Programing


Jerry Ludwig, executive producer, Crossfire, 20th Century-Fox, Los Angeles, has signed exclusive two-year contract with MGM/UA Television there for production of series, mini-series and movies of week.

Thomas Oberlin, general sales manager, ON-TV, Cincinnati, joins Satellite Television Corp., Washington, as senior marketing advisor.

Mark W.T. Hinz, account executive, KDKO(AM) Littleton, Colo., joins Smeloff Productions, Denver, as sales director.

Jackie Gross, producer-engineer, RKO Radio Network, New York, joins Starfleet Blair there as series development director.

Rebecca Dragiff, manager, planning, RCA/Columbia Pictures Home Video, Los Angeles, named director, planning.

Dierdre Paulino, manager, administration and assistant to president, ABC Motion Pictures Inc., Los Angeles, named director, administration, and assistant to president.

Susan Bologna, regional manager, HBO, Chicago, named regional manager, Los Angeles.

Peter Afe, VP, Eastern sales director, Warner Brothers Television Distribution, New York, joins New England Sports Network, Boston-based cable sports network, as VP and general manager.

Angela Schapiro, senior VP, now-defunct Entertainment Channel, New York, joins Disney Channel, Burbank, Calif., as VP, sales and affiliate relations.

Robin Montgomery, director of marketing, RCA/Columbia Pictures Home Video, Los Angeles, joins Embassy Home Entertainment there as director, marketing.


Linda Ashby, programing assistant, KDFW-TV Dallas, joins WHTM-TV Harrisburg, Pa., as program director.

Dick Grant, program director, WPVA(AM) Pittsburgh, Pa., joins WRNL(AM) Richmond, Va., in same capacity.

Keith Harris, program director, KRKE(AM) Albuquerque, N.M., joins WASK(AM) Lafayette, Ind., in same capacity. Bob Wagner, production director, WXS(FM) Lafayette, joins WASK-AM-FM in same capacity.

Thomas Daldin, assistant promotion director, WRR(FM) Detroit, named assistant program director.

Todd Bilde, air personality, WYLF(FM) South Bristol, N.Y., named program director. Lawrence Graves, air personality, WYLF, named production director.

Bill Merriam, production-operations manager, WBS(AM) Atlanta, named production manager. Sandra Wilson, production coordinator, WTB, named studio operations supervisor.

Richard Delaney, producer-director, noncommercial WEDU(AM) Tampa-St. Petersburg, Fla., named production coordinator.

Paul Baker, from WHTM-FM-TV Harrisburg, Pa., joins WTN-TV Washington, N.C., as sports director.

Steve Doocy, from KAKE-TV Wichita, Kan., joins KMBC-TV Kansas City, Mo., as host, PM Magazine.

Susan Bollier, from KSDK(AM) St. Louis, and David Saint, from WBGU(AM) Tampa-St. Petersburg, Fla., join WFLD-TV Chicago as hosts, PM Magazine.

Madeleine Kelly, from WJLA(AM) Atlanta, joins WJLV(FM) Statesville, N.C., as air personality.

News and Public Affairs

Charles Novitz, producer, NBC News, New York, named night news executive, responsible for one-minute prime time news inserts, affiliate feeds, and overview of worldwide coverage, with responsibility for bulletins and break-ins. Novitz is immediate past president of the Society of Professional Journalists, Sigma Delta Chi. He worked for NBC in 1959-60 as writer-producer, then moved to ABC, leaving in 1979 as manager, news syndication, to join defunct Independent Television News Directors Association as managing director. He rejoined NBC, New York, in 1982.

Andrew Fisher, news director, WAGA-TV Atlanta, joins KNX-TV Los Angeles in same capacity. He succeeds Steve Cohen, who joined WCAU-TV Philadelphia as VP and general manager ("Fates & Fortune," Aug. 29.)

Morris James, news director, KTTV(AM-FM) Springfield, Mo., joins KRBQ(AM-FM) Denver in same capacity.


Tony Villasana, executive producer, KAIZ-TV Wichita Falls, Texas, joins WMAZ-TV Macon, Ga., as news director.

Forest Lewis, member of news staff, WYLF(FM) South Bristol, N.Y., named news director.

Bill Tellz Zortman, news director, KVIA-TV El Paso, joins KCAU-TV Sioux City, Iowa, in same capacity.


Al Nash, chief producer, Satellite News Channel regional bureau, KSNW-TV Wichita, Kan., joins WTVI(AM) Sioux City, Iowa, as assistant news director.


Appointments, KPNX-TV Phoenix: Jim Will, news director, WGR-TV Buffalo, N.Y., to managing editor; Bill Gray, assistant news director, to special projects manager; Karl Kindberg, sports announcer, KHTY(AM) Tucson, Ariz., to producer-assignment editor; Gloria McDonough, assignment editor and producer, WPTA(AM) Fort Wayne, Ind., to producer; Alan Rappaport, from KTOK-TV (AM) Phoenix, to investigative reporter; Rada Krivovsic, from KTVK, to troubleshooter producer, and Kathleen Noma Carlson, from KSTP-TV Minneapolis-St. Paul, and Margaret Beardsley, from Corporation for a Cleaner Commonwealth, Boston, to associate producers. Bert Sass, anchor-reporter, KGUN-TV Tucson, Ariz., to news documentary and series producer.

Appointments, KIRO-TV Seattle: Mark Gardner, executive producer, to managing editor; Gall Neubert, producer, succeeds Gardner; Candace Kovner, producer, Corinthian