The Conclave announces that it is kicking-off the 2007 scholarship application drive for the radio and music industry scholarships given annually to three nationally recognized educational institutions. The scholarships are offered to attend Brown College of Minneapolis, MN or to The Specs Howard School of Broadcasting Arts of Southfield, MI. One Music Business scholarship will be awarded to the McNally Smith College of Music in St. Paul, MN. In all, Conclave scholarships represent a value of over $65,000. Entry forms and more information are now available inside career counseling offices at high schools around America or by visiting the Conclave scholarship website at www.radioscholarships.com. This simple application process for the radio industry scholarships requires a one-page questionnaire and voice tape/CD from the prospective student. A questionnaire and essay must accompany the music industry scholarship application. A panel made up of members of the Board of Directors of the Conclave and Conclave advisors will choose the winning radio scholarship recipients. The Douglas Smith Foundation will select the music industry winner. The scholarship deadline is April 2, 2007. Winners will be announced shortly thereafter. The Conclave has made a 30 second radio PSA announcing the scholarship available via download at www.theconclave.com for stations wanting to help alert students in their community to these scholarship opportunities. For those in our industry who ask, “Where will we find new talent?”, the answer may lie in the assistance radio will provide this important and unique scholarship program. The 2007 Radio Learning Conference: Conclave 007 – For Your Ears Only will be held the first weekend after the all-important Spring Book. Tuition is only $199 now through May 1, 2007, the lowest price for any seminar in our industry. Details and registration information can be found at www.theconclave.com. The 2007 Radio Learning Conference: Conclave 007 – For Your Ears Only will be held the first weekend after the all-important Spring Book. Tuition is only $199 for a limited time only, the lowest price for any seminar in our industry. Details and registration information can be found at www.theconclave.com.

Reuters reports this week that plans may be a-buzzin’ for Rupert Murdoch! Murdoch has joined the Chandler family bid for Tribune Co., and has his sights set on Newsday, the Trib’s Long Island paper. Because of cross-ownership conflicts News Corp.’s WNYW-TV/NY and the New York Post, he can only buy a minority interest and merge the Post’s and Newsdays’ offices, while keeping editorial departments separate. Currently, Tribune owns only Talk WGN-AM in Chicago.

It’s official! Popular personality Ed Schultz is returning to local radio, going back home to Talk KFGO-AM/Fargo on February 1. The change comes with the purchase of the station by Jim Ingstad from Clear Channel. Schultz resumes the “News and Views” show from 8:30-11:30a CT for KFGO, but continues in syndication for Jones Radio Networks and P1. Ingstad has also reportedly hired Triad Broadcasting/Fargo VP/Market Manager Nancy Odney as COO at Ingstad Radio Fargo-Moorhead. Jeff Hoberg stays on as Market Manager.

The French family of Westchester County, NY is likely the new owners of Air America Radio, according to the Wall Street Journal. Of course, it hasn’t been officially announced yet; but the family, who owns the independent WRNN-TV/Kingston, NY is the likely candidate to buy AAR out of Chapter 11. Richard French, formerly an official of the New York State Democratic Party, would like host a prime-time show, and Markaron, formerly of Air America, has been in talks to return. Approval from the bankruptcy court is required for the official sale.

Felicia Middlebrooks will headline the 2007 WITASWAN (Women in the Audience Supporting Women Artists Now!) convention in Chicago this year! The CBS News Anchor, based out of WBBM-AM/Chicago, can be seen at the Landmark Century Center Theater on March 31. She will show her documentary “Somebody’s Child: The Redemption of Rwanda,” and field audience questions afterward. This is the third annual program for WITASWAN, which partners with the American Association of University Women-Illinois, the Association For Women Journalists, the Illinois Woman’s Press Association, and Women in Film/Chicago.

