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It was a huge story last week as **Best Buy** announced the closing of 110 **Sam Goody** and **Suncoast** stores around the U.S. The 110 closed stores represent 5 percent of the retailer's laggard **Musicland** division — which now includes about 740 Sam Goody stores, 387 Suncoast stores and 76 Media Play locations, which sell music, movies and books. CEO and Vice Chairman **Brad Anderson** told the *Minneapolis Tribune*, "We're looking at all alternatives in relationship to Musicland." As you may have heard, the music industry is off another 10% in 2002...and the largest segment of the market, CD units, were off 7 per cent. While the industry points a guilty finger at downloading as the main culprit for the downturn in music sales, the overall economy and the proliferation of alternative entertainment media should shoulder a large part of the blame, as well. And all this hasn't boded well for the company that industry pioneer **Amos Heilcher** founded 5 decades ago in Minneapolis, a company sold to Best Buy in 2000 for \$685 million. So what will happen to all those Musicland stores? The Musicland business is being folded into Best Buy's domestic operations. Musicland President **Kevin Freeland** has resigned, and his position was eliminated. It's not known whether the integration will result in layoffs at headquarters, but insiders are certain the layoffs will eventually happen. How healthy has Musicland been? Sales at Musicland stores open at least 14 months — the company's key indicator known as same-store sales — declined nearly 15 percent in December. Best Buy domestic stores posted a 2.1 percent same-store sales increase last month, while its stores in Canada rose 3.5 percent. According to the Star Tribune, the retailer plans to focus on its Best Buy superstore format, opening up to 85 locations in the U.S. and Canada in the upcoming fiscal year...which it will be more capable of doing by eliminating the aforementioned burden of Musicland.

Arbitron has issued a "special notice" and strong warning to **Infinity's** WBBM-FM/Chicago in reference to comments made on air on November 13, 2002. On that date, morning host **Joe Bohannon** (a.k.a. "**JoBo**") responded to a listener email asking how ratings work, and reportedly asked listeners to listen longer, so B-96.3 would do better in the upcoming ratings report. Full penalties could have included WBBM-FM's elimination from the Fall Book entirely.

Top 40 Programming Tip: **Lava Baby's** breakthrough song "**Sex Junkie**." Now breaking from college and specialty alternative airplay, this female-fronted quintet's attitude will stand out! Just one nighttime test is all it takes! **Liquid 8**

Just in: **Ben Holsen** has been named the new night talent at **Hubbard's** KS95/Minneapolis! Ben had been doing weekends/swing for the station, and had been filling in the PM drive shift until **Larry Moon** and **Stacy Matthews** came on board a few weeks ago. FYI- Ben is the son of longtime Sioux Falls broadcaster and Conclave Board member, **Reid Holsen**.

Minneapolis Fall Book. **ABC** rocker **KQRS** overtakes **WCCO** with **KDWB** and **KSTP-AM** enjoying nice fall numbers. In the Christmas category, both **KQQL** and **WLTE** (which started holiday programming before Thanksgiving) came up short. **KQRS** 8.5-8.9, **WCCO-AM** 10.7-8.8, **KDWB** 5.5-6.3, **KSTP-AM** 5.0-6.1, **KXXR** 5.8-5.8, **KEEY** 5.9-5.8, **WLTE** 5.6-4.5, **KQQL** 4.2-4.1, **KTCZ** 4.7-4.0, **KSTP-FM** 3.9-3.9, **KTTB** 3.4-3.6, **WXPT** 2.9-3.2, **KFAN-AM** 2.4-3.0, **WLOL** 2.5-2.8, **KLBB/KLBP** 1.3-1.3, **WWTC** 0.9-0.9, **WGVX/WGVY/WGVZ** 1.1-1.4, **WMNN-AM** 0.5-0.7, **KNXR** *-0.6, **KFXN-AM** *-0.5, **WFMP** *-0.5, **WDGY-AM** *-0.4, **KLCI** 0.8-0.4. Fall books found in this *TATTLE R* are 12+ persons, 6A-12P, M-Su, 6A-mid, Summer 2002 – Fall 2002 comparisons. Copyright © 2002, **The Arbitron Company**. These results may not be used without permission from **Arbitron**.

