

# Beasley Douses KRTH's 'Smokin' Oldies'

## 19 KRTH (AM) Staffers Released; Simulcast Set

As reported in an R&R HOTFAX update last week, 19 "Smokin' Oldies" KRTH (AM)/Los Angeles staffers have been relieved of their duties, enabling parent Beasley Broadcast Group to simulcast the station with Gold sister KRTH-FM "K-Earth 101" effective Sunday (10/1).

Ten-year station vet and morning drive personality Al Connors will be retained for swing, production, and afternoon traffic duties, and will host the Saturday night request program. As originally intended, KRTH (AM) will air the remainder of Notre Dame's football schedule.

According to Beasley Exec. VP/COO Jim Keating, the decision to eliminate the AM staff was "a logical move that meets our economic needs."

Keating and KRTH VP/GM Pat Norman indicated Beasley will help the former employees with resume preparation, counseling, and job placement. Some former employees may surface at other Beasley stations.

KRTH-AM & FM PD Phil Hall, who remains in place, told R&R, "With the FM doing as well as it is and not being available on AM, we hope the simulcast situation will KRTH/See Page 21



David Berman

## Berman Resigns At Capitol

Capitol Records President David Berman suddenly resigned his post last Friday (9/22) to pursue other interests.

Joe Smith, President and CEO of Capitol-EMI Music Inc., will oversee the label's activities in the interim period, with a new president to be named in the near future, although possibly not until the end of the year. BERMAN/See Page 30

## Wood Opens Consultancy

As previewed in R&R two weeks ago, Malrite VP/Programming Jim Wood is leaving to open his own consultancy, Jim Wood & Associates.

Based in Cleveland, he'll specialize in CHR and Country. Wood's first clients are Malrite and the Bloomington Broadcast Group, owners of stations in Chattanooga, Johnson City, and Grand Rapids.

Wood told R&R, "It's very difficult to leave the security and family atmosphere of a company like Malrite, but it's time for me to strike out on my own. I might add that it's a very scary experience. WOOD/See Page 21

## Dillon To Program WHTX



Dave Dillon

WJQY/Miami PD Dave Dillon, who'd been on the job for two weeks, has accepted the programming post at Hearst Gold-Based AC WHTX/Pittsburgh effective Monday (10/2). He replaces Tom Graye, who exits. WJQY has begun its search for a new PD.

Dillon told R&R, "My 30-day notice was twice as long as I worked here, but we were able to do a lot in a couple of weeks. The management has been very fair and professional about my situation; I wouldn't want anybody to think that I'm some kind of flake who takes a job for two weeks and quits. Family circumstances dictate that I need to be reasonably close to Philadelphia." DILLON/See Page 21

## Evans Appointed OM, Kaplan Upped To PD At WYHY



Jack Evans

A realignment of the WYHY (Y107)/Nashville programming department followed PD/morning cohost Marc Chase's exit for PD duties at Jacor sister WFLZ/Tampa (see Page 1). Jack Evans, PD at Jacor sister WQIK/Jackson-



Louis Kaplan

ville, has been named WYHY OM and station MD Louis Kaplan has been promoted to PD.

WYHY VP/GM Mike Kenney told R&R, "Marc's leaving is a big loss, but we've been grooming Jack Evans for this job. The nice thing about Jacor is that we have a lot of PDs in the company who network, so we won't skip a beat in our success. I'm also happy to promote Louis to PD. He's been here for a long time and worked closely with Marc, so he knows the systems and will help us carry the ball onward."

Evans, whose programming background includes Country outlets WBHP/Huntsville, WSUN/Tampa, and WQIK, told R&R, "It's my first time doing CHR, but before I did Country I didn't know George Jones from George Strait, WYHY/See Page 21

## London OM At WZPL

WIZM/La Crosse, WI PD Don London has resigned after nearly three years with the CHR station to accept the OM position at CHR WZPL/Indianapolis.

WZPL VP/GM Roger Ingram told R&R, "Don just started yesterday and will have a firm hand on things from a programming stand- LONDON/See Page 30

## MJI Radio's Home For Homeless Benefit



One of the highlights surrounding NAB's Radio '89 in New Orleans was a seven-hour benefit concert staged by New Orleans Artists Against Hunger & Homelessness September 13. MJI Broadcasting cosponsored and aired a live broadcast of the show, which featured Allen Toussaint, the Neville Bros., Boz Scaggs, the Radiators, Irma Thomas, and more. Pictured behind the scenes are (l-r) artist and homeless rights activist Rita Coolidge, who performed on the show; host Charlie Kendall; MJI President Josh Feigenbaum; and cohost Lee Woods of KONO/San Antonio.

## SUMMER BIRCHES KEEP BLOOMING

This week, a bumper crop of summer Birch results from top markets not covered last week: Boston, Dallas, Washington, Atlanta, Denver, Seattle, and more among them.

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