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FROM:

John J Sakowicz, Mendocino County Public
Broadcasting, Board Director and Treasurer, and
Program Host and Producer of "All About Money",
at KZYX and KZYZ

SUBJECT:

Informal Objection, or Petition to Deny,
Contingent Upon a Change in Management, for
the Renewal of Licenses for KZYX and KZYZ

DATE: May 13, 2014

ENCLOSURES (2)

ARTICLE: *ANDERSON VALLEY ADVERTISER*, April 2, 2014

ARTICLE: *UKIAH DAILY JOURNAL*, April 11, 2014

This document revises the memorandum submitted on January 27, 2014. The two published articles (enclosed) report on the interruption of broadcast service in Mendocino County. In addition to these articles, I have learned the station was off air for ten (10) days in 2009.

Mendocino County is an area of 2,300 square miles with 87,500 residents. Many natural disasters can befall the people of this county.

In particular, earthquakes, with subsequent tsunamis, are a real potential emergency for both inland and coastal communities.

KZYX/Z is responsible for Emergency Broadcast information to its residents in the event of a major catastrophe. In addition to earthquakes, wild fires are a common occurrence each year. We are currently in the worst drought since 1976. Water shortage and rationing have been in effect since October 2013. The seasonal rains have ceased and we are only in mid-May.

I wish to reiterate that KZYX/Z management is failing to consistently provide the county with the necessary communication to our Mendocino residents.

Respectfully submitted,

John J Sakowicz
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Letters from our readers

To have better mental health services

To the Editor:

"What an Effective Mental Health System Looks Like" was a recent Wellness Center Health Forum sponsored by the Mendocino Coast District Hospital. Sixty people came together and half signed up to meet again and get on our Supervisors Agenda to ask for Mental Health Services. If three supervisors declare that County Mental Health and Ortner Management Group must use federal and state funds for mental health patients in accord with Welfare and Institutions Code (WIC) 5600.4; California Code of Regulations (CCR) Title 9 Rehabilitative and Developmental Services, Chapter 11 Medi-Cal Specialty Mental Health Services; then our County Mental Health Services will be effective and in compliance with State and Federal laws.

For \$27 million annually, Mendocino County can have: 24/7 Pre-Crisis and Crisis Services, 24/7 Crisis Residential Treatment Services with stays up to 30 days, Medication Education and Management; Rehabilitation and Support Services, Vocational and Residential Services. We can also have a Mobile Unit to take some of these services to outlying areas, collaborating with Health Clinics, Family Resource Centers, and other spaces for possible shared office use times. Imagine how this would transform the world of mental health patients, their families and friends, and so many others in our communities; and also our hospitals and law enforcement.

Call me at 937-3339 if you want to work with us.

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Problems at KZYX

To the Editor:

KZYX's signal was down all day, March 31 and then other days following. The problem appears to be the main STL receiver at Cold Spring

This is a recurring problem. Maybe if KZYX spent less on payroll, and more on equipment and technology, Mendocino County would have a public radio station that really worked.

Recurring equipment failures is only one good reason I filed my complaint with the FCC. There are others. KZYX is managed like a private clubhouse for the five people who work there. It's a jobs program. Way too much of the \$675,000 raised from the station's 2,300 members is spent on salaries.

And management refuses to disclose salaries.

John Sakowicz
Ukiah

Stop trying to stop Costco

To the Editor:

What the heck are you people doing? The majority of Ukiah wants Costco, do you not understand this? You say you do not want big box stores, but what do you think Walmart, Home Depot and Friedman's are? Ukiah will never survive unless we let some of these big box stores in.

Ukiah is losing money because in order for us to shop we are forced to go to Santa Rosa and give them our money. I personally want to keep my money in this town, but you people with all these lawsuits are stopping me from doing this.

Costco is going to bring in more tax revenues and more jobs which we badly need, with benefits. Unless Ukiah lets these businesses in, this town will become a ghost town like Fort Bragg, Willits, etc. I personally do not want to see this happen. Ukiah is a great place to bring up your children. Costco is not going to take that away. It will not be an eyesore from the freeway. Costco keeps their store's up very nicely. Stop this foolishness. You will force Costco to go elsewhere, in which I will follow and still give my money to another town. Stupid lawsuits.