Popular Denver host Scott Cortelyou was arrested Tuesday morning in Lakewood, CO, and booked on charges of trying to lure a child into sex on the internet. Cortelyou co-hosts KRCN-AM/Denver’s “Business for Breakfast.” He’s a veteran news and business anchor, and has been in Denver for years with several different stations: KOA-AM, KHOW-AM, KKZN-AM, KMJI, and KMGH-TV. He was picked up at the station by Ft. Collins police, taken to the Larimer Country Jail, and booked on two Class 4 felonies: Internet luring of a child and Internet sexual exploitation of a child.

Sean M. Beall, 34, was killed last week in an apartment fire in LaFayette, IN, where he’s better known as “Marley,” and overnight personality and Creative Services Director for Schurz Rock WKHY. Beall was an on-air personality for 12 years at WKHY. His friend and co-worker, PD Jeff Strange issued this statement: “He was just a great friend and is going to be sorely miss by us. He had been out at a radio function before he went home for the night, so he got to spend some of his last hours with some of his closest friends.”
Twin Cities radio lost two veteran on-air personalities last week...Minneapolis radio personality Mark O’Connell died Saturday at age 52 from complications of melanoma. O’Connell joined KSTP Radio in 1998 as part of the “Babs and the Boys” show. Co-host Ron Rosenbaum said, “Mark was a radio professional from head to toe. He was a stand-up guy in a business that wasn’t always like that. He wasn’t a screamer or yeller; he was a guy who called it as he saw it.” Ginny Hubbard Morris, President of Hubbard Broadcasting’s radio operations, agreed: “At the very heart of Mark was his professional integrity as a top-notch newsperson with a curiosity about the world that was very unique”...Dean Spratt, who for years was the voice of traffic reporting in the Twin Cities, died Saturday, a few days after suffering a stroke. He was 54. Spratt was a gambler on two fronts when WCCO Radio hired him in 1981. First, no station had done traffic reports in the market. Second, the station was hiring a guy who was blind from birth. Working from his home, surrounded by police radio scanners, Spratt gave listeners picturesque descriptions of traffic — and weather conditions — throughout the metro system. He was believed to be the first blind person in the country to take on the task, though others have followed. Spratt was a WCCO employee for 14 years. He exited the station when Westinghouse purchased it a dozen years ago, and went to work for Metro Traffic, which does reports for a number of local stations including WCCO. Two years ago, he was a bottom-line victim at Metro Traffic, too. In the last two years, he conducted a satellite radio program, “Thursday Night Potpourri,” from the front room of his home. With his two adolescent daughters watching, the creative Spratt put together a weekly three-hour show that attracted a small but loyal international audience. (Some of the report above was found in Doug Grow’s column in the Minneapolis Star-Tribune earlier this week). We’d like to add just a quick word about Dean. He was a lifelong friend who literally defined radio by his very existence. He pioneered traffic reporting while never having seen a highway, or cloverleaf, or stop sign. In spite of his blindness, he performed miracles daily behind a microphone. What Dean’s eyesight was never able to bring him, his imagination, ears and voice more than made up for. We’re a better medium because Dean Spratt stopped this way, even for so brief a time.

Jeff Smulyan was the guest of honor on January 22nd at the second annual Indiana Minority Business Magazine Dinner. The Emmis Chairman/CEO was being recognized for his work in the area of diversity at Emmis, and received the Dr. Martin Luther King Freedom Award. Last year’s recipient was Tony Dungy, coach of the Indianapolis Colts.

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Changes. New night jock Chase is welcomed aboard to Clear Channel’s Top 40 WZEE/Madison. He also will serve as webmaster, and hails from Leighton Broadcasting’s Top 40 KCLD/St. Cloud, where he was helming the midday...Goodbye to Wendy Snyder, who exits the Steve Dahl Show at CBS Talk WCKG as sidekick/traffic reporter...Hatcher gets upped at Cumulus/Appleton-Oshkosh WXXW as the 7p-midnight host...Tom Waddle leaves his co-host post at Tribune Talk WGN-AM/Chicago’s Sports Central after the Super Bowl. Waddle is a former Bears receiver.

