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Morris Communications adds on to its High Desert cluster in California. It reaches a deal to buy all-new "K-Queen" KQYN, Twentynine Palms out of bankruptcy from Three D Radio for \$100,000. KQYN has 1,000 watts day and 105 watts night at 1250 AM. Morris already owns seven other stations in the area around Joshua Tree National Park, including classic hits "Eagle 106.9" KDGL, rhythmic CHR KKKU (92.7), "The Rock" KCLB-FM (93.7), ESPN Radio KXPS (1010), "K-News" KNWQ (1140) and its simulcast KNWZ (970), plus talk/sports "K-News 2" KNWT. Not included in this deal is the studio and tower space that Three D Radio has been leasing from Copper Mountain Broadcasting, which owns two stations in the area.

Pittman Broadcasting closes on four stations in Louisiana. This one — a three-party deal — took a while to close and looks a little different from the way we told you about it back on December 3, 2003. But it closed yesterday and Marcus Pittman and Michael Schutta have just bought three stations from Citadel and one from Don Bonin's Bonin Broadcasting. The Citadel properties are sports KVOL, Radio Disney affiliate KDYS and black gospel KFXZ in the area around Lafayette. Plus KRXE from Bonin. Citadel's WOPR was also part of the original package but Pittman looked at an engineering situation and chose not to go forward with its purchase. We heard from a very busy Michael Schutta last night, who's occupied doing the takeover stuff. Broker: Mike Bergner.

The women at MIW keep the initials but fit them with a new name. The group coalesced after Radio Ink started publishing lists of Most Influential Women, and they've created an ongoing mission for themselves. They continue to acknowledge Radio Ink for the original name, but now declare that "MIW" stands for "Mentoring and Inspiring Women." The website is still "RadioMIW.com."

Steve Sellers' Dodge Broadcasting buys a combo in central Georgia. Sellers is actually a buyer — and he will pay \$450,000 to Farnell O'Quinn for his AM-FM combo 60 miles southeast of Macon. The stations are WUFF-FM, a Class A signal licensed to Eastman, GA. And sister WUFF (710), a 2,500 watt daytimer. They simulcast the country-format known as "Big Wolf Radio." It's not a complete exit from radio for O'Quinn. He still owns 50% of Cinecom Broadcasting Systems, which owns "Star 102.7" WYSC and news/talk WYIS (1410) in nearby McRae, GA.

People Moves Brad West, who just finished 15 years as GSM at KCBS-FM in L.A., gets the challenge of handling sales for Renan flagship KLAX-FM. He's Spanish Broadcasting Systems' choice as its GM there. . . Todd Wallace, working from his base in Phoenix, becomes Infinity's VP/Oldies Programming. Todd continues as Ops Manager at oldies KOOL-FM and PD at KZON and KMLE. Tim Maranville (another Phoenix vet) previously served as Infinity's oldies specialist. . . Cheryl Simone-Miller is the news anchor of "The Wall Street Journal This Morning" daily radio show, which is hosted by Michael Wallace. Simone-Miller has spent the last 9 years at Infinity's all-news WINS, New York. . . Larry Miner gets to run the six-station cluster in Yakima, WA for Clear Channel, transferring over from the Clear Channel cluster in Centralla. . . Damon "The Dog" Perry takes the "Third Shift" at Fox Sports Radio Network (2-5am) beginning this weekend. He'll work with anchor Karen Kay, producer Brian Baker and technical director Josh Guers. Damon's worked with Sporting News Radio and SportsFan and stations in Detroit, Seattle and Sacramento.

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