

Keillor to broadcast live from Memphis

Garrison Keillor fans are in for a double treat on Saturday.

Mr. Keillor will broadcast two new *A Prairie Home Companion* shows from Memphis, at 6 p.m. and 11 p.m. EDT.

Xavier University's WVXU-FM (91.7) and Miami University's WMUB-FM (88.5) will carry both shows.

In a message to affiliates this week, Mr. Keillor wrote:

"Memphis is a soulful city, and I want to do a remote broadcast from an alley behind Beale Street. We want to set up our remote mikes just out the back door of a blues club and sit out there by the garbage cans . . . and try to capture a little of the spirit of Memphis.

"It's a blues town, and the spirit of the blues is: Bad stuff can happen to anybody anytime, and so we are all in the same boat, brother. The man in the executive suit can be brought low, the man on the park bench be raised high, so let us make our peace with each other. Anyway, that's what I think."

The Beale Street special also can be heard live online at www.prairiehome.org. Stations are not permitted to delay or repeat the special live broadcast, Mr. Keillor says.

Booting Bruce: WKRC-AM (550) moves the *Bruce Williams Show* from 7 to 10 p.m. Monday to make room for author Michael Savage (*The Savage Nation*).

The Clear Channel station added Mr. Savage, heard on 208 stations, when the future of the *Williams* show was uncertain earlier this year, says Tony Bender, program director.

Mr. Williams, who has been dropped by Westwood One, starts with a new syndication company on Monday, he says.

Mr. Savage, based in the San Francisco Bay area, has master's

degrees in medical botany and medical anthropology, and a doctorate degree in epidemiology and nutrition science. He has written 18 books.

Funky Friday: Rock and Roll Hall of Fame member William "Bootsy" Collins kicks off "Funky Fridays" today on WCIN-AM (1480). The P-Funk Master will be in the studio at 8 a.m. today to promote his double CD set, *The Bootsy Collins Anthology*.



Collins

"Funky Fridays" will continue next week without Mr. Collins. "Believe me, I tried to get him here every Friday, but he's too busy," says John Thomas, WCIN-AM general manager.

Radio wars: WKRQ-FM (101.9) pulled a fast one on rival WVMX-FM (94.1), which was trying to spoil Q102's giveaway of free 'NSync concert tickets last week.

Q102 promised tickets to a person who could list all 102 songs played on the air June 7, so MIX 94.1 folks decided to post the Q102 song list on its Web site. When Q102 caught on to the scam, they produced a special song played as No. 101 and No. 102 on the marathon: "Q102 Is Your #1 At Work Station." And MIX 94.1 listed the song (and Q102's slogan) on its Web site.

Once again: NBC's cancellation of *The Steven Weber Show* has allowed Mr. Weber to join the cast of ABC's *Once and Again*.

The former *Wings* star reprises his role from the first season as Samuel Blue, a married artist. He will become a love interest for Judy (Marin Hinkle), the sister of Lily (Sela Ward).

Enquiring Mind: *Enquiring* minds want to know: When will the *JAG* cliffhanger from May 22 be



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resolved?

Bad news, *JAG* fans. You must wait until the new fall TV season in September for the *JAG* episode "to be continued." May 22 was the last Tuesday of May sweeps and the 2000-01 TV season. New episodes will resume after Labor Day.

Know Jack: Paul Reubens (a.k.a. Pee-wee Herman) returns to TV as eccentric host Troy Stevens of ABC's new game show, *You Don't Know Jack*, on Wednesday (8 p.m., Channels 9, 2), based on the CD-ROM game of the same name.

Three contestants vying for a cash prize will be distracted by belly dancers, fighting ninjas, Carl Lewis, opera singers, a mariachi band and screaming babies. *Jack* is produced by Robert Morton (*Late Night with David Letterman*), Marcy Carsey, Tom Werner and Caryn Mandabach (*Roseanne*, *That '70s Show*, *Normal, Ohio*).

Revolving door: Two more network programmers have bailed this year. UPN's Tom Nunan departs as his contract expires, while WB's Susanne Daniels is quitting for family reasons after seven years. (She's married to *King of the Hill* producer Greg Daniels.) In January, *Today* show executive producer Jeff Zucker was named NBC Entertainment president, replacing Garth Ancier.

TV notes: Jason Priestley (*Beverly Hills, 90210*) will star in an FX cable drug drama pilot called *Dope*. FX also has ordered a pilot called *The Barn*, set in a police precinct, starring Michael Chiklis (*Daddio*, *The Commish*) and CCH Pounder (*ER*).

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