // FM	to be JRN - standards
(KCST expects to debut this new format in August)			
PR Hormigueros (Mayaquez)	WRRH-106.1	new	Spanish cont. Christian
RI Westerly	WBLQ-88.1*	alt. & c. Christ.	talk & soft AC
TX Clarendon	KEFH-99.3	new	hot AC // KRMN
(KEFH enters into an LMA with KRMN)			
Cuero	KVCQ-97.7	# oldies	reported silent
(KVCQ is expected to return soon with a new format)			
Edna (Victoria)	KGUL-96.1	# new	to be country & cls. rock
(KGUL enters an LMA-to-buy with Roy E. Henderson)			
Galveston	KGBC-1540	oldies & Spanish	standards & Spanish
Hallettsville	KTXM-99.9	# country	country & cls. rock
Hallettsville	KHLT-1520	# country // KTXM	CW & cls. rock // KTXM
(KTXM and KHLT are in an LMA-to-buy with Roy E. Henderson)			
Palacios	KKOS-99.7	# adult contemporary	reported silent
(KKOS is expected to return soon with a new format)			
Yoakum	KYKM-92.5	# country // KTXM	CW & cls. rock // KTXM
(KYKM is in an LMA-to-buy with Roy E. Henderson)			
VA Powhatan (Richmond)	WXNC-107.3	new	rhythmic oldies "Beat"
WV Berkeley Springs	WCST-1010	silent	country // WDHC
Salem (Morgantown)	WAJR-FM-103.3	new	news-talk-sports // AM
(WAJR-FM breaks the simulcast in early afternoon to air Dr. Laura)			
WI Park Falls	WNBI-980	oldies	adult standards
AB High Level	CFKX-FM-106.1	new	CHR // CKKX-FM
PQ Montreal	CIQC-600	news-talk-sports	to be news
(CIQC will change format when it moves to 940 KHz later this year)			
Verdun (Montreal)	CKVL-850	French talk & gold	French news
(CKVL will move to 690 KHz and begin this format later this year)			

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

CO 90.7*	Trinidad	450 w, 971 ft	Educ. Comm./ Colorado Springs
IL 90.3*	Bloomington	10000 w, 328 ft DA	Bloomington-Normal Bcstg.
IN 91.3*	Orland	no facils given	Public Bcstg. of N.E. Indiana
KS 91.9*	Great Bend	50000 w, 276 ft DA	Educ. Media Foundation
MA 91.1*	Gardner	130 w, 328 ft DA	Friends of Radio Maria, Inc.

NEW STATIONS: APPLICATIONS (cont'd)

MI 90.7*	Big Rapids	no facils given	Great Lakes Comm. Bcstg.
89.7*	Chelsea	100 w (v), 131 ft	Great Lakes Comm. Bcstg.
88.7*	Jackson	no facils given	Great Lakes Comm. Bcstg.
90.1*	Pellston	no facils given	Great Lakes Comm. Bcstg.
89.7*	Perry	no facils given	Great Lakes Comm. Bcstg.
88.1*	Woodville	no facils given	Great Lakes Comm. Bcstg.
MT 88.1*	Billings	2250 w (v), 358 ft	Billings Comm. Cable Corp.
ND 88.5*	Lincoln	100000 w, 951 ft (as amended)	CSN International
TX 88.7*	Hereford	no facils given	Educ. Media Foundation
WY 89.3*	Horse Creek	no facils given	Living Proof, Inc.
89.3*	Laramie	100 w, 987 ft	Educ. Comm./ Colorado Springs
BC 100.7	Prince Rupert	27 w	Christian Family Radio Minist.
	(The applicant proposes a contemporary Christian format)		
MB 94.7	Brandon	100000 w	Riding Mountain Broadcasting
	(The applicant proposes an adult contemporary format)		
93.5+	Winkler	100000 w	Golden West Broadcasting, Ltd.
	(The applicant proposes to program an AC/country blend)		
93.5+	Winnipeg	22 w	Christian Stations Group, Inc.
	(The applicant proposes a contemporary Christian format)		
NF 92.7	Robert's Arm	4500 w	Newcap, Inc.
	(Would rebroadcast CKXG if CKXG is granted a move from AM to FM)		
ON 94.3	Chatham	50000 w	Bea-Ver Communications, Inc.
	(The applicant proposes an alternative rock format)		
99.9	Thunder Bay	37 w	Big Pond Communications 2000
	(The applicant proposes an oldies format)		
SK 93.7	Moose Jaw	100000 w	Golden West Broadcasting, Ltd.
	(The applicant is proposing to program an AC/country blend)		

Returned/Dismissed Applications

CA 90.7*	Trinity Center (D)	Educ. Bcstg. Network
NY 91.1*	Morristown (R)	St. Lawrence University
	(returned by staff letter)	
PQ 690*+	Montreal (Den.)	Canadian Broadcasting Corp.
690+	Montreal (Den.)	Radio Nord, Inc.
940+	Montreal (Den.)	Radio Nord, Inc.

TRANSLATORS/BOOSTERS/SYNCHRONOUS XMTR: APPLICATIONS

AL new-89.3*	Andalusia	WJFM	Starcom
AZ new-90.9*	Meadview	KVIP-FM	Pacific Cascades Comm.
CA new-91.3*	Desert Center	KMRO	Assn. for Comm. Educ.
new-88.9*	Raymer	KTLW	Living Way Ministries
new-106.1	San Jacinto/Hemet	KPLM	RM Bcstg., LLC
CO new-90.3*	Lewis	KTLF	Educ. Comm./Co. Springs
FL new-90.9*	Tallahassee	KAWZ	Calv. Chapel/Twin Falls
GA new-90.9*	Milledgeville	WJFM	Starcom
new-91.1*	Thomasville	KAWZ	Calv. Chapel/Twin Falls
HI new-88.1*	Poipu	KEFX	Calv. Chapel/Twin Falls
MS new-88.3*	Columbia	WJFM	Starcom
new-91.7*	Columbus	WJFM	Starcom
new-88.3*	Natchez	WJFM	Starcom
MT new-89.9*	Miles City	KGFC	Your Network of Praise
NM new-88.5*	Clovis	KLOV-FM	Educ. Media Foundation
new-90.1*	Portales	WJFM	Starcom
NC new-88.5*	Beaufort	WAFR	American Family Assn.
OK new-89.3*	Ponca City	WJFM	Starcom
OR new-88.9*	McKinley	KVIP	Pacific Cascade Comm.
new-90.9*	Opal City	KVIP-FM	Pacific Cascade Comms.
new-90.7*	Tillamook	KAWZ	Calv. Chapel/Twin Falls
SD new-89.7*	Huron	KLOV-FM	Educ. Media Foundation
TX new-91.7*	Midland	WJFM	Starcom
new-91.7*	Odessa	WJFM	Starcom
new-88.9*	Victoria	KCZO	Paulino Bernal Evangel.
new-88.5*	Wichita Falls	WJFM	Starcom
UT new-104.9	Logan	KNFL	KNFL, Inc.
VA new-91.3*	Fredericksburg	KAWZ	Calv. Chapel/Twin Falls

CONSTRUCTION PERMIT ACTIVITY

AL WGRW-90.7*	Anniston	license to cover for new station
CA KCTY-980	Salinas	increases to 10000 w days and nights, changes xmtr loc. to 36-43-58 121-35-32
KWQH-97.1	San Luis Obispo	changes to 1150 w, 1456 ft, adds DA, changes xmtr loc. to 35-21-37 120-39-20
NM KXKS-1190	Albuquerque	adds 24 w nights, ND
KTAO-101.7	Taos	moves to 101.9 MHz, changes to 1200 w, 2795 ft, changes xmtr location to 36-14-48 105-39-15
NY WVNC-96.7	Canton	changes from noncommercial operation to commercial (granted 6/14/99)
WWLE-1170	Cornwall-on-Hudson	decreases to 800 w DA-D
NC WEND-106.5	Salisbury	increases to 84000 w
PR WJIT-1250	Sabana	license to cover for new station
SC WHXT-103.9	Orangeburg	increases to 9200 w, 531 ft, class C3, changes xmtr loc. to 33-40-13 80-52-25
TX KBNR-88.3*	Brownsville	increases to 5500 w
AB CKHL-530	High Level	moves to 102.1 MHz, 8765 w

FACILITIES/PARAMETERS: APPLICATIONS

(& reapplication) [docket number]

CA KMJ-580	Fresno	increase to 50000 w days and nights, DA-1, change xmtr loc. to 36-39-33 119-20-43, increase to 4 towers days and nights
KUIC-95.3	Vacaville	build new auxiliary facility
FL WLWJ-640	Royal Palm Beach	increase to 25000 w days, 37500 w nights, change xmtr loc. to 26-32-30 80-44-30, increase to 6 towers days and nights
GA WAYH(CP)-91.9*	Port Wentworth	increase to 50000 w, 469 ft DA, class C2, change xmtr loc. to 32-00-45 80-50-45
IN WWDS-90.5*	Muncie	increase to 100 w, 172 ft
WJFX-107.9	New Haven	increase to 3200 w, 453 ft, add DA, change xmtr loc. to 41-01-26 85-03-51
IA KELR-FM-105.5	Chariton	increase to 50000 w, 387 ft, class C2, change xmtr loc. to 41-00-49 93-17-28 [89-264]
MN WCCO-830	Minneapolis	build new auxiliary facility
NE KVSS-88.9*	Omaha	increase to 500 w
NY WAZV(CP)-96.1	Norwood	one step application to increase to class C3, 25000 w, change xmtr loc. to 44-53-29 75-00-30
NC (CP)-93.7	Wrightsville	change to 2400 w, 499 ft, change xmtr location to 34-18-19 77-47-35
OH WRRM-98.5	Cincinnati	build new auxiliary facility
WYLY-97.3	Lebanon	modify CP to change to 5000 w, 358 ft, change xmtr loc. to 39-16-52 84-21-11
WTUZ-99.9	Uhrichsville	change to 5300 w, 348 ft; build new auxiliary facility
OK KGOK-97.7	Pauls Valley	change to 25000 w, 328 ft, change xmtr location to 34-21-00 97-27-35 [98-75]
OR KFLY-101.5	Corvallis	correct coordinates to 44-35-44 123-14-49
SC WDXZ-106.3	Newberry	modify CP to change xmtr location to 34-16-38 81-46-11
TX KLMN-89.1*	Amarillo	modify CP to increase to 9000 w, 476 ft class C3, change xmtr location to 35-15-39 101-52-52
KVET-FM-98.1	Austin	change to 62000 w, 1197 ft, change xmtr location to 30-19-07 97-48-04
KEEP-98.3	Bandera	change spacing requirements (per section 73.215)
KAZW(CP)-1620	College Station	change xmtr loc. to 30-37-15 96-15-16
KRYL-98.3	Gatesville	decrease to 1000 w, 262 ft, change xmtr location to 31-26-31 97-42-29
KRBH(CP)-98.5	Hondo	change to 130 w, -43 ft, change xmtr location to 29-22-31 99-08-22
VA WPVA(CP)-90.1*	Waynesboro	decrease to 962 ft, drop DA, change xmtr loc. to 38-01-16 78-52-38

