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Next Conclave Webinar: **An Insider's Guide to the Upcoming Conclave Learning Conference, 7/16-18!** First time Conclave attendee? Grizzled Clave Veteran? Still trying to decide whether you'll be a part of the only multi-formatic radio programming conference in America? This webinar will provide an insider's look at the 34th annual Learning Conference. What will you learn? How will you network? What about the new hotel? What should you bring? How will you get here? This webinar promises a plethora of inside information that will make a registrant feel right at home, before they even hop a plane or jump in the car! Lots of time for Q&A! Join us for this very special webinar presented in part by **Envision Radio Networks** this coming Wednesday July 1st at 2P CDT/3P EDT! As always, Conclave webinars are free but preregistration is necessary. Log onto <http://www.theconclave.com> for details.

Current SVP/Music Programming for **Sirius XM**, **Jon Zellner** signs on with **Clear Channel Radio** as SVP/Programming effective July 20th. Zellner will work with PD's across 25 major and mid-sized markets. "The stations in these 25 markets have unique audiences and tremendous opportunities, and we look forward to Jon's guidance across our AM/FM/HD2 and digital platforms," Clear Channel EVP/Operations **Mark Kopelman** said. "Radio has been my passion for as long as I can remember and a position like this at the leading radio company in the world is something I've worked toward since my start in broadcasting over 20 years ago," Zellner said. "I can't wait to get started."

Clear Channel Rock WMMS/Cleveland is being sued by a woman who was hit by a beer bottle thrown by Rover's Morning Glory personality **Dominick Dieter** during the Roverfest Street Party. **Tiffany Yuhasz** claims she suffered "nerve damage, pigmentation change...tissue loss and indentation of her forehead" when Dieter hopped on stage and threw a beer bottle in the air. Tiffany thinks the pain and suffering, along with medical expenses, is worth \$4k.

Midwest Family Country WWQM/Madison hires PD vet **John Sebastian** as PD. Sebastian has programmed big stations around the country, including: **Cumulus** Country KPLX/Dallas, Cumulus Country

WSM-FM/Nashville, **CBS** Adult Hits WJMK/Chicago, KDWB/Minneapolis and a couple others. John replaces **Brad Austin** who exited in May. Sebastian said, "I'm honored, humbled and thrilled by the opportunity to work in concert with the impressive group of radio professionals at Midwest Family in Madison...In a world too often full of fear, they've given me creative license to design something truly unique."

Hear what a musician thinks about the state of the music industry and the state of radio as Grammy nominated singer-songwriter **Chris Barron** – founder of **The Spin Doctors** – keynotes the Conclave Learning Conference on Saturday, July 18th at the Sheraton South Hotel in Minneapolis. Moderating this keynote session will be **Sean Ross**, Executive Editor/Music & Programming for *Radio-Info.com*. This keynote session is sponsored by **BMI**.

Here's what Learning Conference attendees can expect at the **Brian Jennings's** controversial keynote, Friday afternoon 7/17 at the kickoff of the **All-Access** sponsored *Conclave College* at the Sheraton South: Brian, the former VP/Talk Programming for **Citadel** and author of *Censorship: The Threat to Silence Talk Radio*, will provide an historic view of the **Fairness Doctrine** explaining why equal time restrictions are unconstitutional and represent censorship. Says Brian, "Beyond the Fairness Doctrine, there have been many assaults on conservative talk radio over the years and I will detail these many and subtle attempts at censoring a form of political speech. Additionally, I will discuss threats to censorship worldwide and on our borders that we must be aware of. I will indicate that thousands of men and women have died for the rights we have today and talk radio represents the First Amendment in its pure form. We must protect speech even if we don't like what we hear - otherwise the American Dream is dead. Talk Radio must be unregulated to be free. The only valid form of censorship, is the ability of the individual to choose what he hears, reads, or sees."

Spectrum Entertainment head and **Chicago Sports Webio** backer **David Hernandez** is in custody after a week on the run from federal fraud charges. Hernandez was found in a hotel room in Normal, IL after overdosing on drugs and was taken to the hospital by the FBI. Hernandez was charged last week with mail fraud for allegedly diverting investor's money to fund the Internet Sports station and for personal use. The station shut down last week after initially firing three execs, including principal **Mike North**, former **CBS** Sports WSCR-AM/Chicago morning host.

Garrison Keillor will hit the road and bring his "A Prairie Home Companion" with him to Avon, MN for a live broadcast July 4th, celebrating the show's 35th anniversary in a town Keillor says helped inspire Lake Wobegon. The event is free for the public.

The **FCC** will look different now that **President Barack Obama** has nominated **Meredith Attwell Baker** to fill the open Republican slot. Baker succeeds **Deborah Taylor Tate**, who resigned earlier this year. Baker most recently led the Commerce Department's National Telecommunications and Information Administration.

