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This has got to be a FIRST. I think. A skinny magazine.

See what happens when you don't send in your reports. The columnists have nothing to send to us and thus you have nothing to read. If you all sent in one catch, one format change, one musing, you get the idea. REPORT please.

Actually a magazine this size is great for me, cause it only took us an hour to put it all together. No 4 hour sunday shift. In a way thanks. However, let's not make a habit out of this.

LOOK for the NRC Reprint list next issue. Didn't have time to get it ready for this issue.

DXChange

Wanted: Hallicrafter Panoramic Receiver, Model 8-35. [Peter Dal Corobbo, 18650 Marshfield Avenue, Homewood, IL 60430. Phone # 312-799-7837 (Home) or 312-353-1318 (work)]

For Sale: Tuning dials which, with a slight modification, can be used with the SM2. Price is \$5.00. (Dave Schmidt, 42 Chelwynne Road, Castle Hills, New Castle, DE 19720)

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Jerry Starr, c/o WHOT Radio, 4040 Simon Road, Youngstown, OH 44512

CALL LETTER CHANGES

OLD CALL:	NEW CALL:	
1090 *NEW CA OAKHURST	KTNS	
1280 WQZN ME GARDINER	WABK	* KMBY WAS SET ASIDE AND NEVER USED, STATIONS REMAINS KNZS
1340 KALY TX EL PASO	KVIV	
1450 KKPW AZ TUCSON	KFXX	
1540 KMBY CO SOQUEL	KZNS*	

APPLICATIONS FOR NEW STATIONS

610 PR PATILLAS: 1000/500 U4
1550 NM SANTA FE: 50000/400 U2 (PREVIOUS APPLICATION WITH AMENDED POWERS)

GRANTS FOR NEW STATIONS

1530 CA YUCAIPA: 50000 D3
1550 CA APPLE VALLEY: 800 D1

APPLICATIONS FROM EXISTING FACILITIES

1460 WKAM IN GOSHEN: POWER TO 2500 WATTS
1530 KGTN TX GEORGETOWN: CITY OF LICENSE TO CREEDMOOR, TX, POWER TO 35000 (3000 CH) ANTENNA TO D3
1550 WNJO NJ SEASIDE PARK: POWERS TO 10000/3500

GRANTS TO EXISTING FACILITIES

980 WBZK SC YORK: POWER TO 5000 WATTS
1090 WIBS VI CHARLOTTE AMALIE: RELOCATE XR
1110 WNAP PA NORRISTOWN: POWER TO 4800 WATTS, ANTENNA TO D3
1150 KEZB TX EL PASO: RELOCATE XR
1230 KERV TX KERRVILLE: RELOCATE XR
1460 KMWX WA YAKIMA: RELOCATE XR
1530 KKCM MN SHAKOPEE: POWER TO 8600 WATTS, RELOCATE XR
1540 KNZS CA SOQUEL: ANTENNA TO U3, RELOCATE XR

OTHERNESS

1000 WLNL NY HORSEHEADS: STATION IS ON THE AIR WITH REL
1080 WECA GA MARIETTA: SILENT STATION IS BACK ON THE AIR
1140 KPHD TX CONROE: SILENT STATION EXPECTED BACK ON THE AIR WITH INFORMATIO
1220 WXRA NY NORTH SYRACUSE: PRESENTLY OPERATING WITH 580 WATTS WHILE NEW DA ANTENNA IS BEING CONSTRUCTED, EXPECTS TO MOVE TO 1200 KHZ BY 4/1
1260 KTEE ID IDAHO FALLS: SILENT STATION IS BACK ON THE AIR
1290 WNBW MS MERIDIAN: NEW STATION IS ON THE AIR
1380 WSFL NC NEW BERN: SILENT STATION IS BACK ON THE AIR
1430 WOIR FL HOMESTEAD: SILENT STATION IS BACK ON THE AIR
WEMG TN KNOXVILLE: SILENT STATION IS BACK ON THE AIR
1440 WBCM MI BAY CITY: SILENT STATION IS BACK ON THE AIR
1540 KDYN AR OZARK: SILENT STATION IS BACK ON THE AIR
1550 *APP CA SAN JACINTO: APPLICATION FOR NEW STATION DISMISSED IN SAME ACTION GRANTING NEW STATION IN APPLE VALLEY, CA (SEE ABOVE)

