



30TH **LEARNING CONFERENCE GETS FRANKEN-SENSE!** He's good, smart enough...and doggone it...people like him! The Conclave is bringing Air America radio personality and well-known comedian and author, **AI Franken**, to deliver one of the featured keynote presentations at the 30th Annual Learning Conference on Saturday, July 23, 2005 at the Marriott City Centre in Minneapolis, Minnesota! When asked about his keynote, AI observed: "I'm doing what? Uh-huh...uh-huh. Okay...I guess

so. Great. That sounds great." Sure to be an informative, fun look at radio and the future, Franken comes to the Conclave Learning Conference to dispense his unique style and wit that attendees from all political perspectives won't want to miss. One of *Saturday Night Live's* original cast members (and writers), Al is the winner of five Emmy and two Grammy awards, and he's the author of four *New York Times* best-sellers - including his latest, *Lies and the Lying Liars Who Tell Them: A Fair and Balanced Look at the Right*. Franken's daily radio show, The Al Franken Show, is heard weekdays from 11AM until 2 PM, CDT on more than 50 radio stations nationwide. Franken is joined on the show by NPR veteran – and Minneapolis native - Katherine Lanpher. For more information, visit www.airamericaradio.com. For registration information for the 30th Annual Conclave Learning Conference – Hardcore Radio – visit www.thconclave.com. Tuition is \$399, but only until 5/30/05!

Omaha Winter Book. Journal's T40 KQCH and rock KEZO blast into the lead. KQCH-FM 5.6-7.6, KEZO-FM 6.4-7.5, KFAB-AM 9.4-7.3, KXKT-FM 7.9-7.3, KGOR-FM 5.6-6.5, KQKQ-FM 5.6-5.6, KKCD-FM 4.3-5.5, KOMJ-AM 2.6-4.3, KKAR-AM 3.5-3.4, KSRZ-FM 5.5-3.4, KHUS-FM 3.1-3.1, KEFM-FM 3.4-3.1, KBLR-FM 4.1-3.0, KLTQ-FM 4.3-2.9, KCTY-FM 1.8-2.4, KGBI-FM **-2.4, KBBX-FM 2.2-1.8, KOZN-AM 2.2-1.8, KOIL-AM 0.8-0.6, KHLP-AM **-0.5, KOSR-AM 0.6-0.5. All Winter quarterlies in this TATTLER are 12+, M-Su, 6A-12M, Fall 2004-Winter 2005 comparisons, unless otherwise noted. © 2005, The Arbitron Company. All rights reserved.



Midcontinent's sale of Sioux Falls' five station cluster to Backyard Broadcasting has resulted in major personnel exits. The list of former employees is a long one with GM Mike Costanzo, Talk KELO-AM morning duo Chad McKenzie and Holly Hunter along with middayer Dave Holly, AC KELO-FM hosts Dave Roberts and Jim Erickson, Country KTWB dude Doc Walker, and Rock KRRO Dave Elliot all getting the axe. This flies in the face of original statements made on the announcement of the sale, when it was said that the staff would remain intact.

Howard Waltman looks to be getting a Senatorial endorsement for his FCC bid from Kansas Republican Sam Brownback. Waltman formerly worked as a staffer for the Senator, assisting in certain telecom legislation, later becoming the Chief Telecommunications Counsel for the House Energy and Commerce Committee in 2002. It was in that capacity that Waltman had a hand in drafting a certain fine-hiking indecency bill. FCC vacancies are being left by the coming exit of Chairman Michael Powell, and possibly exit of Commissioner Kathleen Abernathy.

