# stations in the news

#### WIC APPEALS CHCH DECISION

WIC Western International wants a new hearing to argue against a CRTC decision that it sell either CHEK-TV Victoria or CHAN-TV Vancouver within two years if it wants to buy CHCH-TV Hamilton.

WIC's board decided not to accept the CRTC's conditions placed on its purchase of CHCH, calling them "unacceptable in light of financial implications to the Company and reduced service consequences to the viewing public."

WIC planned to file a new application with the CRTC for transfer of ownership of CHCH and ask for another hearing. WIC president Doug Holtby has said WIC would abandon the deal if the commission insisted on the sale of either of its B.C. stations.

In its decision the CRTC said CHEK and CHAN serve the same market and having two stations with the same ownership in one market is against commission rules. A commission spokesman said the situation was one the broadcast regulator has wanted to rectify for some time.

# CKTS CEASES OPERATION

Quebec's only English-language commercial radio station off the island of Montreal has signed off after 45 years of broadcasting.

CKTS Sherbrooke ceased to exist in mid-October. Instead, following an agreement between station owner Telemedia and Standard Broadcasting, programming from CJAD Montreal replaced CKTS at 900 on the AM frequency in Sherbrooke.

Telemedia is reported to have lost \$2.9 million on the station since 1969, \$250,000 of that last year.

Meantime, Radiomutuel has asked the CRTC for permission to drop local programming on its CJRS Sherbrooke in favor of programming originating from the Radiomutuel network and/or Radiomutuel's CJMS Montreal, until December 1992.

#### RADIO OWNERSHIP CONTINUES TO CHANGE

The ranks of owners of Canadian radio stations continues to change.

In the latest moves, Electrohome Ltd. is selling off its radio properties and Moffat Communications Ltd. says it plans to do the same.

Electrohome is selling CFRN/CJKE-FM Edmonton to Standard Broadcasting Corp. Ltd. and CKKW/CFCA-FM Kitchener to a company headed by Jack Schoone. No purchase prices were announced and the sales are subject to CRTC approval.

Electrohome said it plans to focus on and expand its television broadcasting, retaining CFRN-TV Edmonton and CKCO-TV Kitchener.

Meanwhile, Moffat has its 10 radio stations up for sale.

Moffat president Randy Moffat said the radio division isn't making money,



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and the company had a choice of either expanding or of selling the stations. He said the company had received several inquiries from potential buyers.

Winnipeg-based Moffat owns radio stations in Winnipeg, Hamilton, Moose Jaw, Calgary, Edmonton and Vancouver. It also owns CKY-TV Winnipeg and has interests in cable systems in Manitoba and the U.S. Its profits have been falling for five years.

#### GOGECO HITS RED INK

Cogeco Inc. has reported a net loss of \$1.4 million for its fiscal year ended Aug. 31, despite a whopping increase in revenues to \$164.7 million.

1990's net income was \$3 million on revenues of \$116 million.

Cogeco chairman Henri Audet said that the growth in revenue was mainly attributable to acquisition of Cablenet Ltd. a year ago. However interest charges on the \$250-million takeover were also responsible for the loss.

Cogeco also operates five radio and four TV stations in Quebec and publishes 31 weekly newspapers in Quebec and Ontario.

#### NATIVE TV NET **APPROVED**

The CRTC has approved an application by Television Northern Canada Inc. for a native television network to serve Canada's native people in the North.

The CRTC also approved TVNC's application to acquire the assets of the TV distribution undertakings in northern communities owned by the Inuit Broadcasting Corp.

TVNC plans to provide 100 hours a week of programming to 94 communities, spanning five time zones, in as many as 12 languages or dialects. The network will operate as a non-profit corporation and will be supported in part by government loans or grants.

Expected to be up and operating within a year, TVNC will operate a total of 91 transmitters across the Yukon, Northwest Territories, Quebec and Newfoundland/Labrador.

#### CRTC REJECTS LISTENING POST

A bid for a series of low-power FM

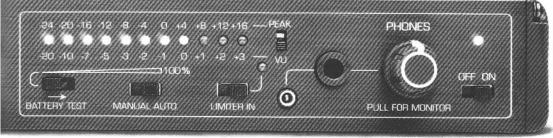
transmitters near seven southern Ontario communities has been rejected by the CRTC.