FACILITIES/PARAMETERS: APPLICATIONS (cont'd)

WA KISW-99.9	Seattle	build new auxiliary facility
KBSG-FM-97.3	Tacoma	build new auxiliary facility
KUJ-FM-99.1	Walla Walla	modify CP to increase to 31000 w, 623 ft, class C2, change xmtr location to 45-57-22 118-41-11 [97-246]
AB CJXX-840	Grande Prairie	move to 93.1 MHz, 100000 w
CKRD-700	Red Deer	move to 105.5 MHz, 100000 w
CKTA-1570	Taber	move to 93.3 MHz, 50000 w
MB CKX-1150	Brandon	move to 101.1 MHz, 100000 w
NF CKXD-1010	Gander	move to 103.7 MHz, 6000 w
CKXG-680	Grand Falls	move to 102.3 MHz, 20000 w
ON CHNO-550	Sudbury	move to 103.9 MHz, 100000 w
CHYC-900	Sudbury	move to 98.9 MHz, 1000 w
CKOY-620	Timmins	move to 104.1 MHz, 3500 w

Returned/Dismissed Applications

IN WEXI-102.9	Huntington (R)	move to 103.1 MHz, increase to 4500 w
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FACILITIES/PARAMETERS: GRANTS

AZ KFLX-105.1	Kachina Village	change to 5000 w, 1456 ft, change xmtr location to 34-58-06 111-30-29
KFMR(CP)-95.1	Winslow	change xmtr loc. to 34-58-06 111-30-29
AR (CP)-91.9*	Harrison	change to 5500 w, 341 ft DA, change xmtr loc. to 36-22-12 93-13-23
CA KBUE-105.5	Long Beach	change xmtr loc. to 33-51-29 118-13-24
CO KCMN-1530	Colorado Springs	add 15 w nights, ND
FL WZNS-96.5	Fort Walton Beach	change xmtr loc. to 30-24-50 86-37-40
LA WBJJ(CP)-104.5	Jackson	change to 2750 w, 492 ft, add DA, change xmtr loc. to 30-41-50 91-16-03
MS WLPX-105.5	Water Valley	increase to 328 ft, change xmtr loc. to 34-12-45 89-44-49
NE KUSO(CP)-92.7	Albion	change xmtr loc. to 41-49-50 97-41-12
(CP)-98.5	McCook	correct coordinates to 40-29-16 100-39-34
NJ WSSJ-1310	Camden	direct measurement of antenna power
WDHA-FM-105.5	Dover	change to 980 w, 574 ft
NC WAAV-980	Leland	correct coordinates to 34-14-54 78-00-06
PA WDNH-FM-95.3	Honesdale	modify CP to change to 1600 w, 459 ft, change xmtr loc. to 41-34-59 75-10-34
WEEU-850	Reading	move to 830 KHz, increase to 5000 w days, 6000 w nights, DA-2, change xmtr location to 40-30-54 76-07-24
TX KVWG-FM-95.3	Pearsall	modify CP to increase to 3000 w, 164 ft
UT KONY-FM-101.1	Kanab	one step application to increase to class C, 1968 ft, change xmtr location to 37-17-45 112-50-34
VA WQMZ-95.1	Charlottesville	increase to 325 ft
VI WREY(CP)-98.5	Frederiksted	one step application to move to 98.3 MHz, change to 1900 w, 915 ft, change xmtr location to 17-44-51 64-50-11
PQ CIQC-600	Montreal	move to 940 KHz, incr. to 50000 w days & nights, change to non-directional
CKVL-850	Verdun	move to 690 KHz, increase to 50000 w nights, change to non-directional

CALL LETTER CHANGES (# applied for by new owners)

IL WQCY-99.5	Quincy	becomes	WCOY	(requested)	"The Coyote"
WMOS-103.9	Quincy		WQCY	(requested)	
MI WWHK-106.3	Stephenson		WMXG	(requested)	"Mix"
AB CKHL-102.1	High Level		CKHL-FM		

PROPOSED STATION TRANSFERS

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

AK KFAT-92.9/	Anchorage/	314 from Chester Coleman
(CP)-96.3	Houston	to New Northwest Broadcasters II, Inc.
		(\$1.25 million; includes LMA; assumption of liabilities)
KKRO-102.1	Anchorage	314 from Williams Broadcasting, Inc.
		to New Northwest Broadcasters II, Inc.
		(\$1.35 million; assumption of liabilities; includes LMA)

PROPOSED STATION TRANSFERS (cont'd)

AZ KBZR-106.5	Arizona City	314 from Brentlinger Broadcasting, Inc. to Big City Radio-Phoenix, LLC
FL WNFK-92.1	Perry	314 from Rahu Broadcasting, Inc. to Power Country, Inc.
GA WSTT-730	Thomasville	314 from John H. Pembroke to Marion R. Williams
HI KOHO-1170	Honolulu	314 from Da Kine Broadcasting to KOHO, Inc.
IL WMBD-1470/ WPBG-93.3	Peoria	(\$100,000; includes \$45,000 in promissory note) 316 from MWT-N, LLC to Grandview Radio Investors, LLC
IA KELR-FM-105.5	Chariton	316 from Kleeco Radio, Inc. to FMC Broadcasting, Inc.
KDCR-88.5*	Sioux Center	315 from Dordt College (Mark Sybesma, et al) to Dordt College, Inc. (Gail Jansen, et al)
KS KUPN-1480	Mission	314 from Sinclair Radio of Kansas City to HME Communications, Inc.
LA KTJC-92.3	Rayville	314 from Kenneth W. Diebel to Sound Broadcasting, LLC
MA WCAV-97.7	Brockton	(\$650,000; \$400,000 in promissory note; broker: Norman Fischer & Assoc.) 314 from KJI Broadcasting, LLC to Radio One Licenses, Inc.
MI WPLB-1380/ WPLB-FM-106.3	Greenville/ Lakeview	314 from Kortess Communications, Inc. to Stafford Broadcasting, LLC
MN (CP)-91.9*/ KBHW-99.5*	International Falls	314 from Minnesota Christian Broadcasters to Heartland Christian Broadcasters
KFAI-90.3*	Minneapolis	316 from Fresh Air, Inc. (Old Board) to Fresh Air, Inc. (New Board)
KDIO-1350/ KPHR-106.3	Ortonville	314 from Success Broadcasting Corporation to Pheasant County Broadcasting, Inc.
MS WONG-1150	Canton	314 from John H. Pembroke to Marion R. Williams
WMFM-106.3	Petal	314 from Thomas William Hickman, III to Cumulus Licensing Corporation
NC WADA-1390	Shelby	314 from Debbie A. Clary to Edwin Keith Johnson
PR WLRP-1460	San Sebastian	(\$80,000) 316 from Las Raices Pepinianas (W. Rivera) to Las Raices Pepinianas (Angel V. Maury)
SD KMSD-1510	Milbank	314 from Success Broadcasting Corporation to Pheasant County Broadcasting, Inc.
TX KBDR-100.5	Mirando City	(\$720,633.98; assumption of liabilities; includes KDIO, KPHR in MN) 315 from Alderete Comm. (Cynthia Earle) to Alderete Comm. (Alderete Communications)
VA WCDX-92.1/ WPLZ-FM-99.3	Mechanicsville/ Petersburg	314 from Sinclair Communications to Radio One Licenses, Inc.
WGCV-1240	Petersburg	(\$34 million; includes WPLZ-FM and WGCV; broker is Star Media Group) 314 from Sinclair Communications to Radio One Licenses, Inc.
WJRV-105.7	Richmond	314 from Commonwealth Broadcasting, LLC to Radio One Licenses, Inc.
WV WKLP-1390/ WQZK-FM-94.1	Keyser	316 invol. from Starcast (J. Mullen, Dec.) to Starcast Systems (Est. of Jack Mullen)
WY KASL-1240	Newcastle	314 from Castle Radio to KASL, LLC
AB CJYR-970	Edson	from Yellowhead Broadcasting, Ltd. to Okanagan Skeena Group, Ltd.
CKYR-1-1230	Grand Cache	from Yellowhead Broadcasting, Ltd. to Okanagan Skeena Group, Ltd.
CIYR-1230	Hinton	from Yellowhead Broadcasting, Ltd. to Okanagan Skeena Group, Ltd.
CKYR-1450	Jasper	from Yellowhead Broadcasting, Ltd. to Okanagan Skeena Group, Ltd.
CFYR-FM-96.7	Whitecourt	from Yellowhead Broadcasting, Ltd. to Okanagan Skeena Group, Ltd.
ON CHOH-FM-92.9	Hearst	from Pelmorex Radio, Inc. to Haliburton Broadcasting Group, Inc.

PROPOSED STATION TRANSFERS (cont'd)

ON CKAP-580/	Kapuskasung	from Pelmorex Radio, Inc.
CHYK-1230		to Haliburton Broadcasting Group, Inc.
CHNO-550/	Sudbury	from Pelmorex Radio, Inc.
CHYC-900		to Haliburton Broadcasting Group, Inc.
CKOY-620	Timmins	from Pelmorex Radio, Inc.
		to Haliburton Broadcasting Group, Inc.
PQ CIEL-FM-98.5	Longueuil	from Radio MF CIEL, Inc.
		to Metromedia CMR, Inc.
CKMG-FM-99.3	Maniwaki	from Ginsburg, Gingris et Associes, Trustee
		to 3098-9289 Quebec, Inc.
CIME-FM-2-103.1	Mont-Tremblant	from Radio MF CIEL, Inc.
		to Metromedia CMR, Inc.
CIME-FM-103.9	St-Jerome	from Radio MF CIEL, Inc.
		to Metromedia CMR, Inc.
CIME-FM-1-102.9	Val-Morin	from Radio MF CIEL, Inc.
		to Metromedia CMR, Inc.