Indianapolis Winter Book. Susquehanna country WFMS takes a little hit, but remains the market kingpin. WFMS-FM 12.0-11.4, WFBQ-FM 8.6-8.3, WIBC-AM 7.0-6.9, WHHH-FM 7.0-6.5, WJJK-FM 5.5-5.6, WTLC-FM 5.1-5.0, WRZX-FM 4.5-4.9, WNOU-FM 4.2-4.2, WYXB-FM 4.4-3.8, WKLU-FM 2.0-3.6, WTPI-FM 3.9-3.5, WZPL-FM 3.9-3.0, WISG-FM 2.4-2.9, WYJZ-FM 2.9-2.8, WTTS-FM 2.3-2.4, WTLC-AM 2.0-2.1, WENS-FM 1.8-1.8, WXNT-AM 1.5-1.6, WRDZ-FM 0.8-1.4, WSYW-AM 0.4-1.2, WNDE-AM 1.2-1.2, WEDJ-FM 0.9-1.0, WCBK-FM **-0.9, WXLW-AM 0.8-0.9, WKKG-FM 0.9-0.8, WWWY-FM **-0.5, WIJY-FM **-0.5

A funny thing happened when a board op left Talk WANR-AM/Warren, OH unattended- someone took over the airwaves! The Warren Tribune-Chronicle reported that the employee went to run a management-approved errand on Thursday (4/28), and while he was gone a mischief maker (someone known to the station, none the less!) and accomplices broke in and put up signs proclaiming that Beacon Broadcasting was now under new management. Moments later, the air waves went silent. Programming didn't resume until almost 4 that evening. A certain talk show host has come under some suspicion Don Hanni III, whose local talk show airs on the station from noon to 3 p.m. weekdays, as he said that they have a lease management agreement with license owner Beacon Broadcasting to operate the station, and Manager Tim Continenza claimed that **Don Hanni** maintains a LMA with Beacon. More trouble came on the following day when the STL line connecting the studio with the transmitters was mysteriously disabled. At 3:40 pm on that Thursday, normal Air America programming finally ensued, but the interruptions will continue to be investigated.





The 30th Annual Conclave Learning Conference – Hardcore Radio! July 20-24. Marriott City Center. Minneapolis. Tuition, just \$399 until 5/30/05! Thursday only tuition (The Promotion Summit, Conclave College), just \$99. Visit www.thconclave.com.

Grand Rapids Winter Book. Clear Channel country WBCT steps it up. WBCT-FM 9.6-12.9, WSNX-FM 7.1-7.7, WOOD-AM 8.9-6.9, WLAV-FM 5.4-5.2, WTRV-FM 3.4-4.9, WOOD-FM 5.5-4.8, WLHT-FM 4.6-4.4, WGRD-FM 3.6-3.5, WJQK-FM 3.1-3.4, WKLQ-FM 2.2-3.4, WJNZ-AM 0.4-2.9, WBFX-FM 2.7-2.8, WVTI-FM 2.6-2.8, WFGR-FM 2.1-2.6, WTNR-FM 2.6-2.6, WNWZ-AM 2.3-2.2, WMUS-FM 2.1-1.8, WBBL-AM 1.3-1.2, WFUR-FM 1.4-1.2, WMJH-AM 1.3-0.8, WYVN-FM 0.5-0.8, WMRR-FM 0.5-0.7, WGHN-FM 0.3-0.6, WTKG-AM 0.9-0.6, WMFN-AM 0.7-0.4, WGHN-AM 0.1-**.

Air America continues to appear in markets currently saturated with conservative talk, as WCPT/Chicago makes it's debut as "Our Kind of Talk for Our Kind of Town" on 850 AM today (5/6). *Jerry Springer's Springer on the Radio* will kick off the day at 8:00 AM. The station will then move to mornings with fellow Air Americans Marc Maron and Mark Riley hosting *Morning Sedition*. Conclave key-noter Al Franken and talker Ed Schultz are also amongst planned hosts for WCPT.

Midwest Family Stations Classic Hits WHIT/Madison, WI welcomes **Troy Research** VP of Sales **Jonathan Little** back on-air. Little, who is no stranger to the Madison market after his stint at crosstown WZEE & WISM-AM, will host *Lunch With Little* for an hour each day. Little's duties at Troy will stay intact.

