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WB networks by the end of the year thanks to its merger with Time Warner... Still with the Internet and broadcasting, CanWest Global Executive Chairman Izzy Asper warns conventional broadcasters not to overreact to both the threats and opportunities of cyber-casting. He told a meeting of the Communications Governors of the World Economic Forum annual conference in Switzerland that technological experts “incorrectly assume the average citizen can hardly wait for the new toys and contraptions science can deliver. That is simply inconsistent with consumer behaviour and desires, particular when it comes to the use of their too scare leisure time.” He says consumers choose programming, not delivery systems; that the successful broadcasters of tomorrow will still be those who have the best mix of programming, at the least cost, least confusion and most convenience... Radio-Television News Directors Association President Gerry Phelan (VOCM St. John’s) has written the Speaker of the House of Commons, The Hon. Gilbert Parent, expressing RTNDA concern about proposed restrictions on parliamentary access, especially reports that there is a plan to restrict public and media access to Parliamentary Buildings and grounds. In his letter, Phelan says, “If there are security concerns, we urge you to seek ways to ensure the safety of MPs without restricting our access to them. It is this access, and the symbolic freedom of ‘our home’ that you so eloquently spoke about when you met with RTNDA members during our national convention in Ottawa last June. RTNDA Canada encourages your office to work with the Parliamentary Press Gallery to ensure this accessibility continues”.... Telemedia Communications has sold its publishing division -- including the Canadian edition of TV Guide -- to GTC Transcontinental Group of Montreal. Telemedia publishes 11 magazines in English and French across Canada... Striking technicians and tradesmen at the French-language CBC – 1,300 of them in Quebec and Moncton – voted yesterday (Wednesday) on a contract offer that provides a 9.3% wage increase over four years, with a 1.7% retroactive increase. The deal, hasn’t been endorsed by the union since it had asked for 15% over four years.

EVOLVING DOOR: Tony Burman took over Tuesday as head of CBC-TV’s news services, the official title is Executive Director of News and Current Affairs. His old job as head of CBC Newsworld will not be filled since, in his new role, he remains as such... Heather Grue, Communications Director at ROBTV Toronto, is returning to her Alberta roots. Her last day at ROBTV was Friday... Also from ROBTV, Gary Greenway, who has been acting Director of Sales, has begun a new career with Noll & Associates (broadcast management specialists)... Paula Parker is YTV Canada’s new VP of Programming and Production. It’s a promotion from her previous role as Director of Programming... Don Duprey, Managing Director of English Services at Television Ontario (TVO), is gone. He joined the provincial broadcaster in 1982... Power 107 Calgary’s new midday host/MD is Ken Rigel, ex of The Ocean Victoria.

LOOKING: Rawlco Communications is looking for PDs. See their ad on Page 1... KIXX-FM Corner Brook is looking for a News Director. See the ad on Page 1... A-Channel Edmonton has an opening for a News Producer... CJOH-TV News Ottawa is looking for a senior Sports Reporter/Anchor... YL Country/KIX106 Peace River is looking to fill two jobs; a full-time midday slot and a full-time production manager... See www.broadcastdialogue.com for at the CLASSIFIED button for other job opportunities.

