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IT'S GOOD TO BE THE KING. . . Mel Karmazin becomes the unquestioned #1 at CBS on New Year's Day. That's when current Chairman/CEO Michael Jordan retires (at age 62). (We'll call Wednesday's surprise announcement the "Karmazin Early Retirement Plan.") Karmazin will claim the CEO job, though the Board will choose a new Chairman before year-end. Karmazin joined CBS in January 1997 after engineering the Infinity Broadcasting-CBS merger. In April he became President/COO of parent CBS Corp. Lots of questions: Can Karmazin still oversee everything, including CMT/Nashville Network and CBS Radio? Can he do anything about the real boat anchor on the balance sheet, the CBS TV Network? And can Karmazin lift the CBS stock price, while launching the Infinity IPO?

GIVE 'TIL IT HURTS. . . The new Catholic Radio Network digs deep but can't come up with all the cash it needs to close on Children's Broadcasting stations in ten markets. So Radio Unica steps in to claim stations in the New York, Dallas and Phoenix markets. Details on John Lynch's unanswered prayers, and lots more radio news inside this week's M Street Journal.

FORMAT CHANGES & UPDATES

(# change accompanies new ownership) (// simulcast)

		<u>formerly</u>	<u>becomes</u>
AL Butler (Meridian)	WKZB-93.5	hot AC	ABC - classic rock
	(WKZB is adding John Boy and Billy for mornings)		
Smiths (Columbus)	WBFA-101.3	# new	CHR "B-101"
	(WBFA is now a combo with WVRK, WAGH, WGSY, WMLF and WPNX)		
CA Susanville	KSUE-1240	oldies	talk
	(KSUE will keep some oldies mornings and evenings)		
FL Trenton	WDJY-101.7	country	adds WW1 - country
ID Burley	KBSY-88.5*	new	news & talk // KBSX
IL Freeport	WFRL-1570	talk	ABC - adult standards
KY Carlisle (Lexington)	WVCM-92.1	100.7, religion	MGS - cont. Christian
LA Blanchard (Shreveport)	KRVQ-102.1	new	oldies "River 102"
	(KRVQ is in an LMA with AC KSYR)		
Maurice (Lafayette)	KFXZ-106.3	gospel/R&B/ethnic	black gospel
Monroe	KMLB-1440	talk	adds JRN - standards
	(KMLB adds Jones' Music of Your Life overnights)		
MN Worthington	KITN-93.5	# country/AC/oldies	country "The Kitten"
	(KITN is now in a combo with talk KWOA and AC KWOA-FM)		
Worthington	KWOA-FM-95.1	adult contemporary	adds ABC - AC
Albuquerque	KZSS-610	motivational talk	talk & AP - news
	(Imus will stay on for mornings)		
Santa Fe (Albuq.)	KLSK-104.1	classic rock	classic hits "Eagle"
MO Malden	KMAL-92.9	adult contemporary	WWI - adult contemporary
NC Black Mountain (Ash.)	WTZK-1350	talk	reported silent
	(WTZK expects to return with a new format before the end of the year)		
Fairview (Asheville)	WTZY-880	# talk // WTZK	talk
	(WTZY is in an LMA-to-buy with AC WMXF, classic rock WQNS & CW WHCC)		
Wilmington	WMNX-97.3	urban	adds ABC's - Banks
OK Perry	KVCS-1020	# country	KOKP, JRN - classic CW
Stillwater	KSPI-FM-93.7	adult alternative	adds JRN - adult alt.
	(KSPI-FM picks up Jones' Rock Alternative for nights)		
Tulsa	KAKC-1300	talk & sports	ZRN - Spanish AC
	(Look for the new "La Bonita" on November 15th)		

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