Des Moines Winter Book. Clear Channel N/T WHO stays #1. WHO-AM 10.1-10.2, KIOA-FM 7.8-7.8, KGGO-FM 6.8-7.3, KLTI-FM 7.9-7.1, KJJY-FM 6.8-7.1, KHKI-FM 4.6-5.7, KDRB-FM 5.3-5.3, KSTZ-FM 5.8-5.3, KAZR-FM 4.6-5.0, KKDM-FM 4.6-4.5, KWQW-FM 3.5-3.4, KRNT-AM 3.6-3.1, KBGG-AM 1.7-2.4, KXNO-AM 2.0-2.3, KMXD-FM 2.5-2.3, KZZQ-FM 1.7-1.1, KCCQ-FM 1.5-1.1, KXIA-FM 0.7-1.0, KWKY-AM 0.7-0.8, KXEL-AM **-0.5, KWMT-AM 0.8-0.5.

Guess what? **Entercom** 80's WBZU/Madison is flipping....apparently to some new-fangled "JACK" format. They'll now be known as 105.1 CHARLIE FM. Their slogan is: *We Play Everything*. Yes. Everything....all songs known to man.

Morning dude **Jim Shea** is back at **Nextmedia** Country WEXT/Milwaukee after a trip to Iraq. The host was there to personally deliver a satellite phone, stocked with 9000 minutes of call time to troops stationed there. WEXT listeners and **The American Legion** joined forces earlier this year to raise the money necessary to bring the ability to call home to soldiers far away.



Nick Diglio celebrates 20 years of movie critiquing at WBN-AM/ Chicago! The station will air a retrospective of clips from Diglio's show on May 15 at 11pm to honor this accomplishment. Congrats go out to the **Nick D and Garry Lee** and **Nick at Night** show host!

As rumored in last week's *Tattler*, it's *Whatever*, *Whenever* for nights as well as weekend as **Entercom** Hot AC WMYX/Milwaukee has officially expanded their automated *Whatever*, *Whenever Weekends* programming block (Friday 3p-Sunday midnight) to weeknights (7p-12p) as *Whatever*, *Whenever Nights*.

Madison Winter Book. Clear Channel T40 Z104 gains a share and the market lead. WZEE-FM 7.4-8.5, WWQM-FM 5.9-7.0, WMGN-FM 6.6-6.1, WIBA-AM 7.6-6.1, WOLX-FM 6.3-6.1, WIBA-FM 6.3-5.3, WJJO-FM 3.0-4.6, WXXM-FM 2.9-4.4, WMMM-FM 3.5-3.9, WTUX-AM 2.4-3.6, WTSO-AM 2.9-2.9, WBZU-FM 2.9-2.6, WHIT-FM 3.9-2.4, WKPO-FM 1.9-2.0, WMAD-FM 2.0-1.9, WTDY-AM 1.7-1.7, WSJY-FM 1.0-1.5, WDMP-FM 1.5-1.4, WLMV-AM 1.0-1.2, WJVL-FM 1.2-1.2, WDDC-FM 1.5-0.9, WTLX-FM **-0.9, WTMJ-AM 0.5-0.9, WGN-AM 0.5-0.5.

We Don't Need No Edjookayshun Dept. The Conclave announces that it will award its annual \$1,500 Continuing Education Scholarship to someone who attends the 2005 Learning Conference - "Hardcore Radio" - July 20-24. One registrant for the 30^h annual Learning Conference will win the scholarship award, which may be applied to tuition, books, or other materials pertaining to the winner's course of study at a recognized institute for higher learning. The school or institution may be a college, junior college, trade or vocational school, Internet or extension course, or any other school offering the education and training desired by the winning applicant. Eligibility for this scholarship is limited to registrants for the 2005 Conclave Learning Conference, with the award going to the person submitting the winning essay on the topic of "Why I Want the Continuing Education Scholarship." Application materials for the scholarship are included with each registrant's confirmation email (which also contains the confirmation number needed to reserve a Marriott hotel room!) The deadline to receive the essay is July 1, 2005 with the winner being notified on or before the first day of the 2005 Conclave. For full details and rules, visit www.theconclave.com.

