EDITOR’S NOTE: I’m putting the newsletter out a day early this week because of Canada Day. Broadcast Dialogue will return Thursday, July 22.

TV/FILM: CTV says it earned $6.9-million in its third quarter, nearly $1.9-million from the same period last year. The result came despite $7.6-million in restructuring charges/job cuts. Total revenues rose $9.2-million to $155.5-million. CTV says the results reflect the closing of the NetStar Communications acquisition (TSN and other properties)...KVOS-TV Bellingham has signed a five-year deal with Nielsen Media Research for People Meter services in the Vancouver market...CBC Newsworld has cancelled Benmergui Live with Ralph Benmergui, Big Life with Daniel Richler, On the Line with Patrick Conlon, and Sunday Morning Live. It’s a move, says Newsworld honcho Tony Burman, to concentrate more on reporting and less on commentary...CBC Board of Directors Chairman Guylaine Saucier says the corporation is launching an appeal to cabinet against the recent CRTC decision rejecting its application for a French-language specialty channel...The California Supreme Court has ruled unanimously that a TV network can be sued for infiltrating a private workplace and secretly recording an employee. The case involves an ABC reporter who posed as a co-worker at a psychic hotline and who secretly videotaped conversations with an employee that then ended up on ABC’s PrimeTime Live. The court ruled that employees in a private office have a right to expect that private conversations with co-workers won’t be secretly taped and aired.

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Radio: Q-94 FM Winnipeg Assistant PD Andy Ross ran the full Manitoba Marathon on Father’s Day with a cell phone for live on-air reports, and a backpack full of prizes for listeners who showed off their “Q” along the 26-mile course... After 62 years, CBL-AM Toronto pulled the plug in favour of its replacement, CBLA-FM at 99.1. Back in 1937, the AM transmitter site at the town of Hornby -- all 650-feet of it -- was Canada’s tallest structure. It even became a tourist attraction in the years prior to the Second World War. The building was designed to accommodate visitors, who watched the transmitter operators from a viewing platform just inside the door to the transmitter room. In the basement was a Cold War-era fallout shelter holding a small studio, and where the last words to be uttered on CBL were uttered June 18, 1999: “This is CBC Radio One, broadcasting from the Hornby transmitter at 740 AM. In the Toronto area, we now move to 99.1 FM, with additional frequencies throughout Southern Ontario. This transmitter has served the community well since 1937, and at 740 AM since 1941. This is the end of an era in Canadian broadcasting history. Signing off now from CBL, adieu”... MIX 96 Montreal raised $25,000 at the second annual MIX 96 Streetfest, including inflatable rides and games, with all proceeds going to the MIX Kids fund in aid of The Montreal Children's Hospital and L'Hôpital Ste. Justine. MIX Morning Men Andre and Ted were targets in the Dunk Tank to give people a little incentive to donate generously... CHUC Cobourg Morning host Don Martin held an on air appeal to purchase French/English picture dictionaries for the Kosovar refugees at CFB Trenton who wish to stay in Canada. Around $2,000 was raised... CFRB Toronto says it’s all set to hold Toronto’s “biggest” Canada Day celebration. Along with family entertainment and a children’s festival will be a citizenship ceremony where 11 people -- including CFRB ND Bill Carroll -- will be sworn-in as Canadian citizens.

EVOLVING DOOR: The CCTA (Canadian Cable Television Association) has appointed Janet Yale, ex of AT&T Canada, as its new President/CEO... Avril Benoît, co-host at CBC Radio, will do her last Morningside show July 9... Long-time financial commentator Jerry White will become Chairman of Toronto-based Harvard Capital Corp., a newly merged executive recruiting firm... The next Director-General of Britain’s BBC is Greg Dyke, the man behind Baywatch and The Price is Right... Ron Hodgson of The Bay - and a member of the Broadcast Executives Society Board - will retire at end of July...

