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WAVING THE WHITE FLAG. . . . Facing a tidal wave of pressure from religious broadcasters and Congress, the FCC has quickly sounded the bugle of retreat from its new position on the qualifications of religious broadcasters to hold non-commercial educational TV licenses. National Religious Broadcasters President Brandt Gustavson says "This is a total victory" -- a nice one to celebrate as the NRB gathers in Anaheim for its annual convention. M Streeters were amazed the FCC took on religious broadcasters and their powerful allies in Congress in the first place, through its December decision involving a Pittsburgh NCE TV station. Religious broadcasters pounced on it as the beginning of government intrusion. The Rev. Jerry Falwell claimed it would "severely stifle religious expression." Friday (January 28) the FCC waved the white flag and issued an Order on Reconsideration. Commissioner Gloria Tristani dissented, but it's clear the FCC picked a fight it couldn't hope to win.

MONEY FROM THE SKY. . . . Both national satellite radio services moved closer to their goal of making money from the sky -- both in traditional over-the-air fashion (selling spot advertising) to innovative new ones (partnering with a major carmaker to deliver additional services broadly called "telematics"). Let's take the news from D.C.-based XM Satellite Radio first: "Charter advertisers" include Madison Avenue notables like Grey Advertising, J. Walter Thompson and Saatchi & Saatchi. XM also announced its new sales-representation pact with Clear Channel-owned Premiere Radio Networks. And XM has commissioned SRI, the research company that produces the RADAR sales network ratings, to supply custom audience measurement reports. And to help pay for it all, XM also completed another round of stock issues worth \$220 million. Over at Sirius Satellite Radio (the former CD Radio), they're touting a new relationship with DaimlerChrysler that includes a \$100 million investment by the manufacturer, installation of Sirius-capable units in Dodges, Jeeps and Benzes, plus the joint-venture exploration of new "telematics" services like on-board navigation aids and wireless security devices. Your new Sirius-equipped SUV not only delivers 100 channels of digital audio -- it keeps you from getting lost on the way to Aunt Mabel's new condo.

FORMAT CHANGES & UPDATES

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

AL Pepperell	WZMG-910	ABC-urban AC/gosp.	ABC - black gospel
AR Helena	KFFA-FM-103.1	JRN CD - country	JRN - soft AC
CA Inglewood (Los Angles)	KACE-103.9	# R&B oldies	stunting
	(KACE & simulcast sister KRTO are now a combo with regional Mexican KSCA, romantica KLVE and Spanish talk KTNQ)		
Lompoc	KSMY-106.7	KAKV, standards	CHR // KSLY-FM
	(KSMY continues its LMA-to-buy with Mondosphere Broadcasting)		
W. Covina (Los Angles)	KRTO-98.3	# R&B oldies // KACE	stunting // KACE
	(KRTO/KACE will introduce a new Hispanic format mid-February)		
Willits	KLLK-FM-93.5	# 96.7 MHz, silent	KMKX, WW1 - adult rock
	(KMKX moves from Fort Bragg & enters an LMA-to-buy with hot AC KWNE)		
CO Aspen	KPVW-107.1	new	info/clas./jazz //KAJX
	(This is a temporary format; look for a new format soon)		
DE Wilmington	WTMC-1380*	# WAMS, classical	reported silent
	(WTMC changes to non-commercial status and expects to return in March with an all traffic format)		

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FORMAT CHANGES & UPDATES (cont'd)

GA	Elberton	WSGC-1400	oldies	WW1 - adult standards
	Elberton	WWRK-FM-92.1	country	adds ABC - country
	Sandersville	WSNT-1490	ABC - R&B oldies	ABC - black gospel
	Vienna	WKTF-1550	# WWWN, R&B old./CW	country "Catfish 1550"
IL	Macomb	WLRB-1510	WW1 - oldies	WW1 - adult standards
KS	Topeka	KTOP-1490	adult standards	JRN - classic country
KY	Central City	WNES-1050	country // WKYA	One on One - sports
ME	Camden (Augusta)	WQSS-102.5	soft AC	classic hits
	Topsham (Portland)	WCLZ-95.5	WXGL-FM cl. hits	adult alt. "95.5 CLZ"
MA	Pittsfield	WBRK-FM-101.7	ABC - AC	ABC - hot AC
	Westfield(Springfield)	WNNZ-640	talk	adds WW1 - Imus
MN	International Falls	KXBR-91.9*	KBOG, new	to be cont. Christian
		(KXBR is expected to debut in early April)		
MO	De Soto	KDJR-100.1	country	reported silent
		(KDJR & simulcast sister KHAD are silent due to a fire)		
	De Soto	KHAD-1190	country // KDJR	reported silent
NY	Buffalo	WBEN-930	# news/talk/sports	news & talk
		(WBEN's sports programming moves to sister WGR, 550 KHz)		
	Buffalo	WGR-550	# news/talk/sports	all sports
		(WGR's news & talk programming move to sister WBEN, 930 KHz)		
	Buffalo	WWKB-1520	# sports & country	CHR // WKSE
		(This is a temporary format; a new one is expected in about a month)		
	Spring Valley	WLIR-1300	# adult standards	soft AC "Radio Rockland"
		(WLIR enters an LMA-to-buy with Alexander Broadcasting, Inc.)		
OH	Alliance (Canton)	WZKL-92.5	oldies	hot AC "Z 92.5"
	Heath (Columbus)	WHTH-790	country	talk
OK	Edmond (Oklahoma City)	KCYI-97.9	# smooth jazz	urban "Wild 97.9"
PA	Berwick (Scranton)	WSQV-1280	# silent	c. Christ. & rel.//WAAT
		(WSQV enters an LMA-to-buy with WAAT, will relaunch as WFBS, adult standards, "Radio Smiles" on April 1st)		
	Brookville	WBEU-103.3	new	WYTR, ABC - oldies
	Charleroi (Pittsburgh)	WESA-940	# CHR // WZKT & talk	country // WOGI
	Charleroi (Pittsburgh)	WZKT-98.3	# CHR	WOGI, country // WOGG
		(WZKT & AM sister WESA are now a combo with country WOGG & talk WASP)		
SC	Atlantic B. (Myrtle B)	WMIR-1200	silent	southern gospel
	Hampton	WHGS-1270	WBHC, rel & CW//FM	black gospel
	North Myrtle Beach	WMIW-FM-88.9*	c. Christ & rel.	adds MGS - c. Christ.
TN	Germantown (Memphis)	WOWW-1430	R&B/50's oldies	adds classical 10p-7a
	Newport	WLIK-1270	country	oldies "Smokin Oldies"
		(WLIK retains its southern gospel show M-F 8-9am & all day Sundays)		
TX	Port Lavaca (Victoria)	KPLV-93.3	ABC Real - country	KVIC, ABC - hot AC
		(KPLV's country programming moves to 95.1 MHz)		
	Victoria	KVIC-95.1	ABC - hot AC	KRNX, ABC Real-country
		(KVIC call letters & programming move to 93.3 MHz)		
VT	Bennington	WBTV-1370*	# news & talk	info & classical // FM
		(WBTV AM joins WBTV-FM in relaying Vermont Public Radio's WVPS)		
WA	Oak Harbor	KWDB-1110	# KJTT, silent	to be AC (Feb 20th)
ON	London	CFHK-FM-103.1	classic hits	dance-CHR "Energy Radio"
		(CFHK-FM relays CING-FM's programming from 7 pm to 10 am)		
	Woodstock (London)	CKDK-FM-103.9	dance-CHR	classic rock "The Hawk"

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

AL 88.7*	Demopolis	25000 w, 315 ft	Miles College
KS 89.3*	Cimarron	no facils given	Great Plains Christian Radio

Returned/Dismissed Applications

PA 105.9+	Pocono Pines (D)		Morgan Associates
		(settlement agreement granted/application dismissed 1/19/00)	
	105.9+	Pocono Pines (D)	The Scranton Times, LP
		(settlement agreement granted/application dismissed 1/19/00)	
WV 89.3*	Clay		Clay County Comm., LP
WY 99.3+	New Castle (D)		Mt. Rushmore Bcstg., Inc.
		(settlement granted/application dismissed 1/21/00)	

NEW STATIONS: GRANTS

CA 1670	Moreno Valley	10000/9000, DA-2	D. L. Van Voorhis
		(granted calls KSUL)	
MO 90.3*	Vienna	10000 w, 328 ft DA	New Life Evangelistic Center
		(granted calls KNLN this week)	
PA 105.9	Pocono Pines	6000 w, 328 ft	STPM Radio
		(settlement and application granted 1/19/00)	

NEW STATIONS: GRANTS (cont'd)

VT 91.9*	Putney	80 w, 758 ft	Christian Ministries, Inc.
WY 99.3	New Castle	200 w, 298 ft	Michael Radio Group

(settlement and application granted 1/21/00)

TRANSLATORS/BOOSTERS/SYNCHRONOUS XMTR: APPLICATIONS

CA new-91.1*	Oroville	KCZO	Paulino Bernal
GA new-89.9*	Albany	WPCS	Pensacola Christ. Coll.
IN new-91.7*	Shelburn	relay not available	Family Worship Center
new-88.5*	South Bend	WPCS	Pensacola Christ. Coll.
MI new-88.9*	McKinley	WAAQ	Great Lakes Bcstg.
MN new-90.5*	Benson	relay not available	Family Worship Center
new-89.9*	Canby	relay not available	Family Worship Center
new-88.1*	Marshall	relay not available	Family Worship Center
new-91.9*	Medina	WPCS	Pensacola Christ. Coll.
new-90.5*	Morris	relay not available	Family Worship Center
new-90.1*	Walker	relay not available	Family Worship Center
new-88.1*	Warren	relay not available	Family Worship Center
NV new-88.5*	Caliente	KNPR	Nevada Public Radio
NJ new-91.9*	Weehawken	KTLW	Living Way Ministries
OH new-91.9*	Findlay	WPCS	Pensacola Christ. Coll.
VA new-90.1*	Clear Brook	WC DK	Priority Radio, Inc.
WI new-90.1*	Reedsburg	relay not available	Family Worship Center
new-89.9*	Rhineland	relay not available	Family Worship Center
new-90.1*	Rice Lake	relay not available	Family Worship Center
new-91.5*	Sparta	relay not available	Family Worship Center
new-90.5*	Spring Green	relay not available	Family Worship Center
new-88.3*	Wabeno	relay not available	Family Worship Center

TRANSLATORS/BOOSTERS/SYNCHRONOUS XMTR: GRANTS

UT KSNFM-1-107.9	Salt Lake City	190 w, KSNU	Deer Valley Bcstg. LLC
WA K206CL-89.1*	Chinook	13 w, KAWZ	Calv. Chapel/Twin Falls

(as amended)

CONSTRUCTION PERMIT ACTIVITY

AK KWJG-91.5*	Kasilof	increases to 1000 w
GA WJIZ-FM-96.3	Albany	decreases to 466 ft, changes xmtr loc. to 31-39-16 84-10-36
MI WRKR-107.7	Portage	decreases to 485 ft, adds DA
MS WNBW-1290	Meridian	increases to 2500 w days, ND
MO KBGJ-97.3	Marble Hill	license to cover for new station
NC WKXB-99.9	Burgaw	increases to 774 ft, changes xmtr loc. to 34-14-37 78-07-24
OH WKSU-FM-89.7*	Kent	built new auxiliary facility
RI WRIU-90.3*	Kingston	changes xmtr loc. to 41-29-52 71-31-43
TX KAHK-107.7	Georgetown	changes to 25000 w, 328 ft, adds DA
WA KSRB-1150	Seattle	increases to 10000 w days, DA-N

(has app to increase to 6000 w nights)

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

FL WRMD-680	Saint Petersburg	direct measurement of antenna power
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Returned/Dismissed Applications

GA WGKA-1190	Atlanta (D)	modify CP to increase to 25000 w days, ND-D
NY WLIB-1190	New York (D)	modify CP to increase to 30000 w nights, DA-2 as moot
OK KGND-107.5	Ketchum (D)	increase to 100000 w, 485 ft, class C1 from class C2

FACILITIES/PARAMETERS: GRANTS

AZ KUYI(CP)-89.1*	Hotevilla	move to 88.1 MHz
CA KRMT-88.9*	Temecula	change to 270 w, 3057 ft, add DA
CO KRDO-FM-95.1	Colorado Springs	change to 65000 w, 2211 ft
FL WGSR-1570	Fernandina Beach	increase to 10000 w days, ND-D, change xmtr loc. to 30-40-33 81-27-35
IN WRCR-94.3	Rushville	increase to 561 ft
ME WMEB-FM-91.9*	Orono	increase to 600 w, 171 ft
NY WYUL-94.7	Chateaugay	change to 50000 w, 449 ft DA, change xmtr loc. to 44-46-56 74-13-09

FACILITIES/PARAMETERS: GRANTS (cont'd)

SC WSNW-1150	Seneca	change xmtr loc. to 34-40-23 82-59-40
TX KQBT-104.3	Taylor	build new auxiliary facility
WA KSFC-91.9*	Spokane	increase to 3200 w, 1644 ft, add DA
ON CBCL-FM-93.5*	London	decrease to 69300 w

CALL LETTER CHANGES (# applied for by new owners)

CA KAKV-106.7	Lompoc	becomes	KSMY	1/24/00	
KLLK-FM-93.5	Willits		# KMKX	(requested)	"Max 93.5"
CO KQIL-1340	Grand Junction		# KTMM	(requested)	"The Team"
KQIX-93.1	Grand Junction		# KMGJ	(requested)	"Magic 93.1"
DE WAMS-1380	Wilmington		# WTMC	1/24/00	"Traffic Mgmt. Ctr."
FL WHNZ-570	Pinellas Park		# WTBN	1/19/00	"Tampa Bay News"
WSAA-620	Saint Petersburg		# WHNZ	1/27/00	
GA WWWN-1550	Vienna		# WKTF	1/26/00	"Catfish 1550"
MN KBOG(CP)-91.9*	International Falls		KXBR	1/19/00	
MO new-90.3*	Vienna		KNLN	1/20/00	
MT KYLO(C)-100.7	Livingston		KXLB	1/26/00	
NM KYJY-95.9	Chama		# KKJY	(requested)	
OK KOAS-92.1	Broken Arrow		KIZS	1/19/00	"Kiss"
PA WBEU(CP)-103.3	Brookville		WYTR	1/18/00	
SC WBHC-1270	Hampton		WHGS	1/20/00	"Hampton's Gospel Station"
TX KPLV-93.3	Port Lavaca		KVIC	(requested)	
KVIC-95.1	Victoria		KRNK	(requested)	"Radio Ranch"
WA KJTT-1110	Oak Harbor		# KWDB	1/21/00	

PROPOSED STATION TRANSFERS

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

AZ KTAN-1420/ KZMK-100.9/ KWCD-92.3	Sierra Vista/ Bisbee	314	from DB Broadcasting, LLC to Commonwealth License Subsidiary, LLC
AR KRLW-1320/106.3	Walnut Ridge	314	from Voices Unlimited, Inc. to Floyd Broadcasting Co., Inc.
FL WXCW-95.3	Homosassa Springs	315	from West Wind Bcstg. (Robert Snow, et al) to West Wind Bcstg. (WXOF, Inc.)
WVHT-105.7	Monticello	316	from WW & Nia, LLC to Wilson Broadcasting, Inc.
KY WMST-1150	Mount Sterling	314	from Rodney A. Burbridge to Gateway Radio Works, Inc.
MO KRMO-990	Cassville	316	from Monett Comm. (Kevin Wodlinger) to Monett Comm. (Patricia Wodlinger)
NJ WMVB-1440	Millville	314	from Richard & Anita Arsenault to Quinn Broadcasting, Inc.
NM KLYT-88.3*	Albuquerque	316	from Christian Bcstg. Academy (Old Bd.) to Christian Broadcasting Academy (New Bd.)
TN WNPL-106.7	Belle Meade	316	from Mt. Juliet Broadcasting, Inc. to DBBC, LLC
UT KSNU-107.9/ KUUU-92.1	Roy/ Tooele	315	from Deer Valley Bcstg. (Judson Trust) to Deer Valley (Northlands Holdings Trust)

WASHINGTON THIS WEEK

The FCC's new database is creating problems for applicants and their consulting engineers. One consulting engineer tells M Street that "Lots of consulting engineers are sort of panicking" over the availability and quality of data that's been available since the beginning of the new year. That's because of glitches in the FCC's new "Consolidated Database System." Some charge it's failing to deliver usable daily updates. That's critical for applicants for major changes in AM facilities -- who have endured a two-year freeze and watched their filing window close on Tuesday (February 1, extended because of the Washington winter storms). If somebody files a conflicting minor-change app around the same frequency, things could get dicey. One outside expert is even nervous about potential lawsuits. The FCC stopped supporting its old Honeywell Vax Unix system at the end of 1999 as it shifted over to the new Consolidated Database System. But software that outside engineers need to use the new data isn't available yet. And some say there are problems with the data they can get their hands on. An outside vendor was involved in the new Database, but it's not yet clear what part it played in this.

WASHINGTON THIS WEEK (cont'd)

There's no substitute for reading the FCC's regulations -- including the Commission's own informal "checklist." Otherwise you could be like Jacksonville-market WQOP -- facing a \$7,000 fine for failure to maintain a meaningful staff presence at the Main Studio. Licensee Queen of Peace Radio argued that it had downloaded an FCC Self-Inspection Checklist from the Commission's website, and the June 1995 version of the list didn't mention staff presence. But the Commission says such checklists are not an "all-inclusive means of verifying compliance." You must read the rules themselves. Religious-programmed WQOP, Atlantic Beach, FL (1600 KHz) was okay on the requirement of "management presence", but not staff presence. (DA 00-141)

Everybody's still reading the fine print on the FCC's voluminous Low Power FM Order, but we hear that Commissioner Gloria Tristani was back in New Mexico touting its advantages: as many as 20 LPFM stations on the air there, including six in Albuquerque, four in Santa Fe and ten in Las Cruces. She says LPFM is a chance for non-broadcasters to gain a small voice denied them by the "megacompanies."

You can't say that on the radio: WQAM, Miami personality Neil Rogers draws a \$35,000 indecency fine from the FCC, in the first big indecency fine we've seen in quite a while. The \$35,000 equals \$7,000 a day for each of five days in May, 1998 where the Commission determined that the midday host had improperly aired bits about oral sex ("Uterus Guy"), anal sex, and just plain sex (a parody of "New York, New York" called "Let's pork, let's pork"). Since Rogers does a popular midday show -- there's no "safe harbor" defense. WQAM licensee Beasley lost on several arguments in defense of Rogers: that the stuff isn't indecent since similar material wasn't objectionable. That the FCC hasn't provided clear guidelines. And that the programs weren't "patently offensive" under community standards. (FCC Order 00-21)

CANADA THIS WEEK

Montreal-based Telemedia Communications, Inc. may be building a war chest to fund more broadcast acquisitions. This week the privately held company announced an agreement to sell its publishing unit for C\$150-million. Sale of the magazine titles, which include the Canadian edition of TV Guide, leaves Telemedia with its radio, broadcast TV, and cable TV holdings. At present Telemedia is Canada's largest commercial radio station group owner with 65 stations, 30 relay transmitters and one station controlled through an LMA. The company also holds 50% of Radiomedia, the owner of two radio stations as well as a French language talk and news network.

Corus Entertainment has moved the dance music "Energy Radio" format that serves London, Ontario from CKDK-FM to CFHK-FM. The move, which shifts the programming from 103.9 MHz to 103.1 MHz, appears designed to provide better coverage of the city of London and areas to its south and west while reducing signal overlap with Corus' "Energy Radio" CING-FM, Hamilton, Ontario. CING-FM's programming continues to be broadcast on London's "Energy Radio" from 7pm to 10am. CKDK-FM has adopted "The Hawk" name but not its format. CKDK-FM now programs classic rock. CFHK-FM had offered a classic hits format when it was called "The Hawk."

