Dear Friend,

When someone calls me at home, the first thing I say after "Hello?" is "Let me turn down the radio." I love listening to the radio: when I wake up, after work, on the weekend, and even in the middle of the night if I can't sleep. Sound familiar? Unfortunately, I can't listen to the radio while I work. Not even classical music. I just can't concentrate with the radio on. And so I sometimes find myself getting anxious over all the great programs I'm missing while I'm working, ironically, at Wisconsin Public Radio. With three programming streams — the Ideas Network, NPR News & Classical Music Network, and WPR HD Classical Network — that air 24 hours a day, there sure is a lot to listen to.

In your September RadioWaves: a blast from the past — interviews with former WPR staffers; new Saturday specials on the Ideas Network; an H1N1 flu preparedness special; WPR reporter Mike Simonson "takes off" for a rocket launch in Kazakhstan; a charitable giving survey; and regional events.

Welcome back to the busy season, whether it's work, fall gardening, or school,

Susannah Michaels
RadioWaves Editor

WPR Photo-of-the-Month

A view of the lobby at NPR headquarters in Washington, D.C. With 31 stations, Wisconsin Public Radio creates many points of light on this nationwide map. This photo was taken by Here on Earth web producer Lisa Bu, who had a summer internship at the Corporation for Public Broadcasting.

In this issue:

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You hear their names for years, either as hosts or announcers on-air, or in the credits for a show, and then suddenly, they're gone. Where have they gone? What are they doing? What lasting impression did their years at WPR make on them? This month, our intrepid Eau Claire bureau intern, Charlie Collier, tracked down several former WPR staffers. To find out what Randall Davidson, Connie Walker, and Stephen Colón learned at WPR and what they love about their current jobs, click here.

You can find it on the NPR website ... the NPR ombudsman

If you have a comment about a program produced by NPR, such as Morning Edition, Talk of the Nation, or All Things Considered, you can submit your comments on NPR’s online comment form. And you should also know about another useful resource: the NPR ombudsman. The ombudsman addresses broader NPR issues, such as why NPR stopped charging for transcripts of its stories; why they refer to Judge Sotomayor as the first Hispanic U.S. Supreme Court justice, rather than the second, as some would suggest; how they make decisions about which profanity to bleep out; and why NPR uses the term Myanmar, while some politicians refer to the country in southeast Asia as Burma. You can find the answers to all of these things and more from the NPR ombudsman.

Ideas Network notes

September Saturday Specials

The Saturday 3 - 4 PM timeslot features a rotating selection of specials. In September we'll hear the following:

September 5, "The Right to a Good Boss" from the program The State We're In by Radio Netherlands Worldwide
September 12, "A Better Life: Creating the American Dream" by American RadioWorks
September 19, "Bridge to Somewhere: Lessons from the New Deal" by American RadioWorks
September 26, "Hard Times in Middletown: How the Working Class Became the Brittle Class" by American RadioWorks

Kathleen Dunn remote broadcast
Wednesday, September 16, 9 - 11 AM

Kathleen Dunn is hosting a healthcare forum at Froedtert Hospital & the Medical College of Wisconsin. This live broadcast will focus on the current state of healthcare reform and illness prevention. For details about attending the live broadcast, see the Milwaukee area section below.

"Here and Now: Preparing for H1N1"
Friday, September 25, 7 - 8 PM

This live talk and call-in special on flu preparedness, co-anchored by WPR reporter Shawn Johnson and Wisconsin Public Television's Frederica Freyberg, will air both on WPR's Ideas Network and on Wisconsin Public Television.
WPR News notes

Reporter Mike Simonson goes to Kazakhstan

WPR reporter Mike Simonson will be making a trip to Kazakhstan for the September 30 Soyuz rocket launch that will send Wisconsin astronaut and mission commander Colonel Jeffrey Williams to the International Space Station. Mike has been covering Colonel Williams since his Space Shuttle Atlantis mission in 2000. Williams, who was raised on a farm in the northern Wisconsin community of Winter, and his team will spend six months at the station, completing the final phase of construction. Mike's trip to Kazakhstan, which he is funding himself, with some help from a grant from the UW-Superior Foundation, is not only the fulfillment of a personal dream for Mike, but WPR listeners will benefit from the news stories he sends us leading up to and during the rocket launch. Stay tuned for Mike's reports on the launch throughout late September.

Addition of Marketplace Morning Report and shift of The Writer's Almanac

Starting on Monday, August 31, we have added the Marketplace Morning Report at 8:51 AM weekdays on NPR News & Classical Music stations. This short, live segment from the producers of Marketplace (which airs on weekdays, 5:30 - 6 PM, on NPR News & Classical Music stations) will tell you where stock markets are headed minutes after the day's opening bell, and bring you other important business and economic stories. The Writer's Almanac with Garrison Keillor has now moved to 1 PM, just after the answer to the Midday Quiz Question on NPR News & Classical Music stations. You can also subscribe to the podcast of The Writer's Almanac, here.

