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The Midwest is still reeling from the murder of KMOX-AM/St. Louis morning co-host **Nan Wyatt**, who was shot to death Tuesday night (2/18) at her home in suburban St. Louis. Yesterday (2/20), in front of St. Louis Associate Circuit Court Judge **Thea Sherry**, **Thomas Erbland** (Wyatt's husband), without the aide of an attorney, attempted to confess to the shooting. However, the judge cut him off, instead entering an automatic not-guilty plea. Erbland is now being held without bail in the murder. Wyatt joined KMOX in 1990, co-hosting the morning show since 1996, and most recently was teamed with **Doug McElvein**. VP/GM **Tom Langmyer** released this statement to the industry: "KMOX and St. Louis lost a great broadcaster and dear friend. We are deeply saddened by the loss of Nan Wyatt, a member of the KMOX family and the St. Louis community. Our heartfelt thoughts and prayers go to Nan's family and friends. Nan joined KMOX in 1990 and worked at our sister station, WBBM in Chicago from 1994-1996; then we brought her to back to KMOX to co-host *Total Information AM*. Nan was a consummate professional. And we will miss her very much." A memorial fund has been set up for those employees, clients, listeners and friends wishing to make a donation in support of Nan's son **Drake**. Donations may be sent to the **Nan Wyatt Memorial Fund**, c/o Jefferson Bank, 2301 Market Street, St. Louis, MO 63103.

Mary Quass' NewRadio Group has completed the purchase of 22 Wisconsin and Illinois radio stations from **Marathon Media**, plus the **Goetz Radio Networks**. As reported in *The TATTLE R* last fall, the FCC had previously approved the purchase which means NewRadio Group can begin operation of the properties immediately. Mary Quass, who has a long, successful history of owning/operating radio properties in the Midwest, is the group's chief executive officer. Former RAB executive and station GM, **Lindsay Wood Davis**, is chief operating officer. **Tami Gillmore** is the NewRadio's chief financial officer. Said Quass, "Tami, Lindsay and I want to combine local initiative, modern management and today's latest technologies into the type of stations these wonderful markets deserve...Our mission is as powerful as it is simple: Great Local Radio." Great concept, Mary!!

Singer-songwriter **Plumb** is impacting mainstream radio soon! This strong-voiced woman is the latest **Curb** artist destined to break big in 2003. She's already a well-known act nationally in Contemporary Christian radio, and will be soon with all forms of AC nationwide.

As of going to press this evening we are sad to report that at least 95 club goers are now confirmed dead and more than a 100 others seriously injured following a tragic concert by 80s rock act **Great White** as The Station in West Warwick, RI erupted in flames. The blaze began Thursday (2/20) night at approximately 11pm when the band took to the stage during a pyrotechnics display that almost instantly ignited the walls and 11' ceiling of the small club. The nightclub, now suspected of having been significantly over capacity at the time, was destroyed in the fire, and some individuals, including Great White guitarist **Ty Longley** and WHJY/Providence personality **Mike "The Doctor" Gonsalves**, who emceed the show, are still missing. This tragedy follows another deadly nightclub incident this past Sunday (2/16) in Chicago, where 21 died and over 50 were injured when patrons fleeing a fight and subsequent pepper spraying were crushed at locked exit doors. In addition, an eerily similar tragedy was narrowly avoided earlier this week at The Fine Line Music Café in Minneapolis when hundreds of patrons fled the club in the wake of Seattle's **Jet City Fix** (who were opening a show for 74 year old guitar-guru **Link Ray**) started the club's ceiling on fire at the conclusion of their set. While the Fine Line did sustain in excess of a million dollars in fire, smoke and water damage, fortunately no one was injured in the incident. Our deepest condolences to the friends and family of all those affected in both the West Warwick and Chicago tragedies.

