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NOTICE OF ELECTIONS FOR THE 2000 TED VASILOPOULOS AND RIC HEALD AWARDS

Notice is hereby given that balloting may begin for the year 2000 Ted Vasilopoulos (TVA) and Ric Heald (RHA) Awards.

The balloting shall be done by e-mail for all IRCA members who subscribe to the Soft DX Monitor and may be by e-mail for those who subscribe to both the hard-copy DX Monitor and the Soft DX Monitor. Members subscribing to the hard-copy DX Monitor or to both will receive paper ballots in an upcoming issue of DX Monitor. E-mail ballots must contain your name for eligibility verification by the Secretary-Treasurer.

All ballots, paper ballots or e-mail, must be received by the Election Committee Chairman (reid@olywa.net) no later than 0001 hours, Mountain Local Time, August 12, 2000.

Procedure: Send e-mail to reid@olywa.net and the words "2000 Ballot" on the subject line. The body of the e-mail must contain your name. Include the name of the person you are voting for the TVA and the name of the person you are voting for the RHA.

Ted Vasilopoulos Award

Ted Vasilopoulos was a founding charter member of IRCA who died in 1965. This award in his honor is presented to the IRCA member who has contributed the most to IRCA and the DX hobby during the past year. The winner receives an engraved plaque and a year's free membership in IRCA. The following have been nominated for the Ted Vasilopoulos Award:

Eric Bueneman - For publishing DX Monitor and for editing the "Hearing It Through the Grapevine" column.

Lee Freshwater - For editing Eastern DX Roundup for a number of years and for serving as the IRCA President.

Pete Taylor - For regular contributions to DX columns and for serving on the Board of Directors.

Robert Wien - For editing the "Broadcasting Information" column and for service on the Board of Directors.

You may also vote for any other IRCA member, except for the following members who have won the TVA in the last five years and are ineligible this year: Mike Sanburn, John C Johnson, Patrick Martin, Phil Bytheway, and Lynn Hollerman.

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Ric Heald Award

The Ric Heald Award (RHA) was created in 1995 to recognize the IRCA member who most benefited the club in a particularly noteworthy way during the previous year. The winner of the award will receive a printed certificate. Should the same member win both the TVA and the Ric Heald Award, he/she will be presented with the TVA, and the runner-up for the Ric Heald Award will receive the RHA. The following IRCA members have been nominated for the RHA:

- Lee Freshwater - For editing Eastern DX Roundup for a number of years and for serving as the IRCA President.
- Nancy Johnson - For over 25 years of editing DX columns. Before becoming the Western DX Roundup editor, Nancy edited Eastern DX Roundup. Her first Western DX Roundup appeared January 18, 1975 and she has edited the column continuously since then.

You may also vote for any other IRCA member, except for the following members who have won the RHA in the last three years: Phil Bytheway and Nick Hall-Patch.

Reid C. Wheeler, Election Committee Chairman

CPC DX RESULTS

CPC Chairperson (IRCA) - Lynn Hollerman - gmhollerman@mindspring.com

Here's the results of the most recent DX tests that have been received here:

KLTT-670, Commerce City, CO - did maintenance testing Thursday, March 2, 2000 from 1:00-6:00 am EST and Friday, March 3 from 1:00-4:00 am EST:

Jim Renfrew of Rochester, NY was unable to hear the station, the Patrick Griffith (NONNK) of Westminster, CO heard the station and reports it appeared to be conducting business as usual. Rick Lewis in Phoenix, AZ reported that KLTT's transmitter remained on after the maintenance with a taped announcement every 20 seconds saying that KLTT's programming would return at 6am.

KEYZ-660, Williston, ND -tested Monday, March 6, 2000 from 0129-0159 EST

Mike Prindle in Eastern Long Island (NY), Frank (N7SOK) in Boise, ID, Gordon Bell in Troy, NY, Jim Renfrew in Rochester, NY, Rick Lewis in Phoenix, AZ, Neil Kazaross, and Mike Csorbay in York, ON all reported that they tried for this test with no luck in hearing KEYZ. I have not had any report from KEYZ on whether or not the test actually ran, but I know they have (had?) a Web Site at www.keyz.com...

