

Just in: **Nextmedia** T40 WERO/Greenville –New Bern has tapped **Tony Waitekus**, PD of WHTS/Quad Cities for the past 10 years, for the same post in North Carolina (you may remember that **Educational Media** has purchased WHTS and will change its format to contemporary Christian next month). Tony starts his new gig in 2 weeks. Congrats!

Twin Cities-based **Musicland Holding Corp.**, owner of 800 **Sam Goody**, **Media Play**, and **Suncoast Media** retail outlets, has filed for Chapter 11 bankruptcy. The embattled company founded in 1956 with a store (ironically) just across the street from the Conclave's Marriott City Center Hotel says that its filing is aimed at ending leases for some unprofitable locations. Musicland says that it will continue in operation and has asked the court to approve its honoring gift cards and merchandise returns; it previously announced the closing of all of its Media Play stores. In its filing, Musicland listed assets of \$371.5 million and debts of \$485.6 million,

Conclave XXX Keynoter **Mancow Muller's** friend and recurring morning show character **Raymond "Cowboy Ray" Hofstatter** passed away this week. As reported in an earlier edition of the TATTLER, Hofstatter was injured in November when he was struck in a hit and run accident on Chicago's Southwest side. Mancow has offered a \$5,000 reward for tips leading to the capture of the as of yet unidentified culprit. Witnesses claim that the car that hit Hofstetter was a black Honda Civic.

Bob Landaas has left his host spot **Journal** Talk WTMJ/Milwaukee's weekend **Money Talk**, and it seems the decision was "mutual". Landaas gave an interview to the *Milwaukee Journal-Sentinel*, station that he no longer wished to be associated with WTMJ as they made the decision to replace the **Plant Doctor** show with what the Money Talk host called a "paid infomercial" titled the **Mutual Fund Show**. Landass told the Sentinal's **Tim Cuprisin**, "I'm the head of a \$2 billion investment firm. Trust is what we offer. Once you have ethical issues like that, you have to stand up and draw a line." The station says that the new addition is not an infomercial and has a similar ad sales model to Landaas' show.

After all the time slot juggling at **Hubbard** Talk KSTP/St. Paul-Minneapolis, there is yet another change in the station's line-up as 2 year vet (and friend of the **Conclave) Chris Krok** exits evenings. Krok's new destination has yet to be announced, but his former 7:30-10pm slot at KSTP is temporarily being filled by weekender **Dave Thompson**. Expect Krok back on the airwaves in a new market in mid-February.

Rock WIHN/Normal, IL PD Adam Chandler is spearheading a special promotion, teaming his station with The American Cancer Society in order to help with the upcoming Relay For Life. Amongst these efforts is an auction that could use donations.. If you can help, give Adam a call at 309-888-4496 ext. 337. This cause is particularly close to Chandler, as his wife Molly is in the process of undergoing chemotherapy for breast cancer at the young age of 28. The TATTLER wishes her a speedy and lasting recovery!

Non-profit WDET/Detroit has run in to some problems with funds raised via a public pledge drive, licensed through **Wayne University**; the problem being that the station made major changes to their programming just six weeks after listeners pledged money to keep the former WDET schedule on the air. Listeners are protesting the replacement of music programming with **NPR** talk content and have scheduled a public protest and demonstration for today, Friday the 13th.

Don Gosselin is leaving his position as OM for **Clear Channel**/New Orleans to take on PD duties for the same company at AC WNIC/Detroit. He's stepping in to the shoes left vacant there by **Darren Davis**, who departed last year for a Regional VP/Programming and OM AC WLIT-Smooth Jazz WNUA job in Chicago/OM. Gosselin spoke to **Billboard Radio Monitor** about his decision to leave the Big Easy, saying that it was a difficult decision for him to make in light of the issues brought about by last year's devastating hurricanes, but that Davis was instrumental in convincing him that the move was the right thing. "WNIC is a great station, " said Gosselin, "I couldn't pass up moving to a top 10 market. I'm thankful that Clear Channel believes in promoting from within." Gosselin will remain in New Orleans until the end of January.