In a related story run by the *Chicago Sun-Times*, **Infinity News** WBBM-A/Chicago morning anchor **Felicia Middlebrooks** is being criticized by her cross-town rival, **ABC WLS/Chicago's Don Wade**, for being a "million-dollar mouthpiece" for **Rev. Jesse Jackson** following her reporting on the South Side nightclub tragedy earlier this week. He reportedly went on to remind listeners that her present contract was negotiated with the intervention of Rev. Jackson, whose ties to the nightclub and its owners are just now emerging. WBBM Ops Dir. **Drew Hayes** shot back that he "would expect a competitor who has half the audience of NEWSRADIO 780 to behave like that." Stay tuned for more developments!

Music Tip of the week: **Mercy Me** "I Can Only Imagine" This heart tugging ballad has already sold more than a million in the Christian marketplace and is a ready-made morning show conversation starter! Keep your eyes peeled for the CD, it's hitting your desk this week! **Curb**

Were you at Conclave 27, RADIO RISING? Wish you had been? Now registrants and would've-been-there's can take home the audio of some of the conferences Greatest Hits! Did you hear about the Conclave Legends Luncheon? Rock HOF'er **Graham Nash** speaks out on his amazing life and career with moderator, WMMS' **Pierre Robert**. The tape also includes his three-song performance! Several tapes are available, and each session tape is only \$25 - or buy two and get the third for FREE! And all orders get FREE SHIPPING!!! How can you lose? Relive great moments from this amazing conference by using the convenient order form found by visiting www.theconclave.com. Questions? Call 952-927-4487.

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The Midwest's most recent break-out Rock band, **Skywind**, picked up a HUGE add on their riveting first single "**Lamhaj**" this week as the much respected WJJO/Madison came on board! This re-active rock/alternative single from the region's best (currently) un-signed band is already spinning regularly at KXXR, KFMW, WDRK, KRRO, WHMH, KIBZ, KBAZ and more. "**Lamhaj**" has also been detected with spikes and specialty play at: KSHE/St. Louis, WIIL/Chicago, Q101/Chicago, KAZR/Des Moines, KUPD/Phoenix, WLZR/Milwaukee, WLUM/Milwaukee, WARQ/Greensboro, WXRX/Rockford, KCCQ/Ames, WWWX/Green Bay, WZOR/Green Bay, KICT/Wichita and many others! The band is also on tour now and recently appeared live on-air at WQLZ/Springfield, IL, WIHN/Bloomington, IL, WWDX/Lansing, MI, WWBN/Flint, MI and WXTM/Cleveland, OH just this week. If you still haven't checked out this amazing record, visit www.skywind.com and click on "downpours" for MP3's today, or email us at Skywind@main-st.net and we'll send you a copy of the debut full-length "O2 (oxygen)" right away! **Atomic K**

To add to the festivities of this week's just-concluded CRS in Nashville, *Radio Ink* named its Top 10 Country Radio programmers for 2003! Included on the list are some longtime Midwest radio veterans. In order, they are: **Scott Lindy**, WPOC-Baltimore (**Clear Channel**), **Gregg Swedberg**, KEEY-Minneapolis (Clear Channel), **Becky Brenner**, KMP5-Seattle (**Infinity**), **Kerry Wolfe**, WMIL-Milwaukee (Clear Channel), **Tim Closson**, WUBE-Cincinnati (Infinity), **Ray Massie**, KFRG-Riverside (Infinity), **Paul Williams**, KPLX-Dallas (**Susquehanna**), **Coyote Calhoun**, WAMZ-Louisville (Clear Channel), **Mike Hammond**, WIVK-Knoxville (**Citadel**) and **Mike Moore**, WSIX-Nashville (Clear Channel)! Said CRB Executive Director **Ed Salamon** on this year's CRS, "We exceeded last year's attendance, which is a continuing sign of the strength and dedication of country radio and country music!" Expect CRB to present gangbuster sessions at this summer's Conclave! *Rumor*: Will the Conclave be the site of an incredible country music showcase in July??