Form 316 Transfer Applications were filed from Capstar to Chancellor Media. The stations are: In Colorado, KVUU, Pueblo; KKLI, Widefield. In Iowa, KXKT, Glenwood. In Kansas, KZSN, Hutchinson and KRBB, Wichita. In Nebraska, KTGL, Beatrice; KTNP, Bennington; KKNB, Crete; KIBZ, Lincoln; KFAB and KGOR, Omaha and KZKX in Seward. And in Washington, KTCR, Kennewick; KNFR, Opportunity; KALE, KEGX and KIOK, Richland; KAQQ, KISC, KUDY and KKZX, Spokane.

FM ALLOCATIONS: GRANTED AMENDMENTS

OR new	Bay City	add 96.3 A, counterproposal
		(window will be addressed by the Commission in a subsequent order)
KCBZ	Cannon Beach	to 94.9 C3 from 96.5 A, counterproposal
TX new	Zapata	add 102.7 A
		(window will be addressed by the Commission in a subsequent order)
new	Zapata	add 103.9 A
		(window will be addressed by the Commission in a subsequent order)

FM ALLOCATIONS: DISMISSED AMENDMENTS

OR new	Manzanita (D)	add 94.9 A
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WASHINGTON THIS WEEK

Tollbooth increase: The FCC needs to raise \$10 million more, and thus it's increasing regulatory fees for Fiscal Year 1999, which begins this Fall. For some classes of radio stations, the hike amounts to a 10% increase. The NAB had lobbied to hold down the rate hikes, but the fees are definitely headed north. For example: Class B, C, C1 and C2 FMs serving at least a million people get a 10% hike and pay \$4,400. Those same classes of FMs serving 125,000 to 400,000 will pay \$2,000. Class A, B1 and C3 FMs serving at least a million are on the hook for \$3,600. On the AM side, Class A's serving 1 million-plus will be writing checks for \$4,400. The smallest Class A (less than 20,000 pop.) is on the hook for \$430. The Commission is trying to hold down the cost of applying for new facilities: CPs for new AMs are \$260. CPs for FMs are \$780. (The fee schedule is on the "fcc.gov" website. It's MD Docket No. 98-200.)

Do minority owners actually have an advantage when it comes to revenue? Or do minority stations suffer because advertisers and agencies pay them less? The FCC has jawboned on behalf of minority stations, trying to get advertisers to give them more respect. Now two economics professors at the University of Louisville charge that the FCC's study on the subject is defective because it lumps AM and FM stations together (among other methodological problems). Authors Audrey D. Davidson and Barry Haworth use the same revenue data the FCC relies on.

"Unscrupulous dealmakers" ruined the country's last minority tax certificate program, and FCC Chairman Bill Kennard wants to make sure they don't get the chance on the one he hopes will replace it. For one thing, Kennard would limit the number of times an entrepreneur could use the benefit. The FCC would also do more stringent screening of proposed deals. Kennard also advocates expanding the policy to all of telecommunications, not just radio and TV. The "break" on capital gains taxes would flow to somebody who sells to a minority. Kennard proposes to expand the policy to all of telecommunications, not just radio and TV. The Chairman broadly outlined his ideas at the June 17-18 minority financing meeting at The Plaza Hotel in New York City.

WASHINGTON THIS WEEK (cont'd)

It took 53 weeks, but the FCC has finally granted the \$85 million merger of Clear Channel and Dame Media. Since Al Dame and Lowry Mays struck their deal, Dame has launched his own talk syndication business (with Mike Gallagher) and patiently waited for FCC approval. It finally came, and it was from the Mass Media Bureau, not the full Commission. The hangup was that Dame Media brings Clear Channel additional radio properties in Harrisburg and Albany (NY) -- markets where it also has TV licenses. Mass Media Chief Roy Stewart signs off on the transfers of the licenses and conditional waivers of the one-to-a-market rule.

Cumulus hits another FCC red flag in Laurel-Hattiesburg -- and they can't be too surprised, since the FCC had already flagged its recent transfer apps of three other stations there. Those were WQIS and WNSL from Design Media and WJKX from JLW Broadcasting. Then on top of that (and its deals for other stations there) Cumulus piled the \$735,000 purchase of soft AC "Lite" WMFM, Petal, MS (106.3 MHz) from Hickman. The FCC is soliciting additional public comment based on the deals' effects on local concentration and diversity.

The NAB is lobbying for changes in . . . inheritance taxes? What's going on? Well, the NAB has indeed joined a coalition to end high inheritance taxes. They say it's because many NAB members are in situations where they'd like to leave their broadcasting properties to the next generation, and the current tax bite of as much as 55% discourages the normal handing-down of assets. The NAB is joining the Grocery Manufacturers Association, the National Beer Wholesalers Association and others in founding "Americans Against Unfair Family Taxation."

A Des Moines pirate operating at 90.5 MHz gets busted by the FCC and has its equipment seized. It's the now-standard story: The unlicensed operator ignored warnings and attempts by agents to get it to shut down voluntarily. The FCC, with U.S. Marshals and U.S. Attorneys office personnel, raided the station and hauled off its equipment.

CANADA THIS WEEK

The two Montreal AM frequencies the CBC vacated in the last year will soon be on the air again - this time in private hands. Following a comparative hearing, the CRTC has decided to use the channels to provide signal upgrades for two existing stations rather than create new ones. Metromedia CMR's CIQC will move from 600 to 940 KHz and the company's CKVL will go from 850 to 690 KHz. The changes place both stations on clear channel allocations that are acknowledged to be the best AM frequencies in Montreal. As they switch frequencies both stations will change format. CIQC will convert from news-talk and sports programming to an all-news diet. CKVL, which currently broadcasts a French language talk and oldies format, will provide an all-news format in French. The two stations expect to shift frequencies later this year. A CRTC spokesperson says that new applicants will be sought for the vacated 600 KHz and 850 KHz channels.

It's been a good week for Metromedia CMR. In addition to winning upgrades to clear channel status for its two Montreal AM stations, the company received CRTC approval and closed on its purchase of CIEL-FM, CIME-FM (and its two relay transmitters) as well as the "Antenne Bleu" network that distributes CIEL-FM's nighttime programming to a network of stations in Quebec. Acquisition of the two French language adult contemporary stations increases Metromedia CMR's Montreal cluster to six radio stations, the largest local market cluster in Canada. The other stations are news-talk-sports CIQC, soft AC CFQR, French language talk and oldies formatted CKVL and Francophone CHR CKOI. Metromedia CMR owns no radio stations outside of the Montreal market.

Pelmorex Radio, Inc., which had been one of Canada's largest group owners, has sold its remaining radio stations. The six north central Ontario stations will become the property, pending CRTC approval, of Haliburton Broadcasting Group, Inc. Haliburton's only other radio holding is CFBG-FM in Bracebridge, Ontario. No purchase price was disclosed. Pelmorex is seeking a buyer for the Pelmorex Radio Networks that provide full time adult contemporary, country and oldies formats.

Canada's largest group owner is getting even larger. The Okanagan Skeena Group has purchased, subject to CRTC approval, Yellowhead Broadcasting's four radio stations and one relay transmitter in rural British Columbia. The purchase price was not made public. These new acquisitions will join Okanagan Skeena's other station in a sale of the group owner to Telemedia Communications.

CANADA THIS WEEK (cont'd)

If you want to reach the entire Canadian nation through radio you've got to go to...Spokane! The CRTC has given the Star Choice Television Network permission to distribute seven Spokane radio stations as part of its DBS service. The seven are KDRK-FM, KEZE, KISC, KMBI-FM, KPBX, KXLY-FM and KZZU-FM.

ELSEWHERE

\$51 million buys you some lovely beachfront property these days -- especially if you're Cumulus, and you're buying some prime radio real estate in Mobile, Pensacola and McAllen-Brownsville. Here's the set of deals --

In Mobile, AL, Cumulus becomes the unquestioned king of urban radio, as it picks up five stations from two different owners. From Calendar Broadcasting, Cumulus gets three stations for \$19 million: urban WBLX-FM, Mobile (92.9 MHz/Class C). Urban AC WDLT-FM, Chickasaw, AL (98.3 MHz/Class C2). And black gospel WDLT, Fairhope, AL (660 KHz/10,000 watts day, 850 watts night, DA-N). And from rival Roberds Broadcasting, Cumulus acquires two more facilities: urban "K-104" WYOK, Atmore, AL (104.1 MHz/Class C). And black gospel WGOK, Mobile (900 KHz/1,000 watts days, 381 watts nights, DA-2). To assemble its Mobile cluster, Cumulus pays Calendar \$19 million and Roberds \$6 million.

In nearby Pensacola, Cumulus exercises its option to acquire two stations from Coast Radio: Classic hits WWRO, Pensacola (100.7 MHz/Class C). And talk WCOA, Pensacola (1370 KHz/5,000 watts day and night, DA-N). That purchase totals \$9 million. M Street notes that several of these Mobile and Pensacola facilities are players in each others' markets: WWRO has numbers in Mobile and WBLX-FM actually has larger shares in Pensacola than Mobile.

And Cumulus does some business with Phil Giordano's Calendar to enter Brownsville/McAllen-TX: Dance KBFM, Edinburg, TX (104.1 MHz/Class C). And country "K-Tex" KTEX, Brownsville (100.3 MHz/Class C). That part of Calendar is valued at \$17 million. McAllen-Brownsville is Arbitron market #62 -- which makes it the largest market that Cumulus will operate in. Mike Bergner brokered the \$36 million worth of transactions between Cumulus and Calendar.

West of Grand Rapids, where Michigan meets Lake Michigan, Jeff Warshaw's Connoisseur group is purchasing three Muskegon stations from Goodrich for \$2,700,000. Connoisseur will acquire hot AC "Z108" WSHZ, Muskegon (107.9 MHz, and a Class B1). Classic hits WMRR, Muskegon Heights (101.7 MHz/B1). And adult standards WMHG, Muskegon (1600 KHz/5-kw, DA-N). WMHZ also carries a 1680 KHz expanded-band CP. Buyer Connoisseur is already in Muskegon with country simulcast WMUS/WMUS-FM.

Down in Laredo, Texas, oldies "B100" KBDR just sold for \$1,675,000 (business is good along the border). Laredo is one of those twin US-Mexican markets, with Laredo in the US and Nuevo Laredo in Mexico. Station is KBDR, Mirando City, TX (100.5 MHz/Class C2). Seller is Cynthia Earle's Alderete Communications, buyer is Alberto Munoz-run Sendero Multimedia. Munoz recently closed on two stations in another Texas border town: He now owns the McAllen-Brownsville combo of regional Mexican KILM and oldies KSOX, both licensed to Raymondville.

