

when Metromedia sold KLAC(AM) Los Angeles to Capital Cities Communicatons Inc. for \$11 million. To make room for KLAC, Capital Cities, publicly traded, New York-based publisher, MSO and station group of six AM's, six FM's and seven TV's, spun off KZLA(AM) Los Angeles to Spanish Broadcasting System for \$5 million. Spanish Broadcasting System also owns WSKQ(AM) Newark, N.J., and WLVI-FM Hartford, Conn.

KIST(AM) Santa Barbara, Calif., was sold in January by KIST Properties Ltd. to Cross Creek Communications for \$1,407,750. Cross Creek is headed by James Olerich, former account executive at CBS's KNX(AM) Los Angeles.

WFTL(AM) Fort Lauderdale, Fla., was sold by Joseph C. Amaturio, president of the Amaturio Group, Fort Lauderdale-based station group of three FM's and four TV's, at the same time he reorganized the ownership of co-located WWJF(FM) (see above). The 1 kw daytimer was purchased by Channel Communications Inc. for \$1,520,000. Channel is principally owned by Mark Witkin and Arnold Bloom, Boston attorneys, who also have an interest in WKBR(AM) Manchester, N.H. Witkin is also one of the hosts of the *Sports Huddle* show on WHDH(AM) Boston.

Dr. Ramero Marrero purchased WQDI(AM) Homestead, Fla., from James L. Wiggins

for \$1,265,000. Marrero, a specialist in internal medicine from Miami has no other broadcast interests.

KURV(AM) Edinburg, Tex., was sold by W. Loyd Hawkins to Charles D. Rankin, the station's farm director, for \$1 million. Hawkins was also one of the principals in a group that had recently purchased KRIG(AM) Odessa, Tex.

Norman F. (Sparky) Taft proved you can go home again as a principal in a group that purchased KRKO(AM) Everett, Wash., for \$1.1 million. Taft's father, William R. Taft owned KRKO for 35 years, during which the younger Taft (who is former national sales manager for O'Day Broadcasting) was sales manager for eight years. William Taft sold the station in 1976 to Melvin Squyres and Dexter Taylor. The buyer, Everett Broadcasting Co., is owned principally by Norman Taft and Norman Fowler, an Everett beer distributor.

WTAQ(AM) La Grange, Ill., was sold by Charles F. Sebastian and family to William H. Wardle, the station's general manager and Ralph J. Faucher, its sports director and sales manager, for \$1.6 million.

Larry U. Keene, general manager, and Edwin A. Rosenfield, sales manager of WWOC(FM) Avalon, N.J., got together to purchase WWCN(AM) Albany, N.Y., from Devine Broadcasting for \$1,150,000.

Another general manager who became an

owner was Lawrence Getz, former GM of WELI(AM) New Haven, Conn. He purchased WTRX(AM) Flint, Mich., for \$1,350,000 from Mid-America Media, a Kankakee, Ill.-based station group of four AM's and four FM's and owner of cable systems in Kankakee and Hilton Head, both South Carolina.

Storz Broadcasting, solely owned by Robert H. Storz, father of the late Todd Storz, who helped develop the top 40 format, sold three of its stations last year: WDGY(AM) Minneapolis to Malrite for \$3.25 million (necessitating the sale of Malrite's KLBB(AM) St. Paul [see below], and WITX(AM) New Orleans and KOMA(AM) Oklahoma City to Price Communications for \$6 million. Price is a publicly held, New York-based station group of five AM's and two FM's controlled by Robert Price.

Greater Media Inc., an East Brunswick, N.J.-based station group and publisher headed by Peter Bordes, added to its portfolio with the acquisition of WHUE(AM) Boston from Alexander Tanger for \$2,348,000. Tanger also sold co-located WHUE-FM to First Media (see below). He had purchased controlling interest in the stations earlier in the year (see below). Greater Media also purchased WRC(AM) Washington from NBC for \$3.6 million and spun off its WGAY(AM) Silver Spring, Md. (Washington), to Interstate Communication for \$950,000.

The Thoms family of Asheboro, N.C., sold WEAM(AM) Arlington, Va., to Viacom for \$1.2 million. The sale to Viacom, complementing its WMZQ(FM) Washington, completed divestiture of the Thoms family's broadcast properties. Earlier they sold WCOG(AM) Greensboro, N.C., in January, and a cable system in Asheboro, N.C., in April.

Woody Sudbrink sold WNWS(AM) South Miami to Neil F. Rockhoff for \$5,900,000. Rockhoff was former general manager of KHJ(AM) Los Angeles and is a program consultant.

Duffy Broadcasting, owned by Robert J. Duffy, owner of KCNR-AM-FM Portland, Ore., and KLIR(FM) Denver, and Bruce Blewins, purchased KRZN(AM) Englewood, Colo., for \$1,050,000. It was sold by Earvin Johnson and Barbara Burrell, who also have interests in KQIZ-AM-FM Amarillo, Tex., and KRIS(AM)-KIIQ-FM Manitou Springs, Colo. Duffy later bought KGMS(AM) Sacramento and KSFM(FM) Woodland, both California (see below), and resigned as president of the Christal Co., station representative, to devote full time to his broadcasting company.

Stuart Epperson and Edward Attsinger purchased KFAX(AM) San Francisco from Argonaut Broadcasting for \$6.3 million. Argonaut, principally owned by A. Judson Sturtevant, president, and Alexander Krisik, also disposed of its other broadcast properties, KGMS(AM) Sacramento and KSFM(FM) Woodland, both California, at the end of the year (see below). Epperson and Attsinger, who are related by marriage, and their families have extensive interests in radio.

William L. Simpson, Wally Christianson, Art Greenfield and Charles Gray sold KENI(AM) Anchorage for \$2,150,000. The station

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