Bon Jovi is selling records! *Bounce* moved from 15,000 to 30,000 in sales last week, and a massive U.S. tour is underway now. "Misunderstood" is on KDWB, WDRQ, KMXV (30x), WIXX (20x), WZEE (25x), KLZR (11x), WMYX (46x), WQLH (14x), WYCO (45x) and more! **Island-Def Jam**

North Dakota native and **Susquehanna** VP/Regional Manager **Mark Renier** steps in to replace **Tom Holiday** as GM slot at of **Susquehanna's** Alternative WNNX/Atlanta. While Renier will maintain his corporate duties, he will relinquish his GM position at co-owned WWWQ/Atlanta. He'd served as the WNNX GM until his appointment to his VP post several years ago.

Susan Tedeschi picks up an add at Hot A/C WMC/Nashville! "**Alone**" is part of the Grammy nominated *Wait For Me* LP, and is building a nice airplay story including WBMX, KYYY, KVUU, WKRQ, WSNE, KDMX, KURB, WLLY, KMHX, KMXB, WHYN, WINK, WTSS, and KLTG. When was the last time your Hot A/C played a soulful, strong female voice? **Artemis**

Lava Baby "Sex Junkie"

"I'm just your girlfriend,
not your pet..."

WVYB 38x! KZMG 30x!
WXYK 12x! KSXY 12x!
WBAM 10x! WCIL 4x!



While *The TATTLER* announced their appointments last November, the rest of the industry is now catching up to the fact that three radio veterans have been added to the Conclave Board of Directors! Once again, we salute: **Gary Nolan**, FM Operations Manager for **Infinity Broadcasting's** Twin Cities cluster, **Jerry Boulding**, Senior Vice President of Entertainment Programming for the **American Urban Radio Networks** in Pittsburgh and **Brad Erickson**, a Minneapolis based traffic reporter for **Westwood One** owned Metro Traffic, and a graduate of **Brown College!**

Minnesota Governor **Tim Pawlenty** has begun a weekly radio show, much like previous MN Gov. **Jesse Ventura**. The show debuted today (2/21) at 9am on **Infinity** news/talker WCCO/Minneapolis, with some statewide affiliates coming soon. Pawlenty's show will air each Friday morning for one hour, and he says it will be "similar to Governor Ventura's show, but less emphasis on bashing the Legislature and policy, and a little more emphasis on other entertaining topics." Pawlenty says his show will also include discussions about sports, arts, and culture.

Changes. WGPR/Detroit afternoon host **Tony Rankin** has announced he will move to KVGS/Las Vegas as the station's new PD...A/C WNSN morning host **Jack Reichert** has signed another three-year deal with the station, after just recently celebrating 16 consecutive years as the morning host on WNSN...Veteran programmer and consultant **Andy Bloom** is now consulting for **Broadcasting Board of Governors**, the group which oversees the **Voice of America**...Christian WNCB/Duluth APD/MD **Ben Yehuda** has announced he will join "SpiritFM"/Twin Cities (95.9 WLKX/Forest Lake and 107.5 KBGY/Faribault) as AM host and PD in early March...Veteran Star 94/Atlanta AM host (and former 99.5 WLOL/Twin Cities staffer) **Craig Hunt** has exited the **Jefferson-Pilot** Top 40 outlet after 10 years...with the departure of Talk **KCMO-A/KC PD Jeff Catlin** for sister Sports KTCK (The Ticket)/Dallas, Entercom/KC ups Oldies **KCMO-FM PD Chris Hoffman** to OM/PD of both **KCMO's**. In addition, AM News Dir./anchor **Scott Mayman** adds APD duties for **KCMO-A**...**Seehafer Broadcasting** is selling CHR WYCO/Wausau (Y-108) and WXCO-AM to **Badger Communications**. In Wausau, Badger also operates active rock **WMZK (Z-104)** and **AC 730 WJMT**.