SIGN-OFFS: Stan Thomas, a member of the Canadian Cable Television Association Hall of Fame, died Monday night in Vancouver. He was the owner of Delta Cable, which has been managed for the last decade or so by his son, John... John Gordon Fraser, a broadcast news pioneer who delivered historic accounts of battles during the Second World War, has died in Winter Park, Fl., at 91. He began his lengthy career in 1932 and was the on-camera announcer when US President Franklin D. Roosevelt presided over the historic demonstration of television at the 1939 New York World’s Fair.
RADIO: On Monday, the CRTC began hearings in Toronto – expected to last upwards of two weeks – to consider radio licence applications (one at 740 AM and one at 93.5 FM) in Toronto. (Att: Southern Ontario readers. The hearing is at the Triumph Howard Johnson Plaza-Hotel, northeast corner of Keele and the 401 highway)... Also on the CRTC agenda is an application by Dufferin Communications (Hot 103/CIDC-FM) – studios in Toronto but still officially an Orangeville station – for authority to relocate its transmitter... Country 105 Calgary’s ratings blitz is the Big Money Birthday Game. Beginning Tuesday morning (7:15 a.m.), if a listener’s birthday matches the one announced, the first caller gets $5,000... CBC’s cbc.ca and CD Plus.com Inc. have an online partnership designed to expand the promotion and coverage of Canadian artists and their music... The CRTC just made it easier for communities to start smaller radio stations; maximum five-watts. New “developmental stations” will be brought in for campuses, schools and small towns. Barry Rueger of Ottawa’s CKCU (Carleton University), and who’s also a consultant on CRTC policy, says it’s like a learners’ permit in that it will help a smaller station build support and financing before it applies to become a community station. He estimates that under the new policy it would now cost less than $10,000 to start a station. Before, a minimum $30,000 to $40,000 was needed to start a regular low-powered station.

OPS: In last week’s listing of broadcast nominees for Canadian Music Week awards, we incorrectly identified MD Julie Mazzaferro as being from a station other than ROCK 94 Thunder Bay. She has won her category for ROCK 94 the past two years.

TV/FILM: CBC won’t be appealing the CRTC’s controversial conditions, it says, at least for now. The CBC Board, however, didn’t say it would comply. Conditions set by the CRTC last month were that said the CBC must boost its arts programming and regional newscasts, eliminate blockbusters from prime time and cut back on professional sports... CTV has suspended two technical staff involved in the gaffe that got Avery Haines fired. The two were suspended without pay for three days and will have a notice of the disciplinary action put in their employment files. One played the wrong tape. The other was a director... Ontario film and TV production was at an all-time high in 1999, with $934 million spent in the province. Included were 84 foreign productions (21 feature films, 58 TV movies, specials, miniseries, pilots and docs, and five TV series). Not tracked were TV spot productions... It’s a first in New York State – cameras in the courtroom. The trial of four white New York City police officers accused of killing an unarmed African immigrant will be televised. A state Supreme Court Justice ruled that banning cameras from the court was unconstitutional. New York is one of only three states, along with the US federal judiciary, to ban cameras outright. This ruling applies only to this one case... The CRTC has issued a call for licence applications to provide a French-language Specialty Arts TV service... ChumCity Interactive and Chapters Online have formed a strategic alliance to offer joint marketing and special online promotions on both Chapters.ca and ChumCityStore.com. Activities include cross promotions, sponsorships, marketing programs and production... The Banff Television Festival has issued its call for entries to the 2000 Banff Rockie Awards Program Competition. Deadline for program entries is Feb. 21. For details, check www.banfftvfest.com... Twenty-two-year-old college student Bradford How of Winnipeg has snagged an on-air position with MuchMusic after winning the station’s “Who Wants To Be A V-J?” contest. He competed against 1,500 other contestants from across Canada... Interesting statistic reported by Associated Press: A US study indicates the median household income of NBC viewers is $52,400, $4,000 more than what ABC viewers earn. Fox is next, followed by CBS.

SUPPLYLINES: Toronto-based Leitch Technology has appointed Margaret Craig to its global management team. Craig becomes President of Leitch Incorporated. She had been President of Snell & Wilcox’s US operation.