Adult Standards KOMJ-AM (Magic 1490)/Omaha is being purchased by Ted and Jana Tucker’s Cochrise Broadcasting LLC for $500,000. Journal Broadcast sold the station, which leaves it with five stations in Omaha. JB also operates CBS KMTV-TV in conjunction with Emmis.

Saga (as Franklin Communications) has gifted Classic Hits WQEL/Bucyrus, OH to Bible Broadcasting Network, Inc. The change-up is part of a rearranging by Saga, with WQEL replacing Jazz WJZK in Richwood, OH, which is in turn moving to Grandview Heights, OH, to be closer to the Columbus market. To be in compliance with the multiple-ownership rule, Saga has to spin off WQEL.

The non-profit Throw-Fire Project has purchased the CP for a new AM in Baxter, MN (near Brainerd) from Ed Delahunt for $600,000. The FCC has allowed the assignment of five Ohio stations from Stop 26 Riverbend (Debtor in possession) to B.B. Zwiwn’s Bernard Ohio LLC, and has renewed the licenses for all the stations as well. The FCC denied the petitions of several complaints by several parties, including a former Stop 26 principal, Percy Squire. The allegations the FCC dismissed were the unauthorized transmission of control, public-file violations, and power-level violations. The five stations in the cluster are WVKO-AM/Columbus; WVKO-FM/Johnstown, OH; WRBP/Hubbard, OH; WASN-AM/Youngstown; and WGF-AM/Campbell, OH.

Mike “Big Dog” Kapel, former OM of the Fargo cluster of Clear Channel, lost his job when Clear Channel sold the stations. Kapel was in charge of N/T KFGO, Sports-Talk KVXO-AM, Top 40 WDAY, Classic Rocker KKBX, Country KDM, and AAA KKR, and Country KFAB. He also did the morning drive at WDAY. Reach out to Mike at mkapel73@yahoo.com. Also out are KDM MD/nights Chris Conway; KDM morning jock and KRVI MD/afternooner David Black; KDM midday lady Autumn Grant; and KFAB wake-up man Erik Grande.

Changes. Too. Rick Hall has been appointed Prod. Dir./middays for Salem Christian AC WFZM/Milwaukee. He was previously PD/afternoons at Christian AC WQFL/Rockford...Sonya Blakey has moved across the street to head up Clear Channel’s WGRB-AM (Inspiration 1390) from Crawford Broadcasting Gospel WYCA/Chicago as their PD/MD...Jay Butler, favorite Detroit personality, helms “Faith Talk Afternoons” on Salem Religion WLQV-AM/Detroit...Maxwell is officially the new MD at Clear Channel Top 40 WNIC/Columbus, where he was doing nights before...
Welcome back to Kyle McCoy, former PD of Top 40 KRSQ, now back to New Northwest Broadcasting/Billings doing OM/PD duties. The cluster includes KRQ, Country KGHL, Classic Country KGHL-AM, Adult Hits KQBL, and Hot AC KZRV.

A station flip in Lawrence, KS, leaves Jayhawk Broadcasting Classic Rocker KMNX with a new name and format: Active Rock “X92.9 Rocks Lawrence.” Newman, parttimer at the station, now has nights, while Floyd takes over as Creative Services Director. Other staff remains the same.

Tom Moran, longtime player in the record industry, is the new face at Show Dog Records/Nashville, coming on as VP of Promotion. GM George Nunes made the announcement recently about the former VP of Promotion at Epic/Nashville.

Michael Brooks, previously the Dir./Sales at Go Radio Broadcasting/Fargo-Moorhead has been promoted to Market Manager, Triad Broadcasting announced this week. Brooks takes the place of Nancy Odney, who jumped crosstown to Jim Ingstad’s new cluster as COO.