Kory and the Fireflies are responsible for over (400) weekly spins in Hot A/C and CHR with the title track to their recent most recent release, "**Everyone**." The song is already on KQIC, KKRL, KKCK, KCVM, KAYL, KFMC, KVHT, KQKY, KDBX, KBMX, WWAX, KWOA and more, and has just been added at KYYY/Bismarck! Kory's on the road visiting radio stations across the Midwest, yours could be next! **Stockinrock**

Waterloo Fall Book. Oldies KOKZ leads the market, with sister active rocker KFMW not far behind. KOKZ 10.4-10.5, KFMW 11.0-9.9, KOEL-FM 9.8-8.7, KZIA 7.5-8.7, KKCV 8.7-7.6, KCRR 9.8-7.6, KCVM 5.8-6.4, KWLO-AM 5.2-5.2, WHO-AM **-3.5, KXEL-AM 1.7-2.3, KDAT 2.3-2.3, WMT-AM **-2.3, KCNZ/KDNZ 1.8-1.2, KOEL-AM 0.6-1.2, KRNA 0.6-0.6. Fall books found in this *TATTLER* are 12+ persons, M-Su, 6A-mid, Spring 2002 - Fall 2002 comparisons, unless otherwise noted. Copyright © 2002, **The Arbitron Company**. These results may not be used without permission from **Arbitron**.

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On WBMX,
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KURB, WLLY,
KMHX, KMXB,
WHYN, WINK,
WTSS, KYYY,
KLTG!!



Susan Tedeschi Alone



Feel scores Most Added honors again this week with "Got Your Name On It" at Hot A/C. New adds include KLCA, KNEV, KNVQ, WKRQ, WSSR, WXLO and more. It's a very hook-laded three minute pop song, and your audience WILL react after the first spin! **Curb**

The *TATTLER* sends get-well wishes to **Midwest Communications AC WROE/Green Bay PD/afternoon host Denny Luell**. Luell, a 35 year radio industry veteran, suffered a major stroke last Friday (2/14) while at the station. To reach out for Denny or his wife Sandy, send a message to family friend **Randy Dean** at randydean1@aol.com.

Coming soon at rock: **Presence** and the explosive track "Tonz of Fun" from **Curb**

Linder Radio has made a couple adjustments on its Owatonna properties. Eclectic classic hits/farm/full service 100kW blowtorch 100.9 KOWZ/ Blooming Prairie-Owatonna has affiliated with **ABC** radio's A/C format service for the hours of 8pm to 6am. The station remains locally programmed during all daytime hours, including its popular morning show. Sister AM station 1170 KOWO/Waseca has also adjusted its call letters to KOWZ (AM).



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Hubbard Radio's KS-95/Twin Cities morning producer **Paige Turner** will exit the station return to St. Cloud as morning co-host on **Leighton Enterprises'** Country KZPK "Wild 98.9." Turner (real name **Amy Sather**) had worked for Leighton's sister CHR KCLD/St. Cloud as morning co-host before joining KS-95 a few years ago. Rejoining her old company, Paige fills the void created when **Storm Davis** exited to join KS-95 (under the new moniker **Staci Matthews**) for afternoon co-host duties with **Larry Moon** just a few weeks ago. She'll join KZPK morning host **Matt Senne** in Mid-March. Meanwhile, former Leighton Enterprises OM/KZPK afternooner **Paul Johnson** has accepted the position as PD/Morning Host at **Cumulus** country WWQQ/Wilmington, NC. He can be reached at paul.johnson@cumulus.com.

Lava Baby's "Sex Junkie" continues to amass some nice spins at Top 40 stations, including WVYB (38x), KZMG (30x), WSYK (12x), KSXY (12x), WBAM (10x), and WCIL (4x). This female-fronted power pop band has a strong single that will turn listener's heads just as they are turning up the volume! If you need another copy, just drop us a line at newmusic@main-st.net **Liquid 8**

Entercom welcomes a rock radio legend to its "Classic Triple A" station in Denver! **Raechel Donahue** will join the station for nights, returning to her radio roots after working in production for music-related documentaries. Radio historians will remember Raechel and her late husband **Tom Donahue** as key players in the advent of "free form" FM rock in the late 1960's, at legendary outlets KSAN/San Francisco and KMET/Los Angeles. Raechel will host nights 99.5 KQMT/Denver (The Mountain), a station that transitioned from traditional classic rock to an eclectic/classic Triple A format several months ago.