Charitable giving survey

During these times, which are both economically challenging and environmentally focused, public radio stations around the country are partnering with other nonprofits, such as food banks and plant-a-tree organizations, to raise money for both the station and another worthy cause. Here at Wisconsin Public Radio, we are considering such a partnership for our February on-air membership drive. We'd like to know how you feel about such a partnership. Please take a few minutes to participate in this national survey of public radio listeners about charitable giving.

Meanwhile, our Fall Membership Drive is coming up in October and we want to take days off! In our quest to give you more programming and less on-air fundraising, we will take a full day off the drive for every 700 pledges we receive before the originally planned start date of October 5. The countdown starts in mid-September, so check your mailbox and http://www.wpr.org/ in the weeks ahead for your chance to support WPR programming and to help take days off the drive.

Regional events and news

Madison area

Wisconsin Public Television Quilt Expo
Thursday - Saturday, September 10 - 12, 9 AM - 6 PM daily, Alliant Energy Center, Madison

Wisconsin Public Television is putting on their annual quilting extravaganza — Quilt Expo. There are hundreds of vendors, classes, and demonstrations, and you'll be in the good company of thousands of other quilting enthusiasts. Look for the WPR booth in the nonprofit booth area, where you'll have a chance to talk to other WPR fans, see photos of our on-air personalities, and enter a drawing for a quilting DVD. For more information about Quilt Expo, including ticket sales, maps, and listings of events and classes, go to the Quilt Expo section of the WPT website.

Milwaukee area

Waukesha Arts Festival
Saturday, September 12, historic downtown Waukesha

WPR is a proud sponsor of this juried show of fine arts, celebrating its 20-year anniversary. Fine art will be featured for appreciation and purchase, along with live music, children's activities, a silent auction and food. Stop by the WPR booth to say hello and enter to win a prize!
**Kathleen Dunn, live healthcare forum**
Wednesday, September 16, 9 - 11 AM, Clinical Cancer Center, Froedtert Hospital & the Medical College of Wisconsin, 9200 W. Wisconsin Ave., Milwaukee

This live broadcast will focus on the current state of healthcare reform and illness prevention. The remote broadcast is free and open to the public, and we hope to see you there! For reservations, contact Katie Madsen at 414-227-2047 or at katie.madsen@wpr.org.

**Superior area**

**Trip to the Bayfield Apple Festival**
Saturday, October 3, 11 AM, departing from Wessman Arena parking lot in Superior, corner of 28th Street and Catlin Avenue

Join Wisconsin Public Radio and Rubber Chicken Theater for a bus trip to the Bayfield Apple Festival on Saturday, October 3! There'll be an afternoon of fun, apples, music, food, and a live radio comedy show at 5 PM from the main stage in downtown Bayfield, featuring the comic talents of the Rubber Chicken Radio cast. After the show, we'll pack up the bus and head back to Superior. Round trip bus fare is $20 per person. For reservations call Kim Gustafson at 715-394-8530 or e-mail kgustafs@uwsuper.edu. Hurry, seating is limited! Here's your chance to see Apple Fest and let someone else do the driving (and parking).

**Wausau area**

**Riverfront Jazz Festival**
Saturday and Sunday, September 5 - 6, 4 - 10 PM, Pfiffner Park, Stevens Point

Wisconsin Public Radio is a proud sponsor of the Riverfront Jazz Fest over Labor Day weekend along the beautiful Wisconsin River at Pfiffner Park in downtown Stevens Point. Enjoy two days of great jazz music at the largest outdoor jazz festival in Central Wisconsin. Admission is free! Stop by the WPR booth to catch the latest news from the Central Wisconsin region. For more information, see the [jazz festival website](#).

**Wausau Festival of Arts**
Saturday, September 12, 9 AM - 5 PM and Sunday, September 13, 10 AM - 4 PM, downtown Wausau

Wisconsin Public Radio is proud to sponsor the Wausau Festival of Arts in downtown Wausau. Over 120 local, regional and national artists will fill downtown Wausau with artwork. Local entertainment, children’s activities, food stands, and more will provide fun and excitement for the entire family. Stop by the WPR booth for an occasional “drumming” demonstration by Regional Manager Rick Reyer. For more information, see the [festival website](#).

**Grand Derangément**
Thursday, September 17, 7:30 PM, Grand Theater, downtown Wausau

Wisconsin Public Radio is a proud media sponsor of a performance by Grand Derangemént at the Grand Theatre on ArtsBlock in Wausau. This French-Canadian group offers music and dance with ties to their Acadian roots. Enter for a chance to win tickets on our regional website: [www.wpr.org/whrm](http://www.wpr.org/whrm).

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Thanks to our September RadioWaves sponsor:

Support for Wisconsin Public Radio comes from Mineral Point, presenting the 17th annual Cornish Festival. Three days of events, September 25 - 27, including the traditional Pub Night at Pendarvis, Cornish entertainment for all ages, the Taste of Mineral Point, and the Driftless Area Fibre Faire. More information is available at www.cornishfest.org/.

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