Things continue to churn and change at my old national stomping grounds.

Rolling down the road today in my rental car and my phone rings.

I pick up and the voice on the other end says to me; “did you hear who got fired?”

“You mean Mickey Callaway?”, I replied.

“No, not him, said the voice, Scott Wetzel was fired by Mad Dog Radio.”

Fired…or re-assigned?

After all, why the hell would anyone “fire” Scott Wetzel?

But apparently Wetzel no longer has a regular show on the platform from what I’m told.

When this person phoned me and told me the lastest Mad Dog Radio news, I immediately thought of one of Chris Russo’s favorite expressions; “oh really?”
Allow me to begin by saying I have absolutely zero knowledge about the inner workings of SiriusXM Radio – and even less knowledge about the channel that I saved at one time in the past; *Mad Dog Radio*.

Johnny Ola once said to Michael Corleone; “*One by one, our old friends are gone. Death – natural or not – prison, deported. Hyman Roth is the only one left because he always made money for his partners.*”

I never liked Hyman Roth and always considered him nothing more than a condescending little weasel.

Hyman might have escaped the pillow over his face down in Cuba, but they eventually got that little bastard at the airport.

With Wetzel’s termination – or – re-assignment – now only the namesake of the channel is left from the early days of the platform signing onto the air, the cast and crew otherwise has now been completely flipped – and from what I’m told – Mad Dog Radio has taken on an extreme *MSNBC sound* of late.

Social justice is in at the good ship MDR – and anyone deviating from the script has either been jettisoned or left of their own volition it would seem.

Of course, I left of my own volition when I announced I’d be leaving a good year in advance of when I did leave.

I was then shifted to a flea-market channel on the platform and then ultimately fired by my program director, Tim Sabean, on a crisp and cool late fall morning back in 2013.

Thanks a lot, Tim.

I’ll remind one and all that my decision to leave MDR at the time, in retrospect, was an awful decision by me.

Hey, we all make mistakes, right?

I remember the days when that channel was an electricity zone with a programming lineup that was as good as it was diverse.

However, the morning ensemble at the station has always been the weak link in the operation and from what I’m told nothing much has changed in this regard.

I remember hearing on occasion that my content on my show was somewhat questionable in lieu of some of the language that was sometimes expressed and some of the topics that I discussed.
Uh, okay.

People would sometimes call Chris Russo and complain that they needed to change the channel (of course they were lying) because they had their kids in the car.

I always found this a hoot because seemingly, everyone who would make these phone calls drove a mini-van full of kids.

My show, you’ll recall, was on during night-time hours.

Imagine if my show had been on during daytime hours with some of the controversial and provocative content I sometimes employed?

Could you imagine how many calls would have come into Chris’ program then?

Oh, speaking of the current morning program on MDR, a show featuring indecipherable babble without a shred of substance to it, and presented by, on one hand, by an individual with a severe case of white-guilt that colors all of his commentaries – along with a glorified producer who serves as the program’s sidekick – the latter who is an individual offering nothing much else with the exception of sexual metaphors along with constant aim for the crotch humor.

The most attention this twosome has ever achieved in their tenure together was when they routinely welcomed on a porn-star to their program who for a while had a regular spot.

The audience for this show seems to consist of a solid and very loyal following of about 150 people across the country, 100 of them or so, who make a pilgrimage each summer to their little fan-fest of sorts.

The above description of this award-winning product as told to me by various people over the years.

This program is on in MORNING DRIVE.

Since I don’t listen to the channel, for those of you who do – please do tell – are the objections to the content on this program routinely skewered by listeners calling into the namesake’s program, people calling in, their voices dripping with disgust while objecting to such filth during morning hours when the majority of those listeners are driving in their minivans – kids in tow and on their way to school?

Then again, perhaps the only time the listeners who drove mini-vans full of kids only listen to the channel at night?

Hey, now, whoever told you life was fair had no idea what they were talking about, right?
Oh, for the days of the late, great, Mad Dog Radio.

Bill Pidto and Bruce Williams handling the mid-days.

Wait now, apologies, for it was Bill Pidto and Bruce Murray, handling mid-days – not Bruce Williams, I always got the names Williams and Murray confused.

Then it was time for Mad Dog Unleashed with Chris Russo and his well-known open to his program.

Oh, the battles between Chris and yours truly at certain times of the year. It made for some great radio theater and people dig that kind of shit, ya know?

Then I went ahead and fucked everything up by insisting that I be moved to another channel and I stupidly destroyed all the fun and good times, and really, this was the beginning of the end for MDR.

Steve Torre?

He’s Italian!

