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business can and cannot do. The court wasn't mean to me, but rather very cooperative in teaching me how to get out of this serious bind.

I have also felt a certain amount of pride at the end of all this. It is rare for a company in Chapter 11 to get out of the predicament it is in. All in all, it has been a very big lesson in the life of a guy who has always worried about others and didn't pay attention to what was going on around himself. Lesson learned.

Eighteen months ago I began doing my appliance show on WJR radio, which has proven to help others and achieve success. Much has happened during this period, and I'm sure you'll read about it soon in the columns of other writers. There has been so much written lately about this radio station that I stand so proud of that I feel I must defend their decisions of late.

Those who write the negative are those who don't work for WJR, and — without knowing the full scope of what's going on — show their ignorance to those of us who are in the know.

Many business experts inform corporations that they can't do things the way they used to; they have to change or they will stand still and fail. My bankruptcy might never have occurred if I would have followed the advice of experts. I'm sure you will see more changes at WJR, and they will be positive ones that incorporate good business sense and a continuing attitude of caring for their radio audience.

In closing this personal side story let me thank this newspaper for allowing me to write this weekly column and all the people along the way who have helped me. I want to thank all of you who read this column and listen to the radio show. I could never have achieved this limited amount of fame without the support of you. It is hard to explain how much I care for others without making it sound like a con job so I will just carry on doing what I do and try to make all of you proud of me. I can't do it without you.

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