

X Regent goes shopping to add two FM's to its Ft. Collins cluster. Though we'd note that the Brill Media group deal that gets it into Ft. Collins, CO has yet to close — and there are rumors that Alan Brill isn't exactly rushing to sign the papers. This Regent "add-on" deal should have less drama. It's with the Brandon family-owned American General Media and it involves modern rock KKPL, Cheyenne, WY (99.9) and classic rock KARS-FM, Laramie (102.9). Regent says the KARS-FM tower is in the process of being moved, and it plans to start LMAing "Planet" KKPL February 1. Regent's Terry Jacobs calls Ft. Collins "one of the fastest-growing markets in the nation", and he'll plop KKPL and KARS-FM alongside the Brill Media cluster that includes country "K-99" KUAD. Price for KKPL/KARS-FM is \$7,750,000, including up to \$2,750,000 in Regent stock. Terry's watching out for stock dilution here: If Regent stock is trading at less than \$7.50 a share, he has the option to substitute cash for some or all the stock. Broker: Mike Bergner.

Was NextMedia hoping to grab the Ft. Collins stations? All the ones we talked about in the previous story: the stuff from Brill Media, plus AGM's KKPL and KARS-FM. The rumor has been that NextMedia really wanted into this market and would've cemented together the same cluster that Terry Jacobs is buying. Once it appeared that Regent Communications was getting the Brill Media radio group, did NextMedia cool off on wooing the Brandons over KKPL and KARS-FM?

Three new VPs at Radio Disney. Same people, same faces, but now three women with VP titles and more responsibility, reporting to President/GM Jean-Paul Colaco. There's new VP/Programming Robin Jones, new VP/Marketing Sarah Stone, and new VP/Ad Sales Ruth Josenhans.

You read it in *Inside Radio* —

- ▶ **Todd Fowler's Quorum Radio Partners buys WXCF-AM/FM in Clifton Forge, VA.** Fast-growing Quorum pays \$400,000 for the Western Virginia combo north of Roanoke along I-64. WXCF (1230) does country oldies and AC "Mix 104" WXCF-FM at 103.9 is an AC. Seller is Impact Broadcasting, and Ron Kempff brokered.
- ▶ **Ex-Jesse Ventura spokesman John Wodele joins KSTP (1500) for mornings.** PD Joe O'Brien says Wodele "has just completed an unprecedented four years on the inside of the most incredible administration in Minnesota's history." Wodele joins KSTP, St. Paul co-host Mark O'Connell from 5am-9am starting February 3. After four years with Governor Ventura — talk radio should be a piece of cake.
- ▶ **Arnessa Thomas Leverett will run Clear Channel's cluster in Montgomery, AL.** That includes urban "Hot 105.7" WZHT, urban AC "Magic" WMCZ and oldies "Cool 104.3" WQLD. Leverett's been the stations' assistant GM and Director of Sales. She reports to Regional VP David Coppock.
- ▶ **AP Radio signs a multi-year renewal with National Public Radio.** The contract gives NPR access to services like the 24-hour news network, the NewsPower Max text service, and — important for the future — licensing rights to use AP content on NPR's two Sirius channels, plus Yahoo.com and on PDA and wireless devices. *Inside Radio* — nobody tells radio's stories like *Inside Radio*. News: Tom Taylor, Frank Saxe.

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