WMIB-1660, Marco Island, FL - tested Sunday, March 12, 2000 from 12:00-?? am EST:

Patrick Martin in Rancho Mirage, CA reports he logged them while phasing KXOL, and WMIB's signal was best between 0100 and 0200 on his Hammarlund SP-00JX with a 80 foot EWE/ 3 foot Sanserino loop for phasing. Jim Renfrew in Rochester, NY heard WMIB with oldies and test announcements

from 0635-0700 + UTC - he said he was able to easily null WQSN's signal. Vincente Aguilar, Jr. (KD5FQF) in Houston, TX says he was listening to WMIB at 0629 UTC and heard them with a good signal. Ron Gitschier reports that WMIB is coming in like gangbusters in Acapulco, Mexico, despite lightning crashes in the area. Bob Foxworth, in Tampa, FL, says he heard the WMIB test well above WQSN at 0100 local time. Skip in Phoenix, AZ reports that the test came in well on a Drake SW8 and Quantum Loop. Steve Francis in Alcoa, TN heard WMIB CE Phil Beckman take a call from someone in Faversham, Kent, England. However, Frank Aden (N7SOK) in Boise, ID was unable to hear the test under KXOL.

2000 IRCA Billings, Montana Convention Information (updated):

The International Radio Club Of America Convention will be held August 25, 26, and 27, 2000 in Billings, Montana. Your convention hosts will be John and Nancy Johnson. A registration form will appear in IRCA's "DX Monitor" soon. Non-IRCA members may register by mail providing your name and names of those attending, mailing address, days you plan on being in Billings, and confirmation that you have made reservations at the Quality Inn. The advance registration fee will be \$35.00 which includes the Saturday night buffet. Please make out your registration fee check to "John C. Johnson" and send it to John and Nancy's home address, 265 Waterton Way, Billings, MT 59102-7755 by July 31, 2000.

The convention will be held at the Homestead Quality Inn located at 2036 Overland Avenue in Billings. This is just off I-90 on Billings' west end. Take Exit 446 and follow King Avenue West to Overland Avenue. A map is available on the internet, or write to John or Nancy. This is the same location as the 1993 IRCA convention. Their phone number is 406-652-1320. You may call their national 800 number at 800-228-5151 for reservations, but please make sure you mention the Billings Homestead Quality Inn and the "International Radio Club" code words for the special rates. Our special rates are \$55.00 for singles, \$72.00 for doubles, or \$59.00 for their twin suites. Cut off date for special rates is July 15, 2000. Homestead Quality Inn provides free shuttle service from Logan International Airport and the Greyhound Bus station.

Airlines serving Billings include Delta, United, Big Sky, Northwest, and Horizon. If Alaska Air serves your area, please check their connections on Horizon. Greyhound Bus service is available to Billings.

The banquet will be at the Old Country Buffet. This will be an all-you-can-eat buffet featuring their regular Saturday night menu of (subject to change) Carved Ham, Carved Roast Beef, Fried Chicken, Baked Chicken, BBQ Ribs, Spaghetti, Penne, Fried Fish, Baked Fish, Corn on the Cob, Chicken and Dumplings, Macaroni and Cheese, French Fries, a complete salad bar, and a complete dessert bar.

Tours will be scheduled with as many Billings radio stations as possible. The tour of KTVQ will include watching the production of their Friday night 10:00 newscast. More details will be provided as tours are confirmed.

Do you like to eat and shop? The convention is being held in the heart of the largest shopping area in Montana. Restaurants within easy walking distance of the convention site include Fuddruckers, Dennys, Outback Steakhouse, Jade Palace, Burger King, Taco Johns, Perkins, Red Lobster, Olive Garden, and Gussicks. Within two miles you will find Pizza Hut, Subway, Dairy Queen, Wendys, Arbys, McDonalds, Taco Bell, Applebees, Dos Machos, Fuddruckers Express, Golden Corral, Old Country Buffet, and Cactus Creek Steak Outfitters. The largest mall in Montana, Rimrock Mall is just 2 miles from the convention. Many national big box stores are within 2 miles including, but not limited to, Costco, Wal-Mart Super Store, ShopKo, Target, Big K-Mart, Best Buy, Toys R Us, Old Navy, and

OfficeMax.

Billings is located within a days drive of many vacation tourist attractions including, but not limited to Yellowstone National Park, Little Big Horn Battlefield, Glacier National Park and Mount Rushmore.

