



## TRADES

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### **Kevin Eubanks exiting as Leno bandleader**

Changes are coming to Jay Leno's revamped "Tonight Show." Leno's longtime bandleader Kevin Eubanks is leaving the program, and announcer John Melendez will no longer provide voiceover for the show. Eubanks will still appear on the revamped "Tonight Show" when it debuts March 1, but the guitarist is currently negotiating an exit date with NBC. Sources expect Eubanks will depart within months of the show's return. The oft-amused Eubanks joined the "Tonight" in 1992 and took over as bandleader in 1995. Eubanks then followed Leno to his short-lived "Jay Leno Show."

### **Eugene Levy gets 'Hitched' to CBS pilot**

Eugene Levy has been tapped for a co-starring role in "Hitched," Josh Schwartz's multicamera comedy pilot for CBS. "Hitched," which Schwartz co-wrote with Matt Miller, revolves around a twentysomething newlywed couple who, surrounded by family and friends, are still learning about each other. Levy will play the groom's dad, a tracksuit-wearing four-times-divorced lothario. Warner Bros. TV is producing "Hitched," which would mark Levy's first regular TV gig since Fox's 2002 comedy "Greg the Bunny."

### **Paul Feig, Judd Apatow reteaming**

"Freaks and Geeks" creator Paul Feig is reteaming with Judd Apatow, who executive produced and was a writer and director on that series. Feig will direct Universal's untitled wedding-themed comedy starring Kristen Wiig, who with Annie Mumolo wrote the screenplay about two women battling to plan their friend's wedding party. Apatow will produce, through his Apatow Prods. banner, with Barry Mendel. Wiig and Mumolo will co-produce, with Feig serving as exec producer. Universal vp production Erik Baiers and director of development Maradith Frenkel are overseeing for the studio.

### **Sony TV exec Jeanie Bradley exiting**

Sony Pictures Television's head of current programming, Jeanie Bradley, is leaving the studio after 25 years as part of the wave of layoffs expected to hit Sony Pictures Entertainment this week. Earlier this month, SPE said it will lay off 450 staffers, or nearly 7% of the Culver City studio's worldwide work force of 6,800 employees. Bradley is said to be the highest-profile name from Sony Pictures TV to be cut as most of SPE's layoffs will be in the home video and I.T. departments. Her exit follows the recent departure of another Sony TV veteran, Sony Pictures TV International president Michael Grindon.

### **'Without a Trace' star joins ABC pilot**

"Without a Trace" alumna Poppy Montgomery and Marc Blucas are set as leads on the ABC drama pilot "True Blue." "True Blue," from ABC Studios, revolves around six former best friends who rose through the ranks at the San Francisco Police Department and reunite to solve the murder of one of their own. Montgomery, repped by Paradigm and Framework, plays one of the six, the only female

police captain in San Francisco, who was once married to another member of the team (Blucas), a detective. Blucas, who co-starred on "Buffy the Vampire Slayer," is with Paradigm and Industry.

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