

## 6th August 2001

Commercial radiostation *Q The Beat* (broadcasting from the *MV Communicator* on 1224 kHz) has gained 75.000 signatures from listeners who are against a sale of radiofrequencies. They got these signatures on a youth trade happening, which was held from 7th till 15th of July in Utrecht. The signatures will be sent to Dutch Parliament.

*Radio 192* started at 18.00 hrs officially on 1332 kHz in Hilversum. On this low power station, which can be heard in Amsterdam to the north and the Belgian Border to the south, many former offshore deejays from *Veronica* can be heard. It was Tineke de Nooy who opened the station. Also she had, during the evening, an interview with 91 year old Bull Verwey, still going strong as ever. On the station people like Eddie Becker, Chiel Montagne, Tineke, Krijn Torringa and Ted Bouwens are working. During the opening a lot of other former offshore deejays and technicians were present. One of them was Ferry Maat, who was dismissed by his employer NCRV Radio a couple of months ago. Suddenly, after the opening of *Radio 192* in the press all kind of rumours were going around that Ferry is the next one to start on *Radio 192*. He officially came out with a press report a few days later in which he stated that in no way he's going to work for *Radio 192* but that he has had talks with some other stations. So a follow up pressreport can be expected soon. By the way, on Sundays and Saturdays the station is playing old *Veronica* programmes from offshore days. There are some 2000 studiotapes left at the archive and one by one will be aired again. Only most of the commercials have to be taken out due to the rules of the Dutch Radio Authority.

Talking about old names, *Meta de Vries* worked for *AVRO Radio* a

long time on Hilversum 3 and from 7th of July she's also on Radio 192. Every Saturday she will present a Jazz programme. Early-in-the-morning listeners in the seventies will remember her from the RNI's Dutch service, where she presented the programme 'voor de warme bakker'.

*John de Mol jr*, the man behind EndeMol Productions and the huge success for Big Brother all over the world, started his career at the age of 17 as technician on Radio Noordzee. One of the programmes he presented at a later stage was Branding. He has stated on July 9th that he will try to buy one of the radio stations in Holland, even if he has to pay more than 100 million guilders for it. So back to his roots?

*Jeroen Woelwater (Soer)* worked a short time on Radio Caroline in 1979. After that he worked for VARA Radio and was the managing director and co-owner of Radio 10. When he sold his shares he worked for several other radio organisations in Holland as well as Belgium. On July 11th it became known that he's now shareholder of a company called Ad Master. This company works in 15 different countries in Europe and is making industrial websites. They are responsible for billboards along the road as well as on schools. Also Ad Master is selling airtime for NFTV, a television network on schools.