

STATIONS IN THE NEWS

Steele To Purchase CHOK Sarnia. Subject to CRTC approval, veteran broadcaster Wayne Steele will buy CHOK Sarnia from the Zwig family. CHOK was established in July 1946; Steele, a native of Sarnia, has been with the station for 21 years and is its VP/GM. The Zwig family previously agreed to sell **CJBK/CJBX-FM London** to Jack Schoone; their only remaining broadcast property is **CJOJ-FM Belleville**, scheduled to go on the air this year.

Okanagan Buys Into STAR-FM. Okanagan Skeena Group has agreed to purchase 31% of Starcom Broadcasting. Starcom owns of 52% of Fraser Valley Broadcasters and 70% of STAR-FM Ra-

dio Inc. (CKSR-FM Abbotsford/Chilliwack).

New format and call letters for **CKGE-FM Oshawa**, "The Edge". It was formerly CKQT, the favorite easy listening station of many southern Ontario listeners (including BT's editor)... **Global TV** has been given the OK to distribute its signal in encoded form via satellite to its transmitters, to cable systems throughout Ontario, and to other stations holding rights to Global shows. Cancom, Baton and CTV opposed, seeing the move as a strategy to extend Global nationally; the CRTC said it does not intend to authorize any extension beyond Ontario... Fabmar Investments Ltd. has purchased 90% of the voting shares of **CHMG St. Albert (AB)**. The sale by Western World was a divestment as a result of WW's purchase of **CJCA/CIRK-FM Edmonton**... CFEK Fernie and CJEK Sparwood have become full-time rebroadcasters of **CKEK Cranbrook, BC**, having ceased local programming... **CIDC-FM Orangeville, ON**, has increased hits from 50% to 66% in an attempt to win some of the 70% of locals who tune other stations. CIDC has recorded losses for five years...

Elvis Lives: **CKIS-FM Montreal** gave away \$1,000 a day, beginning March 1st. (Promotion director Walter Levitt didn't say how long this largesse would last.) The giveaway was designed to keep listeners tuned for Elvis songs... 'Oldies 990' also reports that it raised over \$30,000 in the 2nd annual Valentine's request-o-thon. Proceeds go to the Starlight Foundation, which assists critically ill children... And here's a great promotion by **CJCS Stratford**: Elvis expert Steve Christopher was brought in to do a 4-hour show, *Elvis on the Air* from the Stratford Home & Garden Show. Steve offered to buy a new car for any listener who requested a legitimate Elvis release that he did not have in his collection. That evening, he followed up as DJ of an all-Elvis dance party at a local restaurant & bar...

After 21 years, Jan Van Bruchem signed off his *Dutch Treat* show on **CJVB Vancouver** on March 26. In 1972, Jan mortgaged everything he owned to raise \$125,000 to start CJVB. As you've read in BT, he's now sold the multilingual station for \$5.1 million to a partnership largely made up of Chinese investors. In recent years, Chinese programming has

increased to 12 hours a day on 1470...

CITI-FM Winnipeg notes it became the first Winnipeg station to win honors as "Canada's Rock Station of the Year". CITI's Ross Winters was named Rock PD of the Year in the music industry awards... And, as you must know by now, the gang at **CIZZ-FM Red Deer** was mighty happy to get #1 station in the small market (under 300,000) category for the second year in a row, along with Rob Robson taking PD of the year...

The growth of **aboriginal broadcasting** in Canada is a largely untold story (BT hopes to change that in the near future). A vast northern wilderness is now served by hundreds of TV and radio transmitters owned by native organizations. Usually of low power, they both originate local programming and carry aboriginal network productions. Among FMs currently being added: 6 for Native Communication Inc., Manitoba; 18 for Aboriginal Multi-Media Society of Alberta; and 11 for Northern Native Broadcasting in BC...

