

Wisconsin's Senator Russ Feingold has sent a letter to FCC Chairman Kevin Martin to inquire about the status of the agency's investigation into possible violations of federal pay-for-play, or "payola" law. The agency's investigation is based on a previous investigation by New York Attorney General Elliot Spitzer. Spitzer has indicated there is evidence that radio station groups and their employees violated both state and federal law by accepting unlawful payments and other consideration from major record labels in return for airplay, among other questionable practices. "I hope this request will prompt the FCC to make a clear statement that it will not tolerate payola in any form, in order to close any supposed loopholes," Feingold said. "I urge the FCC to build on Attorney General Spitzer's investigation and assert its authority to prevent payola to the fullest extent possible." Following a settlement that Spitzer reached in August 2005 with Sony BMG, Chairman Martin released a statement indicating the seriousness of payola and the FCC's intention to investigate and prosecute violations. Martin said that the FCC's Enforcement Bureau had been directed to review the settlement agreement reached by Sony BMG and Spitzer, and investigate any incidents in which the agreement discloses evidence of payola rule violations. Yet there still is a lack of clarity about the FCC's jurisdiction, leading to uncertainty about whether loopholes exist in the federal law. Attorney General Spitzer's actions to shut down both traditional and new forms of payola show that the FCC could and should exert more authority. "Radio listeners should not have to worry whether a song was played because the station manager got a free laptop, or because the station's parent company is producing the artist's upcoming concert," Feingold said. "I look forward to hearing from Chairman Martin about his efforts to end abuse of our public airwaves."

The Cincinnati Enquirer tells us that sports man Andy Furman has been fired for branding **Bengals** wide receiver **T.J.** Houshmandzadeh as a "racist." The incident occurred on Furman's October 6th show and he was suspended by October 13th after the player's agent protested the accusation. Houshmandzadeh had failed to appear for a paid event on Furman's show during the Bengals' bye week, and Furman blasted him on air saying that Houshmandzadeh had called him a "punk-ass white boy." Houshmandzadeh has denied the charge, and neither **Clear Channel** nor Furman would comment on the matter. **Bill "Seg" Dennison** will carry on with "Sportstalk," until a replacement is found.

Air America Radio attorney Tracy Klestadt stated in court that Air America has several possible buyers and hopes a purchase agreement will be in place by Thanksgiving. At the bankruptcy hearing on Tuesday, Klestadt was quoted as saying there was a "significant amount of interest," in the progressive talk network. The court has given a November 22 deadline to find a buyer, although none have been identified. An interim financing plan is in place for the company. Meanwhile, however, there is a "no-buy" list of advertisers who have demanded that **ABC Radio Networks** not run their ads. The list is making the rounds of liberal blogospheres, and is about 100 advertisers long. The list is much shorter than those that circulate for most top conservative talkers and "shock jocks." **Media Matters for America** and **Thinkprogress.org** are two of the websites circulating the list.

Todd Land, Dir./Radio Programming for **Journal Broadcasting**, announced **"The Todd and Tyler Show,"** will begin in syndication on Monday, 11/6 on KZRQ Springfield and a week later, on November 13 on KICT Wichita. Land said, "The program has a tremendous fan base in Omaha, and we have been looking for the right markets and station opportunities to expand across the region. Our sister stations are perfect launching points, and we will continue to match this highly successful program with great stations wherever possible."

Minneapolis says farewell to one of its most successful morning in history. KTIS-AM/Minneapolis, its Contemporary Christian station, made it official last week: **Chuck Knapp** and Station Mgr. **Jon Engen** have left the station. **David Christian**, KTIS afternoon host, has moved to mornings. In July, Knapp took a leave of absence in light of family issues and decided upon retirement in September. Engen left the morning show in July as well, keeping his commitment to a partnership with Knapp. In addition to his duties at KTIS, Engen was serving as pastor of a local church and working a heavy speaking circuit. He decided in October to focus on his ministry duties.

Wacky and popular **Tommy Mischke** leaves afternoons at **Hubbard** KSTP-AM/Good Ol' St. Paul-Big Time to take over noon-2p weekdays. Columbus, Ohio's **Sterling**, the interim midday host, moves to Mischke's old spot temporarily while the station is on the hunt for a baseball 'n more talker to take the slot for the inauguration of next spring's **Twins** season.