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Applications close at 5:00 PM (PDT), Friday, July 16.
GENERAL: Vancouver-based Global Media (not connected with CanWest Global) has signed an agreement with MCI WorldCom to provide bandwidth network continuity for its broadcast network via frame-relay services. Global says the streaming media will provide superior transmission capabilities in signalling all the video and audio data to radio and TV stations, and to other media companies. About 30 schools across Canada got hundreds of thousands of dollars’ in computer equipment. In return, TV advertising begins in the classrooms this fall. Advertisers will pay $40 to reach each 1,000 kids who see an ad once. Youth News Network will get 2.5 minutes every day of the week. The schools also got a video monitor in every classroom, some other computer technology and TV broadcasting equipment, and a 12½ minute daily newscast aimed at kids. The spots will be in the newscast. YNN is owned by Montreal-based Telescene. While new in Canada, the concept is a duplication of the American Channel One. Channel One reaches more than eight million students in 12,000 schools. Its revenues are set at around $1-billion annually... Deputy Prime Minister Herb Gray has recognized the Canadian Association of Broadcasters and its member that, Matrox Graphics accounts for US$473-million and Matrox stations as official media partners in promoting millennium. Electronic Systems for US$77-million... Montreal post facility, CCBE in involvement and for his employment activities at Abroyd and, before that, KEY Radio... The Montreal-based Matrox group of companies says it has completed its 23rd consecutive year of profitability, with joint sales totalling US$550-million for the 1998/99 fiscal year, ended March 31. Of that, Matrox Graphics accounts for US$473-million and Matrox Electronic Systems for US$77-million... Montreal post facility, Editbox on-line non-linear editor from Quantel. The Editbox, the first in Montreal, will be used for final on-line and effects work for television series and commercials... As an add-on product for Columbine’s CJDS Broadcast Master suite of scheduling software modules, the new Scenario Planner allows a TV station’s scheduler to store, view, and share various scenarios of future program schedules in a file independent of the Broadcast Master database.

The Summer (July/August) BROADCAST DIALOGUE Magazine Should be There by Now. Hold Onto it For a While and Enjoy the Features on Digital Audio Broadcasting. The Next BROADCAST DIALOGUE Magazine is due in Early September.
EDITOR'S NOTE: Reaction to the current Broadcast Dialogue magazine's (July/August edition) DAB feature material has been gratifying. The timeliness seems to have really struck home with readers. Your feedback on what we're doing with the entire Broadcast Dialogue brand (newsletter, magazine, website) is ultra-important and, believe me, we DO pay attention. Keep your input coming... Warning: Some of this week's news will be catch-up material after our two weeks off.

GENERAL: New rules for broadcasting of ethnic programming. The CRTC’s new policy, building on the 1985 Ethnic Broadcasting Policy, allows for non-ethnic stations to program unlimited French and English but puts the ceiling at 15% for other languages. For example, some stations in Quebec were at one time attempting to offer limited bilingual service. By doing so they were in contravention of CRTC rules. With the new policy, that situation has been overcome. Ethnic radio and TV stations still must devote at least 60% of their schedule to ethnic programming. Campus stations located where there is no ethnic station and community stations that provide the only private radio service in one of the official languages will be allowed up to 40% third-language programming without Commission approval. Microsoft Corporation has taken a $600-million stake in Rogers Communications. The investment, it’s said, will help speed the deployment of interactive TV in Canada. The software giant and Rogers have signed a series of agreements that will accelerate the deployment of set-top boxes to customers of the Toronto-based cable firm... The 37th Annual Broadcast Executives Society Golf Tournament is set for Thursday, Aug. 12 at Toronto’s Cedar Brae Golf & Country Club. For details, contact Deanna Toshack at 416/921-3201... Rumours persist that Robert Rabinovitch will succeed Perrin Beatty as President of CBC. Prime Minister Jean Chrétien is expected to make an announcement before he goes on vacation in early August. Meantime, Beatty will become President of the Ottawa-based Alliance of Manufacturers and Exporters of Canada August 15 (though his CBC term doesn’t officially end until Sept. 30)... A 28-year-old Edmonton man has been charged in the letter bombing of A-Channel Edmonton and the attempted bombings of Edmonton and Calgary’s police chiefs. Police spokesman Sergeant Bryan Boulanger says a four-month investigation in the case involved the FBI, the US Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms, RCMP, the Canadian military, and the Edmonton and Calgary police forces. A-Channel Edmonton GM Jim Haskins will profile the events in the September edition of Broadcast Dialogue magazine... Speaking of Jim Haskins.