The Listening Post Inc. proposed to locate 17.5 to 25 watt transmitters near exits from major highways at Huntsville, Bracebridge, Orillia, London, Cambridge, Cobourg and Kingston. The transmitters would broadcast continuous messages on local tourist attractions and on available services and commercial establishments.

The commission said only a limited number of low-power FM frequencies are available in the region and it did not want to unduly jeopardize access for such low-power users as community, student and native licensees.

The CRTC said it plans a full examination of its policies concerning use of low-power frequencies.

CHIN Toronto moved its signal to the new Anik E2 satellite, sharing the MuchMusic transponder, CHIN'S programming is picked up by a dozen cable systems, including one in Hartford, Connecticut. CHIN began distributing its signal via satellite in September 1989, on Anik D1.



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tors, gave the CAB a picture of deep divisions in the U.S. on DAB. The question was asked, will the U.S. dominate what happens?

The answer: It depends on the availability of reasonably priced receivers. If the rest of the world and Canada agree, makers will provide them. If not, they'll be too expensive.

Some gleanings from elsewhere.

Gord Hume, Telemedia VP, asked a CRTC panel: "If Canadians can receive unlimited satellite, U.S. or European technologies, does the CRTC then become redundant?"

Replied Adrian Burns: "I'm not sure that anyone has an answer on when the regulator becomes redundant ... perhaps we're on the threshold of that."

Elmer Hildebrand, president of Golden West, asked yet again for CRTC support to raise the level of licence-fee exemptions. He was told the commission was about to make a new grand push.

Next month I'll report on a seminar on quality control and how it can affect your bottom line.

#### A Classy Moment At The CAB

Peter Viner, president of U.TV Vancouver, made a super gesture in giving up a prize trip to London for two to Gerry Acton, who retired in July after 40 years with the CAB. As you'll know, Gerry was presented with a stereo system "on behalf of the hundreds of broadcasters you've served over the years." Many broadcasters inducted to the Canadian Broadcast Hall of Fame get standing ovations; not many get two, as Gerry did... Award winners are elsewhere, but one more note. Rawlco Communications flew 13-year-old Laura Fawcett from Calgary to accept

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a gold medal award for Kidstuff, which she co-hosts and which airs Sunday mornings on Rawloo stations. Laura thanked Rawlco for letting her be in Toronto because, she said, it's usually just executive "fuddy-duddies" who get to accept awards... A tip from Sid Boyling, retired from Moffat Communications: 'We assessed the value of seminars by listing what we had instituted within seven days ... institute what you have learned within seven days or say goodbye to the material. It has lost its priority to more current activities."... Speaking of Moffat, many are wondering what their presence on the block will do to the price of stations already for sale. Also, what the effect will be of Baton writing off goodwill of \$37.8 million in the acquisition of CKCK-TV Regina and CJOH-TV Ottawa... Charles Dent, silver-haired president of CJCD Yellowknife, is now a member of the NWT legislative assembly. I've taken to addressing him as senator because of his patrician look...

#### CHBC-TV Involves The Community

Some ideas I picked up during a visit to CHBC-TV Kelowna: In October, the station started News Hawk, inviting viewers to send it video of news events. The benefits are community involvement, news footage they wouldn't otherwise have, and you can bet the people who get their video on screen tell all their friends and relatives to watch. CHBC hands out a T-shirt and pays a small fee for used video. News Hawks also get an opportunity to work with a station photographer. In the first week of the program CHBC used 10 tapes, including video of a 100-year-old man in a Salmon Arm nursing home celebrating by dancing with the nurses.

Another simple but effective idea is a graphic saying Made in the Okanagan. Profiles of businesses unique to the Okanagan run as part of a newscast but the graphic separates and emphasises them. The community loves it, viewers love it and the businesses profiled love it. Says Ron Evans, president: "We set the valley out as a unique piece of geography in all news."

Still another idea: Pat Kennedy, CHBC sports director, is becoming involved in local participatory sports - darts, beerleague hockey, any kind of sport in which you can challenge someone. With the idea established, he'll invite challengers for payment, the money to go to charity.