Now that Radio Unica is acquiring its own Denver O&O, the Denver station that's been carrying some Radio Unica programming gets sold. That's KBNO, Denver (1220 KHz), now doing religious Mexican as "Que Bueno." The buyer is Don Crawford, and he already has three other AMs in the Denver market: contemporary Christian-formatted KLZ, Denver (560 KHz) and KLDC, Brighton (800 KHz), plus religious KLTT, Commerce City (670 KHz). Radio Unica is about to acquire Denver-market KCUV to carry its network programming full-time, and thus regional Mexican KBNO -- which carries some Radio Unica fare -- gets sold for \$1.5 million. KBNO has 660 watts days, 11 watts nights, non-directional. Seller is Colorado Communications.

Neuhoff attains group status as it buys AC KSYZ, Grand Island, Nebraska. Geoff Neuhoff's current stations are all in the Danville, IL market: talk/sports WDAN, AC WDNL and rock WRHK. This deal has him expanding into central Nebraska with the pickup of Class C KSYZ, Grand Island (107.7 MHz). Neuhoff says he's keeping current GM Jay Vavricek and the staff. Seller is Mid-Nebraska Broadcasting, and Dick Chapin brokered.

ELSEWHERE (cont'd)

Maintaining local control: Charles Kuralt's widow backs out of a deal to donate two stations to Minnesota Public Radio, and instead sells them to a local group that includes current GM Alice Hill. Suzanna Kuralt originally struck a deal to give WELY and WELY-FM, Ely, MN to Bill Kling's Minnesota Public Radio. Ms. Kuralt did donate \$5,000 to MPR in recognition of its programming excellence (classy move). The Duluth News-Tribune says Hill promises to operate the combo in "the tradition of Charles Kuralt." MPR already has a presence in the Boundary Waters Canoe Area Wilderness through some area stations and translators. The Ely stations are adult progressive WELY (1450 KHz) and hot AC WELY-FM (92.1 MHz), both licensed to Ely.

Radio Disney invades Miami as ABC buys Spanish adult standards WFBA (990 KHz). ABC didn't disclose price, which is its standard practice on recent Radio Disney deals. Seller is the local W.R.A. Broadcasting, run by Jose Ortega. ABC doesn't say, but we'd expect an LMA before closing on the current "Radio Aeropuerto." WFBA is a 5,000-watt day and night facility, DA-2. The Mouse-count: Miami puts Radio Disney in 15 of the top 20 DMAs. The largest market now without a Radio Disney affiliate or O&O? Philadelphia.

Lotus enters Bakersfield with the \$6.3 million purchase of three Spanish stations. Howard Kalmenson picks up one FM and two AMs from Ed Hopple's KMAP, Inc. Stations: Regional Mexican KIWI (92.1 MHz/Class A). Spanish contemporary KCHJ, Delano (1010 KHz/5-kw day/1-kw night, DA-2), known as "Radio Beso." And regional Mexican KWAC (1490 KHz/1-kw day and night, ND), called "Radio La Con Sentida." Bakersfield fits Lotus' concentration on California and the southwest. Gary Stevens brokered.

New York TV anchor Ernie Anastos buys a second station in upstate New York. The WWOR-TV (Channel 9) anchor pays \$100,000 to add adult WKAJ, Saratoga Springs, (900 KHz/250 watts day, 47 watts night, ND) to his existing FM there. That's AC WQAR, Stillwater, NY (101.3 MHz/Class A). The Capital District Business Review notes Anastos and partner Edward Swyer have invested heavily in the FM (adding local news, talk and sports plus new equipment).

Up on the South Dakota-Minnesota border, Robert Ingstad is picking up stations from Dan Sorenson. Robert Ingstad has been less active in the buying and selling department than brothers James and Tom Ingstad. But he, too, owns a flock of stations in the upper midwest. Robert Ingstad buys these stations just across the Minnesota River from each other: AC KMSD, Milbank, MN (1510 KHz/5-kw non-directional daytimer). Country KPHR, Ortonville, SD (106.3 MHz/Class A). And country KDIO, Ortonville (1350 KHz/670 watts day, 38 watts night, ND). Sellers are entities related to Dan Sorenson. Price for all three: \$720,000.

In Chicago, Catholic Family Radio trades up by closing on its \$10,500,000 purchase of WYPA, Chicago (820 KHz). The closing demonstrates that John Lynch can come up with the dough he promised to beef up CFR's Chicago presence -- and it builds credibility in its ability to close on big deals. Lynch's organization has been LMAing "820 Talk" from Z-Spanish. The 5-kw daytimer was the original home of all-sports WSCR and it's a big improvement over CFR's first Chicagoland holding, WAUR, Sandwich, IL (930 KHz). CFR retains WAUR, bought from Children's Broadcasting.

Radio Billionaires: Clear Channel-related Lowry Mays and Red McCombs are among the radio-connected rich folks who make Forbes Magazine's new "List of World Billionaires." Lowry Mays is now worth an estimated \$2.2 billion. Red McCombs, Mays' longtime partner in Clear Channel (and also mega-auto dealer) checks in at \$1.8 billion. Then there's former Jacor principal Sam Zell -- worth an estimated \$1.7 billion. (Zell retains an investment in Clear Channel and has recently become a backer of Blue Chip Broadcasting.) Then there are the Cox sisters (Anne Cox Chambers and Barbara Cox Anthony) -- \$10.6 billion each. (Their Cox Enterprises controls, among a lot of other things, Cox Radio.) Fairly new to radio are the Waitt Brothers of Gateway fame -- now building a radio-TV group. Ted Waitt's there at \$4.6 billion and brother Norm Waitt at \$1.3 billion. Michael Bloomberg, owner of WBBR, New York and business-info tycoon, is worth an estimated \$2 billion. And longtime radio veteran John Kluge, whose Metromedia was once a U.S. radio giant, ranks #24 on the list with \$10.5 billion. Kluge's radio interests now are international -- mostly in central Europe.

ELSEWHERE (cont'd)

In Boston, a tower worker was hurt in an accident that knocked WCRB, Boston off the air. Luis Torres had his hand crushed while he was working on an AM tower next to the WCRB facility in Waltham, MA. A hydraulic lift underneath the tower slipped, and The Boston Globe reports authorities rushed Torres to the hospital and decided the AM tower was unstable. They ordered the evacuation of 35 employees from the WCRB facility as well as occupants of a nearby office complex. This was around 11:35am on June 16, and classical WCRB, Waltham (102.5 MHz) was off the air until around 1:15pm.

Gotta hire them back: A judge is ordering Metro Network to rehire two staffers in Philadelphia, and to reinstate them with back pay and interest. Randy Brock and Mary Colleen were canned 18 months ago following union organizing activities. Now Federal Administrative Law Judge James Rose has just decided they lost their jobs because they were involved with AFTRA. At the time Metro said they were the victim of budget cuts. The NLRB had charged Metro with illegally firing Brock and Colleen and trying to intimidate employees. Right after that AFTRA lost a union vote. Metro is reviewing its options.

Digital Audio Broadcasting is coming to some other countries outside North America: M Street notes that Australia just launched an 18-month trial when 2KY, Sydney sent a signal from its transmitter in Parramatta. M Street notes that the out-of-band DAB used in Australia and other places has far greater bandwidth than the U.S. In-Band On-Channel system -- literally allowing them to send JPEGs and other visuals via radio.

And in Singapore, Bloomberg signs a transmission deal with Radio Corporation of Singapore to supply information to Singapore's new digital radio system -- again, one which has the bandwidth to transmit more than just a digital audio signal.

Chancellor is about to be in court with its LMA partner in Detroit. The licensee of WYUR (1310 KHz) has a June 30 court date with LMA partner Advantage Communications. They're feuding over the \$100,000 deposit that Advantage put down on the property, says the Free Press. Advantage says the deposit was toward the possible purchase of the station -- something it says it no longer intends to do. So it wants the \$100,000 applied toward the \$55,000 in lease fees for May and June. The paper says Advantage previously got a Temporary Restraining Order to keep Chancellor from interfering with the operations of the adult standards/classical outlet.

What's going on at Pacifica? There seems to be a state of war between some of its owned stations and the national leadership. That led to the strange sight of police arresting 14 people who were blockading the entrance to the Pacifica Foundation's headquarters in Berkeley. Pacifica owns five stations, including KPFA, Berkeley, CA (94.1 MHz).

Dot-com equals dollars: Spending on radio ads by online companies could hit \$250 million this year. A new Interep study confirms the explosion in Internet advertising -- and it's now gone way past the early Amazon.com and Priceline.com stage. Q1 spending was \$37.7 million. That made Online and Internet Services the #2 category, just behind Telephone Services (\$40.9 million) and ahead of National Restaurants (\$33 million). More from Interep's Michele Skettino: (212) 916-0536 or "Michele_Skettino@Interep.com".

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

Is the song too violent? Entercom vows to not to play it. The group will start rejecting both violent ads and songs under its new "Anti-Violence Policy." The goal is to keep material off the air that would "advocate or condone criminal violence, or which contain ultra-violent content in the context of a socially-irresponsible message." (As ABC's Paul Harvey says, self-government won't work without self-discipline.)

Chicago personality Steve Dahl literally pulled the plug on his Detroit affiliate. In fact, he walked over and did it himself, live on the air in Chicago and Detroit. This amazing event happened around 5:20pm Tuesday (6/22). First Dahl called WKRK-FM GM Steve Sinicropi a couple of nasty names while ranting about the Detroit station's situation. Then he took off his headphones and personally pulled the cord out of the patchbay. That ended the broadcast to Detroit. Dahl's outburst came after personality talker WKRK-FM had sunk to a 1.0-share in the new Phase II Arbitrends. We hear Dahl's show dropped from a 0.7 to a 0.4 share -- so the outburst may have been a pre-emptive strike. Infinity's "Extreme" talk WKRK-FM was Dahl's only syndicated affiliate. His homebase is sister WCKG, Chicago.

M STREET BAZAAR (cont'd)

The anti-Art Bell? Ira Fistell goes back into late-night syndication, as Syndicated Solutions praises Fistell as "the ideal alternative to UFOs, conspiracies and extraterrestrials." The onetime overnight personality of the ABC Talk Radio Network goes national again starting July 19. Show runs 1am to 5am Eastern. Fistell's now doing nights on Infinity's KRLA, Los Angeles. Syndicated Solutions: (203) 921-1510.

Texas Rocks! At least everywhere Roy E. Henderson has a station. PD Clay Gish reports "Texas Thunder Radio" debuts on new LMA's KTXM, KHLT (Hallettsville), KYKM (Yoakum) shortly to be followed by KGUL (Victoria). Format is a 50/50 blend of current and classic based country plus classic rock with artists as diverse as Dolly Parton and Bruce Springsteen. Country currents will fall under the hot category, rock under mainstream. Look for at least 2 additional stations to sign on with "Texas Thunder" next month with more to follow.

