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Hunt's article in Broadcasting
stating he was against unlimited
ownership in radio!

I've sent you a couple of letters
and you have agreed with me -
having 4 or 5 major companies
holding all the radio stations
is not a good idea for anybody -

- 1) people who work on the air
- 2) minorities who would like to own radio stations.
- 3) the public who would not

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be served by this.
I've been at B102.7 13 years
and in radio 27 years.
I would hate to see the
people coming behind me now
to have the opportunities I've
had of these monopolies!
I would be delighted to come
to Washington to talk to you -
giving or different opinion of this
issue - A person on the air close
to 25 years who will be affected
by these new rules -

Sincerely
Steve Leonard



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August 25, 1995

To: Commissioner Rachelle Chong
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From: Anthony G. (Tony) Coloff
President/General Manager
KIOW FM
18643 360th St.
P.O. Box 308
Forest City, Iowa 50436

Re: IB Docket No. 95-91
GEN Docket No. 90-357
RM No. 8610
Establishment of Rules and Policies for the Digital Audio Radio Satellite Service.

It is inconceivable to me that the FCC would authorize a satellite radio service and destroy the locally based American system of broadcasting that is the model for the rest of the world, (which many formerly communist countries are now trying to emulate, to provide similar local service in newly found free enterprise economies, for their countries).

And I ask you; how can a one or two channel local terrestrial broadcaster, compete against 10, 20, or up to 100 satellite radio stations, essentially licensed to its local market. The fragmentation of the market's audience due to the sheer numbers of signals would kill the local stations.

The establishment of a Digital Audio Radio Satellite Service will have a devastating effect on my station and all of terrestrial based broadcasting.

The reasons why are:

1. Loss of advertising revenue;
The competition to attract advertising dollars has become extremely intense between radio stations, other new radio stations, several larger coverage FM stations, television stations, daily and weekly newspapers that come into my market, shoppers and penny savers, now cable systems selling advertising, coming computer based services, and several others, that our advertising base has already shrunk and continues to shrink.

This station cannot stand any more competition. Any more erosion of my advertising base and this station will not be able to pay it's bills and will cease to exist. What also will cease to exist, will be the local news, local weather, local audience requested entertainment mix, and local programming responses to local area problems, in this market.

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How much advertising revenue loss do you think it would take to cause this station to go out of business? Not 50 or 75%, but only from 5 to 10%. It only takes taking the profit out of a business to change it from a viable business, to one that can't pay it's bills and is in a negative cash flow.

2. Loss of retail business;

Add to the above, the trend to mega retailers, and the closing of many independently owned businesses. This is another very big cause of shrinking advertising revenues.

This station has implemented increased operating efficiencies so that it can continue to operate, but if we have to cut much deeper, we will be cutting into the bone and then our days will be numbered.

This proposal for a Digital Audio Radio Satellite Service, raises many more questions than it answers. I could write many pages of comments that would probably go unread by the commissioners.

So instead, I am going to list the questions and the answer to the question, as a way of summarizing the many issues raised by this proposal:

1. Who is asking for the satellite radio service?

Answer:

No one. I have not talked to a businessman, citizen, legislator, or local official, who let alone knows about it, much less wants it.

No one, except four companies who could care less about providing a service to a community.

There is no public interest; only corporate interest.

There is no need; only a corporate need to develop a business that has no need.

2. What need is there for a satellite radio service?

Answer:

There is none.

There are so many present, new and still developing radio formats being delivered by present AM and FM terrestrial broadcasters, with many multiple signals, reaching every conceivable corner of the country. There is no need for this service.

Just turn your AM or FM radio on and turn to each frequency. Don't you get a signal at almost every frequency on the dial?

I don't hear anyone, anywhere, anyplace, asking for more diversity.

3. Why does the FCC want to destroy the American system of radio, by even establishing rules and policies for this service?

Answer:

Is it to implement new technologies?