Now impacting Top 40 is the sensational **Kaci's** new single "I'm Not Anybody's Girl." It's prominently featured in the new **Gweneth Paltrow** and **Mike Meyers** film *A View From The Top* and it's already on KSMB, WXLK, WXYK and KQKY ahead of the add date! **Curb**

Clear Channel country KEEY/Twin Cities (K-102) just completed its "11th Annual Country Cares For St. Jude Kids Radiothon", and raised a whopping \$1,132,965!!! It's the second consecutive year where the event raised over one million dollars, and the eleven-year event total is now over \$6 million! Congrats to the station staff and their helpers for pulling off this huge event!

Art Garfunkel is currently back in regular rotation at many A/C stations in the region with "Bounce", the new single recorded as a trio with Buddy Mondlock and Maia Sharp. It's on WLTE (4x), WLTQ (3x), KOSI (7x), WFMK (8x), WHBC (6x), WMEZ (3x), KDEC (15x), KLMJ (28x), KRTI (10x), KAYL (21x) and many more! **Manhattan**

The **Infinity** simulcast of the "Late Show With **David Letterman**" on 14 of its national radio stations quietly ended last week. The simulcast program aired on its signals in several major markets including Chicago's FM talk 105.9 WCKG. Meanwhile, Infinity insists this is not the only example of potential synergy between its radio and TV divisions it will pursue.



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Changes, too. **Entercom** Triple A WMMM/Madison morning host **Jonathon Suttin** has been named "America's #1 Simpson's Fan" in a recent *LA Times* article... Sports WSCR-AM/Chicago afternoon host **Mike North** is now writing a weekly column for the *Chicago Defender*... Effective Monday (2/24), WOWO-AM/Fort Wayne host **Dave Macy** will segue to cross-town talker WGL-AM for mornings... AC KKBJ/Bemidji PD **Chuck Sebastian** has announced that the station has flipped to much warmer A/C presentation... **Citadel** has announced it is buying country WLDC/Dwight, IL and AC WJEZ/Pontiac-Bloomington, IL from **Livingston County Broadcasters** for a reported \$5.5 million... **Cornerstone Community Radio** is buying adult standards WLLM-AM/Lincoln-Springfield, IL from **Saga** for \$275,000. The station is expected to flip to a religious format... WZKL/Canton interim PD/midday host **Lisa Dillon** has resigned to pursue other opportunities.

THE FUTURE AIN'T WHAT IT USED TO BE! Conclave 2003 returns to the Marriott City Center Hotel/Minneapolis on July 17-20th. Special tuition is only \$299! For more information and to register now for the 2003 Conclave Learning Conference, call 952-927-4487 or visit the web-site at www.theconclave.com.

Entercom active rocker KQRC/Kansas City has announced that its new PD is **Bob Edwards**. Edwards is inbound from an OM position with **Clear Channel**/Raleigh, where he oversaw classic rocker WRDU and Top 40 WDCG. He's expected to start in Kansas City around the 10th of March.

Top Hot A/C Tip: **Natalie Grant!** "No Sign Of It" is adding NOW! Audition this new hit before your competition does. **Curb**