TODAY'S CHRISTIAN MUSIC 89.3 FM AND 1540 AM



WHAT'S GOING ON IN TROY? A FEW ISSUES BACK WE NOTED THAT THE GRANT FOR UNBUILT WTRJ TROY, OH TO CHANGE THE FREQUENCY OF IT'S CP FROM 1510 KHZ TO 1030 KHZ HAD BEEN RECINDED AND THE CASE SENT BACK TO THE COURTS. FROM WHAT WE CAN DETERMINE FROM THIS RATHER COMPLEX MESS, THIS IS WHAT'S GOING ON. THE COURT BATTLE OVER 1030 KHZ BETWEEN APPLICANTS IN WORTHINGTON, OH AND POINT PLEASANT, WV BROUGHT WTRJ BACK INTO THE PICTURE SINCE THE WORTHINGTON STATION, IF GRANTED, WOULD AFFECT WTRJ'S MOVE TO 1030 KHZ SINCE THEY ARE QUITE CLOSE TOGETHER. SINCE THEN THE POINT PLEASANT GROUP HAS REACHED AN AGREEMENT WITH THE PEOPLE BEHIND THE WORTHINGTON APPLICATION TO DISMISS THEIR APPLICATION FOR A STATION IN WORTHINGTON. SO YOU CAN SCRATCH THE WORTHINGTON APPLICATION FROM YOUR LOG. THAT'S THE EXTENT OF THE INFO WE HAVE AT THIS TIME BUT IT WOULD APPEAR THIS MOVE WILL ALLOW BOTH TROY AND POINT PLEASANT TO BE GRANTED 1030 KHZ, BUT STAY TUNED FOR, AS THEY SAY, IT ISN'T OVER TIL IT'S OVER.

THE EXCEEDINGLY ODD CASE OF KTGG. AMS READERS WILL RECALL THE QUESTIONS RAISED OVER THE CALL KTGG BEING LICENSED TO A STATION IN SPRING ARBOR, MI, A SMALL TOWN NEAR JACKSON, MI AND OBVIOUSLY WAY TOO FAR EAST TO BE GIVEN A "K" CALL UNDER EXISTING FCC CRITERIA. WHAT WAS FIRST THOUGHT TO BE A TYPO WAS FOUND OUT BY YOUR REPORTER TO ACTUALLY BE LISTED AS A K IN THE FCC DATABASE. THE CP FOR THIS 250 WATT DAYTIMER WAS GRANTED 7-12-84 SO OBVIOUSLY THE STATION WAS NO WHERE NEAR OLD ENOUGH TO BE "GRANDFATHERED" AS WERE THE STATIONS EAST OF THE MISSISSIPPI RIVER WITH "K" CALLS ISSUED PRIOR TO THE PRESENT RULES. WE HAVE BEEN IN CONTACT WITH ED TROMBLEY WHO IS THE CHIEF ENGINEER FOR THE SPRING ARBOR COLLEGE STATIONS AND FIND THAT THE STORY HAS A FEW BIZARRE TWISTS WE HAD NEVER EXPECTED. AT THIS POINT WE QUOTE DIRECTLY THE WORDS OF MR. TROMBLEY.

"ON JULY 12, 1984 SPRING ARBOR COLLEGE WAS AWARDED A CONSTRUCTION PERMIT FOR A 250 WATT NON-DIRECTIONAL DAYTIME STATION ON 1540 KHZ...NATURALLY OUR REQUESTED CALL WAS WSAE (AM) TO MATCH OUR FM CALL. MUCH TO OUR SURPRISE THE LICENSE SAID WE WERE TO USE KTGG. THIS CALL WAS NOT REQUESTED NOR WAS IT REJECTED BY US."

COULD IT BE THAT THIS CALL WAS ISSUED BY SOME FUNCTIONARY OR SECRETARY AT THE FCC GETTING THEIR WIRES CROSSED OR MAKING A TYPO? AN OUTRAGEOUS THOUGHT BUT IT COULD VERY WELL BE THE CASE! WE NOW RAISE THE QUESTION: IF THIS CALL HAS BEEN ISSUED, EVEN THOUGHT IN ERROR, CAN IT BE RECINDED? OR, EVEN MORE OUTLANDISH, DOES THE FCC TO THIS DAY KNOW ABOUT THIS ERROR? SINCE THIS IS A VERY GOOD POSSIBILITY WE DECIDED NOT TO CALL THE FCC TO INQUIRE, NOT WANTING TO BE A PARTY TO HAVING THIS STATION LOSE ITS UNIQUE CALL IF THE ERROR WAS DISCOVERED. I KNOW THIS SOUNDS PRETTY FAR FETCHED BUT THIS WHOLE EPISODE IS FAR FETCHED. MR. TROMBLEY GAVE ME HIS PHONE NUMBER AND PROMISED TO ANSWER ANY OTHER QUESTIONS I MIGHT HAVE. SO HOLD ONTO YOUR EARPHONES, THERE MAY BE A FURTHER CHAPTER TO THIS STORY. IT WOULDN'T BE THE FIRST TIME THE FCC MADE SUCH A BONEHEAD MISTAKE. NOT TOO MANY YEARS AGO THEY ISSUED A CALL TO A NEW STATION THAT HAD ALREADY BEEN LICENSED TO ANOTHER STATION IN ANOTHER STATE FOR MANY YEARS. OF COURSE, THAT CALL HAD TO BE RECINDED. THE CALL WAS WKOG AND THE NEW STATION WAS THEN ISSUED WKGO. BUT IN THE CASE OF KTGG IF IT ACTUALLY WAS AN ERROR AS IT SEEMS WE WONDER IF IT COULD BE RECINDED. THIS CALL HAS NEVER BEEN ISSUED ELSEWHERE. THIS IS THE STUFF THAT MAKES WRITING THIS COLUMN FUN!