CKVR-TV Barrie and **Breakthrough Films**, with the support of the **Senior's Secretariat of Health & Welfare Canada**, recently produced *Coming of Age*. The 85-minute movie stars Jan Rubes and Marion Gilsenan as seniors who fall in love. It's hoped there will be a network airing... Kudos also go to CKVR for producing two 30-minute shows featuring local winners in the Kiwanis Music Festival... Another great musical event, staged by **CHOK Sarnia**, won recognition recently from CAB. The annual Camlachie Jamboree presented 12 bands and 12 hours of non-stop country and oldies music. More than \$6,000 was raised for Optimist youth work. CHOK staffers Dave Curtis, Paul Godfrey, Rick Burrows and Gary Connors were in the lead band...

Cooperative Radio Restigouche Ltee of Campbellton, NB, has applied for FM at Balmoral, 7,295 watts on 103.9 MHz (channel 280)... Alberta's new premier, one-time TV reporter Ralph Klein, has been appearing weekly on **CITV Edmonton** and **CKKX-TV Calgary**. His *Ask Ralph* is a three-minute answer to a single question selected from viewer mail. The opposition parties say it gives Klein an unfair advantage, but News VP Mark Jan Vrem of CITV says it's a form of direct democracy... **BT**

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served. Organizers hope each applicant will get two screenings during the week. If you want to pitch an idea, you should already have entry forms in and your video cassette should be in by May 21. The emphasis at this year's conference is on the international market. The June 11 final seminar is labelled *Finding Your Niche in a 500-Channel Universe*.

At the **BCAB** convention in Kamloops May 18-20, **David Oakes**, VP of Joint Communications' research division, talks on the topic *Power Shift*. I've got a feeling this and the Banff niche topic just might tie together. For good measure, the BCAB convention organizers have also scheduled Angus Reid to talk.

Music Industry Awards: If Bell Canada had had an opening in Windsor at the right time in 1963, **Rosalie Trombley** might have retired as a telephone operator. It didn't and she went to the switchboard at CKLW Windsor. From there it is a long story to how she became music programmer and a kingmaker, but she did, and ruled through the Big 8's great days. Rosalie's induction into the Broadcast Hall of Fame was one of the most emotional ever... **Peter Steinmetz**, former president of CARAS, was inducted to the Music Industry Hall of Fame... CIZZ-FM Red Deer won yet again as a small-market station of the year... There was a boost at the conference for **Kim Zayak**, former (fired) promotion director for Sony. The Sony promotions department won the award for the Major Record Company Promotion Team of the year and en masse walked over and presented the award to Kim.

Tom Tompkins loves a challenge. Having helped put CISS-FM Toronto on air, now he's part of a group putting together an application for a TV country channel, sort of a Nashville Network North with Cancon. Also in the project are **Thompson MacDonald**, whom many will remember as news VP at CFCN Calgary, and **Spence Bozek**. If the group gets a licence, Tom will be VP programming. Otherwise, he says, he'll be just another bum looking for a job...

Changes at Rawlco: **Keith James** moved from GM of CISS-FM Toronto to executive director of communications, where, says president **Gordon Rawlinson**, he will be ambassador to the outside world and liaise with the industry. **Sandy Davis** transferred from his PD position at CJMJ-FM Ottawa to become GM at CISS. **Kent Newson** replaced Sandy; he comes from CFMC Saskatoon, where **Jamie Wall** will take over as PD. CFCO-AM Ottawa also got a new PD in **Kim Somers**, who was assistant PD at Majic FM.

Yellowhead Broadcasting and the YR group celebrated their 25th year as "the voice of West Central Alberta" on April 3. I've promised to go to the 50th anniversary -- if I'm invited and if GM **Mel Lazarenko** serves real Champagne, not the stuff made in Grande Prairie... I've mentioned **Vic Dubois** is now GM of Western World's Saskatchewan division. At the same time, **Dean Sinclair** moved from AM106 Calgary to become ops manager at CKCK/CKIT-FM Regina, and **Bob Fisher** from CJOB Winnipeg became GSM for all Saskatchewan.