Linda Warden
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Get it while you can

— Janis Joplin



SIGNAL DOWN, SALARIES UP

To the Editor,

KZYX's signal has been down all day, March 31. Almost certainly, the signal will be down tomorrow, too. The problem appears to be the main STL receiver at Cold Springs. This is a recurring problem. Maybe if KZYX spent less on payroll, and more on equipment and technology, Mendocino County would have a public radio station that really worked.

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PS. FROM THE KZYX WEB PAGE

"First 91.7 went down this morning — Monday March 31 — and then after 3 PM 90.7 went down. Both may be weather related. 91.5 is located on Laughlin Peak and even with a 4X4, it was too snowy to reach the transmitter building at the top. We hope that the problem is an iced-over antenna on the system that receives the signal from Cold Springs Peak across the county. We will not likely be able to get to it until it thaws, which could take several days. If it is ice on the antenna, it will come back of its own accord once it thaws. The 90.7 problem is under investigation. Rich is on his way up there. It could be that the power generator went down up there."

PPS. I say, fire the GM. Eliminate the GM position. Use that money to hire an engineer. A real engineer. Doesn't this seem obvious? We don't need a GM. KZYX is a small station. Five employees. 100 or so volunteer programmers who pretty much manage themselves. We need equipment that's reliable. And we need technology, i.e., archived shows, an interactive webpage, Twitter and Facebook pages for programmers, a Ukiah studio at KMEC that uses Voice Over Internet, etc. What we don't need is a GM — top-heavy, management, bullshit policies, internecine fighting.

I am perhaps like most Americans, guruophobic. Bhagwans, swamis, saffron-robed saints of every sort leave me cold. I can find out the truth for myself, dammit — isn't that the point of having a library card?

— Bill McKibben

RAINFALL

This Week — 3.50

Season Total To Date — 21.50

Last Year To Date 30.05

WHAT THE HELL IS A COZIS GROTTTO?

Dear Editor,

I'm writing again for two reasons. First, when I heard there was a response to my letter in the AVA, I was intrigued. I thought maybe there was going to be some intelligent banter. But alas, it was not.

Since Cozis Grotto is obviously a made up name, I don't know if you're a place or a person. I do know one person who said she knew who you were. But she wouldn't say because she said, "You weren't worth addressing." She probably was right. If you're going to write something in the newspaper, and talk a little smack while you're at it, stand behind it with your real name.

But you should at least do a little research. You could start with my previous letter. You seem to have missed a lot more than just my point. Fact is, *I am a redneck!* At least I fit better in that category than any of the others you mentioned.

The mentality that takes over and makes two grown men who are having a good time, laughing and visiting with friends, suddenly decide they're going to start a fight and tear shit up with no provocation — is not limited to any one group. But it is bad behavior. I don't care how you were brought up.

And secondly, if I *did* offend any rednecks, friends or otherwise, I do apologize. That was not my intent.

D'Ann Wallace
Boonville

PS. And just for the record, I'm more like a "She Bear" than a "Hard Ass."

YOU NEED SOMETHING TO DO?

To The Editor:

Incredibly, Mendocino County Supervisors voted to allow people to hunt bears and bobcats with dogs. Four people showed up to support this. Steve Johnson spoke for himself, his mom and dad (and probably the Houndsmen for Conservation guy), saying: "I want to have my dogs. I want to hunt bears. It's what I like to do."

What could be more fun than terrorizing and killing animals?

No one showed up to oppose lifting the ban because: a) we didn't know about it; and/or b) we gave the supervisors more credit than that.

Invoking the First Strike policy, Supervisor Carre Brown stated that allowing hunters with dogs to kill bears will reduce the number of bears that get into trouble and have to be killed. Supervisor John Pinches pointed out that "You've got to give people something to do."

How about picking up trash beside the highways? Chasing each other around in Yogi Bear and Mr. Peabody costumes? Searching for yetis?

We've lived in the remote mountains of Mendocino County for 30 years. Have we ever had problems with "marauding wildlife"? No. Unless you count pot growers and drunk guys with guns driving around in Jeeps during hunting season.

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