Feel free to exhale...The Loop Rock Girl has finally been chosen. Emmis Rocker WLUP/Chicago staffers have been tireless in their search for the perfect girl, holding 3 casting calls and getting listeners opinions in the form of daily call-ins and online voting, and their perseverance has paid off for Briston, WI native Erica Gustafson. Hats off, Erica! Good luck with the website hosting, special appearance making and on-air time.



Changes. PD Jonathan Steele, formerly of Jones Radio and KYGO/Denver, takes on afternoons at Waitt KXRZ/Alexandria. He replaces Will Sterrett...PD Dan McColly gives MD stripes to morning guy Tim Johnstone at Journal AAA KRVB/Boise, ID...Jon Mayotte will cease double PD duty on 5/9, devoting himself entirely to AAA Entertainment Rocker WEBX/Champaign; Will Sterrett will take over PD and afternoons at sister Top 40 WQQB...Three Eagles Top 40 KFRX/Lincoln has a new PD in former Entercom Top 40 WXSS & Hot AC WMYX/Milwaukee weekend dude/swing Brett Andrews...Chase Powers takes on Social Director duties and afternoons at Classic Hits WFCX & WFDX/Traverse City, MI. Tim Logan moves from afternoons to nights, bumping current night gal Shannon Scott to sisiter Hot AC WKPK.

Wichita Winter Book. Journal country KFDI dominates. KFDI-FM 13.6-12.2, KRBB-FM 6.8-7.3, KICT-FM 4.5-6.7, KDGS-FM 6.6-6.4, KEYN-FM 8.0-6.2, KZSN-FM 5.5-5.4, KFTI-AM 4.5-5.2, KTHR-FM 3.5-4.9, KNSS-AM 5.8-4.8, KFXJ-FM 4.5-4.6, KFBZ-FM 3.3-3.8, KZCH-FM 3.6-3.5, KFH-FM 2.5-3.3, KTLI-FM 3.3-2.7, KMXW-FM 3.2-2.1, KSJM-FM 1.5-1.4, KANR-FM 1.0-1.1, KYQQ-FM 1.0-1.0, KFH-AM 1.0-1.0, KMYR-AM 1.2-0.8, KCVW-FM 0.5-0.8.

Do you prefer your **Mustang** classic or current? You don't have to choose with **Three Eagles** Top 40 KFRX/Lincoln's **Mustang Then and Now** contest. The station will be giving away a 1965 and a 2005 Mustang. A song of the day will cue qualified callers to vie for a super-qualified position. From this pool one lucky winner's name will be drawn, and that person will be two Mustangs richer.

Cinco de Mayo was celebrated in true style at South Central Communications Country WFLW/Evansville, IN as morning host Tommy Mason brought in a translator and proceeded to broadcast part of the show in Spanish.

35 years on the air is certainly something to celebrate, and that's just what **Arthur "Big Daddy" Penahllow** did on Tuesday (5/3) on his afternoon show on **Greater Media** Rock WRIF/Detroit. Congrats go to Arthur on an amazing broadcasting accomplishment!

Minnesota radio vet **Shelly Miller** bid adieu to Drive 105 listeners last week, and will start Monday (5/(0 as **University of Minnesota** AAA KUOM-AM/FM/Minneapolis' Program Coach. Miller has a long history in the Cities working at Cities 97, Zone 105 and Rev 105 in addition to Drive.

