

Joel Denver, Steve Ellis to Receive the 2003 Conclave Rockwell Awards. Joel Denver, President of the All Access Music Group, and Music Industry executive Steve Ellis will be honored at the Conclave Learning Conference Awards Brunch to be held on Saturday, July 19, 2003 at the Marriott City Center in Minneapolis. Ellis, who died last year, will be honored posthumously. Popular radio personality, Gary Burbank and his alter ego, Earl Pitts, will emcee the event. Joel Denver is President, Publisher and co-founder of the All Access Music Group, which offers the largest daily updated collection of free information to the radio and record businesses on the Internet. All Access also promotes and markets music to all formats. Prior to founding the All Access Music Group in 1995, Denver was CHR Editor for R&R Newspaper for 14 years. His career also included 13 years as a program director at radio stations such as WBSB FM in Baltimore, KSLQ in St. Louis, KCBQ AM in San Diego, WMJX FM in Miami, and was music director at WFIL in Philadelphia. Denver's on-air career included WAYS AM in Charlotte, WNOR AM in Norfolk, WPGC AM/FM in Washington and WINX AM in Rockville where he got started in radio at age 15. Joel works and plays in Malibu, CA with his wife and All Access Group's VP/Co-founder, Ria. Known for his love of radio - especially Midwest radio - Steve Ellis spent the last decade of his life as VP/Promotion at Atlantic Records, Curb Records, Mercury Records, and then back to Atlantic Records. Ellis started his radio career as a high school student, working part-time at KSTP AM in 1976. While attending St. Cloud State University in St. Cloud, MN, he commuted back-and-forth to work a weekend shift at KDWB in Minneapolis. In 1982, Ellis moved to New York and worked his way up through the ranks at WAPP to become program director by 1984. He later went on to program Hot 97 in New York and KLSX in Los Angeles before entering into the record industry. Steve succumbed to cancer in the fall of last year. Popular radio personality Gary Burbank will emcee the event - as his alter ego "America's Redneck legend" Earl Pitts (courtesy of Burbank Creations). The Rockwell Award is for lifetime achievement, begun in 1989 as a tribute to longtime Conclave Board member and Wisconsin radio owner/operator/morning man, Mike Rockwell. Make sure you plan to honor Joel and Steve - and each of the Conclave's 2003/2004 Scholarship winners - this summer at the Awards Brunch in Minneapolis!

Presence rocks! Their album *Rise* comes out Tuesday (5/20) and "**Tonz Of Fun**" - now happily entrenced in the nation's Top 30 - picks up WAZU and WWDX this week. **Curb**

Did you know that 2003 marks the 50th anniversary of the Top 40 format? Mid-Continent Broadcasting Company (which later became Storz Broadcasting) and President Todd Storz are credited with creating the hit-driven format, with literal overnight success seen at KOWH/Omaha, WHB/Kansas City, WDGY/Minneapolis and WTIX/New Orleans - the station which coined the term "Top 40" in 1953. Now, former DJ and Top 40 history buff Richard W. Fatherley of Kansas City is campaigning for the U.S. Postal Service to issue an upcoming 40 cent postage stamp to feature the image of the late Storz. Fatherley says he is looking for "lots of letters to the right people" (including Terrance W. McCaffrey, Manager of Stamp Services/U.S. Postal Service, Suite 5670, L'Enfant Plaza SW, Washington, DC, 20260-2435) urging McCaffrey to recommend to the Citizens' Stamp Advisory Committee that the name and image of Todd Storz appear on a 40 cent postage stamp to commemorate the fiftieth anniversary of the birth of Top 40 radio. For more information, contact Fatherley via www.fatherlyadvoice.com.