Comment – Jennifer Strange & Mancow. The big news over the past 10 days has been the KDND debacle. You know the details. A morning show stunt/contest that went terribly awry prompts industry outcry, a mass frying, a criminal investigation, a wrongful death suit, a complaint to the FCC, and calls for Entercom (owner of KDND/Sacramento) to lose license(s) and kill a potential station deal it cut with CBS. The industry is abuzz with all that. But the real tragedy is the death of a young mother and ironically, the person inside our industry shouting the loudest about her at the moment is Mancow – a personality who has engaged in his share of dangerous stunts in the past. But the fact is, the only thing separating Mancow – and thousands of radio personalities and stations through the years - from participating in a promotion that could have had a tragic ending is luck. The Bay Bridge haircut Mancow received in 1993 stopped traffic for hours – and he was fined heavily for it. Luckily, there was no ambulance carrying a critically injured child who needed to cross the bridge that day. A death in that instance could have happened...but it didn’t. So, stunts like that one 14 years ago – and the water-drinking contest last week – continued to be a part of radio’s accepted promotion regimen for years. Now, a death has occurred and the industry is rightfully nervous and introspective. It’s good Mancow sees the light, and we’re hoping others will follow his lead. The tragedy is that it took Jennifer Strange’s dying to show the industry how shortsighted it has been. Hopefully, we’ve learned the lesson to start planning and executing promotions considering each and every possibility that could result. Let’s hope that Jennifer Strange has finally taught us - after decades of being incredibly lucky – how to be more responsible members of our communities and possessors of one of the most precious commodities a democracy can give – the rights to the airwaves. – TK

More Changes. Starting Feb. 5, Mark Kanak will take over as Dir./Sales for CBS Radio/Denver. Kanak moves from a GSM position at Cox Broadcasting/Tampa...Brian Kovacs, producer of the Talk Radio Network’s syndicated shock jock show, “Mancow’s Morning Madness,” exits...Middlecrystal Harris has left after a shakeup at Cumulus Top 40 WTRW/Toledo, where Johnny D left earlier this week...Night spinner Dave Kelly (Buffalo Dave) gets the hell outta dodge, leaving Zimmer Radio Country KIXQ/Joplin for Journal Broadcast Group Country KTTS/Springfield. He’ll be slaming afternoons.

We send condolences out to CBS Top 40/Rhythmic WBBM/Chicago morning co-host Joe Bohannon on the death of his father, Robert “Bob” Colborn, who passed away Saturday, 1/20.

Our thoughts and prayers to the family and friends of Doug Wilson, Chief Engineer at Christian KTLF/Colorado Springs, who was found dead in the transmitter shack on Friday, 1/19. There has been no official statement from the coroner’s office, but early speculation is that a heart attack was the cause of death.