The channel’s program director eventually left his post as Russo’s superb update anchor and decided to move into a hosting role which I understand was fraught with problems from the outset.

Then they decided to bring in Danny Kannel to co-host with Mr. Torre – and as America knows – when Danny Kannel begins to speak, the country stops in its tracks waiting with bated breath to find out what’s on Danny’s mind.

The last 2-years I was on the channel they moved Adam Schein, who was previously with the NFL channel, and yet another one who worships at the throne of Rachel Maddow, onto the station.

Schein, who possesses a voice that would make any terrorist being held down at Guantanamo Bay give up all their secrets, truly fits the profile for what those in the industry seem to favor these days.

Schein is 1000% politically-correct, consistently makes only the most obvious of statements, and whenever he may delve into the politics of sports he’s always more than ready to blame things like racism, or sexism, or misogyny, or white supremacism, or any talking point advanced by the left. As I say, he’s perfect.

Schein is also a personal favorite of SXM Sports President, Steve Cohen, who wouldn’t know the sound of actual talent if it decided to pitch a tent up his ass and live there for a few years.
Calm down now, Steve, for my little dig at you kind of pales in comparison with many of the things I’ve heard that you’ve said about me to others over the last few years, right?

Back in the halcyon days of the channel’s existence, it featured, The Mighty Bill Lekas, who was always a kick in the ass to listen to, and Bill had things to say (like the time he told a caller who went by the name of “Tony” to go fuck himself).

The Mighty Bill Lekas had a dash of personality…and so, obviously, he was also removed from the on-air roster as well.

Dan Graca? Nice guy, I guess?

I enjoyed some of his work, but Graca, like a lot of people in the business, is a back-stabbing snake.

Graca is actually doing much better these days with his various on-air roles than he ever did with MDR – but really – who waits around all day to hear what Dan Graca has to say about anything?

Dan Graca has things to say?

The channel’s most recent blockbuster move was to import Nick Wright into my old role doing nights after Russo.

Nick Wright?

Well, he certainly fits the more updated profile for the channel – that’s for sure.

But at this point, I’d be a little concerned that Nick Wright’s future at the channel could be brought to an abrupt end once Kamala Harris phones him to ask Nick if he’d be interested in joining her ticket as her VP candidate...that is, if she’s able to get to Nick before Cory Booker does.

Nick is one of those special people in the industry who appeals to the diversity and inclusion crowd cause he’s all about diversity and inclusion...with the exception of one specific demographic.

I’ll give Nick some points for that, but so far as his ability to entertain an audience is concerned? Is there a more boring and personality-less, joyless, individual, on the national scene than Nick Wright?

Nick is one of those anti-American on-air people, he loves Kaepernick, is bullish on protesting on sidelines, and has nothing but simpatico with folks such as Gregg Popovich and Steve Kerr. In other words, Nick can’t be any more perfect for today’s sports radio environment.
Which leads me to a conclusion concerning the recently dispatched, Scott Wetzel.

As long as I’ve known Scott we’ve always gotten along. Scott’s not only a good guy, but he’s also got a certain style on the radio that’s all his own. Scott is outspoken, he’s a conservative, and he’ll give back as good as he gets.

Wetzel has also served SXM in a multitude of various roles over the years, hosting shows, being a fill-in guy, update anchor, window-washer when called upon.

After years of hoping to get his own program on MDR, I think it was about 2-years ago(?) that Wetzel was rewarded with the late-late-late show on MDR, or, what they refer to as; “NightCap.”

Now, Wetzel can take those hours he used to be on the air and he can put his head down on a pillow and get some sleep instead.

When the Grim Reaper comes in the world of radio, he often comes silently and stealthily, without any advance warning, and he makes his kills in a matter of seconds.

Here’s hoping Wetzel had some sort of an idea that his tenure was coming to an end before the news became official.

I have no idea who will be replacing Wetzel, but if I had to guess based on so many of the other maneuvers MDR has made, it’ll probably be a prim and proper talk show imposter who would feel right at home breaking bread with the MDR morning team, as well as with Adam Schein, and Nick Wright.

Perhaps it will be JT The Brick who has been used as a fill-in on the channel along with such other must-listen-to voices such as ESPN’s Linda Cohen?

Remember the days of Stephen A. Smith on Mad Dog Radio?

By the way, if it is JT The Brick who eventually ends up replacing Wetzel, if you listen to the channel, prepare yourself for a host who constantly begs for phone callers – in fact, The Brick actually gets downright ornery if the phones don’t have the kind of volume he requires to do his program.

Yes, I miss Mad Dog Radio and all the fun and good times we had.

But like everything, for one reason or another...everything eventually has to come to an end.