Chicago Changes. According to reports from this week's *Chicago Sun-Times*, **Infinity** talker WCKG/Chicago has picked up **Jim Cramer's** syndicated financial show "Real Money" for 5-6a weekdays, effective March 3...beginning Monday (2/24), former WBVS/Joliet morning co-host **Maggie Peterson** will become morning host of suburban-Chicago Hot A/C WXLC, alongside current host **Paul Gant**... **ABC** alternative WZZN (The Zone) part-timer **Matt Wright** has been upped to nights. His voice will be familiar, as he worked previously at 103.5 "The Beat" (WUBT) as **Freddie Kendrick**s, even after its change to Top 40 as WKSC when he was known as **Craig Carson**. He is resigning his full-time position with suburban WJTW "Star 93-5" (under the name **Craig Freeman**) in order to join WZZN full time. He replaces "**Brooke and Jill**" who moved to mornings on WZZN several weeks ago... Former WBVS midday host **Pete Michaels** is back on the air. He's filling in mid-days at suburban 95.9 WERV (The River), while **Alison Girard** is on maternity leave... **Crawford Broadcasting** has flipped 102.3 WYBA/Crete from Jammin' Oldies to gospel as "Rejoice 102."

Ingstad's Fargo properties have shifted this week. KGBZ/Harwood-Fargo has dropped its '80s format known as "The Buzz" in favor of Smooth Jazz, although some market insiders believe this format is a temporary stunt. Meanwhile, oldies sister 96.7 KVMI/Arthur-Fargo has moved to its new dial position at 103.9 FM, leaving 96.7 dark. The new signal has retained 96.7's oldies format. Stay tuned to *The TATTLER* for more developments in Fargo-Moorhead!

Availz. 10+ year veteran Star 94/Atlanta morning host **Craig Hunt** is on the loose, as can be reached at (678) 468-0540, or craighunt@mindspring.com.

Jobs. A/C WNSN/South Bend needs a co-host/news anchor for its morning show. Send MP3's to PD **Jim Roberts**, roberts@sunny1015.com or mail to 300 W. Jefferson, 46601...Milwaukee's 103.7 Kiss FM (WXSS) needs an afternoon host, and night jock. Get your package to OM/PD **Brian Kelly**, 11800 West Grange Avenue, Hales Corner, WI 53130...Artistic Media CHR "U-93" WNDV/South Bend needs a full time night host ASAP. Send CD&R's to **Casey Daniels**, 3371 New Cleveland Road, Suite 300, 46628. MP3's also welcome at casey@u93.com...Midcontinent Radio of Sioux Falls needs a news/talk talent. Minimum 3 years on-air experience required. Send package to **Greg Belfrange**, KELO-AM, 500 South Phillips Ave, Sioux Falls, SD 57104...A PD and complete air-staff are needed at new Triple A sign-on KZPL/Kansas City. Send your CD&R's to President/GM **Chad Boeger**, 6721 W. 121st Street, Overland Park, KS 66209...Saga's Top 40 WDBR/Springfield, IL is searching for its next PD! Mail or e-mail your package to **Steven Goldstein**, One Turkey Hill Road South, Wesport, CT 06880 or talent@sagacom.com...Carroll Broadcasting Company (KKRL, KIKD, KCIM) needs a full-time on-air/MD for Hot A/C KKRL. Send resume and CD to PD **John Ryan**, 1119 East Plaza Drive, Carroll, IA 51401...WAXX-WAYY/Eau Claire, WI is searching for a Morning News Anchor. If you have a few years experience as well as a great voice and personality, send your T&R's to: **Chris Ouellette** - News Director, PO Box 1, 54702...Steven's Point, WI light rock station has an opening for a live drive-time position! Send your T&R's to: WLJY, Attn: **Mark Skibba**, 3012 Post Rd., 54481...**Clear Channel** Country WDDD/Marion, IL is on the hunt for a new morning show co-host following the exit of **Tess Taylor**. If you're ready for wake-ups in IL rush your T&R's to PD **Paxton Guy**, W3D 1822 North Court St., 62959...**Clear Channel's** CHR KSLZ/St. Louis, MO looks to fill their recently vacated mid-day position. Please rush your CD's, T's & R's to PD **Boomer**, 10155 Corporate Square Dr., 63132...Rocker WMZK/Wausau, WI has an immediate opening for a night jock with production/SAW skills and 2-3 years experience! Get your packages to: **Nick Summers** at 120 S. Mill St., Merrill, WI 54452...All jobs listed in *The TATTLER* are presented free of charge and represent equal opportunities.