New technologies can be implemented to improve what is already good and productive within the present system of locally controlled, locally programmed terrestrial radio.

I fail to see how implementing new technologies for satellite service, and destroying what is already good, and responsive, can be productive for the American citizen. Eventually, it will destroy the current terrestrial system of radio broadcasting, by taking away the revenue base with which to fund the local station, and the audience which the local station broadcasts to. This therefore, will destroy the community service I provide, with no way to get it back.

4. How can this satellite radio service be responsive to the communities it serves?

Answer:

It can't.

So is the satellite radio service exempt from broadcasting rules, requiring stations like mine, to broadcast responsive programming to problems in communities?

5. What good can come from concentrating so much programming power and influence, into so few corporate hands?

Answer:

None.

The concentration of control in this type of service scares me.

It has the potential to destroy a system that works well, that is good for this country, and replace it with a system that concentrates power and influence into a very few hands, that is not responsive to local and regional needs.

In short, you will be replacing the very responsive, local control of the local service system of broadcasting I provide, with a non-responsive national service broadcast system.

And once destroyed, there will be no way to get localized broadcast services with local control back.

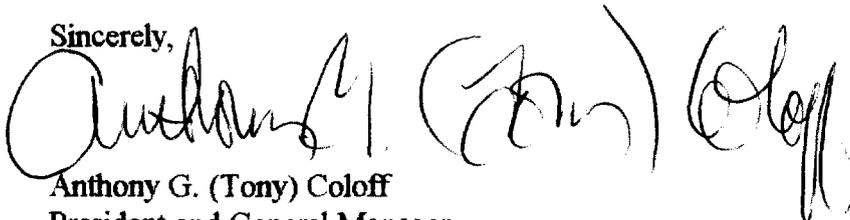
I can see no good and no need in destroying the current American system of broadcasting and replacing it with *multiple channels of satellite radio*.

Those proponents of satellite radio who say there has been a paradigm shift, do not understand the benefits of the locally controlled American system of broadcasting, and the many benefits to citizens, business, local, state and federal government, and to educational and other institutions of all types.

Other countries, including free and now formerly communist countries, are now trying to emulate America's system of universally free, locally controlled and locally programmed, terrestrial based, radio.

Doesn't that tell the regulators anything?

Sincerely,



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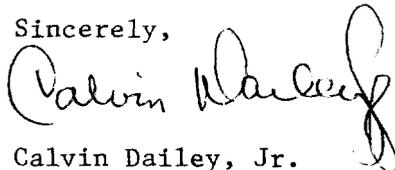
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Dear Commissioner Chong:

Dailey Corporation has learned recently that you plan to approve a new satellite system DAB service that could beam 50 to 100 radio channels into every radio market in the country, including ours. We believe that this kind of service could well be the straw that breaks the backs of local stations across the country - causing a great loss of service to local communities, not to mention no public service interest or employment opportunities.

It is our belief that Docket 80-90 has already done enough damage and that we should not add to the problems that already exist. Your help in stopping this "old" satellite technology from ruining local radio and the services we provide to our community would be appreciated by broadcasters all over the country.

Sincerely,



Calvin Dailey, Jr.

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September 6, 1995

Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
1919 M Street, NW
Washington, DC 20554

Dear Mr. Secretary,

The Commission needs to seriously consider the efficacy of authorizing satellite-delivered DAB service. The implications for local radio broadcasters are devastating.

The error of permitting so-called "80-90 stations" caused enormous challenge to the radio industry which is only now beginning to stabilize. Satellite DAB will do more of the same, offering the same basic programming and formats provided by local radio. Let's not kid each other, the talk of "foreign language" channels and other obscure do-good services may serve the pragmatic need to effectively position it as a harmless service in front of the commission. The reality would be quite different.