This is the week that the CRTC is to begin public hearings on the applications for new radio stations in Toronto. Near the end of 1999, the Commission received applications for use of 93.5, 106.3 and 106.5 MHz and 740 KHz. The public hearings, which are expected to continue through next week, take place at the Triumph Howard Johnson Plaza-Hotel, 2737 Keele St., Toronto and begin each day at 9 AM.

A new set of more streamlined regulations for college campus radio has been issued by the CRTC. In its ruling, the Commission repeated its dual view of campus radio stations as vehicles for providing programming that differs from commercial stations and the CBC as well as training grounds for students in broadcasting courses. The revisions to the rules are designed to make it easier for stations to accomplish this. Among these are regulations that enable stations to play more "popular" music than was previously allowed. It's felt that in this way they can showcase emerging music forms that fall in the CRTC's "pop" music category. In keeping with a desire to make it easier for campus radio stations to expose new music, restrictions on the number of times a specific record can be played in a week are lifted. But campus stations can't become "juke-boxes." They must include spoken word programming as at least 25% of their air-time. Along with the more liberal music programming rules comes a hike in the amount of Canadian content these stations must broadcast to 35% of all musical selections.

CANADA THIS WEEK (cont'd)

The CRTC also announced this week a new streamlined application form for "developmental" campus stations with powers of five watts or less on AM or FM in the hope that these smallest of broadcasters can take to the air quickly.

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In upstate Pennsylvania, returning owner Al Dame buys the Marathon Media clusters in State College and Johnstown. Al sold his group to Clear Channel last Summer and couldn't wait to start all over again. Last October 27 he announced he was buying Chambersburg, PA-area WIKZ and WCHA-AM/FM for \$8,300,000. This time he's headed upstate with a \$7,500,000 deal that gets him two markets that Marathon Media acquired from Citadel, but doesn't want.

Here's what Al Dame is buying from Marathon Media in two Pennsylvania markets: In State College, PA (Arbitron market #238), there's "Cool" WNCL, Port Matilda, PA, a Class A at 107.9 MHz. "Quick Rock" WQWK, University Park, a Class A at 97.1 MHz. And the news/talk simulcast of WBLF, Bellefonte (970 KHz, 1,000 watts day, 74 watts night, ND) and WRSC, State College (1390 KHz, 2-kw day, 1-kw night, DA-N). And over in Johnstown, PA (Arbitron market #168), a pair of FMs: CHR WGLU, a class A at 92.1 MHz. And "Quick Rock" WQKK, Ebensburg, a Class B at 99.1 MHz, simulcasting WQWK. Duncan's American Radio figures the Johnstown radio market billed \$6.6 million in 1998, and that the WGLU/WQKK cluster was the top-biller with a 29.2% revenue share. Broker: Norman Fischer & Associates of Austin.

In Dallas, Salem gets the pre-Clear Channel-AMFM Inc. spinoff prize of KSKY, Dallas (660), by paying \$7,500,000 cash and swapping away one of Salem's three FMs in Colorado Springs. Most people don't even know that AMFM owns Balch Springs, TX-licensed Christian-programmed KSKY. (They got it by virtue of an inheritance from the old Evergreen group). But Salem's Ed Atsinger sure knows it exists. Salem owns Christian talker KWRD-FM, Arlington, TX (94.9 MHz), and this deal doubles Salem up in the rich Metroplex market. KSKY has been full-time Christian since 1963, and has 10,000 watts day, 660 watts night, DA-N. Salem's paying AMFM (not Clear Channel) that \$7.5 million, and also giving up its Colorado Springs-market KPRZ-FM, a class A doing gospel at 96.1 MHz, licensed to Fountain, CO. (In the religious broadcasting center of Colorado Springs, Salem retains contemporary Christian KBIQ and religion "K-Gift" KGFT.) Broker Gary Stevens represented Salem in the deal.

In southern California, Mark Rodriguez pays \$75 million for the 93.5 MHz simulcast of KFOX-KREA. Dallas-based Mark Rodriguez is betting \$75 million there's room for at least one more Spanish-language entrant in the booming Hispanic market around Los Angeles. However, the Korean population is going to have to re-set their radios away from 93.5 MHz after the deal with owner Chagal closes, because "FM Seoul" won't be there. Veterans Julio and Elias Liberman will run the new format for Rodriguez. They're the pair who sold their Los Angeles-market market KTNQ and KLVE to Heftel (now Hispanic Broadcasting). What Mark Rodriguez is buying is the Los Angeles and Riverside-San Bernardino simulcast of KFOX, Redondo Beach and KREA, Ontario, CA. They're both class As at 93.5 MHz.

Outside Knoxville, in the tourist-happy area known as Pigeon Forge, Dolly Parton is selling the two stations associated with her name. The gregarious country star is dealing WDLY (105.5 MHz) and WSEV (930 KHz) to the Paul Fink-led East Tennessee Radio Partners. WDLY is a class A licensed to Gatlinburg; it has been doing country, but will switch to some kind of AC format. Southern gospel WSEV is a 5,000 watt day/150 watt night AM licensed to Sevierville, and it keeps its format. M Street notes that a daily five-hour block of the Reach syndicated gospel network originates from a radio studio at "Dollywood", a popular local attraction that Ms. Parton continues to own. Historical and musical note: WSEV is the station on which Dolly made her singing debut at age 10. And an owners' note: Dolly herself is a minority owner (less than 10%) in the current ownership group. Sounds to us as if the Branson-based investors working with Dolly decided it was time to sell. The principals in buyer East Tennessee Radio Partners are Dalton, GA-based Paul Fink and Bert Watts. They own four stations in Dalton: WDAL, WBLJ, WQMT and WYYU. Knoxville-based broker John Miller of Miller Isbell Media handled the sale of WDLY/WSEV. By the way: terms of the sale include a call letter change away from "WDLY."

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Outside of New Orleans, Ray Saadi and James Buquet sell their KTIB, Thibodaux to Michael Starr. The two partners have owned the 640 KHz KTIB since 1973 -- and since they sold their New Orleans-market KHOM, Houma to Clear Channel in 1998, KTIB is their last radio station. Industry figure Ray Saadi has served several terms on the NAB Board and the AP Board, and he's a former president of the

ELSEWHERE

Louisiana Association of Broadcasters. Buyer Michael Starr is doing this acquisition under the corporate name of Delta Starr Broadcasting LLC, a newly-formed company of which he's the Managing Member. The facility at KTIB is 5,000 watts day, 1,000 watts night, DA-2. Glenn Serafin brokered the sale from Saadi and Buquet to Delta Starr.

In Charleston, WV, Mortenson Broadcasting buys religious combo WSCW/WJYP for \$1 million. The AM (WSCW, a 5-KW daytimer at 1510 KHz) does a combination of religion and southern gospel. The FM (WJYP, a class A at 100.9 MHz) does contemporary Christian as "Praise 101." Mortenson's an experienced religious broadcaster, so the pair fits right in. Seller is Paul Jenks' CLW Communications Group. Mortenson has a big-stick FM that does religion and southern gospel and covers both the Charleston and Huntington markets. That's WEMM, Huntington, a grandfathered Class B at 100.7 MHz.

In Baton Rouge, Guaranty Broadcasting converts its LMA with KKAY-FM (now simulcasting oldies KTGE) into a purchase worth \$1,200,000. The station being bought is class A KKAY-FM, Donaldsonville, LA (104.9 MHz), currently licensed to Gulf South Broadcasters. Gulf South retains traditional gospel KKAY, White Castle, LA (1590 KHz).

A major rollup/consolidation of the business-systems biz is reportedly in negotiations, as New York-based Wicks Group is talking with both CBSI and Datacount about buying their competing companies and consolidating them. At the Journal's deadline our sources denied it was a done deal yet, but confirm the talks. Wicks has been in and out of radio station ownership (both as an investor in other ventures and under its own name). This potential consolidation would combine two large suppliers of back-office systems at radio. More when this is a confirmed deal.

Aloha! Cox's mystery buyer for KGMZ-FM, Honolulu is none other than Charles Giddens. Because it's buying Howard Anderson's Honolulu cluster (KINE-FM and KCCN-AM/FM), Cox Radio needed to divest KGMZ-FM, Aiea, HI. But until the recent FCC filings, we didn't know who KGMZ-FM buyer "Honolulu Broadcasting" was. Turns out that Honolulu Broadcasting, Inc. is controlled by veteran broker and station owner Charles Giddens. Oldies KGMZ-FM would be his only station in the islands, though Giddens did sell a couple of AMs there to Chagal back in 1997. As for KGMZ-FM, Cox will have the station in a Joint Sales Agreement.

An early-morning fire on January 27 destroys the De Soto, MO combo of KHAD/KDJR-FM, leaving almost nothing except burned computers and equipment scattered around the area. The St. Louis Post-Dispatch says a police officer spotted the fire and sounded the alarm. KHAD (1190 KHz) and KDJR-FM (100.1 MHz) are about 45 minutes south of St. Louis. The licensee is Schafermeyer Broadcasting (father Erich and son Kim Schafermeyer). The Post-Dispatch says Sheriff's Lt. Don Waltenberger thought the blaze appeared suspicious, and two teams of arson detectives are investigating.

Don't give it away to Mel -- that's what AMFM Inc. may be thinking, as it cuts a new traffic-info deal with the new Traffic.com. That's because Mel Karmazin's Westwood controls both Shadow and Metro, the country's two largest traffic and info providers. The Traffic.com venture was announced to begin in Philadelphia, and now we're hearing that it's hired as many as 12 experienced traffic-service staffers from the market and is itching to mount a full-scale traffic reporting operation. Its staff includes Shadow Traffic trailblazer Gary Lee and veterans like Al McGowan and ex-Shadow operations ace Jim Battagliese.

From the legal file: NSN principal Muffy Montemayor's civil trial against Jacor, Bobby Lawrence and Bill Suffa is over. Montemayor had sought several million in damages but emerges with a jury award of \$75,053 for breach of contract. After NSN was sold to Jacor, Montemayor filed claims of breach of contract, interference with contract and civil conspiracy in Denver District Court. The jury came back Monday (January 31) and found for the defendants (Jacor execs Bobby Lawrence and Bill Suffa, and Jacor itself) on the allegation of interference with contract. The jury also found in favor of Lawrence and Suffa on the civil conspiracy allegation. But it deadlocked on the conspiracy claim against Jacor. It awarded no damages, but there may be further proceedings. On the breach of contract, the jury awarded Montemayor \$75,053. Attorney Dan Satriana represented all three parties at the defense table, and he says "It was a hard-fought case, and my clients are pleased with the result." Montemayor has filed a separate suit in federal court for discrimination under Title VII, and that case is docketed for this Summer.

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

How about small-market ratings with a 21+ demo and income rankings? Those new features are part of Eastlan's deal with Jim Willhight. Washington State-based Eastlan Resources is offering 600 in-tab surveys for as little as \$4,000, based on updated software written by ratings veteran Jim Willhight for Willhight Programming Services. (Jim sold his interest in the Willhight Ratings service several years ago, and his deal with Eastlan doesn't involve Willhight Ratings.) Last November M Street told you about Mike Gould's Eastlan small-market ratings service, and now Mike expects to do business in 30 to 50 markets this year. Reach Mike Gould at (877) 886-3320.

Les Brown (the motivational speaker, not the onetime big-band leader) finally goes into syndication. Les has been doing mornings on Radio One's urban AC WMMJ for a while now. They'd been planning to start internal syndication of the show since last year, and it's finally begun -- in Atlanta. First affiliate is Radio One's WAMJ, which does R&B oldies.

Sports syndicator One-On-One has picked up the rights to the five-year-old "Inside The NHL" program, a two-hour show that airs Sunday nights from 11pm to 1am Eastern. It runs through the end of the hockey season and was begun by Five Star Productions. One-On-One: (847) 509-1661.

Dennis Holt is the "Man of the Millennium" -- so says the Southern California Broadcasters Association, which is honoring the Western International Media founder at a dinner and roast at the Regent Beverly Wilshire Hotel on June 1. Holt arguably invented the media buying service idea, and has been a famously-tough bargainer -- so the "roasting" should have a tangy flavor. For information, contact the SCBA's Mary Beth Garber or Ellen Dostal at 323-938-3100.

Inside Arbitron, Bill Rose moves from radio to the Internet, leaving his gig as VP/Marketing, Radio Station Services to take the job vacated by Greg Verdino. That division used to be called Arbitron NewMedia and is now known as "Arbitron Internet Information Services." New VP/GM Bill Rose will ride herd on projects like "InfoStream" (Arbitron's new server-side webcast rating service for Internet radio). "SiteScore" (which measures the effectiveness of radio station websites). And Arbitron's now-quarterly Internet research studies. Internet veteran Greg Verdino's at a new Cupertino-based e-broadcaster named "Network 24."

Replacing Bill Rose: Dennis Seely, who re-joins Arbitron after having been Director of Sales for the old GulfStar division of Capstar. Before that he'd been the Dallas-based southwestern manager of radio station services for Arbitron. He's back on the payroll, replacing Bill Rose in a company-wide position. Dennis becomes responsible for sales and marketing for Arbitron's radio station services.

In Detroit, a true legend dies, as station owner and "Queen" of the airwaves Martha Jean Steinberg passes away at age 69. Darn few station owners have been inducted into the Rock 'n' Roll Hall of Fame -- but Martha Jean deserved it, both for her ownership and her amazing on-air work on behalf of civil rights, religion, and tolerance. She'd done radic in Memphis at WDIA, but she really mada her mark when she arrived in Detroit in 1963, as a voice for the white and black southerners who'd moved to the Motor City in search of work and better treatment. Steinberg worked tirelessly during the Detroit racial riots trying to calm people down. Most of her airtime was on R&B oldies and black gospel WQBH and urban WJLB. In 1982 she bought part of WQBH and in 1997 she picked up the rest. "The Queen" passed away Saturday morning, January 29, and Detroit is still in mourning.

If you remember the old NBC radio network long-form show called "Monitor", you would have heard the name of John Gordon Fraser. He helped launch Monitor in 1955 and stayed with it until 1974 as writer, producer and editor. He covered World War II for the ABC "Blue" network, attached to the 1st Armored Division. Fraser also holds the distinction of being the on-camera announcer when President Franklin D. Roosevelt helped launch that famous demonstration of television at the 1939 World's Fair in New York. John Gordon Fraser died in Winter Park, FL January 27 at age 91.

Another industry death to report, that of Jack "the Rapper" Gibson, a true pioneer of black radio and publishing. He was the first voice heard on the first black-owned radio station (Atlanta-market WERD), back in 1949. Jack went on to a career in record promotion with Motown and then founded the "Jack the Rapper" newsletter. Gibson died January 30 in Las Vegas.

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THE RADIO BROADCASTING PRESERVATION ACT. . . . The House of Representatives is scheduled to hold hearings on February 17 on Mike Oxley's bill (H.R. 3439) to prohibit the FCC from establishing a new Low Power FM Service. The bill's list of co-sponsors is growing as the NAB and its Congressional allies try to derail Chairman Bill Kennard's favorite project. Meanwhile the NAB is attacking LPFM on another front: in federal court, claiming that the manner in which it was adopted was "arbitrary and capricious." It's not completely a case of the "haves" versus the "have-nots" -- M Street has heard from a number of small-market operators who disagree with the NAB's position, saying something like "radio brought this on itself", because of consolidation. In fact, with this week's edition of the M Street Journal it's time to observe a four-year anniversary -- the Telecommunications Act of 1996 took effect in February 1996.

\$17 BILLION AND COUNTING. . . . Radio revenue topped \$17 billion for all of 1999, thanks to a prodigious 14% gain over 1998 (which was no weakling, itself). The RAB's just-released revenue calculations show local revenue at \$13,592,000,000, up 14%. And national at \$3,211,000,000, for a 16% gain. Things were good all over, in terms of regions of the country, and even local-station versus network radio. Network sales had lagged local radio revenue growth for much of the 1990s. That sure changed in 1999, as Miller Kaplan estimates network radio revenue shot up 19% in 1999, to \$878 million.

DEATH OF A BROADCASTER. . . . Bob Collins of WGN, Chicago is dead at 57, the victim of a small-plane collision near the Waukegan Airport that claimed the lives of three people in all. The Chicago Sun-Times' Robert Feder said "No one loved being on the radio more than Bob Collins. . . He was a gifted communicator, an incisive interviewer and a consummate showman." We join Chicagoans in mourning his premature death, and we don't envy Tribune GM Steve Carver his task of replacing Collins. The truth is -- they just don't make them like that any more.

FORMAT CHANGES & UPDATES

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

		<u>formerly</u>	<u>becomes</u>
AL Hartselle	WYAM-890	# adult contemporary	AFA - cont. Christian
	(WYAM & WAJF separate from former FM sister WYAM-FM)		
Huntsville	WNDA-95.1	# cont. Christian	WRTT, stunting
	(WRTT enters an LMA-to-buy with AC WAHR; new format on 2/14)		
CA Avalon	KLIT-92.7	soft AC // KELT	soft AC // KMLT
	(This corrects an earlier listing given by KLIT)		
CO Estes Park	KEZZ-1470	# JRN - standards	oldies & JRN - soft AC
	(KEZZ is in an LMA-to-buy with Spearman Company)		
Estes Park (Ft. Col.)	KRKI-102.1	# classic hits	reported silent
	(KRKI has been sold and has an upgrade pending)		
FL Coral Gables (Miami)	WRHC-1560	Spanish variety	Spanish adult standards
Destin	WBZR-1120	# silent	talk // WFSH
	(WBZR enters an LMA-to-buy with Destiny Communications Corp.)		
Dunedin (Tampa)	WTBL-1470	# black gospel	WLWU, MGS - c. Christ.
	(WLWU enters an LMA with an option to buy with WWBA)		
Valparaiso (Ft. Walton)	WFSH-1340	# standards & talk	talk "Hometown Radio"
	(WFSH enters an LMA-to-buy with Destiny Communications Corp.)		
GA Augusta	WBBQ-1340	children's	ESPN - sports
Hinesville (Savannah)	WSKX-92.3	JRN - country	JRN - classic country

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FORMAT CHANGES & UPDATES (cont'd)

IL Oregon (Rockford)	WSEY-95.7	oldies	classic hits "Kool FM"
	(WSEY will simulcast its full service AM sister WIXN 6a-8:30a)		
KS Winfield (Wichita)	KSOK-FM-107.9	country	adds ABC - country
LA Houma	KJIN-1490	country // KCIL	JRN - oldies
Minden (Shreveport)	KSYR-95.7	adult contemporary	dance-CHR "Power 95"
MI Marquette	WFXD-103.3	# oldies	country "B-103"
	(WFXD's oldies programming moves to sister WHCH, 98.3 MHz; adds John Boy & Billy in the morning and Neon Nights 7p-12m)		
Munising	WHCH-98.3	# JRN CD - country	JRN - oldies
	(WHCH & sisters WFXD, WQXO are now a combo with soft AC WKQS-FM)		
MS Forest (Jackson)	WQST-850	# silent	country "850 Country"
Port Gibson	WKPG-1320	# silent	black gos. & urban AC
MO Marble Hill	KBGJ-97.3	new	KREZ, soft AC
NV Las Vegas	KFMS-FM-101.9	CHR	adds Rick Dees
	(KFMS-FM is the first affiliate for Rick Dees in the morning)		
NY Buffalo	WWKB-1520	sports & truck	CHR // WKSE & truck
	(This corrects the listing in last week's journal; WWKB retains "The Road Gang" overnights and religion 10:30p-12:30a)		
New Rochelle	WVOX-1460	variety	adds JRN - standards
OK Lahoma (Enid)	KMKZ-95.7	# adult contemporary	ABC 45+ - soft AC
	(KMKZ is now a combo with hot AC KXLS, CP KBFQ, CW KNID & talk KCRC)		
OR Corvallis	KEJO-1240	# adult standards	to be talk & sports
	(KEJO will debut its new format mid-March)		
PA Bedford	WWCW-107.5	WW1 Hot - country	WW1 - country
TX Overton (Tyler)	KPXI-100.7	oldies	cont. Christian //KLTY
	(KPXI now is simulcast with Dallas sister KLTY)		
Pittsburg	KXAL-FM-103.1	dance-CHR	hot AC
Rudolph	KTER-90.7*	new	religion
Silsbee (Beaumont)	KKAS-1300	JRN - stand./talk	KSET, JRN - oldies
	(KSET enters an LMA with an option to buy with Dave Collier Comm.)		
University Pk (Dallas)	KZMP-1540	JRN - reg. Mex//FM	JRN - Spanish hits
WI Siren	WXCX-105.7	new	ABC - oldies
	(WXCX joins sister WWLC in an LMA with WCMP Broadcasting Company)		

A NOTE TO OUR READERS

Due to database problems at the FCC, the information usually provided by them to the public has been missing or incomplete. We are working hard to acquire this data and are committed to publishing all of the applications with complete information. We will publish these items as quickly as they become available.