Peter Krabinsky, a 21-year-old Saskatoon high-school student, found himself abruptly becoming a TV talent-show host. STV picked him for *The Undiscovered*, a 13-part series featuring talented high-school rock bands and vocalists in Regina and Saskatoon. STV wanted someone not already in the business because the show's mandate is to expose undiscovered talent. Peter's audition was his first experience in front of the camera.

At Shaw Radio in Edmonton: **Bob Ng** is gone from CHQT after 16 years, as is **Don West**. **Kevin Spriggs** now does 10-2 and **Keith Bradley** moved from CISN-FM to afternoon drive. **Bob Lang** is GM, **Peter Wilkes** is GSM... Still in Edmonton: **Gord Robson** left CHED mornings for K-Lite afternoon drive, replacing **Dale Wolf**. Gord and his wife had a new baby not long ago, to join his almost grown-up family, and morning shifts don't always go well with new babies... **Jungle Jay Hamilton** moved from afternoon drive to mornings... Popular CP/BN Edmonton bureau chief **Heather Boyd** moves to Ottawa as deputy bureau chief this summer; **Gerry Arnold** will move in from Ottawa.

Troy Reeb is now ND at CFOK Westlock, from CHSN-FM Saskatoon... **Ray Stout**, former ND at CHUB Nanaimo, has left... CHFM Calgary PD **Gerry Seimens** says he was happily surprised by reaction to CHFM's Southern Alberta Songwriting Competition. After just two weeks, he estimated 60-75 entries, many of good quality. The winner(s) should be announced by early May; Gerry expects finished product by the end of August. It was a nice gimmick, I said, linking up with QSound to incorporate audio imaging technology in the finished product. "Gimmick?!" he snorted. A nice, eh, hook, eh, touch, I said. Winning track will be released nationally on CD to the industry.

After 37 years, **Gil McCall** said s'long to radio April 2. He retired from CFFM Williams Lake just three days before CFFM Super Country became 'The Max', switching formats with CKWL. Gil's a past B.C. 'broadcast performer of the year', along with stars like **Jack Webster**, **Jim Robson** and **Red Robinson**. He started in Camrose with **Hal Yerxa**, went to CKRD Red Deer, then to CKCQ Quesnel where he stayed for 24 years, and spent another five years at CJCI Prince George. He joined **Ken Wilson** and **Patrick Reid** in establishing CFFM in 1987. For three years he managed it, as well as doing an air shift, but after a serious illness left management to Ken. Last year CFFM burned down and the licence was bought by Cariboo Central Interior. Gil is still active, running a travel agency called Cruise Holidays of the North. When I talked to him in late March, he'd just returned from taking a trip around the Mexican Riviera. Ken Wilson left radio when CFFM burned down, but Gil says Ken is as positive as ever and is still working in Williams Lake.

Dave Glover retired at the end of April from Kootenay Broadcasting. He'd worked for CJAT Trail for his entire radio career of 44 years and was midday announcer when he retired. Dave's a former BCAB 'broadcaster of the year'. During a tenure like that you make a lot of friends, and some famous broadcasters were expected for an April 17 farewell party for Dave -- among them **George Garrett**, **Gord MacDonald** and **Bill Hughes** from CKNW, former CJAT GM **Joe Kobluk**, **Rick Volpatti** of CHQR Calgary, and **Sandy Santori** mayor of Trail and a former CJAT salesman.

Fame in the **Rina Steurman** family. You know her as BN's satellite services manager. Cousin **Jeff Wolpert** was named recording engineer of the year at the Junos for work with **Loreena McKennit**. Jeff's a partner in the Inception Sound studio in Toronto. Said Rina, "It runs in the family." Said I, "It's nice there's some talent in the family." She'll get even.