You are well aware of the tremendous challenge the majority of stations had just to break-even during the time "80-90 stations" were proliferating. The advent of satellite DAB will make that seem like child's play. The biggest loser will be the communities which the commission mandates us to serve because many stations will simply be chased from the air. They'll take with them the local aspect of their programming which DAB transmission could never provide. Thus an important service of the local community, including information, public affairs, and emergency assistance will vanish.

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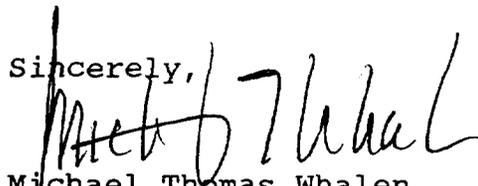
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Bottom line is that the country does not need yet more radio service. We are not bound by the technological imperative- i.e. we can therefore we must. Rather we must be bound by common sense and sound values. Let's provide DAB service; but through the existing and effective radio broadcast system with IBOC technology.

If you have any questions regarding this. I can be reached 518/452-4800.

Sincerely,



Michael Thomas Whalen
General Manager
WGY/AM and WRVE/FM

cc: Chairman Reed Hundt
Commissioner James Quello
Commissioner Andrew Barrett
Commissioner Susan Ness
Commissioner Rochelle Chong
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Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
1919 M St., NW
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Sir/Madam:

As a small market radio operator, we are very much opposed to authorization of a new satellite delivered DAB service. If approved, this approach would further fragment radio listening and all but assure the death of local, community-based broadcasts.

Here in Bangor, Maine we have at least 16 commercial signals that cover the Metro as defined by Arbitron. According to the Spring 1995 Arbitron report, the Metro consists of less than 67,000 persons. Obviously, this is not a big pie to be sliced into 16 pieces! As the number of stations in the market continues to increase, local operators have been forced to employ two tactics in an attempt to survive: 1) duopoly and combo ownership, and 2) cutting operating and personnel costs by obtaining programming "from the bird"--satellite radio!

This latter option has already cut down on local broadcast services being offered to the community. Of the 16 stations cited above, TEN (10) feature "satellite programming" for a major portion, if not all, of their weekday schedule, not to mention overnights and weekends.

Further erosion of radio listenership due to satellite DAB will only accelerate this disturbing trend making "local" radio nothing but a concept found in history books!

Sincerely,

Brent Slowikowski
Station Manager

pc: Reed Hundt, Chairman FCC;
Commissioners: James Quello; Andrew Barrett; Susan Ness; Rachelle Chong
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August 15, 1995

The Honorable Rachelle Chong, Commissioner
Federal Communications Commission
1919 M Street NW
Washington, DC 20554

Dear Commissioner Chong:

Small and medium market radio broadcasters have never had such a struggle continuing operating at a minimum break even point. With local ad dollars becoming less and less available, and licensing and regulatory costs on the rise, local broadcasters fight a desperate battle every day.

Introduction of another 50 to 100 radio channels in these markets via the proposed DAB service could be the final blow. With more than enough radio stations on the air, sharing the available audience (and serving them well with programming that is directed to the local audience, addressing issues of local concern and importance), this further fragmentation would most certainly cause tremendous financial hardship.

The losers would be the communities now served by terrestrial broadcasters. The new DAB signals would be high on cost; occupying valuable spectrum, providing no opportunity for diversification of ownership, providing nothing in the way of local public affairs programming or public service, and threatening financial ruin for local broadcasters.

Please consider the demands being made by so many parties, both governmental and private sector, for more and more spectrum. The obvious best use of this new technology would be in band, on-channel DAB through the existing radio broadcasting system.

Local broadcasters have been "paying the bills" for decades and are deserving of this technology that would enable them to enhance the services they provide to their communities. Please say no to Gen. Docket No. 90-357. The future of local broadcast service is at risk.

Sincerely,



Bill Hickman
General Manager

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Cynthia D. Scullin
President &
General Manager

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September 12, 1995

Commissioner Rachelle Chong
Federal Communications Commission
1919 M St., NW
Washington, DC 20554

Dear Commissioner Chong:

We respectfully ask that you NOT AUTHORIZE A NEW SATELLITE SERVICE.

