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Valerie Smaldone and Leslie Gold Join America Weekend Lineup *Duo Host New Weekly Show on Envision Talk Network*

(SEPTEMBER 2014) – **Envision Networks**[®] is proud to announce hosts **Valerie Smaldone and Leslie Gold** as part of the all new **America Weekend** lineup. They can be heard every weekend on affiliate stations of the **Envision Talk Network**.

“I am delighted to be working with the fabulous Leslie Gold as we host a weekly show together focusing on fascinating personalities and celebrities, trends and curiosities,” said **Valerie Smaldone**. “We look forward to having our audience laugh along with us and learn some new things while being entertained. There is nothing like good conversation and that’s what our America Weekend is all about.”

“America Weekend presents an opportunity to talk about the stuff that intrigues, amuses and vexes all of us,” said **Leslie Gold**. “Hosting the show with my real life friend Valerie Smaldone makes it an immense pleasure for me. We pledge captivating talk by two veteran broadcasters who are also true friends. It should be much fun.”

“We couldn’t be more excited to have Valerie and Leslie join the team of hosts on America Weekend,” said **Michael Lichtstein, VP/Programming of Envision Networks**[®]. “Each brings a breadth of radio experience to the show and together they set a new bar when it comes to delivering compelling and thought-provoking conversation.”

Designed to be a break from the usual brokered programming and political fare of most News/Talk stations, **America Weekend** covers the lighter side of news and lifestyle issues facing today’s on-the-go talk listeners. **America Weekend** offers over 10 hours of new programming each weekend. In addition to **Smaldone and Gold**, the new lineup includes hosts **Mike Bennett, Ed Kalegi, Smith and Sabatino, Animal Radio**[®] and **Into Tomorrow with Dave Graveline**.

The **America Weekend System** is the winning antidote to bad brokered programming and tiresome “Best-of” shows. **America Weekend** is designed to increase ratings while providing an

innovative system for maintaining or even increasing revenue from brokered programs. The flexible **America Weekend System** provides the perfect platform to break away for sports and other special programming as needed.

For more information on **America Weekend** contact **Valerie Brooks** at 216-831-3761 or valerieb@envisionradio.com.

About Valerie Smaldone:

Valerie Smaldone is a 5-time Billboard Magazine Award winner and is well known for her unprecedented success holding the #1 on-air position in the New York radio market. She has hosted, produced and created several nationally syndicated programs featuring in-depth interviews with top recording artists such as Paul McCartney, Celine Dion, Rod Stewart, Elton John and Mariah Carey, among others. Having interviewed hundreds of celebrities, performers and entrepreneurs, she is an accomplished interviewer who is always interested in procuring each individual's unique story.

Following her successful music radio legacy on WLTW, 106.7, Valerie moved on to spoken word and created, hosted and produced a daily talk show, "Valerie's New York," the first originally produced Internet radio show for talk station WOR's stream, wor710.com. Currently, Valerie is hosting and producing a nationally syndicated radio program along with fellow broadcaster Leslie Gold titled, "America Weekend" distributed through Envision Radio Network. Additionally, she is a signature voice on heritage radio station 1010WINS, New York. In the digital space, she is currently producing a weekly lifestyle and entertainment podcast titled, "Valerie's New Jersey" on MY9NJ.com. She writes a weekly lifestyle and entertainment column for The Three Tomatoes, and is a theatre reviewer for Examiner.com. Summer, 2013, Valerie produced and hosted a podcast series on Broadway celebrities for the lifestyle platform, Archetype Me.

A well-known voice-over artist, Valerie can currently be heard narrating the program "Fatal Encounters" on Investigation Discovery Channel. She has recorded commercials for clients like IBM, Verizon, Publix Supermarkets, and Minute Maid as well as television promos for NBC Dateline, NBC Nightly News, The Today Show, The CBS Morning Show, Lifetime, Cinemax, Oxygen and many others. Valerie was the announcer for The Boomer Esiason Show on MSG for 4 seasons.