CKOV Kelowna celebrated its 60th anniversary Nov. 4. As AY-10, it was one of B.C's first stations. Jack Bews was ND for 40 years until 1977 (he died in 1982). His wife, Marion, has worked at CKOV since 1943. She reminisced on air with Dean Cooper, VP and GM. CKOV gave away 12 packages of time worth \$5,000 each to local causes. With them went help in developing campaigns to build recognition and resources. Said one recipient: "It was the best thing that's happened because we often sit around and talk about what we could do to build our profile, but we never have the budget."... CKIQ was partying across the city at the age of 20. Incidentally, Nick Frost was evening announcer when CKIQ burned down eight months after its debut. Now Nick is president of SILK-FM Kelowna... Because I know you love all this history: CJAT Trail started life weeks after CKOV - Dec. 25, 1931 as 10-AT... I told you how CKIQ "arrested" Nick, Dean Cooper and Walter Gray, president of CKIQ, in a cheeky CKIQ promotion. Nick and Dean resisted since it wasn't their promotion. Walt was fined for all three, I should have added Dean generously paid his fine later. I haven't been able to ask Nick if he also paid up... Across to Victoria where Seacoast Sound has made Barry Dickson marketing director of its music production division. He's expanding the department. Seacoast is quite a success story in Canadian

broadcasting, selling to stations on four continents... If it hasn't changed already, Westcom's CHQR Calgary will shortly be a talker again. Myke Thomas was made marketing director in November. Laura Larsen, who was a magazine host and sometime weather person on CFRN-TV Edmonton, is now selling for CHQR. And ND Angele Kokott had a baby boy in November, weighing in at 7lb 4oz and named Keldon. Assistant ND Vern Koop heads the newsroom until Angela gets back in March... At Edmonton talker CJCA, Peter Weissbach has succeeded Rick Lewis as PD. Peter was at CJOR Vancouver before it became classic rocker CHRX... Brian Bolli worked 25 years for Maclean Hunter in Calgary, three for Monarch Broadcasting at CHAT Medicine Hat, seven months for Electrohome as GM of CFRN/CJKE-FM Edmonton and, if the CRTC approves, he'll shortly be working for Standard Broadcasting which

has bought the stations. Standard also bought CFCN/CJAY-FM Calgary - if the CRTC approves the entire Alberta package... Weatherman Don Wood left CFCN-TV Calgary at the end of 1991 after 31 years with the station. He's staying with a teaching job he has at SAIT. David Spence, who did the 11 a.m. weather as a part-timer, is also gone as CFCN-TV plans for a full-time weatherman for all news shows... Morning host Rob Christie of Moffat's Power 92 Edmonton successfully bid to co-host the morning show across town at MG 1200 as part of a celebrity fund-raising event held by MG 1200 for the United Way. A day later, Rob decided he was "too busy." So CFRN-TV's John Berry matched the price, guest-hosted, and the United Way netted twice the money...

Alice McFarlane. ND at CJVR Melfort. celebrated 10 years at the station Nov. 1. Gary Fitz, president, must have hired her young because she doesn't look over 21. Well, maybe 22... The Manitoba Television Network sent a reporter and photographer fitted with bullet-proof vests out with the RCMP for Crime Beat. Their assignment was stories on liquor smuggling, illegal aliens, hydroponic drugs and illegal hunting. Pat Olysko produced and reported. She also co-hosts the evening news... Grant Hoeppner, engineering son of Jack of Golden West Media, married Astrida in October and moved to Winnipeg where Golden West Media has opened an office. He was at CHOO Aiax where Wassim Saikali is now doing the technical work. Wassim came to Canada in March from Lebanon, learned English fast, then went to work part time for CHOO while continuing English lessons... CFQX Selkirk has a new ND in Greg McLeod. He succeeds Wilf Braun, who's gone to work as SBN's reporter in Winnipeg... Remy Gagnon, GM of CJLB Thunder Bay, has appointed midday host Bill Malcolm PD. Len Robinson, formerly of

CIDC Orangeville, was named morning host and promotions director and Derek Kortschaga, from CKGB Timmins, joined CJLB as senior swing/music director... I'm carefully sourcing this story so no one can blame me if someone was there before. CKNX Wingham says Opryland claims CKNX is the first Canadian station to use Opryland's on-site facilities for a live broadcast — Bonnie Holliday did a three-hour show at Thanksgiving. If you get TNN, you might have seen Bonnie with Porter Wagner prior to the Grand Old Opry.

