

works. Pappas also owns KMPH(TV) Fresno, Calif., and KPTM(TV) Omaha, Neb.

The Association of Independent Television Stations is asking the Justice Department to extend its antitrust immunity after protective legislation expires in December. Since June, the association has taken a stand on television violence, adopting voluntary program standards and advisory messages. All INTV members and 53 non-member independent stations have joined in the movement.

Tom and Roseanne Arnold's Wapello County Productions has entered into a multi-year exclusive production agreement with Warner Bros. Television. The pact calls for Wapello to create, develop and produce comedy series for all media under the Warner Bros. Television label. Under the deal, Warner Bros. acquires the existing first-look deal that Wapello has with ABC that includes series commitments. Comedy series in development include a project with music group En Vogue and another with comedienne Sandra Bernhard. The Arnolds will also serve as executive producers of the upcoming CBS series *Tom* starring Tom Arnold (produced in association with Warner Bros. Television).

Graff Pay-Per-View and MOR Music TV last week announced they are launching additional channels. Graff will launch SPICE 2, its second adult PPV service, and MOR Music said it will launch a multiplex of six new music channels. SPICE 2 is scheduled to start up on Feb. 2.

Cluster Television has signed an agreement with Harvey Comics Entertainment to produce and distribute a new animated weekly series based on Harvey's character Baby Huey. Plans are to offer *The Baby Huey Show* as well as 13 of the best classic theatrical shorts of Harvey characters, including Casper the Friendly Ghost and Herman & Katnip, on an all-barter basis.

Errata: John Pierce of Force Communications was omitted as one of the brokers in the sale of KXOK(AM) St. Louis in the Nov. 15 "Changing Hands."

Hundt confirmation near

It was down to the wire last week on the nomination of Reed Hundt, with sources indicating the Senate would confirm Hundt before it adjourned on Saturday (Nov. 20). Hundt's nomination had been held hostage by Senate Minority Leader Bob Dole (R-Kan.), who would not lift a hold on Hundt and other nominees until the White House filled Republican vacancies at the FCC and other government agencies. Helping to break the impasse on Hundt's nomination was the news that the White House was said to be prepared to name San Francisco attorney Rachele Chong for the FCC's Republican seat. Chong is said to have Dole's OK. However, there were last-minute reports that other candidates might still be viable, including Senate Commerce Committee Counsel Regina Keeney, Oregon PUC Chairwoman Joan Smith, Vermont public broadcaster Hope Green and former Ohio PUC member Gloria Gaylord.

WASHINGTON

Where's the beef

TCI's standing in Washington may be at an all-time low. The cable MSO took more grief last week with the release of an internal memo suggesting TCI cable operators raise service and equipment fees and blame reeregulation (see page 32). But one FCC official points out that the agency has not had any complaints about the cable operator's rates. "They don't seem to be the ones raising their rates," the official said.

ORLANDO

Ad-supported interactive

New interactive services to be offered on Time Warner's planned state-of-the-art cable system, the Full Service Network, in Orlando, Fla., will likely be supported by a dual revenue stream from subscriber fees and some sort of advertising tie-in, according to a presentation made by the company at a closed-door session last week at Goldman, Sachs & Co. Communacopia II Conference in New York. Services under consideration for some sort of advertiser tie-in include the company's just-announced News-on-Demand service.

SAN ANTONIO

River City dealmaking

Group owner River City Broadcasting is said to be close to acquiring Paramount Communications-owned

Fox affiliate KRRT(TV) San Antonio, Tex. It is expected that the deal may include River City's agreement to affiliate its remaining independents with Paramount's planned fifth network. River City has independents in Indianapolis, San Antonio (it will try to get waiver from FCC to own both if the Paramount deal goes through) and Kokomo, Ind.

WASHINGTON

EEO break

FCC commissioners are near agreement on how much to fine stations for EEO violations. The impasse on amounts was caused by Commissioner Andrew Barrett, who wanted fines higher than either Chairman James Quello or Commissioner Ervin Duggan. The resolution would break the logjam of TV station renewal applications that have been set aside for EEO deficiencies.



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