Last Tuesday, members of Congress blasted the **FCC** – with a focus on Chairman **Michael Powell** – during a Commerce Committee hearing on the subject of ownership limits/consolidation and indecency, with the skewering taking on a decided Midwest flavor. Regarding ownership limits, North Dakota Senator **Byron Dorn** slammed the FCC for allowing **Clear Channel** to expand in the Minot market. Said Dorn, "In my small state...the 4 largest cities have 31 radio stations and one company owns 13 of them, including all six in one city. The fact is we're headed in exactly the wrong direction in these areas, and you need to have your foot on the brake – not your hand on the throttle." Powell weakly defended the deal, citing "market definition" as the culprit; still, he agreed with Dorn that competition was "hurt" in Minot. Illinois Senator **Pete Fitzgerald** said he was upset with the failure of the Commission to curb indecent programming...citing specifically the **Mancow Muller** show on **Emmis' WKQX/Chicago**. He told Powell that fines for violation of decency standards "haven't been enough." Suggested Fitzgerald, "Sooner or later, somebody is going to cross the line where the Commission is going to have to consider pulling the license because I don't think your current regime of fining is having an adequate effect." The combination of one-two punches launched by the bipartisan committee ultimately seemed to beat down the FCC Chairman who ultimately admitted to the group, "I am troubled" and added "I'm concerned about concentration, particularly in radio." Well, there you have it – a glimpse of what many believe is the beginning of the end of any further attempts to deregulate the airwaves and the possible setting of the table for passage of anti-consolidation legislation such as Wisconsin Senator **Russ Feingold's** "Radio and Concert Industries Act." Perhaps 2003 is turning into a decidedly different climate for radio's big boys than expected at the end of 2002. Stay tuned...

The top-selling **Shania Twain** picks up another huge add at **KSRC**. "**I'm Gonna Getcha Good**" is already "up" and running at **WLTE** (7x), **KEZK** (11x), **WSNY** (19x), **KRBB** (12x), **WFMK** (18x), **KLTI** (7x), **WHMS** (16x), **WMGN** (23x). **Island-Def Jam**

norah jones "Don't Know Why"
SIX 2003 Grammy
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kory & the fireflies
Mary Elin Macht - Q102/Willmar loves "Everyone!"
Just added -KCVN, KFMC!!



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including -
WDRO, KKDM,
WIAL, KZIA,
KSLI, KROC,
WAZY, WKTI,
KWOA,
KBMX!!!!!!



Quad Cities Fall Book. Country WLLR has a spectacular fall. WLLR 12.3-15.0, KCQQ 8.5-11.2, WHTS 10.3-7.6, KMXG 7.8-6.6, KORB 7.3-6.1, KUUL 6.0-5.3, WOC-AM 7.0-5.1, WXL 5.8-5.1, WKBF-AM 3.8-3.8, KBEA 5.0-3.6, KBOB 5.0-3.1, WGN-AM 1.0-1.3, KJOC 1.0-0.8, WLS-AM **0.8, WMT-AM 1.0-0.8, KRNA **0.5, WJRE 1.0-0.5, WKEI-AM 0.8-0.5, WLLR-AM 0.8-0.5, WSCR-AM **0.5. Spring 2002 – Fall 2002 Comparison.

Kory and The Fireflies have picked up key adds at KCVM/Waterloo-Cedar Falls and KFMC/Fairmont! **“Everyone”** is loving it at KQIC, KKRL, KKCK, KWYR, KMXC, and KWOA with more to come. Support a regional favorite and play a great song with a great message! **Stockinrock**

Bloomington, IL Fall Book. T40 WBNQ stays on top. WBNQ 13.6-13.2, WBWN 14.3-12.5, WJBC 9.7-9.9, WDQX/WDQZ/WYST 7.1-7.3, WLS-AM 3.2-5.9, WRPW 5.8-5.3, WIHN 3.9-4.6, WPBG 3.2-3.9, WGLO 3.2-3.3, WWCT 1.9-2.6, WPPY/WRVP 1.3-2.0, WSWT 2.6-2.0, WGCY 2.6-1.3, WPEO-AM **1.3, WBBM-AM **0.7, WFMB 0.6-0.7, WGN-AM 2.6-0.7, WIXO 0.6-0.7, WIXY **0.7, WJEZ **0.7, WLDC **0.7, WMBD-AM **0.7, WMVP-AM **0.7, WSCR-AM **0.7, WWHP 0.6-0.7. Spring 2002 – Fall 2002 Comparison.