NEW SUBSCRIBERS THIS WEEK INCLUDE: Bob MacEachern, CIGO-FM Port Hawkesbury; Brendan Burge, emailthatpays.com, Richmond Hill. Welcome!
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**GENERAL:** A pension fund manager – Jean-Claude Scraire, chief executive of Caisse de depot - says he has concerns about the $5.6-billion sale of Groupe Videotron to Rogers Communications. Those concerns surround TVA, a powerhouse Quebec broadcast group that won’t be merged with Rogers. The Caisse has a shareholders agreement with majority owners of Videotron that covers the sale of the company or its subsidiaries and investments – and the Caisse considers TVA to be covered by this agreement. Caisse opposition is one reason Rogers excluded TVA from its proposed takeover. Scraire says the Caisse pension fund is interested in TVA not only as a broadcaster, but as a content creator, and wants to invest in its future. And, he says, while the Rogers offer is good, the Caisse will remain open to other bids. However, despite his remarks, Rogers and Videotron says they have signed a definitive sale agreement that is to close in April, after a shareholders’ vote...

Interesting to note that the Technology & Communications sectors are the Toronto Stock Exchange’s only outperformers in 2000. The TSE 300 index has soared 10.7% this year and only technology and communications have done better than the main index. The percentage changes (following) reflect performance this year over last: Fabrication & engineering, 66.8%; On-line services, 41.9; Cable & entertainment, 36.0; Telephone utilities, 29.7; Technology-software, 29.4; Communications & media, 29.0; Biotechnology & pharmaceutical, 26.3; Technology-hardware, 20.4; and, Broadcasting, 17.0... CBC has laid off 173 employees in its continuing efforts at cutting costs. One hundred and forty-five of them work in TV, mostly for the main network in Toronto. The magazine show Midday was one of the casualties. It’s being cancelled at the end of June, after 15 years. Twenty-eight jobs are from radio. Regional news operations were spared for now but a second, and possibly even a third round of layoffs could come later in the year. CBC has chopped more than 3,000 positions since budget cuts began in 1995. Not surprisingly, the Communications, Energy and Paperworkers Union has blasted CBC, calling it an “absolute outrage”. The union the cuts will further diminish CBC’s quality and stature... CBC plans to remove most of the ads on its Web site. Sections dedicated to news, culture, children's programming and education will stop accepting advertising April 1. However, banners for sports and Olympic areas will continue as will the pursuit of sponsorship deals... With Shaw Communications following a steady pace of acquisitions in the Internet arena, yet one more. Shaw has invested $US14-million in Netpliance Inc. to tap into a market of potential Internet users that don't have personal computers. The Austin, Tex.-based start-up has developed the i-Opener, an inexpensive full-colour desktop Internet appliance. The $299 product is said to be part of a new wave of Internet machines that are “post-PC age”... About 25,000 users of Rogers Cable Pay Per View in the Toronto area are having their annual cable bills hiked by $36 to $48. Rogers is requiring current set-top boxes be replaced by a Digital Terminal box...
that will deliver 60 digital music channels, an interactive program guide, a channel-blocking function and increased start-times for Pay Per View movies... Look Communications has a deal with the Metropolitan Toronto Housing Authority to give it access to 225 MTHA buildings with 21,000 units and 75,000 residents. That puts Look head-to-head with Rogers Cablesystems in most buildings... The Radio-Television News Directors Association has launched the George Clark/RTNDA Scholarship, to be awarded to the best overall scholarship entry in the RTND Foundation Awards. The Board named the scholarship in honour of CFPL-TV (The New PL) London ND George Clark, a former RTNDA President, and the person who has spearheaded RTNDF since 1993. The first George Clark/RTNDA Scholarship will be awarded in June at this year's RTNDA national convention at Vancouver.