MercyMe scores MAJOR adds this week! "I Can Only Imagine" gets most added status at A/C and CHR!! A/C adds include WAHR, WRVR, WSUY, KJOY, KMGL, WKTK, KKLT, and WRMM. T40 Adds include: WXLK, WNCI, WLAN, WSTR, WYOY, WAPE, WVYB, WSKS, WZND, WVAQ, KMXF, WNDV, WBFA, WXXX. Spin story: WRVW 72x!! Response happens after one daytime spin; what more do you need? **Curb/INO**

Earlier this week the 2003 nominees to the Radio Hall of Fame at the Museum of Broadcast Communications in Chicago were announced, including: Network or Syndicated - Active: Westwood One's Jim Bohannon, ABC's Bob Kingsley, Excelsior's Walt "Baby" Love, and NPR host and jazz great Marian McPartland. Network or Syndicated Pioneer: Gene Autry, Richard Crenna, Douglas Edwards and Walter Winchell. Local or Regional - Active: KLUV/Dallas' Ron Chapman, WOMC/Detroit's Dick Purtan, WGN-AM/Chicago's Orion Samuelson and WPLJ/New York's Scott Shannon. Local or Regional - Pioneer: WPRO-AM/Providence's Salty Brine, Los Angeles talk veteran Michael Jackson, Philadelphia Top 40 icon Hy Lit and WOR Radio Network host and Top 40 legend Joey Reynolds. The winners will be inducted into the Radio HOF on November 8th.

It's racing season in Indianapolis, with the world famous "Indy 500" just two weeks away. To celebrate his one-year anniversary with Z-99.5 (WZPL), the IRL invited morning host **Dave Smiley** to take a few test laps around the Indianapolis Motor Speedway. Smiley hit more than 200mph in the tandem car driven by IRL driver **Davey Stewart**. Check out the pictures and video online at: www.wzpl.com/gallery.asp?gallery=100. On May 21, members of the Smiley Morning Show will be competing in a Pit Stop Challenge at the track to see how fast they can change four tires on a real IRL car. Then, on May 23, Z-99.5 listeners will be able to watch the 500 Festival Parade from a special two-block long viewing stand in downtown Indianapolis. That night, Smiley will race Subway spokesman **Jared Fogel** in a sprint car race at Indianapolis Raceway Park.



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Every so often, a fun song comes along that defies categorization. That's the case with "United States of Whatever" by Liam Lynch. Is it a rock anthem? A pop anthem? An anthem anthem? Heck...just PLAY IT! KIIS/Los Angeles added it weeks ago, and it's on majors like KRBZ, KPNT, WWCD, WIOG, WZZN, WWDX and more. Just added at WBBB/Raleigh! S-Curve

On Wednesday (5/14) **Journal Communications**, the owners of several radio and TV stations as well as the *Milwaukee Journal-Sentinel*, has filed with the SEC for an up to \$250 million IPO- the filing does not indicate the number or price of shares to be offered nor the date of offering, but the stock is speculated to represent the 20% minority stake in the company split between the company treasury and heirs of former Chairman **Harry S. Grant**. Grant's heirs have already agreed to swap their stock for common and preferred stock in the event the company obtained outside capital, which Journal has reportedly been pursuing by using the investment firm **Robert W. Baird and Co**. and meeting with six New York investment banks to test the waters for an IPO. The company's employees and former employees currently own 80% of the company; the IPO money would provide for expansion and for reduction of employee debt in their stock ownership trust (employees can now borrow against their stock holdings).

Urban at the Conclave! The line-up of *Urban Format Symposiums* at the Conclave is complete, making the 2003 Learning Conference the prime destination for forward-thinking members of the Urban Radio community. Coordinated by the Conclave's newest Board member, veteran programmer/music industry vet/journalist Dr. Jerry Boulding, here's a sampling of what Urban radio can expect in Minneapolis. On Friday, July 18 at 4:30PM, NO HITS BARRED moderated by WBLS/New York PD and Conclave veteran, Vinny Brown! On Saturday, July 19 at 9AM, THE URBAN FACE-OFF: A NEW AUDIENCE/A NEW OPPORTUNITY moderated by KRNB/Dallas PD Sam Weaver! Scheduled to serve as faculty for these important sessions include Andre Carson KPRS & KPRT/KC, LaMonda Williams KROU/New Orleans, Cedric Hollywood WEDR/Miami, KJ Holiday WJLB/Detroit, Jamillah Muhammed WMXD/ Detroit, Ron Davis WALR/Atlanta, Kathy Brown WMMJ/Washington, Derrick Brown WHQT/Miami, and more! Red-hot Conclave rumor? Will WGCI/Chicago programming impresario Elroy Smith ALSO be in the house for Conclave 2003??? Stop by Friday 7/18 around 2:30PM to find out!! For sure, Conclave 2003 will be a ground-breaking experience! (Agenda items/faculty for the upcoming Conclave may be subject to change; check out http://www.theconclave.com for updates on all Conclave sessions and events).

