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Inqlings: KYW cuts long-timer Fred Sherman



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How about another Wall Street shocker? KYW (1060) has terminated **Fred Sherman**.

The Royal Bank America chief economist, whose first Newsradio financial commentary aired Nov. 23, 1984 (Dow close: 1220.30), returned from vacation to a message that he was through.

Sherman, who just turned 85, said he called program director **Steve Butler**, who explained that KYW was making cuts because of the economy. "I told him, 'I know. I'm a banker,' " says Sherrrrrrman, whose distinctive sign-off drips of his native New York.

Sherman said he offered to work for free because the exposure helped his public-speaking career and bolstered his status at the office. He said Butler passed.

A KYW spokeswoman confirmed that Sherman was no longer with the station and offered no further comment. His bio was still on its Web site yesterday.

Starry-eyed

The **F. Gary Gray**-directed film *Law Abiding Citizen*, with **Jamie Foxx** and **Gerard Butler**, will be shooting inside and outside City Hall this week and most of next week.

Wally Kennedy's new gig

Wally Kennedy is **Suzanne Roberts'** first cohost on Comcast's *Seeking Solutions With Suzanne*, her senior-centric info/entertainment show. The job means some travel for Kennedy, who's done all kinds of TV here, including *AM Live*, *Philly After Midnight* and *Inside Story*. He'll keep his KYW Newsradio shift. SSWS's five-minute segments will continue at 11:55 a.m., 1:55

p.m. and 3:55 p.m. on CNN Headline News; weekly half-hour episodes, now shown at 6 p.m., will premiere at 7:30 p.m. Sundays, effective Feb. 1. The show also will be streamed at www.suzanne.tv.

Radio activity

Diego Ramos, most recently the lone Philadelphia voice on the syndicated **Elvis Duran** morning show on WIOQ (102.1), was let go after nearly 20 years Tuesday as part of a purging at Clear Channel Communications, as was **Jo Gamble**, program director at WDAS (105.3). Nothing official, but **Ryan Seacrest's** syndicated show supposedly will join Q102 from 1 to 4 p.m. next week, requiring adjustments to schedules (**Lisa Paige**, **Joey Brooks**, **Jesse Jordan**) but no departures. As for Ramos, no one likely would be surprised if he turned up this spring with his former morning partner **Chio**, at Wired 96.5.

Old school is so old school. Adult urban-contemporary outlet WRNB (107.9), whose sound had been similar to that of WDAS, has been reformulated younger. "We want to become the hipper adult [R&B] station," says operations manager **Elroy Smith**. "The new sound of 107.9 WRNB, R&B of the '90s and Today," as it's known, will feature **Boyz II Men**, **Jodeci**, **Babyface**, **Maxwell** and **Mary J. Blige**. **Tom Joyner's** syndicated morning show will remain, followed by **Mo'Shay LaRen** (10 a.m. to 3 p.m.), **Lady B** (3 to 7 p.m.) and **DC Todd** (7 p.m. to midnight). **Mo'Nique's** syndicated afternoon show is gone.

WYSP (94.1) will replay Saturday's sold-out **Metallica** show from the Wachovia Center at 10 p.m. today.

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