73 AND GOOD DX, *Jerry & BKF*

JERRY STARR & BUFFALO K. FOONMAN

THANKS TO NRCER JIM RENFREW FOR HIS CONTRIBUTIONS TO THIS EDITION OF AMS!

6 ABC Nx @ :00; frequent IDs as The Big Sumter Giant, and location as York & Livingston (KG-PA)

710 KEEL LA SHREVEPORT - 1/18 1756 it's dark outside, and Eureka!, a domestic on this freq playing the best of the 50s, 60s & 70s (moldy oldies); alone w some WGN splash (WFF-IN)

720 CHTN PI CHARLOTTETOWN - 1/9 2326 w good, but fadey signal, song Girl Watcher; 1st time on 720, ID 7-20, CHTN (WW-MA)

740 WKIS FL ORLANDO - 1/19 1736-46 good, no CBL; call-in show, Newstalk-74 alogan; ad for surplus Toyota sale; gone @ 5:45; CBL in @ 5:46 (GV-PA)

810 WJXL AL JACKSONVILLE - 1/9 1756-1801 L&C in WGY null w USRN Nx, wx for SE U.S., boast about their 1/7 snow coverage (KG-PA)

WKZN VA CROZET - 1/7 1713-15 good w WCEC/WGY; snow canx, \$off (GV-PA)

WHTS TN MURFREESBORO - 1/13 1740-45 good w WGY; C&W mx, word abt free gifts from lcl merchants (GV-PA)

820 WBAP TX FT WORTH - 1/2 2256 in briefly 4wC&W mx 4wfair signal, ID; not hrd in a long time; lost to WZYQ (WW-MA)

WZYQ MD FREDERICK - 1/2 2251 & 2310 good w C&W mx; ID Hit Country, 82-Q; back to Live at Gilley's @ 2310; Log sez 500 watts @ nite; address in log is wrong, new address is P.O. Box 1129, Frederick, MD 21701-1002; 1st-timer here (WW-MA)

830 CFJR ON BROCKVILLE - 12/29 2020 fair+poor w much background noise (WW-MA)

840 WHGH GA THOMASVILLE - 1/8 1735-45 poor w Fidel/WHAS; ad for Movies, movies, movies 'n' more @ Plantation Shopping Ctr (GV-PA)

870 WHCU NY ITHACA - 12/29 2015 strong for a few minutes, then lost in FF stns QRM; song Mother-in-Law; hrd only a few times before (WW-MA)

900 WSEA DE GEORGETOWN - 1/2 1657-1710 good in WDTV null w mix of ROK OLD & MOR; IDd as WSEA 900; ex:WJWL (KG-PA)

940 WEOC TN WARTBURG - 1/13 1738-43 C&W mx, ad for Landmark Restaurant on rte 62, folo by spe promo (GV-PA)

990 WZZD PA PHILLY - 1/14 2135 poor+good w CLS; lost to unID stn (WW-MA)

1000 WHEV NC GARNER - 1/5 1715-30 \$off; 9all w C&W mx & female anncr; full-data \$off + SSB; ex:WKBA (KG-PA)

WXWY AL ROBERTSDALE - 1/16 1809-15 \$off; weak, but in the clear w C&W mx, full-data \$off & SSB (KG-PA)

1050 WFAM GA AUGUSTA - 1/20 1650-1715 strong in WFAN null w recorded REL, ad @ :00, and This is the stn that loves the family (KG-PA)

WFAM GA AUGUSTA - 1/7 1757-1825 good w WFAN/others; GOS mx, later Verse for the day (GV-PA)

WBNC NH CONWAY - 12/28 1634 fair w WFAN; Go tell it on the mountain folo by \$off anncr (GV-PA)

1070 KHND MO HANNIBAL - 1/15 1717 in w Stars & Strikes bowling rpt sponsored by something in Bowling Green; ments of Moberly, Mexico, Hannibal (don't you love small town rx?); in WIBC null & WWI-1080 splash (WFF-IN)

1120 WOGM TN MARYVILLE - 12/31 1730 rose to strong level @ \$off w SSB, followed by clear ID by NRCer Steve Francis (KG-PA)

WDUF VA DUFFIELD - 1/15 1737-45 \$off; w strong w C&W GOS songs, female anncr; full-data \$off + SSB; now 1000 watts (KG-PA)

1140 WRVA VA RICHMOND - 12/29 2006 strong w end of mx & talk show called Viewpoint (WW-MA)

WQBA FL MIAMI - 1/19 1752-55 fair, w weak WRVA; mx in SS (GV-PA)