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Affinity Radio Group has won permission to acquire Robert Redmond’s CHRE-FM St. Catharines, it now joining the other Affinity-owned St. Catharines properties, CKTB and CHTZ-FM. Total purchase price is projected to be $7.3 million at closing... The CRTC has issued a call for applications for an FM station at Kingston. A letter of intent is due no later than August 9... Still with CRTC notices, the Commission has issued a call for AM or FM applications in the Toronto market. It says parties interested in either an AM or FM licence to be used jointly or separately -- at 740 or 93.5, or any other frequency that’s suitable -- must have a letter of intent in by Aug. 19... The Commission has also approved the conversion of CJKL Kirkland Lake to FM (101.5 at 23,000 watts). In doing so, the CRTC has also allowed the new FM'er to retain its ‘Hits’ programming, retaining the Good Time Oldies programming from Pelmorex that airs more than 50 hours a week on the station. The rest of the time, CJKL programs hits from the 50s, 60s and 70s... CJVI (AM900) Victoria has returned to a music format from News/Talk. Nine people have been displaced... The Canadian Broadcast Standards Council says a mock crucifixion on CFNY-FM Toronto was not abusively discriminatory. The Humble and Fred morning show had duct-taped another personality to “a cross” the day before Good Friday. The stunt was touted as “the most authentic re-creation of the events of Holy week”. A complainant alleged the stunt was “extremely offensive” and constituted “defamation of the Christian faith”. Complete decisions by CBSC may be found at...
September edition of Broadcast Dialogue magazine — is on the second floor of a four-storey building known as Golden West Plaza and is located next door to the original CFAM and Golden West headquarters built in 1957... Veteran Saskatchewan broadcaster Denny Carr has been appointed to the Order of Canada. The 60-year-old Carr co-hosted CFQC Saskatoon’s morning show, the Wal and Den Show, with Wally Stanbuck for 16 years. He then co-hosted with other broadcasters on CFQC until the station was bought by CJWW four years ago... 1240 CJCS Stratford is celebrating its 75th Anniversary and is organizing a Gala Alumni Reception Saturday, October 16, at the Stratford Festival Theatre. If you were ever a part of the CJCS team, send your name, address, phone number and position to Stratford Festival Theatre. If you were ever a part of the CJCS revenue was $208.7-million, down $four-million... Lloyd Braun, Chairman of Disney’s Buena Vista Television Productions and Stu Bloomberg, Chairman of ABC Entertainment, will be co-chairmen of the new division and will report to ABC Television Network President Patricia Fili-Krushel. Jamie Tarsees continues as President of ABC Entertainment... Based on early research from San Diego-based Digital Broadcast & Programming (DB&P), traditional broadcasters may have a leg up in the race to deliver video over the Internet. Over-the-air networks are proving just how valuable their reach and established brands are on emerging platforms like the Internet. Exclusive research conducted by DB&P/Webcast Track shows that 72% of the top interactive video events over 1998-1999 YTD are the result of on-air programming extensions. MSNBC leads all networks, with 10 events listed in Webcast Track’s Top 50, followed by America’s Health Network (AHN), CNN/CNNSI, CBS and TBS. Online-only events (from Victoria’s Secret Show to music concerts such as Rod Stewart) make up 14 (28%) of the Top 50, with networks/aggregators/sponsors such as Broadcast.com, Live On The Net, Intel, Excite and others leading that group... A box, dubbed ‘Curse Free TV’, aims to filter bad words from TV shows. The device reads captions and deletes vulgarities and US pastors are buying it for their...
church fellowship halls as are families who are connecting it to their sets, VCRs and cable boxes. Only problem, of course, is that live broadcasts (news, sports, talk) aren’t filtered. So far, more than 100 offensive words and phrases are filtered out. Audio is muted, and words are substituted in closed captions with milder ones. Hundreds of boxes - at $150 each - were sold in Atlanta last month at the annual meeting of the Southern Baptist Convention in Atlanta. Fox Television affiliate WDSI-TV in Tennessee has rescinded an offer to local businesses. Someone in sales offered to produce three positive news stories about the businesses in exchange for $15-thousand. WDSI management blamed a “rogue” salesperson and took the offer off the table before anybody bought...