There's a new afternoon show on at Entercom Country WDAF/Kansas City! *The Work Release Program* is now airing in the market from 2-7 pm and is hosted by station vet **Rick Miller** and new-comer **Sammey Phelps**. PD **Wes McShay** say that the show is for "When you're ready to get into the 'work is almost over and I'm on the way home' mood." In addition to a new show, there have been some staff shifts at WDAF, with Dir/Marketing-Promotions **Hilary Woods** moving to producer for the **David Lawrence & the Wakeup Crew** morning show. Her assistant, **Lisa Mettlen**, will be promoted to promotions director when Woods starts producing on 1-16.

Minnesota opened its doors to **AI Franken**, as he moved his formerly New York City-based radio show back to the Midwest saying, "I've just always considered myself a Minnesotan." No word yet on whether this native son will make a bid for the **US Senate** in 2008.





Radio sports-casting lost two legends of the trade this week with the passing of **St. Louis Rams** analyst **Jack Snow** and Minot, ND veteran **Russ Smith**. Snow, former wide receiver for the Rams in addition to his later radio work, died at the age of 62 from complications associated with a staph infection. "He battled his illness with great courage and tenacity," said **Steve Savard**, the Rams' radio play-by-play broadcaster and Snow's partner in the booth. "He was an inspiration to everyone around him, including his doctors and nurses. Jack's family appreciates all the support and love St. Louis fans showed him during his illness." **Smith** had a long career in Minot as sports director at KPLM from 1948-1972 and sports writer for the **Minot Daily News** from '45-'48. He also worked for Minot's KXMC TV and KCJB radio from 1972 to 1986. Smith was named North Dakota Sportscaster of the Year five times, and was a charter member of the state Sportscasters and Sportswriters Hall of Fame. He was 82.

The *TATTLER* usually only steals, er-READS, news from the real trades of the industry...but we couldn't help but note an apparent divergence of action in the rock departments of both *Radio & Records* and *Billboard*. Earlier in the week, *R&R* Rock Editor **Ken Anthony's** position was eliminated as the rock department was more or less combined with the newspaper's Alternative section (recently appointed Alternative Editor **Steven Strick** become Rock Formats Editor in the wake of Ken's departure). Meanwhile, the **Billboard Information Group** added a rock component by introducing the *Top Rock Albums* chart, which it touts as "a new research tool for the rock radio and music industries." (The 25position chart will appear weekly on *Billboard.biz*, while *Nielsen SoundScan* subscribers will see a 50-title list.) And, no, we have no idea what this all means to the world(s) of rock radio.

Former Chicago White Sox outfielder Chris Singleton will handle color commentary for the Sox when the team officially makes the move to CBS Radio sports WSCR (670 the Score)/Chicago on March 1. The World Series champions' games were previously broadcast on cross-town ABC Radio sports WMVP (ESPN 1000). Singleton is being teamed with Ed Farmer, another former White Sox member who was recently promoted from color to play-by-play.

WLUP/Chicago's **Zakk Tyler Show** attempted to bring back the past this morning, resurrecting the **Honey Bear** cheerleader (You may recall the last time the Bears went to the Super Bowl in 1985, they were urged onward by the Honey Bear cheerleaders...who disappeared shortly after that game). Zakk held live auditions to select an "Honorary Honey Bear" this morning, with the winner scoring tickets to Sunday's **Bears/ Panthers** playoff game at Soldier Field. Contestants tried out in-studio, judged on such intangibles as cheerleading ability/performance. The *TATTLER* went to press before learning the identity of the Honey Bear...dang!! Veteran television producer-director **AI Schwartz** has donated his collection of American Music Awards shows to **The Museum of Broadcast Communications** in Chicago. The collection will be accessible to the public in the archives of the new \$21-million media museum that will be completed in 2006. "The American Music Awards are always one of television's highest rated awards shows because of the top-tier talent that performs and because of the quickness of the production. We are pleased to accept this remarkable collection of music television to our collection," said Bruce DuMont, MBC Founder and President. *The American Music Awards* were created by **Dick Clark** in 1973, while Schwartz, a former Executive Vice President of **Dick Clark Productions**, has produced and directed 30 of the 33 broadcasts to date.