Jobs. Clear Channel Urban AC WMXD (MIX 92)/Detroit is searching for a Promotions Director. Interested parties should send their package to jamilahmuhammed@clearchannel.com...No phones calls please...Cluster of 6 Clear Channel radio stations in Lima, OH seeking a remote tech/board op. Duties would include, but are not limited to, setting up remote gear and staging remote appearances, assisting remote talent, board operation, and production duties. Working knowledge of Matrix and Tieline gear, microphone and audio levels, PA equipment, and Marti transmitters. Please send resume and demo to Dave Woodward, Program Director 1150 WIMA, Lima, OH 45801. Or e-mail immediately to dawoodward@clearchannel.com...Heritage AM News Talker in Lima, OH seeking a news reporter/anchor. Must have experience in writing and reporting, digital audio production, and AP news software. Computer background a must. Experience in board operation preferred. Please send news philosophy, resume, and demo to Dave Woodward, Program Director 1150 WIMA, Lima OH 45801. Or e-mail immediately to dawoodward@clearchannel.com...All The Hits Q96 located in Champaign-Urbana, IL needs weekenders. E-mail: Ken@cu-radio.com, or snail: 4108 Fieldstone Rd #C, Champaign, IL 61822...If you’re in Milwaukee or within driving range, have two or more years of Hot AC / AC / CHR experience, and ready to pitch in on weekends, holidays, and fill-shifts, WMXY in the Milwaukee area wants to hear from you. Send your best two-minute aircheck, resume, and references to Mike Nelson, WMXY Program Director, 11800 W. Grange Ave., Hales Corners, WI 53130, or e-mail to mnelson@entercom.com, MP3s under 3MB...Newsweb Radio Company 9 FM and Chicago’s Progressive Talk stations are looking for reps. Email: mryzy@9chicago.com...We’re seeking our next great management star. Cumulus Media is currently looking for a Local Sales Manager in Flint,
Michigan. Call Joe Mulé in confidence at (810) 238-7300...Jefferson City, MO: Ideal candidate will live and breathe oldies while delivering a morning show. Audiovault and Selector experience a plus. Send your best stuff to mike.alan@cumulus.com...CBS Radio and WCCO AM in Minneapolis is currently accepting resumes for a FT Promotions Assistant. We are seeking applicants with strong communication skills and the ability to think and adapt quickly. Must be proficient in MS office, word, excel and powerpoint. Some experience in managing interns and part-time employees. Degree in Mass Communications desired. Please send cover letter, resume to: HR Prom Asst - 122, CBS Radio, 625 2nd Avenue S., Minneapolis, MN 55402. Or e-mail your resume and cover letter to radiojobsmpls@cbsradio.com...105.9 The Hog (WWHG), Janesville/Madison/ Rockford, is seeking a high-energy, Promotions Director and on-air personality. Send promotional package including cover letter and resume to: Good Karma Broadcasting, c/o Dan Hunt; 1 Parker Place, Suite 485, Janesville, WI 53545. E-mail: hollywoodhuntn@kkbradio.com...The combined news operation for news talk stations in Columbia, and Jefferson City, Missouri is looking for a radio reporter. Send samples, and news theory to brian.wilson@cumulus.com...KRCQ Radio is looking for an announcer for full time position. Contact: General Manager K R C Q Radio, PO Box 556, Detroit Lakes MN 56502, 218-847-2001 krcq@krcq.net...Hot AC 99.1 WMYX-FM Milwaukee has a full-time opening! Packages to Mike Nelson, WMYX Program Director, 11800 W. Grange Ave., Hales Corners, WI 53130, or mnelson@entercom.com...Clear Channel Little Rock Arkansas is searching for their next full time announcer for their active rokker, KDJE. Please rush your voice-work on CD and resume to: KDJE Att: Jeff Cage, 10800 Colonel Glenn, Little Rock, AR 72204...Regent Broadcasting Club 93-7 in Flint, MI is searching for star part-timers. E-mail an .mp3 demo & resume to nathanreed937@yahoo.com. Mailing address: Nathan Reed WRCL PD, 3338 Bristol Road, Burton, MI 48529...WRQT in La Crosse, WI is looking for it’s next night talent. Email your package to: opennings@957herock.com, or WRQT Openings, 201 State Street La Crosse, WI 54601...WKSY Program Director: South Central Radio Group Air shift required, so send all materials for consideration to: Tim Huelsing, VP/Market Manager, tim@sccradio.com, or ship to: South Central Radio Group Attn: Tim Huelsing, 1162 Mt. Auburn Road, P.O. Box 