REVOLVING DOOR: Mary Powers has been appointed VP, Communications & Promotions at Citytv Toronto and VP, Communications & Marketing for ChumCity International. Powers, also, was recently appointed Chair of PROMAX International, the global association promoting excellence in promotion and marketing in electronic media... Linda Benoit, GM at CHUM’s CKKW/CFCA-FM Kitchener, has resigned her post effective Aug. 31. She’ll be leaving the broadcast business and moving to New England... Jill Birch, VP Radio at the Canadian Association of Broadcasters, is leaving that post at the end of August... Janet Trecarten is new Ops Mgr at CFOS/Mix 106 Owen Sound. Trecarten had been MD at CISS-FM Toronto and CMT Country Music Television... Jack Fleischmann has been appointed Executive Producer for ROB TV. Fleischmann, along with partner Pamela Wallin, runs Current Affairs Group, the company that produces TV programming Wallin and Maclean’s TV... Leigh Kelk of CanVideo TV Sales, based in Toronto, has resigned. Kelk has purchased a business far removed from broadcasting and is moving to small town New Hampshire... Michael D. Freeman is new GM at CKEC New Glasgow... Craig Roskin is new GM/VP Sales at CHEK-TV Victoria... Former TVOntario President Peter Herrndorf is new Director-General and CEO of the federally financed National Arts Centre in Ottawa... Anchor Paul Mennier has left YTV Vancouver to join A-Channel Edmonton... Former CJVI Victoria Morning talk host Robin Adair, in the aftermath of cuts, has moved to the ND post at sister station, The Ocean FM Victoria... Brett Manlove has been named Assistant GM at BCTV Vancouver. He’ll continue in his role as SM... WIC Television has named Roy Gardner its National VP of Programming... Michael Olstrom has been promoted to Ops. Mgr. at CFWF-FM/CKCK/CHMX-FM/CKRM Regina... Global Atlantic’s new co-anchor is Janet Stewart, ex weekend anchor/reporter at ATV Halifax... Howard Green, a veteran broadcaster, record producer and former road manager for Roger Whittaker is now working with Dick Drew at CKAY Duncan... Allan Greg, President of Viacom Canada and manager of The Tragically Hip, is launching what he says will be Canada’s largest integrated and independent music producer, Song Corp...

SIGN-OFF: Long-time CJNB North Battleford sports personality Eldon Elliot has died of cancer at 78. Elliot joined the radio station in 1952 as its first Sports Director, then spent 34 years there before retiring in 1986...

LOOKING: CKDR Dryden is searching for a Copy Person. See the ad in this edition... Pelmorex Radio Network in Mississauga is looking for a Production Coordinator. See the ad in this edition... CFUN 1410 AM Vancouver is looking for an operator to work weekend evenings... CJLF Barrie is looking for Sales Reps... The Canadian Association of Broadcasters is looking for a Director of Member Services. See the ad in this edition... CJAD Montreal and CFRB Toronto are looking for an Ottawa Bureau Chief... CKWS-TV Kingston is looking for a Managing Editor to oversee News Operations...

