

CHANGING HANDS

The week's tabulation of station sales

TVS

WWMBB(TV) Panama City, Fla., and WKRG-TV Mobile, Ala./Pensacola, Fla.; WJBF(TV) Augusta and WRBL(TV) Columbus, Ga.; KIMT(TV) Mason City, Iowa; KWCH-TV Wichita, KBSC-TV Ensign/Wichita, KBSL-TV Goodland/Wichita and KBSH-TV Hays/Wichita, Kan.; WSPA-TV Greenville, S.C./Asheville, N.C., and WNEG-TV Toccoa,

Ga./Greenville/Asheville (and LMA with WASV-TV Asheville), and WBTW (TV) Florence/Myrtle Beach, S.C.

Price: \$605 million (merger; B&C, Dec. 13)

Buyer: Media General Inc., Richmond, Va. (J. Stewart Bryan, chairman; James Zimmerman, president, Broadcast Group); owns 13 TVs, including WNCT-TV Greenville/Asheville

Seller: Spartan Communications Inc., Spartanburg, S.C. (Tom Watson Brown, chairman); owns one AM and one FM

Facilities: WWMBB: ch. 13, 316 kW visual, 63 kW aural, ant. 1,549 ft.; WKRG-TV: ch. 5, 100 kW visual, 20 kW aural, ant. 1,906 ft.; WJBF: ch. 6 100 kW visual, 20 kW aural, ant. 1,300 ft.; WRBL: ch. 3, 100 kW visual, 12 kW aural, ant. 1,780 ft.; KIMT: ch. 3, 100 kW, visual, 10 kW aural, ant. 1,510 ft.; KWCH-TV: ch. 12, 316 kW visual, 63.1 kW aural, ant. 1,522 ft.; KBSD-TV: ch. 6, 100 kW visual, 10 kW aural, ant. 720 ft.; KBSL-TV: ch. 10, 316 kW visual, 56.2 kW aural, ant. 990 ft.; KBSH-TV: ch. 7, 316 kW visual, 33.6 kW aural, ant. 710 ft.; WSPA-TV: ch. 7, 316 kW visual, 31.6 kW aural, ant. 2,001 ft.; WNEG-TV: ch. 32, 647 kW visual, 129 kW aural, ant. 835 ft.; WASV-TV: ch. 62, 5,000 kW visual, 250 kW aural, ant. 1,823 ft.; WBTW: ch. 13, 316 kW visual, 31.6 kW aural, ant. 1,950 ft.

Affiliations: All CBS except WWMBB and WJBF (ABC) and WASV-TV (UPN)

KVBM-TV Minneapolis/St. Paul, Minn.

Price: \$45 million (see B&C, Oct. 18)
Buyer: Hubbard Broadcasting Inc., St. Paul (Stanley S. Hubbard, president); owns KSTP-TV Minneapolis/St. Paul and WHCC-TV Rochester and WNYT(TV) Albany, both N.Y.; has interest in four TVs and KSTP-AM-FM Minneapolis/St. Paul

Seller: KVBM Television Inc., Shoreview, Minn. (Daniel Peters, president). Peters has interest in WQPM(AM)-

PROPOSED STATION TRADES

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

THIS WEEK

TVs ■ \$786,728,659 ■ 16
Combos ■ \$46,181,000 ■ 5
FMs ■ \$20,230,296 ■ 6
AMs ■ \$1,975,000 ■ 4
Total ■ \$855,114,955 ■ 31

SO FAR IN 1999

TVs ■ \$4,635,505,664 ■ 85
Combos ■ \$26,818,455,886 ■ 192
FMs ■ \$1,469,485,246 ■ 267
AMs ■ \$229,826,185 ■ 212
Total ■ \$33,153,272,981 ■ 766

KLCl(FM) Princeton, Minn.

Facilities: Ch. 45, 5,000 kW visual, 500 kW aural, ant. 1,230 ft.