What's going on at your place... who got promoted, who left, etc.? Send it to me c/o Broadcast News, 36 King St. East, Toronto, ON, M5C 2L9; (416) 364-3172; FAX 364-8896.



HOWARD CHRISTENSEN

Jim Sward, long-time Rogers Broadcasting CEO and past Chair of the CAB, has left his Cantel post, hence Rogers. It's rumored he's heading toward CanWest Global... CHOK Sarnia GM **Wayne Steele** likes CHOK so much he followed the Remington shaver guy's lead and bought the business. CHOK is the third radio station sold recently by the **Zwig** family (if the CRTC approves, CJBK/CJBX-FM London will go to **Jack Schoone**). That leaves a to-be-launched CJOJ-FM in Belleville still in the family... **Dave Hodge** has returned to the CFRB Toronto airwaves. His daily comments are part of a TSN audio deal to provide 'RB with evening and weekend sports coverage...

CRTC 'RESTRUCTURING' HEARING

CBC president **Gerard Veilleux** told the CRTC that French Canadians need an all-news channel to protect their culture. He also said increasing channel choice and continuing tight budgets are hurting the CBC. Among CBC requests: A retransmission fee from cable companies for its signal, money it would use to finance new programming. Multi-year funding so the corporation can plan ahead. Permission to carry forth unspent money from one year to the next. An all-Canadian

basic cable-TV package. The licencing of new specialty TV stations. Veilleux also implored the commission to direct more money into Canadian programming. He wants fees private broadcasters are demanding from cable operators also directed to the public broadcaster, along with longer-term government financing. But CCTA President **Ken Stein** said, "The CBC now gets nearly a billion dollars in 'fees' from Canadians already. That ought to be enough"...

Toronto Women in Film and Television wants a specialty TV channel designed for women, as a right and because it's good business. **Barbara Barde** said: "We have the right to watch our own stories, hear our issues discussed and have opportunities to author our images. The current state of broadcasting is a far cry from that goal." She said the women's channel should be carried on basic cable. The organization, which represents female producers, directors, distributors, crews and entertainment lawyers, has no plans to apply for a licence. But the group recommended the commission order cable firms to contribute \$100 million a year to a Canadian programming fund, part of which would be set aside for programs created by women...

Earlier, the CAB told the commission cable firms should pay broadcasters up to \$200 million a year for the right to pick up their signals and retransmit programs to cable subs...

TV pioneer **John Walson Sr.** succumbed to liver cancer at the age of 78 in Allentown, Pa. The former appliance store owner is widely regarded as the founder of cable television in the 1940s... Coming up this August, 64-year-old **Joe Franklin**, TV's longest-running talk show host, retires. He hasn't missed a day in 43 years of his New York-based show...

CHSC St. Catharines jock **Tim Lock** hoaxed media newsrooms across Ontario with a faxed story of a new federal political party seeking to represent young Canadians. The 'leader of the New Canada Party' claimed his parents were wealthy Beatles fans who had their name legally changed to that of drummer Ringo Starr. PD **Ted Yates** said an "innocent prank" got "a little out of hand"...

To win Bon Jovi tickets for two, WZZO-FM Terre Haute listeners had to do 'something wacky' at a Hardee's restaurant. Enter a teenager with an unloaded shotgun. He says he's Jesus Christ and tries to rob the place. The kid is facing charges...

MUSIC INDUSTRY AWARDS . . .