NEW STATIONS: APPLICATIONS

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

AZ 89.5*	Pinetop-Lakeside	1000 w, 1126 ft	Truth and Life Ministries
CA 89.5*	Crescent City	40 w (v), 229 ft	St. Bd. of Higher Education
IN 91.3*	Oakford	600 w (v), 213 ft	Hoosier Bcstg. Corporation
MI 88.9*	Ensign Township	100000 w, 584 ft	Great Lakes Comm. Bcstg.
NH 91.5*	Laconia	300 w (v), 253 ft	New Hampshire Gospel Radio
NM 90.1*	Roswell	1800 w (v), 328 ft	Educ. Media Foundation
VA 91.9*	Wakefield	1500 w (v), 341 ft	Pensacola Christian College
WV 91.5*	Hillsboro	2500 w, -102 ft	Pocahontas Comm. Cooperative
WY 91.1*	Jackson	350 w, 1023 ft	Moody Bible Institute
MB 93.5	Hollow Water Res.	23 w	Native Communication, Inc.

(This station would rebroadcast CINC-FM)

Returned/Dismissed Applications

AR 95.7+	Bentonville (D)	Cherokee Bcstg. Co.
95.7+	Bentonville (D)	James Kermit Womack
95.7+	Bentonville (D)	Jem Broadcasting Co., Inc.
GA 92.3	Pelham (D)	George L. Robinson

(dismissed per applicant's request)

ND 89.1*	Lincoln (R)	Redwood Valley Bcstg.
OR 92.7	The Dalles (D)	Larson-Wynn, Inc.
ON 95.1	Timmins (Den.)	Roger de Brabant

NEW STATIONS: ACCEPTED FOR FILING

AK 88.9*	Homer	2-2-00	Kasilof Public Bcstg.
CA 88.3*	Diamond Springs	2-2-00	CSN International
IN 88.3*	Muncie	2-2-00	Hymn Time, Inc.
LA 90.3*	Lake Charles	2-2-00	Hymn Time, Inc.
NJ 90.3*	Beach Haven	2-2-00	Community Media SNJ
NM 88.7*	Socorro	2-2-00	Bd. of Regents/Univ. of NM

NEW STATIONS: ACCEPTED FOR FILING (cont'd)

NC 90.5*	Norlina	2-2-00	Roanoke Valley Communications
OR 88.9*	Baker City	2-2-00	Oregon Public Broadcasting
90.3*	La Grande	2-2-00	Oregon Public Broadcasting
TN 88.5*	Lawrenceburg	2-2-00	Lawrenceburg Community Radio

NEW STATIONS: GRANTS

AR 95.7	Bentonville	6000 w, 328 ft	Bentonville Bcstg., LLC
WV 99.5	New Martinsville	6000 w, 328 ft	Nelson Hachem
BC 95.1	Dawson Creek	1800 w	Telemedia Communications, Inc.
MB 93.5	Fox Lake	23 w	Native Communication, Inc.
95.7	Gillam	37 w	Native Communication, Inc.
93.5	Lake Manitoba	37 w	Native Communication, Inc.

(This station will relay CHRX-FM)
 (This station will relay CINC-FM)
 (This station will rebroadcast CINC-FM)
 (This station will relay CINC-FM)

TRANSLATORS/BOOSTERS/SYNCHRONOUS XMTR: APPLICATIONS

AZ new-90.7*	Kingman	KAWZ	Calv. Chapel/Twin Falls
new-90.7*	Lake Havasu City	KAWZ	Calv. Chapel/Twin Falls
CA new-89.9*	Julian	KAWZ	Calv. Chapel/Twin Falls
new-88.1*	Santa Ysabel	KAWZ	Calv. Chapel/Twin Falls
HI new-88.9*	Lanai	KAWZ	Calv. Chapel/Twin Falls
ID new-90.3*	Albion	KAWZ	Calv. Chapel/Twin Falls
new-89.1*	Ammon	KAWZ	Calv. Chapel/Twin Falls
new-89.1*	Chubbuck	KAWZ	Calv. Chapel/Twin Falls
new-90.3*	Rexburg	KAWZ	Calv. Chapel/Twin Falls
NV new-91.1*	Henderson	KAWZ	Calv. Chapel/Twin Falls

TRANSLATORS/BOOSTERS/SYNCHRONOUS XMTR: GRANTS

NY W201CO-88.1*	Elmira	10 w, WCII	Family Life Ministries
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CONSTRUCTION PERMIT ACTIVITY

AR KAFN-102.5	Gould	license to cover for new station
CA KZST-100.1	Santa Rosa	increases to 246 ft
KJZY-93.7	Sebastopol	changes to 6000 w, 216 ft, adds DA, changes xmtr loc. to 38-25-07 122-40-33
DC WKYS-93.9	Washington	increases to 24500 w
FL WSSR-95.7	Clearwater	decreases to 90000 w
GA WPMA-102.7	Sparta	decreases to 167 ft
WMGZ-97.7	Sparta	increases to 8500 w, 554 ft, class C3 from class A, changes xmtr loc. to 33-20-41 83-13-41, changes city of lic. to Eatonton, GA [92-227]
IL WBVS-100.7	Coal City	increases to 2450 w
WXKO-FM-100.9	Pana	(as amended) changes to 4200 w, 384 ft, changes xmtr location to 39-18-22 88-56-08
IA KCQQ-106.5	Davenport	changes auxiliary facility
MA WHMP-FM-99.3	Northampton	changes to 5800 w, 381 ft, changes xmtr location to 42-22-25 72-40-26
MS WXRZ-94.3	Corinth	increases to 25000 w, 328 ft, class C3 from class A, changes xmtr location to 34-48-36 88-34-45
MO KUNQ-99.3	Houston	changes xmtr loc. to 37-05-32 92-03-10
WDAF-610	Kansas City	changes xmtr loc. to 38-59-03 94-37-47
NE KNCY-FM-105.5	Auburn	moves to 94.7 C3 from 105.5 A, increases to 14000 w, 436 ft, changes xmtr loc. to 40-27-57 95-45-38
NY WZEC-97.5	Hoosick Falls	changes xmtr loc. to 42-51-40 73-13-59
OH WYGY-96.5	Hamilton	built new auxiliary facility
WNIR-100.1	Kent	increases to 4200 w, 394 ft
OK KYLV-88.9*	Oklahoma City	increases to 4400 w, 676 ft, changes xmtr loc. to 35-34-24 97-29-08
PA WQFM-92.1	Nanticoke	changes to 660 w, 994 ft, changes xmtr loc. to 41-11-11 75-51-33
SD KZZI-95.9	Belle Fourche	built new auxiliary facility
TX KAXF-88.3*	Huntsville	changes city of lic. to Conroe, TX
KVWG-FM-95.3	Pearsall	decreases to 164 ft
VA WAUQ-89.7*	Charles City	license to cover for new station

CONSTRUCTION PERMIT ACTIVITY (cont'd)

WA KOHO-FM-97.7	Leavenworth	increases to 500 w, 2083 ft, class C3 from class A, changes xmtr location to 47-36-07 120-30-32
WI WGLR-FM-97.7	Lancaster	increases to 11500 w, 482 ft, class C3 from class A, changes xmtr location to 42-51-48 90-42-11
ON CHNO-550	Sudbury	moves to 103.9 MHz, 100000 w

FACILITIES/PARAMETERS: APPLICATIONS

IL WDWZ-1050	Decatur	(& reapplication) [docket number] direct measurement of antenna power
IN WAVG-1450	Jeffersonville	direct measurement of antenna power
NE KKAR-1290	Omaha	direct measurement of antenna power
TX KHCH-1400*	Huntsville	direct measurement of antenna power
NS CKDU-FM-97.5	Halifax	move to 88.1 MHz, increase to 520 w

Returned/Dismissed Applications

GA WAYR-FM-90.7*	Brunswick (D)	increase to 14000 w, 328 ft, add DA, class C3 from class A
TX KPVU-91.3*	Prairie View (R)	increase to 50000 w, add DA, class C2 from class C3

FACILITIES/PARAMETERS: GRANTS

AZ KYRM(CP)-91.9*	Yuma	increase to 6300 w, 1335 ft, class B from class A, change xmtr location to 33-03-18 114-49-37
CA KOZT-95.3	Fort Bragg	one step application to increase to 35000 w, 515 ft, class B from class B1
KAZT(CP)-1670	Redding	change xmtr loc. to 40-33-14 122-22-53 (expanded band for KNRO)
GA WGAC-580	Augusta	decrease to 3900 w days, 840 w nights, DA-2 from DA-N, change xmtr location to 33-31-29 81-54-31
WMGZ-97.7	Sparta	increases to 8500 w, 554 ft, class C3 from class A, changes xmtr loc. to 33-20-41 83-13-41, changes city of lic. to Eatonton, GA [92-227]
KY WEKT-1070	Elkton	add 35 w nights, ND
MD WICO-FM-97.5	Salisbury	increase to 4500 w [84-1043]
MA WJLT-650	Ashland	increase to 2000 w days, DA-D from ND-D
WROR-FM-105.7	Framingham	increase to 23000 w, drop DA
MN KXXR-93.7	Minneapolis	make changes to auxiliary facility
MS WRBO-103.5	Como	increase to 679 ft
NE KRVN-880	Lexington	change xmtr loc. to 40-30-57 99-23-47
(corrects coordinates, RMS and		change to standard pattern nights)
PA WWCH-1300	Clarion	decrease to 850 w days, 28 w nights, ND from DA, change xmtr location to 41-11-57 79-21-25
PR WRIO-101.1	Ponce	decrease to -105 ft, change xmtr loc. to 18-01-40 66-39-19
TX KRMN-92.7	Shamrock	move to 92.9 C2 from 92.7 A, increase to 50000 w, 253 ft
KCSE-96.5	Sterling City	change to 40000 w, 545 ft
VA WJFK-FM-106.7	Manassas	change to 40000 w, 508 ft DA, change xmtr loc. to 38-47-16 77-19-47; make changes to auxiliary facility
NB CJYC-FM-98.9	St. John	decrease to 12000 w, increase height, change xmtr location to Mt. Champlain

(This change will allow CJYC-FM to compete in the Fredericton market)

CALL LETTER CHANGES (# applied for by new owners)

AL WNDA-95.1	Huntsville	becomes WRTT (requested)
MO KBGJ-97.3	Marble Hill	KREZ (requested)
TX KRJT-1410	Bowie	KNTX (requested) "North Texas"

PROPOSED STATION TRANSFERS

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

AL WNDA-95.1	Huntsville	316 from Wells Broadcasting Co., Inc. to STG Media, LLC
AZ KRVZ-1400/	Springerville/	316 from William Konopnicki
KQAZ-101.7		to Country Mountain Airwaves, LLC
KTHQ-92.5	Eagar	

PROPOSED STATION TRANSFERS (cont'd)

AZ KHIL-1250/	Willcox	316	from William Konopnicki
	KWCX-104.9/KAXI (CP)-92.5		to Cathy Ann Enterprises, LLC
CA KPOD-1240	Crescent City	314	from Let's Talk Radio
	KSAC-107.5		to Bicoastal Holdings Co., LLC
	Sutter Creek	314	from Idaho Broadcasting Consortium
			to Golden Pegasus Financial Services, Inc.
CO KEZZ-1470	Estes Park	314	from Michael Radio Enterprises, Inc.
			to MK, Inc.
			(\$185,000)
	KFKA-1310	314	from Weld Broadcasting Co., Inc.
	Greeley		to Spearman Company
FL WSBR-740	Boca Raton	314	from SMH Broadcasting, Inc.
			to WWNN License, LLC
GA WRDW-1480/	Augusta	316	from Beasley Communications, Inc.
	WAWX (CP)-1630		to WCHZ License, LLC
	WWRK-FM-92.1	315	from Radio Elberton (W. Michael Palmer)
	Elberton		to Radio Elberton (Gordon Van Mol)
HI KISA-1540	Honolulu	314	from S & G, Inc.
			to JMK Communications, Inc.
IL WYYS-106.1	Streator	314	from Kleven/Rodriguez Partners
			to Mendota Broadcasting, Inc.
	WIZZ-1250/	314	from Streator Broadcasting Co.
	WSTQ-97.7		to Mendota Broadcasting, Inc.
LA KTIB-640	Thibodaux	315	from La Terr Bcstg. (Raymond Saadi)
			to La Terr Bcstg. (Delta Starr Bcstg., LLC)
MA WXLO-104.5/	Fitchburg/	316	from Montachusett Bcstg. (Martin, et al)
	WORC-FM-98.9		to Montachusett Bcstg. (MBI Holding Trust)
	Webster		
	Southbridge	314	from WBA, Inc.
			to Citadel Broadcasting Company
MN KSTQ-99.3	Alexandria	314	from Branstock Communications, Inc.
			to Pardis Broadcasting of Alexandria, Inc.
MS WBAQ-97.9	Greenville	314	from Paul C. Artman
			to The River Broadcasting Co., Inc.
	WKOZ-1340/	316	from Boswell Broadcasting Co.
	WLIN-101.1		to Boswell Radio, LLC
	Durant		
MO KELE-1360/92.5	Mountain Grove	314	from Communications Works, Inc.
			to Debco Productions, Inc.
NH WLKZ-104.9	Wolfeboro	314	from The Fifth Estate, Inc.
			to Tele-Media Co. of New Hampshire, LLC
NY WWWG-1460	Rochester	316	from American General Media Corp.
			to Winton Road Broadcasting Co., LLC
OR KRCO-690/	Prineville/	314	from Jay Man Productions, Inc.
	KIJK-95.1/		to Horizon Broadcasting Group, LLC
	KWEG-96.5		
	Warm Springs		
PA WPSN-1590	Honesdale	314	from WDNH Bcstg. Corp. (DIP)
			to De Wit Broadcasting Corporation
	WEBG-1400*	314	from Jesus is Lord Ministries
	Loretto		to PA Radioworks, LLC
TN WGOC-640	Blountville	314	from JT Parker Broadcasting Corporation
			to Tri-Cities Radio Corporation
TX KZDC-1250/	San Antonio	316	from Texas Lotus Corporation
	KZEP-FM-104.5		to Texas Lotus, Ltd.
	KKUS-104.1	314	from Tyler FM, Inc.
	Tyler		to Sunburst Media, LP
VA WZXI-105.5	Buffalo Gap	314	from Ridle Radio, Inc.
			to Easy Radio, Inc.

Form 316 Transfer Applications were filed this week from Educational Media Foundation's Old Board of Directors to a new Board of Directors in Arizona, California, Nebraska, New Mexico, Oklahoma, Oregon and Texas.

Form 314 Transfer Applications were filed from Metro Mix, Inc. to Entravision Holdings, LLC for the following stations. In California, KLOK-FM, Greenfield; KRCX-FM and KMYC, Marysville; KSSE, Riverside; KLOK and KBRG, San Jose; KSES-FM, Seaside and KSES in Soledad. In Colorado, KMXA, Aurora; and KJMN in Castle Rock. In Nevada, KVBC-FM, Las Vegas; and KRNV-FM in Reno. In New Mexico, KRZY, Albuquerque; and KRZY-FM in Santa Fe.

Marathon Media, LP filed Form 316 Transfer Applications to Marathon Media Group, LLC for their group of stations in Idaho, Illinois, Oregon, Iowa, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, Montana, Utah and Wisconsin.

FM ALLOCATIONS: PROPOSED AMENDMENTS

FL WTKE	Andalusia	to 98.1 C1 Holt, FL from Andalusia, AL, comments due March 27, replies April 11
GA WDMG-FM	Douglas	to 99.5 C1, Willacoochee, GA from Douglas, GA comments due March 23, 2000 replies April 7
KY WPKE-FM	Elkhorn City	to 103.1 A Coal Run, KY from 276 A Elkhorn City, KY comments due March 20, replies April 4, 2000
PA new	Susquehanna	add 100.5 A, replies due Mar. 20, replies April 4
SC WBAW-FM	Barnwell	to 99.3 C1, Pembroke, GA from 99.1 C3, Barnwell, SC, comments due March 23, 2000 replies April 7
SD new	Burke	add 100.7 A, replies due Mar. 20, replies April 4
TX KBUS	Paris	to 101.9 C2 Mt. Pleasant, TX from Paris, TX comments due March 27, replies April 11
WA KAYO-FM	Aberdeen	to 99.3 C1 Elma, WA from Aberdeen, WA, comments due March 20, replies April 4, 2000

FM ALLOCATIONS: GRANTED AMENDMENTS

OR new	Stanfield	add 96.1 C3
TX new	Cedar Park	add 93.3 C
new	Killeen	add 92.3 A

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

FM ALLOCATIONS: DISMISSED AMENDMENTS

AZ new	Congress (Denied)	add 96.3 A
CA new	Thermal (Denied)	add 103.5 A
CO new	Sawpit (Denied)	add 99.1 C3
MT new	Alberton (D)	add 106.7 C3
	(Mountain West Bcstg. withdrew its interest)	
NV new	Logandale (Denied)	add 106.1 C1
NY new	Walton (Denied)	add 107.1 A

WASHINGTON THIS WEEK

The President just sent Congress a new FCC budget worth \$237,188,000, which is an increase of about 13%. GOP leaders on Capitol Hill were quick to haul out the old cliché that Bill Clinton's budget is "Dead On Arrival", but the FCC's defense is that the Fiscal Year 2001 budget literally means no new hiring at the Commission. It merely maintains the number of Full-Time Equivalent jobs at 1,975. Half the increase covers mandatory hikes in salary and contract services, and the rest is for upgrading computer systems, electronic filing systems and related infrastructure improvements.

Suddenly there's talk that Commissioner Susan Ness, whose term expired last June 30, won't even get a confirmation hearing out of the Senate, even though President Clinton renominated her for a second five-year term. It's pretty standard political stuff: Republicans hope to re-capture the White House, and they're not eager to lock appointees of the opposite party into place. Ness and Commerce Committee Chairman (and presidential candidate) John McCain have very different views on regulation, and it's McCain who would schedule a nomination hearing for Ness.

Checking the status of the rest of the Commission, Democrat Gloria Tristani is on the Commission until June 30, 2003 (she recently decided not to resign to run for office back in New Mexico in the 2000 election cycle). Republican Harold Furchtgott-Roth has a term that expires June 30, 2000. Republican Michael Powell is on the Commission until June 30, 2002. And the term of current Chairman Bill Kennard expires June 30, 2001. Look for major changes if the Republicans win the White House: We'd expect Kennard to submit his resignation to make way for a Republican Chairman, as the FCC would flip from 3-2 Democrat to 3-2 Republican. And would Michael Powell be a possible replacement as Chairman, if the GOP wins?

Remember that licensees must start filing those Annual Employment Reports again, thanks to the FCC's new EEO rules. We've now got details on the required EEO outreach steps and the revised FCC Form 395-B itself. The new court-friendly Form 395-B is due at the Commission by September 30 of each year (or in the case of 2000, where September 30 falls on a Saturday, on October 2). You can use any payroll period in July, August or September. But EVERY station must file -- including educational and religious stations with an all-volunteer staff, and stations with fewer than five full-time employees. The new 395-B asks fewer questions than the one the court struck down, and no longer has that requirement to submit employment profile data and be judged against the community's own employment pool. There are two different outreach "tracks" to choose from, so read up on the new regs in the just-released Report and Order (FCC 00-20). Or call the FCC's EEO Branch at (202) 418-1450.