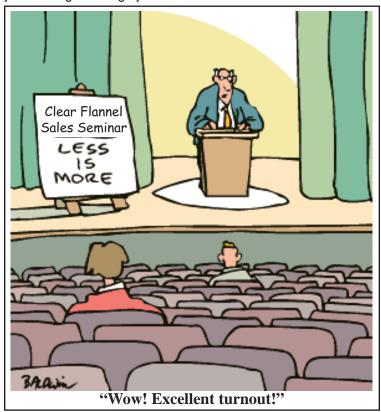
30 YEARS OF THE CONCLAVE - 1987. The *TATTLER* continues its 30-year retrospective of the summer **Conclave Learning Conference.** This week, the year of Conclave XII-1987! **Aretha Franklin** is the first woman inducted into the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame. The first **Unabomber** attack FCC rescinds the *Fairness Doctrine.* **Michael Jackson** releases Bad. **Prozac** appears on the



market. John Sebastian flips KMET to The Wave. Labels claim vinyl records account for less than 25% of their business; cassette singles replace the 45 rpm single. Infinity buys KVIL/Dallas for \$82 million. Dave Crowl becomes WBCS/Milwaukee VP/GM. Garrison Keillor ends Prairie Home Companion, only to pick it up again later. Joel Folger becomes KJYO/Oklahoma City PD. Greg Strassell becomes WROK/Rockford PD. John Gehron becomes WMRQ/Boston VP/GM. Steve Perun to WHYI/Miami PD. Tom Gorman becomes Capitol Records VP. Monte Lipman becomes Arista/NY local. Roy Orbison, Sammy Davis Jr. die.

Radio is for lovers...or at least it is for **Clear Channel** Country KMAG/Ft. Smith, AR's **Craig Morrison**. The station PD will marry former co-host **Samantha Adams** on May 27th. Adams has since moved on to start a concert production company. Congrats!

FYI – This week Conclave College sponsor, **Joel Denver** (*All Access*), successfully talked publisher Tom Kay out of changing the name of THE TATTLER, to JACK. Said Denver, "Kay was concerned if he didn't change to JACK, someone else would. I reminded him THE TATTLER wasn't a radio station, didn't have any cume, already presents itself without much personality, and besides **Gary Wall** would charge a fortune to consult." Whew...thanks, Joel! Now, about you wanting to change your website to JACK'S ACCESS...



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Changes, Too. AAA Broadcasting Country WXCL/Peoria, IL replaces PD/MD Tom Kelly with afternoon driver BJ Stone. Kelly will use his extra time to focus on building the station's morning show...Rob Ryan exits as Dir. of Programming at Zimmer Hot AC KLZR – Top 40/Rhythimic KKYD/Wichita... Adult Standards KMYR-AM/Wichita has flipped to Sports KGSO-AM. The schedule is filled with Kansas City Royals games, a local 9-noon show with PD Steve Webster and co-host Chris Allison. The rest of the air time will feature a simulcasts of WHB-AM/Kansas City's Kevin Kietzman in the afternoon and ESPN Radio rounding out the schedule...Metro Networks announces the promotion of current Kansas City Asst. Dir. of Operations Scott Welgos to Director for the Omaha cluster...Country WTNR/Grand Rapids names Bud Ford as PD.

The Tattler extends condolences to the friends and family of the following radio personalities who died this week: Chicago radio personality **Jerome Ingwersen** who passed away on Sunday (5/1) at 82É **Ronnie Barrett**, a big name in Cleveland radio, who died Wednesday (5/4) in at 79ÉClassic Country KKOW-AM/Pittsburg, KS morning host **Dan Willis**, who died Sunday (5/1) of cancer at 67Éand **Duane Gay** of Milwaukee radio and television fame who died Tuesday (4/26) after a long battle with cancer at 49.