There is no significant market need for such an elaborate or costly service. Local radio not only provides local programming but very often syndicated national programs. In fact, below I've outlined the negatives about satellite radio.

- Satellite radio would fragment radio audiences so that, over time and beginning in the smaller markets, local radio would no longer be profitable.
- Satellite radio would precipitate devastating effects on the community service provided local communities and local advertisers by local radio, with no replacement in local service or advertising.
- Satellite radio would offer much of the same radio programming and formats provided by local radio, not satellite DAB proponents' "pie-in-the-sky" promises of channels exclusively devoted to multiple foreign languages, ethnic and alternative formats.
- Satellite radio would provide virtually no opportunity for diversification of ownership and would have virtually no public interest or minority employment obligations.
- There is no need for "more" radio service (à la Docket 80-90), no need for a national radio service (as the Commission recognized in its "break down" of the AM clear channels and in light of national network programming

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being available via local stations) and no need for more competition in radio service.

- Satellite radio would be just "more" network feeds via "old" satellite technology to new terrestrial gap fillers (repeaters) to reach most of the audience, not a new technology, as it is being touted.
- Satellite radio would occupy a chunk of valuable spectrum, which could be put to better and more profitable uses.
- Broadcasters support band, on-channel DAB and want the opportunity to bring this new technology to the American public more effectively through the existing radio broadcasting system.
- Satellite radio, with its enormous capital investment, presents an unlikely chance of financial profitability as a subscriber-based radio service - the more likely-to-succeed scenario is that of a "data" Trojan horse with a "radio" tail.

Your attention and actions to halt authorization of satellite DAB are greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Stephen M. Galt". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

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KTIB AM640
THE NEWS STATION

August 18, 1995

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Mr. William Caton
Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
1919 M Street, NW
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Dear Mr. Caton:

Please help me save my AM radio station.

It is threatened by the prospect of satellite radio which, if permitted by the FCC, will drop 50-60 new signals into my small market of Thibodaux, Louisiana, further fragmenting the radio audience in our community.

Over the last forty years KTIB-AM has gone from the only station in Lafourche Parish to just one of five in Lafourche and another three in adjoining Terrebonne Parish. Competition enough, I say, and because of it, we are now in a money-losing situation. Yet, I continue to work to keep this stand-alone radio station on the air for a number of reasons:

1. It is the area's News Station, providing more news to the Houma-Thibodaux Metro than all other stations combined.
2. It has a history of providing emergency information during hurricanes and other disasters. KTIB was the **only** station to remain on the air throughout the disastrous Hurricane Betsy in 1956 and has continued to provide emergency services during Hurricane Andrew and all others in between.
3. It is AM, the original radio, and I believe we should do everything possible to save the band from extinction. I am determined to do that, if possible, but the prospect of splitting my audience with four or five dozen new signals makes it extremely dubious that I will succeed.

Local radio stations, both AM and FM, provide needed services to our listeners which satellite radio cannot provide. Will it provide a Cajun French show? We do! Will it offer local news and sports? We do! Will it announce locations of shelters and evacuation routes during hurricanes? We do!

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Mr. William Caton
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If the Commission determines to approve satellite radio sometime in the future, then please, limit it to a subscription service. In that way, new technology will be served up to those who want it badly enough to pay for it.

