

# Names In The News

## A "So Long" for "Now"

(NAPSA)—A familiar face is leaving the PBS weekly news-magazine "NOW." Bill Moyers has announced plans to retire from his hosting duties at the end of the year.

The first program of the show's new season airs January 7th with veteran journalist David Brancaccio as host. Brancaccio has been co-anchoring alongside Moyers since 2003.

"The hard-hitting journalism remains front and center," says Brancaccio. "We will continue to be part of a national conversation about America's future."

In 2005, however, Brancaccio and the "Now" team will get out of the studio and on the road to places where people are wrestling with practical issues, from the health of our economy to the health of schools and the health of the earth. Like any good road trip, "Now" will take time for thoughtful conversations.

Regular viewers of "Now" are already familiar with Brancaccio, who joined the series as co-host and correspondent. Newcomers will recognize his voice from public radio's popular program "Marketplace," where he was host for a decade.

Along with his work in radio, Brancaccio is no stranger to television and has contributed to CNN, CNBC, and "Wall Street Week with Fortune" on PBS. He was also host of the public television news-magazine "California Connected." However, it was at "Marketplace" that Brancaccio gained national recognition as the public radio business program tripled its audience



**David Brancaccio is slated to take over as co-host of "NOW."**

and received the prestigious duPont-Columbia Award and the George Foster Peabody Award. Before becoming host, he had served in London as the European editor of the program. He also reported diplomatic stories from Europe for the radio service of The Christian Science Monitor. Brancaccio is author of the book "Squandering Aimlessly," an account of his pilgrimage to talk with Americans about wealth and values.

"Now," which was recently honored with the Emmy for Best Report in a Newsmagazine, is a key component of the Friday night public affairs lineup on PBS, which includes "The Newshour" and "Washington Week."

"We are going to bring you the truth tellers, the thinkers and heroes who rise above the sea of spin and distortion," says Brancaccio. "We want to understand how the world works and what it takes for America to work better."

"Now" airs Friday nights at 9 on most PBS stations.