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Entercom buys Country WYGY/Cincinnati from **Cumulus!** Only the call letters and intellectual property are part of the deal, however, which means the staff and physical assets stay put. The two companies swapped for Entercom's Oldies WGRR and takes Cumulus' September 21 move of WYGY from 96.5 to 94.9, giving Entercom two Country stations in the market. WYGY will change frequency and image, according to Cincy's **Business Courier**. The station will move to 97.3, which was the home of Entercom's Alternative WAQZ, and will now be known as **"The Wolf...Today's New Country."** The new image is edgier in music and positioning. Also in Cincy radio, Cumulus unveiled a new talk format on 96.5 FM on Thursday. Using its "Supertalk" slogan, it features a mix of syndicated programs.

He's back! **Dick Biondi** joins **ABC** Oldies WZZN Chicago for evenings, starting Monday 11/6, reports the **Chicago Sun-Times' Robert Feder**. This jock legend took off from crosstown **CBS** Oldies WJMK after 21 years when the station turned to Adult Hits "Jack FM" in June 2005 and worked on WJMK's HD-2/Internet Oldies stream until July of this year. Biondi will now spin the 9p-12am shift!

YOU'RE INVITED TO THE 2006 FALL CONCLAVE BOARD MEETING! Come one, come all to the quarterly Conclave Board of Directors meeting on Saturday, November 11th at the Marriott City Center Hotel (site of this past summer's Learning Conference). The meeting convenes at 9:30AM in the Minnesota Room on the hotel's 6th floor. So that we can prepare the room for visitors, please RSVP your intention to attend to the Conclave Executive Director Tom Kay at tomk@theconclave.com (or call 952-927-4487) no later than Wednesday November 8th. Unannounced walk-ups, of course, are welcome...we just want to make sure you have a chair to sit on!

After a three-day meeting in Houston last week, **Arbitron** has decided to delay the reporting of public and non-commercial radio stations in its local market ratings reports, based on input it received from the **Arbitron Radio Advisory Council**. Initially, Arbitron wanted to have public and non-commercial stations included in the Fall '06 survey, but the council requested that Arbitron wait until the company was ready to report individual satellite radio channels and internet radio channels.

The 2007 inductees for the **Country Music DJ Hall of Fame** and **Country Music Radio Hall of Fame** have been announced! **The Country Radio Broadcasters** have named former Country KIKK/ Houston MD/air personality **Joe Ladd** and **Big John Trimble**, host of the Trucking Radio Show as inductees, and first-class consultant **Larry Daniels, Regent Communications** VP/Programming **Bob**

Moody, and former Country WNOE/New Orleans PD **Les Acree** will be bestowed honors. The ceremony will take place on Tuesday, February 27th during a banquet at the **Nashville Convention Center**.

The results of the **Abitron Radio Advisory Council** election are in! The vote was for the seat representing Continuous Measurement Markets Ranked 51+, and ended in a three-way tie. Runoff ballots have been sent to subscribing stations for the three candidates: **Dan Austin** (WROW-AM, WFLY, WYJB, WAJZ, WKLI, WZMR/ Albany), **Roger A. Fessler**, (KERI-AM, KGEO-AM, KERN-AM, KISV, KGFM, KKXX/Bakersfield), and **Thomas Mandel** (WJQX/Lansing). The ballots must be returned or postmarked by November 13th.

A lot of adult radio listeners in **St. Louis** and **Detroit** followed the **World Series**, according to an exercise-in-the-obvious sports study released by **Arbitron**. Three in ten St. Louis adults listened to all or part of the World Series on the radio, with 46% of them agreeing that that feel more favorably toward an advertiser who sponsors the St. Louis Cardinals than an advertiser who does not, and 29% saying they'd be more likely to buy something from a Cardinals sponsor. Seven in ten St. Louisians say they followed the Series "very closely."

PD **Drew Stone** has turned in his resignation at New Northwest Top 40 KFAT/Anchorage and will return to California. KFAT's "Morning Chaos," begins Monday morning with the new Anchorage recruit **Brad Erickson!** After Stone's departure, KEKE LUV shifts from middays to afternoons until a new PD is found. **DJ Adam Focus** continues nights. KRPM/Anchorage becomes KXLW (X-Rock 96.3), with the slogan, "Everything that Rocks." GM **Tom Oakes** will act as PD until one is found.

