



# RED APPLE AUDIO NETWORKS

## A New Era of Radio News Begins May 23rd with Red Apple Audio Networks' Worldwide News Network

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**New York, NY – May 14, 2026 -- Red Apple Audio Networks** is making a bold move into the national news arena with the May 23rd debut of the **Worldwide News Network**, the new 24-hour national radio news service built to deliver hard news, breaking headlines, and fact-driven reporting to affiliates across the country.

The service goes live at **12:00 AM on Saturday, May 23**, immediately feeding stations professionally produced **top and bottom of the hour newscasts every hour, seven days a week**, while simultaneously igniting one of the most aggressive newsroom staffing initiatives in radio syndication.

Former CBS Radio broadcast journalists **Michael Wallace, Cooper Lawrence, Bill Rehkopf**, and **Matt Pieper** are the first major hires in what will be a rapid buildout of the network's team of **elite news anchors, correspondents, writers, and producers**.

The aggressive talent buildout marks a substantial investment in journalism, and positions Red Apple Audio Networks as an emerging competitor in network news.

"We are assembling top-tier journalists and building a modern radio news operation rooted in speed, authority, and facts -- one that stations can rely on and listeners can trust," stated **Lee Harris**, Vice President of News, Worldwide News Network and WABC Radio.

"There is a huge opening right now for credible, immediate, no-nonsense reporting," said **Chad Lopez**, President of Red Apple Media, Red Apple Audio Networks, and WABC Radio.

"Listeners want to know what happened, why it matters, and what's happening next. That's the lane Worldwide News Network is taking."

“Our mission is to be the most trusted news gathering organization in media,” said **John Catsimatidis**, Owner and CEO, Red Apple Media, the parent of Red Apple Audio Networks and Worldwide News Network. “We are creating a powerful, around-the-clock newsroom designed to compete at the highest level of broadcast audio news. Facts are what will drive the Worldwide News Network. We’re looking forward to our expansion in the European markets.”

The debut of Worldwide News Network marks a major strategic escalation for **Red Apple Audio Networks** from a growing syndication player into a significantly more formidable force in the audio content marketplace, further strengthening the company’s rapidly expanding footprint.

With decades of major-market and front-line newsroom experience, Wallace, Cooper, Rehkopf, and Pieper bring instant credibility, recognized voices, and a commanding presence to the Worldwide News Network microphone.

Stations interested in learning more about the Worldwide News Network may contact Sue Falco at [sue.falco@redappleaudionetworks.com](mailto:sue.falco@redappleaudionetworks.com).

**About Red Apple Audio Networks** ([www.redappleaudionetworks.com](http://www.redappleaudionetworks.com))

Red Apple Audio Networks syndicates programs from its studios at flagship WABC Radio, NY, a steady top ratings leader in News/Talk. The talent and programs currently offered include The Cats Roundtable with John Catsimatidis, Cats & Cosby, The Larry Kudlow Show, The Anthony Cumia Show, The Rita Cosby Show, The Greg Kelly Show, The James Golden (aka Bo Snerdley) Show, and more. The music division of the Red Apple Audio Networks syndicates The Sinatra Showcase with Joe Piscopo, Cousin Brucie’s Rock & Roll Party, and more.

Worldwide News Network is the latest venture from Red Apple Audio Networks, delivering top and bottom of the hour fact-based news reports to radio stations across the US.