1180 WHLX KY FLORENCE - 12/29 1701-15 \$off; strong in WHAM null w financial mkt rpt & ad, folo by STD memories mx 'til \$off (KG-PA)

1200 KYOO MO BOLIVAR - 1/16 1800 just caught ID, --00, Bolivar/Springfield net rx (didn't note which one as was too thrilled 'bout picking up new one-hi); new stne rolling in today like the melting snow (WFF-IN)

1260 WMJI OH CLEVELAND - 1/7 2149-2236 9all w ROK mx, clustered ads, frequent Magic 105.7 IDs; ment of AM @ :00 only; ex:WBBG (KG-PA)

WMCH TN CHURCH HILL - 1/15 1744 fair w \$off anncr; said stn is member of TN Assn of Broadcasters, SSB folo (GV-PA)

1290 WCHY GA SAVANNAH - 1/9 1726-36 9all w C&W mx back-to-back, female DJ, Y-94 IDs (KG-PA)

1310 WNAE PA WARREN - 1/13 1714 w ad for something in Warren; pwr cut? @ 1715; log sez day only, but went off in middle of an ad, so suspect is now on @ nite or PSSA pwr; 1st-timer, but won't count wao little info (WFF-IN)

WDOO TN CHATTANOOGA - 1/11 1803-05 mx, promo sez Best Contests, Best Prizes, Best Music (GV-PA)

W TTL KY MADISONVILLE - 1/11 1755-1810 good w WDOO; ABC Nx folo by W TTL award-winning Bluegrass mx (GV-PA)

W TTL KY MADISONVILLE - 1/15 1806-15 fair w WICH/others; KY Net Nx, The Rest of the Story, & ad for F. D. Jones Co (GV-PA)

1330 WHLT GA DUBLIN - 1/19 1813-24 good w unID SS; AC mx, ad for Jo-Jo's Burgers & Biscuits, ment of contest wher WHLT pays your electric bill (GV-PA)

1370 WDEF TN CHATTANOOGA - 1/15 1745 ad for lcl Chrysler dir, then This is AM-1370, WDEF; faded soon after; in WLTH null, WSPD/KDTH not in yet; 1st-timer here (WFF-IN)

1380 WWSA AL VERNON - 1/18 1729 out of hospital rpt w this is Vernon Country Radio, WWSA, Vernon/Sumiton, AL-C&W mx; now that's stretching it, Sumiton is abt 60 miles away, maybe it was Sulligent? (WFF-IN)

1390 WXTX SC CHARLESTON - 12/29 2009 good in mess w 1390 WXTX Charleston in middle of BB game, or was it FB?; 1st time noted w this call; ex:WCSB (WW-MA)

WTJS TN JACKSON - 1/16 1749-54 fair+good @ times with college BKB (Memphis State @ Tulsa on the Memphis St Radio Net); ad for car dir in Jackson, otherwise couldn't ID for sure; 1st timer in WSCI null, 9unID C&W, KJPW? (WFF-IN)

1420 CJMT PQ CHICOUTIMI - 12/29 2018 strong w FF tik (WW-MA) (How the heck do they pronounce Chicoutimi?-WRH)

1430 WMNC NC MORGANTON - 1/4 1700-15 way 9all w CBS Nx, local mx, spe, & radar wx (KG-PA)

WMMH VA ASHLAND - 1/10 1709-18 9all w REL songs, promo for Focus on the Family, & anncr of pregnancy counselling for HS girls; ex:WIVE (KG-PA)

1460 CKRB PQ ST GEORGES DE BEAUCE - 12/29 2025 w FF music (WW-MA)

WJYA GA BUFORD - 1/13 1733-46 9all w GA Radio Nx, wx, personal finance advise, & Great American STD mx; IDs as Joy, WJYA (KG-PA)

1540 KXEL IA WATERLOO - 1/14 2104 good signal behind WFTB; w clear ID (WW-MA) (Have noted these guys quite regular lately, too; may be spruced up the XR or Antenna-WRH)

WECZ PA PUNKSUTAWNEY - 12/29 1625-45 \$off; strong w EZL mx, ad, nr headlines & satellite wx @ :30; QRM from WMDO @ \$off (KG-PA)

1560 WAGL SC LANCASTER - 1/15 1737 w last look @ the wx on Waggle Country+C&W on Carolina's Best Country (WFF-IN)

1580 WPGC MD MORNINGSIDE - 1/16 1715 w \$off, WPGC-FM 95.5 invite, so is not on @ nite, yet (WFF-IN)

REPORTERS:

WW-MA William Wyllie//Franklin, MA//Realistic Modulaire 2200 w/built-in ant
 JB-Cruise1 Jim Boehm//St Johns, Antigua//Superadio II
 JB-Cruise2 Jim Boehm//Willemsstad, Curacao, Netherlands West Indies
 JB-Cruise3 Jim Boehm//90 miles off west coast of Nicaragua
 WFF-IN Wendell Ford//Westville, IN//ICF-2010
 KG-PA Kermit Geary//Walnutport, PA//HQ-180, R389, HRO; Lws, SM2
 GV-PA George Vanish//Trucksville, PA//Caradio; RF-2200 + LW
 BH-NJ Bob Harrison//Union, NJ//Superadio
 RUGG Andy Rugg//Nuns Island, PQ//Superadio II

UK Plans Spectrum Auctions, 73, Bill

Radio Deregulation Drive

Up To 500 New Commercial Stations Expected

British government officials have announced plans to auction broadcast spectrum as part of a revolutionary shakeup of commercial radio broadcasting. The move is believed to mark the first attempt anywhere in the world to sell commercial radio frequencies to the highest bidder.

commercial broadcasters on grounds that it would not properly serve the public interest.

Home Secretary Douglas Hurd said the government plans to offer listeners across the country more choice by introducing the United Kingdom's first national commercial service with up to three frequencies being made available to the highest bidders. In addition, the government plans legislation that would deregulate broadcasting and authorize up to 500 new radio stations.

Radio One pop service is unlikely owing to requirements for applicants to provide a "diverse program service."

The development of commercial radio broadcasting in England lags considerably behind that in the United States, with only about two dozen commercial stations serving a population in excess of 60 million. Under current British law, Americans may be allowed to purchase up to 49% of any broadcast property in the UK.

"All these services will be free of the existing constricting statutory requirements which have applied to independent local radio. They will instead be subject to light regulation designed to protect the consumer rather than direct the broadcaster," Hurd told the British House of Commons last week. However, according to British industry sources, a new commercial challenger to the dominant BBC

FCC Chairman Dennis Patrick, as well as his predecessor Mark Fowler, have proposed limited spectrum auctions of non-broadcast frequencies in the United States as a revenue-raising measure. Trade groups such as the NAB have resisted such auctions for

Disc jockey fired after racial jokes

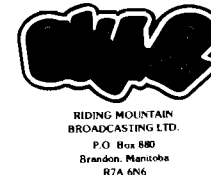
PITTSFIELD, Mass. (AP) - A disc jockey has been fired for making racial jokes on the air on Martin Luther King Jr. Day, WBEC-FM radio announced Thursday.

Announcer Frank C. Turck, known as "Captain Turck," was fired Tuesday, a day after he opened his live show with the remark "It's Martin Luther King Day. Let's break out the watermelon and fried chicken," according to WBEC Program Director Patrick Ryan.

Later in the program, Ryan said, Turck poked fun at the civil rights leader's "I have a dream" speech.

"He crossed over the fine line in broadcasting as far as taste is concerned and it was the last straw," Ryan said.

The program director said Turck had been repeatedly warned about ethnic and racial comments in his three months with the station. Fred Vorse



Nancy Hardy, 2301 Pacific Avenue, Aberdeen, WA 98520

Where IS everyone this week??? It can't be that no one out west here is DX'ing. Send a DXD-West report and let everyone know what is being heard. Deadlines are weekly through February, and March 12 & 26.

MIDDAY TO MIDNIGHT

- 1230 KZZR OR BURNS - 1/6 1955-2000 excellent with country music, ID at 2000 by woman & into ABC-I News. Only second time heard. (NH)
- 1340 KSGR ID NAMP-BOISE - 1/6 2035 oldie followed by ID, good with local KXRO-1320 sloop nulled. New. (NH-WA)
- 1450 KAYO WA ABERDEEN - 1/15 2330 completely silent until sometime 1/22, hit by lightning. Not noticed by us until written up in local paper 1/19! (BH-WA)

MIDNIGHT TO MIDDAY

- 1460 KWFN CA SANTA ROSA - 1/22 1053 atop KMMX, item about possible strike by Golden Gate Transit, "on W-F-N," two oldies, W-F-N bumper sticker promo, oldie instrumental, KWFN legal ID & into UPI News 1100. "W-F-N" slogan might be "W-Fun," hard to tell from tape playback. Local KAYO-1450 off. Ex-KQTE, format change from Music of Your Life. (BH-WA)

The "hardy" reporters:

BH-WA/Bill Hardy, Aberdeen, WA/FRG-7, Radio West loop
 NH-WA/Nancy Hardy, Aberdeen, WA/FRG-7, Radio West loop

Slain WTEL chief was dead 3 days

By Bridgett M. Davis
 and Andrew Hussie
 Special to The Inquirer

The general manager of radio station WTEL-AM in Cheltenham Township, whose body was found Sunday afternoon in his second-floor office, had been dead three days, police said yesterday.

Thomas W. Holtkamp, 51, of Jenkintown, was probably killed New Year's morning, judging from the condition of the body, said Cheltenham police Lt. Robert C. Krauser.