Here's who won at the annual Record Music Industry Awards, held in Toronto: Standard's president **Gary Slaight**, Broadcast executive of the year... Air talent of the year: CHFI Toronto's **Don Daynard** (Pop/Adult); CFTR Toronto's **Tarzan Dan** (CHR); CHOM Montreal's **John Derringer** (Contemporary Album); CISS Toronto's **Cliff Dumas** (Country)... PD of the year: MIX 99.9 Toronto's **Pat Holiday** (Pop/Adult); Z-95 Vancouver's **Brad Phillips**, (CHR); CITI Winnipeg's **Ross Winters** (Contemp. Album); CKQM Peterborough's **Rick Walters** (Country); K-LITE Hamilton's **Pat Cardinal** and CIZZ Red Deer's **Rob Robson** (smaller markets)... Music directors of the year: MIX 99.9 Toronto's **Wayne Webster** (Pop/Adult); Power 92 Edmonton's **Dave Stewart** (CHR); CHTZ-FM St. Catharines' **Paul Morris** (Contemp. Album); CHAM Hamilton's **Joel Christie** (Country); The Wolf Peterborough's **Bob Harris** (small market)... Radio Stations of the Year: Pop/Adult, MIX 99.9 Toronto; CHR, POWER 92 Edmonton; Contemporary Album, CITI Winnipeg; Country, CKBY Ottawa; Small market, Z99 Regina & CIZZ Red Deer... CHUM-FM Toronto's

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While We Were Away Snowbirding Down South: **Jean Durocher** was named GSM at Tele-Metropole... **Terry Snazel** became VP, technical development, at First Choice Communications... Alliance Communications Corp. and YTV have combined for a new family TV series, *Susannah of the Mounties*, coming to YTV next season... **Dean Cooper**, CKOV Kelowna talk show host, signed on for another two years... **Syd Kessler** directed a series of spots for CBC-TV; famous Canadians doing the voicing included **Leslie Nielsen**, **Leonard Cohen**, **Peter Newman**, **Joe Flaherty** and **Anne Murray**... The Canadian Film & Television Production Assn. is now at 175 Bloor St. E., North Tower, Suite 806, Toronto... The CBS-TV movie *When Darkness Falls* was produced by **Steve Krantz** Productions; he's the husband of novelist **Judith Krantz**... **June Valli**, a popular singer from the '50s to the '70s who was the voice of the famed Chiquita Banana jingles, died at age 64 in New Jersey...

Global TV's medical specialist, **Colleen Walsh**, received an Award of Excellence and a Certificate of Merit from the Canadian Nurses Assn.... And Global's **Bob McAdorey** was presented with *The Spirit of Ireland* media award for his outstanding contribution to the Irish community... *Days of our Lives* was named 'favorite show' for the 8th time at the 9th annual Soap Opera Awards in L.A.... **Kathy Rupcic** was succeeded by **Denise Dickie** as program publicist for CHCH-TV Hamilton... **Nancy Smith**, the Global VP whom we profiled in BT in April, will chair the annual conference of the Broadcast Promotion & Marketing Executives Assn. this June in Orlando, FL... Being out of the country meant we unfortunately missed the 20th anniversary reunion of the Radio Broadcasting course we founded at Humber College. Co-ordinator **Joe Andrews** says it was a most successful event... **Johnny Lombardi** added the Commemorative Medal for Canada's 125th year to his many deserved awards... **Darrel Atherley** was named VP, sales/marketing at the Family Channel... *TV Guide* says the average viewer watches 10 years of TV in a lifetime, including two years of commercials!... *Passing thought:* Many announcers with the gift of the gab don't know how to wrap it up... CTV newscaster **Sandie Rinaldo** (B.A., class of '73) was featured in the York University magazine *Profile*... A list of the 10 'Best-mannered' people of the year included **Oprah Winfrey**, **Peter Jennings** and **Queen Elizabeth**... There are more than 600 radio and TV ministries in the U.S. National Religious Broadcasters Assn. (NRB)... Toronto lawyer **Don Johnson** was named director of the National Assn. of Canadian Film & Video Distributors... Baton's Saskatchewan Television Network appointed **Deryl Ring** VP sales/marketing, **William Stevenson** VP programming, **Don Wright** VP finance, and **Jerry McLeod** VP operations... **Sharon Burkhart** celebrated 10 years with CKVR-TV. Her husband Brian also works at the Barrie station...

