



# STREET TALK®

## Talkin' WABC/NY PD Blues

**S**T's all-seeing eyes in the WABC/NY hallways have noticed several candidates interviewing for the Talk station's open PD position, including WJR/Detroit PD Phil Boyce, ex-WPRO-AM/Providence GM Ron St. Pierre, and WLS-AM & FM/Chicago OM Drew Hayes.

You might've noted that all those stations are — like WABC — owned by Capital Cities/ABC. (Small wonder pavement palaver votes this the gig most likely to go to a company insider.) And maybe that's why former WFAN/NY PD/current ESPN Radio staffer Mark Mason is considered the dark horse in the race.

ST hears that exiting MCA Sr. VP/Promo Bruce Tenenbaum is already considering three serious offers, some of which include part-ownership.

And ... with Capitol Sr. VP/Nat'l. Promo John Fagot now Hollywood-bound, what's up with Capitol Sr. Dir./Nat'l. Promo Jeffrey Blalock?

Iran-Contra figure and unsuccessful U.S. Senate candidate Ollie North's radio deal has been sealed, with Greater Media's WWRC-AM/Washington set to be the flagship station. The show will be syndicated by Salem Radio Networks and will air live from 3-6pm EST, starting March 13.

### Rumors

- Is current KSOL/SF (and former WPLJ/NY) PD Larry Berger up for the soon-to-be vacant PD slot at crosstown WMXV/NY? Could a '70s format be in the mix?
- Is KDWB/Minneapolis APD/MD Rob Morris the front-runner for Mark Bolke's soon-to-open PD slot?
- Are Richie Balsbaugh, Steve Rivers, and Pyramid Broadcasting contemplating moving AC WBUF/Buffalo back to Rhythmic CHR? Could this go down next week?
- Will the new Zoo Nat'l Alternative promo dude be Doug Ingold, Thomas Westfall, or Gary Splvack?
- Despite what you might've read on a cocktail napkin, WSSX/Charleston has NOT gone CHR. It'll remain Hot AC under PD Rich Bailey.
- Is WMXQ/Birmingham APD/MD John Newsom the prime candidate to replace exiting PD Mark St. John? Will the station continue its evolution to Adult CHR?
- Will AC WMXN/Norfolk segue to NAC real soon? Will there be new calls and WQCD/NY APD/MD Steve Williams consulting, too?
- Will KEDG/Las Vegas PD John Griffin return to KZHT/Salt Lake City — this time as PD? Meanwhile, (KZHT duopoly sister) KUTQ afternoon driver Brian Fox is doing interim PD duties for both stations.
- Why was Elektra VP/Pop Promo Val DeLong recently spotted in the Village buying a lava lamp?
- What major East Coast CHR personality has been approached about becoming the West Coast's king of morning drive?
- Is the deal for Ken Stevens to sell KIOC/Beaumont, TX to Bill Sherrod completely kaput?
- Is former WJMN/Boston afternoon driver Eric Anderson up for another major-market gig, this time involving programming?

### 11th R&R Grammy Contest Winners

**First Prize:** AC WHUD-FM/Peekskill, NY AMD/midday maven Tom Furci, who guessed right in 10 out of 12 categories and won the Denon five-disc CD changer w/remote.

**Second Prize:** Banner Radio's Robert Kilgore. The radio rep firm's NYC-based executive assistant took home the Sharp CD boom box/dual cassette deck.

**Third Prize:** Cable radio service Digital Music Xpress MD Dave Sloan walked off with the Vivitar 35mm camera w/auto-focus, auto-zoom, and carrying case.

Congratulations to all our winners — and to all who played the game. See ya next year.

WXTR/Washington's 14-year history of playing '60s Gold ended Thursday (3/2) as the Liberty Broadcasting station segued to a '70s Gold presentation. WXTR PD Roy Laurence gives way on an interim basis to Liberty PD Cary Pall and WMXB-FM/Richmond PD Steve Davis.