RADIO: Baseball Hall of Fame broadcaster Ernie Harwell, 81, in his 60th year of announcing, has had his contract extended through 2001 by the Detroit Tigers. Harwell does his magic on WJR Detroit... Off the air for a while will be EZ Rock Edmonton Newsman Robin Allen. After a three-year wait, Robin had a kidney transplant last week... The CJAD Montreal Kids Fund hockey program, raising money for Montreal's Children's Hospitals, will be celebrated 60 years of broadcasting Wednesday, March 1. Included that day is a special morning show co-hosted by former CHFI Toronto morning man and CFOS alumnus “Dazzling” Don Daynard, along with CFOS stalwarts Dave Carr and Craig Smith. On March 4, a 60th Anniversary Dance will carry on the celebration; listeners and former 560 personalities in attendance. The station is inviting any Canadian Music Week delegates who may be ex-staffers to call 519/376-3030 to get the lowdown... Los Angeles-based Traffic Station Inc. has an agreement with FTM (Feed the Monster) Media, Inc. to help stations gain listener loyalty by providing personalized traffic and travel information on the Internet. FTM is a content developer for major-market radio stations. Leveraging the Internet to retain listeners even when their radios are off, says the TrafficStation press release, will provide radio audiences at-a-glance look at traffic in their city and a customized view of specific commuter routes... CKBY-FM Ottawa raised $1,000 for the Canadian Arthritis Society by auctioning off a luxury suite for ten at the Ottawa Civic Centre Theatre. The show winning bidders will see Country Kicks – stars Paul Brandt and The Wilkinsons... Cow Skiing has come to Brockville... The River/CFJR Brockville tried it last week at a co-operating farm using kids’ plastic skis. The skier holds on to the cow’s tail, and goes. The idea is intended as a winter pick-me-up and, we’re assured, is completely animal-friendly.

LETTERS: Dick Smyth didn’t take kindly to the Barbara Amiel column in the National Post last week in which she slammed recent CRTC manoeuvres as they relate to the CBC. Says Smyth: “The woman is elitist, misinformed, wrong headed, fatuous and quite mad. Besides, who the hell is she to comment on Canadian broadcasting from her posh exile in London? It is verily because of the deluge of American satellite and cable channels that the CBC and the CRTC are more important than ever. What Amiel should decry is the fact that CBC television has lost its way, that budget cuts have begun to make CBC radio an embarrassment and that the lapdog polices of the CRTC in recent years have made Canadian commercial radio uninspiring and commercial television a vaster wasteland than even Newton Minnow visualized. A pox on the woman and her venomous views.”
Looking: CHAM Hamilton is looking for a Sales Rep. See the ad on Page 1 (see this and other job ads at the Broadcast Dialogue Web site: www.broadcastdialogue.com)... CFRN-TV Edmonton is looking for a male co-Anchor for its noon package who’ll also report during supper hour news... Don Steel is looking for a gig. Contact is 403/548-3230.

TV/FILM: Preliminary findings by two Stanford researchers concludes that online time is an insidiously anti-human technology that imposes a hidden toll of social isolation on its users, bringing unforeseen societal ills. The survey of 4,113 US adults was conducted under the auspices of the Stanford Institute for the Quantitative Study of Society. Preliminary findings show 13% of “regular” Internet users (five or more hours per week) reported spending less time with friends and family, eight per cent said they were attending fewer social events, and 26% said they were talking less to friends and family on the phone. A quote from one of the study’s authors is sure to get TV researchers scrambling: “The Internet could be the ultimate isolating technology that further reduces our participation in communities even more than television”. Full results may be found at www.stanford.edu/group/siqss... The deadline for entries for the 2000 Bessies is tomorrow, Feb. 18. For information on entries, see www.tvb.ca or call Natalie Szpiro at the Television Bureau, 416/ 923-8813 ext. 239. The 2000 Bessies awards show is set for May 10 at 416/923-8813 ext. 229 or e-mail to jim_patterson@tvb.ca.

RE Volving Door: The new Promotions Director for Energy Radio London is Heather Neskas... New morning co-host at Mix 106 Owen Sound is J.D. Moffat, ex of CKDX Newmarket. He teamed with Claudia Staines Monday... Craig Mills, ex Director of Sales Promotion at CHEZ-FM Ottawa, is now Marketing Manager for Toronto-based MediaNet Communications.