Just In: Troy Hanson's Clear Channel Alternative WZTA (94.9 ZETA)/Miami APD/MD/middayer **Lee Daniels** exits with Zeta Afternoon/Imager (and former WLZR/Milwaukee, KXXR/Minneapolis talent) **Ryan Castle** promoted to APD/MD.

A/C Programming Tip: **Art Garfunkel's “Bounce”**, from the critically-acclaimed *Everything Waits To Be Noticed* album featuring **Maia Sharp** and **Buddy Mondlock**, has survived and thrived during the just-completed industry holiday lull. Add WLTE! **Manhattan-Blue Note-Virgin**

As it was looking for an exciting, unusual promotion that would “reel in” listeners, **Central Radio Group's** (and soon to be **Maverick Media's**) active rock 99.9 The Carp WDRK/Eau Claire decided to issue a unique 2003 calendar. The Carp's calendar features a dozen Chippewa Valley women, in seductive studio and outdoor location shots. More than 100 women competed for a pictorial in the calendar, while Carp sponsors chose the lucky 12. The station also held a contest in conjunction with the pinup beauties, where 26-year-old **Brandon Sands** won a night on the town with the “Carp Calendar Cuties.” The calendars, available for \$5 at area businesses and bars (with proceeds going to charity) have sold very well, and WDRK OM/PD **AI Shannon** says that over half are already gone!

Tonight in Chicago, **Skywind** will play the first of four upcoming dates. With airplay on WIIL/Chicago, KUPD/Phoenix, WIHN/Bloomington and recent adds at KXXR, KFMW, WHMH and plenty more this band is about to break wide open. **“Lamhaj”** will become one of 2003's first active rock breakthroughs! **Atomic K**

STONE SOUR



JUST ADDED
WXSS! WIXX!
WBIZ! KJCK!
KGLI! KS95!

ROADRUNNER



Saginaw-Bay City Fall Book. T40 WIOG ties gold WHNN. WHNN 10.5-9.1, WIOG 7.6-9.1, WSGW-AM 7.2-9.1, WKCC 8.7-8.2, WKQZ 8.7-8.0, WCEN 5.6-7.2, WGER 6.2-6.6, WTLZ 4.6-5.6, WILZ/WYLZ 5.8-4.3, WRCL 2.0-4.3, WEEG 3.0-2.9, WSAM-AM 4.4-2.5, WOVE 0.6-1.6, WTCF 2.0-1.6, WCRZ 0.4-1.0, WJR-AM 1.0-1.0, WMPX/WMRX 2.4-0.8, WGDN **0.6, WKNX-AM 0.6-0.6, WRSR 0.6-0.6, WCFX **0.4, WWBN 1.0-0.4. Spring 2002 – Fall 2002 Comparison.

Norah Jones is at #10 on the R&R Hot A/C chart with **“Don't Know Why.”** The artist, the song, and her album *Come Away With Me* have received six Grammy nominations! It's playing on KMXV, KQKQ, KKRD, WIXX, WHZZ, WIOG, WKHQ, KZIA, WKTI, KSTP, KZSR, KSRC, WMGN, and many more. **Blue Note-Virgin**

Ann Arbor Fall Book. Detroit radio continues to dominate the market. WJR-AM 7.2-7.9, WWWW 3.9-4.9, WKQI 3.9-4.3, WCSX 3.6-3.6, CIMX 3.3-3.3, WDRQ 2.9-3.3, WJLB 2.9-3.3, WVMV 2.9-3.0, WNIC 2.6-2.7, WOMC 3.6-2.7, WQKL 2.6-2.7, WRIF 5.9-2.7, WDTJ 3.3-2.4, WDVD 1.6-2.4, WWJ-AM 2.0-2.4, WYCD 3.3-2.4, WTKA-AM 2.3-2.1, WKRK 2.0-1.8, WMXD 2.3-1.8, WAAM-AM 1.6-1.5, WMGC 1.6-1.5, WDTW 1.3-1.2, CIDR 1.0-1.2, WDFN-AM 1.0-1.2, WRVF 0.7-1.2, WHNE-AM **0.9, CKWW-AM **0.6, WIOT 0.7-0.6, WJIM **0.6, WMUZ 0.7-0.6. Spring 2002 - Fall 2002 comparison.