Raul Delgado, 52, sales manager and program director for the station at 1349 Cheltenham Ave., said he had been searching for Holtkamp since Saturday morning, when the general manager failed to pick up relatives who had arrived at Philadelphia International Airport from Detroit.

Delgado said police found the body about 4:45 p.m. Sunday after one of the station's disc jockeys called him to say he suspected that a body was lying on the floor of Holtkamp's locked office.

"He looked under the crack of the door and saw a shadow, and he called me and I called police," Delgado said yesterday. Delgado said he had driven Holtkamp's brother and sister, who had flown in from Detroit, to the station for interviews with Cheltenham detectives.

The station had been operating throughout the weekend, with disc jockeys on the air from 6 a.m. to 10 p.m. each day, according to Rene Toledo, the station's news director. The studio is at the rear of the building, at a distance from Holtkamp's office.

Police found Holtkamp's body lying face-up in a pool of blood. He had received several blows to the head, and there was evidence of a struggle.



Thomas W. Holtkamp
 Body found in radio station

they said. An autopsy at Abington Memorial Hospital showed that he died from strangulation and multiple injuries to the head, according to Montgomery County Deputy Coroner Ken Blawitt.

Cheltenham Detective Jacob Gerhart said yesterday that police had not yet determined whether the doors to the station were locked Friday morning, when the slaying probably occurred. The doors are normally kept locked, news director Toledo said.

Cheltenham police said they be-

lieved that robbery was the motive for the slaying. They have declined to say whether they believe Holtkamp was killed by someone who knew him or who had access to the station.

Investigators are searching for Holtkamp's 1985 Lincoln Continental, which was stolen along with other items they declined to identify.

The car was described as a tan and gray four-door sedan with license plate number NUE-288.

Born in Detroit, Holtkamp, a bachelor who had once studied for the priesthood, had worked for the station for 14 months. He lived at the Beaver Hill South Apartments in Jenkintown.

Delgado, who has worked at the station 25 years, said Holtkamp was active in the Hispanic community.

"You couldn't meet any nicer person than him. He was more of a friend than a boss to us," said Delgado. "Everyone at the radio station was shocked."

The station, 860-AM, has specialized in ethnic programming for 60 years.

Montgomery County and Cheltenham Township detectives are conducting a joint investigation. ■

K•TALK AM63

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 SALT LAKE CITY, UTAH 84119

VIA TONY
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404-873-2785, BEFORE 2300 ELT

Times are GMT

For ELT subtract 5 hours.

Deadline: Monday

- 620 ANTIGUA St John's good on 1/10 1700-1730 w/songs by Frank Sinatra. This was heard at Nizao, some 42 kms southwest of Santo Domingo by nulling out RTVD. (Objio)
- 750 NICARAGUA R. Sandino xint w/live futbol o/WSB 0240 1/20. (Renfrew)
- 780 COLOMBIA R. Almirante heard u/WBBM and Ecos del Torbe with local ads and local and CARACOL IDs 0130 1/20. (Renfrew)
- 850 PUERTO RICO WABA San Juan as a local station at Nizao at 0818 on 1/10, ID'ing as "Super Ochenticinco" (Super 85). (Objio)
- 870 COLOMBIA Mar Caribe, Barranquilla, also from Nizao at 1824 on 1/10, as a local stn in this place. (Objio)
- 880 PUERTO RICO R. Voz, W802 Sabana Grande, very good with pop mx, ID at 1829 on 1/18. (Objio)
- 960 NETHERLANDS ANTILLES R. 9-60 (Radio Nueva Sesenta), Oranjestad, Aruba. ID this way at 1905, they did not say Radio Victoria as it has been named, I don't know if they have changed name. With religious programs in SS, regularly in EE. Very good on 1/10. (Objio)
- 1035 PORTUGAL Lisbon R. Comercial 0110 1/2 PP talk then mx, very weak. (Purdue)
- 1040 CUBA R. Moscow in EE with news and features 2305-2345 1/19. Poor u/WHO. (Renfrew)
- 1120 PUERTO RICO stn heard IDing as La Gran W, I did not hear any other ID but I think it must be the one in Hatillo as their call letters are WMSW, with pop mx, also heard on 1/10 in the afternoon. (Objio)
- 1315 DOMINICAN REPUBLIC an explanation to readers of WRTH 88: I reported the stn on this frequency - R. Bani on the new freq of 810 as they were assigned this new freq and the owner told me that the change was to be done on Nov. 21 but so far they haven't made the change, so they are still here. (Objio)
- 1545 DOMINICAN REPUBLIC La Voz de la Romana, heard on this frequency on 1/10 moved from 1540, also at Nizao. (Objio)
- 1560 HAITI La voix du Sud, this seems to be a new stn, it ID this way on 1/10 in FF, they in SS there came an ID as La Voz de la Esperanza (The Voice of Hope) but I think this is a recorded religious program usually played in religious stations. The ID was weak but understandable in the middle of, or between 1550 R. Enriquillo and 1565 R. Amanecer (this one avoiding GRM from Turks and Caicos too strong for them in 1570). No location was heard but probably Aux Cayes as this city is the capital city of the department du Sud. (Objio)

Ronald Purdue - Byron, MN FR68800, 130' LW, tuner
 Jim Renfrew - Rochester, NY HQ150, SMI

NBC Seeks to Sell Entire Radio Group; 'Limited Number' of Firms Are in Talks

By DENNIS KNEALE
 Staff Reporter of THE WALL STREET JOURNAL

NEW YORK—General Electric Co.'s National Broadcasting Co. unit said it is in preliminary talks with "a limited number of companies" to sell its entire radio group, the business on which NBC was founded.