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He remembered a similar occasion back in 1959 when he'd had a similar invitation to meet Queen Elizabeth in Montreal. Sinclair said he might, when it came his turn to shake the Prince's hand, say: "I know your mother"... I confused BCTV's Frank Babich with Alberta broadcaster Art Babich. Frank, ever gracious, said he thought Art was probably a whole lot older... SOCAN's Mary Ellen Berwick hung out with BT Editor Barry Hamelin and me for a while. Mary Ellen is new to these things and I guess our faces were the friendliest she could find (Eds Note: You're in deep trouble, Mary Ellen, if that's true!)... BBM's Sally Matschke oughtta be brought up on sexual harassment charges. Is "How ya doin', baby?" any way to talk to a man of my stature, regardless of the fine figure I cut? (Look me in the eye, Sally)... Thanks to CKPR/FM94 Thunder Bay GM Jerry Cox for saying that no matter what anyone else thinks, he believes I really am achingly handsome. (Look me in the eye, Jerry)... Why was CKY-TV Winnipeg's Ken Clark wearing a Mickey Mouse shirt?... CFBC/C98 Saint John engineer Gordie Miller got his flight times a little ca-ca. He got to the convention a day early and had to leave a day early, otherwise Air Canada would've charged him a fortune to change his tickets... Okanagan Skeena Group's Bryan Edwards, a surly SOB at the best of times, practically melts when he pulls out snapshots of his 2-year-old twins (can't say I blame him. They're good-looking kids unlike, of course, their daddy)... So, Gord Rawlinson of Calgary's Rawlco wins a Gold Ribbon and I want to take a photograph. Trusty camera in hand, I approach. Gord asks: "What's this for?" and means it. I explain that BT is a publication which, from time to time, profiles what happens at conventions such as the CAB and will, when pressured, discuss issues of business relevance and social chitchat to broadcasters. Gord agrees to the snap... BN News Director Al Gibson has to have been through a recent fright. His hair has gone virtually completely grey...

#### DJ Bares Soul On-Air

Only your closest friends would know the truth about drug use and a subsequent suicide from within your own family. That's to be expected — the last thing most people would do would be to go public, as CHFI Toronto morningman Don Daynard did.

Don's son, 33 year-old Britt, died Sept. 1 from a self-inflicted gunshot wound. Saturday night, Oct. 26, Don went on his highly-rated *Oldies* show and spent a full half-hour, between playing his son's favorite hits, describing his agony and frustration; Britt's background in drug experimentation; his deep depression; a previous suicide attempt; his frustration at the menial jobs he was forced to take; and, his treatment at a U.S. institution followed by a stay at a Toronto half-way house.

Many of the ladies and gentlemen at CFCW Radio in Camrose, Alberta, have nothing else to do with their time but collect radio & TV station logo decals. They're begging all readers of this column (that'll be you, Mom!) to send a minimum of four to CFCW ND Mike Goetze who, presumably, won't hog them all to himself... Rogers Broadcasting CEO (congrats on the promotion, Tony!) Tony Viner got himself roasted in Toronto last month by all sorts of nefarious media types. With any luck, I'll give you some of the choicer (and printable) lines in the next column... Barry Rogers is PD at CHTN Charlottetown, replacing Paul Magee who went to KIX-FM, St. John's, while Capt. Kirk MacKinnon is CHTN's new MD... Chris Greene, who'd been CFCB Corner Brook, ND for approximately 82 years, is now in the middle of his first season as CKPE-FM Sydney's play-by-play hockey announcer... Because so many broadcast people were in town for the BES annual Christmas bash, BBM took advantage of their presence to stage a one-day series of broadcast research seminars the day before... Perhaps a bit late in coming, but congratulations to CHUM Toronto Creative Director Larry

# **Atlantic Airwaves**

- by Sandra Porteous -



A SN-TV produced two specials recently. The first, The Ultimate Gift, focused on the problems and emotions of Atlantic Canadians facing organ transplants. ASN anchor Yvonne Colbert reported on the progress of Cape Breton youngster Carmen Young, still in Toronto awaiting a double lung transplant. The second special offered a look at the Hibernia oil field, a \$5.2 billion undertaking that will give the regional economy a shot in the arm... The nationally-syndicated TV series Reel TV, which features Canadian films and TV, is taking a look at the East. The show, broadcast on independent stations including MITV, will work with Halifax's Creative Atlantic Communications to produce segments on the region. Halifax native Joan Schafer is producer of the Edmonton-based show... Ray Bonisteel was in Halifax recently to help out as the on-camera host for an Atlantic School of Theology video. The school is trying to raise \$2 million and Bonisteel's presence was expected to be a major boost to achieving the goal. Bonisteel has been director of broadcasting for the United Church of Canada as well as the Canadian head of radio operations for the Anglican, Roman Catholic and United Churches.