Affiliation: Independent

KTAQ(TV) Greenville/Dallas/Fort Worth, Texas

Price: \$25 million

Buyer: New World Broadcasting Corp., Dallas (Marcos A. Rodriguez, chairman); owns/is buying one AM and three FMs, including KTCY(FM) Pilot Point/Dallas. Rodriguez owns KDMM(AM) Highland Park/Dallas

Seller: Mike Simons, Greenville; no other broadcast interests
Facilities: Ch. 47, 240 kW visual, 24 kW aural, ant. 515 ft.

Affiliation: Independent

Broker: Gammon Media Brokers Inc.

WTXX(TV) Waterbury/Hartford/New Haven, Conn.

Price: \$19.149 million (for stock; B&C, Nov. 22)

Buyer: Tribune Broadcasting Co., Chicago (Dennis J. Fitzsimons, president); owns/is buying 22 TVs, including WTRC-TV Hartford, and two AMs and two FMs

Seller: Tiberius Broadcasting Inc., Hartford (David Brewer, president); no other broadcast interests. Note: Tiberius bought WTXX in January 1993 for \$3.6 million

Facilities: Ch. 20, 2,239 kW visual, 223.9 kW aural, ant. 1,200 ft.

Affiliation: UPN

WJSU-TV Anniston/Birmingham, Ala.

Price: Up to \$19 million (B&C, Nov. 22)

Buyer: Allbritton Communication Co., Washington (Robert L. Allbritton, president); owns/operates nine

TVs, including WCFT-TV Tuscaloosa/Birmingham; has interest in one FM

Seller: Flagship Broadcasting Corp., Arlington, Va. (Bridget Hubbard, principal); no other broadcast interests

Facilities: Ch. 40, 724 kW visual, 93.3 kW aural, ant. 880 ft.

Affiliation: ABC

Broker: Alex Brown & Co.

WCWB(TV) Pittsburgh

Price: \$17.808 million

Buyer: Sinclair Broadcast Group Inc., Baltimore (David D. Smith, president); owns/is buying/operates four AMs, five FMs and 63 TVs including WPGH-TV Pittsburgh and WUXP(TV) Nashville, Tenn. (see item, below)

Seller: WPTT Inc., Pittsburgh (Edwin L. Edwards Sr., president/owner).

Edwards also owns/is buying 11 TVs
Facilities: Ch. 22, 5,000 kW visual, 500 kW aural, ant. 921 ft.

Affiliation: WB

KMCI(TV) Lawrence/Topeka, Kan./Kansas City, Mo.

Price: \$14.6 million (B&C, Dec. 13)

Buyer: E.W. Scripps Co., Cincinnati, Ohio (William R. Burleigh, president); owns nine TVs, including KSHB-TV Kansas City

Seller: Miller Broadcasting Co., Lawrence (Monte M. Miller, principal); no other broadcast interests

Facilities: Ch. 38, 5,000 kW visual, 1,000 kW aural, ant. 1,038 ft.

Affiliation: NBC

WJTC(TV) Pensacola, Fla./Mobile, Ala., and KASN(TV) Pine Bluff/Little Rock, Ark.

Price: \$11.663 million (\$2.088 million cash; \$9.575 million assumption of debt (B&C, Nov. 22)

Buyer: Clear Channel Communications Inc., San Antonio (L. Lowry Mays, chairman; Charles E. Giddens, trustee for stations); owns/is buying 172 AMs, 340 FMs and 19 TVs, including KLRT(TV) Little Rock and WPML(TV) Mobile/Pensacola. Clear Channel also is buying AMFM Inc., which owns/is buying 443 radio stations.

Seller: Mercury Broadcasting Co. Inc., San Antonio (Van H. Archer III, owner). Archer owns WTEV-TV Jacksonville, Fla.

Facilities: WJTC: ch. 44, 3,289 kW visual, 328.9 kW aural, ant. 1,493 ft.; KASN: ch. 38, 5,000 kW visual, 500 kW aural, ant. 2,008 ft.

Affiliations: Both UPN