"Hey, what happened to **Scotty Cage**?" This is the question that was blowin' up the request line at WDAY/Fargo, until PD **Troy Dayton** came up with the idea of "killing" the night guy and posting a video of the murder on the internet so listeners could see it for themselves! Of course, it was Halloween, so that made it all the more special. You can see Cage meet his maker by clicking <u>http://www.y94.com/pages/scottysdead.html</u>. Oh, no need for alarm: Cage is actually heading down to KKDM/Des Moines!

Downsizing forces out folks at the **Clear Channel** San Francisco cluster, most notably Hot AC KIOI (Star 101.3) PD **James Baker**. Taking over for Baker is **Stacy Cunningham**, who adds that title to her existing responsibilities s PD of Top 40/Rhythmic clustermate KMEL.



The **Navarre Corp.**, out of Minneapolis, has signed an exclusive distribution deal with **David Jordan's La Corporacion Muzic**, a Latin-based label in Pasadena, CA. The first releases from the label will be "Latin Explosion," featuring some of today's top emerging Latino artists, and Latin jazz album "Moments," from famed musician **Peter Michael Escovedo** of the much-admired Escovedo family.

The most wonderful time of year has been extended at **Clear Channel** AC WLIT (The Lite 93.9)/Chicago: they're now full-on Christmas music 24/7 through Christmas Day. CC Radio/Chicago VP/Programming & Operations **Darren David** stated, "There's so much craziness in the world, we need a little Christmas now!"

Waitt Radio Networks (WRN) programming wizard John Glenn has announced his plans for unique Christmas programming for his Omaha-based network, with their annual "Memories of a Christmas," show. The special counts down the 50 greatest Country Christmas songs of all time. The show weaves in stories from the biggest Country stars, including Vince Gill, Martina McBride, Phil Vassar, Aaron Tippin, Carolyn Dawn Johnson, Rhonda Vincent, and others. Want more info? Contact John at jglenn@wronline.com.

Hometown Handshake, Midwest Radio Group's Country WNCY/ Green Bay-Appleton-Oshkosh weekly radio show, hit the road last Friday and landed in Bellevue, WI. Instead of the usual begging for food, they asked listeners to drop off phone cards to donate to **Golden House**, the local family violence safe house. 150 hours in phone time was collected in under 2 hours!

Pierre Robert is being honored for 25 years of serving Philadelphia radio listeners. Beginning on Wednesday and running through November 25, the **Greater Media** Rocker WMMR/Philadelphia is featuring career highlights of the City of Brotherly Love's #1 citizen and his vast contributions to the community, as wells as his celebrity interviews, concert coverage, charity support, and more. Robert was a special player at **Conclave 2002**, acting as emcee for the **Graham Nash Legends Luncheon**.

Voting is now open for the next Ford C. Frick Award, the Baseball Hall of Fame honor for broadcasters. There are great Midwest credentials represented this year, including Skip and Chip Caray, Conclavers Tom Hamilton and Herb Score, and former stars Jim Kaat, Ron Santo, Al Kaline, Harmon Killebrew, Bert Blyleven, Steve Lyons, and Tim McCarver. Fans (yes, you!) can vote at http://mlb.mlb.com/NASApp/mlb/mlb/awards/frick_2006/vote.jsp. **Changes.** Chuck Atkins, OM for Clear Channel/St. Louis exits. He oversaw Urban KATZ (100.3 The Beat) and Urban AC KMJM...Big moves at Clear Channel Alternative WRZX Indianapolis! MD Michael Young exits after 14 years at the station, where he was also the Creative Services Director. Also exiting are middayer Nikki and pm driver Alex B...Former Cincinnati Reds pitcher Jeff Brantley is tapped as color analyst, taking Steve Stewart's place.

Aberdeen Radio Ranch has officially been sold to the Armada Media Corp. for

\$9.25 million. The six Aberdeen, SD stations were purchase by the company made up of **Jim Coursolle, Chris Bernier,** and former Wisconsin Gov. **Tommy Thompson**, as well as broadcaster **John Lynch** and **Terry Shockley.**

Joseph Jay Vavricek's Legacy Communications LLC has purchased Oldies KBFZ/Kimball, NE from Tracy Broadcasting Corp. for \$135,000 cash. While Tracy keeps KBFZ's simulcast partner KOAQ-AM, Legacy owns seven stations in Nebraska and has a time-brokerage deal with another.