Layne Larson is showing early success at Midwest AC - KVHT, WWAX, KELO and more! "**Wait For Me**" is an emotional ballad dedicated to those with loved ones far from home. It will stand out on any format from AC to T40...just ask KQKY's **Mark Reid**. If you misplaced it or a female office worker walked off with it because she liked it so much (a true story...we'll tell you details, if you call) let Main Street know and we'll send you another copy. **Stockinrock**

Citadel is entering the Des Moines market with the purchase of KBGG, KJJY, KGGO, KRKQ and KHKI. Citadel also gets **Wilks Broadcasting's** stations in Springfield, MO (KZRQ, KHTO) and New Orleans, for a combined price of \$133 for all three market's holdings.

Tornado damage update(s): Talk WMBD/Peoria, IL lost three secondary towers at its site near Groveland, IL due to the fierce tornados that blew through the area last Saturday (5/9). The station was knocked off the air at 10pm and didn't return to the air until about 1:50pm the next day... Three Eagles' Talk KAUS/Austin, MN lost one of its four towers Sunday night (5/11) due to the high winds and saturated soil when 80 feet of a 140 foot tower came down and took a guy wire from another tower with it, although that tower remained in place. The station will stay on the air at just 25% of normal power until the tower is repaired...And KSEK-FM/ Girard, KS lost its tower on Sunday. Just over a year ago, KSEK's sister stations KWXD and KSEK (AM) lost their towers in a severe storm!

Minnesota Radio is discovering a new idol, with the name **Elizabeth Keeney!** She's the winner of KARE-11/Twin Cities' Minnesota Idol contest and now, in conjunction with **Liquid 8 Records**, **Navarre**, and **Target Stores**, her album is available for her growing public. She's sold over 7,500 copies of her CD (available only in Minnesota, so far). That equates to 375,000 nationally...good enough for Gold certification! For country, the focus track is "**I Knew**" and for pop it is "**Down On My Knees**". Already being heard on WLTE and WWAX!

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Plumb has a strong buzz, dedicated fans, and scores BIG new Hot AC believers this week for "**Real**" including WKRQ/Cincinnati, KSII/EI Paso, KHMX/Houston, and WMMX/Dayton! If you've had trouble finding quality new product by artists you can be proud to play, then you haven't discovered Plumb, yet! **Curb**

Changes. Staci Matthews of KS-95/Twin Cities is making a theater appearance as "Staci Stinelli" in the Hey City Theater's performance of "Tony 'N' Tina's Wedding" this Sunday (5/18)...CHR KKLS/Sioux Falls ("Hot 104.7") PD Chuck Wood told The TATTLER this week that the station is giving away a trip to Detroit to see Eminem this summer, as part of a "6 Concerts in 6 Weeks" promotion that also included trips to see Avril Lavigne, Linkin Park, Matchbox 20 and more in other cities...Tonight in Minneapolis, Clear Channel Triple A KTCZ ("Cities 97") will host its annual "Hope In The Heartland" event, raising money for "Camp Heartland" (a year round camp for children with HIV and AIDS); the event features a silent auction of music memorabilia and an exclusive performance from Marc Cohn..."The Night Flight" on heritage CHR WKHQ/Traverse City, MI is coming in for a landing, as John Foxx exits to take on AM Drive duties at crosstown AC WLDR; PD Ron Pritchard needs a new night slammer (see JOBS).

