

Telecastings

CBS gets Murphy

CBS announced last week it signed comedian and film star Eddie Murphy to an exclusive three-year deal to develop, produce and perhaps star in series and specials on the network. The one exception to the exclusivity is the comedy series pilot, *Outrageous*, which the comedian developed for NBC this season. NBC has not yet decided what it will do with the pilot. The CBS deal is actually with Eddie Murphy Television Enterprises, a joint venture with Paramount that was put together two years ago when Murphy signed a multiyear deal to develop and star in theatrical films for the studio. Under the CBS deal, Murphy will produce, write and direct, but not necessarily star in the series (one firm commitment), pilots and three annual specials, said a spokeswoman for Murphy.

Theeeeeere goes Gary

Garry Shandling has decided not to renew his contract to serve as guest host of the *Tonight Show* for the 1988-89 TV season. Shandling said last week his commitments to his own program, *It's Garry Shandling's Show*, seen on Showtime and Fox Broadcasting Co., as well as an upcoming movie, "It's Garry Shandling's Movie," prevent his continuing his role as a *Tonight Show* guest host. Shandling credited his guest role stint on the program with being "a catalyst in my career." NBC said it was unclear whether Shandling would be replaced or whether the show's other regular guest host, comedian Jay Leno, would fill the void.

'NewsHour' changes

Among the fall schedule moves toward "an increased emphasis on news and public affairs," noncommercial WNET(TV) Newark, N.J. will move *MacNeill/Lehrer NewsHour* from its current 7:30-8:30 p.m. slot to 8-9 p.m. each weeknight. *NewsHour* also announced that its essayist, former NBC correspondent Roger Mudd, will add duties as Capitol Hill correspondent.

Rivera and 'reality.'

Both NBC and Geraldo Rivera have confirmed that Rivera has signed a deal to do a live, prime time "reality" special for NBC next fall, tentatively scheduled to appear immediately following the World Series. Rivera had been discussing an agreement with ABC, which the network announced, and then had to rescind after talks broke off without a deal. A spokesman for Rivera said the special would be a "news type documentary" program of between one and two hours in length. It is understood that Rivera has until the middle of next month to choose a subject for the special, which must then be approved by NBC. The special will be produced by

Investigative News Groups (Rivera's production company), in association with Tribune Entertainment Co., which distributes both his specials and his daily syndicated talk show. Rivera sought and received permission from Tribune to do the

NBC deal. Rivera, under his current agreement with Tribune, must receive that company's permission to do television projects for other program exhibitors. There is, in the NBC agreement, sources confirm, an option for Rivera to do a second special.

For the Record

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Ownership Changes

Abbreviations: AFC—Antenna For Communications; ALJ—Administrative Law Judge, alt.—alternate; ann.—announced; ant.—antenna; aur.—aural; aux.—auxiliary; ch.—channel; CH—critical hours; chg.—change; CP—construction permit; D—day; DA—directional antenna; Doc.—Docket; ERP—effective radiated power; Freq.—frequency; HAAT—height above average terrain; H&V—horizontal and vertical; khz—kilohertz; kw—kilowatts; lic.—license; m—meters; mhz—megahertz; mi.—miles; MP—modification permit; mod.—modification; N—night; pet. for recon.—petition for reconsideration; PSA—presunrise service authority; pwr.—power; RC—remote control; S-A—Scientific-Atlanta; SH—specified hours; SL—studio location; TL—transmitter location; trans.—transmitter; TPO—transmitter power output; U or unl.—unlimited hours; vis.—visual; w—watts; *—noncommercial. Six groups of numbers at end of facilities changes items refer to map coordinates. One meter equals 3.28 feet.

■ KGTW(FM) Ketchikan, AK (BAPH880526HJ; 106.7 mhz; 4 kw; HAAT: 308 ft.)—Seeks assignment of license from Media Ltd. to Gateway Broadcasting Co. for \$300,000. Seller is headed by Dennis Egan, who has no other broadcast interests. Buyer is owned by Craig O. McCaw, who also owns KJNO(AM)-KTKU(FM) Juneau, KIFW(AM) Sitka and KTKN(AM) Ketchikan, all Alaska. Filed May 26.

Actions

■ KVFD(AM) and KFTX(FM), both Fort Dodge, IA (AM: 1400 khz; 1 kw-U; FM: 92.1 mhz; 3 kw; HAAT: 300 ft.)—Seeks assignment of license from, respectively, Fort Dodge Broadcasting Inc. and Webster Broadcasters Inc. to Dodge Broadcasting Inc. for total consideration of \$875,000, with \$475,000 for KVFD and \$400,000 for

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