Cyber-Winchell Matt Drudge is getting his own syndicated radio show, courtesy of ABC Radio Networks. The historical angle here is that Drudge's role model is pioneering newspaper gossip columnist Walter Winchell -- who also had his own Sunday night network radio show on ABC. The Los Angeles-based Drudge began doing 10pm to midnight on WABC, New York last year and enjoyed a strong Winter Arbitron.

Dick Clark certainly knows a thing or two about counting down to New Year's Eve: Clark will host a new daily radio feature called "Countdown to 2000." Producer Thirsty Ear Communications has licensed the BBC archives to help relive the "most memorable moments of the 20th century" in sound. United Stations is syndicating, with a launch date of August 2.

Station owner EXCL just signed the first affiliate for its "Radio Tri-Color" format. EXCL has been supplying its own stations with either a "Radio Romantica" or regional Mexican "Radio Tri-Color" format. New sign-on KSSA, Ingalls, KS (105.9 MHz) is the first non-EXCL station to use Radio Tri-Color.

A pioneering Internet radio station just went dark, as backer WorldStream Communications pulls the plug on TalkSpot.com. Rush Limbaugh's longtime board op -- he called him "Bo Snerdley" -- left EIB last year to program the pioneering multimedia talk website called "TalkSpot.com" His real name is James Golden, and he was also half of the "Joel and James" weekend team at WABC, New York. Talkspot.com had graphics, live cameras, chatrooms and online surveys -- but WorldStream quit writing checks for its original programming about two weeks ago.

It wouldn't be the "Chairman's Breakfast" without the Chairman, and the NAB just announced that FCC Chairman Bill Kennard will indeed speak at this year's Radio Show in Orlando. The Breakfast is Thursday, September 2, and it's sponsored by Newcourt Capital. Commissioners Harold Furchtgott-Roth and Gloria Tristani will speak at the CEA Financial Breakfast the previous morning (Wednesday, September 1). Broadcasters haven't seen much of Tristani recently -- so it's a good chance to mingle.

A goodbye to Clifton Fadiman, whose amazing career included emceeding the hit network radio show called "Information Please." The weekly program gave him an amazing platform to demonstrate his erudition, wit and good humor, and it ran from 1938 to 1948. Book editor and author Fadiman later hosted a network radio show called "Conversation" from 1954 to 1957. Fadiman died at his house in Florida (6/20) at the age of 95.

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ST. LOUIS CLUES. . . In St. Louis, Barry Baker wants to sell stations he doesn't yet own, Emmis' Jeff Smulyan plans to buy those stations but may be willing to trade some away, and Sinclair's David Smith is probably wondering why he gave Barry Baker the purchase option to begin with. Is this the Mystery Channel? No, just the first act of a complicated plot that could truly be "Must-See TV." Sinclair executive Barry Baker left Sinclair about three months ago holding the option to purchase the company's broadcast assets in St. Louis: six radio stations plus ABC affiliate KDNL-TV. Now he's assigned that option to Emmis, which already owns three radio stations there. (So even if nothing else materializes, there will be at least two St. Louis radio spinoffs.) Meanwhile Sinclair is playing it cool and "evaluating" the Emmis announcement. And some people theorize that what Emmis really wants is the Sinclair TV station in its own hometown of Indianapolis, and would swap back some of the St. Louis properties to get it.

MULTIPLE VIOLATIONS. . . Licensee Jaime Bonilla Valdez faces a whopping \$71,000 in FCC fines for problems at seven different California stations. The Commission started by issuing \$10,000 fines for public file violations to Sacramento-area KTTA, Esparto and KLNA, Dunnigan. The next day it wrote Notice of Apparent Liability tickets against five other Valdez stations. It gave KRQK, Lompoc, KJDJ, San Luis Obispo and KSBQ, Santa Maria \$11,000 fines for unauthorized transfer of control, operating without FCC authorization and public file problems. KIEZ, Carmel Valley got a \$15,000 fine for "improperly abdicating station control to a time broker" and public file deficiencies. And finally, KURS, San Diego received a \$3,000 NAL for failure to file a "construction-finance" contract back in 1991, and failure to file annual ownership reports. It was an expensive week for Valdez -- and a busy week for the FCC. We've got the week's radio news inside the M Street Journal, starting with format changes.

FORMAT CHANGES & UPDATES

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

		<u>formerly</u>	<u>becomes</u>
AL Anniston	WGRW-90.7*	new	rel. & cont. Christian
Fort Payne	WMXN-1400	# AC // WMXN-FM	WDLL, talk
AZ Gilbert (Phoenix)	KPTY-103.9	CHR	modern rock
AR Cabot (Little Rock)	KBBL-1350	# silent	CHR // KHTE
	(KBBL is now a combo with KHTE, modern KLEC AM & FM)		
England (Little Rock)	KLEC-1530	KLRA, CHR // KHTE	modern rock // KLEC-FM
	(The AM band simulcast of KHTE moves to KBBL)		
CA San Gabriel (L.A.)	KMRB-1430	KALI, Spanish	brokered Chinese
West Covina (L.A.)	KALI-900	KRRA, reg. Mexican	Spanish religion
	(Hispanic Inland Marketing's LMA has ended)		
FL Miami Springs	WRNU-1700	Spanish talk//WNMA	to be sports (Aug.)
	(Master Media Group will LMA WRNU and also carry Imus in the Morning)		
Sarasota	WQSA-1220	sports	all weather
	(WQSA is up for sale)		
GA Helen	WHEL-105.1	# oldies	soft AC // WPCH
IN Muncie	WLHN-990	WERK, oldies // FM	reported silent
IA Lamoni (Des Moines)	KIIC-97.9	new	JRN - classic country
KS Downs	KDNS-94.1	country	adds JRN - country
KY Brownsville (Bow. Gr.)	WKLX-100.7	new	WW1-adult contemporary
	(WKLX enters an LMA with WHHT, WCDS, WPTQ and WOVO)		

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KY Horse Cave WHHT-106.7 adult contemporary JRN- country "Thunder"
 (WHHT's adult contemporary programming moves to new LMA partner WKLX)

LA Vidalia (Natchez) KVLA-1400 # country & talk black gospel

MI Cheboygan WCBY-1240 adult standards adds JRN - standards
 Detroit WKRK-FM-97.1 talk & rock talk
 (WKRK-FM adds WW1's Don & Mike and Tom Leykis)

Hart (Muskegon) WCXT-105.3 # soft AC WWIP, dance "The Whip"
 (WCXT enters an LMA-to-buy with Harbor Pointe Entertainment; Harbor
 Pointe also controls talk WKBZ through an LMA)

Iron Mountain WMIQ-1450 talk adds 1 on 1 - sports
 Negaunee WKQS-FM-101.9 soft AC adds Delilah
 St. Ignace (Cheboygan) WMKC-102.9 country adds Young & Elder
 Trout Lake (Petoskey) WHWG-89.9* new rel. & c. Christ//WHWL

MN Shakopee (Minneapolis) KSMM-1530 jazz & talk 70's & 80's hits/talk

MS Hattiesburg WUSW-103.7 # oldies country
 (WUSW and currently silent sister WFOR join oldies WHER in a combo)

Monticello WMLC-1270 news & talk southern gospel
 (This is a temporary format; WMLC expects to return to talk)

NM Gallup KTHR-1230 KYVA, ABC - oldies ABC Real - country
 (KTHR and KYVA swap call signs and programming)

Grants KYVA-103.7 KTHR, ABC Real- CW ABC - oldies

NY Phoenix (Syracuse) WRDS-102.1 urban adds ABC's Doug Banks
 (Doug Banks replaces ABC's Tom Joyner in mornings)

Syracuse WRVD-90.3* new info. & variety //WRVO

NC Atlantic Beach WBJD-91.5* new info & classical//WTEB
 (WBJD becomes the 3rd leg of a trimulcast including WTEB and WKNS)

ND Bismarck KQDY-94.5* # country to be K-Love+c. Christian
 (KQDY will become an O&O of the K-Love network)

SD Redfield KNBZ-97.7 # new ABC - hot AC "Z-97"
 (KNBZ is now a combo with country KQKD, KGIM & KGIM-FM)

TX Brownfield KPBB-88.5* new Spanish c.Christ//KUBR
 (KPBB joins Paulino Bernal's "La Radio Christiana" Network)

Centerville KAJG-105.9 new country
 Palestine KNET-1450 WW1 - oldies adds R&B oldies (days)
 (KNET airs local R&B oldies from 6am to 5pm)

Seadrift KMAT-105.1* new religion // KHCB-FM
 (KMAT enters an LMA with Houston Christian Broadcasters)

VA Woodstock WAMM-1230 WW1 - cls. hits WW1-adult contemporary

WA Othello KZLN-FM-97.5 JRN - classic rock JRN - AC "The River"

Vancouver (Portland) KVAN-1550 # talk adds ABC's Sports Babe
 (KVAN is now a combo with contemporary Christian & talk KPAM)

WI Portage WBKY-95.9 new JRN - CD country
 Wisconsin Dells WNNO-FM-106.9 adult contemporary adds JRN - AC

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

ON 89.9 Sunderland 2240 w Durham Radio, Inc.
 (This station would rebroadcast CJKX-FM)

NEW STATIONS: ACCEPTED FOR FILING

AK 91.1*	Barrow	6-17-99	Silakkuagvik Communications
AZ 90.3*	Grand Canyon	6-17-99	Arizona Board of Regents
CA 89.3*	Greenville	6-17-99	Immaculate Heart Radio
FL 89.3*	Lakemont	6-17-99	Revival Christian Ministries
IL 88.7*	Fairfield	6-17-99	Bright Light Broadcasting
90.7**	Morris	6-17-99	Bcstg. for the Challenged
90.7**	Morris	6-17-99	WBEZ Alliance, Inc.
IN 89.9**	Hope	6-17-99	Good Shepherd Radio, Inc.
88.3**	Tipton	6-17-99	Educational Opportunities
IA 91.5**	Marshalltown	6-17-99	American Family Association
89.1*	Postville	6-17-99	St. Paul Lutheran Church
91.9*	State Center	6-17-99	Marshalltown Educational Plus
MI 90.9*	Freeland	6-17-99	CSN International
OK 88.1**	Pocola	6-17-99	Bcstg. for the Challenged
SD 90.5*	Freeman	6-17-99	VCY America, Inc.
WI 89.9*	Fond du Lac	6-17-99	VCY America, Inc.
91.9*	Janesville	6-17-99	VCY America, Inc.

