

John Ziegler returns to Clear Channel for late nights in Los Angeles on KFI. You'll recall that Clear Channel's Louisville management fired Ziegler in August after he made what WHAS execs thought were inappropriate remarks about the physical attributes of his ex-girlfriend. She slapped Clear Channel, WHAS and Ziegler with a lawsuit claiming defamation and invasion of privacy. But Ziegler lands on his feet, with a new late-night gig on Clear Channel talker KFI (640). Ziegler will host the 10pm to 1am timeslot, with KFI cutting back George Noory's "Coast to Coast" timeslot by three hours, to 1-5am.

Sporting News Radio files to improve the signal of L.A.-market KMPC (1540). GM John Ryan says the new construction permit (just filed) would grow the nighttime power from 10-kw to 40-kw and improve the daytime coverage, already at 50-kw. Both would be directional, using 6 towers.

Cumulus closes on its \$25 million pickup of KCHZ and "Majik 107.3" in Kansas City. And soon the cluster will be a trio, hopes Lew Dickey — because he's working on moving a third FM in from Topeka. The deal that closed yesterday is for Syncom's CHR "Z95.7" KCHZ, Ottawa, KS and KMJK, Lexington, MO. This deal was announced in early October during the NAB Radio Show in Philly. Broker: Michael Bergner. ✓

A \$44 million closing in Portland, OR: Entercom takes over KOTK and KWJJ. Those were Fisher's only radio stations in Portland and the proceeds (plus the dough from the sale of two TV stations in Georgia) will help reduce the debt at Seattle-based Fisher. Entercom's already got a good-sized cluster in Portland, and recently sold off KKSJ (1520) to Amador Bustos. Was that to make room for KOTK? Entercom's been LMAing talker KOTK (1080) and country KWJJ (99.5) since the deal was announced at the beginning of the Summer (May 30 *Inside Radio*). Broker on the sale: Kalil & Co.

Clear Channel buys a fill-in FM in Bozeman, MT. Clear Channel's been operating soft AC "My 103.5" KZMY under an LMA with Gallatin Broadcasting. Now it agrees to pay Kevin Terry \$1.4M for the Class C1 signal that signed on in September 2002. The station brings Clear Channel's Bozeman portfolio to five stations, including AC "Sky" KSCY. Gallatin Broadcasting owns no other radio stations.

Gallup's Kenneth Tucker will be the opening keynoter at RAB2004 in Dallas. Tucker is a management consultant for Gallup, and will preach about what great managers do to maximize results for their companies. RAB2004, the Radio Management & Leadership Conference, is at the Adams Mark Hotel in Dallas, February 5-8. For more info go to "www.RAB2004.com."

Correction: When it comes to the dealings in Wheeling, Clear Channel is a seller (not a buyer) of WVKF, Bethlehem, WV (105.5). "Kiss FM" goes to in-market player Keymarket for \$1.35 million.

People Moves **Victor Sosa** returns to New York, filling the overnight slot at Clear Channel's WLTW (Lite 106.7). Sosa grew up in the Bronx and was most recently PD at WJBT and WSOL in Jacksonville, FL. . . **Jon Cody** is a name to track at the FCC: He's Chairman Powell's new legal advisor handling media issues. — *Need your own copy of INSIDE RADIO? Get it by fax or electronically. Call 800-248-4242 to subscribe.*

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