

CHANGING HANDS

The week's tabulation of station sales

COMBOS

KGMI(AM)-KISM(FM) Bellingham, Wash.

Price: \$8 million

Buyer: Saga Communications Inc., Grosse Pointe, Mich. (Ed Christian, chairman); owns one TV; owns/is buying 24 FMs and 14 AMs
Seller: KGMI Inc., Bellingham, Wash. (Ann Jones-Richardson, president); no other broadcast interests

Facilities: KGMI: 790 khz, 5 kw day, 1 kw night; KISM: 92.9 mhz, 50 kw, ant. 2,440 ft.

Formats: KGMI: news/talk; KISM: classic rock

Broker: Blackburn & Co.

WLRB(AM)-WKAI(FM) Macomb and WLMD(FM) Bushnell, both Ill.

Price: \$570,000

Buyer: WPW Broadcasting Inc., Monmouth Ill. (Wayne W. Whalen, chairman); is also buying WAIK(AM) Galesburg, Ill.

Sellers: Donald L. Sharp and J.M. Sharp, Macomb Ill.; no other broadcast interests

Facilities: WLRB(AM): 1510 khz, 1 kw; WKAI(FM): 100.1 mhz, 3.08 kw, ant. 463 ft.; WLMD(FM): 104.7 mhz, 3 kw, ant. 328 ft.

Formats: WLRB(AM): news/talk; WKAI(FM): CHR; WLMD(FM): country

WXAL(AM)-WZMJ(FM) Demopolis, Ala.

Price: \$456,300

Buyer: Amy Ross Douglas and Randall W. Douglas, Auburn, Ala.; no

PROPOSED STATION TRADES

By dollar volume and number of sales; does not include mergers or acquisitions involving substantial non-station assets

THIS WEEK

TVs \square \$0 \square 0

Combos \square \$9,596,606 \square 5

FMs \square \$5,375,000 \square 7

AMs \square \$13,250,000 \square 3

Total \square \$28,221,606 \square 15

SO FAR IN 1998

TVs \square \$6,463,343,000 \square 51

Combos \square \$1,499,826,713 \square 167

FMs \square \$551,526,672 \square 203

AMs \square \$359,578,408 \square 140

Total \square \$8,874,274,793 \square 561

SAME PERIOD IN 1997

TVs \square \$3,772,410,074 \square 62

Combos \square \$5,683,334,904 \square 185

FMs \square \$1,560,123,940 \square 231

AMs \square \$193,503,511 \square 124

Total \square \$11,209,372,429 \square 602

SOURCE: BROADCASTING & CABLE

other broadcast interests

Seller: DEBCO Productions Inc., Demopolis, Ala. (R. William Jones, principal)

Facilities: AM: 1400 khz, 1 kw; FM: 106.5 mhz, 25 kw, ant. 492 ft.

Formats: AM: news/talk, black gospel; FM: oldies, sports

WTTT(AM)-WRNX(FM) Amherst, Mass.

Price: \$350,306

Buyer: RNX Radio Inc., Holyoke Mass. (Thomas G. Davis, president); no other broadcast interests

Seller: Grandbill Inc., Memphis (E. William Henry, president)

Facilities: AM: 1430 khz, 5 kw; FM: 100.9 mhz, 1.35 kw, ant. 692 ft.

Formats: AM: news; FM: adult rock

KPCO(AM) Quincy and KBNF(FM) Chester, both Calif.

Price: \$220,000

Buyer: Carousel Broadcasting, Quincy, Calif. (Robert K. Fink, president); no other broadcast interests

Seller: Thomas A. Aceituno, trustee of bankruptcy estate of Stratcom Ltd., Folsom, Calif.

Facilities: AM: 1370 khz, 5 kw day, 500 w night; FM: 98.9 mhz, 25 kw, ant. 751 m.

Formats: AM: music of the 1940s through '70s

Broker: Media Ventures Partners

RADIO: FM

WQVR(FM) Southbridge, Mass.

Price: \$2 million

Buyer: Southbridge Radio Corp., Claremont, N.H. (Jeffrey D. Shapiro, president); owns/is buying 10 FMs and three AMs

Seller: Eastern Media Inc., Southbridge (John Neuhoff Sr., president); owns WESO(AM) Southbridge and WARE(AM) Ware, Mass.

Facilities: 100.1 mhz, 3 kw, ant. 295 ft.

Formats: Country

KIQO(FM) Atascadero, Calif.

Price: \$1.5 million

Buyer: American General Media of Texas Inc., Bakersfield, Calif. (Anthony S. Brandon, president); owns/is buying 14 FMs and 12 AMs

Seller: Garry and Virginia Brill, Atascadero, Calif.; also selling KWEZ(FM) Santa Margarita, Calif.

Facilities: 104.5 mhz, 5.6 kw, ant. 1,410 ft.

Format: Oldies

WTOC-FM High Springs, Fla.

Price: \$850,000

Buyer: Williams Broadcasting Company, Lecontto, Fla. (Robert V. Williams, president); owns WRGO-FM Cedar Key, Fla.

Seller: Millstone Broadcasting LC, Gainesville, Fla. (Donald Boyd, president); no other broadcast interests

Facilities: 104.9 mhz, 3.2 kw, ant. 450 ft.

Big deals

■ In February, Par Holdings Inc. was bought for \$40.5 million in stock. Par's holdings included KZTS(AM) Tacoma, Wash., which was sold to FORPAT Acquisitions Trust (B&C, Feb. 9). Contracts filed with the FCC last week show that KZTS(AM) has been sold from Par (via FORPAT) to Legend of Seattle LLC for \$350,000. However, a pro forma 316 form has been filed at the FCC that will change that sum to \$400,000. Another contract subsequently transfers KZTS(AM) from Legend to Inspirations Media Inc. for \$500,000. Inspirations Media Inc., which will be the final licensee of the station, is connected to Salem Communications Corp. Salem is headquartered in Camarillo, Calif. Its co-owners/brothers-in-law, Edward G. Atsinger III (president) and Stuart W. Epperson (chairman), own or are buying 14 FMs and 30 AMs.

■ In March, USA Broadcasting Inc. acquired KEVN-TV Rapid City and KIVV-TV Lead, both South Dakota, as part of a larger deal with Paxson Communications Corp. and Blackstar Ltd. (B&C, March 16 and 23). An FCC contract filed last week transfers control of the two stations from USA Broadcasting to Mission TV LLC for \$5.5 million. Washington-based Mission (William S. Reyner Jr., president) has interests in seven other TVs, two FMs and one AM. USA Broadcasting, a wholly owned subsidiary of USA Networks Inc., owns 13 TVs.

—Kristine Lamm