Central Canada broadcasters will be heading to London, Ontario, May 30 to June 1, for the annual CCBA convention. CPPL Radio's **Bill Brady** is host chairman... *60 Minutes'* **Lesley Stahl**, **Steve Kroft** and executive producer **Don Hewitt** were honored by the National Conference of Christians and Jews for their contribution to interracial harmony... CBC made another major sale to a U.S. network when CBS bought *Liar, Liar*... **Leon Hildebrand** succeeded **Leigh Kelk** as president of the Canadian Assn. of Broadcast Reps... **Stanley**

Hubbard, the veteran radio-TV entrepreneur who brought **Jack Benny**, **Groucho Marx** and other top acts to the airwaves, died at age 95... **Doug Wilde** is now one of **Benmergui's** two musical directors at CBC-TV... CKNW New Westminster is among those participating in an advisory group for a new multi-purpose arena in downtown Vancouver... **Mitch Miller**, whose last TV show aired in 1965, still keeps busy at age 81; his New World Symphony plays some 55 concerts a year... Baseball slugger **Jose Canseco** taped PSAs in English and Spanish to help raise money for a children's hospital in Memphis... According to American Demographics, only 29% of professionals portrayed on TV are women; some 30% of TV's married women work, while in reality it's more than 50%... **Arnold Palmer** announced the creation of The Golf Channel, a 24-hour, year-round cable TV service dedicated exclusively to golf... At CBC-TV, **Sandy Gamble** was named a national selective sales rep, while **Susan Avery** and **Margaret McNally** were appointed account supervisors in network sales... In Florida we learned that songstress **Shirley Harmer** is still performing; she appeared at the Pembroke Pines Century Village... New commercial stations are popping up all over Eastern Europe: In Estonia, there is one whose call letters are KUKU... (*Editor's note:* Maybe it specializes in time checks...)

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PEOPLE

Alberta's Access Network has appointed **Don Thomas** as president and CEO. His 44 years in broadcasting include 21 years at CFCN Calgary; at Access, he was GM of CKUA Radio for seven years, and interim president for the past 14 months... The CAB has named **Jane Logan** as VP, Radio. A former newspaper reporter, she was with Telesat for the past 10 years... At CBC, **Steve Jones** was promoted to the newly-created position of national director of sales. He was GSM with Baton before joining CBC in 1989... **John Bartrem** has moved from CIWW/CKBY-FM Ottawa to CKYC Toronto as GSM... At Electrohome Ltd., chairman **John Pollock** has added the post of chief executive. **Zoltan Simo** remains a director... Global TV has named its Ontario Legislature bureau chief, **Robert Fisher**, as weekend anchor. He'll continue to host *Focus Ontario* and *Global Newsweek*... **Barrie Kirk**, P.Eng., has joined NGL/Nordicity Group as a senior associate. He was previously a VP at Telesat... Quantel Inc. has promoted **Ken Ellis** to executive VP/CEO, based at Darien, CT... Recent appointments at Sony Music Canada include **Richard C. Camilleri** as president and **Ian J. MacKay** as director of business affairs... The 26-station Telemedia group has named **Doug Lester** as 'News Director of the Year'.

He's been ND at CJCS Stratford for 12 years... Telesat Canada has made the following appointments: **Gordon Fraser** to VP, network services; **Don Weese** to VP, engineering; **Leonard Stass** to VP, space systems; and **Barry Turner** to VP, sales/marketing... At TVOntario, **Sharon Salson** was named manager of corporate promotion. And TVO senior production assistant **Marney Berube** was named winner of the Joanna Caslon Award, presented by the Toronto Women in Film & TV.

In Memoriam

Hank Bruhlman, 59, president of CKSY-FM Chatham, ON, died suddenly at his home on March 21st. One of the founders of CKSY, he was a leader in numerous community and other organizations. He is survived by his wife Helen and three sons, Henry, Jay and Kevin.

James H. Carter, 62, died of cancer on April 3rd. He was with BN in Toronto from 1957 until his retirement in 1986.

