

VOX JOX

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David Wheeler is the new PD at easy KMXD Des Moines, Iowa. He previously did mornings at crosstown KDMG . . . Scott Mahalick is out as OM/p.m. drive at WGTC (Country 102) South Bend, Ind. Night jock Doug Montgomery is the new PD/afternoons. Scott Salisbury from crosstown WFRN joins for nights . . . APD Brad West is upped to PD for AC/country combo KRMG/KWEN Tulsa, Okla.

WVY Coastal N.C. will move its staff and top 40 format to the frequency of now-dark WSFL and sell its old frequency to Bishop L.E. Willis . . . Former WSRZ Sarasota, Fla., APD/MD Scott Chase is the new PD of WTLQ (Q102) Wilkes Barre, Pa. PD Don Tandler may stay on as MD . . . PD Steve Wilson is out at top 40 WRFY (Y102) Reading, Pa.

After nearly a year off the air, WRDW-FM Augusta, Ga., is back as urban/AC WAKB under new PD Ron Ely, previously APD at crosstown WFXA (Foxy 103). WRDW's AM will come back soon as a gospel outlet . . . Chattanooga, Tenn., gets an all-sports outlet when the former WDXB returns to the air on August 1 as WJOC . . . WNF1 (I100) Daytona Beach, Fla., morning man Mark Ross is upped to PD, replacing Ron Brooks. Tim Travis goes from nights to p.m. drive. Former WTHZ (Z103) Tallahassee, Fla., personality Andrew Reninger replaces him.

Classic rock KZTR-FM Oxnard, Calif., will be Spanish KELF (Radio Elefante) by the time you read this, as part of a programming deal with crosstown Spanish AM KTRO (Radio Tiro). KTRO PD Albert Vera will oversee a contemporary Spanish format on KELF to go with the more traditional one on KTRO. Also, KZTR's AM will become Unistar country KKZZ. Tom Spence will be OM/mornings for the AM.

POLICE BLOTTER

300-pound actor Eustachio Robert Marena, who dances to such songs as "Bad To The Bone" and "Suicide Blonde" in TV commercials for WLUP-FM Chicago, was arrested by federal agents June 24 and charged with selling fireworks and explosive devices, among them the powerful M-250 firecracker. Marena, who faces up to 10 years in prison, is free on

\$4,500 bail. He is known on the spots as "Joey Bag Of Doughnuts."

Also, KNX Los Angeles anchorman Bruce Bernhart was arrested on June 19 during his nightly newscasts on suspicion of molesting a 13-year-old girl who came to his house to interview for a baby-sitting job. Bernhart is on leave from the station and will be arraigned July 17.

Ex-WFLA Tampa, Fla., host Liz Richards, who previously lodged an EEO complaint against that station, has now filed a sex discrimination and breach-of-contract suit against the Jacor station. Jacor VP/chief operating officer Randy Michaels, one of the people named in the suit, calls the charges "outlandish" and suggests that Jacor will countersue. On the other hand, Salem Communications has dropped its competing application for the license of Infinity's WXRK New York.

With former WXKS-FM (Kiss 108) Boston PD Sunny Joe White now across town at rival WZOU, Kiss owner Richie Balsbaugh claims that White has forfeited his ownership interest in parent company Pyramid. But former WZOU MD Cadillac Jack McCartney joins Pyramid as program coordinator for its Cody-Leach Broadcast Architecture divi-

sion. McCartney has a noncompete that would keep him out of Kiss 108 for six months.

Contrary to reports elsewhere, WPLJ New York VP Tom Cuddy claims his station *did* file "Mojo Radio" as a spring book slogan with Arbitron before rival WHTZ (Z100) did the same. He says Arbitron failed to notify WPLJ that Z100—which used the word "mojo" for several days before WPLJ—was claiming the slogan and that WPLJ will get full slogan credit in the spring book.

Finally, WOKI (I100) Knoxville, Tenn.'s Venus Swimwear Model Search contest at a local nightclub was disrupted June 20 when a patron who had been ejected from the club fired a 9 mm weapon at the bar's front windows. Several people, including I100's J.J. Randall, were cut by flying glass; nobody was hit by the 16 or so shots fired.

PEOPLE: DANIELS DIES

Pioneering female broadcaster Yvonne Daniels died June 21 of breast cancer at age 51. She was most recently the morning host at adult alternative WNUA Chicago. But those who DX'ed during the '60s know her as Sid McCoy's late-night co-host at WCFL. Those 10 years



Showing Her KODJ. Jean Jordan, left, was the winner of KODJ Los Angeles' Isuzu Stylus giveaway. Pictured with the winner and her new t-shirt are jock John Majhor, center, promotion director Maggie Day, right, and assorted listeners.

LABELS AND TOP 40 PDs TRADE PUNCHES AT POE CONVENTION

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box panel, for instance, centered on whether dance stations could play Extreme's "More Than Words."

On one side of the niche issue was Joel Salkowitz, OM of dance outlet WQHT (Hot 97) New York, who charged that "stations that own the variety position are in deep shit because they have no core," and former WEZB (B97) New Orleans PD Greg Rolling, who said the teen audience at his station had rejected Nelson and any other act that wasn't urban-based.

They were pitted against the likes of WAPW (Power 99) Atlanta PD Rick Stacy, who pointed out that Harry Connick Jr.'s "Recipe Of Love" was his No. 1 testing 18-24 record and KOYE Laredo, Texas, PD Steve Chase, who claimed that the musical polarization of teens and adults "isn't

as bad as everyone thinks."