Start making your plans now to attend this years convention! If you were at the 1993 Billings convention you will want to return for more of the same fun. If you missed the 1993 Billings convention now is your chance to attend. If you have access to the internet, check out the convention web site at: http://pages.prodigy.net/john_johnson/irca2000

AM SLOGANS LIST

Get in line NOW for your copy of the latest IRCA "AM SLOGANS LIST". Completely revised by IRCA's own Rich Toebe to 2/00 and includes X-Band stations as well. This 24 page "DX Aid" can be yours for only \$5.00 through the IRCA Bookstore. Non-IRCA/NRC members... add \$1.00. Overseas... add \$0.50.

IRCA Bookstore, 9705 Mary NW, Seattle WA 98117-2334
(all checks payable to Phil Bytheway)

BROADCASTING INFORMATION

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SECTION 1: FORMAT CHANGES:

FL Kissimmee	WFIV-1080	was tropical, now talk
FL Pinellas Park	WWBA-1040	was religion,now talk
FL Pinellas Park	WTBN- 570	was nx, now CNN Headline news (had been broadcasting audio on cable TV'' Bay News 9)
GA McRae	WYIS-1410	was oldies//WYSC, now WW1 AC//WYSC (change to urban AC format in spring)
IN Washington	WAMW-1580	was s. gospel, now ABC soft AC//WYER (change to talk format in spring)
MS Hattiesburg	WFOR-1400	was oldies//WHER, rptd. silent
MS Monticello	WMLC-1270	was talk, to be sports//WSLI (sign on of sports is in April)
MO Houston	KBTC-1250	was silent, now JRN classic C&W//KUNQ
TX Pecos	KIUN-1400	was tejano, now JRN reg. Mexican
VA Crewe	WSVS- 800	was country, now JRN classic country
WA Hoquiam	KWOK-1490	was KAYO, C&W//KGHO-FM, to be 1 on 1 sports

NEW STATION GRANTS:

NV Sparks K??? 750/750 ND

CONSTRUCTION PERMIT ACTIVITY:

OR West Klamath KRAM-1070 dec. to 1000-D, ND (station is silent per verification from another station in Klamath Falls-ye ed.)

FACILITY & PARAMETER APPLICATIONS:

BC Chilliwack	CHWK-1270	move to 98.3 FM
BC Victoria	CJVI- 900	move to 103.1 FM (CKMO-FM would like to move to CJVI's AM band spot- ed.)
NF Grand Falls	CKMV-1490	move to 95.1 FM
PQ Disraeli	CJLP-1230	move to 107.1 FM

CALL LETTER CHANGES:

CO Grand Junction KQIL-1340 becomes KTMM "The Team"
ID Rupert KBBK- 970 becomes KFTA "La Fantastica" (I hope this
is right, hi - ye ed.!)
NY Watkins Glen WBZD-1490 becomes WGMF
PA Charleroi WESA- 940 becomes WOGI "Froggy"
TX Wichita Falls KTUB- 990 becomes KXXX

SECTION 2: FORMAT CHANGES:

CA San Rafael KMZT-1510 was KJQI, stds//FM, now classical "K-
mozart"
CO Colorado Spr KTWK-1300 was KVOR, nx/talk, now AS
CO Colorado Spr KVOR- 740 was KTWK, AS, now nx/talk (KVOR and KTWK
will swap calls/frequencies on 3/23/00-ye
ed.)
FL Panama City Bch WPCF-1290 was WDLF, children's, now cont. Xtian,
religion
IN Shelbyville WOOO-1520 was oldies, adds WW1 oldies (new calls
expected soon)
KY Eminence WKXF-1600 was bluegrass, now JRN classic CW//WTHQ
KY Louisville WTMT- 620 was sports, adds ESPN sports
MD Annapolis WBIS-1190 was business, adds sports (Nasty sports
moves from WCBM-680, 4/3)
MI Dowagiac WDOW-1440 was country, now AC//WVHQ, talk
NJ Newton WNNJ-1360 was AS, adds WW1 stds.
OR West Klamath KRAM-1070 was AS, rptd. silent (IS silent per verie
from KKJX-960 OR.-ye ed.)
PA Carnegie WZUM-1590 was silent, now 80's classic hits
PA Mount Pocono WILT- 960 was hot AC//WSBG, now ESPN sports
UT Salt Lake City KNRS- 570 was nx/talk, now talk
UT Spanish Fork KHQN-1480 was SS, adds Unica SS talk