A couple of former **TalenTrak** faculty members are getting up in the world! First there's **Scotty Gunther** who's leaving his afternoon spot at **Clear Channel** Top 40 WKST/Pittsburgh in order to have time to travel for his upcoming tour to promote his book "*Scotty Says...Why Do People?*". He'll also be starting his career as a national personality in the 2nd quarter of '06. The second rising star is And Fomer WLUP and WZZN/Chicago personality **Zander.** He'll be the new PD for **Gold Coast** Classic Rock KLKX/Palmdale-Lancaster, CA beginning on February 1st, while maintaining his production and hosting duties for "**The Rockin**' **80s**" show which now airs in 31 markets nationwide.

SAVE <u>BIG</u> **MONEY NOW!** Until 1/31/06, January tuition for next summer's Learning Conference – **Future Tense** – July 13-16 at the Minneapolis Marriott City Center is just \$249. Check out some of those OTHER earlybird radio conference deals ranging from \$500 to over \$1000 and you'll see what a great deal this is! C'mon...you know you're gonna be there. So, why not save some money in the process. Log onto <u>www.theconclave.com</u> and download an earlybird registration form. Next spring when you read about tuition rising to \$399 and then \$499, you'll be glad you did! But hurry – this earlybird special expires in 18 days!

After eight years as APD/MD at **Clear Channel** AC WVTI/Grand Rapids, **Ken Evans** leaves to take on PD duties for **Cumulus** Top 40 WKFR/ Kalamazoo.

Mornings at Country WIBW/Topeka are now manned by PD/afternooner **Freddi Brooks** in the wake of the exit of the **Radio Rich** and **Louann** morning show duo.

Chris Cannon, PD/MD of **Journal** Urban T40 KSPW (Power 96.5)/ Springfield, MO for the past five years and active rocker KZRQ (Z106.7) for the past year, has been upped to OM at the cluster (which also includes Country KTTS and News/Talk duo KSGF-AM & FM). As OM, Cannon will also serve as PD at KTTS. Cannon WILL hand over his KSPW PD duties to morning co-host **Adam "Jabroni" Burnes**, while afternoon jock **J. Fotsch** becomes MD. **Simon Nytes**, Promotions Director of both Z and KSPW, becomes the PD at KZRQ.



January Tuition **\$249** until 1/31/06 Details at <u>www.theconclave.com</u>

James Van Osdol returns to WKQX/Chicago to do overnights replacing Sherman, who was recently upped to nights. Van Osdol worked across the street at WXRT and WZZN (The Zone)...Air America Radio affiliate WCPT-AM/Chicago will be adding one-minute local commentaries from comic AARON FREEMAN, who will also continue contributing essays to cross-town noncommercial WBEZ...Gene Koehn's Central Radio, Inc. sells AC KNEN/Norfolk to NRG Media for \$1.8 million...ABC Oldies WZZN/Chicago has tapped Kevin Mackay as its permanent morning host.

Afternoons at **Regent** top 40 WBNQ/Bloomington go to **Mason Schreader** of WMGO/Saginaw, while nights at the same station become the domain of **Faith Rinker** who leaves her current spot at middays on Classic Rock WTRX.

Illinois Radio Network Springfield Bureau Chief **Ben Kiningham** will retire from the news service at the end of January. Kiningham has served as a statehouse reporter for 31 years, taking that position when, as News Director at WTAX-AM/Springfield, IL, his station bought what would become the Illinoi Radio Network.

