

# Changing Hands

## TVs

### WPRI-TV Providence, R.I.

**Price:** Estimated \$50 million-\$60 million  
**Buyer:** Smith Broadcasting Partners LP, St. Petersburg, Fla. (Robert N. Smith, president/59% owner); owns Sunrise Television Corp., which owns/is buying 11 TVs, including WNAC-TV Providence.

Robert Smith also owns KEYT-TV-AM Santa Barbara, Calif.; 54.2% of Smith

Broadcasting Group Inc., which controls three Alaska TVs, and 52% of company that owns 85% of WFFF-TV Burlington, Va.

Smith also controls KOLO-TV Reno, Nev., and WETM-TV Elmira and WKTU-TV Utica, N.Y. Note: Because Providence lacks eight independent TV owners, Smith will have to divest WNAC-TV

**Seller:** Clear Channel Communications Inc., San Antonio (L. Lowry Mays, chairman; William R. "Rip" Riordan, chief operating officer, Clear Channel Television/executive vice president, Clear Channel Communications); owns/is buying 18 TVs and about 1,120 radio stations, including WHJJ(AM) and WWBB(FM) Providence, WHJY(FM) and WSNE(FM) Providence/Boston, and WJMN(FM) and WKXS-AM-FM Boston/Providence; has LMA with WNAC-TV Providence. Clear Channel also owns nearby WJMN(FM) Boston, WTAG(AM)-WSRS(FM) Worcester/Boston, Mass., and WGIR-FM Manchester, N.H./Boston. Note: Clear Channel bought WPRI-TV for \$68 million in May 1996 (see other items, below)

**Facilities:** Ch. 12, 316 kW visual, 31.6 kW aural, ant. 910 ft.

**Affiliation:** CBS

## Combos

### WRKD(AM)-WMCM(FM) Rockland/Portland/parts of Bangor, Maine

**Price:** \$3.5 million cash (includes two-year, \$5,000 noncompete agreement)

**Buyer:** Clear Channel (see preceding item; Randy Michaels, chairman, Clear Channel Radio); is buying the following Bangor-area FMs: WLKE Bar Harbor, WBFB Belfast/Brewer, WKSQ Ellsworth/Brewer, WVOM Howland, WGUY Dexter/Newport and WBVA Searsport (see other items, below)

**Seller:** Rockland Radio Corp., Rockland (Peter K. Orne, president); no other broadcast interests

**Facilities:** AM: 1450 kHz, 1 kW; FM:

Station Trades	
By dollar volume and number of sales; does not include mergers or acquisitions involving substantial non-station assets	
THIS WEEK	
TV/Radio	□ \$0 □ 0
TVs	□ \$60,000,000 □ 1
Combos	□ \$8,378,000 □ 4
FMs	□ \$174,450,000 □ 6
AMs	□ \$4,910,000 □ 5
Total	□ \$247,738,000 □ 16
SO FAR IN 2000	
TV/Radio	□ \$2,133,450 □ 1
TVs	□ \$1,243,026,089 □ 33
Combos	□ \$3,694,730,127 □ 105
FMs	□ \$1,623,540,292 □ 176
AMs	□ \$293,323,885 □ 116
Total	□ \$6,856,753,843 □ 431

103.3 MHz, 20.5 kW, ant. 771 ft.

**Formats:** AM: MOR, Beautiful Music, oldies; FM: country

**Broker:** Richard J. Hayes and Associates Inc. (seller)

### WPTX(AM) (formerly WMDM)-WMDM-FM Lexington Park, Md./Washington

**Price:** \$2.25 million (includes three-year, \$100,000 noncompete agreement)

**Buyer:** Somar Communications Inc., La Plata, Md. (Roy E. Robertson Jr., president/50.6% owner); owns WKIK-FM California, WKIK(AM) La Plata and WSMD-FM Mechanicsville, Md.

**Seller:** Southern Maryland Broadcasting Corp., Potomac, Md. (Stephen J. Garchik, president/1% owner). Garchik owns 10% of four FMs and two AMs, all in Virginia

**Facilities:** AM: 1690 kHz, 10 kW day, 1 kW night; FM: 97.7 MHz, 3 kW, ant. 273 ft.

**Formats:** AM: news/talk; FM: country

**Broker:** Jack Maloney Inc. (seller)

### WMRE(AM) Charles Town, W.Va./parts of Washington, WXVA-FM Charles Town, W.Va./parts of Washington and Baltimore

**Price:** \$1.525 million cash (includes two-year, \$5,000 noncompete agreement)

**Buyer:** Clear Channel (see preceding and following items); owns the following FMs reaching nearby Hagerstown, Md.: WFRE Frederick, Md./Washington, and WRVW

and WWKL-FM Harrisburg, Pa. Clear Channel also owns the following FMs in or reaching nearby Winchester, Va.: WFQX Front Royal, Va., WWDC-FM Washington/Hagerstown and WUSQ-FM Winchester/Hagerstown. Clear Channel also owns WGAY(AM) Washington, WWRC(AM) Bethesda, Md./Washington, WCAO(AM), WOCT(FM) and WPOC(FM) Baltimore, WFRE(FM) Frederick/Baltimore, WASH(FM) WJMO-FM, WMZQ-FM, WTEM(AM), WTOP-AM and WWDC-FM Washington/Baltimore, WTOP-FM Warrenton, Va./Washington/Baltimore and WBIG-FM Washington/Hagerstown/Baltimore

**Seller:** Heritage Broadcasting Co. LP, Thurmont, Md. (Charles R. Walmer, president/51% general partner). Walmer owns WTHU(AM) Thurmont

**Facilities:** AM: 1550 kHz, 5 kW; FM: 98.3 MHz, 3 kW, ant. 300 ft.

**Formats:** AM: adult standards; FM: country

**Broker:** Blackburn & Co. Inc. (seller)

### WIKE(AM) Newport/Derby-WM00(FM) Derby Center/Derby/Newport, Vt.

**Price:** Up to \$1.103 million (included non-compete agreement)

**Buyer:** Northstar Media Inc., Haverhill, Mass. (William J. Macek, president/owner); no other broadcast interests

**Seller:** Steele Communications Co. Inc., Derby (Thomas Steele, president); no other broadcast interests

**Facilities:** AM: 1490 kHz, 1 kW; FM: 92.1 MHz, 2.25 kW, ant. 619 ft.

**Formats:** AM: country; FM: oldies, classic hits, AC

## FMs

### WNIB(FM) Chicago and WNIZ-FM Zion, Ill.

**Price:** \$165 million

**Buyer:** Bonneville International Corp., Salt Lake City (Bruce T. Reese, president; Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, owner); owns two TVs, 12 other FMs and five AMs, including WLUP-FM and WNND(FM) Chicago and WTMX(FM) Skokie/Chicago, Ill.

**Seller:** Northern Illinois Broadcasting Co., Chicago (William C. Florian, president/owner); no other broadcast interests.

Note: \$165 million is a record price for a Chicago FM

**Facilities:** WNIB: 97.1 MHz, 8.4 kW, ant. 1,196 ft.; WNIZ-FM: 96.9 MHz, 50 kW, ant.