Pump Audio has been added to **Envision Radio Networks** list of syndicated offerings! Pump is the leader in independent music, providing to a world-wide range of content creators. It's innovative software system, "**The Pumpbox**," provides professions producers with access to its catalog of more than 65,000 tracks covering 70+ genres of music. Check out <u>www.pumpaudio.com</u> for more details.

Kyle McCoy, the former PD/Corporate Imaging Dir. at **New Northwest** Top40 KRSQ/Billings embarks on a new career journey: production talent. Kyle's company, **Sound This Good**, introduces clients to his work via three free produced sweepers from his website. Check out his work, and take advantage of his offer at <u>www.soundthisgood.com</u>.

Universal/Motown Chicago-based promotion veteran **Victor Lentini** leaves the label after a decade to launch his own **Get Smart Entertainment.** The new firm focuses on advertising and marketing for web and TV. A second division will focus on writing for film, TV and radio. Contact Victor at Get Smart Entertainment, 6348 N. Milwaukee Ave., Suite 393, Chicago, IL, 60646, or call him at (773)-763-6363.

A big 21st anniversary shout-out to **Dave Dworkin** and his **Radio Mall** sound effects, comedy, database, and music library service! Back in 1985 the Dworkin started as **Ghostwriters**, selling bits of comedy to morning shows. For more information, go to <u>www.radiomall.com</u>.

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Radio veteran Dan Diamond passed away on Friday, 10/27. He most recently worked at Farm/Agriculture KMZU/Carrollton, Mo. Prior to that he was in Kansas City at Country WDAF and Top 40 WHB. Our condolences to Dan's family and friends.

Changes, Too. Joe Battaglia has been appointed industry maven to WAY-FM's Board of Directors, announces WAY-FM Group Colorado Springs...PD Marty Booth-Hodges for Radiostar Inc. Classic Rock WGKC/Champaign, IL exits as Sister Alternative WEBX PD Jon Mayotte takes interim PD duties...Kevin Murphy takes on some hefty duties at CBS Radio/Detroit: he's on VP/GM detail for talk WKRK and Sports WXYT-AM, besides his duties at Oldies WOMC as VP/GM! Former WKRK and WXYT VP/GM Rich Homberg will focus on running News WWJ-AM.

Jobs. NNB/Anchorage is looking for a new CHR/PD for KFAT. Send your info to either **Tom Oakes** at tom.oakes@nnbradio.com or **Mark** St. John of Zapoleon Media Strategies at mark stj@yahoo.com... A Grand Junction, CO company is looking for on-air talent with promotion skills. 6 station group, independent ownership. Email to jobs@gjradio.com...Operations Manager for new stations in Garden City, Kansas. Your duties would include hosting a live and local morning show, producing newscasts and running day to day operations for News Talk KIUL-AM and KYUL-AM...E-mail inavarro@maanradio.com...The Illinois Center for Broadcasting, in Lombard, IL is hiring part-time freelance radio/tv/video broadcast instructors to teach day or night classes at our broadcast college in Lombard, IL. Fax or email your resume to: Patrick Johnsen. School Director, The Illinois Center Broadcasting, for johnsen.p@beonair.com, Fax: 630-916-1764 Phone: 630-916-1700...NRC Broadcasting is seeking a full time Engineer for its mountain division. Responsibilities include the technical management of studio and transmitter facilities of Aspen, Breckenridge, Steamboat Springs and Vail clusters. SBE Certification, FCC General Class license is preferred. Please email your resume: jobs@nrcbroadcasting.com, or snail-mail your package to: Recruiter-FM, NRC Broadcasting, Inc. 1201 18th Street, Suite 250 Denver, CO 80202, or fax to: 303-296-7030...Hot Country format. Full-time position. Will pay for the right person. Email best work and resume to job@go123auto.com, the sooner the better. Located right next to Madison, WI...Star 105 is looking for talent to join one of America's Hot AC's. Possible full-time position for the right candidate. Send resume and brief aircheck to: kirk.patrick@cumulus.com...Cumulus Media Partners' KMJK-FM is looking for a part-time on-air personality / board operator. Duties include monitoring the on-air studio operation and execution of the daily station broadcast log in addition to listener line support within assigned shift. Weekend and Holiday availability is also required. Jerold Jackson, Brand Manager & Program Director, KMJK Magic 107.3 FM 5800 Foxridge Drive #600, Mission, KS 66202. Fax: 913.514.3002, UAC@cumulus.com...WBFM-FM (B93), Sheboygan, WI. E-mail your package to eddie@b93radio.com...103.5 WAWC in Warsaw, Indiana is looking for air talent for 2 full time positions! A weekend shift will be expected. Send resume & CD or tape to: Jay Michaels, Program Director, WAWC, 216 W Market Street, Warsaw, In 46580 or email to jaymichaelsdj@yahoo.com...Country 101.9 WDEZ is in need of part time on air talent. If you are in the area and looking to do a show or two on the weekends, then we want to hear from you. Tapes and resumes to: Chad Edwards. 101.9 WDEZ. 557 Scott St., Wausau, WI 54402...Simmons Broadcasting has an immediate full-time opening for an afternoon drive personality on Hot Country outlet Maverick 105 based at Langdon, North Dakota. Resumes and MP3 airchecks to: <u>kndkkicksbs@utma.com</u> or to: **Bob**