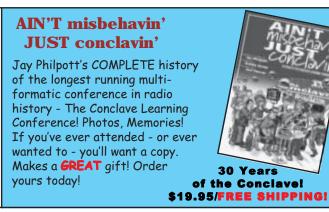
Changes. Clayton is named weekender at Clear Channel Top 40 WNCI/ Columbus...Brandon Pappas exits as PD for Badger Rock WMZK/ Wausau, WI...Noelle Pomeroy exits mornings at Cumulus Top 40 WKFR/Kalamazoo...Journal Top 40/Rhythmic WKHT/Knoxville ups night slammer Joey Tack to MD...Steve Geoffries have been named OM for Clear Channel/Greenville, SC...JJ Ryan is named night man for Three Eagles Top 40 KFRX/Lincoln... Clear Channel Top 40 WVZA/ Marion-Carbondale, IL MD/nighttimer Aaron Tyler exits due to budget cuts...PD David J exits Bonneville Rhythmic Oldies WILV/ Chicago...Bright Tower Top 40 WMGI/Terre Haute, IN MD/morning ace Jamie Dawson takes APD stripes.

Congratulations to **Warner Bros Records**VP/Rock Formats **Mike Rittberg** and his wife, **Tami**, on the birth of daughter **Eden Scarlett** on January 7th.

Our deepest condolences to **Clear Channel/Detroit** OM **Dom Theodore** and his family on the loss of his Dad.

Condolences to family and friends of comedian and WCKG/ Chicago "Second City Radio Show" host Jim Zulevic who passed away at the age of 40 on Saturday (1-7) after collapsing just before the beginning of his weekly broadcast. Zulevic was part of the 90's cast of Chicago's famed Second City comedy troupe, known as a breeding ground for SNL luminaries such as Tina Fey. He also guested on many successful television shows, like Curb Your Enthusiasm and Seinfeld among others.

Jobs. Clear Channel/Minneapolis has an immediate opportunity for a professional and outgoing Receptionist. Previous receptionist experience with a large company necessary. Basic knowledge of MS



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COMING SOON FOR TRIPLE A Jon Patrick McCLaren

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Milwaukee-Racine, WI (#33) Nice fall for the new Hog. Station Format Owner Su'05Fa'05 WTMJ-AM N/T Journal 9.6 10.2 WMIL-FM Ctry Cl Chnnl 7.5 6.3 WHQG-FM Rock Saga 5.8 6 Entercom 5.3 WXSS-FM T40 5.9 WKKV-FM Urb Cl Chnnl 5.6 WRIT-FM Oldies Cl Chnnl 4.3 5.2 5.2 WKLH-FM CI Hits Saga 6.2 4.9 WISN-AM N/T Cl Chnnl 4.4 4.8 WJMR-FM Urb ACSaga 3.1 4.3 WKTI-FM Hot AC Journal 4.1 4.1 WQBW-FM CI Rk CI Chnnl 5.3 4 WMYX-FM Hot AC Entercom 3.5 3.9 WOKY-AM Stndrds Cl Chnnl 4.1 3.9 WJZI-FM Sm Jzz MilRadGrp 3.6 3.6 WDDW-FM Hisp NextMedia 2 2.5 WLUM-FM Alt MilRadGrp 2.4 2.4 WFMR-FM Clsscl Saga 2 1.8 WTKM-FM/ WTKM-AM CI Ctry Kettle 1.1 1.5 WFZH-FM Chrstn AC Salem 0.7 1.4 WGLB-AM Gosp Kinlow WNOV-AM Urb ACCourier 0.9 1 0.9 1 Flint, MI (#125) **Rocker WWBN shows strong.** Station Format Owner Sp'05Fa'05 Regent 10.2 11.8 WCRZ-FM AC WDZZ-FM Urb ACCumulus 8.3 8.3 WWBN-FM Act Rock Regent 5.4 7.1 7.5 WFBE-FM Ctry Citadel 5.8 4.8 WRCL-FM Urb T40 Regent 5.6 WWCK-FM T40 Cumulus 5.6 5.4 WHNN-FM Oldies Citadel 5 4.6 WRSR-FM CI Rk Cumulus 5.8 4.4 3.5 WJR-AM Talk ABC 3.7 WIOG-FM T40 Citadel 3.1 3.3 WKCQ-FM Ctry MacDonald 3.1 3.3 WOWE-FM Urb ACShumpert 3.5 2.1 WFLT-AM Urb Gosp Chrstn Ev2.1 1.9 WCXI-AM Ctry Oldies Birach 1.3 1.7 WFNT-AM Stndrds Regent 1.5 1.5 CBS WKRK-FM N/T 1.7 1.2 Cumulus 0.8 1.2 WWCK-AM N/T WTRX-AM Sports Citadel 0.8 1 WWJ-AM News CBS 0.6 1