CONSTRUCTION PERMIT ACTIVITY:

NY Binghamton WINR- 680 inc. to 5000-D, DA-2

FACILITY & PARAMETER GRANTS:

NC Morganton WCIS- 760 inc. to 3500-D, ND

CALL LETTER CHANGES:

CA San Rafael KJQI-1510 requests KMZT (now KMZT-ye ed.)
CO Colorado Spr KTWK- 740 requests KVOR
CO Colorado Spr KVOR-1300 becomes KTWK
FL Panama City Bch WDLF-1290 requests WPCF

Pat Martin of Seaside, OR. passes on the following from Bill Frahm of
Boise, ID.:

KGEM 1140 Boise is on their new DX-10 transmitter. The old transmitter
(a McMartin) was only doing 70% mod and they kept it running on night
directional. You didn't want to turn it off & on too many times as it
would pop something. They are back to ND-D & DA-N. SR is 7:00AM and SS
is 6:45PM this month. 1140 has always been good for SR & SS reception.
From their CE: " No stereo, it's dead & gone".

Dennis Gibson of Goleta, CA. passes on the following from Jim Hilliker
of Pacific Grove, CA.:

Effective Wednesday, March 15, 2000 the call letters KHJ will return
to Los Angeles!

In requesting the change, I presented to the Commission (through

attorney Bob Thompson) the argument that to say the present call letters KKHJ in Spanish is to say an obscenity since "KK" in Spanish is pronounced "caca" and to change the call letters to anything but the station's prior call KHJ would result in public confusion.

In a letter from the Commission, they stated, in part, "In view of the representations made and the statements submitted, as well as the station's prior association with the KHJ call letters, we find good cause exists for granting your request and waiving Section 73.3550(f) of the Commission's Rules. Accordingly, LBI will be authorized to use the call letters KHJ, effective March 15, 2000." We expect the call sign change to take place at noon on Wednesday. It is tentatively planned that there will be a short statement from KHJ program director Alfredo Rodriguez (in Spanish) and a comment by myself in English followed by the top of the hour ID before returning to music.

Jim Hilliker sends along some info himself on the above subject: Some very good news below from the CE of KKHJ-930, soon to be KHJ again! Read below for an interesting explanation! Almost impossible to get a 3 letter call back, once it is given up, so I say "Good job, Jerry Lewine and attorney for Liberman Broadcasting.

Rich Toebe of Davis, CA. passes along the following:

I heard a loud and clear proper call ID on the hour from 1510 (San Rafael, CA. -ed.) this afternoon at exactly 5pm, just got into the car and turned the radio on! They are KMZT now (3/13/00-ye ed.).

Dennis Gibson also passes along the following:

According to this morning's LA Radio People, KGIL and KGXL are going all jazz, perhaps as early as next Monday (3/20/00-ye ed.). Call letter changes are expected.

Pat Martin also sends along the following:

1300 KPTL NV, Carson City, now Rock Oldies, ex NOS, with ID // 102.9 Lake Tahoe at 0400 EST 3/3.

Ye editor passes along a list of stations in CA. that carries Bruce Williams:

KMJ	580	11 PM MONDAY - FRIDAY
KNCO	830	GRASS VALLEY 4 PM MONDAY - SUNDAY
KINS	980	EUREKA 6 PM MONDAY - FRIDAY
KTMS	990	SANTA BARBARA 4 PM SUNDAY ONLY
KCEO	1000	VISTA/SAN DIEGO 10 PM MONDAY - SUNDAY
KSDO	1130	SAN DIEGO 7 PM MONDAY - FRIDAY
KSZL	1230	BARSTOW 10 PM MONDAY - SUNDAY
KPRL	1230	PASO ROBLES 9 PM MONDAY - FRIDAY
KNRY	1240	MONTEREY 8 PM MONDAY - SUNDAY
KLOA	1240	RIDGECREST 10 PM MONDAY - FRIDAY
KKOM	1280	ARROYO GRAND 4 PM MONDAY - FRIDAY
KVON	1440	NAPA 10 PM MONDAY - FRIDAY
KUHL	1440	SANTA MARIA 9 PM MONDAY - SUNDAY
KGAM	1450	PALM SPRINGS 7 PM MONDAY - FRIDAY
KTIP	1450	PORTERVILLE 4 PM MONDAY - FRIDAY
KOWL	1490	S. LAKE TAHOE 6 PM MONDAY - FRIDAY
KKBN	93.5	TWAIN HARTE 10 PM MONDAY - SUNDAY

Pat Martin sends along the following from Wayne Heinen of Colorado: The below was received by a fellow Ham who is at KBJD-1650, look's like we'll get veries, it'll just take a while!