Chase contended that artists like Celine Dion and Whitney Houston work at nights and that top 40's real problem was PDs who think they have to play only rap and hard rock at night. He was seconded by WAPE (Power 95) Jacksonville, Fla., PD Jeff McCartney, who added, "Too many people are saying you can't do this at night. They don't know until they try."

McCartney was also one of several PDs who came out in favor of increased use of '70s and '80s gold, especially now that songs like "Somebody's Watching Me" were showing up again on VH-1. "We made 'Shake It Up' by the Cars familiar. We made it a hit. Then we said to AOR, 'Take it, it's yours,'" he said.

Similarly, Chase noted that 60% of

his requests were for gold. And WAYS Macon, Ga., PD Rick Woodell said that oldies "should have never left as far as true top 40 is concerned. I don't know who came up with the idea that a kid is going to turn off the radio because you play 'After The Love Is Gone' or 'Shining Star.'"

But WDCG (G105) Raleigh, N.C.'s Brian Patrick noted that while it might be all right to bring back something—like "Der Komissar"—that no longer belonged to any particular format, "We can't repeat with AC for Journey oldies. They're gone . . . When we backed off on oldies, we got our upper demos back."

In contrast to last year's Poe, which took place during the heart of the 2 Live Crew controversy, social issues had a much smaller presence at the '91 Poe. Consultant Alan

newsline..

KEN STEVENS is named VP/GM of WLIF Baltimore, replacing Winnie Brugman. He will remain GM of co-owned WJFK Washington, D.C., but will relinquish those duties at WYSP Philadelphia.

CURT PETERSON is the new GM at WODZ/WRVR Memphis, replacing Debbie Nichols. He was GM at KIDO/KLTB Boise, Idaho.

BILL JOHNSTON, GM of WMFR Greensboro, N.C., adds VP/GM stripes for co-owned WMAG. He replaces Dick Harlow, who will concentrate on the GM duties at sister station WWMG Charlotte, N.C.

DARREL GOODIN, station manager of WWKB/WKSE Buffalo, N.Y., adds VP/GM stripes.

DARRYL STEELE is out as GM of KCPX Salt Lake City. Ernie Kovak from Fairwest is named station manager.

younger remember her as the first full-time female jock on WLS during its top 40 heyday and the role model for many rookie broadcasters. Daniels also worked for Gordon McLendon's WYNR and was also part of the all-female lineup at WSDM, now WLUP-FM.

With urban KHYS Houston having become urban/AC Y98.5 (Billboard, June 29), ND Dee Ann Collins moves to middays. Midday host G.L. Hayes goes to afternoons. Part-timer Stevie T. will do nights, replacing Glen Cooper, who becomes production director. Les Holmes and Jay Lamont are out.

WMMO Orlando, Fla., midday host Suzanne Michaels joins AC WAXY (Mix 106) Miami as APD/MD, replacing Catherine Block . . . Former KWSS San Jose, Calif., MD Rick Anhorn joins WRBQ (Q105) Tampa, Fla., as MD. Former KWSS morning producer Michael Shannon goes to AC KWAV Monterey, Calif., for p.m. drive. MD Jim Seagull exits.

Midday host Wendy Naylor adds APD duties at modern KDGE Dallas . . . WBCN Boston night jock Tami Heide heads to modern KROQ Los Angeles for overnights, replacing Swedish Egil, now with rival KSRF/KOCM (Mars FM) . . . Jimmy Novak from WLXC Waukegan, Ill., joins album WWBZ Chicago for p.m. drive.

Urban WIKS Coastal N.C. MD/midday host Yvonne Sanders heads to similarly formatted WHRK (K97) Memphis as morning co-host, replacing Pam Wells. P.M. driver Jeff Kin-

ney is named APD/MD . . . Night jock Geoff Gill adds assistant MD stripes at urban KJLH Los Angeles. Also, Ken Taylor joins from rival KACE for part-time. Across town, night jock Sky Walker exits KKB.T.

Former KNAC Los Angeles morning man "Gonzo" Greg Spillane goes to nights at WMMR Philadelphia. Bubba John Stevens is now permanent in afternoons . . . KFMS Las Vegas p.m. driver Tad Swenson goes to middays at country KYGO-FM Denver, replacing J.J. McKay, now with album rival KRFX . . . Former KIOI San Francisco morning partner Karen Dee joins country rival KSAN for nights, as Frank Terry goes to middays and Terry Rhodes exits radio.

At top 40 KUTQ (Q99.5) Salt Lake City, P.M. driver Tom Timmons is upped to APD/MD, replacing Tony Rumfallo, who is called up by the Utah National Guard. Brandon Young from crosstown KBER joins for nights . . . J. Karen Thomas goes from late nights to middays at top 40 WAPW (Power 99) Atlanta . . . At standards KFRC San Francisco, Jim Lange replaces Carter B. Smith in mornings. Dan Sorkin from rival KGO joins for afternoons.

Former KRBE Houston morning man Mark Waldi goes to middays at rival KKBQ, replacing Chris Kelly, now with WYXR (Star 104.5) Philadelphia. Also at WYXR, Anne Gress from WMTX Tampa, Fla., joins as MD. Another ex-WMTX'er, Charlie Davis, joins the morning team at WMXC Charlotte, N.C.

Radio Awards Corrections

These are corrections to the 1991 Billboard Radio Awards ballot that appeared in the June 29 issue.

- Major-market urban air personality nominee Guy Black is presently at WHQT Miami.

- Small-market urban MD of the year Larry Carr is at WQIC Meridian, Miss.

- Small-market country air personality nominee Jay Richards is at KLLL Lubbock, Texas.

- "American Country Countdown" should have been listed as "American Country Countdown With Bob Kingsley."