

In Brief

FCC Chairman James Quello said late last week that he **still had no answer for the Hill on when the commission will implement its cable rate regulations.** "We're still agonizing over it," he told BROADCASTING & CABLE. Quello hoped to meet with Senate Communications Subcommittee Chairman Daniel Inouye to gain his support for the FCC's decision to enact its new cable rules by Oct. 1. But the two never got together, and subcommittee counsel John Windhausen was pressuring the FCC to implement the rules by Aug. 1. That deadline, Quello said, would be "impossible" to meet. House Telecommunications Subcommittee Chairman Ed Markey wants the FCC to act by Sept. 1. Quello said he'll get back to Markey by tomorrow (July 20).

In an unusual move in a major mar-

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(Nelson's top ranked syndicated shows for the week ending July 4. Numbers represent aggregate rating average/stations % coverage)

1. Wheel Of Fortune	12.8/223/98
2. Star Trek	11.7/246/99
3. Jeopardy!	11.0/212/98
4. Oprah Winfrey Show	9.5/225/96
5. Married...With Children	7.3/195/97
6. Star Trek: DS 9	7.3/234/99
7. Entertainment Tonight	7.1/186/96
8. Inside Edition	6.3/170/94
9. Wheel Of Fortune wknd	6.3/187/95
10. Current Affair	6.0/182/98
11. Designing Women	5.7/202/96
12. Sally Jessy Raphael	5.7/198/93
13. Roseanne	5.6/149/93
14. Donahue	5.2/205/94
15. Hard Copy	5.2/185/93

ket, Group W's **KYW-TV Philadelphia** will soon pre-empt NBC programming with its own hour-long, weekly prime time news maga-

zine. The program, *The Bulletin with Larry Kane*, debuting Friday, July 30, at 8 p.m., is modeled loosely after *Dateline NBC* and will include in-depth coverage of local news stories. The show will pre-empt a new NBC drama, *Against the Grain*, which KYW will air over the weekend.

Attorney General Janet Reno told a group of Boston reporters last week that "what America cares most about is violence." Reno **said that excessive television violence is a factor in the increase of crime.** She suggested that Americans "should let advertisers know what they want on television."

Warner Bros. Domestic Television Distribution's **The Jane Whitney Show**, airing at 9-10 a.m. ET on WCBS-TV New York **averaged a 4.6 rating/19 share** last Thursday (NSI, July 15), beating out WABC-TV's *Live with Regis & Kathie Lee* (4.5/19) for the first time since the rookie talk show debuted in the Big Apple last October. *Whitney's* score marked a 90% improvement in share from its *CBS This Morning* lead-in (2.2/10), while *Regis & Kathie Lee's* average was a 15% decline from ABC's *Good Morning America* lead-in (5.0/22).

Ted Snider, owner of KARN(AM) Little Rock, Ark., and the Arkansas Radio Network, was named last week as the 1993 recipient of the NAB's National Radio Award, recognizing a lifetime of service to the radio industry.

Don Taffner's DLT Entertainment has sold **Shirley**, a Canadian Television talk show hosted by Shirley Solomon, to WPIX-TV New York and KCAL-TV Los Angeles. WPIX will launch the show Aug. 2 at 1 p.m., and KCAL is expected to launch it in early August as well, at midnight. DLT's syndication effort comes seven months after ABC agreed to pick up the show for its daytime lineup but then changed its mind after a number

Busy week for buyers and sellers

TV and radio station trading continued to be active last week. Clear Channel Communications signed a letter of intent to buy Fox affiliate KITN(TV) Minneapolis from Nationwide Communications. Nationwide's Ben McKeel, VP, television, said KITN was the company's only independent and that "nothing should be read into" the proposed sale concerning the company's other properties.

■ **Ellis Communications**, an Atlanta-based group formed by former Act III Broadcasting executives Bert Ellis and Ron Inman, was in the process of making several acquisition announcements. The Atlanta-based company said it would purchase Fox affiliates KAME-TV Reno and WUPW-TV Toledo, Ohio. Prices were estimated to be \$8 million and \$29 million, respectively. Ellis, whose adviser is McKinley Capital Partners, has \$50 million in equity backing from New York investment firm Kelso & Co. and a \$110 million line of credit from Banker's Trust. The company is expected to announce other acquisitions shortly, and they may include several stations from FCVS Communications ("Closed Circuit," April 19).

■ **NewTex Communications** is buying KRZR(FM) Hanford, Calif., for \$1,150,000 from Louis C. DeArias, receiver, on behalf of the KGMX Corp. Bob Sherman, former executive VP of the NBC Radio Group, is heading the deal for New York-based NewTex Communications. Broker: Kalil & Co.

■ **KRBL-FM Los Alamos, N.M.**, was sold by KRBL Broadcasting-Pinnacle Media to Plaza Broadcasting for \$650,000. The seller, headed by Nick Popravsky, has no other broadcast interests. The buyer is a group headed by Richard Bloch that recently bought KNYN-FM Santa Fe, N.M. Broker: Norman Fischer & Associates.

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