Respectfully,

Raymond Saadi
Owner/General Manager

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c: Chairman Reed E. Hundt
Commissioner James H. Quello
Commissioner Andrew C. Barrett
Commissioner Rachelle B. Chong
Commissioner Susan Ness

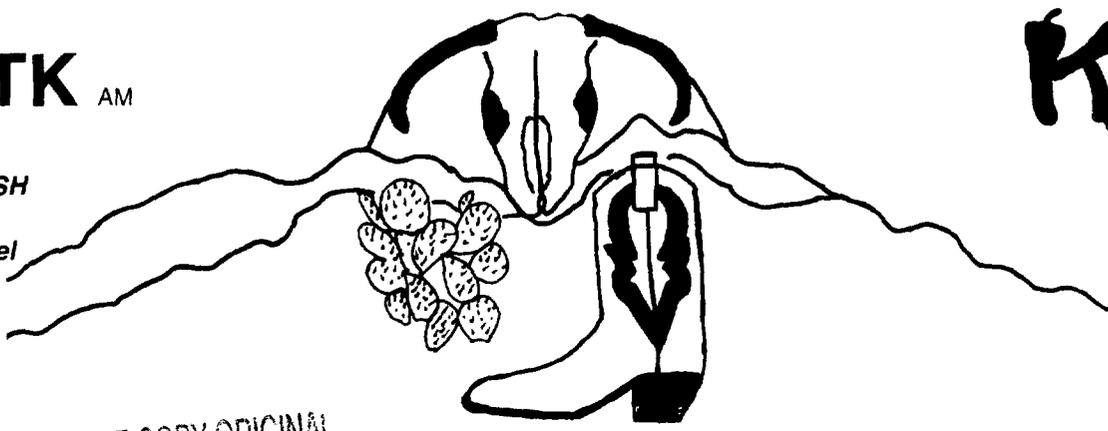
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Dear Commissioner,

I am writing this letter to express our concerns concerning the possible authorization of the new satellite DAB service. This is a direct threat to all broadcasters, but especially to the small markets. We are located in a town of 28,000 in population. The people in this market can receive eight FM stations and at least ten AM stations local and regional. Not counting two full power and two low power TV stations and local commercial insertion on Cable TV. As you can see, that is a lot of competition for a market this size. Broadcasters are working a lot harder to serve their markets, maintain FCC rules and regulations and hopefully make a profit.

DAB will make local radio audiences fragmented even further, and will make local radio no longer profitable. DAB can not provide community service, virtually no public interest and no minority employment obligations.

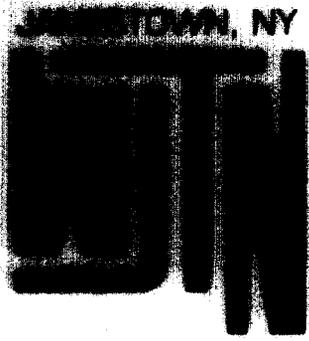
Please keep these thoughts in mind before you make a decision. We need more help, not more problems. Just some thoughts from a small market Broadcaster.

Sincerely,

Steve Swayze
General Manager

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR

THE BURLINGTON RADIO GROUP

■ **92-83 (FM)**

August 21, 1995

BURLINGTON, VT

Commissioner Rachelle Chong
Federal Communications Commission
1919 M St., NW
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■ **WXXX (FM)**

■ **WVMT**

Dear Sir:

We are distressed that the F.C.C. is planning to authorize a new satellite DAB service. This would beam fifty to one hundred radio channels to every radio market in the country. The reason for our distress is simple and should be obvious to all at the F.C.C. Our stations are in Jamestown, NY and Burlington, VT. and thousands of other stations across the country are finding it difficult to maintain volume and even come out with a small profit with the over-saturation on the radio dial. This move will lead to further fragmentation of the market. This decision affects smaller market stations horribly. The fragmentation takes away our revenue and our listeners. The DAB Satellite service would fragment the audience. If this were to happen, we couldn't do the public service job that we would like to do and have done in years past.

Our stations are known nationally for their public service. We still broadcast City Council Meetings, Board of Education Meetings, and other items of local interest that cost our station to carry. If the F.C.C. approves this service and it fragments the audience, we will be forced to stream-line and conform into the satellite-jukebox business.