Somehow, these 3 facts might all be related: 1) According to RIAA's recently-released 2002 Consumer Profile, music sales dropped to \$12.6 billion following the previous year's \$13.7 billion. The 2002 drop marks the 3rd consecutive year music sales have declined. 2) NARM has released its 2002 survey of retail sales, and it shows a decline in music sales from \$10.46 billion in 2000 to \$8.93 billion in 2002. 3) Apple has sold over two million songs through its new iTUNES service since its debut a couple of weeks ago.

Feel puts their name in the Most-Added column at CHR this week with "**Got Your Name On It**", scoring first-week adds at WXYK, KLAL, WHTF, WJMX, KISR, WZND, WMGI, WWKZ, KQID, KCRS, KLRS, KWTX, WJYY, WCIL! *Rumor: will you Feel their presence at Conclave 2003?* **Curb**

Changes, Too. 750 WSBX/Brookport, IL has abandoned its brief attempt to trade off the "WSB" identity of a more famous occupant of 750, changing calls to WNTX. Daytimer WSBX was identifying itself as "750 WSB", the same calls as the more famous 50kW AM that booms in on the same frequency after WSBX signs off at dusk...107.1 KSIR-FM/Brush, CO has gone dark, as the station prepares to "move in" to the Denver market with a new COL and tower site...Just east of the Quad Cities, the HAC format (and eventually, the calls) of 93.9 WJRE/Kewanee, IL have moved to 102.5 WHHK/Galva IL; 93.9 becomes soft AC and applies for new calls WYEC. 1500 WGEN/Geneseo IL (which had been simulcasting WHHK) has flipped to news-talk.

THE FUTURE AIN'T WHAT IT USED TO BE! Conclave 2003 returns to the Marriott City Center Hotel/Minneapolis on July 17-20th. Special tuition is only \$299, but only for the next 15 days! For more information and to register now for the 2003 Conclave Learning Conference, call 952-927-4487 or visit the website at www.theconclave.com. There are a few rooms remaining at the Marriott City Center, but we cannot guarantee how long they'll remain available.

According to reports from *Michiguide.com* this week, **NPR** and **Michigan Radio** are partnering for a program aimed at improving rural reporting, funded by \$495,000 from the **W.K. Kellogg Foundation**. As part of the program, NPR has assigned **Howard Berkes** as the network's first rural affairs correspondent. Over 30 features will air on NPR under the program.



Changes 3. John Hunt adds the title of Interim PD at Salem's Minneapolis properties. OM **David Christian**, who performed the PD chores, exited 2 weeks ago. Hunt is also the stations' GM...At KTCZ/Minneapolis, morning person Kelly Guest exits, reputedly to join another station in the city's Clear Channel cluster. Her partner B.T. (along with TV weatherperson Belinda Jensen) goes solo for now, with help from market veteran Karen Grace in the news department... A clarification of last week's Omaha changes which required a scorecard: "Radio Disney" affiliate 1180 KOIL/Bellevue-Omaha has changed calls to KYDZ, and the heritage call letters KOIL have moved to 1020 KKSC/Plattsmouth, which is now playing classic country after a February flip from standards...The syndicated Kid Kraddick show has been removed from the lineup at KHFI/Austin, where PD Jay Shannon is now handling wakeups; this is the station where Tone E. Fly was hosting mornings for Clear Channel before exiting late last year (Fly is now back in Minneapolis hosting AM's on Radio One's KTTB)...Chicago legend Wally Phillips is exiting WAIT/ Crystal Lake-Chicago, but may return for infrequent guest hosting dates once the station's sale is complete; Phillips, 77, spent 42 years at WGN-AM, with 21 years in morning drive...KDWB/Twin Cities' new middayer Joe Rosati has added Imaging Director duties for sister oldies KQQL ("Kool 108")...Des Moines' "Star 102.5" (KSTZ) will host a major radiothon May 21-24, with morning show "Big Ken and Colleen"; the event will raise money for the Children's Miracle Network at the Children's Hospital of lowa.