Supply Lines: Saint John-based iMagicTV has signed a strategic business alliance with Motorola through its Semiconductor Products Sector. Under the terms of the alliance, the two companies will engage in joint marketing, promotion, sales and product development activities to further the digital TV over broadband marketplace.
GENERAL: CanWest Global Communications figures if CHUM Television can have Citytv Toronto and CKVR-TV Barrie and CTV can have CFTO-TV Toronto and CKCO-TV Kitchener, then there’s no problem with Global having CIII-TV Toronto and CHCH-TV Hamilton. But CanWest says it intends to sell its CKVU-TV Vancouver and keep the larger BCTV (CHAN-TV). In Montreal, CFCF-TV would be on the sales block. In Southern Ontario, Global says CHCH-TV Hamilton (now ID’d throughout the province as ONtv) would emphasize local programming to avoid competing with its Toronto flagship. And in the rest of BC, Global intends keeping CHEK-TV Victoria and CHBC-TV Kelowna. At CHBC, CanWest is promising continued CBC affiliation. Global has also pledged to open new reporting bureaus. The break-up of WIC saw Global getting the TV stations and Shaw Communications and its independent Corus Entertainment acquiring WIC’s 12 radio stations and stakes in several specialty TV channels. At $692-million, it’s being touted as the biggest TV realignment and media application ever put before the CRTC, which has set April 25 as the date for the hearing into the merger. Meantime, the deal is set to close at the end of March and remain in trust until the CRTC rules on the transaction, and that’s expected by June. If all this goes through, a major prize for Global will be acquisition of four stations in Alberta – CICT-TV Calgary, ITV Edmonton, CISA-TV Lethbridge and RDTV Red Deer – which would raise Global’s national reach to 88% of TV viewers... Meantime, in a separate transaction, Corus Entertainment now has US TV and radio conglomerate Liberty Media as a stakeholder. The stake -- 19.9% (valued at $160-million and the maximum allowed under foreign-ownership regulations) -- is being purchased from CanWest Global, which will get the stock as part of the restructuring of WIC. The deal is subject to CRTC approval of the WIC carve-up... CBC employees have been warned about another round of cuts. And CBC President Robert Rabinovitch, appearing before the Commons heritage committee, also said there are no “sacred cows”. Overhauling the CBC, he said, is essential to survival. The result of changes to technology alone, he said, will result in workforce realignments. Rabinovitch told MPs he won’t be asking for more government money because he’d rather find internal ways of making CBC sustainable...
Presentations of the 1999 Canadian Women in Communications annual awards (Woman of the Year, Mentor of the Year, Trailblazer of the Year and Employer of the Year) will be made at the Annual CWC Gala Awards Dinner at the Westin Hotel in Ottawa, Monday night (Feb. 28). The 1999 Award Winners are: Woman of the Year - Elaine Ali, President of WTN and VP/GM of CKY-TV Winnipeg; Employer of the Year: Lucent Technologies Canada; Mentor of the Year - Alexandra Brown, Sr. VP Alliance Atlantis Communications Inc.; and, Trailblazer of the Year - Barb Richardson, VP of Business Integration for AT&T Canada. At noon that day, author and leading authority on career management, Dr. Barbara Moses, will present “The Good News About Careers: How You’ll Be Working in the Next Decade”. Call CWC’s offices for tickets at 800/361-2978...