There is certainly no need for more radio service, because there is too much already. Competitive media are going to keep chopping away at the basis of our existence: audience and advertisers. Pretty soon, smaller stations will not provide public service in any conceivable amount. A movement of this sort, away from the private sector, would affect the services available to the individual groups that smaller stations can cater to (specialty shows such as : Italian Hour, Swedish Hour, the afore mentioned political meetings, etc...). Smaller market stations can cover this valuable specialty spectrum more efficiently than larger satellite radio.

We've been operating these radio stations in Jamestown for over

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PLEASE ADDRESS YOUR REPLY TO OUR CORPORATE OFFICES:

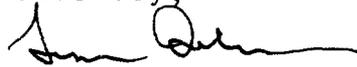
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50 years. Things are rough in our community. National chains are pushing the local merchants out of business. National businesses rarely (if ever) buy radio advertising here. It is also difficult trying to compete with the cable industry for the advertising dollars.

An FM drop-in has been allocated to this market. This will also add another station to cut our audience and our income.

Please re-think the satellite DAB issue. The only logical conclusion is that it should not be authorized, for the sake of the small business owner, the main building block of the "American Dream".

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Simon Goldman", written over a horizontal line.

Simon Goldman
President
WJTN/WWSE/WVMT/WXXX



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THOMAS L. YOUNG
PRESIDENT

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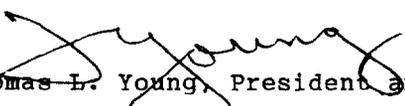
The California Broadcasters' annual convention in Monterey, California, was held on July 17th. At the concluding banquet, I was named the California "Broadcaster of the Year". There are 430 radio stations and 90 television stations in our state. That represents a lot of competition for this award. There is no question that the reason for my selection was the community contributions our stations bring to the Napa Valley. (You will note that our Hispanic friends covered the story of the award, also.)

As President of our hospital, college, high school, and heart foundations and associations with non-profit worthy causes, I have been able to do much for our coverage area. This is small in comparison with all our stations have been doing for many, many years. During the recent floods, we were on the air 24 hours a day bringing listeners the latest information on road closings, flood water rising, school closings, locations needing volunteers, etc. That is just one example of the continuous service rendered locally. Being the local voice for all the worthy needs is a constant process!

I can't warn the Commission strongly enough as to the danger of satellite radio devastating the kind of service described above. There is no way that we could financially continue the work we do, if we had the added competition from satellite radio. Satellite radio would divide the listeners' choices to the point of not allowing a station to have enough audience to make a living. Yes, more stations would be accessible, but no one of them would do the things that we local stations do. The satellite would not announce school closings due to weather conditions, advise citizens to leave their homes due to floods heading their way, give blood at the Blood Bank that will be here tomorrow, promote the fund-raiser for the Food Bank event, and on and on. Believe me, that will all be gone!

I hope you recognize the importance of the local voice in radio, and that you will not make it more difficult to allow us to give this service to the local citizen who depends on it daily. Thank you for considering these facts when making your decision.

Sincerely,


Thomas L. Young, President and General Manager

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Tom Young nombrado Radiodifusor del Año

NAPA -Tom Young, presidente y gerente general de las estaciones de radio KVON y KVYN, tuvo el honor de ser nombrado El Radiodifusor del Año por la Asociación de Radiodifusores de California.

La asociación, que representa 420 estaciones de radio y 84 canales de televisión, seleccionó a Young en parte debido a su dedicación y involucramiento en la comunidad del Valle de Napa. Young ha sido presidente de la Queen of the Valley Foundation, Napa Concert Association, Napa



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NAPA, CALIFORNIA - VOL 48, No. 29- July 21, 1995

YOUNG HONORED

Broadcaster Takes Top State Award

He acknowledges effort at the drop of a hat, champions the do-gooder, and publicly recognizes community spirit. And now one of Napa's most tireless boosters has been awarded a prestigious statewide title acknowledging his efforts in the field where "getting the word out" is an everyday occurrence.

Tom Young, owner of radio station KVON/KVYN, received the surprise announcement earlier this week, that he has been chosen as the California Broadcaster Association's "1995 Broadcaster of the Year."