Regent AC WJLT/Evansville, IN PD/morning driver Mike Dylan has announced that the station has brought in a staff and is ready to start rocking! WJLT, which had been Country as WYNG flipped to AC and switched calls just last month. Here's how things are now shaping up: Mornings – Mike Dylan & Storm Avery, mid-days – Ricky Woods, PM Drive - Dr. Dave Michaels and nights will feature the John Tesh Show.

Alan Colmes, co-host of the top-rated Fox News show, HANNITY and COLMES, will provide the Saturday (7/19) Keynote presentation at the 2003 Conclave: "The Future Ain't What It Used To Be" at the Minneapolis Marriott City Center! Colmes will make his keynote presentation at a time when his Fox News show continues to lead all other cable news programs while representing the smallest of minorities on the news/talk radio-TV circuit: a liberal host! The Colmes story: Alan got his start in radio covering the controversial Iran hostage crisis, and quickly graduated to WABC/New York as an overnight host. Within 2 years, he chaired morning drive. In 1988, he segued to WNBC's PM drive post, allowing him to grill the likes of George Bush, Gloria Steinem, Jay Leno...and Jessica Hahn, in the middle of the Jim Bakker scandal! In 1990, he helped form Daynet, the highly successful talk radio organization. In 1996, Fox News tapped Colmes to co-host the channel's prime time debate show with Sean Hannity. Since then, "Hannity and Colmes" has become one of the most watched programs on cable television! And Colmes has become the leading liberal amidst a sea of right-wing talk show hosts, tackling high profile celebrity guests on explosive topics like cult programming, U.S. foreign policy, and first amendment rights! He now hosts his own syndicated radio show on the Fox News Radio Network. But you won't be able to hear this "professional dragon slayer" in an exclusive presentation at the 28th Annual Conclave Learning Conference unless you register NOW at the earlybird rate of \$299...an offer that expires in just 15 more days. More Conclave details are available at www.theconclave.com!

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Coming in June: **G.B. Leighton's** *This Life* with the hot new song of the season – "**Summertime.**" Call or email for an early copy!



More Changes. Talker WCKG/Chicago afternoon host Steve Dahl has pulled out of backing and producing PBS affiliate WTTW (TV)'s revival of its "Soundstage" concert series... Midwest Communications' Rocker WHBZ/Sheboygan, WI MD Ron Simonet transfers to cross-town sister Country WBFM as PD, while current PD Jay Morris assumes MD duties... Hubbard Broacasting Talker WFMP/Minneapolis has upped Ian Punnett show producer Rob Poulin to APD...Fresh on the heels of Wally Phillips' recent departure from Talker WAIT/Crystal Lake-Chicago, another local legend is leaving the station, as Clark Weber departs effective today (5/16) after 42 years on the local airwaves! Weber will continue to run his ad agency while WAIT is being sold to Fred Eychaner's Newsweb Corp...Infinity Oldies WJMK/Chicago has named 10-year market sales vet Jodi Crane to the GSM post...former Big City Radio/ Chicago cluster VP/GM Scott Wert has joined cross-town Infinity Sports WSCR as Sr. AE... Entercom is officially moving Dir. of News-Talk Programming Ken Beck from Kansas City to Seattle to serve as VP/GM at the company's Seattle News-Talkers, KIRO-AM, KNWX-AM, and KTTH-AM, reporting to VP/Market Mgr. Steve Oshin, who will directly run the FM stations in the cluster.

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Emmis' KPNT/St. Louis rounds out their new line-up this week as they hire former WXRK/New York weekender Scott Rizzuto for nights, replacing Jennifer White who is now at Entercom's KNDD/Seattle. The new line-up beginning Monday (5/19) will look like this: 6a-10am – Howard Stern, 10a-2pm – Traci Wilde, 2p-6p – Woody & Whipping Boy, 6p-10pm – Scott Rizzuto, 10p-mid – "Loveline" and Emmett at the helm for over-nights.