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We thank all respondents in advance. Only those selected for interviews will be contacted. No phone calls please.
Randy Booth has joined Comlink Systems as Director of Engineering and Denis Orendt is new Comlink Ontario Account Manager, Broadcast/Telecom Groups... Former Comlink Sales/Marketing honcho Debbie MacLeod is new Director of Sales and Marketing at Oshawa-based Ensat Broadcast Services... Quantel's new Version 7.5 hardware and software release for Editbox is shipping. The software part of the package is a free upgrade to existing Editbox Version 6 owners... Wall Street Communications, a marketing communications agency specializing in video and broadcast equipment and electronic components accounts, has opened an Asia/Pacific headquarters office in Singapore, the first location for the agency outside North America...

**NEW SUBSCRIBERS THIS WEEK INCLUDE:** Michael Prud'homme, GM at CKBW Bridgewater. Welcome!

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**TV/FILM:** *WIC Television* has repositioned its national sales team. As of Monday, Western Broadcast Sales is now WTS - *WIC Television Sales*. Heading the new team is Exec VP Lori Legault. WTS is headquartered in Toronto. WTS Montreal has joined forces with *CFCF12 Montreal* under its VP Sales and Marketing, George Goulakos. In Vancouver, WTS has partnered with *BCTV* and VP Sales, Brett Manlove. In Alberta, WTS will work with Glenn Young, VP Sales for *ITV Edmonton*, RDTV Red Deer, Calgary 7 and CISA Lethbridge... Nine employees have been given the axe at *CTV’s W-5*. Senior VP Henry Kowalski says it's part of a radical makeover that will see the format change from news and current affairs to focus more on documentaries... A number of CHUM Ltd. executives have spent much of the summer in Vancouver, studying the market and preparing for a potential station. That follows on the Shaw-CanWest-WIC dealings that are about to unfold. CHUM Television believes it is certain to wind up with a Vancouver licence. *CanWest Global Communications* says it expects a resolution (i.e. a deal) to be reached by summer’s end. If so, Global would end up with existing property *Global Vancouver* (UTV), and WIC’s CHEK Victoria and BCTV Vancouver. It’s almost certain the *CRTC* would ask Global to divest. But it’s far from a certainty CHUM will get into Vancouver. At least one other player -- *Craig Broadcast Systems* -- is known to covet a Vancouver property. Meantime, a call for TV applications in Vancouver already has CHUM and Craig as main contenders... The *Canadian Country Music Awards* have switched from *CTV* to *CBC*. The two-hour special is set for Monday, Sept. 13... MTV and Montreal’s *Telescene Film Group* are shooting a new TV series called *Live Through This*. The one-hour pilot begins shooting in Montreal Sept. 13... It may be the newscaster, and not the bad stories, that makes some TV news viewers feel uneasy. Researchers at the *Keio University School of Medicine* in Tokyo say some newscasters often convey a sense of nervousness. Dr. Kazuo Tsubota says this may be due to the high and irregular frequency of the newscaster's blink rates. The research appears in *The Lancet* medical journal...

**RADIO:** On Monday, Toronto’s commercial stations are launching full-time and permanent Digital Audio Broadcasting. All of the Toronto broadcasters are now digital. An awareness campaign will be carried on the commercial AMs and FMs. “Pioneer Electronics, God love ’em,” says DRRI President Duff Roman, “was there from the beginning and are essentially the only ones who have brought it in at a reasonable price. As well, Pioneer’s DABug (VW Beetle equipped with DAB) is available to all of us for traffic building in whatever promotional endeavours we choose.” Beverly Ostafichuck, responsible for the roll-out of closed captioning nationally, is Director of Business Development with