TRANSLATORS/BOOSTERS/SYNCHRONOUS XMTR: APPLICATIONS

ID new-91.3*	Grangeville	KEFX	Calv. Chapel/Twin Falls
IL new-107.9	Chicago	WLEY-FM	Spanish Bcstg. Systems
MO new-88.7*	Rogersville	KAWZ	Calv. Chapel/Twin Falls
OR new-88.5*	Sunriver	KVIP-FM	Pacific Cascade Comm.
VA new-88.1*	Afton	WNRN	Stu-Comm, Inc.
WY new-91.3*	Powell	WOTJ	Educ. Media Foundation

TRANSLATORS/BOOSTERS/SYNCHRONOUS XMTR: GRANTS

CA K206CE-89.1*	Chester	10 w (v) DA, KAWZ	Calv. Chapel/Twin Falls
KPLM-FM1-106.1	Joshua Tree	200 w (v) DA, KPLM	RM Broadcasting, LLC
K205DK-88.9*	Yucca Valley	10 w DA, KCZO	Paulino Bernal Evangel.
MN K202CZ-88.3*	Brainerd	80 w (v), KAWZ	Calv. Chapel/Twin Falls
K205DJ-88.9*	Worthington	250 w, KRSW	Minnesota Public Radio
TX K206CF-89.1*	Austin	4 w (v) DA, KAWZ	Calv. Chapel/Twin Falls
K208DK-89.5*	El Campo	50 w, KCZO	Paulino Bernal Evangel.
K201FA-88.1*	Freeport	50 w, KCZO	Paulino Bernal Evangel.
K203CV-88.5*	Navasota	115 w, KSBJ	KSBJ Educ. Foundation
K211DR-90.1*	Victoria	10 w, KCZO	Paulino Bernal Evangel.
WA K201EX-8831*	Greenwater	2 w, KEFX	Calv. Chapel/Twin Falls
WY K209DC-89.7*	Evanston	10 w, KAWZ	Calv. Chapel/Twin Falls

CONSTRUCTION PERMIT ACTIVITY

AL WAOQ-100.3	Brantley	license to cover for new station
WKLD-97.7	Oneonta	increases to 341 ft
AK KVAK-FM-93.3	Valdez	decreases to 1200 w
CA KCEL-106.9	California City	license to cover for new station
KCNL-104.9	Fremont	increases to 5700 w, 338 ft
FL WWKQ-89.1*	Kissimmee	license to cover for new station
IL WVLI-95.1	Kankakee	changes to 2300 w, 367 ft
WKOT-96.5	Marseilles	decreases to 2500 w, changes xmtr loc. to 41-18-33 88-48-45
IN WRAY-FM-98.1	Princeton	increases to 436 ft
IA KSKB-99.1*	Brooklyn	changes to 43000 w, 525 ft
KY WRVC-FM-92.7	Catlettsburg	changes to 2350 w, 531 ft, changes xmtr location to 38-28-02 82-35-50
ME WAKN-97.7	Winter Harbor	license to cover for new station
MA WCAV-97.7	Brockton	changes to 2700 w, 492 ft, changes xmtr location to 42-07-28 71-00-05
MI WTLI-89.3*	Bear Creek Township	license to cover for new station
MS WAFM-95.3	Amory	increases to 6000 w, 272 ft
WSSI-FM-98.3	Carthage	increases to 20000 w, class C3, changes xmtr location to 32-43-29 89-32-44
NY WBAB-FM-102.3	Babylon	increases to 6000 w
OK KLAW-101.5	Lawton	moves to 101.3 MHz, decreases to 584 ft, changes xmtr location to 34-33-00 98-32-20
OR KCBZ-96.5	Cannon Beach	changes to 950 w, 302 ft, changes xmtr location to 45-57-08 123-56-14
PA WZZD-990	Philadelphia	changes xmtr loc. to 40-05-43 75-16-37
SC WDXZ-106.3	Newberry	decreases to 6000 w, class A, changes xmtr location to 34-16-39 81-46-12
TN WTXM-95.7	Maryville	changes to 6000 w, 321 ft
WBFG-96.5	Parker's Crossroads	license to cover for new station
TX KOOK-93.5	Junction	increases to 50000 w, 492 ft, class C2, changes xmtr loc. to 30-29-31 100-02-03
TX KWNS-104.9	Winnsboro	moves to 104.7 MHz, changes to 2750 w, 492 ft, changes xmtr location to 33-04-17 95-17-22

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

CA KWIZ-96.7	Santa Ana	build new auxiliary facility
UT KUUU-92.1	Tooele	build new auxiliary facility
WA KQBZ-100.7	Seattle	build new auxiliary facility
KMTT-103.7	Tacoma	build new auxiliary facility
ON CBLR-FM-89.9*	Parry Sound	increase to 180 w

Returned/Dismissed Applications

CO KOTO-91.7*	Telluride (R)	increase to 900 w, 1594 ft, class C3, change xmtr loc. to 37-59-57 107-57-42
GA WPMA(CP)-102.7	Sparta (D)	change to 2950 w, 466 ft

FACILITIES/PARAMETERS: GRANTS

AL WVSU-FM-91.1*	Birmingham	increase to 500 w, 420 ft, add DA, change xmtr loc. to 33-27-47 86-46-08
AR KAOG-90.5*	Jonesboro	modify CP to increase to 40000 w, 397 ft, add DA, class C2, change xmtr loc. to 35-48-36 90-48-45
CA KBIF-900	Fresno	direct measurement of antenna power
KLVG-103.7	Garberville	modify CP to decrease to 2348 ft, change xmtr location to 40-20-05 124-06-32
KYLD-94.9	San Francisco	make changes to auxiliary facility
FL WXOF-96.3	Yankeetown	change to 3500 w, 493 ft
GA WPMA (CP)-102.7	Sparta	decrease to 167 ft, change xmtr loc. to 33-18-48 83-00-05
HI KAOE-92.7	Hilo	modify CP to decrease to 2150 w
KPVS-95.9	Hilo	increase to -282 ft, change xmtr loc. to 19-50-20 155-06-43
KTUH-90.3*	Honolulu	increase to 3000 w (circular), -82 ft
IL WAJT (CP)-102.1	Mount Vernon	change to 10500 w, 508 ft
WNSV-104.7	Nashville	increase to 3400 w, 440 ft, change xmtr location to 38-26-02 89-18-55
IN WZZB-1390	Seymour	direct measurement of antenna power
KS KBGZ (CP)-104.3	Galena	change xmtr loc. to 37-03-08 94-42-26
LA KBEF (CP)-104.5	Gibbsland	increase to 6000 w, change xmtr loc. to 32-31-59 93-11-34
ME WBYA-101.7	Searsport	one step application to increase to class B1, 2000 w, change xmtr location to 44-31-27 68-57-16
MD WNAV-1430	Annapolis	direct measurement of antenna power
MA WNAN (CP)-91.1*	Nantucket	change to 1400 w (v), 226 ft, change xmtr location to 41-17-06 70-08-39
MI WUOM-91.7*	Ann Arbor	make changes to auxiliary facility
MS WFMM-97.3	Flora	modify CP to increase to 20500 w
MO KYRX-104.7	Chaffee	one step application to increase to class C3, 25000 w, change xmtr loc. to 37-09-44 89-28-49
MO KDEX-FM-102.3	Dexter	one step application to increase to class C2, 50000 w, 492 ft, change xmtr location to 36-51-37 90-07-43
KBDQ (CP)-95.3	Owensville	change to 37000 w, 564 ft
MT KXDR (CP)-98.1	Hamilton	one step application to move to 98.7 C1
OK KLAW-101.5	Lawton	increase to 100000 w, change xmtr loc. to 46-30-36 113-58-45
OR KRSK-105.1	Salem	move to 101.3 MHz, decrease to 584 ft, change xmtr loc. to 34-32-59 98-32-21 [97-225]
SD KQAA-94.9	Aberdeen	increase to 1889 ft, change xmtr loc. to 45-00-35 122-20-17
TN WBEH (CP)-106.7	Norris	increase to 446 ft
TX KAJA-97.3	San Antonio	change to 1500 w, 666 ft DA, change xmtr location to 36-08-04 83-55-19
KWTX-FM-97.5	Waco	build new auxiliary facility
VA WPVA (CP)-90.1*	Waynesboro	decrease to 1410 ft, change xmtr loc. to 31-20-16 97-18-36
WY KUWC (CP)-91.3*	Casper	(as amended) increase to 961 ft, drop DA, change xmtr loc. to 38-01-16 78-52-38
		change to 530 w, 1784 ft, change xmtr location to 42-44-26 106-21-34

CALL LETTER CHANGES (# applied for by new owners)

AL WMXN-1400	Fort Payne	becomes # WDLL (requested)
WRWO-96.1	Montgomery	WQKS-FM 6-21-99 "Kiss"
AR KLRA-1530	England	# KLEC 6-21-99 "Lick"
KLEC-96.5	England	KLEC-FM 6-21-99 "Lick"
new-90.1*	Fayetteville	KBNV 6-25-99
CA KALI-1430	San Gabriel	# KMRB 6-14-99
KRRR-900	West Covina	# KALI 6-14-99
CO KBNO-1220	Denver	# KLVZ (requested)
FL WYHI-1570	Fernandina Beach	# WGSR 6-25-99 "Star"
GA new-88.9*	The Rock	WKEU-FM 6-18-99

CALL LETTER CHANGES (cont'd)

IN WAXT-96.7	Alexandria	# WHTI	6-14-99	
WLHN-101.7	Elwood	# WURK	6-14-99	
WWWO-93.5	Hartford City	# WHTY	6-14-99	
WERK-990	Muncie	WLHN	6-14-99	
WERK-FM-104.9	Muncie	# WERK	6-14-99	
KS new-98.1	Dearing	KKRK	6-21-99	
MI WCXT-105.3	Hart	# WWIP	(requested)	"The Whip"
WXBV-1140	Kentwood	WKWM	6-21-99	
MS WQIS-890	Laurel	WEEZ	6-21-99	
WVYE(CP)-100.5	Port Gibson	WRTM-FM	6-14-99	
NE KESY-97.7	Nebraska City	KQCH	6-21-99	
NJ WEMG-104.9	Egg Harbor City	# WEMG-FM	6-21-99	"Mega"
WURD-900	Philadelphia	WEMG	6-21-99	"Mega"
NM new-88.9*	Cloudcroft	KBOD	6-25-99	
KYVA-1230	Gallup	KTHR	6-21-99	"Thunder Country"
KTHR-103.7	Grants	KYVA	6-21-99	
NY new-95.9	Glens Falls	WCQL	6-25-99	
WKAJ-900	Saratoga Springs	# WUAM	(requested)	
NC new-91.7*	Ahoskie	WBKU	6-25-99	
OR KAQX-102.9	Bonanza	# KYSF	6-18-99	"Kiss"
PA WKQV-FM-95.7	Olyphant	# WXAR	6-24-99	
WA KBFW-930	Bellingham	KIXT	6-21-99	