WASHINGTON THIS WEEK (cont'd)

Litigation attorney Jon Nuechterlein rejoins the FCC as Deputy General Counsel, focusing on (what else?) litigation. Nuechterlein was previously at the Commission as Special Counsel to then-FCC General Counsel Bill Kennard. He's coming over to the Portals after working in the Solicitor General's office at the Department of Justice.

CANADA THIS WEEK

It will be weeks at the earliest until it's known who will get the Toronto radio frequencies that were the subject of last week's comparative hearing. However, we already know of one applicant who won't. An organization known as St. Sava's Radio Station, Inc. asked the CRTC to remove its application for an ethnic formatted station on 106.3 MHz from consideration. No reason for the withdrawal was given in the official public notice.

The CRTC turned thumbs down on a proposal to double-up in radio station ownership in Timmins, Ontario. Roger de Brabant, who runs religion formatted CHIM-FM, Timmins, proposed to operate a second station programming various types of music ("pop, rock, dance, contemporary, country"). Concentration of ownership in Timmins was not the issue here. Rather, the CRTC found that de Brabant's proposal to operate the station with only two employees and automation would not allow for the news and spoken word programming expected of all commercial radio stations.

ELSEWHERE

Keymarket continues to construct a "ring" around Pittsburgh, as it buys the Associated stations in Wheeling and Steubenville, plus a combo from The Luzerne Company. So it turns out to be true that Stop 26 Riverbend's Percy Squire is not taking the Wheeling and Steubenville pieces of the Associated group, as it gets divested by its corporate parent. In Steubenville, Keymarket gets Associated's WSTV (a 1-kw full-time talker at 1340 KHz) and WRKY (a class B country station called "Rocky"). And Associated's Wheeling-market WOMP (doing talk at 1290 KHz, with 1,000 watts day and 33 watts night) and WOMP-FM (a class B doing hot AC at 100.5 MHz); both WOMP and WOMP-FM are licensed to Bellaire, OH. Kerby Confer didn't quit his shopping expedition with the Associated package: He scouted out two more to buy in Steubenville. Those are the Luzerne Company's soft AC/talk WOHI (with 1-kw fulltime at 1490 KHz) and soft AC WELA (a class B at 104.3 MHz).

Up in the beautiful Virginia mountains, there's more consolidation, as Jason Cave buys an FM just down I-81 from his current AM-FM combo in Luray, VA. Since the new one's on an adjacent channel to his existing FM (hot AC WMXH-FM, Luray at 105.7), we can't help wondering if he's thinking about a 105.5/105.7 simulcast. The station that's being sold for \$600,000 is WZXI, Buffalo Gap, VA, a Class A at 105.5 MHz. Seller is Bob Ridle's Ridle Radio and the buyer is Jason Cave's Easy Radio Inc. Cave also owns country WRAA (1330 KHz) in Luray as well as WMXH-FM.

In Midland-Odessa, TX, we've got a new radio-TV combo, as radio owner ICA Broadcasting buys the local CBS-TV affiliate for \$8 million. Locals John Bushman and Terry Lee own the market's oldies station (KMCM, Odessa at 96.9 MHz), and now they make ICA a multimedia company by acquiring KOSA-TV from Benedek Broadcasting.

Reno gets targeted for consolidation by NextMedia, as Carl Hirsch and Steve Dinetz set themselves up to buy another two FMs there. Follow the likely two-stage transaction: Mag Mile buys Reno-market KSRN and KHWG. Then assigns its contract rights over to Steve Dinetz and Carl Hirsch at NextMedia. Hirsch and Dinetz have already filed for FCC approval to buy Scott Seidenstricker's two Reno-market class A FMs for \$7 million: modern rock KRZQ-FM and adult alternative KHTX-FM. So adult standards KSRN, Sparks, NV (92.1 MHz) and country "K-Hog" KHWG, Kings Beach, CA (107.7 MHz) are the next pair to probably go to NextMedia. Sellers are two associated companies: Comstock Communications for KSRN (which is fetching \$1,175,000) and Hilltop Church for KHWG (for \$1,300,000). Both facilities are Class As. The sellers are represented by Rick Patterson's Commonwealth Investment Brokers. The Mahlman Company brokered for Mag Mile Media.

Out in Suffolk County on Long Island, Arthur Liu steps into a deal originally made by his son, Carl. Result: Arthur's Multi-Cultural group will buy WLVG, Center Moriches (96.1 MHz) from Gary Starr for \$3 million. Carl Liu's company (Beacon Media) has been LMAing WLVG since last year. Arthur Liu is also in line to pick up Long Island AM WNYG, Babylon (1440 KHz), a Spanish tropical station which has been in bankruptcy. So WLVG, a class A at 96.1 MHz, could be his second station on the Island. WLVG currently does soft AC as "Love 96.1", but we expect an LMA will change that pretty soon. Seller is Gary Starr's Suffolk Radio Partners. Broker is Maryland-based William B. Schutz, Jr.

ELSEWHERE (cont'd)

In Biloxi-Gulfport, David Benjamin's Triad is adding an AM to its cluster in one of the Gulf Coast's new casino boomtowns. It's news/talk WVMI, Biloxi at 570 KHz, an AMer with 5-kw day and 1-kw night, DA-2. (It also carries an unbuilt expanded-band license for 1640 KHz.) Seller is G & R Radio, and WVMI joins the local cluster run by Steve Fehder that includes rocker WCPR-FM.

In Abilene, Cumulus is swapping FMs, perhaps to avoid some concentration problems in Arbitron market #221. We previously knew that Cumulus Media would buy AC "Mix" KFQX-FM, Anson, TX (a C2 at 98.1 MHz) from Powell Meredith. The latest development is that Cumulus will swap its Tejano KKHR, Abilene (an A at 106.3 MHz) back to Powell Meredith, and kick in \$200,000 to boot. Cumulus will have country KBCY, CHR KCDD, classic rock "Bear" KHXS, plus AC KFQX-FM.

North of Tampa Bay, Carl Marcocci and company continue their careful acquisition strategy, as they buy hot AC "Citrus 95" WXCW, Homosassa Springs, FL (95.3 MHz). Marcocci and Steve Schurdell have been assembling a collection of stations in the real estate north and northeast of Tampa Bay, (like adult standards WGUL-AM/FM), and this one fits right in. Seller is Hernando Broadcasting, which also owns WWJB, Brooksville, FL (1450 KHz).

They'll play in Peoria, thank you: Peter Ottmar's AAA Entertainment expands from its New England and Long Island base to buy two stations in Peoria and pick up the LMA of a third. The stations are rock WWCT, a class B at 105.7 MHz licensed to Peoria. Smooth jazz WJPL, a Class A at 96.5 MHz licensed to Farmington, IL. And (via assumption of an LMA) R&B oldies WBGE, a Class A at 92.3 MHz licensed to Peoria. WWCT's being sold by Central Illinois Broadcasting. WJPL's coming from Orchard Communications. And WBGE comes along as Orchard transfers its LMA with licensee B&G Broadcasting. Current WJPL Michael Rea becomes market manager for new operator Peter Ottmar. (You probably know Ottmar's name from his Back Bay Broadcasters group in the Providence market, with stations like dance WWKX. Ottmar's also filed to purchase WEHM and WBEA out in the Hamptons of Long Island.) Brokers on the Peoria transactions: Robert Maccini and Stephan Sloan of Media Services Group for Peter Ottmar. Ron Kempff of Kempff Communications for WWCT owner Central Illinois Broadcasting.

Cumulus isn't just buying radio stations: It's looking to buy outside vendors that can help it grow. Richard Weening and Lew Dickey agree to pay \$4 million for the longtime sales training outfit founded by Chris Lytle and Sarah McCann called The Lytle Organization. Lytle and McCann come along for the ride and will work for Cumulus. The Lytle Organization/Advisory Board material will be used throughout the group and in non-Cumulus markets -- and maybe on the Internet, too. Richard Weening says converting the TAB training materials to a web-based interactive technology is a "top priority." The Orlando-based Jeffery Group repped The Lytle Organization in the sale.

This deal is going to court before it goes to the FCC -- Cumulus is suing Jim Ingstad in federal court over his agreement to sell a new Minnesota FM to Dan Peters' Milestone Partnership II for \$2,200,000. Cumulus General Counsel Terry Leahy tells M Street it's a "simple dispute" -- Cumulus had an option to buy the Faribault, MN-licensed CP for \$1,500,000, and Jim Ingstad breached their contract. Cumulus also filed an informal objection to the Jim Ingstad-Milestone transfer application at the FCC. Cumulus is asking the federal court in Minneapolis to stop the Jim Ingstad-Milestone deal from going forward. The CP currently known as KEGY will be a C2 at 107.5 MHz, south of Minneapolis. Dan Peters is also involved in the ownership group of WQPM/KLCI in Princeton, MN (north of Minneapolis). And he's selling his 50% interest in Minneapolis TV station KVBM (Ch. 45) to Hubbard.

BHC Communications sues to stop the Viacom-CBS deal. It claims Sumner Redstone violated a non-compete with BHC by agreeing to acquire CBS. Now BHC's Herbert Siegel is taking Redstone to court to kill the deal. Remember that Viacom recently started a 45-day clock by triggering its buy-sell agreement with UPN partner BHC. We believe Redstone wants to buy the 50% of UPN he doesn't own -- the 50% Siegel controls. But Redstone doesn't want the 10 Chris Craft TV stations that Siegel also controls, because they'd create too many regulatory problems. Now -- they're taking off the gloves and getting ready to fight bare-knuckled. Viacom and CBS say Siegel's suit is "transparently without merit and will have no impact on the timing of Viacom's planned merger with CBS."

ELSEWHERE (cont'd)

AFTRA cracks the Clear Channel operation in Los Angeles for the first time, as it wins an organizing vote at Clear Channel-owned AirWatch America by a vote of 13 to 8. AirWatch is a traffic reporting service (yes, Clear Channel's also in that business), and AFTRA is probably hoping the vote there helps it get into the future Clear Channel-AMFM Inc. station cluster, after the merger.

More bad publicity for Disney, as it's facing a third lawsuit from the Mark & Brian "Black Hoe" promotion -- and the first two plaintiffs just hired Johnnie Cochran as their attorney. The Los Angeles Times says former KLOS, Los Angeles AE Leslie Childs is the third person to charge Disney with racial discrimination. The other two (Carla Woodson and Judy Goodwin) have just retained Cochran, famous from the O.J. Simpson trial. The KLOS-based Mark and Brian syndicated show did an ill-fated promo last year by giving away black-colored hoes -- a takeoff on rap songs about "black ho's."

Warning: Don't start reading THIS Arbitron report near the fan. Some Arbitron subscribers are getting an unbound copy of their printed market report, about a week before it's due. In other words, the bundle arrives the same day the market numbers are downloadable. This visit from Santa is only for two-book markets (not the continuous measurement variety), as a kind of thank-you/make-up gesture from Arbitron, which delayed the Fall book by three weeks because of software-processing problems.

XM hires three Canadian companies to handle important satellite-radio functions, which gets us to wondering about whether XM is interested in expanding to Canada, down the road. Hugh Panero awards Ottawa-based Telesat Canada a 15-year contract to install and operate the uplink infrastructure for XM's two Hughes 702 satellites. That will be in Ottawa, but Telesat will also build primary and backup satellite control centers in Washington, D.C. (XM headquarters) and Calgary, Alberta. Another problem for XM: How do you keep your subscription service secure, so that people are paying for it? Panero signs Toronto-based Calian to do uplink delivery audio streams that are encoded. And XM Senior VP of Engineering and Operations Jack Wormington settles on encryption technology produced in the Toronto labs of Certicom. We're just speculating here: Having a control center in Canada would qualify XM to market its 100-channel service in Canada.

Yes, it's a radio -- but a revolutionary new kind. Kerbango unveils the "world's first standalone Internet radio" receiver, and the things that's revolutionary is that it doesn't need a computer to work. And it looks like an ordinary AM/FM radio. But it's capable of "tuning in" thousands of Internet-available broadcast stations and Internet-only radio stations. That means this little device truly puts all online stations on a level playing field. The Kerbango unit requires only an AC outlet and some kind of Internet connection (like a phone line or a cellphone). It's also easy to use. You may have seen Kerbango's exhibit at the NAB Radio Show in Orlando and now they've introduced the RealNetworks-based receiver at the "Demo2000" new products show. Details at "Kerbango.com."

Rick Dees starts national syndication via Premiere on April 3, and his first affiliate is Clear Channel-owned CHR "Kiss" in Las Vegas. We'd heard whispers out of the Las Vegas Consumer Electronic Show that a Dees syndication to Vegas was in the wind -- followed by a national rollout of his daily CHR show. The stars finally lined up for Rick, since his weekly syndicated show has just moved from ABC to Premiere (which shares Clear Channel parentage with KIIS-FM, Los Angeles). Premiere says Dees will be available for morning syndication "in all time zones." The Las Vegas affiliate will be recent country convert KFMS-FM (101.9 MHz).

The Anchorage TV station that's really a radio station makes a nice debut in the Willhight ratings, notching a 2.6 12+ and a 5.4 share 18-34 in the Fall Willhights. KZND is a low power TV with audio at 88.7 MHz that's positioning itself as a modern rock station called "The End." Arbitron doesn't rate TV audio, but Willhight does.

Salem continues to race into cyberspace, as it signs a contract with Dr. James Dobson's Focus on the Family Ministries to be the principal streaming source for the Focus radio shows -- via Salem's "OnePlace.com" portal. Focus agrees to put an exclusive hyperlink from its "Family.org" website to the audio streaming broadcasts of its shows on OnePlace.com. Salem estimates the eight Focus radio shows now have about 18 million over-the-air listeners a week -- and part of their agreement is that Salem's owned stations (and its Salem Radio Network affiliates) will cross-promote the Focus webcasts.

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ROLLBACK. . . . Some amazingly tough talk from Capitol Hill this week, as the NAB marshals its forces to stop or rollback the FCC's Low Power FM initiative. At the February 14 NAB State Leadership Conference, House Speaker Dennis Hastert says "This action is certainly going to cause substantial interference on the FM dial for millions of radio listeners, and we should not be in the business of destroying the FM band." And he lends support to Mike Oxley's bill to stop or rollback LPFM: "We can say no to this misguided legislative action by the FCC, and we will." Meanwhile fellow House Republican Billy Tauzin was breathing fire about the FCC itself: He told the state association leaders it's time to "defang" the Commission. The Telecommunications Subcommittee Chairman uses some startling language when he charges that the FCC "abets corruption." The Louisiana Republican also says the FCC practices "blackmail" on the companies under its regulation. Meanwhile the NAB also got support in the Senate, where respected New Hampshire Senator Judd Gregg drops his own anti-LPFM bill into the hopper, with language similar to Oxley's H.R. 3439.

ROLLOUTS. . . . We're expecting some new products -- especially lots of Internet-related debuts -- at the RAB2000 in Denver, and we're there to report them for you. The RAB meetings have been known primarily for sales-training and networking, but we're expecting several vendors to roll out some significant new products in Denver. We're also looking forward to Arbitron's fourth Internet radio research study. The RAB's expecting record-setting attendance at the Adams Mark, and we'll give you a report in next week's M Street Journal.

SPANISH OLDIES. . . . Spanish-language radio continues to specialize, and this week Hispanic Broadcasting gave Los Angeles a new Spanish oldies format named "Recuerdo." The former KACE/KRTO (now called KRCD/KRCV) aren't the first stations to feature Spanish oldies (SBS does a Miami version on WCMQ-FM). But M Street watches as "Spanish radio" flowers into multiple variations of Spanish talk, Spanish CHR, Rock en Espanol -- and Spanish oldies.

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

		formerly	becomes
AL Brewton	WPHG-FM-90.9*	southern gospel	reported silent
	(WPHG-FM is expected to return in April)		
Huntsville	WRTT-FM-95.1	# WNDA, stunting	rock "Rocket 95.1"
	(WRTT-FM is now a combo with AC WAHR, they also add Rick & Bubba)		
AZ Tusayan	KSGC-92.1	ABC - AC	ABC - hot AC
AR Gould	KAFN-102.5	new	country "Cat Country"
CA Inglewood (L.A.)	KRCD-103.9	# KACE, R&B oldies	Span. oldies "Recuerdo"
W. Covina (L.A.)	KRCV-98.3	# KRTO, R&B old//KACE	Spanish oldies // KRCD
	(KRCV/KRCD are now a combo with KSCA, KLVE and KTNQ)		
CO Pagosa Springs	KWUF-FM-106.3	# WW1 - oldies	WW1 - adult contemp.
	(KWUF-FM retains its blues show from 3-6p)		
CT Norwalk	WEFX-95.9	# rock	classic rock
	(WEFX, WKHL, WNLK & WSTC enter an LMA-to-buy with Cox Radio Inc.)		
FL Chiefland	WNDN-107.9	# WLQH-FM, country	to be rock // WNDD
	(WNDN joins WNDD in simulcasting WNDD, "Wind FM", on April 1st)		
Chiefland	WLQH-940	# JRN - country //FM JRN - classic country	

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FL Florida City (Key W.)	WMFL-88.5*	cont. Christ//WMKL	reported silent
Key Largo	WMKL-91.7*	# cont. Christian	Christian rock // WUFM
Madison (Valdosta)	WIMV-102.7	urban	reported silent
(WIMV has a pending sale to Southbridge Radio Corporation)			
IN Brazil (Terre Haute)	WSDX-1130	WSDM, s. gos./talk	1-on-1 sports "The X"
Huntington	WBZQ-1300	# hot AC // WLZQ	45+ soft AC
(WBZQ continues its LMA with an option to buy with hot AC WLZQ)			
Terre Haute	WJSH-1300	s.gos./talk //WSDM	WSJX, sports // WSDX
KY Morganfield	WMSK-1550	# WYGS, gospel	country // WMSK-FM
(WMSK AM/FM enter an LMA-to-buy with Southern Wabash Communications)			
Shepherdsville (Lou.)	WXLN-FM-105.1	# cont. Christian	WLRS, modern rock
(WXLN-FM is now a combo with WDJX, WFIA, WGZB-FM, WULV & WMJM)			
LA Monroe	KBMQ-88.7*	new	MGS - cont. Christian
Monroe	KLIC-1230	rel. & c. Christ.	adds Reach - s. gospel
(KLIC adds Reach southern gospel weekends)			
ME Monticello (Presque Is)	WREM-710	talk // WEGP	rock "The Rock"
MN Benson	KBMO-1290	KSCR, AC // FM	adds JRN - AC // FM
Benson	KSCR-FM-93.5	adult contemporary	adds JRN - AC
MO Campbell	KFEB-107.5	country	Radio One - modern rock
NJ Trenton	WNJO-94.5	oldies	adds talk 7-10 pm
(WNJO picks up Roberta Gale, late of WKXW - New Jersey 101.5)			
OK Duncan (Lawton)	KXCD-1350	# KKEN, sports	to be talk (April)
Lawton	KXCA-1380	# sports // KKEN	to be talk // KXCD
Weatherford	KAYM-90.5*	new	AFA - cont. Christian
PA Allentown	WTKZ-1320	# sports	Spanish CHR // WEMG
(WTKZ enters an LMA-to-buy with Mega Broadcasting)			
TN Farragut (Knoxville)	WKFN-670	talk	ABC - adult standards
(WKFN's talk programming moves to WKVL-FM)			
Knoxville	WKVL-850	talk // WKFN	talk // WESK
Loudon (Knoxville)	WESK-105.3	oldies	WKVL-FM, talk & sports
TX Plainview	KPMB-88.5*	new	cont. Christian // KUBR
Silsbee (Beaumont)	KLOI-101.7	KWDX, country	reported silent
(KLOI is off the air to relocate its studios)			
VA Charles City (Rich.)	WAUQ-89.7*	new	AFA - cont. Christian
Christiansburg	WFNR-FM-100.7	WBZV, modern AC	talk & sports
(WFNR AM now simulcasts the FM all but 12-3pm when the AM runs Rush)			
Lynchburg	WLVA-590	standards//WLQE-FM	talk
(WLVA dissolves its LMA with WLQE-FM)			
Radford(Christiansbg)	WRAD-1460	adult standards	classic hits // WBXW
(This is a temporary format; look for a new one in March)			
VI Christiansted	WVIS-106.1	urban AC	reported silent
(WVIS is off the air for repairs)			
WV Dunbar (Charleston)	WBES-1240	WVSR, talk	soft AC // WBES-FM

NEW STATIONS: APPLICATIONS		(* non-commercial station) (& reapplication)	
(+ competes with existing application)			
FL 91.1*	Monticello	290 w, 1302 ft DA	Educ. Media Foundation
GA 90.7*	Pavo	5000 w, 292 ft DA	Living Proof, Inc.
91.9*	Pendergrass	20 w, 321 ft DA	Belcher Santa Maria Bcstg.
MD 91.7*	Hagerstown	3000, -13 ft DA	Four Rivers Comm. Bcstg.
MA 91.7*	Lunenburg	630 w, 161 ft DA	Living Proof, Inc.
91.7*+	Marshfield	no facils given	The Talking Information Center
90.7*	Wellfleet	6000 w, 158 ft DA	Living Proof, Inc.
MN 88.1*	Byron	1000 w, 502 ft DA	Pensacola Christian College
NM 90.3*	Alamogordo	28000 w, 1916 ft DA	Poplar Bluff Educational, Inc.
91.9*	Alcade	1500 w, -452 ft DA	Family Stations, Inc.
90.3*+	Clovis	8000 w, 469 ft DA	San Antonio Comfort, Inc.
NC 90.5*	Norlina	270 w, 167 ft	Roanoke Valley Communications
88.3*	Wilson	no facils given	Pensacola Christian College
OK 89.1*	Durant	300 w, 184 ft DA	Bright Light Bcstg., Inc.
88.1*	Woodward	100000 w, 1004 ft DA	University of Oklahoma
OR 89.9*	Baker	no facils given	Abundant Life Bcstg.
TX 91.9*+	Port O'Connor	6000 w, 328 ft DA	San Antonio Comfort, Inc.
UT 90.7*+	St. George	18000 w, 210 ft DA	Casper Learning FM, Inc.

