

## *Pirate radio team starts legal show*

TWO of New York's most infamous radio pirates have gone legit. Jim Naslum and Hank Hayes, who illegally operated WHOT out of a Bensonhurst bedroom until the feds seized their equipment at gunpoint last year, are now on the airwaves of Christian broadcasting network WWCR. The pair became famous for their unorthodox programming — including a show where a couple supposedly had live sex on the air — but they insist they're not selling out. "They told us we can present any type of programming we want except anything that's blatantly anti-Christian," says Hayes. "They're trying to break some new ground because they want to see if shortwave can be commercialized." Hayes says they started stealing the airwaves 15 years ago because New York radio got to be "stale and boring." "Radio became very corporate," he says. "It's big business. They play the same songs day after day." Their Radio Free New York show, on late Saturday nights at 7520 on the shortwave dial, is now being heard in Scandinavia, Europe and Africa, according to fans who've written to the show in the few weeks it's been on. Did they really have that live sex broadcast, and will they do it again for a global audience? Hayes says, "We got away with a lot of stuff. We didn't actually have sex on the air but we made it sound like we did."