Dan Somers, who sold Halifax's Rap Productions and moved back to Fredericton, had CFNB Fredericton, CKCL/CKTO-FM Truro and CKBC Bathurst all up for sale as this was written. No reports of prospective bidders so far. Among those left jobless as a result of the sale of Rap was Chuck Garrison, who had held sales management jobs at CFDR/Q104-FM and MITV before moving to Rap... Jack Hutchison has retired from his post as chief engineer at

CFDR/Q104-FM Dartmouth/Halifax. He arrived at the station in 1961. Friends at the station wish him a happy retirement; he'll be missed. **Ken Conden** returned to Halifax from NewCap's CJYQ/CKIX-FM to take over as chief engineer of CFDR/Q-104; Randy Strilec took over in St. John's...

Hilary Montbourquette has been appointed ops. manager for Newcap's CJYQ/CKIX-FM/CFIQ St. John's/Harbor Grace; he's also PD. It has been a busy year for Hilary, he's also responsible for the station's news, creative and production departments and was chosen employee-of-the-month during the summer.. Q-93 morning host Brian O'Connell and wife Margot are proud parents of a new son. Friends say he looks just like dad - receding hairline and all... KIX-FM morning host Blair Burke was married in November and now lives with bride Lydia in the aptly named community of Paradise... KIX-FM GM Fred Trainor isn't afraid to get involved. He has a regular Sunday morning slot, playing country music classics. PD Paul Magee gets to be the boss's boss during airchecks, which must be a real kick... Newfoundlander Kathy Hicks is back from CHTN Charlottetown as ND at the St. John's stations... Staff at CFSX Stephenville teamed up recently with the Canadian Paraplegic Association in West Newfoundland and the speech therapy department to raise \$14,000 to purchase a Lite Writer voice synthesizer for local resident Philip Caul Jr., confined to a wheelchair as the result of a serious motor vehicle accident in 1974. CFSX station manager Gerry Murphy said the funds were raised in less than eight hours...

OBITS: Sad news for friends and fans of Bob MacKay, who

passed away recently following a long illness. The former news director of CFDR Dartmouth was known as one of the most pleasant people in Halifax/Dartmouth radio... Rudy Amirault, former senior radio editor in the CBC Moncton newsroom, has passed away. Originally from Nova Scotia, he worked for CBC for 22 years and is best remembered for his work as a TV reporter and host of two information programs...

After almost four years with the Maritime Broadcasting chain, Mike Allard has left CKCW Moncton for CFNB Fredericton, where he will be PD... Kent Matheson has moved into the slot of music director at CFQM-FM Moncton where he was assistant PD. Morning man Robb Cusack has taken over the assistant PD slot...

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# **Broadcast Beat**

by Phil Stone

CAB/CCBE CONFERENCE REFLECTIONS: The BT group - Doug and Jacquie, Dave Codling and Ruth Morra had a lot of fun with their "golf game" in the exhibit area. as did many of the delegates attending the trade show... Niagara College's Larry Taylor, there with his pretty wife, Peggy, told us that Gary Parkhill is associated with Andy McNabb, Pete's son, at CKLY Lindsay, and that John Twomey resigned from Seneca College... Among the familiar names and faces at the annual broadcast get-together were Allan Slaight, Gary Slaight, Brian Minton, John Coleman. Wes Armstrong, Bill Onn, Bruce Carnegie, Neil Aitchison, Doug Ackhurst, Warren Cosford, Steve Harris, Elmer Hildebrand, John Gorman, Harvey Glatt, Bill McGregor, Bob Redmond, Jim Waters, Ron Waters, Duff Roman, Jack Ruttle, Fred Sherratt, Dick Drew, Mitch Drew, Bill Brady, Hal Blackadar, Cam Fellman, Jay Jackson, Sjef Frenken, Brian Jones, Larry Lamb, David Marsden, David Mintz, John Spragge, Peter Viner, Tony Viner, Jim Sward and Mimi Fullerton... At the convention of the Association canadienne de le radio et de la television de langue française, Roland Saucier, head of CFGL Laval, was honored for his contribution to the development of public interest in radio or television... "Mazeltov" to friend Jean Caine, who became a member of the CAB's Broadcasting Hall-of-Fame and its Half-Century Club at the recent CAB convention...