Down the road apiece, WDCK/Richmond shifts from '60s to '70s Gold as well.

### Programming Changes

There's been an "amicable" split between Viacom Lite AC WLT/Detroit and PD Jeff Silvers.

Meanwhile, CHR KDWB/Minneapolis PD Mark Bolke resigns, telling ST "it was time to move on and explore other opportunities both in and outside of the business."

Furthermore, NAC KACD/L.A. PD Monica Logan-Thomas has left the building. Manon Hennesey becomes acting PD. ST also hears a segue to AC may be in the works.

And ... KUFJ/San Jose PD Larry Sharp is o-u-t, now that the station's been duopolized by KSJO, whose PD (Dana Jang) adds the 'UFX PD duties.

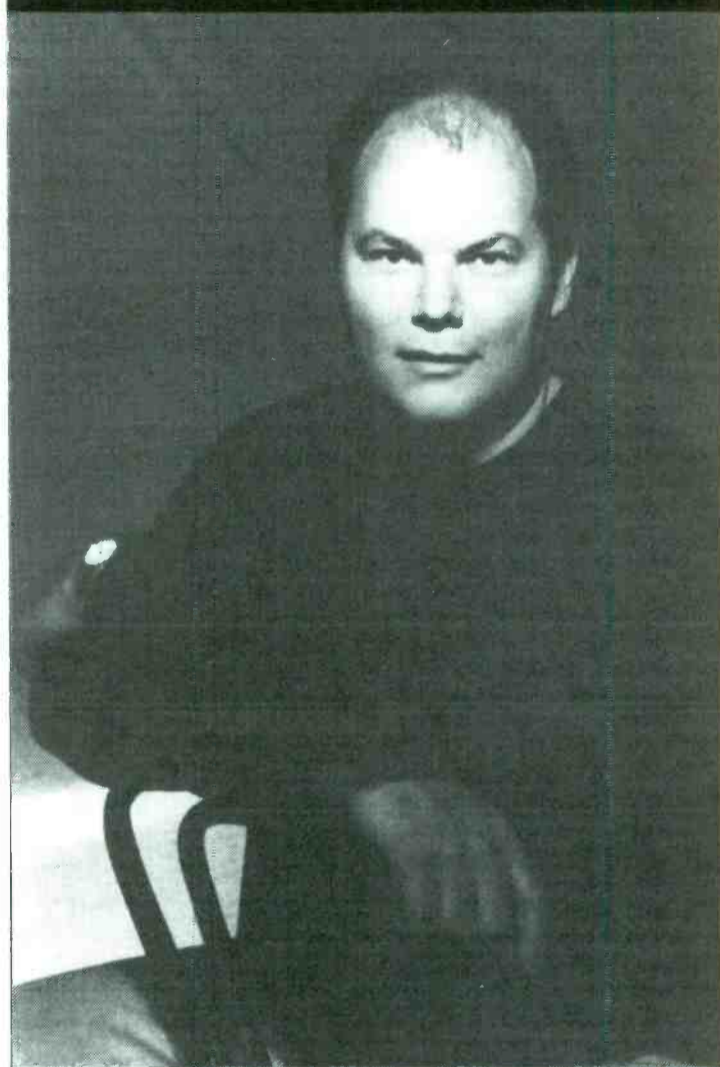
Douglas Broadcasting flips its L.A. triplecast from Asian to Sports/Talk "Sportsmax 107.1 FM." The three Class A FMs (KMAX-FM/Arcadia, KBAX-FM/Fallbrook, and KAXX-FM/Ventura) share the same frequency and claim their coverage stretches from Santa Barbara to La Jolla.

New PD is Reginald Utley, most recently MD/Production Mgr. for the trio. He replaced Bernice Ramirez.

WWKZ/Tupelo, MS PD/morning dude Joe Bob Canada is the subject of a federal grand jury investigation into child pornography. According to AP accounts, a New Orleans TV reporter pretending to be a 13-year-old boy trolled America Online until he found an

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