Young was presented with the award at the organization's meeting in Monterey on Monday, July 17. A former executive committee member for the Association, which represents TV and radio stations throughout the state, Young was selected for the award because of his many contributions to the industry.

Young came to the Napa Valley from the Midwest where he was also involved in broadcasting, having started his career in 1952 as a general manager of a radio station.

He purchased KVON in 1970 and built KVYN in 1975 in St. Helena (they are now consolidated at the Napa location).

Awards are no stranger to this active local businessman, who not only makes sure that the work of community members receive much



needed attention, but who also has been honored locally several times for his valuable services to the Valley.

Young was tapped as the 1979 Napa Chamber of Commerce "Citizen of the Year;" in 1982, a local tennis park was designated in his honor; he was the 1983 Christian Brothers School's "Man of the Year;" and in 1990 the academic fraternity of Phi Delta Kappa also named Young as their "Man of the Year."

Young lives in Napa with his wife, Ita, and is the father of three grown children: Napa Municipal Court Judge Ron Young; Barry, who manages the Solano Athletic Club; and daughter Tracy, who works in television in Fresno.

Murder

In an act of domestic violence, a Napa man is accused of murdering his common law wife last week, just two days after getting out of jail, where he served time for a previous assault charge against the woman.

Dale McDowell, 36, has been arrested for the brutal slaying of Nancy Elaine Michelsen, a 39-year-old Napa woman who was the mother of McDowell's 5-year-old daughter.

McDowell allegedly killed Michelsen with a butcher knife in her home.

Gift Of Gratitude

The City of Napa received a gift of \$2,500 from the businesses and government of East Dubuque, Illinois.

In an example of "what comes around, goes around," East Dubuque sent the money as a gesture thanks for the City of Napa's assistance (in the form of \$7,250) during their flooding in 1993.

The money sent by East Dubuque was an acknowledgment of the recent dunking Napa received on two occasions earlier this year.

Taxable Sales

Taxable sales for the county and municipalities of Napa had an overall growth of 2.1 percent in

Tom Young named CBA Broadcaster of the Year

A veteran California broadcaster from the Napa Valley was selected as the CBA's Harvey Levin Broadcaster of the Year at the annual convention in July.

Tom Young, who began his radio career as a Marine Corps lieutenant in China, owns KVON/KVYN AM/FM in Napa and was hailed by his peers as "a truly outstanding broadcaster."

The award, presented by Mickey Luckoff of KGO/KSFO AM, San Francisco, annually salutes a California broadcaster who has pursued not only excellence in the field, but in community service, as well.

Young has been president of the Queen of the Valley Hospital Foundation, Napa Concert Association, Napa Valley College Foundation and Napa

Tennis Association. He was named Citizen of the Year by the Napa Chamber of Commerce.

Young was in charge of armed forces radio stations in Beijing, Tsingtao and Tientsin following World War II. He later ran two TV and three radio stations in the midwest, and he and his wife Ita

hosted a TV quiz show in the 1950s.

Young purchased KVON in 1970 and added KVYN in 1976.

The Harvey Levin Broadcaster of the Year award is named for a former broadcaster who exemplified excellence in broadcasting, Luckoff said.



FCC's Quello speaks to CBA

FCC Commissioner and former chairman James Quello addressed the CBA convention, speaking about a variety of current topics, from changes in ownership rules to competition with cable to broadcasting's role in the information superhighway. The CBA later presented Quello with an Assembly resolution honoring his contributions to broadcasting.

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Dear Secretary:

I am the owner of a small FM, (class A), station which is serving the region with local news and public service.

I can say with all honesty that business is tough, and operating capital is touch and go from week to week.

Bottom line is, any new competition would probably be the death of the station, put the station off the air, and deprive the area of their local news and information.

I beg of you to not authorize any new satellite DAB radio competition.