She has been the "Voice of God" for numerous prestigious live events including: The Kennedy Center, The Clinton Global Initiative, The New York Emmy Awards, The Tony Preview Concert on CBS, The Drama Desk Awards, Broadway on Broadway in Times Square, Broadway under the Stars in Central Park, The GLAAD Media Awards, The Point Foundation, and many more. Most recently, she has been seen on television on NBC as a reporter for the Columbus Day Parade and in the past as a host for PBS.

As an actress, Valerie has been a recurring character in the Fox Television series, "The Following," and on stage starred in comedies "The Guido Monologues," and "What Are Ya Nuts?" Other notable roles include Kara Angelo, a character she created in the play she co-wrote, entitled

“Spit it Out!” She has performed in several acclaimed Off-Broadway plays: “Spalding Gray: Stories Left to Tell” at the Minetta Lane Theatre, “Naked in a Fishbowl” at the Soho Playhouse, “Broadway’s Next Hit Musical” at The Triad, and “Girl Talk: The Musical” at the Midtown Theatre, has participated in several readings featuring celebrities like Mario Cantone, Ralph Macchio and Ally Sheedy, and was an onstage celebrity guest in the Broadway hit, “The 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee.”

Calling on her music background, Valerie hosts and produces a “Legends of Music” series at 92Y, interviewing music superstars (Cyndi Lauper, Michael Bolton, Gloria Gaynor, etc.) in front of a live audience.

Valerie is an adjunct instructor at the School of Visual Arts where she teaches courses in media and voice over acting, and is also a private talent coach. She is a sought after speaker, interviewer, host and emcee as well as a corporate presenter.

About Leslie Gold:

Leslie Gold is an accomplished broadcaster based in NYC with a 12 year record of success. Currently she is heard on multiple stations across The Fox News Radio Network. Gold is a persuasive, provocative and compelling communicator who is always well-informed. Her television experience includes hosting a program of her own, and recurring guest spots on numerous news and entertainment outlets. “The Radiochick” has inspired intense audience loyalty, and has achieved remarkable ratings success in many desired demos. Her previous history as a successful entrepreneur provides credibility and perspective to all Gold's on-air work.

Gold created, built and hosted “The Radiochick Show” for 10 years (1999-2009) in NYC, a daily 4 hour talk show combining news discussions, interviews with celebrities and newsmakers, comedy and undercover segments. At WNEW, the Radiochick rapidly took the show from 17th to 3rd among men. Hosting the morning show at Q104.3, she was the only woman headlining a morning drive radio show in New York. In little more than a year she delivered the highest morning show ratings in the station’s history. At Sirius Satellite Radio she created one of the most popular and exciting shows on the service, and one day collapsed the company's phone system from caller overload. While at CBS Radio/WFNY, she was given the ever-important afternoon drive timeslot, was syndicated to other markets, and headlined her own event at the Hard Rock Café in New York City which was filled to capacity and had fans lining up for hours to attend. Gold has also maintained an excellent relationship with advertisers, with many sponsors loyally following her as her program evolved over time. Gold was invited to guest host on the Fox News Radio Network, an invitation which turned into a recurring host position on the 150 station network.

Her television work includes being host of the “The Radiochick on the Prowl” which was specifically created for Time Warner's Metro Channel. In addition to her own show, Leslie has made many other television appearances including Larry King Live, Nightline, The CBS Early Show, ABC

Nightly News, MSNBC, CNBC, CNN, Fox News, WB11 News. In 2004 she was a recurring contributor to Fox's Good Day NY.

Gold is the rights holder and Executive Producer of "The Gong Show Live- Off Broadway" a theatrical stage presentation of the iconic 70's TV show. Produced and cast in the vein of an off-Broadway production, packed house performances in NYC have led to engagements being booked in PAC's and theaters around the country. The show runs regularly in NYC and plans are in the works for a Las Vegas production.

About Envision Networks®:

Envision Networks® provides content and services to more than 1,500 radio stations and reaches millions of listeners each week. Envision Radio Networks, Inc. is the largest independently owned affiliate relations company in the country and supplies all types of programming and services to radio including morning show content, short-form vignettes, virtual news-weather-sports broadcasts, live syndicated morning shows, long-form weekend programming, 24/7 formats, comedy services, event programming, off-air tools, web content, album releases and artist specials. Envision Networks® is based in Cleveland, Ohio, with offices in New York City and Nashville.

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