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CONCLAVE TUITION PRICE-HIKE COMING! Here's an important reminder to those planning on attending the 34th annual Learning Conference, July 16-18 2009 at the Sheraton South Hotel/Minneapolis (Bloomington) that tuition rises after June 30. Current Conclave Learning Conference tuitions expire next Tuesday, and that means just four more days remain to register for the industry's premier learning experience for just \$299. In addition, daily tuitions for the Learning Conference will rise, as well. They are currently at \$89 for either Thursday 7/16 or Saturday 7/18 and \$189 for Friday 7/17. So save money and register NOW!" **IF YOU NEED A HOTEL ROOM**, we are being told they are sold out if you call their central reservation service. However, a few specially priced rooms at the Sheraton South Hotel are still available if an attendee uses the Conclave Internet link to reserve a room. To gain a \$119+tax/night sleeping room (if any remain), click on <http://www.starwoodmeeting.com/StarGroupsWeb/booking/reservation?id=0809045241&key=978BD>.

In addition to the day to day radio consulting and program production, frequent Conclave faculty member and **Envision Radio Networks'** The Country Oldies Show host **Steve Warren** is also a part-time actor, having been featured in several recent movies, TV shows, and now...**The Onion News Network**, America's finest news source. Steve is featured as Treasure Under-Secretary **Kuehnel** in this week's front-page post on *The Onion* Website. Incidentally, we are told it was included in The Onion's presentation at the White House Correspondents Dinner on Friday night in D.C. The title of the piece is Cash4Gold. The piece runs about 2:30 and Steve appears at about :54 seconds in and thereafter. Access the clip at the following URL: http://www.theonion.com/content/video/us_to_trade_gold_reserves_for?utm_source=videoembed.

Colorado Public Radio will cut everyone's salary by 3%, effective July 1st. CPR President **Max Wycisk** blames the cut on "the sharpest drop in 53 years" in charitable giving. Along with the cut, CPR is implementing a yearlong wage freeze and will continue its suspension of contributions to employee's 403(b) retirement plans. The station hit its \$1.6 million goal during its last fundraiser.

Hubbard Broadcasting/St. Paul, MN is being honored by the **Society of Professional Journalist** with its national Historic Site in Journalism. Their University Avenue location in St. Paul is home to Talk KSTP-AM, Hot AC KSTP-FM, Talk WFMP-FM, ABC affiliate KSTP-TV and independent KSTC-TV. The building is home to the Midwest's first commercial TV station, the first TV station in the US to broadcast in color, the first to broadcast a seven-day schedule and the first to use remote satellite reports inside newscasts. Hubbard also established the pioneering **Conus** satellite news service and **USSB**, the satellite TV operator that merged with **DirectTV**.

The **National Radio Hall of Fame** announced its 2009 lineup of 16 nominees and launched its public online voting process at www.radiohof.org. "The nomination of worthy radio professionals and programs from across America who represent various formats combined

with public input into the selection process will result in a wide consensus on eventual inductees," said National Radio Hall Of Fame Steering Committee Chairman **Bruce Dumont**. The 2009 National Radio Hall Of Fame Categories And Nominees Are: **Local Or Regional - Pioneer:** Gary Burbank, Art Laboe and Van Miller. **National - Pioneer:** Dr. Demento, Dick Orkin, Suspense Theater and WLS Barn Dance. **Local Or Regional - Active:** Terri Hemmert, Tom Moffatt, Neil Rogers and Wendy Williams. **National - Active:** Neal Boortz, Bob Brinker, Joey Reynolds and This American Life. **Note:** Burbank, Dr. Demento, Orkin, and Boortz have been featured keynoters at the Conclave in various years.

The National Radio Hall of Fame online balloting is now running and will end at midnight August 1st.

NPR and Wisconsin Public Radio Noncomm WERN/Madison, WI are being honored with the **RTNDA/Unity Awards** this year presented at a dinner in New York on October 12th. NPR won it's award for "The Evolution of Native American Boarding Schools," while WERN took the large market honor for "Bridging the Shores: The Hmong-American Experience."

Congrats to Chicago radio and TV pioneer and former WIVS-AM/WAIT-AM/Crystal Lake, IL and WXRD/Woodstock, IL owner **Mal Bellairs**, who was honored to receive his Regional Pioneer Broadcasting award from the National Radio Hall of Fame at the Illinois Broadcasters Association luncheon June 17th.



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The **National Association of Broadcasters** opened the nomination process for the **NAB HD Radio Multicast Award** with the deadline imposed for submitting entries on July 15th. This award recognizes an HD Radio multicast station leading the way with innovative, unique and groundbreaking programming. Stations, submit your entry online at www.nab.org/hadward. Contact **Chris Suever** at csuever@nab.org or ring him at 202-775-3511 for more info.