Radio veteran **Bill Shirk** has returned to Indianapolis. The longtime respected veteran of the business is now behind two non-comm operations in the area. He is overseeing **Hoosier Broadcasting Corporation**, which operates Americana-formatted 91.1 WIRE in Boone County, and “Radio Mozart”, classical WSPM 89.1 in Cloverdale. In 2000, Shirk sold his previous cluster as **Hoosier Radio** to Radio One for \$40 million.

Flint Fall Book. Regent's Adult WCRZ takes the big chair. WCRZ 9.9-12.2, WDZZ 10.1-8.7, WFBE 6.5-7.8, WWCK-FM 6.5-6.0, WRSR 4.4-5.6, WHNN 6.0-5.3, WWBN 4.6-4.5, WRCL 4.1-4.0, WKCC 2.9-3.5, WOVE 3.7-3.5, WIOG 3.4-3.1, WJR-AM 2.2-2.0, WRIF 1.4-2.0, WFLT 2.6-1.8, WFNT-AM 1.0-1.5, WKRK 1.0-1.5, WCXI-AM 1.2-1.3, WDTJ 0.9-1.1, WWJ-AM 1.2-1.1, WTLZ 0.9-0.9, WTRX-AM 0.9-0.9, WVMV 1.7-0.9, WWCK-AM **0.9, CIMX 0.5-0.7, WKQI 0.5-0.7, WOMC 0.5-0.7, WDFN-AM 0.5-0.5, WMGC 0.3-0.5, WMUZ **0.5, WRXF 0.7-0.5, WYCD 0.5-0.5, WDRQ 0.3-0.4, WDTW 0.5-0.4, WDVD **0.4, WDFD-AM 1.7-0.4, WHMI **0.4, WILZ 0.3-0.4, WITL **0.4, WKQZ 0.9-0.4, WOAP-AM 0.5-0.4. Spring 2002 – Fall 2002 Comparison.

Stone Sour is breaking wide open at Top 40 and HAC! **“Bother”** scores adds in several formats this week, as witnessed by airplay at WXSS, WIXX, WBIZ, KJCK, KGLI, KSTP, WVRV and KBMX. It's already proven and researching! **Island-Def Jam**

Decatur, IL Fall Book **Nextmedia's** N/T WSOY gains nearly 4 shares and the market lead. WSOY-AM 8.7-12.3, WDZ-AM 8.7-10.0, WDZQ 8.0-10.0, WSOY-FM 8.0-9.2, WYDS 10.1-6.2, WDKR 5.8-4.6, WEJT 5.1-4.6, WZNX 8.0-4.6, WCZQ 4.3-3.8, WXF 4.3-3.8, WZUS 2.2-3.1, WQQL 1.4-2.3, WLS-AM 0.7-1.5, WQLZ 3.6-1.5, WDBR 0.7-0.8, WEBX 1.4-0.8, WFMB 1.4-0.8, WGN-AM 0.7-0.8, WLRW **0.8, WXA 0.7-0.8. Spring 2002 – Fall 2002 Comparison.

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 RECORDS

NextMedia has shuffled some staff and formats in its suburban Chicago radio group. Classic hits "95.9 The River" WERV/Aurora has named **Didi Bingham-Foley** as its Program Director. She comes to WERV just one month after exiting the PD/afternoon chair at sister Top 40 102.3 WXLG/Waukegan. WERV interim PD **Rob Creighton** sequed back to sister Top 40 "100.7 The Bus" WBVS/Coal City as PD/afternoon host, but just hours after this change WBVS changed formats. (See related story, in the next column of *The TATTLER*.) Meanwhile, WBVS station voice **Tuna Jon Rose** of **Radio Tuna Productions** passed away this week.