Returned/Dismissed Applications

MD 101.1+	Snow Hill (D)	Harry Media
101.1+	Snow Hill (D)	Mountain of Snow Bcstg.
101.1+	Snow Hill (D)	NV State Bcstg., LP
(settlement agreement for above was granted and applications dismissed 02/02/00)		

NEW STATIONS: GRANTS

CO 107.3 Silverton 300 w, -2073 ft DA Voices Ministries/Farmington
 MD 101.1 Snow Hill 3200 w, 325 ft Snow Hill Broadcasting, LLC
 (settlement agreement and application granted 2/02/00)

TRANSLATORS/BOOSTERS/SYNCHRONOUS XMTR: APPLICATIONS

CA new-90.1*	Minden	KAWZ	Calv. Chapel/Twin Falls
new-106.9	San Francisco	KEAR	Family Stations
CO new-89.7*	Walden	KAWZ	Calv. Chapel/Twin Falls
GA new-88.1*	Jefferson	KAWZ	Calv. Chapel/Twin Falls
MN new-90.7*	Hokan	KAWZ	Calv. Chapel/Twin Falls
NV new-90.3*	Round Martin	KAWZ	Calv. Chapel/Twin Falls
NM new-90.7*	Roswell	KAWZ	Calv. Chapel/Twin Falls
OR new-89.7*	White Salmon	KAWZ	Calv. Chapel/Twin Falls
PA new-90.5*	Narberth	KAWZ	Calv. Chapel/Twin Falls
SC new-88.5*	Sumter	KAWZ	Calv. Chapel/Twin Falls
WA new-89.7*	Aberdeen	KAWZ	Calv. Chapel/Twin Falls

TRANSLATORS/BOOSTERS/SYNCHRONOUS XMTR: GRANTS

FL W208AV-89.5*	San Jose	10 w, KLOV-FM	Educ. Media Foundation
WA K214DO-90.7*	Aberdeen	140 w (v) DA, WPCS	Pensacola Christ. Coll.

CONSTRUCTION PERMIT ACTIVITY

AL WXFL-96.1	Florence	increases to 50000 w, 492 ft, class C2 from class A, changes xmtr loc. to 34-54-17 87-24-02
WQLT-107.3	Florence	decreases to 93000 w, 1017 ft, class C1 from class C
WTBB-89.9*	Gadsden	license to cover for new station
AR KAOG-90.5*	Jonesboro	adds DA, changes xmtr loc. to 35-53-06 90-42-38
KDRS-FM-107.1	Paragould	increases to 3000 w, 423 ft, changes xmtr loc. to 36-01-46 90-35-50
CA KSAY-98.5	Fort Bragg	built new auxiliary facility
KZLA-FM-93.9	Los Angeles	built new auxiliary facility
KCSN-88.5*	Northridge	increases to 320 w, 1643 ft, class B1 from class A, adds DA, changes xmtr location to 34-19-11 118-33-14
KZSA-92.1	Placerville	changes to 1850 w, 417 ft, changes xmtr location to 38-43-07 120-47-40
KBMB-103.5	Sacramento	increases to 6000 w, 312 ft, adds DA (as amended)
GA WSIS-103.9	Springfield	increases to 14000 w
IL WLIT-FM-93.9	Chicago	changes xmtr loc. to 41-52-44 87-38-08
WYAA-102.3	Crete	changes to 1050 w, 499 ft, changes xmtr location to 41-19-32 87-37-15
WNSV-104.7	Nashville	increases to 3400 w, 440 ft, changes xmtr loc. to 38-26-02 89-18-55
IA KICD-1240	Spencer	change xmtr loc. to 43-09-57 95-08-46
KY WWAG-107.9	McKee	increases to 3900 w, 410 ft
MN KBAJ-105.5	Deer River	license to cover for new station
KLOH-1050	Pipestone	changes xmtr loc. to 43-59-43 96-20-41
MS WOWL-91.9*	Burnsville	license to cover for new station
MO KKLH-104.7	Marshfield	changes xmtr loc. to 37-12-21 92-54-20
NY WLJH-90.9*	Glens Falls	license to cover for new station
WRVN-91.9*	Utica	changes to 1850 w, -95 ft, changes xmtr location to 43-08-31 75-13-36
OK KQRS-90.3*	Lawton	increases to 187 ft
WWLS-640	Moore	increases to 5000 w days, DA-2 from DA-N
PA WHLM-106.5	Bloomsburg	changes to 10500 w, 1027 ft, changes xmtr loc. to 40-56-18 73-25-38
TN WDXE-FM-95.9	Lawrenceburg	moves to 106.7 MHz, changes to 6000 w, 292 ft
TX KLTY-94.1	Fort Worth	built new auxiliary facility
VA WQMZ-95.1	Charlottesville	increases to 325 ft
WHRV-89.5*	Norfolk	changes to 22000 w, 751 ft, add DA
WZZI-101.5	Vinton	changes to 510 w, 784 ft
WY KBHJ-93.3	Jackson	license to cover for new station
MB CKX-1150	Brandon	moves to 101.1 MHz, 100000 w

FACILITIES/PARAMETERS: APPLICATIONS

CA KSKD-FM-93.3*	Chowchilla	(& reapplication) [docket number]
FL WIMV-102.7	Madison	change to 6000 w, 328 ft, add DA, change xmtr loc. to 37-13-02 120-11-56
WSGL-104.7	Naples	increase to 15000 w, 328 ft, class C3 from class A, add DA
WWRM-94.9	Tampa	change xmtr loc. to 26-07-35 81-43-17
GA WSLE-102.3	Cairo	increase to 1502 ft, add DA, change xmtr loc. to 27-49-10 82-15-39
WWSG(CP)-102.1	Sylvester	increase to 50000 w, 492 ft, class C2 from class A
KY WVEZ-106.9	Louisville	increase to 328 ft, add DA, change xmtr loc. to 31-36-31 83-47-58
LA KEAZ-101.7	De Ridder	add DA, change xmtr location to 38-22-19 85-49-33
MA WKLB-FM-99.5	Lowell	move to 97.9 C2 from 101.7 A, increase to 50000 w, 492 ft, add DA, change xmtr location to 30-36-57 93-13-31
WBPR-91.9*	Worcester	modify CP to decrease to 653 ft, add DA
MS WMAH-90.3*	Biloxi	modify CP to change to 760 w (h), 298 ft DA
WMAV-FM-90.3*	Oxford	change xmtr location to 42-15-15 71-57-36
MT KREO(CP)-107.5	Superior	increase to 1414 ft, add DA, change xmtr loc. to 30-45-18 88-56-44
NM KTRL(CP)-102.9	Las Vegas	decrease to 1240 ft, add DA, change xmtr loc. to 34-17-28 89-42-21
OR KRSK-105.1	Salem	increase to 100000 w, 1968 ft, class C from class A, change xmtr location to 47-01-12 114-00-47
SD KDDX-101.1	Spearfish	change to 26000 w, 16 ft
TX KHPU-91.7*	Brownwood	build new auxiliary facility
KWBC-1550	Navasota	decrease to 1788 ft, add DA
		add DA, change xmtr location to 31-43-32 99-00-50
		add 26 w nights, ND

FACILITIES/PARAMETERS: GRANTS

AL WIOL-92.7	Eufaula	one step application to increase to 39000 w, 551 ft, class C2 from class A
AZ KOAZ-97.5	Oro Valley	change xmtr location to 32-07-58 85-04-13
CA KPLS-830	Orange	increase to 305 ft
KKZQ(CP)-100.1	Tehachapi	modify CP to decrease to 30000 w days, DA-N
KDYA-1190	Vallejo	change to 340 w, 620 w, drop DA, change xmtr loc. to 35-04-30 118-22-07
HI KNUQ-103.7	Paauilo	(as amended)
ME WBYA-101.7	Searsport	direct measurement of antenna power
OK KQCV-800	Oklahoma City	change to 70000 w, 2332 ft, change xmtr location to 20-39-36 156-21-50
TX KRZB(CP)-97.5	Olney	increase to 2650 w, 1004 ft, class B1 from class A, change xmtr location to 44-34-51 68-53-47
		increase to 1000 w nights, DA-2
		increase to 492 ft, change xmtr loc. to 35-51-40 98-38-52, change city of license to Archer City, TX
WA KPLU-88.5*	Tacoma	(as amended)
WI WGMO-95.3	Shell Lake	build new auxiliary facility
		change xmtr loc. to 45-40-28 91-58-52

CALL LETTER CHANGES (# applied for by new owners)

AL WNDA-95.1	Huntsville	becomes # WRTT-FM 1/31/00	"Rocket 95.1"
CA KACE-103.9	Inglewood	# KRCD 2/08/00	"Recuerdo"
KLUE-106.3	Soledad	# KHNZ (requested)	"Z-Spanish"
KRTO-98.3	West Covina	# KRCV 2/08/00	"Recuerdo"
CO KBDU(CP)-107.3	Hayden	KRMR 2/10/00	
new-107.3	Silverton	KLJH 2/10/00	
DE WQVL-1600	Dover	WAMS 1/31/00	
FL WLQH-FM-107.9	Chiefland	# WNDN 2/04/00	"Wind FM"
WXVQ-1490	De Land	# WNDA 2/07/00	
WTBL-1470	Dunedin	# WLJU 2/04/00	
GA new-88.7*	Sparta	WJDS 2/09/00	
IN WSDM-1130	Brazil	WSDX 1/31/00	"The X"
WJSH-1300	Terre Haute	WSJX (requested)	

CALL LETTER CHANGES (cont'd)

IN WAMW-FM-107.9	Washington	WYER	2/07/00	
KY WYGS-1550	Morganfield	# WMSK	2/04/00	
WXLN-FM-105.1	Shepherdsville	# WLXO	(requested)	
MN KSTQ-99.3	Alexandria	KXRZ	(requested)	
KSCR-1290	Benson	KBMO	2/10/00	
MO KBGJ(CP)-97.3	Marble Hill	KSRY	1/28/00	
KBJG(CP)-97.5	Mesquite	KVEG	1/28/00	
NH WRCI-107.7	Hillsboro	WKXL-FM	2/07/00	
NY WWHW-102.1	Jeffersonville	WDNB	2/10/00	"De Witt Bcstg. Corp."
OK KKEN-FM-102.3	Duncan	KKEN	2/08/00	
KKEN-1350	Duncan	KXCD	1/28/00	
PA new-91.9*	Meadville	WVME	2/09/00	
WWDB-860	Philadelphia	WTEL	(requested)	"Eternal Light"
TN WESK-105.3	Loudon	WKVL-FM	(requested)	
TX KGDE-94.1	Fort Worth	# KLNO	2/10/00	"Estereo Latino"
KTJX-105.5	Mission	KBOR	2/04/00	
KWDX-101.7	Silsbee	KLOI	2/11/00	
KKAS-1300	Silsbee	KSET	1/31/00	"The Set"
VA WBZV-100.7	Christiansburg	# WFNR-FM	2/07/00	
WA new-89.3*	White Salmon	KBNO	2/10/00	
KYSC-88.5*	Yakima	KYVT	2/04/00	"Yakima Valley Tech"
WV WWSR-1240	Dunbar	WBES	2/03/00	
WY new-90.9*	Pinedale	KUWX	2/07/00	
MB CKX-101.1	Brandon	CKXA-FM		"Kix 101.1 FM"

PROPOSED STATION TRANSFERS

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

CA KISL-88.7	Avalon	314	from The Community Services Dept. to Catalina Island Performing Arts Found.
KCAL-1410/ KSZZ-590	Redlands/ San Bernardino	314	from Riverside Radio, Inc. to Entravision Holdings, LLC
KRRE-101.9	Shingle Springs	314	from Radio Exito, Inc. to Entravision Holdings, LLC
FL WTWB-1570	Auburndale	314	from WTWB Radio Station, Inc. to Carpenter's Home Church, Inc.
WWNN-1470	Pompano Beach	314	from HHH Broadcasting, Inc. to WWNN License, LLC
WHSR-980	Pompano Beach	314	from HMS Broadcasting, Inc. to WWNN License, LLC
GA WRDW-1480	Augusta	314	from The Add Radio Group, Inc. to The Beasley FM Radio Acquisition Corp.
WSGC-1400	Elberton	314	from Radio Elberton, Inc. to Scott Smith
MD WACA-1540	Wheaton	314	from Latin Radio of Washington DC, LLC to Entravision Holdings, LLC
MA WRCA-1330	Waltham	314	from The Add Radio Group, Inc. to The Beasley FM Radio Acquisition Corp.
MN KARP-96.3	Glencoe	314	from Roosevelt Broadcasting Co., Inc. to Blue Chip Broadcasting Licenses II, Ltd.
NY WLVG-96.1	Center Moriches	314	from Suffolk Radio Partners, LLC to Multicultural Radio Broadcasting, Inc.
WENE-1430/ WMRV-FM-105.7/ WBBI-107.5/ WMXW-103.3	Endicott/ Endwell/ Vestal	314	from Majac of Michigan, Inc. to Clear Channel Broadcasting Licenses, Inc.
NC WHGG-90.1*	Roanoke Rapids	314	from Appalachian Educational Comm. to Radio Training Network, Inc.
ND KVMI-96.7	Arthur	314	from KIPS, Inc. to Vision Media, Inc.
OH WOMP-1290/100.5	Bellaire	314	from Associated Radio, Inc. to Keymarket Licenses, Inc.
WOHI-1490/ WELA-104.3	East Liverpool	314	from The Luzerne Company to Keymarket Licenses, Inc.
WSTV-1340/ WRKY-103.5	Steubenville	314	from Associated Radio, Inc. to Keymarket Licenses, Inc.
PA WKGB-FM-92.5	Susquehanna	314	from Majac of Michigan, Inc. to Clear Channel Broadcasting Licenses, Inc.

PROPOSED STATION TRANSFERS (cont'd)

TX KMBH-FM-88.9*/	Harlingen/	316 from RGV Educ. Bcstg. (Old Board)
KHID-88.1*	McAllen	to RGV Educational Bcstg. (New Board)
WV WSCW-1410/	South Charleston	314 from CLW Communications Group, Inc.
WJYP-100.9		to Mortenson Broadcasting Co., Inc.

Regent Communications, Inc. filed Form 316 Transfer Applications to Regent Broadcasting, Inc. for its holdings in Arizona, California, Michigan, Minnesota, New York, Ohio, Pennsylvania and Texas.

WASHINGTON THIS WEEK

The FCC didn't like KPRR's takeoff on "Who Wants To Be A Millionaire," so KPRR, El Paso must pay an FCC fine of 4,000 -- in dollars, not in Italian lira. The Commission wasn't amused with the Clear Channel station's contest -- even though KPRR disclosed on its website the fact that the "10,000" payoff was in Italian lira, and even though the station never said the prize was in "dollars" and even though the jocks told winner Trisha Dean that she'd won 10,000 Italian lira. The winner of the "So You Want To Win 10,000" contest thought the DJs were kidding, until she came to the station and picked up her check for \$53. Dean then complained to the FCC, and that letter leads to a \$4,000 Notice of Apparent Liability against dance-CHR KPRR (102.1 MHz). (DA 00-238)

Unauthorized transfer of control costs a Utah broadcaster a Notice of Apparent Liability for \$8,000 (the "base amount" fine for violating Section 310-d of the Communications Act and Section 73.3540 of the FCC rules). The Commission has found that a 1996 transfer of Floyd Ence's 50% interest in KEOT, St. George, UT (99.7 MHz) should have been subjected to FCC scrutiny via a long form application. That transfer was from Ence to the Bear River Trust, controlled by Morgan Skinner. It was reported, but FCC approval wasn't sought. The violation was long-term (May 1996 to March 1998) and "willful", the Enforcement Bureau rules, but there was no intent to evade the regulations. (DA 00-227)

Even brand-new stations must have a fully-working Emergency Alert System in place, a violation which is about to cost a new Colorado station a \$16,000 fine. And the FCC noted that even though KNEC had been on the air less than a month when the FCC inspector showed up and even though it blamed shipping problems for not installing EAS equipment -- its principal owner had once served as the local EAS chairman and certainly knew the rules. Arnold Broadcasting's KNEC, Yuma, CO (100.9 MHz) was originally cited for "numerous violations" by the inspector, including transmitter control problems. But what the FCC zeroed in on were EAS problems: failure to install and maintain the equipment and failure to conduct EAS tests, etc. (DA 00-225)

CANADA THIS WEEK

Montreal will get three more transitional digital radio stations as the CRTC this week authorized Standard Radio's CJAD and CJFM-FM and Cogeco's CFGL-FM to simulcast their programming in the Eureka 147 format. Each station gets .3 MHz of the 1.5 MHz wide digital radio channel centered at 1454.56 MHz for the simulcast and additional non-broadcast service. Up to 14 hours per week of non-simulcast programming is allowed. This new digital service will use two transmitters operating on the same frequency. One will be located in the center of Montreal at Place Ville-Marie and the other on the island of Laval north of the city. The Eureka 147 system allows a radio to lock in on the data stream contained in the stronger of the two signals without interference from the other transmitter.

