

times since 1998 for a net gain of more than \$80M. Kern still has about 500,000 exercisable options left in Yahoo. Since leaving radio, Kern's been managing a number of media investments and sits on the board of the Prostate Cancer Foundation.

The fight to stop a hike in indecency fines isn't over — now AFTRA lobbies the Senate. The union asks Senators to reject a bill that would put the sword of Damocles over the heads of announcers and DJs. AFTRA says just the threat of a \$500,000 fine against on-air talent and other "non-licensees" would have "an immediate and significant chilling effect on artistic freedom." AFTRA says that "has already begun." What angers AFTRA the most is the fact that an announcer could be fined without ever getting a warning or the chance of a hearing before the FCC. And they say the people in front of the mic rarely have much to say about the content of a station — making a law that goes after them an issue of "fundamental fairness."

Pamplin Broadcasting sells a San Luis Obispo station — plus CPs in Washington and Oregon. Pamplin is selling talk KXTK, Arroyo Grande, CA (1280) plus a couple of construction permits for new AM stations in Oregon and Washington state to Jerry Collins. KXTK has 10,000 watts day and 2,500 directional watts night, and it gives Collins his second AM in the San Luis Obispo market. He already owns Christian talk KLFF (890). Pamplin still owns several properties in Washington and Oregon, and it has CPs for new AM stations in Cashmere, WA; Hoquiam, WA; and Warrenton, OR.

North of Roanoke, Alex Kolobielski's First Media buys a combo from Equus. The stallions are WREL Lexington, VA (1450) and "Thunder Country" WREL-FM, Buena Vista (96.7). Keith Putbren is the president of seller Equus Communications, and the price is \$1,325,000. Broker: Zoph Potts of Snowden Associates.

Pete Niniger's Bristol Broadcasting closes on five additional stations around Paducah. Pete now owns eight stations in western Kentucky, after acquiring the five stations of Forever Broadcasting: sports WDXR/WKJM, news/talk WKBG, and the "Willy" classic country simulcast of WLLE and WLIE-FM. Why was Forever selling? The area's just not a good strategic fit for Kerby Conler and Donald Alt. Price was \$3,150,000 and the broker was Mike Bergner (December 15, 2003 *Inside Radio*).

So long, Akron radio-TV talent and manager Fred Anthony. He died of an apparent heart attack (says the Beacon Journal) after having a drink with a friend. Fred started working in the market in 1969 at WAKR and wound up managing both WAKR (1590) and its TV sister. The paper says his booming voice meant he never needed a mic as the first-tee announcer for big pro golf events at the Firestone Country club.

People Moves David Lichtman relocates from Entercom's Portland cluster (as VP/Sales) to its Sacramento station group, as VP/General Manager. Sacramento's already got a VP/Market Manager, in the form of John Geary, and Lichtman will work with him. . .Ernie Stair joins Infinity (and this is a little complicated) as Director of Sales for the Spanish Broadcast of Yankees baseball on WADO. Infinity holds the rights through its deal with WCBS-AM, and about 100 games air in Spanish on WADO.

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