According to reports from the Chicago media news site DJHeadlines.com, **NextMedia** has changed formats on Top 40 WBVS/Coal City-south suburban Chicago. On Monday evening at 7pm, "the Bus" ran out of gas as it began stunting with "Changes" by **David Bowie** repeatedly for four hours. At 11pm, WBVS changed call letters to WRXQ, and debuted as "100.7 RXQ – The Southland's Classic Rock." The first song was "Rock & Roll" by **Led Zeppelin**. PD **Rob Creighton** stays aboard, but the rest of the WBVS airstaff is out, including **Maggie Peterson**, **Pete Michaels**, and **Jay "Boom Boom" Shabazz**. NextMedia is reportedly trying to find these staffers other positions within the company. This change, speculated by analysts for quite some time, works to create a "wall of rock" scenario for NextMedia in suburban Chicago. The new WRXQ classic rock format will work in conjunction with classic hits 95.9 WERV/Aurora, and will allow rocker 96.7 WLLI/Joliet to move into a more current, active rock direction.

John Wodele, who spent the last four years as chief spokesman for former Gov. Jesse Ventura, has landed a post at **Hubbard's KSTP-AM**/Minneapolis morning show. Starting Feb. 3, Wodele will be a host on the morning show, teaming with **Mark O'Connell** from 5 to 9 weekdays with **Ron Rosenbaum** joining them at 8. Wodele is not without some radio experience; he recently spent several weeks as a guest host on KSTP and he was a frequent partner and sometime substitute for Ventura on the "Lunch With the Gov." weekly show on WCCO/Minneapolis (and state-wide network). As for the Governor, the Conclave 1999 keynoter is reportedly in negotiations for his own TV show on MSNBC. You may remember that Ventura hosted a talk show on **Clear Channel's** sports-talk KFAN/Minneapolis prior to his successful run for the Governorship in 1998.

Bon Jovi is currently wrapping up a three-week Japanese tour, and will hit the U.S. by February. "**Misunderstood**" gets Most Added honors this week, with WDRQ, KKDM, WIAL, KZIA, KSLI, KROC, WAZY, WKTI, KWOA, KBMX and more! It's already playing on WXSS (30x!), WIXX, WRVW, WZEE (14x!), KDOG (23x!), WZOK, WCIL, KFMC (31x!), WWAX (32x!) and more! **Island-Def Jam**

Rumor. Is a well-known Waterloo personality about to "cross the street"? Will that "Mix" things up a little bit?

Karess Carter has accepted the position as midday host of Star 102.5 (KSTZ/Des Moines)! Most recently, Karess was in St. Louis at WVRV where she did nights. She has additional major market experience at KXPK in Denver. Her background includes AC, Adult Alternative, Classic Rock, Active Rock and even a little Country! Karess, a Rapid City (SD) native, has been in radio since she was 16 years old and truly embraces all aspects of radio – including on air, production, voice work and music. Said OM **Jim Shaeffer**, "I am pumped about the level of experience, passion and love for radio that Karess brings to Star!" Karess starts Monday, February 3rd. Please welcome her aboard!



Honeymoon Suite is building up an impressive Midwest airplay story on "**The Way I Do**", which now includes an impressive add at KCVM/Waterloo-Cedar Falls! It's also on KARZ/Marshall, KRTI/Grinnell, KYYY/Bismarck, KQKY/Kearney and more. **Wildfire-Bullseye**

ABC's WLS/Chicago (890) married-couple/night duo **Greg Batton** and **Yvonne Greer** resigned Monday, after learning that their shift would be moved to 10pm to Midnight. OM **Michael Packer** decided to move the syndicated **Sean Hannity** into the 7pm to 10pm shift, while retaining the duo for the later show. According to Chicago media report DJHeadlines.com, the stipulations of Batton and Greer's contract stated that WLS management could move the duo to any shift between 6pm and Midnight at any time, without notice. And according to WLS spokesperson **Tim Johnson**, the duo decided it was not in their "personal or professional best interests" and exited the station instead. For now, WLS part-timer **Deborah Rowe** (who just recently joined WLS after cutbacks at **Salem's** 1160 WYLL) will be handling the 10pm to Midnight shift.

Surprise Exit: PD **Neal Mirsky** has resigned from **Entercom** Active Rocker KQRC/Kansas City, with no successor named. Neal had been with the station for nearly 2 years.