3848 Evansville, IN 47726...Sky High Broadcasting is seeking an individual who enjoys production and board operator duties with a servant’s heart, has good work ethics, and is willing to do what it takes to get the job done and wants a career in Christian broadcasting. KNEO Radio is a 24-hour non-commercial Christian radio station in the Joplin market. KNEO’s format is preaching/teaching with Southern Praise – a mixture of Southern Gospel and Praise & Worship music. KNEO is also streaming on the Internet. Find out more about us at www.kneo.org. You may send resume by mail to: KNEO Radio, Attn: Mark Taylor,10827 Highway 86 East, Neosho, MO 64850-7052 or email: MTaylor@kneo.org...Ozark Broadcasting Inc. is seeking a full time copywriter/broadcaster, capable of performing all on air duties, including news. Interested applicants should forward resume’ and mp3 to: tnixon@regionalradio.com or mail to: Ozark Broadcasting Inc., Attn: Teresa Nixon, P.O. Box 1112, Lebanon, MO 65536...Ozark Broadcasting Inc., KJEL-FM, KBNN-AM, KJPW AM-FM and KFBD-FM/KOZO-AM has an opportunity for someone with commercial writing abilities and on air skills. If that person is you, contact Station Manager, Mike Edwards, with resume and mp3 audio: medwards@regionalradio.com...990 “The Fan” in St. Louis, is looking to land a “winner” to lead the Promotions and Marketing Department. If you’re interested in being considered for this opportunity please email Jason Barrett at jbarrett@klns.com...KGWY-FM in Wyoming is looking for the West’s most personable talent. Send your resume, your short-list of 3 reachable references and a couple minutes of air check from a recent show. johnne@basinsradio.com...105.3 Hot FM WHTS is searching for the best PD in America to lead this monster to the next level. Please send resume, mp3 aircheck and programming philosophy to: Brent Alberts, Citadel Broadcasting 60 Monroe Center NW, Grand Rapids, MI 49503 or via email to brent.alberts@citcomm.com...If you’d like to work part-time, on a daily basis, Journal Broadcast in Wichita wants to hear from you. Cover letter, resume, and demo to: Charlee Brannigan, Operations Manager, Journal Broadcast Group, 4200 N. Old Lawrence Rd., Wichita, KS 67219. Or, email: brannigan@journalbroadcastgroup.com...Calls ok...Zimmer Radio Group’s KTXY/Y107 in Columbia, MO is looking for part-time on-air personalities. I am looking to hire immediately so please get me your demos. Send them to: Cosmo/Y107, 3215 Lemone Industrial Blvd. Suite #200, Columbia, MO 65201. Mp3 short demo to: cosmo@zrmail.com...Maverick Media’s WFGF is looking for a possible expansion of our aircast. Presentations to: Charlie Harris, PD, WFGF, 1301 North Cable Road, Lima, OH 45805. charlieharris@maverick-media.ws...WLDE in Fort Wayne, Indiana still has a live air staff on weekends around the clock. Send your aircheck and resume to: Captain Chris 347 W. Berry St., Suite 417, Fort Wayne, IN 46802, captainchriss@wlde.com...Lansing’s Rock Station, Q106 is looking for a full-time on-air entertainer to join the Q106 air staff. Send your resume & mp3 to jobs@mmrglansing.com or resume & demo to: Operations Manager, Mid-Michigan Radio Group 2495 N Cedar St., Holt, MI 48842...Mid-West Family Broadcasting’s Magic 98 WMGN is searching for a talented part-time radio personality. Experience and a flexible schedule, including weekends, nights and holidays, is required. Send demo and resume to: Programming, 730 Rayovac, MADISON, WI 53711...Immediate Opening(s): PD/Morning Show on KBRF am (heritage news/talk/farm station in West Central MN) and/or Farm/Ag Director for Lakes Radio (five station group). Must have full-time Morning Show and PD Experience. Farm Dept. Send Demo/Resume to Greg Brady, Operations Manager, Lakes Radio, 728 Western Avenue N, Fergus Falls, MN 56537...Local Ministry Director wanted for Salem’s KKMS/Minneapolis to create deeper local church and ministry relationships for KKMS through outreach networking, revenue development, and alternative promotional synergies. Resumes to KKMS GM, 2110 Cliff Road Eagan, MN 55122...Job postings are free and represent equal opportunities. If you would like a job opening posted, please email Kate at kate@main-st.net before Friday noon of the TATTLER issue date.
Kansas City, MO (#30)

Can you say, Christmas Book?

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