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Commerce Digest: Brokerage firm hired to help sell WLNE-TV

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Media

Brokerage firm hired to help sell WLNE-TV

A New York City media brokerage firm, CobbCorp LLC, has been hired to help sell WLNE-TV, Channel 6, which has been in receivership since July.

Providence attorney Matthew McGowan of Salter McGowan Sylvia & Leonard, the court-appointed receiver, said 8 to 10 parties, including some from Rhode Island, have expressed interest in buying the ABC affiliate, owned by Global Broadcasting of Southern New England.

McGowan said enough people have expressed an interest in Channel 6 that CobbCorp was hired to coordinate the sales process. He said it's possible a purchase agreement could be in place by the end of the year.

Former Providence Mayor Joseph R. Paolino Jr. is among those who have considered buying the station.

Andy Smith

Hasbro

Hasbro applies for Transformers trademark

Pawtucket-based Hasbro Inc. applied to register "Transformers One" as a trademark, according to a filing at the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office.

Hasbro's first Transformers-related trademark was registered in 2001. The company's Transformers toys represent robots that can hide by transforming themselves into common mechanical objects, such as trucks.

The new application was filed Sept. 24, and the trademark will be used for entertainment services, according to documents filed at the patent office. The application doesn't mention any particular toy for which the trademark might be used.

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Middletown

KVH wins Coast Guard contract

Middletown-based KVH Industries said it won a \$42-million contract to supply satellite communications systems to the U.S. Coast Guard's small cutter fleet.

The contract encompasses shipboard hardware, airtime services and support under a 10-year contract. KVH will work on the contract with ViaSat Inc. (VSAT:Nasdaq) and Mackay Communications.

KVH Industries (KVHI:Nasdaq) provides satellite TV and communications systems.

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Jobless

Unemployed Rhode Islanders rally

Rhode Islanders without a job gathered in Providence Friday to share stories about their plight and demand action from the government to reduce the state's 11.8-percent unemployment rate and provide more services to people who can't find work. The rally was sponsored by R.I. Jobs for Justice.

Camilo Viveiros, organizer of the gathering, said, "Rhode Islanders from all ages and walks of life are coming together to demand jobs now. While some economists have declared an official end to the recession, I have spoken to hundreds of Rhode Islanders who will not accept a jobless recovery."

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policy

Conservative group rates Carcieri highly

The Cato Institute, a conservative think tank in Washington, has given [Governor Carcieri](#) its sixth-highest rating nationwide in its latest annual survey on governors' tax and spending records.

Cato cited the restructuring of the personal income-tax code, which dropped the top rate from 9.9 percent to 5.99 percent, and other changes pushed for by Carcieri.

Carcieri was given a B grade by Cato and the highest ranking in New England.

Here are the other regional governors' grades: Jim Douglas, R-Vt., B; John Baldacci, D-Maine, B; Deval Patrick, D-Mass., D; John Lynch, D-N.H., D; and Jodi Rell, R-Conn., F.

Only four governors received A ratings. One was Republican Louisiana Gov. Bobby Jindal, a Brown University graduate.

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