Midwest Communications has flipped AM 1390 WRIG/Schofield-Wausau from adult standards to young-skewing talk as "Big Wrig 1390, The Talk That Rocks!" The new lineup includes "**Don Imus In The Morning**", **Fox Sports Radio's Tony Bruno, Jim Rome, J.T. The Brick, and Jim Daniels**, afternoons with **Westwood One's Don and Mike**, and evenings with **Premiere's Phil Hendrie**. The new station will continue to carry Milwaukee Bucks Basketball, NASCAR Busch Series Racing, and DC Everest High School Sports. PD **Ken Clark** will oversee the station and handle morning news updates during the Imus show. Jim Rome and other Fox Sports Radio personalities have shifted to the new station from sister News-talker 550 WSAU, where PD **Tom Weaver** has replaced them in their evening lineup with **Talk Radio Network's Rusty Humphries** (7pm to 9pm) and **Michael Savage** (9pm to 12mid).

As **Big City Radio** continues its national liquidation of all its stations, Chicago's 103.1 WXXY changed control to **HBC** at 12:01am Monday morning when "Viva 103.1" became, well... "Viva 103.1." The current WXXY staff is encouraged to "reapply" for positions with HBC, while the "new" Viva station becomes the primary signal for simulcast partner AM 1200 WLXX/Chicago. WXXY's simulcast partner, 103.1 WYXX/Morris was not sold to HBC, and is currently Big City's last remaining signal. WYXX, which reaches the far south suburbs of Chicago and mostly rural areas, has sequed to a humorous dance hits format called "Party 103.1", very similar to Big City's former "Energy 92-7&5" which went to **SBS** in an LMA arrangement two weeks ago. Energy PD **Chris Shebel** (still working for Big City and WYXX until it is officially sold) is the station voice and programmer, and has created laughable liners with phrases like "No commercials 'cause we're for sale... Party 103.1" and "There's nothing wrong with your cows. Cows milk better with Party 103.1... Mmmooooo!" On Tuesday, WYXX listeners were treated to a special "free form" broadcast by former Energy staffer **Jeffrey T. Mason**, as he "broadcast live from a barn" in Morris and played an eclectic mix of hits from the '80s to today. Big City is reportedly looking for \$3 to \$5 million for WYXX, which may or may not go to **NextMedia**. For the time being, listeners in the station's limited signal range can enjoy unusual antics and a brief reprise of the "dance hits" format.

Clear Channel has shuffled morning hosts in the Twin Cities, as classic hits 100.3 WLOL morning driver **Jeff Olson** has sequed to sister oldies "Kool 108" KQQL mornings with **Sue Falls**. Jeff and Sue had previously hosted mornings together at 100.3 WBOB when it ran a country format in the mid 1990's. Back at WLOL, **Bo Hamilton** slides into mornings from his afternoon post. No official replacement has been named for afternoons, and the evening position is currently open at WLOL, too. WLOL has also named (current KQQL Prod. Assistant/on-air host) **Lee Michaels** its Production Director.

KFGO/Fargo OM/Middayer **Ed Schultz** is in a war of words with University of North Dakota hockey coach **Dean Blais**. Schultz was heard on KFAN/Minneapolis last Friday (1/10) saying Blais was "Bush League" after failing to call in for a scheduled interview. Blais is calling for Schultz to be fired, while Schultz isn't apologizing. Stay tuned for more developments in this one...

Howard Stern is off the air in Grand Rapids, MI as **Citadel** rocker WKLQ had moved his show to sister AM Sports station WBBL. When the show went into "best of" mode over the holidays, it was moved to WBBL, and station management decided to leave it there after the Holidays. However, the Stern organization feels this move is not acceptable and the show was not heard this past week. Citadel GM **Matt Hanlon** is working to return the show to WBBL, shortly.

Entercom's "Z-104" WNVZ/Norfolk morning host **Special Ed** (formerly known as **J.J. Kincaid** at KDWB and WKST) had a special guest interview from **Eminem's** Grandmother this week. In this compelling and personal interview, she revealed that she never would have had children based on how Eminem turned out. So which prep service provided the contact info to Slim Shady's Grandmother? Ed says, "It's this great service called 4-1-1. We knew her name, called information, and called her on the air."