ELSEWHERE

Phil Marella, whose Pinnacle group owns 20 stations in five markets, was finally persuaded to sell out for \$75 million. The persuader was NextMedia's Carl Hirsch and his associates, and with this deal, NextMedia tacks on five new markets -- Greenville, NC, Myrtle Beach, Lubbock, Champaign and Decatur. For its \$75,000,000, here's what NextMedia scores --

In Greenville-New Bern-Jacksonville, NC (Arbitron #81): The country simulcast of WRNS/WRNS-FM, Kinston (960 KHz and 95.1 MHz/Class C). The three-station adult standards simulcast of WANG, Havelock (1330 KHz, 1-kw DA-D), WANG-FM Havelock (105.1 MHz, Class C3), and WANJ, Belhaven (101.1 MHz, Class C2). Hot AC WERO, Washington (93.3 MHz/Class C). Oldies WKOO, Jacksonville (98.7 MHz, Class C1). And talk WDLX, Washington (930 KHz, 5-kw/1-kw, DA-N). Down the coastline a bit, in the Myrtle Beach, SC market (Arbitron #173), NextMedia gets four stations: Talker WRNN, Murrell's Inlet, NC (94.5 MHz/Class A). Country WYAK-FM, Surfside Beach, SC (103.1/Class C3). Classic rock WYAV, Myrtle Beach (104.1 MHz/Class C1). And "Beach 99.5" AC WMYB, Socastee, SC (99.5/Class C3).

ELSEWHERE (cont'd)

The NextMedia/Pinnacle deal continues with three stations in Lubbock, TX (Arbitron market #177): Country KLLL-FM (96.3 MHz/C1). AC "Mix 100" KMMX, Tahoka (100.3 MHz/C1). And classic rock KONE, Lubbock (101.1 MHz/C1). And up in Illinois, Pinnacle has five stations to sell. One's in Champaign (Arbitron #209): Country WCZQ, Monticello, IL (105.5 MHz/A). And four stations in Decatur, IL (#254): Country WDZQ (95.1 MHz/B). Talk/country WDZ (1050KHz/1000-w/254-w, ND). News/talk WSOY (1340 KHz/1-kw ND). And hot AC WSOY-FM (102.9 MHz/B). Broker on the \$75,000,000 deal: Star Media Group's Paul Leonard.

Is a startup FM in Miami worth \$100 million? Cox Radio's Bob Neil thinks so, because he's just engineered a deal to acquire Marlin Broadcasting's classical FM in south Florida, WTMI (93.1 MHz). The first part of the equation has Cox paying \$125 million for all of Woody Tanger's properties (WTMI, plus the Hartford-market rock simulcast of WCCC-AM/FM and the north-of-Boston classical WBOQ, Gloucester, MA at 104.9 MHz). Then selling the Hartford combo and "W-Bach" back to Tanger for \$25 million. That's likely because it gives Tanger a nice break from the taxman. What it leaves Cox with is a full Class C in south Florida -- and a big question mark about what format to program on it. M Street had been hearing squawks from old-line classical fans that WTMI had watered down the product by salting in popular favorites like John Tesh. But we have a strong feeling that Cox will drop the format completely and give them lots more to write to the newspapers about. M Street notes that this is exactly what happened to Marlin's other two big-market classical FMs, in Philadelphia and Detroit. They eventually wound up in the hands of Greater Media, which flipped WFLN, Philadelphia (95.7 MHz) to modern AC and now rhythmic oldies (as WEJM), and WQRS, Detroit to modern rock (as WXDG) and then rhythmic oldies (as WGRV-FM).

In Miami, Cox thus creates a four-FM cluster for itself: "Coast" AC WFLC, urban AC WHQT, urban WEDR (being acquired from AMFM Inc. in a swap), plus whatever Cox does with the WTMI frequency at 93.1 MHz. WTMI did a 3.6 share 12+ in the Summer Arbitron, but we're willing to bet that Bob Neil won't keep it classical.

In the fast-growing playground market of Myrtle Beach, SC, Jerry Bresson adds the hot AC simulcast of WGSN (900 KHz) and WNMB (105.9 MHz) for \$2,600,000. Bresson has an interest in same-market WYNA, Calabash, NC (104.9 MHz), currently airing R&B oldies. Seller of North Myrtle Beach, SC-licensed WGSN and WNMB is Matt Sedota's Ocean Drive Communications. WGSN has 500 watts full-time, DA-2 and WNMB is a C3. The combo did a 1.8 share 12+ in the Spring 1999 Arbitron. (Note that with the sale of Pinnacle to NextMedia, which includes Myrtle Beach properties, this market has gotten lots of attention this week. Cumulus Media is already a heavyweight player there with a six-station combo that includes oldies WSYN.)

Due west of Minneapolis, Tom Ingstad is buying four stations via two separate deals. Deal #1 is for Kandi Broadcasting's KDJS and KDJS-FM, both licensed to Willmar, MN. The AM does oldies and talk at 1590 KHz, with 1,000 watts day, 89 watts night. KDJS-FM is a class C2 at 95.3 MHz, doing country as "K-95.3." Perry Kugler is the principal of Kandi. Deal #2 is with North American Broadcasting (Al Tedesco and Larry Graf). This one's for news/talk KDUZ, Hutchinson, MN, with 1,000 watts day, 64 watts night at 1260 KHz. Plus hot AC KKJR, Dassel, MN, a C3 at 106.9 MHz. Al Tedesco put KDUZ on the air in 1953. Larry Graf remains as a consultant and AE for two years. Family-tree reminder from M Street: there are three Ingstad brothers in radio ownership. They're Robert, Jim and Tom.

In Peoria, Peter Ottmar's AAA Entertainment is buying two FMs there and LMAing a third, through a new company named AAA Entertainment. Ottmar's group is buying rock WWCT, a Class B at 105.7 MHz, from Central Illinois Broadcasting. AAA is also acquiring smooth jazz WJPL, Farmington, a Class A at 96.5 MHz, from Orchard Communications. And it's assuming WJPL's LMA with R&B oldies WBGE, a Class A at 92.3 owned by B&G Broadcasting. Current WJPL Michael Rea becomes market manager for Ottmar. (Peter operates the Back Bay Broadcasters group in the Providence market, with stations like dance WWKX. He's also filed to purchase WEHM and WBEA in the Hamptons.) Brokers on the Peoria deals: Robert Maccini and Stephan Sloan of Media Services Group for Peter Ottmar. Ron Kempff of Kempff Communications for WWCT owner Central Illinois.

ELSEWHERE (cont'd)

First Peter Ottmar plays in Peoria, and now Champaign-Urbana: Peter Ottmar's AAA Entertainment grabs a four-FM cluster in the Champaign market operated by Jim Glassman's Liberty Radio II. Liberty actually owns three of the stations and has an LMA with purchase option on the fourth. The stations in question here: Liberty-owned country WBNB, Rantoul, IL (95.3 MHz). Classic rock WGKC, Mahomet, IL (105.9 MHz). And dance-CHR WQQB, Rantoul (96.1 MHz). Licensee of the fourth station is Magnitude of Tuscola, and the station is rocker WEBX, Tuscola, IL (93.5 MHz). They're all class A facilities. Broker on the transactions was Doug Ferber of Star Media Group.

In the River City of Louisville, Cross Country buys cross-town WTMT (620 KHz) for \$1.1 million. Cross Country Communications operates Christian and bluegrass formats there, and will likely leave the sports format at WTMT (620 KHz) as is. Seller is Jefferson Broadcasting, and WTMT (a 500-watt full-timer) is a long-time locally-owned standalone AM.

The fund created to help minority and women entrepreneurs -- Prism Communications Partners Fund -- should be closing on its first round of funding any day now. It's also changing its name to "Quetzal/Chase Communications Partners", since "Prism" was already spoken for. This is the venture capital fund announced November 3 by leaders like Mel Karmazin and Lowry Mays, intended to make loans to experienced minority and female entrepreneurs. Emmis, Bonneville, Radio One, Susquehanna, Tribune, Disney/ABC were among the first group of investors, along with CBS/Infinity and Clear Channel. The fund's Clarence Zachery tells M Street they hope to close on the first round of funding this week, then it's "full speed ahead" to evaluating the 30 to 40 business plans already submitted. They tell us they're still accepting business plans (but don't wait around for an application form: there won't be one.) Quetzal/Chase: (212) 270-1262.

Yes, another software gremlin for Arbitron, which reports a zip-code problem in Maximiser (though not a big one). This glitch affects the first 43 reports to be released from the Fall survey, but Arbitron says the advances, Radio Market Reports and the summary-level data used by third-party processors are all okay. But custom zip code runs? That's another story. Here's what happened: Arbitron's new diary-processing software failed to read corrected zip codes returned by diarykeepers. So if you got a diary, but your zip was wrong or changed and you corrected it, the software failed to pick up the correction. Arbitron caught it themselves. But if you were one of the 43 reports issued before then, you'll need to download the re-issued data. M Street heard about the glitch from a group that was poised to place an expensive direct-marketing order. For them, zip codes DO matter.

The new Beasley IPO proves that not all radio-stock issues are immediately golden. They label the Beasley issue ("BBGI") a "broken" IPO because it closed below its opening price on the first day of trading (Friday, February 11). Beasley opened at \$15 (a half point below the \$15.50 pricing) and closed at 14-1/8. This is the first radio Initial Public Offering in recent memory to stumble out of the starting gate -- though it could well recover long-term.

Citadel outsources its online audio streaming to BroadcastAmerica, in a trade-out deal that other groups may be watching. They'll start the relationship with a trial run in eight markets (Albuquerque, Allentown, Colorado Springs, Little Rock, Modesto, Saginaw, Salt Lake City and Spokane). This is a tradeout for ad time, an "outsourcing" deal where BroadcastAmerica assumes all streaming and maintenance costs. The programming will be housed under BroadcastMusic.com. BroadcastAmerica promises "no up-front costs."

The dot-coms are going crazy with radio (at least in the big markets), as the pre-holiday month of October demonstrates -- national spot radio got \$59,560,800 and network radio pulled in another \$8,704,600. Combine those numbers, and Internet companies literally spent more on radio than spot television (spot TV hauled in \$65,345,100). And radio's take was literally more than 50% of big-time network television (\$127,863,200). Those numbers are from CMR (Competitive Media Reporting), which calculates that dot-coms shelled out \$473 million total in October.

AMFM Inc. again goes to Philadelphia to create a test market for an Internet-related venture, as it rolls out broadband Internet service to listeners via RCN cable. Jimmy de Castro says listeners can link over to RCN Corporation and sign

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up for voice, video and high-speed Internet connections via RCN's Megaband fiber-optic network. While AMFM stations get cross-promotion on RCN. If it works, look for AMFMI chief de Castro to spread the partnership to other markets. AMFM's six stations in Philadelphia come about 2.6 million people a week. This experiment includes urban WUSL and urban AC WDAS-FM.

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

A really different take on talk radio: WWKY, Louisville (790 KHz) is using repeats of its sister's all-night show as its own morning show. The morning man on Clear Channel's WWKY is none other than Joe Arnold, the all-night talent on big brother WHAS (840 KHz). Joe interviews celebs and experts, and talks about Louisville issues, so Clear Channel's braintrust is hoping that his local and topical show will appeal to people who couldn't hear him in the middle of the night on WHAS. Another change at WWKY is the new late-morning show, hosted by Rocky and Troy. They're the morning show on CC-owned classic rocker WQMF (95.7 MHz), and they'll keep doing that. But after they sign off at WQMF, they stroll over to WWKY to do a three-hour live show for the AM (9am to noon). The rest of WWKY's revamped lineup includes some holdovers, like Nashville-based syndicated talker Dave Ramsey and Dr. Laura (3pm to 6pm), advice ("At Your Service", 6pm to 8pm), talker Ian Punnett (8pm to 10pm) and the late-night syndicated Phil Hendrie and Art Bell programs.

WSM, Nashville (650 KHz) brings back a live local music show with "Overnight Star Spotlight", as it drops its overnight trucker programming. "Overnight Star Spotlight" started 50 years ago and served as the launching pad for many important country artists (especially when it was hosted by Ralph Emery in the 1960s). The Tennessean reports that Gaylord-owned WSM is putting the brakes on the syndicated Interstate Radio Network to reinstate "Spotlight." With WSM's huge nighttime coverage, maybe they can help make some stars out of the next generation of country artists.

At the Voice of America, they're cutting back 51 jobs and redistributing service away from Europe. Bottom line: Africa and Asia will be getting more service, Europe less. The changes announced by the Broadcasting Board of Governors affect Radio Free Europe/Radio Liberty and the Voice of America. For example, they're cutting five positions in the Czech service, nine in the Hungarian service, 16 in the Polish service and three in the Latvian-language service. Now that many Eastern European countries are part of NATO -- it's time to concentrate on Africa and places like Indonesia, where the goal is to acquire FM frequencies in Jakarta and Dili.

The Conclave and the Country Radio Broadcasters are teaming up to produce country sessions in Minneapolis every year. Conclave Executive Director Tom Kay observes (correctly) that "CRS is one of the few organizations that has been around longer than the Conclave." The CRB (which produces the main Country Radio Seminar in Nashville plus regional events) will host the country format forums and entertainment at the annual Conclave. The year 2000 dates are July 13-16.

RAB members can now offer their clients e-commerce, as the association delivers the promised "Level III" that lets stations sell online "stores" to local retailers so advertisers can do their own e-commerce. The stores appear on the station's own website "mall", which is produced by the RAB but branded as the station's own. Among the revenue opportunities for stations: a "bounty" every time an online user visits a store.

So you want to win...\$100,000? Well, somebody who produces the year's best radio spot will, as the Radio-Mercury Awards 2000 competition issues its "call for entries." There are various categories (as always), and you should check or details. Entry deadline is coming up soon: March 10, with a "late deadline" of March 17. Get an entry form from the RAB at (212) 681-7207, or go to "RAB.com."

Now online service MP3radio.com is sponsoring a live country concert webcast, as an added-value offering for its radio station subscribers. Jo Dee Messina and Neal McCoy will headline the event that airs live from the Ryman Auditorium in Nashville (the original home of the Grand Ole Opry). Sounds like the first-ever webcast from the "mother church" of country music, Tuesday, February 29.

RMI.net expands the group of public radio stations who can offer their "friends" discounted Internet service via RMI. The former Rocky Mountain Internet just added Illinois State University-owned WGLT, Normal, IL (89.1 MHz) to its stable of public radio partners. What does WGLT get out of it? A revenue-sharing deal with RMI for every member who signs up.

M STREET BAZAAR (cont'd)

There's a new competitor in the traffic-info business, known as "TrafficStation.com." They'll announce details of their new offering at RAB2000 in Denver, but we know some of the basic pitch: Affiliates don't have to give up precious inventory to get traffic info for both broadcast and station website. Check it out at "TrafficStation.com."

Infinity selects Hartford GM Jodi Long as the full-time boss of the 31-office Infinity Promotion Group. WINS, New York Station Manager Greg Janoff had been splitting his time between WINS and IPG. As VP/GM of the Boston-based IPG, Jodi Long will oversee the work in 31 offices around the country charged with drumming up NTR (non-traditional revenue) for the company kitty. Long is currently the GM at soft AC WRCH and rhythmic oldies WZMX. The Infinity Promotion Group reports to David Pearlman.

When they yell "Play ball!" for the Detroit Tigers this Spring, 80-year-old sportscaster Ernie Harwell will be there to broadcast the games, as he signs a new two-year deal with the Tigers and WJR. The new contract means he'll make the transition from the ancient Tigers Stadium to the new Comerica Park. Harwell did the Tigers games from 1960 through 1991, then was booted by the team, in a move that was jeered by the fans. (M Street remembers the WKQI promo where they handed out Ernie Harwell "masks" for fans to wear on Opening Day, 1992.) Ernie came back in 1993, did TV for four years, then returned to calling the games on radio.

Community activists in Denver have forced several stations broadcasting from Lookout Mountain to drop their power, as the locals were able to get county officials to investigate their complaints about towers on Lookout. The Denver Post reports that Jefferson County official Russell Clark "couldn't find anything that was definitely over", but several FMs have lowered power a bit, just in case. The Post says KCFR (90.1 MHz) and KUVU (89.3 MHz) dropped their power 5%, and AMFM Inc.-owned KALC (105.9 MHz) has also agreed to lower the juice, pending further analysis. We mention this because the local activist group called "CARE" has campaigned both against the current towers on Lookout Mountain, as well as a major tower that would replace several of them. It's a battle to watch.

At National Public Radio, former FCC attorney Kathy Riley Dole joins as Director of National Affairs, working on governmental issues of importance to NPR. At the FCC, Dole had been Special Counsel to the Common Carrier Bureau Chief and Deputy Director of the Office of Legislative and Intergovernmental Affairs, among other things -- good experience for the new NPR post.

Inside Clear Channel, John Martin takes on the job of running Clear Channel's new Website Services Group. Randall Mays says John's dual experience in running radio stations and a service provider (Critical Mass Media) makes him a solid candidate. Martin became President of Critical Mass in 1991 and now becomes President of the Clear Channel Website Services Group. Its job is to coordinate the technical issues, content, marketing and sales of the 450+ CC station websites.

Cincinnati Reds play-by-play broadcaster Marty Brennaman is going to Cooperstown -- the Baseball Hall of Fame. Marty's been calling Reds' games with Joe Nuxhall from the WLW broadcast booth at the park since 1974. He's just won the Ford Frick Award and will be inducted into the Hall of Fame in Cooperstown on July 23.

Early top-40 personality Peter Tripp, "The curly-headed kid in the third row" died on January 31 of an apparent stroke at his home. Port Chester, NY native Tripp had made it to New York City and WMGM when he was snared by the payola scandal of 1960. He left New York and went west to Kansas City and then Los Angeles, and eventually left radio to pursue various business ventures (including the Slim Gym home exercise device). Peter Tripp -- who truly lived a colorful life -- was 73.

M Street may be visiting the Mile-High City for RAB2000, but we're also keeping the phone busy back at our Nashville headquarters. Call us anytime at (800) 248-4242 if you need custom database work, want to subscribe to the M Street Directory (9th Edition coming soon!) or the M Street Daily fax. And please call with your newstips and comments. See you back next week, here on M Street!

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"IS THAT YOUR FINAL ANSWER?" . . . Even Regis Philbin doesn't know the names of the Clear Channel-AMFM Inc. divestitures (stations and buyers). But thanks to the Department of Justice, we do appear to have reached the "final answer" stage, where bidders are being told what they're going to get. Clear Channel's Lowry Mays said in releasing Tuesday's fourth-quarter numbers that divestitures would be announced in "four to six weeks." But we believe that info will start leaking out soon. We also believe Infinity's Mel Karmazin made a sweeping last-minute bid (as large as \$2 billion). We'd expect him to be very interested in major markets like San Diego (AC KYXY and classic hits KPLN) plus Phoenix and Cleveland (whatever he can grab). But Karmazin may also be reaching for some of the medium markets that are on the table. M Street reminds you that some "stations" aren't being sold intact: There will be intellectual property deals and even morning shows being moved.

RADIO'S AD-VANTAGE. . . . Radio's share of the total U.S. advertising pie -- \$17.7 billion of \$215 billion in 1999 -- gives it an 8.2% share. That's a modern-times high, and represents the breaking of the 7% barrier that radio's lived with for decades. RAB President Gary Fries revealed those PaineWebber-based numbers at the RAB2000 in Denver, and he wasn't the only one there who was in an ebullient mood. Conference attendance hit an all-time high (2,512) and so did exhibit space (58 exhibitors occupying a total of 115 booths). The magic word on everybody's lips was "Internet", and fully 40% of the exhibitors were Internet-based vendors hawking their services to radio. The most dramatic moment in Denver came after most of the Thursday luncheon audience had walked out, protesting AOL executive Charlie Warner's condescending chat about partnering with radio. Emmis chief Jeff Smulyan rose to basically say, "We shouldn't be giving our product away to you guys."

SINGLE STANDARD. . . . The week's blockbuster news in satellite radio came from competitors Sirius and XM Satellite Radio, who's agreed to develop a unified technical standard for receivers. They'll also resolve Sirius' patent lawsuit against XM and contribute intellectual property to a new agreement -- which is NOT a merger. Bottom line: This makes national satellite radio a more formidable and immediate competitor for terrestrial radio.