Jobs. Northwestern College Radio Group, Life 96.5 FM-KNWC is seeking a Midday Host for Contemporary Christian Music station in Sioux Falls, SD. Provide Live, on-air, midday music hosting; Coordinate and produce station spots; assist with promotions, making public appearances on behalf of the station. Send resume and air check tape to: Human Resources, Northwestern College and Radio, 3003 Snelling Ave N., St. Paul, MN 55113...Clear **Channel** Top 40 KGLI/Sioux City is now accepting applications for an on air position. The successful applicant will need to be responsible, hard working, self-motivated, bright and energetic with a positive delivery. Prior radio experience is a must, Send mp3 and resume via email to robpowers@clearchannel.com or KG95 On-Air, 1113 Nebraska St., Sioux City IA 51105...Infinity WXYT-AM/ Detroit has an immediate opening for a Program Director/Executive Producer. Experience overseeing sports talk content, sports coverage and updates and play-by-play production as well as excellent communication skills required. Send res and a letter to Rich Homberg, VP/GM, AM 1270 WXYT, 26495 American Drive, Southfield, MI 48034. Fax: 248-455-7297 or rphomberg@cbs.com ...Christian AC WBIBI/St.Louis-Springfield, IL is taking resume's and tapes/cds/mp3s for promotions director and possible on-air. Please send info to Paul Anthony, WIBI, P.O. Box 140, Carlinville, IL 62626...NRG Modern ACSTAR 102.3/Sioux City, IA is looking for a midday pro. Ability to be on time, do remotes, and handle production director duties necessary. Need to fill fast, so rush T & R to: **Jeff**

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Heyer, c/o Star 102.3, 100 Gold Circle, Dakota Dunes, SD 57049...Regent Rock/Alt WGRD/Grand Rapids, MI is looking for quality talent to produce nationally syndicated morning team "Free Beer & Hot Wings". Talent and a rolodex are necessary tools. Send T&R to Jerry Tarrants, WGRD, 50 Monroe NW #500, Grand Rapids MI 49503...Prairie Radio Communications WBYS-AM & WCDD-FM/Canton, IL seeks news director. Send your best stuff (no attachments over 4meg) to wbysradio@yahoo.com or WBYS Radio. Alan Hoover, 1000 E. Linn St., PO Box 600, Canton, IL 61520...Country WNCY/Green Bay, WI has a rare opening for AM Drive co-host. Rush T&R to Randy Shannon, WNCY-FM, 115 S. Jefferson St., Green Bay, WI 54301 or shotgun@wncy.com ... Clear Channel Classic Hits KKRZ/Cedar Rapids-Iowa City, IA looking for a programming star. Documented programming experience in CR or Classic Hits a must. On-Air shift and selector abilities needed. Prophet and Next Gen familiar helpful Rush T& R (including salary requirements and references) by 5/20 to ijcook@clearchannel.com or CC Radio - Fox PD Search, c/o JJ Cook RVPP, 600 Old Marion Rd. NE., Cedar Rapids, IA 52402...Infinity WKRK/Detroit is seeking part-time Board Operators and Phone Screeners for a variety of shifts including weekends and nights. . The ideal candidate should have prior radio experience operating a broadcast board or screening phone calls for a talk program. Send resume: Alicia Madill, Live 97.1, WKRK, 15600 W. 12 Mile Road, Southfield, MI 48076 or fax 248-423-7725....WYBR-FM/Big Rapids, MI has an immediate opening for an individual to lead our production department, as well as produce our afternoon drive programming. Superb people, organizational, production and writing skills as well as proficiency with computers and digital audio editing software required. Send Resume and Demo to: **Tom Davis**, PD, WYBR-FM, 18720 16 Mile Rd., Big Rapids, MI 49307... Regent Communications/ Bloomington, Il is looking for an entry level account executive to call on new and existing local direct clients. Sales experience preferred. Send resume to: <u>julie.penn@regentcomm.com</u> ... Energetic, talented jock needed for top country station in the Grand Forks, ND market. Great with phones, enthusiastic, willing to be out in the public a must. Email mp3 and resume to kevin@knoxradio.com ...WLNK/ WBT Radio is looking for an Affiliate Relations Coordinator to work directly with our Assistant Vice President/Director of Syndication in developing relations with current and prospective affiliates. Two or more years experience in Radio in either sales, programming or affiliate relations as wells as a knowledge and understanding of Arbitron ratings along with proficiency in Microsoft Word and Excel are all required. ACT! Database experience a plus. Send cover letter and resume by 5/15 to: Karen Suddreth HR Coordinator WLNK/ WBT Radio ksuddreth@jpc.com (fax) 704 338-3062...All positions listed in Jobs are provided free of charge and represent equal opportunities. No calls unless specified otherwise.