1. Satellite radio would fragment radio audiences so that, over time and beginning in the smaller markets, local radio would no longer be profitable.
2. Satellite radio would precipitate devastating effects on the community service provided local communities and local advertisers by local radio, with no replacement in local service or local advertising.
3. There is no need for "more" radio service (a la Docket 80-90), no need for a national radio service (as the Commission recognized in its "break down" of the AM clear channels and in light of national network programming being available via local stations) and no need for more competition in radio service.

additionally,

4. Satellite radio would occupy a chunk of valuable spectrum, which could be put to better and more profitable uses.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,


William J. Macek, GM
CENTRAL BROADCASTING CORPORATION

cc: Chairman Reed Hundt
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Dear Commissioner Chong,

It has come to my attention that the FCC is seriously considering authorizing the DAB satellite service, which will destroy local broadcasting as we know it. As a business person, you must understand that the "pie" is only "so big". When the "pie" is sliced into 100 plus pieces as opposed to 20 or so peices, no one will benefit and everyone will leave the table starving.

Satellite Radio will not come under the same rules and regulations as local broadcasters. Satellite Radio will not have to follow EEOC guidelines on a local basis, there will be no local interest involvement, no local programming, no local sports, and on and on.

We are a group of "live" stations, doing well in a market in which we continuously push to stay involved and abreast of local issues and interest. We carry three local high school's football games, two local universities' football and basketball games, various local artist programs, local news, sports and weather. To "drop-in" 100 plus stations that are totally uninterested in local issues would devistate our ability to compete fairly without dropping most of our local programming for more profitable spot time.

It is my hope that this matter will command your full attention until the FCC rules against authorizing a DAB Satellite Service which will place 100 plus stations in each and every market in the country.

Thank you for your consideration. If I can be of any service to you, please do not hesitate to call upon me.

Sincerely,

Bob Holladay
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Dear Sirs;

I understand you are on the verge of authorizing a new satellite DAB service which would beam 50 to 100 radio channels into every market including ours. We are located on the island of Kauai with a population of just under 50,000. Currently there are 4 radio stations on the island, two FM and two AM stations.

Our economy has still now fully recovered from hurricane Iniki, not all the hotels on the island have opened and as you probably know tourism is our main industry. This has put a hardship on many of the businesses, some of them forced to close. I'm sure you have seen this type of chain reaction, no businesses, no advertising dollars.

By beaming additional radio stations into our small and volatile market you will create more competition for listeners, therefore also creating competition for advertising dollars. Dollars that already are stretched thin between the radio stations that already exist.

I can see the benefits to the people offering them more variety, however, the satellite stations will not be geared to the local community. This is important in a small community as ours, the people need to be updated on local happenings at all times. We play a major role in letting the public know of any "public service" type of events as well as local news. Furthermore, the satellite service would probably feed the same music we can provide as we are a Gavin reporter, the difference would be the local music which we provide (Contemporary Hawaiian).

At this point all stations are facing hard times and waiting for the other hotels to reopen so we can bring more visitors to the island, to increase spending on the island. I can't stress enough how detrimental the DAB service would be to our market.

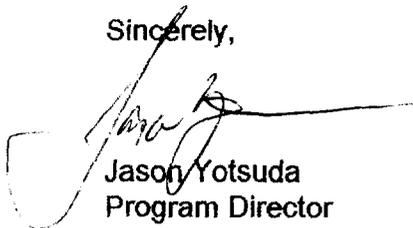
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There is also the matter of employment and public service, the DAB would not create jobs or have any local public interest. The only thing it would do is create havoc in our small market.

I realize it will be a tough decision for you to make, however I believe there is only one right decision if local communities are the main concern of radio... DO NOT authorize the DAB service. Do not allow it to come into our fragile market and destroy what little we have.

Thank you for taking the time to hear our views on the DAB service.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jason Yotsuda", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Jason Yotsuda
Program Director
KFMN-FM97 RADIO