Reports have surfaced that the **Ricketts** family's attempt to buy the **Chicago Cubs** from the **Tribune Co.** has hit a bump and that the Tribune is now "assessing other alternatives" like finding another buyer. Tribune spokesman **Gary Weitman** said the talks with the Ricketts, founders of **AmeriTrade**, continue, but other sources say the Tribune is talking separately with investor **Mark Utay** about another bid. The Ricketts original bid of \$900 million beat out nine others for the baseball franchise.

When 5th grader **Alex Walter** from Billings, MT needs a heart, **GapWest**/Billings, MT jumped to the rescue like good radio does. GapWest put together a fundraiser to help offset some of the mounting costs for the family. Last Friday, the community gathered at a local park filled with fun things to do for families - all to raise money to help Alex. **Heather Marxer**, Business Manager at GapWest/Billings organized the event with call-ins to their stations and after the 3 1/2 hour event was finished, nearly \$3k was raised. Alex is on the mend after receiving his new heart in California.

Regent Top 40/Rhythmic WZPW/Peoria, IL is holding a dedication ceremony for its "Bras Across Peoria" promotion for Breast Cancer Awareness on Sunday June 28th at 1p in the RadioPlex parking lot in downtown Peoria. The fence in front of the studios will transform into a commemorative community display as bras are tied together to represent the number of women who lose their battle with breast cancer each day. "The support of the community and our listeners has been overwhelming," PD/afternoons **Jason Parkinson** said. "We've had people from all walks of life donating bras to help rally around this common cause. It really makes me proud to call Peoria my home."

Clear Channel joins with the **Black AIDS Media Partnership (BAMP)** to promote the "Greater Than AIDS" campaign on its radio and outdoor platforms to help increase awareness of the HIV/AIDS epidemic in African-American communities nationwide. Greater Than AIDS features radio, outdoor, print and online PSA's that will direct people to www.greaterthan.org in order to gather critical information on how to prevent the spread of HIV/AIDS, where to get tested and treated and how to get involved.

Citadel Talk WLS-AM/Chicago adds "**Steve Dale's Pet World**" for Saturdays 2-3p CT. Dale formerly hosted a show at crosstown **Tribune** Talk WGN-AM. Dale, a Chicago native and certified animal behavior consultant, hosts "Pet World" and "The Pet Minute" in syndication for **Black Dog Radio**. He also writes for **USA Weekend** and **Tribune Media Services**.

Midwest Family's Classic Hits KOSP/Springfield, MO promised to not repeat any song between 9a and 5p Monday through Friday during their "No-Repeat Workday Guarantee." **Albert Shelton** caught them not living up to their pledge and has won \$1k! According to **GM Rick McCoy**, "We made a promise to our listeners, and we broke it. It's as simple as that. I've suspended the guilty party (afternoon talent **Scott Garrett**) for a day, and I've paid off on the Guarantee. We're asking listeners to give us a chance to redeem ourselves and keep our promise, so the Guarantee is still in effect. If someone else catches us repeating a song, I'll just have to write another check."

CBS Country WYCD/Detroit PD **Tim Roberts** is asking listeners to "Make it Michigan" and urges **General Motors** to build its new 'sub-compact' models at Detroit's Orion Assembly plant. GM is currently in the process of choosing between Tennessee, Wisconsin and Detroit. WYCD listeners can sign a giant ribbon that the station will bring to promos and remotes, and that ribbon will be presented to GM prior to their announcement at the end of the month.

Many concert-goers to **Clear Channel's** Country WBCT/Grand Rapids "Birthday Bash" will have to wait until Wednesday to get their cars after flood waters rose on the Grand River leaving their vehicles stranded while listeners ran for safety. VP/Market Mgr. **Tim Feagan** said security personnel have been put in place to ensure there will be no looting of the vehicles. "Many concertgoers who returned Sunday morning to pick up their possessions were turned away by police and staff members at the fairgrounds. Safety was the major concern, a police officer told a couple hoping to get their house keys from the car they had to leave behind Saturday night."

Matt Dubiel has exciting news! "We've managed to lock up more markets for Blue Collar Radio! As of Thursday we're on in Chicago, Anchorage and Kansas City. The management in the above markets was smart enough to realize that for \$999.... it was cheap enough to buy it now and think about it later! One executive even said he bought Blue Collar Radio just to make sure no one else got it first!" Check things out at: www.bluecollarradio.us.