PROPOSED STATION TRANSFERS

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

AK KQEZ-92.1	Houston	314 from UBIK Corporation	
		to New Northwest Broadcasters II, Inc.	
AZ KFDJ-1360	Glendale	316 from Salem Media of Arizona, Inc.	
		to Common Ground Broadcasting, Inc.	
AR KXIO-106.9	Clarksville	314 from J.L. Richardson	
		to River Valley Radio Group, LLC	
CRNN-1380	North Little Rock	316 from Equity Bcstg. Corporation	
		to Radio Disney AM 1380, LLC	
CA KNTI-99.5	Lakeport	314 from Excelsior Communications, Inc.	
		to Bicoastal Media, LLC	
CO KBNO-1220	Denver	314 from Colorado Communications Corporation	
		to KLZ Radio, Inc.	
FL WFBA-990	Miami	314 from WRA Broadcasting, Inc.	
		to ABC, Inc.	
HI KAGB(CP)-99.1	Waimea	316 from Waimea Broadcasting, Inc.	
		to Waimea Partnership	
IL WLUV-FM-96.7	Loves Park	314 from Loves Park Broadcasting Co.	
		to Connoisseur Communications of Rockford	
IN WTHC-95.9	Seelyville	314 from Hester Broadcasting Corporation	
		to Bright Tower Communications, Inc.	
LA KEZP-104.3	Bunkie	316 from Owensville Communications	
		to Owensville Communications, LLC	
MI WMHG-1600/ WSHZ-107.9/ WMRR-101.7/Muskegon Heights	Muskegon/ Muskegon Heights	314 from Goodrich Radio, LLC	
		to Connoisseur Communications of Muskegon	
		(\$2.7 million; includes \$400,000 for consulting fees to Media Services Group; includes non-compete and LMA)	
WLKM-1510/95.9	Three Rivers	316 vol. acquisition of negative control of	
		to Voice of 3 Rivers by BJ & ZK Shipley	
MT KGHL-790/ KIDX-98.5/ KRSQ-101.7/	Billings/ Laurel	314 from Marathon Media of Montana, LP	
		to New Northwest Broadcasters II, Inc.	
NC WBHN-1590	Bryson City	316 invol. from Starcast South (Mullen, Dec)	
		to Starcast South (Estate of Jack Mullen)	
WSYD-1300	Mount Airy	316 from Granite City Bcstg. (L. Epperson)	
		to Granite City Bcstg. (Kelley Epperson)	
WHGG-90.1*	Roanoke Rapids	314 from The Union Mission of Roanoke Rapids	
		to Appalchian Educ. Communication Corp.	

PROPOSED STATION TRANSFERS (cont'd)

OH WQCT-1520/	Bryan	316 vol. acquisition of negative control of
WBNO-FM-100.9		to Williams Cty. Bcstg. by BJ & ZK Shipley
UT KRPX-1080/	Price	316 from Halloran Bcstg. (Michael Halloran)
KPRQ-100.9		to Halloran Bcstg. (Claudine Halloran)
VA WINA-1070/	Charlottesville	316 from Charlottesville Bcstg. (Richardson)
WKAV-1400/WQMZ-95.1		to Charlottesville Bcstg. (C. Richardson)
WPLC-94.3	Warrenton	316 from First VA Comm. (S & A Abel, Tenants)
		to First VA Comm. (Syd & Francis Abel)

Form 315 Transfer Applications were filed by Bicoastal Media, Kenneth R. Dennis to Bicoastal Holdings Company for the following stations in California: KATA, Arcata; KGOE, KKHB, KRED-FM and KFMI, Eureka; KXBX AM and FM, Lakeport; and KQPM in Ukiah.

DISMISSED STATION TRANSFERS

VA WFIR-960/	Roanoke (D)	315 from Jim Gibbons Radio (Shareholders)
WPVR-94.9		to Jim Gibbons Radio (Atlantic Star Comm.)

(dismissed per transferee's request)

FM ALLOCATIONS: PROPOSED AMENDMENTS

MT new	Alberton	add 105.5 C2, comments due August 8, replies Aug. 24
new	Choteau	add 102.1 C1, comments due August 8, replies Aug. 24
new	Darby	add 107.9 A, comments due August 8, replies Aug. 24
new	Fortine	add 94.3 C3, comments due August 8, replies Aug. 24
new	Saint Regis	add 99.1 C2, comments due August 8, replies Aug. 24
new	Trego	add 107.1 C2, comments due August 8, replies Aug. 24
new	Valier	add 105.7 C1, comments due August 8, replies Aug. 24
TX new	Mason	add 95.7 C2, comments due August 2, replies Aug. 17
UT new	Fountain Green	add 96.7 A, comments due August 8, replies Aug. 24
new	Leeds	add 105.3 C2, comments due August 8, replies Aug. 24
new	Parowan	add 107.9 C2, comments due August 8, replies Aug. 24
new	Toquerville	add 103.9 C, comments due August 8, replies Aug. 24

FM ALLOCATIONS: GRANTED AMENDMENTS

FL new	* Perry	add 107.7 C3
MT new	* Belt	add 101.7 A
new	* Florence	add 103.5 A
new	* Joliet	add 99.7 C3
new	* Lockwood	add 106.7 A
TX new	* Eden	add 104.5 A
WI new	* Ashland	add 102.9 A

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

WASHINGTON THIS WEEK

Another red flag: Rockford-market WLUV-FM, Loves Park, IL (96.7 MHz) may have nonexistent ratings and negligible revenue, but that doesn't stop the FCC from questioning whether Connoisseur should add it to its cluster there. (We know that because the Commission slapped one of its red flag notices on the transfer app.) Country WLUV-FM is a Class A facility that literally hasn't shown in the Rockford, IL Arbitron since Fall 1997. Connoisseur's current Rockford-market stations: CHR WZOK, country WXXQ and talk WROK. This deal probably rang another FCC alarm bell: Rockford is a market where two operators would have more than 70% of the available radio revenue. The FCC has taken special interest in those situations.

Keep your eyes on Senate Bill 467 -- The "Antitrust Merger Review Act" was just unanimously approved by the Senate Judiciary Committee, and now moves on to consideration by the full Senate. S. 467 would virtually bar the FCC from the merger review business and leave merger clearances up to the "specialists" at the DOJ and FTC.

Key FCC policymaker Buck Logan is leaving to return to private practice. He's currently Chief of the Policy and Rules Division at the Mass Media Bureau, and has been deeply involved with policy issues like revising the broadcast ownership rules. Charles "Buck" Logan joined the FCC from private practice (Covington & Burling) in 1994, and now returns to the private sector. He becomes "of counsel" at the D.C. law firm of Lawler, Metzger & Milkman, LLC. We didn't hear any immediate word of a replacement at the Portals.

WASHINGTON THIS WEEK (cont'd)

Bill Kennard is the star in the re-designed FCC website: The Chairman's face is the only one you'll see on the "Welcome" page of "fcc.gov." The sleek new website launched Monday (6/28) and also shows off the Portals. It certainly looks much more consumer-friendly. Behind the scenes, it does appear that the Commission has finally tamed the cyber-gremlins that caused recurring problems with the FCC's computers -- and we're not talking about the dirty joke about the nuns that inadvertently got e-mailed along with the Daily Digest last month. The computer problems included late or missing files in various online postings, the inability to format some postings in the usual fashion, and multiple e-mails of the same documents. That was all related to the FCC's move to the Portals and the breaking-in process for new computers. Now things are working better and the agency has debuted its new homepage design.

In his semi-annual report, the FCC's Inspector General gives the Commission a basically clean bill of health: No new cases of staffers accessing porn on FCC computers or being videotaped walking supplies out the back door. The IG did lots of followup of older cases (problems with sub-contractors, disciplining some employees), and found the Commission functioning well.

The NAB just concluded its Summer board meeting in Arlington, VA, and it's ready to turn up the heat against the FCC's Low Power FM proposal. The strategy is to lean heavily on the interference potential of the FCC's proposed new service. The just-concluded Radio Board meeting in Arlington, VA heard evidence from outside engineering consultants that the FCC would endanger the current FM band by dropping protection for second- and third-adjacent channel stations. That's an area the NAB has focused on for months -- knowing that Chairman Kennard and the other Commissioners have pledged not to harm the existing FM service. Will it be enough? It may come down to a battle of expert witnesses. The FCC's own in-house engineers theorize that there is sufficient spectrum for LPFM.

Good news, bad news: The NAB may be losing the Fox TV stations as members, but it just gained three new radio groups: Ed Christian's Saga Communications, Chris Devine's Chicago-based Marathon Media, and Joaquin Blaya's Miami-based Radio Unica. Another sign things are good at 1771 N Street, NW: The NAB Executive Committee has been appointed to hire a financial advisor to recommend "investment options for the association."

And this balloting just in from the NAB: Bill McElveen is re-elected NAB Radio Board Chairman. Bill Poole was unanimously re-elected Vice Chairman.

CANADA THIS WEEK

Deployment of digital radio took another step forward this week with applications for "transitional" facilities from six Vancouver market AM and FM stations. Unlike the in-band on-channel system proposed for the U.S., Canadian digital broadcasts will use the Eureka-147 system and transmit in the 1452-1492 MHz range ("L Band"). According to the CRTC, the goal is to introduce the public to digital radio and "to refine coverage and market issues related to this new technology." Applying for "transitional" facilities are; CFMI-FM, CFOX-FM, CKKS-FM, CKLG, CKNW and CKWX. The "transitional" digital stations will simulcast, but may broadcast up to, 14 hours of original programming each week.

If you've got a news tip about Canada or just want to talk about Canadian radio, drop an e-mail to M Street's Canadian expert Steve Apel at Sapel@Erols.com.

ELSEWHERE

In St. Louis, something's got to go -- That's if Emmis does wind up adding Sinclair's five FMs, one AM and one TV station to its own three-FM radio cluster. Jeff Smulyan says he's got a deal to purchase former Sinclair executive Barry Baker's option on certain Sinclair properties, and here's what they are: country WIL-FM (92.3 MHz/Class C). Classic rock KXOK-FM (97.1 MHz/Class C1). Modern AC "River" WVRV (101.1 MHz/C2). Classic hits KIHT (96.3 MHz/Class C1). Modern rock KPNT (105.7 MHz/Class C). Adult standards WRTH (1430 KHz/5,000 watts DA-2). Sinclair also has the local ABC TV affiliate: KDNL-TV, Channel 30. On the current Emmis roster are three FMs: Rock KSHE (94.7 MHz/Class), one of its longest-held properties. Country WKKX (106.5 MHz/Class C1). And modern rock WXTM (104.1 MHz/Class C2).