FALL 2005 QUARTERLIES

Saginaw-Bay City-Midland (#130)				
T40 WIOG nearly upends Country				
WKCQ.				
Station	Forma	nt Owner Sp	o'05Fa	a'05
WKCQ-FM	Ctry	MacDonald		8.5
WIOG-FM	T40	Citadel	6.7	8.3
WSGW-AM	N/T	NextMedia	8.8	8.3
WHNN-FM	Oldies	Citadel	8.2	8.1
WCEN-FM	Ctry	NextMedia	8.2	7.6
WTLZ-FM	Urb	NextMedia	4.8	6.3
WGER-FM	AC	NextMedia	4.8	6.1
WKQZ-FM	Act Ro	ck Citadel	7.1	6.1
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WRCL-FM	Urb T4	0 Regent	2.7	3.3
WMJO-FM	80s	MacDonald	4.8	2.6
WGDN-FM	Ctry	Apple	2.9	2.2
WSAG-FM		MacDonald	1.3	2.2
WUPS-FM	AC	Coltrace	1.5	2
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Terre Haute, IN (#203)				
Huge fall for country WTHI.				
Station Format OwnerSp'05Fa'05				
WTHI-FM	Ctry			24.9
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WWVR-FM			10.4	8.5
WACF-FM	Ctry	Key	3.6	5.5
WAXI-FM		s Crsrds Inv		
WBOW-FM		Crsrds Inve		5.5
WWSY-FM	80s	Bright Towe		4
WCBH-FM	740	Cromwell	3.6	3.5
WMMC-FM	AC	JDL	0.9	2.5
WSDM-FM	Oldies			2.5
		Mid-Americ		2.5 1.5
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WSDX-AM		Crsrds Inve		1
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WLS-AM	N/T	ABC Radio	0.9	0.5 0.5
WPRS-AM	N/T	Key	0	
WWBL-FM	N/T Ctry	Key Original Co		0.5

LaSalle-Peru, IL (#246) Country WALS moves into #1. Station Format Owner Sp'05Fa'05 WALS-FM Ctry Laco 7 8.4 WAJK-FM AC La Salle 8 6.2 WGN-AM N/T Tribune 7 6.2 WIVQ-FM WSTQ-FM T40 Mendota 5.9 6.2 WLPO-AM N/T La Salle 8 6.2 WBZG-FM CI Rk Mendota 5.9 5.6 ABC Radio 4.3 WLS-AM N/T 5.1 Mendota 4.3 WGLC-FM Ctry 4.5 WKOT-FM Oldies La Salle 3.7 4.5 WYYS-FM AC Mendota 3.2 3.9 WCMY-AM Talk NRG Media 3.2 3.4 WBBM-AM News CBS 2.7 2.2 WRKX-FM Hot ACNRG Media 1.6 2.2 WZOE Inc. 2.1 WZOE-AM N/T 2.2 WSCR-AM Sports CBS 2.7 1.7 Mendota 2.1 WSPL-AM N/T 1.7 WZOE-FM Oldies WZOE Inc. 2.1 1.7 WCCQ-FM Ctry NextMedia 1.1 1.1 WLLR-FM Ctry Cl Chnnl 1.1 1.1WMKB-FM CI RK KM 1.11.1 WMVP-AM Sports ABC Radio 1.1 1.1 WYEC-FM AC Virden Corp.1.1 1.1 Sheboygan, WI (#275) Country WBFM in control.

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