**TV/FILM:** Chief Executive Daniel Lamarre says his TVA Group Inc. is keenly interested in CTV Inc. but expects potential bidders to hold off until next month’s CRTC decision on its sports specialty channels. He says market indications are that CTV is worth anywhere from $1.5-billion to $2-billion. Corus Entertainment Inc., BCE Inc., Quebecor Inc., CanWest Global Communications Corp. and Shaw Communications Inc. head the list of those believed to be interested in CTV. Meantime, the network’s share price has more than quadrupled on the takeover talk…In Vancouver, at the hearings into a new TV licence, Citytv Toronto founder Moses Znaimer told CRTC Commissioners that CHUM Television’s Canadian original programming budget would be threatened without a Vancouver licence. CHUM is making its second run in four years at winning a licence there. It also wants one for Victoria…iCraveTV.com execs say the company is installing new security technology that will allow it to start beaming TV broadcasts over the Internet exclusively to Canadians. Company VP Ian McCallum told a packed House communications subcommittee in Washington that iCraveTV will be restored to service within a month, employing new security technology that will restrict access only to Canadians. Skepticism and hostility greeted his suggestion, however, that what the company does in Canada is irrelevant in the US. A RealNetworks Inc. senior exec, also testifying, said it’s virtually impossible to limit access to people based on where they live. Copyright holders say the Internet confounds current laws protecting creative content. However, Republican Representative Billy Tauzin, of Louisiana, Chairman of the telecommunications panel of the House Commerce Committee said copyright protections cannot be forsaken for new technology. And Representative Chris Cox, a California Republican, said webcasting forces programming providers such as cable -- that have enjoyed control of the market -- to face competition… A new

**RADIO:** The CRTC has approved Haliburton Broadcasting’s purchase of CJNH Bancroft from Quinte Broadcasting. Purchase price was $250,000. CJNH has been producing 20 hours of local programming a week and getting the rest from Quinte stations CJTN Trenton and CJBQ Belleville. Haliburton will bump local programming by 12 to 15 hours a week with the rest provided by CFBG-FM Bracebridge. The Washington-based National Association of Broadcasters has filed a petition in the US Court of Appeals to stop the...
Federal Communications Commission from allowing hundreds of new low power radio stations. The petition says the FCC action was “arbitrary, capricious and otherwise contrary to law”. Further, claims NAB, the new regulation would introduce signal interference to currently existing commercial radio stations... The deal is finally complete. The Pelmorex Radio Network is now owned by MediaNet Communications and has been renamed to reflect that reality to the MediaNet Radio Network. President is Roy Hennessy, GM/VP is Tom Tompkins... CPK Prince George Editorialist Ben Meisner is suing a local man for libel in that he suffered humiliation, loss of self-esteem, damage to his reputation and potential income loss. Meisner claims Daniel Davis made defamatory comments about him, then admitted it. Meisner also claims Davis sent other defamatory e-mails to Prince George newspapers, falsely accusing Meisner of tax fraud... ROCK 101 Vancouver, the originator of the Guy Garage in Canada, having given away a Porsche Boxter, a Corvette and many more of things “she'll never let you buy”, kicks off Guy Garage 4 next month. ROCK 101 ran the original “nagging wife” and says it is pleased that sister station Q107 Toronto is now also having success with the promotion. ROCK 101’s current contest is giving away $1,000 each morning for the person who identifies the location of Brother Jakes Cash Cow on the drive in to work. PD Ross Winters says “It’s a giant cow on wheels, impossible to miss, that roams the streets of Vancouver swiping cash”... The CRTC has approved CKKQ-FM Victoria’s application to add a transmitter at Sooke. It'll be 38 watts at 94.7 MHz... BDSradio.com (www.bdsradio.com), an interactive airplay information source for PDs, has a long-term alliance with the ALL ACCESS MUSIC GROUP (www.allaccess.com), which began Monday. BDSradio.com, a subscriber-based service for PDs, makes a portion of its daily monitored airplay information available for review by users of allaccess.com... Research performed by Angus Reid Group shows the use of MP3 technology is widespread among Internet-enabled Canadians, but that the impact on CD sales may be negligible. Fifty-three per cent of on-line Canadian households responded that they have downloaded MP3 files, but 73% say it has had no impact on the number of CDs they’ve actually bought. Young Canadians (18-24) are most likely to be aware of MP3 and have downloaded MP3 files in the past six months. The same is true for males and experienced Internet users (online for 3+ years). The practice of downloading MP3 files is fairly frequent—about one-in-three Canadians who download MP3 files do so at least once a week. One-in-four download MP3 files a couple of times a month... The two rival satellite companies getting ready to launch US-wide satellite radio for cars next year have agreed to combine resources and copyrights, and to produce one receiver capable of picking up either service. With the deal, only one receiver will bring listeners another 200 stations... Geller Media is putting on a Producer’s Workshop in New York April 1. $189 gets participants a copy of the new Creating Powerful Radio Workbook plus speakers whose topics include facing the blank page, show prep, creating powerful promos, airchecking, Internet and mixing news and show content. Details at www.gellermedia.com... Back in the mid 60s, Bob Bradburn - current CHQT Edmonton Morning Man – was working at CKRC Winnipeg. It was at CKRC that Bradburn became acquainted with a number of local bands and individuals, including Neil Young, Randy Bachman, The Squires, and Chad Allen and the Expressions (later to become the Guess Who). A short while back, Bradburn - while rummaging in his basement - found a reel of tape containing two of Neil Young's first recorded studio performances. They’d been collecting dust for more than 30 years. Back in the 60s, CKRC happened to own a two-track recording machine. On occasion, Bradburn would tape Young and The Squires performing some of their original tunes. Bradburn’s waiting for a phone call from the Young camp to suggest what the next move will be with his version of the basement tapes...
SIGN-OFF: Sheldon Turcott, 64, a CBC-TV News Anchor/Reporter for 31 years before taking early retirement in 1995. He was the CBC’s first national correspondent and began his broadcast career at CKLY Lindsay in 1960. A coroner’s investigation has been called because an autopsy suggested Turcott might have died of a perforated ulcer that went undetected. Despite doctors’ efforts, no one was able to figure out what lay behind the stomach pains that plagued him for the for two months before his death... Bob Hite Sr., 86, the announcer who for many decades in old time radio announced not only The Lone Ranger but many other radio dramas, died Friday at Palm Beach County in Florida. Hite began his radio at WXYZ Detroit in 1930...

