

mour Knox and has no other broadcast interests. **Buyer** is headed by Garth Coonce. Tri-State Christian TV Inc. is licensee of WTCT(TV) Marion, Ill., and WAQP(TV) Saginaw, Mich. WNYE is independent on ch. 49 with 4,932 kw-visual, 414 kw-aural and antenna 1,021 feet above average terrain.

**WBNJ(FM) Cape May Court House, N.J.** □ Sold by Canruss Inc. to Gateway Cablevision Corp. for \$2.2 million. **Seller** is headed by Candida Diaz de McBride, who has no other broadcast interests. **Buyer** is headed by Joseph Isabel, and also owns WCFB(AM) Amsterdam, N.Y. WBNJ is on 105.5 mhz with 3 kw and antenna 294 feet above average terrain. *Broker: Chapman Associates.*

**KBSG(AM) Auburn, Wash.** □ Sold by Auburn Broadcaster's Inc. to KBSG Inc. for \$1.5 million. **Seller** is headed by Edward Garre. He has no other broadcast interests. **Buyer** is Viacom International Inc., parent corporation of Viacom Broadcasting Inc. Viacom's radio division is headed by Bill Figenshu. Viacom is licensee of WVT(TV) New Britain, Conn.; WMZQ-FM Washington; WLIT-FM Chicago; KSLA-TV Shreveport, La.; WLTI(FM) Detroit; KMOV(TV) St. Louis; WNYT(TV) Albany, WLTW(FM) Rochester, and WHEC-TV Rochester, all New York; KIKK(AM) Pasadena and KIKK-FM Houston, both Texas; and KBSG(FM) Tacoma, Wash. KBSG(AM) is on 1210 khz with 10 kw-D and 1 kw-N.

**KPGA-FM Pismo Beach, Calif.** □ Sold by U.S. Media Co. to James H. Elison for \$1,050,000. **Seller** is headed by Nick Mileti, who also owns KVEC(AM) San Luis Obispo, Calif. **Buyer** is Bakersfield, Calif., businessman, who has no other broadcast interests. KPGA-FM is on 95.3 mhz with 1.75 kw and antenna 390 feet above average terrain. *Broker: Blackburn & Co.*

**WLTH(AM) Gary, Ind.** □ Sold by Inter-Urban Broadcasting Co. to Lorenza P. Butler for \$900,000. **Seller** is headed by Thomas P. Lewis and also owns WIZA(AM) Savannah, Ga.; KATZ-FM Alton, Ill.; WIZF(FM) Erlanger, Ky.; WYLD-AM-FM New Orleans, and KATZ(AM) St. Louis. **Buyer** is secretary, director and 24% voting shareholder of Central Liv Broadcasting of Alabama Inc., proposed assignee of WQIM(FM) Prattville, Ala. WLTH is on 1370 khz with 1 kw-D and 500 w-N.

**KATK-AM-FM Carlsbad, N.M.** □ Sold by Radio Carlsbad Inc. to Frank A. Nymeyer for \$550,000. **Seller** is headed by Darrel and Robert Swayze (father and son). They have no other broadcast interests. **Buyer** is station manager of KATK-AM-FM and has no other broadcast interests. KATK is on 740 khz with 1 kw-D and 500 w-N. KATK-FM is on 92.1 mhz with 3 kw

and antenna 285 feet above average terrain.

**KYRS(FM) Atwater, Minn.** □ Sold by Crow River Broadcasting Inc. to KYRS Inc. for \$282,000. **Seller** is headed by Norman Jones and Chris Benz, who have no other broadcast interests. **Buyer** is headed by Dennis G. Carpenter. Proposed assignee is wholly owned by Starcom Inc. Starcom Inc. owns 100% of stock of St. James FM Inc., applicant for new FM station to serve St. James, Minn. Starcom Inc. owns 100% of stock of Twin Ports Broadcasting Inc., permittee of WRSR(FM) Two Harbors, Minn. Starcom Inc. also owns 100% of stock of Sartell FM Inc., licensee of KKSR Sartell, Minn. Starcom Inc. is 75% voting stockholder in Thief to the Forks Broadcasting Inc., permittee of KVLV-FM Thief River Falls, Minn. Starcom Inc. owns 100% of stock of KSTQ Inc., which is licensee of KSTQ(FM) Alexandria, Minn. KYRS is on 94.1 mhz with 3 kw and antenna 82 feet above average terrain.

**Systems serving Richlands, Pulaski, Galax and Marion, Va.** □ Sold by Bachow and Elkin Communications Inc. to Adelphia Communications Corp. **Seller** is MSO headed by Paul Bachow. It is also selling systems in Louisiana and Mississippi. **Buyer** is MSO headed by John J. Rigas and has systems in nine states serving about 635,000 subscribers. System serves 30,000 subscribers and passes 37,600 homes. *Broker: Communications Equity Associates.*

**Systems serving Saratoga Springs and Glensville, N.Y.** □ Sold by Jones Intercable Inc., general partner of Cable TV Fund 10-C Ltd. to Cablevision Industries Corp. **Seller** is MSO headed by Glenn Jones. It has systems in 20 states serving about 1.2 million subscribers. **Buyer** is MSO headed by Alan Gerry. It has systems in 17 states serving about 959,628 subscribers. Systems serve about 22,000 subscribers and pass 33,000 homes. *Broker: The Jones Group.*



## MTM going live, first-run

### Recent Television South acquisition moves into first-run syndication

MTM Enterprises Inc. is entering the first-run syndication with a live, hour-long program being developed for the 1990-91 season, according to MTM President and CEO Arthur Price. The new offering represents a change in direction for MTM since its acquisition by Television South (TVS) of Britain (BROADCASTING, July 11, 1988).

The \$320 million buyout of MTM provided the Los Angeles-based production company worldwide markets for such series as *Hill Street Blues*, *St. Elsewhere*, *Newhart* and *Remington Steele*; now TVS is providing additional muscle to help MTM enter the first-run syndication market. Although Price and Wes Harris, vice president, program development and acquisition, would not elaborate on the

show's content, Harris said a pilot will be shot in time for presentation at next January's NATPE convention in New Orleans.

"The idea of the show had come from some of the station groups we've been in contact with," Price said. "Right now, we're up to our knees in a one-hour project [of live programming]."

Harris added little detail, only saying: "There has been a long-time interest in being a total product supplier—both in off-network and first-run. The leadership has been provided by Arthur Price. He wants us to have a presence in the first-run market. If we can come up with a clear-cut alternative to other first-run programming, MTM will find its niche."

### Fox rocks

The Who's final American performance of its rock opera, *Tommy*, presented as a live pay-per-view event Aug. 24, will be broadcast as a two-hour special Sept. 13 by the Fox Broadcasting Co., as previously reported ("Closed Circuit," BROADCASTING, Aug. 14). *Fox Presents Tommy Performed by the Who* will include the uncut performance, featuring guest appearances from Elton John, Phil Collins, Steve Winwood, Patti LaBelle and Billy Idol. Hosted by Howard Hesseman, the special will also include behind-the-scenes and rehearsal footage, and an encore set from the band featuring its greatest hits. Bill Curbishley, Robert Meyerowitz and David Saltz are executive producers of the special, which is produced by the Rock 'n' Roll Hall of Fame.

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