Changes. **NextMedia's** A/C "Star 93.5" WJTW/Joliet has been granted a construction permit to upgrade power from 3kW to 6kW, and move their tower from Joliet to a site north of Lemont. This move should improve their signal into Chicago proper, and improve coverage into Dupage County, parts of Western Indiana, and Cook County suburbs...Former 103.5 WKSC/Chicago afternooner **Rick Party** is the new imaging voice for **Inner City's** WBLS/New York... **Waitt Radio** has purchased country 92.9 KKIA/Ida Grove-Storm Lake, IA. This week, the station moved in with sister KAYL/Storm Lake, and PD **Brady Stensgard** will now oversee KKIA... **Deanna Kelly** has joined KDWB/Twin Cities as a part-time/weekend airstaffer. Prior to a two-year hiatus, Deanna has worked in the Twin Cities as overnight host of "The Edge" (KEGE) and night host at "Zone 105"... **Starboard Broadcasting** is buying another Midwest AM property. They are purchasing (out of bankruptcy) WJOB/Hammond-Gary, IN for \$3.25 million... WMZO/Moose Lake, MN has split from a simulcast of WKLK/Cloquet and is now running country as "Moose Country 106.9"... Infinity sports "Team 1270" WXYT/Detroit PD **Gregg Henson** will return to the air for middays, with **Art Regner**, on Monday (1/20). He's been off the air since leaving crosstown WDFN to join WXYT as PD. Current middayer **Doug Karsch** moves to evenings and has been elevated to Sports Director... Former "Energy 92-7&5" Promotions Manager **John Richmond** has joined **NextMedia's** WAIT-AM and WZSR (North Suburban Chicago) as Promotions Director. WAIT is also returning **Talk Radio Network's Michael Savage** to the station. KBEA/Quad Cities has a change in their morning lineup. PD **Matt Williams** is now joined by **Missi Sullivan**. Sullivan, a Springfield, IL radio alumni, has been out of radio for two years. She replaces **Julia Bradley**, who held the position from 2000 until last week.

With the exiting of PD **K.C. Carson** at **Barnstable** Classic Rocker WROQ/Greenville, NC, former KGGO/Des Moines PD **Mark Hendrix** adds the station's PD duties to growing list of titles (he's already PD of sister Rock WTPT and Oldies WGVC). To help ease his pain, Hendrix taps his former MD at KGGO, **Jay D. Stone**, for the same duties at WROQ.

Want to do radio YOUR way? Quit complaining and make a bid! A Midwest radio station is currently up for auction on eBay! Evansville, IN news/talker AM 1180 WGAB has a starting bid of \$50,000 and a "buy it now" option for \$2 million. Visit <http://cgi.ebay.com/ws/eBayISAPI.dll?ViewItem&item=2906571964&category=1607> for more details, or call Jeff Davis (812-853-9422) to arrange a station tour.

JOBS. A news director is needed in Palm Springs, CA. The ideal person must be an experienced "news hound" who is ready to accept management responsibility with a station dedicated to being the #1 news outlet in the market. Send T&R to **Jim Glass**, News/Talk/Sports Consultant, **McVay Media**, at radiowatch@glassmedia.biz or call (440) 238-7801... Twin Cities suburban Christian simulcast "Spirit FM" (107.5 KGBY/Faribault and 95.9 WLKX/Forest Lake) needs a live morning co-host. The position also includes voice-tracking of Middays (9am to 12noon). Contact **Jeff Lucast** at (888) 700-0848 or email your resume and aircheck to jeff959@usfamily.net... **Mystar Communications'** WZPL/Indianapolis has several positions open at this time. They need a full-time night host able to host a high-profile, phone-intensive, personality based airshift. The station also needs part-time airstaff and board operators, a morning show assistant, and programming department interns. Contact PD **Scott Sands**, 9245 North Meridian Street, Suite 300, 46260 or send an MP3 by hyperlink ONLY (no attachments) to sands@z995.com... Classic Rock KXRA-FM in Alexandria, MN. has a mid-day opening effective February 12th. Production and some copy writing duties are included. Tapes/CD's & Resumes to: PD **Michael Right**, PO Box 69, Alexandria, MN, 56308 or email thefolks@kxra.com... **New Radio Group** is ADDING positions, and needs several right now. They need afternoons/operations with WDLB/WOSQ (Marshfield, WI), and also afternoon drive (live shift) at another of its stations in Central Wisconsin. Get your T&R to **Mark Skibba**, via email at mark@wyte.com or via mail at 3012 Post Road, Stevens Point, WI, 54481... All jobs listed in *The TATTLER* are presented free of charge and represent equal opportunities... Careful, your PD might be watching as you flip to the back page of *The TATTLER* first for the **JOBS** section!