"A quick note for you and all the Radio Listeners... I am buried with

SWL cards, letters, etc from all over the US and even some foreign countries. I am attempting to keep up, but due to other duties (engineering emergencies mostly), I haven't been able to. If you could let folks know to not panic and not think we've forgotten about them, we will get the verifications out."

Pat sends along the following from Kevin Redding (location unknown):
From the Arizona Republic newspaper:

"Eight Valley radio stations will come under new ownership as details of the radio industry's biggest merger were revealed Monday. Several deals worth more than \$3.5 billion were announced -- three of which affect Valley radio.

CBS will take over KOOL-FM (94.5), the longtime oldies leader; KZON-FM (101.5), which recently changed formats and air staff to reflect a Top 40 approach; and country powerhouse KMLE-FM (107.9). CBS' Infinity Broadcasting will pick up its first stations in the Valley.

Hispanic Broadcasting Corp., which owns KHOT-FM (105.9), will get KKFR-FM (92.3), an urban leaning Top 40 station as part of a two-station, \$127 million deal. It will be the first 100,000 watt station to be owned locally by a Spanish-language operator.

Clear Channel Broadcasting, whose merger with AMFM Inc. spurred the activity, will take over the remaining four stations. Moving to Clear Channel are KGME-AM (550), a sports-talk station; KFYI-AM (910), news talk; and nostalgia formatted KOY-AM (1230). Clear Channel also will add the smooth jazz sounds of KYOT-FM (95.5 FM). Those stations will become part of a new eight-station group that will include KMXP-FM (96.9), KESZ-FM (99.9), KNIX-FM (102.5) and KZZP-FM (104.7).

All of the affected stations are part of AMFM's eight-station Phoenix group.

Marv Nyren, one of the AMFM's general managers, said the stations' new owners do not plan to take over operations until the sales receive government clearance.

He said Hispanic executive David Lykes told staff members that KKFR -- which as Power 92 has been the Valley's leading purveyor of rap and hip-hop music -- would continue in its present format. Jerry Ryan, manager of Hispanic's other Valley station, KHOT-FM (105.9), said KKFR's audience is 35 to 45 percent Hispanic already. Hispanic Broadcasting owns or operates 45 stations in 13 markets, all of them broadcasting in Spanish.

J.D. Freeman, Clear Channel's chief executive in Phoenix, said no decisions have been made regarding formats on Clear Channel stations, nor would any be until the sales clear regulatory hurdles. CBS spokesman Dana McClintock echoed those comments.

Originally, Clear Channel hoped to hold on to KMLE, but U.S. Justice Department restrictions on the total amount a revenue a single radio group could control made that impossible.

Freeman said the Justice Department was concerned "that we would own both country stations," which in the past have led the market in terms of advertising revenue.

The AMFM-Clear Channel deal was announced in October. The deals announced Monday are seen as a giant step toward federal approval of the merger. The sales, like the merger itself, still are subject to review by the Federal Communications Commission -- expected by the end of summer.

One of the issues in sorting out the stations now is their facilities. Each of the stations Clear Channel will add currently shares office space with stations that will be divested. All told, five different properties house the 12 stations, and two of the properties have two separate radio operations.

CBS purchased 18 stations nationwide in a \$1.4 billion deal. Infinity Broadcasting, which is CBS' radio division, is run by Mel Karmazin, who has built upon his radio empire to virtually take over CBS Inc. Its syndicated lineup includes shock jock Howard Stern and Don Imus. It will now operate more than 180 radio stations in the Top 50 radio markets.