FORMAT CHANGES & UPDATES

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

		formerly	becomes
AL Gadsden	WTBB-89.9*	new	religion // WTBJ
Tuskegee	WTGZ-95.9	modern rock	adds Lex & Terry
CA Corcoran (Visalia)	KLCZ-102.3	new	KXQX, reg. Mex. // KXEX
Lancaster	KHJJ-1380	talk	WW1 - adult standards
CO Dillon	KHTH-1130	oldies	reported silent
	(KHTH plans to be back on following a transmitter move)		
CT Brookfield (Danbury)	WINE-940	# country	JRN - adult standards
FL Avon Park (Sebring)	WAVP-1390	silent	to be gospel/urban AC
	(WAVP & WSIR continue their LMA with Mid-Florida Broadcasting; it debuts its new format in April)		
Goulds (Miami)	WRTO-98.3	tropical	Salsa "Salsa 98.3"
	(WRTO broadcasts 100% salsa)		

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FL Holly Hill (Daytona B) WEAZ-88.1* testing // WPOZ reported silent
 (WEAZ is working out technical problems; there is no target date)
 Lake Wales (Lakeland) WIPC-1280 # regional Mexican talk & sports
 (WIPC enters an LMA with an option to buy with Ciber Media Group)
 GA Milledgeville WKGQ-1060 # silent adult standards // WKVQ
 (WKGQ enters an LMA-to-buy with WKVQ)
 HI Honolulu KCCN-1420 Hawaiian ESPN - sports & talk
 (KCCN originates its own talk programming from noon to 6 pm)
 IA Bettendorf (Davenport) KORB-93.5 modern rock drops Howard Stern
 Des Moines KXTK-940 oldies // KIOA-FM drops Imus
 (KXTK is now a 100% simulcast of KIOA-FM)
 MD Cambridge WFBR-94.3 country // WBEY cont. Christ. // WXPZ
 (WFBR enters an LMA with Samson Communications)
 MN Deer River (Hibbing) KBAJ-105.5 # new modern AC // WWAX
 (KBAJ joins KAOD & WXXZ in simulcasting WWAX)
 Duluth KQDS-1490 classic rock // FM ABC - standards // KZIO
 MS Burnsville WOWL-91.9* new adult alternative
 Carthage WSSI-1080 talk & sports reported silent
 (WSSI is expected to return in March with an all talk format)
 MO Springfield KXUS-97.3 rock adds Bob & Tom
 Springfield KGMV-1400 adult standards ESPN - sports
 NJ Cape May WJSX-102.3 JRN- sm.jazz//WSAX JRN - smooth jazz
 Pleasantville (A.C.) WSAX-99.3 JRN - smooth jazz dance-CHR // WZBZ
 NY Brewster (Poughkeepsie) WPUT-1510 # country // WINE JRN - standards // WINE
 Glens Falls WLJH-90.9* new c. Christian // WFGB
 NC Waynesville WMXF-1400 WW1 - standards adds talk // WTZY
 OH Marietta WYLI-910 sports reported silent
 PA Brownsville (Pitt.) WASP-1130 talk ABC - adult standards
 SC Goose Creek (Charls.) WSSP-94.3 dance-CHR urban
 (WSSP continues its SMA with WALC, WEZL, WRFQ, WSCC and WXLY)
 TX Corpus Christi KCCT-1150 # sports Spanish cont. Christian
 (KCCT enters an LMA with an option to buy with the Benivadas brothers)
 Corpus Christi KBSO-94.7 classic rock rock
 (KBSO has dissolved its LMA with MSJ Radio)
 Crane (Odessa) KXOI-810 Spanish religion reported silent
 Edna (Victoria) KTMR-1130 # silent Spanish rel. // KLVL
 (KTMR is simulcasting its new sister station in Houston, TX)
 WY Jackson KBHJ-93.3 new country
 MX Tijuana (San Diego) XHTNA-90.7* new XHLNC, classical
 (XHTNA is in a marketing agreement with Califormula)
 Tijuana (San Diego) XHTIM-91.7 classic hits Spanish CHR
 (XHTIM's LMA with Califormula changes to an SMA)

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

AK 90.7*	College	3000 w, 1604 ft DA	Educ. Media Foundation
AZ 90.7*	Apache Junction	250 w, 59 ft DA	East Valley Institute
89.5*	Fredonia	170 w, -36 ft	AZ Bd. of Regents
91.3*	Winslow	250 w, 118 ft	American Family Association
CA 88.1*	Calipatria	3000 w, 66 ft	IHR Educational Broadcasting
FL 91.9*	Apalachicola	no facils given	Christian Radio Media
GA 90.7*	Fitzgerald	no facils given	Christian Radio Media
KS 91.7*	Marysville	750 w, 285 ft DA	American Family Association
91.5*	Norton	250 w, 157 ft DA	American Family Association
MN 88.1*	Rosemount	1000 w, 279 ft DA	Pensacola Christian College
MS 91.7*	Tupelo	no facils given	Salt & Light Communications
MO 91.7*	Brookfield	250 w, 171 ft	American Family Association
NE 89.3*	Chadron	no facils given	American Family Association
NM 91.3*	Clayton	250 w, 253 ft	American Family Association
89.9*	Raton	250 w, 233 ft DA	American Family Association
NY 89.5*	Macedon	1000 w, 134 ft DA	Pensacola Christian College
ND 89.1*	Watford City	no facils given	American Family Association
OH 90.1*	Ashtabula	450 w, 187 ft DA	Iglesia Pentecostal
88.9*	Center Township	1500 w, 98 ft DA	Great Lakes Comm. Bcstg.
88.3*	Sunbury	1000 w, 312 ft DA	The Cedarville College
OK 89.1*	Clinton	43000 w, 636 ft DA	Cameron University
91.9*	Elk City	250 w, 367 ft DA	American Family Association
OR 88.9*	Baker	no facils given	Bright Light Broadcasting
PA 91.3*	Anville	1000 w, 75 ft	Pensacola Christian College
90.5*	Laureldale	1000 w, 554 ft DA	Pensacola Christian College
89.1*	New Tripoli	1000 w, 869 ft DA	Pensacola Christian College
91.9*	Tyrone	no facils given	Pensacola Christian College

NEW STATIONS: APPLICATIONS (cont'd)

TX 91.7*	Dumas	250 w, 243 ft DA	American Family Association
91.3*	Pecos	100 w, 62 ft DA	American Family Association
91.5*	Van Horn	100 w, 95 ft DA	American Family Association
91.7*	Wellington	250 w, 171 ft	American Family Association
ON 94.7	Smooth Rock Falls	250 w	Radio Communautaire Kapnord

(This station would relay CKGN-FM)

Returned/Dismissed Applications

CO 102.5+	Craig (D)	Ebbill, LLC
102.5+	Craig (D)	Gaylen & Laurel Palmer
102.5+	Craig (D)	George Flinn, Jr.
(the above settlement agreements granted/applications dismissed 2/11/00)		
DE 91.1*	Dover (R)	Maranatha, Inc.
GA 1180	Payne (D)	Radio Frequency Development
IL 102.1	Lena (D)	Howard G. Bill
IN 96.9+	Hardinsburg (D)	Hardinsburg Radio
96.9+	Hardinsburg (D)	Willtronics Bcstg. Co.
WY 91.9*	Thayne (R)	Wyoming Public Radio, Inc.

NEW STATIONS: GRANTS

AZ 100.7	Duncan	6000 w, -154 ft	William S. Kopopnicki
CO 102.5	Craig	6000 w, 328 ft	Craig Broadcasting, LLC
(settlement and application granted 2/11/00)			
CT 89.3*	Norfolk	1000 w, 167 ft	Revival Christian Ministries
ID 106.7	McCall	2350 w, 1866 ft	Idaho Bcstg. Consortium, Inc.
IL 102.1	Lena	6000 w, 328 ft	Lena Radio, Inc.
IN 96.9	Hardinsburg	6000 w, 328 ft	Hardinsburg Radio, Inc.
NV 91.3*	Jackpot	3700 w, 2463 ft	Idaho State Bd. of Education
BC 94.7	Sooke	38 w	O. K. Radio Group, Ltd.
(This station will rebroadcast CKKQ-FM)			
MB 96.9	Bloodvein	23 w	Native Communication, Inc.
(This station will relay CINC-FM)			
93.5	Easterville	23 w	Native Communication, Inc.
(This station will rebroadcast CINC-FM)			
93.5	Griswold	23 w	Native Communication, Inc.
(This station will relay CINC-FM)			
96.9	Thicket Portage	23 w	Native Communication, Inc.
(This station will rebroadcast CINC-FM)			

TRANSLATORS/BOOSTERS/SYNCHRONOUS XMTR: GRANTS

HI K201FY-88.1*	Poipu	10 w DA, KEFX	Calv. Chapel/Twin Falls
ID K204DV-88.7*	Nampa	3000 w, KAWZ	Calv. Chapel/Twin Falls

CONSTRUCTION PERMIT ACTIVITY

AZ KNAD-91.7*	Page	increases to 1000 w, 1633 ft, adds DA
AR KRRD-99.3	Atkins	drops DA
CA KAWX-103.1	Weaverville	drops DA
CT WPLR-99.1	New Haven	built new auxiliary facility
FL WPSM-91.1*	Fort Walton Beach	increases to 148 ft, adds DA
WWKQ-89.1*	Kissimmee	changes to 9000 w, 522 ft DA
LA KOOJ-93.7	New Iberia	built new auxiliary facility
MD WFBR-94.3	Cambridge	drops DA
MO KBXR-102.3	Columbia	dismissed license to cover for new station as moot
OK KDDQ-97.1	Comanche	increases to 3200 w
KBCW-91.9*	McAlester	license to cover for new station
PA WZPT-100.7	New Kensington	changes to 14500 w, 918 ft, adds DA, changes xmtr loc. to 40-28-20 79-59-41
PR WZNT-93.7	San Juan	changes to 32000 w, 1778 ft
TX KTCY-104.9	Pilot Point	decreases to 15700 w, adds DA
UT KSNN-93.5	Saint George	changes to 13000 w, -26 ft, changes xmtr loc. to 37-06-54 113-34-23
WA KISW-99.9	Seattle	built new auxiliary facility
WI WKFX-99.1	Rice Lake	adds DA
WY KRSV-FM-98.7	Afton	adds DA
KUWP-90.1*	Powell	license to cover for new station

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

AL WVSU-FM-91.1*	Birmingham	modify CP to change 500 w, 420 ft, add DA, change xmtr location to 33-27-47 86-46-08
AS KNWJ-93.9	Leone	change to 320 w, 1269 ft, add DA

FACILITIES/PARAMETERS: APPLICATIONS (cont'd)

AZ KAXB(CP)-97.9	Tuba City	increase to 81000 w, add DA
AR KYFX-99.5	Little Rock	increase to 6000 w, add DA
KPFM-105.5	Mountain Home	change to 19000 w, 797 ft, add DA, change xmtr loc. to 36-29-13 92-29-39
CA KMCA-1450	Burney	decrease to 260 w days, 250 w nights, ND change xmtr loc. to 40-33-14 122-27-12
KACE-103.9	Inglewood	decrease to 305 ft, add DA
IL WCIL-FM-101.5	Carbondale	build new auxiliary facility
WXLN-95.1	Carterville	modify CP to increase to 17600 w, 390 ft, class B1 from A, add DA, change xmtr location to 37-43-31 89-15-25
WOXM(CP)-106.3	Genoa	increase to 6000 w
KS KBQC(CP)-88.5*	Independence	increase to 1000 w, 574 ft, add DA
KY WXZZ-103.3	Georgetown	change to 2600 w, 499 ft
MS WKZW-94.3	Bay Springs	increase to 492 ft, add DA, change xmtr location to 31-25-50 89-08-51
WMSI-102.9	Jackson	increase to 1869 ft, add DA
WAQB-91.7*	Tupelo	modify CP to increase to 23000 w, 505 ft, class C2 from class A, add DA, change xmtr location to 33-55-35 88-39-48
NY WNVE-95.1	Honeoye Falls	increase to 479 ft, add DA, change xmtr location to 43-02-01 77-25-18
OH WBJV(CP)-88.9*	Steubenville	change to 120 w, 256 ft, drop DA
OR KOPB-FM-91.5*	Portland	change to 56000 w, 1542 ft, change xmtr location to 45-31-21 122-44-45
PA WQJU-107.1*	Mifflintown	change to 370 w, 1302 ft, add DA, change xmtr loc. to 40-34-20 77-30-51
SD KSQB(CP)-107.9	Flandreau	increase to 21000 w, 761 ft DA, class C2 from class C3, change xmtr loc. to 43-57-56 96-49-11

Returned/Dismissed Applications

MS WAVI(CP)-91.5*	Oxford (D)	increase to 10000 w, class C3 from class A, change xmtr location to 34-13-13 89-47-39
NJ WWRU-1660	Elizabeth (D)	increase to 9000 w nights, DA-N, change city of license to Jersey City, NJ

FACILITIES/PARAMETERS: GRANTS

AR KYFX-99.5	Little Rock	increase to 6000 w, add DA
FL WJHM-101.9	Daytona Beach	build new auxiliary facility
GU KOKU-100.3	Agana	increase to 50000 w, 165 ft, class C1 from class C2, add DA, change xmtr location to 13-29-17 144-49-35
IN WYGB(CP)-102.9	Edinburgh	increase to 3800 w, 226 ft, add DA (as amended)
WYJZ-100.9	Lebanon	increase to 6000 w, 328 ft, add DA, change xmtr loc. to 39-54-55 86-23-38
KS KWGB-97.9	Colby	decrease to 708 ft, add DA, change xmtr location to 39-23-24 101-33-35
KKCI-102.5	Goodland	add DA, change xmtr location to 39-23-24 101-33-35
KY WGGC-95.1	Glasgow	increase to 1030 ft, drop DA
MD WWTL-700	Walkersville	increase to 25000 w days, DA-D, change xmtr loc. to 39-17-46 77-13-12, change city of license to Poolesville, MD
MN KTIS-FM-98.5*	Minneapolis	make changes to auxiliary facility
KPHR-106.3	Ortonville	increase to 100000 w, 954 ft, class C1 from class A, add DA, change xmtr loc. to 45-06-17 96-59-17
OK KMAD-FM-102.5	Madill	one step application to increase to class C2 from class A, 18000 w, 672 ft change xmtr loc. to 33-41-31 96-26-36, change city to Whitesboro, OK
KKNG-FM-93.3	Newcastle	build new auxiliary facility
TX KRZB(CP)-97.5	Olney	change to 42000 w, 367 ft, change xmtr location to 33-51-40 98-38-52, change city of license to Archer City, TX [97-225]
VA WLCX-90.1*	Farmville	move to 91.3 MHz, change to 350 w, 7 ft
WA KSRB-1150	Seattle	modify CP to increase to 6000 w nights, DA-N
KITI-FM-95.1	Winlock	change to 400 w, 859 ft

FACILITIES/PARAMETERS: GRANTS (cont'd)

WI WHAD-90.7*	Delafield	change to 72000 w, 702 ft, change xmtr location to 43-01-42 88-23-32
WRKU-102.1	Forestville	increase to 2600 w, add DA

CALL LETTER CHANGES (# applied for by new owners)

CA KLCZ-102.3	Corcoran becomes	KXQX (requested)
MX XHTNA-90.7*	Tijuana	XHLNC (requested)

PROPOSED STATION TRANSFERS

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

AK KSLD-1140/ KKIS-FM-96.5/ KWHQ-100.1	Soldotna/ Kenai	316 from Chester Coleman to Radio One, Inc.
KMBQ-99.7	Wasilla	315 from KMBQ Corp. (Clyde T. Boyer) to KMBQ Corp. (John N. Klapperich)
CA KHWG-107.7	Kings Beach	314 from Hilltop Church to Next Media Group, LLC
	(\$1.3 million; cash at close; broker is Mahlman & Co.)	
KTRB-860	Modesto	314 from The Pete Pappas Company to Pappas Radio of CA, LP
	(\$5,255,049; includes \$912,000 promissory note)	
CO KPRZ-FM-96.1	Fountain	314 from Bison Media, Inc. to AMFM Inc.
FL WCJX-106.5	Five Points	314 from Carol Jean Lamons to Southern Broadcast Group, LLC
	(\$405,000)	
WAJL-1190	Pine Castle	314 from Lapcom Communications Corp. to Genesis Communications I, Inc.
WKLN-1170	St. Augustine Beach	314 from Betty's Communications Co., Inc. to Chesapeake-Portsmouth Broadcasting Corp.
IA KTPR-91.1*	Fort Dodge	314 from Iowa Central Community College to Iowa State University
KY WKXF-1600/ WXLM-105.7	Eminence	314 from Cross Country Communications, Inc. to Metro East CBC, Inc.
	(\$600,000; includes \$420,000 promissory note)	
WTMT-620	Louisville	314 from Jefferson Broadcasting Co., Inc. to Cross Country Communications, Inc.
ME WVOM-103.9/ WBYA-101.7	Howland/ Searsport	314 from Moon Song Communications, Inc. to Communications Capital Managers, LLC
MI WBCH-1220/100.1	Hastings	316 from Barry Bcstg. (Kenneth Radant) to Barry Bcstg. (Kenneth & Marjorie Radant)
MN KDUZ-1260/ KKJR-106.9	Hutchinson/ Dassel	314 from North American Broadcasting to Iowa City Broadcasting Co., Inc.
	(\$2,000,000; assumption of liabilities; includes \$100,000 for non-compete)	
KDJS-1590/95.3	Willmar	314 from Kandi Broadcasting, Inc. to Iowa City Broadcasting Co., Inc.
	(\$1,150,000; includes \$200,000 for non-compete)	
MO KDJR-100.1	De Soto	314 from Shafermeyer Broadcasting Corp. to Grizzly Broadcasting Trust
	(\$310,000; cash at close)	
NV KSRN-92.1	Sparks	314 from Comstock Communications, Inc. to Next Media Group, LLC
	(\$1.175 million; broker is Mahlman & Co.)	
NM KMXQ-92.9	Socorro	314 from William H. Pace to Roadrunner Radio, LLC
NC WKDX-1250	Hamlet	314 from Risdan Allen Lyon to The McLaurin Group
OK KWCO-1560	Chickasha	314 from Martin Communications, Inc. to Tyler Enterprises, LLC
	(\$200,000; cash at close; includes \$10 for two year non-compete)	
KVRO-98.1/ KGFY-105.5	Stillwater	316 from Mahaffey Enterprises, Inc. to KGFY-KVRO, LLC
OR KQAK-105.7	Bend	314 from JJP Broadcasting, Inc. to Horizon Broadcasting Group, LLC
PA WBLF-970/ WNCL-107.9/ WRSC-1390/ WQWK-97.1	Bellefonte/ Port Matilda/ State College/ University Park	314 from Marathon Media, LLC to Dame Broadcasting, LLC
WQKK-99.1/ WGLU-92.1	Ebensburg/ Johnstown	314 from Marathon Media, LLC to Dame Broadcasting, LLC

PROPOSED STATION TRANSFERS (cont'd)

TN WSEV-930/	Sevierville/	314 from Dollywood Broadcasting Co.
WDLY-105.5	Gatlinburg	to East Tennessee Radio, LP
(\$1,450,000; includes \$250,000 for consulting fees; includes \$450,000 promissory note; LMA)		
TX KSKY-660	Balch Springs	314 from AMFM Inc.
		to Bison Media, Inc.
KBPL(CP)-94.5	Three Rivers	314 from John Means
		to Roy Henderson

Form 316 Transfer Applications were filed from Entercom Portland License, LLC (an Oregon corporation) to Entercom Portland License, LLC (a Delaware corporation) for the following stations. KNRK, Camas and KFXK in Vancouver, Washington. In Oregon, KKSJ, Oregon City; KKSJ-FM and KGON, Portland and KSLM and KRSK in Salem.

In Puerto Rico, Form 316 Transfer Applications were filed from Ponce Broadcasting Corporation to Uno Radio of Ponce, Inc. for WLEY, Cayey; WZAN, WLEO and WZUR, Ponce; and WKFE in Yauco.