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responsibilities for the Digital radio launch in Toronto. Vancouver and Montreal are expected to do similar DAB launches in the early fall... Canadians spent more time listening to radio last year, tuning in 20.4 hours a week compared to 19.9 hours the year before. Statistics Canada says teenagers listen 11 hours a week, about half the time reported by adults. Almost 79,300 Canadians aged 12+ completed a diary questionnaire for seven consecutive days within an eight-week period in the fall of 1998. Don Easter, VP Radio Division at BBM, said Canadians may be "coming back" after years of heavily experimenting with new media. CBC Director of Research Barry Kiefl agrees: "Radio is still a very important medium in most countries." Further, he said, contrary to the message in the 1980s song Video Killed the Radio Star, radio has in fact adapted successfully. At CHUM Radio Group, Programming VP Ross Davies backs up that assertion. He says, "People now are realizing what the Internet is, and they're turning back to radio because it's consistent and very user-friendly." Radio ad revenues hit $940-million at consistent and very user-friendly. "

Format Percentage Share Fall '98

AC...... 24.8%
Country... 13.0%
Oldies/Rock.. 12.6%
Talk...... 11.5%
Contemporary 10.2%

CBC...... 9.5%
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SIGN-OFFS: Long-time Saskatchewan broadcaster Denny Carr, who just two weeks ago was one of 76 people named to the Order of Canada, has died of cancer at the age of 60. He is survived by his wife, Verna, and two children... Television’s first weatherman, Clint Youle, died Friday at 83. In Chicago in 1948, he improvised by scrawling with a black marker over a store-bought map... The man who pioneered television talk/news for ABC - Martin Agronsky - has died at 84. He won a Peabody Award in ’52 for his work on the excesses of US Senator Joseph McCarthy...

GENERAL: CanWest Global Communications is buying 20% stakes in two US Internet companies, paying $22-million for the interests in Internet Broadcasting Systems of Minneapolis and LifeServ Corp. of Chicago. CanWest will use airtime to promote IBS and LifeServ while IBS and LifeServ will use their Web space to promote CanWest programming. Analysts say the factors driving CanWest to jump into Internet are the same ones that influenced Rogers Communications Inc.’s recent venture with Microsoft Corp. Said one: “The convergence of television and the Internet is going to change the way everybody does business”... Canadian Association of Broadcasters President/CEO Michael McCabe slams the CBC for trying to persuade federal cabinet that it needs to get bigger, not better. In Monday’s Globe & Mail, McCabe argues that in filing its first appeal in 25 years (the awarding of licences for four new French specialty channels to commercial broadcasters, but not to the CBC’s arts-channel proposal), CBC is “playing victim and urging cabinet to muscle the CRTC back into its place...” Seems the federal Liberal government is holding onto its annoyance with CBC News. Earlier this week, Defence Minister Art Eggleton unloaded on CBC Reporter Julie Van Dusen during a news conference in Ottawa. She had asked why Eggleton had appointed Inspector General Col. Howard Marsh to investigate the contaminated soil scandal in Croatia when Marsh already had the file for two years. Instead of answering, Eggleton attacked Van Dusen’s professionalism. Replied Van Dusen, “... I’m a reporter, and I’m asking obvious questions.” Five more reporters asked the same question and all got evasive answers though none was insulted personally... CHUM Limited profit fell 4% in the quarter ended May 31, to $5-million or $0.43 a share from $5.2-million or $0.45 a share in the same quarter last year. Revenue climbed to $87.1-million from $77.5-million but operating costs climbed, too, to $72.1-million from $63.7-million... Rogers Communications reports net income of $40.6 million for second quarter ended June 30, representing 19¢ a share and comparing with net income of $663.3 million or $3.68 a share a year earlier. But the 1998 profit was inflated by the $1-billion sale of Rogers Telecommunications and its fibre-optic network to MetroNet Communications. Excluding non-operating gains, Rogers posted a loss of $26.2 million in the second quarter, compared with a loss of $44 million a year ago... Shaw Communications says profit fell to $5.7-million in the three months ended May 31, from $10.2-million a year earlier. That figure is attributable, the company says, to payment of dividends on preferred securities. Revenue increased 10% to $221-million, and operating profit improved 9% to $90.5-million. Revenue for the radio division slipped 4.4% to $13.1-million... Alliance Atlantis Communications has posted a profit of $23.3-million in its first year-end report since Alliance and Atlantis merged in September...

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