CTV HAPPENINGS: Alan Fryer is back after two years in Moscow to head up the Montreal bureau for CTV; he is replaced in Moscow by Robert Hurst from the Washington bureau, now served by Jim O'Connell. And Ken Ernhofer moved from Montreal to Ottawa... Tom Fitz-Gerald was appointed account executive, sports and Olympic sales, at CTV... Like his father - former longtime morning man Jay Nelson - Kevin Nelson is handling the morning show at CJMJ Ottawa... We hear that Gord Atkinson and his longtime friend, impressionist Rich Little, are seeking a radio station license... Judith Brennan, who was a sales executive with CHRX/CJJR-FM Vancouver and Telemedia West, is now manager of corporate sales for the Vancouver Board of Trade... Anne Boa, formerly with CKVU-TV Vancouver and CHCH-TV Hamilton, is now manger, promotions and media relations/B.C., Delta Hotels and Resorts... Paul Street was named TV research analyst at TvB... The ITV system in the U.K. picked up CITY-TV Toronto's New Music video-news series for the second year... CBC Radio's World At Six celebrated its 25th anniversary... Ted Rogers and his board will be busy come April 28th. They'll open the company's annual meeting in Montreal in the morning; adjourn at noon; and, taking advantage of the time difference, resume in Vancouver later that day...

CHANGES AT NEWSWORLD: Susanne Boyce has taken over responsibility for all programming on CBC's Newsworld. Nancy Wilson replaced Whit Fraser as co-host of Newsworld's *This Country...* Now airing on Newsworld Sunday mornings is *At Issue With Kahryn Wrigt*, which deals with political and social issues... People in the performing arts — especially seniors — will have the opportunity to obtain an

apartment at the Performing Arts Lodge in Toronto. It's the first PAL lodge to be built in Canada... Rick Shurman, oft-acclaimed for orchestrating the sound behind some of this country's outstanding commercials, has become a commercial director at Toronto production company Prairie Flower. Rick plans to continue audio production... CHCH-TV Hamilton publicist Kathy Rupcic is infanticipating, so Denise Dick is filling in for her until April... Congratulations to CFNY-FM Toronto, which again held its Thanksgiving Breakfast with donations given to the Salvation Army... New on Street Legal is veteran actor Donnelly Rhodes, who has been seen in many major U.S. TV series and was "Doc" in the family series Danger Bay...

OBITS: Our condolences go to CFNY-FM Manager Jamie Crookston whose father, J. Ian Crookston, passed away... For some 50 years Grant Turner was an announcer with the Grand Ole Opry, heard Friday nights. He died at 79 from a heart aneurysm... One of the facts revealed in the obit of Don Cameron is that CTV newscaster Sandie Rinaldo was his secretary before becoming an air personality...

Among the nominees to the Canadian Sports Hall of Fame were broadcaster Johnny Esaw and former player, coach, reporter and broadcaster Annis Stukus, who has links with the Toronto Argonauts, Edmonton Eskimos and B.C. Lions... Stephen Yan is back on CBC-TV Tuesday mornings with Wok With Yan... Dianne Buckner left CTV to join CBC-TV as a reporter on the weekly business program Venture. Theresa Tedesco also is a newcomer to Venture, she was with Financial Times... MuchMusic veejay Angela Bohrmann is appearing on the third season of the comedy series Material World... Mickey Rooney celebrated his 71st birthday working on an instalment of the Black Stallion series for the Family Channel... On the book stalls is the 4th annual Who's Who In Canadian Film and Television, a paperback directory published by the Academy of Canadian Cinema and Television. Cost: \$39.95 (+ GST)... Another book of interest is Three Blind Mice: How The TV Networks Lost Their Way by Ken Auletta (Random House)... Peter Senchuk resigned as president and CEO of ACCESS, the Alberta educational radio/TV service... After Paul Gratton's move to the Ontario Film Development Corp. as CEO, he was succeeded as VP, Programming at First Choice by Alison Clayton, formerly VP, Programming, at Family Channel... Roman Melnyk was appointed executive director, media operations, for English TV and radio at CBC... Among new members of the Broadcast Executive Society's board of directors are Paul Robertson, senior VP, sales and marketing, CTV; and Keith Morrison, president, Western Broadcast Sales, Toronto...Gary Greenway of CBC's Newsworld, was elected president of the Broadcast Research Council of Canada. Peggy Moyle of CTV was named to chair events...