Oldies KRDS/New Prague-Twin Cities ("Max 95.5") music guru **Kevin Busse** checked in with *The TATTLER* this week with a fun story! KRDS, in its commitment to localize its programming and drop its satellite oldies service, added "Minnesota Gold" on Friday afternoons several months ago. The show, which features music and interviews with "garage bands" of the '60s through '80s from Minnesota, has gained quite a cult following. Busse says he is getting excited phone calls from long-forgotten "local favorite" band members and letters of praise from fans of their music. He has even heard of relatives and friends calling former members of these long-disbanded groups and playing the show over the phone line to them! Catch the show on Fridays at 1pm, and for more information contact Kevin Busse at (952) 758-2571.

Our deepest condolences to the friends and family of **Zimmer Radio Group** founder **Jerome B. Zimmer** whom passed away Tuesday (5/13) morning. He is survived by his (6) sons, his wife of 55 years, **Patricia**, twelve grandchildren and two great-grandchildren. A funeral mass was held for him today (5/16) in his hometown of Cape Girardeau, MO.



Congratulations to **Elyria-Lorain Broadcasting's** Jazz WNWV/Cleveland, the latest convert to **iBiquity**'s HD Radio technology, the market's first, and one of the first in the greater region to switch on its digital IBOC stream! **Elyria-Lorain** is programmed by Conclave Board member, **Tim Kelly**!

John Ramsey Memorial Fund. The family of friends of the late John Ramsey (former PD, KCLD/St. Cloud, KKAZ/Cheyenne, and KFBQ/Cheyenne, etc.) have begun The John Ramsey Memorial fund. The Conclave will accept memorial contributions in John's honor, with all monies collected from the Fund to be used this coming summer providing Conclave tuitions to those in radio who would not be able to afford to attend on their own. If you'd like to contribute, write a check to "The Conclave/John Ramsey Memorial Fund" and send it to 4517 Minnetonka Blvd, Minneapolis, MN 55416. You'll receive a receipt; donations to the fund may be considered tax deductible. The Conclave will collect the money, awarding tuitions to the Conclave beginning in June. If you know of someone deserving of such an award or if you'd like to be considered as a recipient, email your nomination to info@theconclave.com. Nominations will remain anonymous.

Suburban Twin Cities AM 1530 KSMM/Shakopee has flipped formats again, as **Starboard Broadcasting** has dropped the Spanish religion format from **EWTN** in favor of its own "Relevant Radio" network that began airing a few weeks ago. That format is also heard on Suburban Twin Cities AM 740 WMIN/Hudson, WI, giving the group an "east/west" signal combo. Both stations are essentially daytimers only, as KSMM stays on with 10 watts after dusk. Since 1999, KSMM has held six formats (religion, smooth jazz, eclectic classic hits, Spanish contemporary, Spanish religion, and Starboard's network).

Midwest Family Broadcasting closes out the nominations for *Madison Magazine's* 2003 Reader's Poll, as Talker WTDY/Madison goes two for three in nominations for the "Best Radio Personality" category: mid-day host **Chris Krok** and morning man **John "Sly" Sylvester** are up against sister AC WMGN ("Magic 98") mid-day talent **Juli** for the honors (and congratulations to **Krok** and wife **Faye** on the birth of son **Isaac James!**)

Jobs. Hubbard's hot AC KS95 is in need of 1) an afternoon show producer, and 2) qualified part-timers for weekend/fill-in work. If you have experience and feel you're ready to shine in a great major market situation, get your stuff to PD Leighton Peck NOW! 3415 University Av SE, Minneapolis, MN 55414...Station owner Wesley Cox needs sales help (or a GM) for his standalone AM news-talk WCGA/Brunswick-St. Simon's Island, GA. He will make it worthwhile for a qualified executive to relocate and help bring the station to the next level! Send package to WCGA, Route 18, Box 280E, St. Simon's Island, GA 31522 or contact Wesley at (912) 677-7600...Northern Michigan heritage CHR WKHQ/Traverse City needs a night jock! You must be able to relate to an 18-34 female and must have killer production skills and two years on-air experience. Send T&R to PD Ron Pritchard, WKHQ, 2095 US 131 South, Petoskey, MI, Email MP3's are okay and may be sent to rpritchard@106khq.com...All jobs listed in *The TATTLER* represent equal opportunities and are presented free of charge.