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Susquehanna's KSAN/San Francisco on Monday (3/13) changed its Classic Hits format to full-blown Classic Rock with the motto "Classic Rock That Rocks." The old KSAN ended its run with Elton John's "Goodbye Yellow Brick Road." which gave way to George Thorogood's "Bad to the Bone" as The Bone's first song. Core artists will include AC/DC, Aerosmith, Van Halen, Led Zeppelin and Rush. As part of the format evolution, morning personality Darian O'Toole exits.

KRBE/Houston PD John Peake will be leaving the station on April 1 (no foolin'!) to pursue other opportunities. Strong money is on APD/MD Jay Michaels to get the stripes.

Several high-profile GM departures to report: Bruce Mittman is out at WAAF/Boston; Tom Baker will now run all of Entercom's Boston stations. In Washington, DC, Mark O'Brien resigns from WASH-FM and WWDC-FM. Could O'Brien's apparent on-air argument with DC101 morning man Elliot Segal last month over a joke about a lobster (and Segal's subsequent one-day suspension) have something to do with the resignation? At any rate, AMFM's Catherine Meloy and Bennett Zier will handle the stations until they're turned over to Clear Channel.

## From Cleveland With Love ... The Hi-Fi Club!

Famed ABC-TV comedian Drew Carey will now serve as host of his own weekly radio show. The two-hour Drew Carey's Hi-Fi Club, distributed by United Stations Radio Networks, will feature swing, surf, salsa and ska - along with Drew's favorite lounge music. The show debuts the week of April 3.

WXTB/Tampa's Bubba The Love Sponge settled a lawsuit filed against him by a Tampa Tribune reporter and his wife, the St. Petersburg Times reports. No details of the settlement were available. The suit was filed after Bubba allegedly ridiculed the woman about an accident in which one of the plaintiff's daughters was killed.

Legendary Los Angeles call letters KHJ are returning to Southern California airwaves. Although the FCC has long abandoned three-letter calls and KHJ was retired in 1986, owner Liberman Broadcasting petitioned the commission to allow them to re-adopt KHJ. Why? According to the station's Chief Engineer, Jerry Lewine, the station's new calls - KKHJ - weren't exactly Spanish-friendly. The first two letters are pronounced "KaKa" in Spanish, a none-too-pleasant scatological reference. So, in a rare decision, the

## Rumbles

- WKQX/Chlcago Marketing Dir. Steve Levy segues to crosstown Classic Rocker WXCD as APD.
- WDBR/Springfield, IL MD/afternoon personality Michael T. exits.
- Jeff Dorf is promoted from Dir./Sales to VP/ Sales at USA Radio Network Ed Baer, 14-year morning man for WHUD-FM
- in New York's Hudson Valley, is retiring. · J.J. Jackson returns to KLOS/Los Angeles as
- the new host of the Sunday night Seventh Day pro-
- · Big City Radio's planned trade of its 100.3 MHz Phoenix signal - presently one-third of Alternative trimulcast "The Edge" - for a signal based in Casa Grande, AZ at 105.5 MHz has been canceled. The Edge, which originates from KEDJ's 106.3 MHz signal, recently added a third signal at 106.5 MHz. The station still plans on using those two signals alone to become "Edge 106," while the 100.3 signal will be retained by Big City in an asyet-unspecified role.
- WWWX & WXWX/Appleton, WI ups night slammer AJ to MD.
- Mondosphere Broadcasting Is abandoning the NAC/Smooth Jazz format this Friday (3/17) at two of its stations, KQJZ/San Luis Obispo and KSMJ/ Bakersfield. No word yet on which formats will replace NAC/SJ.
- · Longtime WKFR/Kalamazoo, MI PD Dave Michaels exits; APD/MD Woody Houston assumes PD duties.
- KMTT/Seattle MD Dean Carlson leaves for "The Dial," an Internet company that produces music and DJ content for websites.
- Saul Levine's Mt. Wilson FM Broadcasters. which is dropping the Adult Standards format from its KGIL/L.A. (see story, Page 3), has already done so at Bay Area KJQI-AM/San Rafael, CA. The station is now back to Classical and has adopted the moniker "K-Mozart" and new calls KMZT.
- · Veteran San Diego Talk host Mark Larson, who is GM and a host for Salem Communications KPRZ-AM/San Diego, adds a daily show on crosstown KCBQ-AM, which operates under an LMA with Salem. Larson, perhaps best known from the 18 years he spent at crosstown KFMB-AM, now hosts 3-4pm on KCBQ, and 4-5pm on KPRZ.
- · Clear Channel's KARO/Boise, ID drops Classic Rock to compete with crosstown KZMG as a CHR. The station is currently commercial-free and
- · WDAY-FM/Fargo, ND appoints morning man Chris Pickett PD.
- · WRTS/Erie, PA PD Beth Ann McBride decides not to step down for the PD position at WSSS/
- MTV Beat Suites co-hosts Star & Buc Wild join Miss Jones and DJ Enuff for Another Reason to Hate Getting Up In the Morning, WQHT/New York's aptly titled breakfast show.

FCC is permitting the station to once again use KHJ as its legal calls. The station began using them Wednesday (3/15).

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