LOOKING: Pippin Technical Service, based in Saskatoon, is looking for a Sales Representative... Hits 103.5 Toronto is looking for Sales Reps and a Secretary... Q92/940 News Montreal is looking for all kinds of people (see the ads both here and at our Web site, www.broadcastdialogue.com)... The New PL (CFPL-TV) London is looking for a Research Supervisor... Tom Rivers is available for Toronto radio. He can be reached at 416/686-5345... CFTK/CJFW Terrace is looking for a Sports/News Reporter...

SUPPLYLINES: Unique Broadband Systems of Markham has signed a contract with Hughes Network Systems for the design, development and manufacture of terrestrial repeater equipment valued at up to $66-million. The repeaters will utilize COFDM technology – a modulation technique for the delivery of high quality audio, video, and data – that will allow a moving vehicle to receive quality service at speeds in excess of 100 km an hour... Toronto-based TELAV Audio Visual Services has added the Washington State Convention and Trade Center in Seattle to its portfolio of in-house facilities. The company will maintain an office there, with a new audio visual inventory... A. Gordon Craig, Chairman/CEO of NetStar Communications Inc., has been appointed to the Cygnal Technologies Corporation board of directors... Toronto-based ATI Technologies Inc., a maker of computer graphics components, has an interactive-TV venture with Vestel Electronics, a European maker of televisions and monitors, to provide components and expertise to develop Internet TVs and set-top boxes...

NEW SUBSCRIBERS THIS WEEK INCLUDE: George Ferguson, CHSJ Saint John. Welcome!

EDITOR’S NOTE: The March edition of Broadcast Dialogue magazine went to the mailing house today. You should be receiving it early to mid next week. If, perchance, you’re not on our mailing list, kindly get in touch with us via e-mail (tvradio@interlog.com) or by fax at 416/782-9993. We need your name, title, company, address, phone, fax, e-mail and type of business you’re in (radio, TV, specialty, Internet, cable, satellite, syndications, and so on).