The **FCC** has cancelled the construction permits and deleted the call signs for several noncomms and FM translators in Michigan granted to **Great Lakes Community Broadcasting** and **Great Lakes Broadcast Academy** both controlled by **James J. McCluskey, Ph.D.** The FCC decided the stations hadn't been built, nor had they been constructed in accordance with their authorizations, before the permits expired. The expired permits include: WQLO/Lake Odessa, WAAQ/Rogers Heights, WJQC/Jackson, W207BL/Pinnebog, W206AZ/Fremont and W205BQ/Brevort. The Academy held expired permits for WPQZ/Muskegon and W211BI/Ann Arbor. Three other authorizations, for WJKQ/Jackson, W220CW/Rogers Heights, and W206BF/Rogers Heights will be dealt with in a separate proceeding to determine whether their licenses should

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be revoked due to questions about the companies' character qualifications.

Radio K-T is selling AC WLKN/Cleveland-Sheboygan-Manitowoc, WI to **Seehafer Broadcasting** for an undisclosed price. **Wagon Wheel Broadcasting** is selling Country WXCH/Hope, IN to **Reising Radio Partners** for \$200k and the **Johnson Foundation** is selling the construction permit for noncomm KUTN/Utica, NE to the **Gospel American Network** for \$1.

Jamie "Babyface" Pendelton exits **Pamal Urban WTMG/Gainesville** to focus FT on his new venture, **Pendelton Broadcasting's** new station **WUIL/Champaign**.

Radio veteran **Scott Gilreath**, most recently VP of Sales for **Sovereign City Communications**, has officially opened the doors of **Radio Affiliate Services & Syndication R.A.S.S.** Gilreath, with more than three decades in radio, he says that his company is dedicated to connecting quality radio programming, products and services with radio's best broadcasters. "I have found that there is great programming being developed, as there are other radio products and services, but they need help in getting to the marketplace and realizing their revenue potential," stated Gilreath, who also noted that the company will be available at <http://www.radiohelp.us>. Ask Scott about his new company at new month's Learning Conference, where R.A.S.S. will be a prominent exhibitor!

After 14 months on the beach, **Chuck Matthews** is heading to **Rubber City Radio/Akron** as Production Director. Matthews was last PD at **Cumulus Talk WTOD-AM/Toledo** and also Director of Creative Services.

Dan Proft, who provides political commentary and analysis for **Citadel Talk WLS-AM/Chicago** announced he's running for Governor of Illinois. Proft, a political consultant and former campaign aide for **Alan Keyes'** Senate run in 2004, is one of several Republicans who have either announced their candidacy or who are likely to run.

Greater Media Active Rock WRIF/Detroit welcomes back **Drew Lane** to mornings alongside his former "The Drew and Mike Show" partner **Mike Clark**. Lane will be back on the air Monday July 13th and had been off the air since September 2007, after a 14-year run with Clark.

Smokin' Bluz, a weekly 3-hour guitar-driven Blues show that's aired on **Clear Channel Classic Rock WRFX/Charlotte** is now represented by **Radio Affiliate Services and Syndication**. For more info on RASS, visit www.radiohelp.us.

Condolences to family and friends of longtime Kansas City radio and TV announcer and voiceover artist **Jim Gammon** who passed May 29th at 82. Gammon worked in Peoria and several small markets in Missouri before joining **KCMO-AM-TV/Kansas City** in 1958. He later worked at **KMBC-AM-TV, WHB-AM** and **WDAF-AM-TV** before switching to FT freelance voiceover work in 1975.

Condolences to family and friends of former **CBS Radio VP/Development** and **WBBM-AM/Chicago News Dir. John Callaway** who died Tuesday in Racine, WI at 72 of a heart attack. Callaway was well known to Chicago TV viewers as the longtime host of PBS affiliate **WTTW-TV's "Chicago Tonight"** and "Chicago Stories."

Former **Scene Magazine** and **WMMS/Cleveland** artist **Brian Chalmers** - best known for drawing the rock radio station's iconic "Buzzard" died suddenly last weekend at 54. Among his many contributions to the industry, Brian designed last year's Conclave logo, "At The Crossroads."

Jobs. CBS Radio/Minneapolis's WCCO-AM, is searching for an experienced Studio Coordinator. Duties include following station format, editing, handling live phone calls, sound effects, guest interviews, arranging and playing commercials and IDs according to the program and commercial logs, following applicable laws and FCC regulations and executing to the Program Director's direction. Candidates must have prior radio experience and be familiar with control room operations. Applicants must have a minimum of five (5) years experience operating broadcast equipment. Editing and production experience is preferred. The right candidate will be a team player, be computer savvy, and have the flexibility to work different shifts, if required. ALSO CBS Radio/Minneapolis's **KZJK-FM (104.1 JACK FM)**, is searching for an experienced Imaging Director. This production person will be responsible for creating, producing, voicing any commercial copy and