ELSEWHERE (cont'd)

Formatically, Emmis could dominate St. Louis in country and rock, depending on what it keeps from the combined Emmis-Sinclair holdings. It has a chance to lock up its position as the market's country operator by combining WIL-FM plus Steve & DC homebase WKKX. And on the rock side it could run the gamut from rock (heritage rocker KSHE) to modern rock (WXTM and/or KPNT) to classic rock (KXOK-FM) and classic hits (KIHT). There's also modern AC "River" WVRV. But Emmis would likely have to divest at least two and probably three of the total eight FMs in the combined cluster. So if it keeps the two country stations it gets to hang onto only three other FMs. Another thing: There's no guarantee that formats would remain on their current frequencies.

After Jeff Smulyan, Barry Baker, and Sinclair's David Smith complete this deal, the FCC could have plenty to say about it: We're guessing that Emmis may look to spin off stations to a minority-owned broadcaster to speed FCC approval. Radio One and Blue Chip would be obvious prospects to buy in this major African-American market. Radio One is about to debut some kind of urban format on newly-acquired WFUN-FM and would welcome a second FM. While Ross Love's Blue Chip has the capital (thanks to Sam Zell and others) to expand.

Sale in the Seattle area: George Kriste's Rock On Radio is buying suburban Class A KKBV-FM (104.9 MHz) for \$4,500,000. Kriste has been part of the New Century group that just agreed to sell its Phoenix stations to Big City and was previously active in Seattle in partnership with Ackerley. KKBV-FM was formerly KJUN-FM, and it did a 0.6 share 12+ in the Seattle Winter Arbitron as urban "Y104.9."

In the Dayton, OH area, Blue Chip buys "Kiss Country" WKSX for \$5 million -- which gives Ross Love a fourth station in Dayton. The latest Blue Chip acquisition is WKSX, Urbana, OH (101.7 MHz), which covers the area northeast of Dayton (Urbana and Springfield, OH). It's also a factor in the Dayton market (2.1 share 12+ in the Winter Arbitron). The seller is Bob Miller's United States Broadcasting, and the facility is a Class A FM. Blue Chip will have CHR WGTZ, classic hits WING-FM, news-talk WING and country WKSX in the Dayton area.

In New England, Keating Willcox-owned Willow Farm, Inc. picks up yet another AM outlet. It's WMSX, Brockton, MA (1410 KHz), currently doing brokered talk. The facility is 1,000 watts day/156 watts night, DA-2. Seller is Don Sandler's Griot Communications, and the price is \$647,000. Willcox owns nearby AMs like talker WPEP, Taunton, MA (1570 KHz). Brokers: Dennis Jackson and Mike Rice of New England Media, LLC.

How can radio make money off the web? That's the \$64 question, and that's why Emmis' Jeff Smulyan and Doyle Rose are working to build a coalition of radio groups under the banner of the "Local Media Internet Venture." Concept would be for radio stations to control their own "portals", or entry places to the web. If you get the eyes coming to your homepage first, you can make a lot of money (or so goes the theory). Citadel, Jefferson-Pilot, Greater Media, Susquehanna and TV group Raycom are reportedly among those talking with Emmis about going in on the venture. We'll keep you posted.

Listening on the web? The good news for local radio is that web radio listeners are buying online. The bad news is they're often listening to distant stations. 49% of those questioned in an Arbitron NewMedia study buy advertised products online, and 44% click on ads -- so people DO pay attention to those banner ads. Arbitron NewMedia VP/GM Greg Verdino says "For webcast tuners, 'advertising' is not a dirty word." Where are they listening? 63% of webcast users listen at home. 47% listen at work. How about frequency? More than one-third of webradio listeners tune in daily. And format preferences? 77% listen to music. Next "format preference" is news, at 64%. But here's a statistic to ponder: Surfers like to listen "out-of-market" -- 74% listen to radio broadcasts from outside their listening area. That's more than listen to local stations (56%). And about 75% said they would listen more online if they had wireless web access -- something M Street's been writing about for months. The Arbitron/Northstar Interactive study was created from a June survey that canvassed 1,527 users through random intercepts at "Broadcast.com" and "Vtuner.com" (Details at "Arbitron.com").

ELSEWHERE (cont'd)

Clear Channel and Premiere are switching satellite distribution to Scott Ginsburg-run StarGuide Digital Networks. Their "multi-million dollar" contract covers future distribution of Rush Limbaugh, Dr. Laura and other Premiere programming. StarGuide's system will also transmit the regional programming and sports networks of Clear Channel. VP/Strategic Development Bill Suffa says the move upgrades quality, saves Clear Channel some money and creates more flexibility and customization for stations. Deployment begins almost immediately and continues through Q4 2000, managed through Clear Channel's NSN division.

In Italy, "Jolly" means outdoor advertising, not an extroverted disposition. Clear Channel just expanded its outdoor business in Europe with the purchase of a 51% stake in Jolly Pubblicita Spa from -- who else? -- the Jolly family. Jolly is big in what the Europeans call "street furniture" -- signage on mass transit shelters and benches. Clear Channel-owned More Group Plc says the Jolly acquisition gives it a 21% share of the Italian outdoor market.

Children's Broadcasting completes its exit from radio by changing its name to "Intelefilm" -- though Radio Aahs lives on in the stock symbol. That's because Chris Dahl is keeping the familiar "AAHS" ticker symbol. Intelefilm's new gameplan is to consolidate the fragmented business segment of TV production houses.

In England, the phrase "religious broadcaster" may be about to take on a new meaning: A Christian short-wave operator is taking the British government to court to overturn current law in the U.K. England currently forbids religious broadcasters from holding one of the few national radio licenses. United Christian Broadcasters has operated a short-wave station in Stoke-on-Trent for 12 years, and now it's taking action against the British government in the European Court of Human Rights. M Street notes Canada had similar restrictions until recently.

In Japan, electronics giant Hitachi announces that it's going to offer a digital satellite broadcasting service sometime in 2002. Hitachi is asking automakers Toyota and Honda to work with it on the new consortium. Matsushita and others would also be part of the group. M Street notes that the Japanese approach might offer more than the "radio" service contemplated by CD Radio and XM Satellite Radio. Hitachi is talking about transmitting television, data and navigation services.

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

Got a sweet tooth for radio? Here's a lollipop that's also a radio! Yes, we've now got "Pop Radio" -- a lollipop holder that plays FM stations that can be heard only by the person who's sucking on the lollipop. This is for real: Reuters reports that Tiger Electronics -- which makes the Furby talking animals -- teamed with toy candy maker Sound Bites to market "Pop Radio." You hear the FM signal through vibrations that travel through the lollipop, to your teeth and directly into your inner ear. (Will oldies stations be playing "Candy Girl"?) The Pop Radio debuted at last month's candy show in Chicago.

Radio Unica partners with Westwood for the 2000 and 2004 Olympics. For the first time, it says, Spanish-language listeners will get in-depth live coverage of the Games. Westwood has U.S. rights for all languages, and Joel Hollander cuts a deal with Joaquin Blaya for the Spanish-language rights. They'll work together on the live Olympic coverage. A key Radio Unica strategy is to deliver original sports programming for its 24-hour network.

More sports for Miami? The Miami Herald says the new "Fan" should debut by early August, on the 1700 KHz expanded-band facility that's currently clearing the programming of owner Radio Unica. That puts the Fan opposite Beasley's WQAM, in a leased-time deal led by ex-WQAM sportscaster Tony Calatayud. The Herald reports the lineup will include Calatayud, former Florida Marlins first baseman Orestes Destrade and Westwood's Don Imus. Radio Unica's network programming will continue to air on its hometown O&O, WNMA, Miami Springs (1210 KHz).

Newt Gingrich gets a daily radio show. It's just a two-minute daily strip (reports MediaWeek) but it gets the former House Speaker back into the public eye -- courtesy of Premiere Radio Networks. "Newt's Age of Possibilities" debuts on July 27.

M STREET BAZAAR (cont'd)

CD Radio signs up a whole orchestra -- the National Symphony Orchestra. This agreement with the John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts and the DC-based National Symphony Orchestra is perhaps CD Radio's most unorthodox partnership yet. It should provide a superb platform for the performing arts, across multiple channels of the national satellite service. Niche marketing advantage?

Country Radio Seminar's regional Gulf Coast seminar is August 27-28 in Mobile. Citadel's Larry Wilson will keynote the Saturday-Sunday event, which features a concert by Columbia's Tara Lyn Hart. For more, check the "www.crb.org" website.

Blood, Sweat and Tears will play the NAB's Opening Night party. Like everything else about this year's Radio Show, the big cocktail party is not on the usual night or time. The Orlando Radio Show opens on a Tuesday night (not a Wednesday). And the party, at the Omni Rosen Hotel, is significantly later than usual -- 9pm to midnight.

Brad Burkhardt, who recently did a deal with Salem for much of his publishing interests, now announces his fifth annual "CRR 1999 Radio Seminar" for Christian music programmers. Dates: October 1-3. Site: Atlanta Airport Hilton and Towers. Details from Brad at (770) 518-8811 or ACSeminar@aol.com.

Spanish Broadcasting System will webcast its stations on LaMusica.com. Raul Alarcon previously announced that SBS was taking a large stake in the Latin music online site. Now Alarcon's stations will be available online via LaMusica.com. Juan Estaban's company gets programming from SBS stations in New York, Los Angeles, Chicago, Miami, Key Largo, Key West, San Antonio & Puerto Rico. LaMusica.com also announces it's offering digital downloads of music from its website.

"Auntie Beeb" gets a new boss -- the guy from "Baywatch." Greg Dyke will leave commercial broadcaster Pearson Plc to accept the daunting job of Director General of the BBC. He'll replace Sir John Birt, who's stepping down next April. The BBC is unlike any other broadcasting institution in the world: It was started as an independent radio service in 1922 and is managed by an independent board of governors. But it is funded by yearly license payments from listeners and viewers.

RadioWave.com President Paul Fiddick is nominated as Assistant Secretary at the Department of Agriculture. Fiddick became President of Motorola's RadioWave.com online unit shortly after Heritage Media's broadcasting assets were sold. Now he's leaving RadioWave.com and has been nominated by President Clinton as Assistant Secretary of Administration at the USDA.

More news from radio next week here in the M Street Journal. Got a news tip, question or comment? Call us at (615) 251-1525. See you back next week here on M Street!

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