The sale of NBC's radio group would take it out of a business it has been in since the company's formation in 1926. The sale would be a switch of strategy for NBC, which had first said it would "reconfigure" its radio business by selling some stations and purchasing others.

NBC's radio group includes a total of eight stations. The company soon will close on the previously announced \$11 million sale of WMAQ-AM in Chicago. Currently, NBC is in separate talks with a potential buyer about the sale of WKYS-FM in Washington, said Randall D. Bongarten, president of NBC's radio division. Consultants say that station is NBC's single most profitable station.

Play ball: Detroit radio station WCSX is initiating a petition drive to save Tiger Stadium — complete with a song, "Big Cheekered Cab," sung to the tune of "Big Yellow Taxi" by Joni Mitchell. "Baseball just wouldn't be baseball in Detroit if it wasn't played in Tiger Stadium," said general manager Tom Bender in announcing the drive, which begins Monday. But perhaps the station song says it best:



"We've seen Verno's, Stroh's and Olympia Stadium crumble,
 And it'll break our hearts if you miss with Michigan & Trumbull."

Country's Best

 AM 1460 FM 102

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Yeah ... I know, I know, only three Musings this week. I should check with the mailman to see if he's holding back, right?

Well, should you tear yourself away from tonight's intensive DX session, your next deadline will be Feb. 20, for your DX or other radio memories, followed by Feb. 27 and offerings from former/present NRC officers/editors. I'm really looking forward to that one; I'd like to hear from those who served faithfully and then retired quietly. Well, for now, let's get on with it!

Rambling and Scrambling

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I agree with Mike Hardester that NRC and IRCA members do not send "impolite" reception reports. In fact, I believe it is within the bounds of both clubs to discharge any member so doing! (Which I hope they've done -pls) Therefore I, too, feel it unnecessary to ask members to send a "polite" report.

Wendell Ford asks if the listing CKO, Pointe Claire PQ on 1470 is a typo. Not at all - it is currently, at least, the only station in the CKO all-news network on AM. They bought out the facilities of old CFOX many years ago. They're heard here from time to time in the wee hours. Chris Cuomo's listing of CFLX-960 should be CFFX, "Sea-Fox", they call themselves, as old CFOX-1470 used to do. I believe Greg Coniglio's 1530 "Shadow Traffic" station would be either WDJZ-CT or WJDM-NJ, as "Shadow Traffic" is carried by many stations in the NY-NJ-CT area.

I enjoyed Tony Fitzherbert's profile of WCNW-OH, especially since many years ago, in the late '30's, old WCNW was located five blocks from my home in Brooklyn, NY, on Flatbush Avenue - 'twas the first radio station over which I spoke! They were 250/100 on 1500 kc/s then, sharing time with WRRL. They later became WLIB and moved to 1190 - at my suggestion, I might add, but with no reiteration or even a "thank you for the suggestion." At the time, WRRL was fighting for unlimited time and were nit-picking for alleged violations by WCNW hoping to get their license revoked - they claimed WCNW wasn't sticking to their assigned 250 w daytime power but were actually running 272 w! So I suggested to WCNW to apply for the then-free spot of 1190, right after the reallocation took place in March of 1941. They did. (You deserve a medal for that deed plus for giving away a DX'able frequency, Ernie! -pls)

There jjust has to be a story behind the use of "EW" for John Wilkins in DDXD-West - let us in on it, please? Edwin Headley's FF on 810 for c&w has to be CJVA-NB which seems to be in FF 100% of the time. I vaguely recall the days of Fr. Coughlin on radio - he spoke on Sunday afternoons around 1930 or so - I say vaguely because my father wouldn't let me listen to him, hi!

I have a new plague here to ruin twilight and evening DX'ing. I believe it is being cause by a fluorescent light in the house next door where a man of about 92 lives alone. It goes on about a half-hour before dark and stays on till he goes to bed. I'm still trying to figure out how to approach him about my problem - he's kind of grouchy and unreasonable. I hope I never get like that! (I feel like 92 and get grouchy and unreasonable every day after my fifth hour class, Ernie! -pls) Forward - March!