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NEW 'REP SHOPPE' FOR TSN: Advertising sales for The Sports Network and its French-language counterpart RDS moved from Telemedia to a new company, The Rep. Shoppe. The TSN/RDS move was followed quickly by The Weather Network/Meteomedia appointing The Rep Shoppe exclusive national advertising sales representatives. The Rep Shoppe is located at 1131A Leslie St., Suite 400, Don Mills, ON, M3C 3LS; telephone number is (416) 510-8200. Personnel moving from Telemedia to The Rep Shoppe included Gerry Tymon, VP/GM; John Downs, GSM; and two account execs, Bob Stevenson and Paul Bolte. Joe Carter, former manager of sales for CTV Sports, is manager of new business development. Jim Nelles, former VP/TV at All-Canada, has also joined the sales team... DOME PRODUC-TIONS won first place at the annual Canadian Computer Graphics Association awards ceremonies in Toronto. Dome's Jocelyne Meinert won the award for her animation work on the ABC's World League of American Football. Dome's Paul Griffin was also recognized for work he did before he moved to Dome as part of the team that created the second-place Teddy Grahams commercial...

MATROX Video Products Group of Dorval, Que. introduced the Matrox Personal Producer software for video production on a PC. It is designed for assembly and editing of video, audio, graphics, titles, digital video effects and transitions... TELCOM RESEARCH of Burlington, ON has teamed with Imagine Products of Carmel, Indiana to offer a new Time Code Reader and enhanced logging and Offline Editing software. The two products have been matched up to provide an organizational tool for laptop use. Imagine's Executive Producer keeps track of productions without paper notes; TR's Easy Reader, when connected between camera and laptop, can log time code for each take with a single keystroke. — BT

#### RC-601 REMOTE CONTROL UNIT

With the widespread success of the CD-701 and RC-701 combination, the demand for a single full function one unit controller, duplicating the outstanding possibilities of the RC-701 was inevitable.



TASCAM is proud to introduce the RC-601 single unit remote controller for the CD-701. The RC-601 has been specifically designed for the purpose of operating one CD-701, whilst the current RC-701 can control up to four units. Rather than just copying the successful features of its "big brother", the RC-601 offers some features of its own such as "End Check" allowing monitor of the final seconds of a track, "Cue Return" allows the pickup to return to the cue point and standby after rehearsal monitoring.

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- A.F. ASSOCIATES INC. Paul J. Sweeney appointed sales executive of the New York metro area.
- ACCOM INC. Ed Engberg named VP sales and Lance Kelson VP marketing.
- THE BLACKBURN GROUP INC. Ted Eadinger and Bill Brady appointed VPs, Blackburn Communication Systems for TV and radio, respectively.
- · CAB Robert Scarth named director, TV policy.
- CBC NEWSWORLD Susanne Boyce named PD;
   Nancy Wilson signed as host of This Country from Calgary.
- CHIN RADIO David Lee named chief engineer for CHIN AM & FM.
- CKBI-TV PRINCE ALBERT Dennis Dunlop named GM and general sales manager.
- CKCK-TV REGINA Leon Brinn appointed GM replacing Mel Friessen, who is retiring.
- CKSL/Q103-FM LONDON Tom Cooke appointed general sales manager.
- CKVU-TV VANCOUVER Diane Johnson named publicity/promotions manager.
- ETC CONCEPTS LTD. Bob Dawson named marketing manager.
- MARK IV AUDIO CANADA Neil Andison named GM, replacing Doug MacCallum.
- SCHNAFFNER EMC INC. Ed Hogan promoted to executive VP; Steve Cogger named VP of component sales; and Mike O'Connor named VP and sales manager of the Intepro/Schaffner division.

#### IN MEMORIAM

Foster Marr, a popular voice on Saint John radio and TV in the 1950s and '60s, died in November at age 77. The voice of the *Maritime Farmers* show on CHSJ-TV for many years, he also hosted of country music programs on TV, hosted a weekday radio show from the Saint John city market and hosted a local cable TV show. He was inducted into the New Brunswick Country Music Hall of Fame in 1990. — BT