DISMISSED STATION TRANSFERS

TX KMBV-92.5	Navasota (D)	314 from Nicol Bcstg., Ltd.
		to Sunburst Media, LP
(dismissed per applicant's request)		

FM ALLOCATIONS: PROPOSED AMENDMENTS

FL new	Big Pine Key	add 95.7 A, comments due April 10, replies April 25
MT KMXE	Red Lodge	to 99.3 C1, Red Lodge, MT from 99.3 A
		comments due April 3, replies April 18
TX new	Charlotte	add 102.3 A, comments due April 3, replies April 18
new	Christine	add 96.9 A, comments due April 10, replies April 25
new	Pearsall	add 103.3 A, comments due April 10, replies April 25
new	Valley Mills	add 95.3 C2, comments due April 10, replies April 25
WI new	Hayward	add 94.3 C2, comments due April 3, replies April 18

FM ALLOCATIONS: GRANTED AMENDMENTS

NE new	Hershey	add 107.3 C1
new	Mitchell	add 99.3 A
new	Overton	add 99.3 C2
new	Paxton	add 93.5 C1
new	Ravenna	add 103.1 C2
new	Sutherland	add 100.7 C1
NV new	Elko	add 97.5 C1
new	Lovelock	add 106.3 C1
OK new	Weatherford	add 105.1 A
TX KBUC	Pleasanton	to 98.5 C2, Pleasanton, TX from 98.3 A
(Windows for the above applications, with the exception of KBUC in Pleasanton, TX, will be addressed by the Commission in a subsequent order)		

FM ALLOCATIONS: DISMISSED AMENDMENTS

AZ new	Mountaineer (Den.)	add 106.5 A
CA new	Herlong (Den.)	add 104.1 C2
new	Mettler (Den.)	add 98.9 A
HI new	Hanamaulu (Den.)	add 101.1 C1
ID new	Grand View (Den.)	add 93.5 A
LA new	Buras (Den.)	add 103.7 C2

WASHINGTON THIS WEEK

The NAB has officially filed to block Low Power FM in federal court, filing a notice of appeal with the D.C. Circuit Court of Appeals via a "Petition for Review." The NAB will be asking for expedited review of an FCC Order it deems "arbitrary, capricious and otherwise contrary to law." The NAB's Eddie Fritts says the Commission has "violated its most sacred trust to the American consumer" by threatening the integrity of the FM band. So this thing officially lands in court.

Meanwhile Rep. Mike Oxley's House bill (H.R. 3439) to block or roll back Low Power FM has now gained 113 co-sponsors, the NAB reported at a special session held at the RAB2000 in Denver. A lot of those signatures came as state association directors got home from their big meeting in Washington and pushed local broadcasters. There's also now a similar bill in the Senate, introduced by New Hampshire Republican Judd Gregg (it's named S. 2068).

WASHINGTON THIS WEEK (cont'd)

Meanwhile, Congressional reps blasted Low Power FM at a February 17 Telecommunications Subcommittee hearing that was notable for wrangling between experts and the doubts expressed by many Congressmen. Both sides testifying in front of Rep. Billy Tauzin played audio tapes and argued about levels of interference and distortion. Most reps did seem concerned about harm to the FM band. Meanwhile FCC Commissioner Furchtgott-Roth made an unexpectedly impassioned statement and again charged that there's no demonstrated need for LPFM, and it won't help diversity in the large markets. The FCC's LPFM rules were published in the Federal Register on February 15 and take effect April 17.

The lobbying and name-calling over Low Power FM continue in Washington, as FCC Chairman Bill Kennard asks Rep. Billy Tauzin to knock off his references to FCC "shakedowns", "blackmail", "greenmail" and "abetting corruption." Tauzin really let it hang out at Monday's NAB State Leadership Conference in Washington (February 14), and his widely-reported comments prompted this letter from Kennard. His main point: "It is unfair, irresponsible and unworthy of a public official for you to cast aspersions on the integrity of the FCC in this manner without citing facts or examples." Meanwhile the International Association of Audio Information Services, which represents many of the SCA-based reading services for the blind, came out against LPFM, on the grounds that it threatens their local services.

And FCC Chairman Bill Kennard's other recent big initiative (his new set of EEO rules) is coming under attack. That's because M Street hears the state broadcasters associations are strongly leaning toward suing the FCC to block those new EEO rules. The members of "BEDA" (the Broadcast Executive Directors Association) agreed to poll member stations on a course of action when they get home from Denver. The NAB hasn't yet taken a position on contesting Chairman Bill Kennard's revamped EEO regulations, though it's clearly quite concerned.

At their fiery Sunday night debate at Harlem's Apollo Theatre, Al Gore bashed Bill Bradley for opposing the minority tax certificate. Gore even mentioned Inner City-owned WLIB, New York as he knocked Bradley for voting against the minority tax certificate in his days as a U.S. Senator. Telecom-policy wonk Al Gore is all for the idea. So are many folks on both sides of the aisle. Look for a revived minority tax bill no matter which party takes control of the White House and Capitol Hill. An earlier version of the minority tax certificate (which benefits those who sell to minorities) was killed by Congress after several years of operation.

Communications law specialist Fisher, Wayland, Cooper, Leader & Zaragoza is walking down the aisle with law-firm giant Shaw Pittman. D.C.-based Fisher Wayland was founded in 1934 and has grown to become one of the largest communications law firms in the U.S., with 35 attorneys. Shaw Pittman has 330 attorneys and offices in New York, northern Virginia, Los Angeles (as of next month), as well as Washington. The merger takes effect March 1. They're looking to create new space in Washington for the combined D.C. staff, and Fisher Wayland stays at 2001 Pennsylvania Avenue until then. Both firms have flourishing Internet law practices.

Want to talk merger policy with the FCC? You've got your chance, at a March 1 Public Forum designed to elicit comments about streamlining the FCC's merger-review process. The Commission's been blasted by Congress for its slow review of many telecom deals, but it notes it's been deluged with mammoth-sized mergers that require careful scrutiny. The Public Forum is Wednesday, March 1, with seating on a first-come, first-serve basis. (You can also listen online.) We'll also get a look at the Commission's own proposals for streamlining. The FCC will accept written comments by mail or e-mail after the Forum, addressed to the Transactions Team in the Office of the General Counsel. (See DA 00-334 for details)

CANADA THIS WEEK

More liberal broadcasting regulations are proving attractive to capital from south of the border. For C\$199.155-million Colorado based Liberty Media gains a 19.9% stake in Corus Communications. Corus was created last year in a spin-off of the broadcasting and cable TV programming assets of Shaw Communications and is positioned to become the second largest private radio station group owner in Canada. At present it's the owner of 14 radio stations and 1 relay and manages a station through an LMA. Pending in front of the CRTC is the proposed acquisition from Western International Communications of 12 radio stations and the WIC Radio Network. Also before the CRTC is a deal to acquire 17 radio stations, 2 relays and the French language Radio Network St-Germain from Power Broadcasting, Inc. The Liberty Media investment now goes to the CRTC for approval.

CANADA THIS WEEK (cont'd)

The CRTC has approved the sale of CJNH, Bancroft, ON to from Quinte Broadcasting to Haliburton Broadcasting Group, Inc for C\$250,000. CJNH has been programming a local morning show while rebroadcasting Quinte's CJBQ or CJTN the rest of the time. According to the transfer application, once the sale closes Haliburton will increase the local programming on CJNH from 20 to approximately 35 hours a week. Programming from Haliburton's classic hits formatted CFBG-FM will fill the remaining time. The acquisition increases Haliburton's radio holdings to 6 radio stations and 2 relays.

ELSEWHERE

On Maine's rocky coast, there's a new five-FM cluster being assembled by Michael Oesterle-run Communications Capital Managers. The first deal (for \$4,025,000) covers Moon Song Communications' WBYA, Searsport (a class A at 101.7 MHz doing adult alternative) and talker WVOM (class C at 103.9 MHz licensed to Howland). Second deal involves three stations from Mark Osborne and Natalie Knox: gold-based AC WKSQ, Ellsworth (class B at 94.5 MHz); country WBFB, Belfast (class B at 104.7 MHz); and "Lucky 99" country WLKE, Bar Harbor (class B at 99.1 MHz).

Up in Elmira-Corning, NY (Arbitron market #199), Howard Green sells his WENY-AM/FM to Kevin Lilly and Nicholas White for \$1,500,000. The same buyers and seller struck a deal last December for WENY-TV. They're doing the TV acquisition as "Lilly Broadcasting:", and this radio deal as "White Broadcasting." We know Howard Green for his radio-TV operation at the Jersey shore (including WMGM-TV and classic hits WMGM-FM, Atlantic City), but he's also had this radio-TV combo in southern New York State. The deal provides him an exit from Elmira-Corning. Stations are 1-kw ND WENY at 1230 KHz (talk) and class A WENY at 92.7 MHz (doing soft AC as "Light Hits"). Broker: Dick Kozacko of Kozacko Media Services.

Further up in New York State (between Albany and Utica), Jon Yinger's Midwest Broadcasting buys WJIV (101.9 MHz) for \$1,300,000. Yinger specializes in Christian formats at his current stations, so we're betting that WJIV (a class B licensed to Cherry Valley, NY) won't see a change from its current Christian programming. Seller is Floyd Dykeman's WJIV Radio, Inc., and the deal was brokered by John Pierce. Other broadcast interests: Yinger's Midwest owns WSNL, Flint at 600 KHz and Lansing-market WLCM at 1390 KHz. The M Street Database shows that John and Vickie Yinger also have a one-third interest in non-commercial black gospel WGRI, Flint at 88.9 MHz. WJIV owner Floyd Dykeman leaves the broadcast business with this sale.

In central Oregon, Bill Ackerley's new Horizon Broadcasting buys KQAK, Bend, OR for \$3,450,000, and here's a quick look at this new group: Bill Ackerley was COO of Barry Ackerley's radio group for seven years. Now he and associates Keith Shipman and Dan Walker are targeting markets sized 75 and smaller in the Pacific Northwest with their new Horizon Broadcasting Group, LLC. Oldies KQAK (a C1 at 107.5 MHz) is their seventh station, and their fourth in the area of Bend, OR. Seller is JJP Broadcasting (Juan Rodriguez), and Horizon is already LMAing it. Horizon previously agreed to acquire Jay Man Productions' three stations in central Oregon: hot AC KWEG at 96.5 MHz, country KIJK at 95.1 MHz and country KRCO at 690 KHz. Keith Shipman will run the Bend cluster, while Dan Walker becomes Horizon's exec in Boise. (Horizon is picking up Journal spinoffs KSRV and KSRV-FM there.) Bellevue, WA's Base Capital is backing Horizon.

In the Twin Cities, Hubbard strikes a deal to acquire a second AM/FM combo -- but only if the improved FM signal passes the test. Seller Smith Broadcasting must successfully upgrade WIXK-FM, New Richmond, WI (107.1 MHz) so it covers the Twin Cities, or there's no deal. That's the arrangement as reported in the St. Paul Pioneer-Press. Hubbard is the very longtime owner of news/talk KSTP (1500 KHz) and AC KSTP-FM, and this deal would bring it both WIXK (country) and its simulcast sister WIXK (1590 KHz).

Looks like the contemporary Christian "K-Love" network grows again, as Educational Media Foundation buys a couple of FMs and an FM translator in Lubbock and Amarillo from Charlotte, NC-based Bible Broadcasting Network. The package price is \$750,000. The stations are KYFT, Lubbock (class A at 90.9 MHz), KYFA, Amarillo (class A at 91.9 MHz), plus FM translator K209BT in Plainview, TX. Those stations currently use Bible Broadcasting's own programming. Sacramento-based station owner Educational Media Foundation produces the fast-spreading "K-Love" Christian-music format. John Pierce (606-647-0101) brokered the sale.

ELSEWHERE (cont'd)

Another federal court rules that KWMU, St. Louis doesn't have to take the underwriting money of the "White Christian" Ku Klux Klan. It's a vexing free speech issue, but the University of Missouri-licensed KWMU (90.7 MHz) has recoiled at the idea of accepting underwriting money from the local Ku Klux Klan. The Klan expected that and went to court. First it lost in front of a federal magistrate, and now it's lost in front of a three-judge panel of the 8th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals. The non-commercial station contends that running the Klan's underwriting announcement would cost it millions in monetary support and discourage minority enrollment at the University. Here's what the Klan wants to run: It is "a White Christian organization, standing up for the right of values of White Christian America since 1865." The appellate court ruling was reported by the St. Louis Post-Dispatch. The Klan has also fought to "adopt" a section of road for litter pickup, and it eventually won that fight. We won't be surprised if it continues to battle KWMU.

First a Texas mom sued a high school over an ineligible football player, then the KILT-AM jocks make fun over her in an on-air skit -- then she sues them for \$1,200,000. Now Infinity's KILT-AM, Houston has persuaded a judge to throw out the mother's lawsuit. Noemi Melendres was charging intentional affliction of emotional distress and slander after the station aired a skit that featured a parody of a conversation between her and her husband. The team that Ms. Melendres' son plays on was kept out of a playoff spot by another school. Melendres sued that school, alleging it used a player who didn't live in the school district. That led to the on-air merriment. Her suit against the school was dismissed -- and so was her \$1.2 million suit against KILT, says attorney Geoffrey Berg. U.S. District Judge Nancy Atlas ruled that a listener would've understand the skit was "pure fantasy and nothing else."

If you build it, they will complain: And rightly so, in the case of a cellular telephone tower that was built too close to the stick of WVNE, Leicester, MA (760 KHz). SBA Communications is literally tearing its brand-new tower down, says the Boston Business Journal, so it can do the necessary measurements, and then re-erect the same 190-foot tower. M Street's in-house expert says such a close co-location of towers -- 300 feet apart -- created a two-element directional antenna for single-stick WVNE. That would certainly alter its coverage. The FCC requires measurements to be taken before and after towers are built close to an AM facility, and then "detuning" be done after the erection. SBA admits it goofed and will probably pay an extra \$50,000 on top of the \$118,000 or so it originally paid to build the cell-phone tower.

To nobody's surprise, CEO Jimmy de Castro resigns from AMFM Inc., news that quickly spread around the opening cocktail party at RAB2000 in Denver Wednesday night (and, we hear, the Gavin convention going on at the same time in San Francisco). The timing of his departure -- February 18 -- caught some folks off-guard, but not the news itself. M Street hears there was a board meeting held by telephone on February 15 where de Castro's "retirement" was voted on and accepted. de Castro's next venture, now that he's got a pocket full of cash, is some kind of Internet company. He'll be succeeded at AMFM Inc. by current COO Kenny O'Keefe, while board member Michael Levitt takes over as interim CEO of AMFMI.

Arbitron and Edison Media Research took the wraps off their latest Internet research study at the RAB, demonstrating that radio's e-commerce is booming -- but online listening isn't. The study showed that shoppers love to spend money online, make 42% of their online purchases at night (good news for radio) and that small-market users are just as likely as big-market cybershoppers to buy online. (The study's available at Arbitron.com and EdisonMediaResearch.com). The bad news: Monthly and weekly listening to radio stations is "stable" -- as in flat. Comparing July '99 to January 2000, listening was unchanged at 10% ("listened last month") and 4% ("listened last week").

Dot-com loves radio: PaineWebber says that radio could get 50% of all the dot-com dollars spent in 2000. The Wall Street firm analyzed the media plans of 90 established dot-com companies and estimates radio could rake in about \$1.8 billion of the \$3.3 billion they're budgeting to spend on advertising this year. But -- Will dot-com business ever trickle down below the top 20 markets? Maybe, but so far that's been very slow to happen, and it could be that national dot-com advertisers will start buying network radio instead of local spot radio. Gary Fries says one answer is for stations in smaller markets to focus on helping local retailers do e-commerce.

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

Can't remember that song you just heard on the car radio? The Xenote "iTag" system expands to cover all 955 stations tracked by Mediabase. Xenote has created a "fun and free keychain-sized Internet device" that lets you "tag" any broadcast song or ad for future retrieval online. They call it "bookmarking the real world." They've been testing Xenote in six cities, but just announced (at the Gavin Conference) a deal to include all 955 stations tracked by the Mediabase 24/7 service. Also new at Xenote: Interep and CBS veteran "Rocky" Cosgrove, the newly-recruited Director/Advertising Sales & Radio.

This syndicated talk show is "a cross between Mutual of Omaha's Wild Kingdom and Saturday Night Live." It's "Animal Talk Radio" and it's been running Sunday nights on WXYT, Detroit with a mix of advice (from a real DVM), animal news and some pretty wacky humor. They're going into syndication via barter, and airing live from 7 to 9pm Sundays. And it's not just dogs, cats and pet turtles: Co-host Mark Honas has an integrated marketing plan that ties in with Pet Warehouse and its website. Call (734) 384-9597 or visit www.AnimalTalkRadio.com.

Here's another new Sunday evening syndicated show: "Fieger Time with Geoffrey Fieger." Geoff is the Michigan attorney who represented Dr. Jack Kevorkian and then ran for governor on the Democratic ticket. Oddly enough, there's almost a family relationship to the item just above: the Sunday night "Animal Talk Radio" is based at WXYT, Detroit. Fieger, who's being offered in syndication in a similar slot (7 to 10pm Eastern) previously did a talkshow for...WXYT. (Though not in the Sunday evening slot.) Geoff Fieger's new topical talkshow is from Syndicated Solutions. Phone (203) 921-1548.

All-news WTOP2 launches and claims to be the first Internet-only 24-hour all-news station. The AP will provide "turnkey service" and operate as the backbone of the pioneering station. WTOP2 is an off-shoot of Bonneville-owned WTOP-AM/FM, Washington, D.C., and it takes advantage of the whole AP All News Radio package.

More from the RAB2000 in Denver: Jim Prain, Steve Marx and Jim Hopes launch "coLearn", to deliver web-based sales training. Prain says the online training for media sales pros will "satisfy the radio manager's biggest concerns about training: time and money." He's right: GMs worry about those little items. The official name is the Center for Online Learning, nicknamed "coLearn", which is also its web address and phone number (800-coLearn).

RadioWave.com unveils its new proprietary ad insertion technology. We've talked about this money-making concept before, but RadioWave showed us how they're making it work on several levels: First, local station AEs can "upsell" current advertisers ("for an extra 10%-25%, the same ad that runs on WXXX will be webcast on our Internet site"). The second level is the local sales force "covering" the broadcast spot with an Internet-only ad. Third level is RadioWave actually handling the selling (national and/or local) for unsold Internet time. RadioWave's Bill Pearson and Bo Overlock say they'll engage a national sales force to do that. Motorola was the original major investor in RadioWave -- and has recently been joined by a new round of investors, led by Warburg Pincus.

Westwood hires Rob Edwards for the new position of Programming Manager for its 24/7 formats. Reporting to Valencia-based Charlie Cook, GM/VP of Programming. Former KBIG, LA PD Rob Edwards is new to Westwood, and he'll oversee these 24/7 formats: Adult Rock, Adult Standards, Mainstream Country, Hot Country, Oldies Channel, Bright AC, Soft AC, Groovin' Oldies & CNN Headline News.

"From out of the past came the thundering hoof beats of the great Silver!" Yes, those are the thrilling words made famous to generations of kids by announcer Bob Hite, on network radio's "Lone Ranger." Bob, sorry to say, has just passed away at age 86. Hite was an announcer at WXYZ, Detroit in the 1930s, where both "Lone Ranger" and "Green Hornet" were originated, and he announced those network radio shows and hundreds of other local and national programs. Hite later worked for CBS Radio in New York, where he became a good friend of Walter Cronkite. Bob Hite died in West Palm Beach February 18.

See you at the Country Radio Seminar? M Street's always happy to welcome country radio people to the annual CRS event, since it's in our hometown of Nash-vegas (uh, Nashville). Country is puzzling its way through one of its periodic transition periods, and we'll be especially curious to hear the various research studies to be presented at the Nashville Convention Center. If you're not in Nashville and you need any of M Street's services like customized database work, just call us at (800) 248-4242. See you back next week here on M Street.

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