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Greetings all ... Parker W. Fennelly, known for many years as Titus Moody on Radio's Fred Show, and most recently as the bespectacled Yankee spokesperson for Pepperidge Farms baked goods, has died at the age of 96. He had been residing in Quaker Hill, CT ... Dick Bartley's Solid Gold syndicated show has moved from United Stations Radio Networks to Westwood One Radio Networks .. WFAN's initial results in he ratings have been disappointing. The listenership has dropped from WHN's 2.8 last spring, 2.3 during the summer, and currently 1.2. All-sports programming doesn't seem to be working. Maybe this new format will take time to develop. It certainly would help if the sports teams in the Big Apple were having more productive seasons ... It is also interesting to note that WYNY-FM, which switched to c&w at the same time, went up from a 1.6 share to a 2.7 share in the book ... The FCC has to give preference in awarding licenses to minorities and women's groups, so says the U. S. Court of Appeals, thus short-circuiting the lottery tiebreaker procedures ... Gary Dee has departed WMCA to return to Cleveland, this time on WWWE. He had formerly been heard on WHK and WERE ... WJBR in Wilmington, DE is now operating fulltime ... Former KOVR-TV news anchor George Redding has joined KKSA-AM ... WRKO has edged out WBZ as the top AM'er in Boston, followed by AM'ers WEEL, WHDH, WILD, WMEX, and WSSH ... Westwood One Radio Networks is quite pleased, having won the rights to airing "The Lost Lennon Tapes". A weekly one-hour show will be aired, culled from hundreds of hours of John Lennon's never-before heard music and interviews ... Numbers-types should note that Canada has 422 AM radio stations, 71 of which are CBC-owned and operated outlets. Also included in the breakdown are 309 independent stations, 18 CBC indie affiliates, 13 school stations, 6 ethnic stations, 4 community outlets, 1 native and 1 remote community outlet ... The Republic of Ireland currently has pending in their congress legislation to grant licenses to 225

independent radio stations. Some provisions include: 100 stations with an 8- to 10-mile range, called community stations, and 100 stations with a 2- to 5-mile range, called neighborhood stations. Opportunities will also be made for the estimated 70 currently operating pirate stations to apply for licenses. The government would allow current pirates to operate until approximately two weeks before the switch is to occur. Apprehended pirates operating after the cutoff would be fined \$60,000 and/or 2 years in jail ... so much for now.

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I am back in college, so no DX lately. Last month, I received a new station, WJOR-1040 St. Joseph, TN, and they sent me a v/1. They serve N. AL with gospel and c&w and they run 2,500 w. from SRS to SSS.

Radio and Records had a short article about a new book about Mexican radio. The book is entitled Border Radio and is by Gene Fowler and Bill Crawford. It can be had for \$18.95 from Texas Monthly Press - Box 1569 - Austin, TX 78765, phone (512) 476-7085. Although not having a copy of this book, the article stated that it gives the histories and programming of the Mexican border stations in the good ole days I ordered the book and will comment on it after I read it. The publisher puts out an excellent, in-depth magazine called Texas Monthly, and it is about all things colorful in the Big Ole State of Texas. Local WHIE-1320 expanded their hours until 0011 with c&w and on Sun. eves BBo (?? -pls) So goodbye 1320 forever.

Newsman in trouble for interview remarks

NEW YORK (AP) - A news anchorman apologized to television viewers after he was suspended for a combative interview in which he told a formerly homeless woman she would probably be dead if the city hadn't forced her into a hospital.

John Roland told viewers in a taped apology aired Wednesday by WNYW-TV that "for the first time in 23 years on the air, I let emotion replace the objectivity that I am known for. For that I am deeply sorry."

Roland conducted the interview on the station's "10 O'clock News" Tuesday night with Joyce Brown, who was released earlier that day after 84 days in the psychiatric wing at Bellevue Hospital Center.

Miss Brown was the first person forced into a hospital under a city program to treat the mentally ill homeless, but was released after a judge ruled doctors could not force her to take medication.

Roland, an anchorman with the station since 1972, said during the

eight-minute interview: "You say that the only thing that was wrong with you was that you were homeless. I walked by you almost every day. You used to talk to yourself."

"You used to run out on Second Avenue in front of cars. ... You would defecate on the sidewalk. You would urinate on the sidewalk. You're saying the only thing wrong with you was you were homeless?"

Miss Brown, hospitalized against her will after living near a heating vent on 65th Street and Second Avenue, replied, "The reason why I urinated on the sidewalk was because I had nowhere to go."

Roland also told Miss Brown, "I'm betting that if the city did not do what it did for you, that you would be dead by now." A statement released by the station said Roland had been suspended because "his emotions prevailed over objectivity."

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* WKBZ-FM

* WPBK-1490

LAKEWOOD DRIVE

MUSKEGON (10 miles)

WHITEHALL DOWNTOWN

WHAT TO LOOK FOR: A 400' tower (that's tall for 1490!) just south of a 320' tower for the FM, easily visible from US-31.

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