Simmons, Simmons Broadcasting, PO Box 30, Langdon, ND 58249...Learfield Communications, Inc. has openings for reporter/ anchor positions in their News division. Please send resume, writing samples and an on-air demo to sbrandon@learfield.com...Looking for a host with mid-major market experience. Please send your resume and on-air work via email at midwestsportsradio@yahoo.com. All inquiries will be kept confidential...Citadel is looking for a right hand person for Thunder 945. Email a short MP3 with your resume and photo to bud.ford@citcomm.com...Also at Citadel WTNR Thunder 945 they're building a new morning show. Established teams are welcome as are individuals. Send me your resume, photo, and a short MP3 to my email address bud.ford@citcomm.com...101.9 FM WTMX/ Chicago seeks a Promotion Director! Download and complete our job application at www.wtmx.com and forward application and resume to: Dave Karwowski, Director of Marketing, WTMX FM Chicago, 1 Prudential Plaza #2700 Chicago, IL 60601, Fax: (312) 947-4747...Ann Arbor's 107.1 is looking for a PD. Email your resume, references, salary history and link to your audio demo (no audio files larger than 2MB please) to rebeccabogoski@RadioA2.com or by mail: Clear Channel-Ann Arbor, 1100 Victors Way, Suite 100, Ann Arbor, MI 48108...WBBM Newsradio 780 continues the search for a part-time anchor/reporter. Send tape and resumes to: mkrauser@cbs.com or mail to: Mike Krauser, News Director, WBBM Newsradio 780, Suite 1178, 2 Prudential Plaza, Chicago, IL 60601...Journal Broadcast Group Program Director/Afternoon Host Z-92/Omaha, KEZO-FM Z-92 Omaha, Omaha, NE. Send resume and air-check to: Tom Land, Director Of Radio Programming/ Journal Broadcast Group, 5030 N. 72 Street, Omaha, NE 68134, tland@journalbroadcastgroup.com...A midwest station is seeking a top notch morning show co-host. Applicants should be well versed in the world of Country Music. Send your mp3 air check and Resume to radio talent@hotmail.com...94.7 Chicago's True Oldies Channel is looking for an Account Executive to fill a mid-level sales position. Please submit resumes to: 94.7 Chicago's True Oldies Channel, Attn: Dan Manella – Dept. A, 190 N. State Street, Chicago, IL 60601...Chicago's Talk Station, WLS, seeks a Reporter/Anchor. Send resume and audio samples to: WLS 890 AM, Attn: Kipper McGee – Dept. A, 190 N. State Street, Chicago, IL 60601...The AAA Entertainment Radio Group in Bloomington, Illinois is looking for its next Production Director. Send me your resume, production demo, air demo, and anything else you think is relevant to: kevint@aaabloomington.com (5MB limit on emails) or Kevin Trueblood, Operations Manager, 108 Boeykens Place, Normal, II 61761. All positions listed in THE TATTLER are provided free of charge and represent equal opportunities. Submit your listing to

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