George Townsend, 72, died of heart failure on February 25th. A station engineer in the U.S., he founded Townsend Associates, a manufacturer of UHF transmitters, in 1963.

BROADCAST BUSINESS

MEMEX TO SUPPLY DIRECTV

Memex Software Inc. of Vancouver will supply the traffic and scheduling system for DirecTV Inc., slated to launch its 150-channel DBS service early in 1994. VP Larry Driscoll credits Memex with "impressive capabilities to handle multiple channels in an integrated system." Long-time broadcaster Don M.E. Hamilton is chairman of Memex, established in 1987.

SOVCAN JOINT VENTURE

Four Canadian firms are involved in a joint venture with government agencies of the Commonwealth of Independent States and a Russian manufacturing association, NPO PM. NPO PM builds and operates satellites; the Canadian firms are ComDev, a supplier of satellite equipment, CanCom, Spar Aerospace, and General Discovery Canada, which promotes Soviet-Canadian business projects. The consortium has named a U.S. firm, Vista Satellite Communications of Florida, to market three transponders available in mid-1993 for coverage of the Pacific Ocean region.

ABL Canada Inc. of Montreal is supplying video coders and decoders for Britain's new Channel 4 network, described as "the world's most advanced digital TV network." Channel 4 is also building all-digital studio facilities, to be ready in 1995... **Archive Films** has closed its Toronto office. The stock footage library says that, with improved shipping conditions, it can serve Canadian clients better from New York, (800) 688-5656 or FAX (212) 675-0379... **Baton Broadcasting's** six-month figures show revenues up 10% to \$109.7 million and profits doubled to \$2 million, compared with 1991... **Broadcast Richmond** has been established by Joe Ziemer, formerly of Harris Allied. Based in Richmond, Indiana, he'll distribute product worldwide... How's this for an annual report: **IDB Communications Group** (U.S.) says 1992 revenue was up 49% to \$155 million, operating income up 60%, and net income up 449% to \$8.5 million, compared with

1991. IDB Broadcast has just signed a deal with Disney's Buena Vista Television which includes transmission via the Telstar 401 satellite, to be operational early in 1994... **International Datacasting Corp.** of Ottawa has been awarded the FM2 (FM squared) trademark in Canada. The FM2 technology is used in data and digital audio distribution via satellite... **Jerrold** will soon begin filling a \$100 million contract for one million baseband addressable converters. Wharf Cable of Hong Kong plans to build the world's largest cable TV system, passing some 1.5 million households... **Larcan** has a new address: 228 Ambassador Dr., Mississauga, ON, L5T 2J2; (416) 564-9222, FAX (416) 564-9244... **MSC Electronics** reports that the Advent Mantis Flyaway System played a major role in coverage of the oil tanker spill off Shetland early this year. The portable satellite uplink was used by many leading broadcasters, notably ITN (first on the scene) and BBC Scotland (first transmission)... **Montana Engineering** has completed the system engineering for recent additions to digital editing facilities at Dan Krech Productions. They include a second edit suite, Kadenza and K-scope channels and multiple digital disc recorders... **Nexus informatics GmbH** of Germany launched its newsroom automation systems in the U.S. at NAB '93. Lawrence Gross heads subsidiary Newswire 2000 at offices in Columbia, MD... Don't confuse them with **Nexus Engineering Corp.** of Vancouver, whose head-end and amplifier product lines were recently acquired by **Scientific-Atlanta**... A 3-channel MMDS system has been supplied by **Pan Asian Systems** to Chengdu, China. It covers a 70 km radius from a single transmit site. Over 300 receive sites are also being installed to serve the city of 2 million... **Softimage Inc.** of Montreal, which recently completed a \$20 million stock issue, displayed a high profile at NAB '93. The company develops 3D software... **Strand Lighting** reports sales of its Century System are exceeding expectations. Century offers a complete system of controls, dimming and luminaires at very favorable prices.