CBS, meanwhile, may try to purchase additional stations. McClintock said Phoenix fits CBS' criteria for cities in which it wants to own a full complement of stations. CBS is believed to be interested in the Hearst-Argyle-owned stations, KTAR-AM (620), KMVP-AM (860) and KKLTV-FM (98.7).

Chris Gallu, Hearst-Argyle's local manager, says he has not heard whether any offer has been made. He adds that he doesn't believe CBS will be content with just three stations.

Ye editor passes on the following :

Get ready to reprogram your favorite-station buttons on your car radio (Colorado Springs, CO. -ye ed.)

Talk station KVOR (1300 AM) will swap frequencies with sister station KTWK (740 AM) beginning March 23. Station general manager Jim Arthur says the 740 AM frequency is clearer and will provide KVOR listeners better sound. In making this move, the station is ending its 76-year history at 1300 AM. When it went on the air as KFUM in 1924, it was the first radio station in Colorado Springs and only the fifth in the Western United States. "We don't make the move lightly," Arthur says. "We do make it with a little regret, but in the long term it's certainly in our best interest to be lower on the dial, and I think it's in our listeners' best interest, too." From a business point a view, the move makes a lot of sense. KTWK, which offers oldies from the '50s, '60s and '70s, doesn't get nearly the ratings that KVOR does. It's smart to put the bigger station on the better signal. But in the short term, KVOR may take a dip in the ratings while listeners fumble with the scan button looking for their favorite talk show. "We may take a little bit of a hit, but I think our AM listeners are intelligent enough - and we're going to bombard them over the next several weeks with reminders about our move - to adjust their radios at home and in the car." Along with the frequency change, KVOR will change its name from "Newstalk 1300" to "Newsradio 740." (change is scheduled to take place 3/23/00-ye ed.) A fairly long column. Big news for me is that I will be starting a new job on Monday March 27th after 16 years at my current company. My E-mail address (work) will change at that time. I will let everyone know what it is. UNTIL THAT TIME, PLEASE SEND E-MAIL TIPS TO MY HOME ADDRESSES ONLY (RJWMAIL@WEBTV.NET, or WIENROBERT@HOTMAIL.COM). Please do not use the work address (ROBERT.WIEN@LMCO.COM) anymore. Thank you. 3 days till St. Patrick's Day, 8 days till Spring! May the luck of the four-leaf clover be with you as you DX! 73's.

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CALL SIGN CHANGES

NEW CALL	CITY AND STATE	FREQUENCY *	FORMER CALL
WDAE	ST. PETERSBURG, FL	620	WHNZ **
WLFJ	GREENVILLE, SC	660	WESC
KESP	MODESTO, CA	970	KANM

WBZT	BOYNTON BEACH, FL	1040	WJNO	**
WHNZ	TAMPA, FL	1250	WDAE	**
WFBS	BERWICK, PA	1280	WSQV	
WPCF	PANAMA CITY, FL	1290	WDLP	
WJNO	WEST PALM BEACH, FL	1290	WBZT	**
WSJX	TERRE HAUTE, IN	1300	WJSH	
KCNB	HOLDENVILLE, OK	1370	KTLS	
KREF	NORMAN, OK	1400	KNOW	
KMZT	SAN RAFAEL, CA	1510	KJQI	
WKWH	SHELBYVILLE, IN	1520	WOOO	
KZNE	COLEGE STATION, TX	1620	KAZW	

** FINALLY BEING REPORTED BY THE FCC, THESE CHANGES ARE AT LEAST 30 DAYS OLD!

WESTERN DX ROUNDUP

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OF SPECIAL INTEREST

- 960 KKJS OR, Klamath Falls 2/23 1000 sports programming with KKJS ID.
Ex-KLAD, I think. Seldom heard. (GH-OR)
- *****
- 700 CKRD AB, Red Deer 3/8 2310 on with Red Deer Rebels -Calgary
Hitmen hockey, some ads and Kix-105 non-ID's. Excellent
level, cutting through KIRO-710 (get it now if you don't
have it already before it vacates the channel). Eventually
overtaken by KMJY. (PT-WA)
- 790 KGHL MT, Billings on top 3/8 0145 with C&W music, three Montana
state PSA's (Agriculture, Peace Officers, State Parks) and
an ID. Rare; no CFCW; and others under. On review of the
tape, I think CFCW was actually there, on top with only an
open carrier. (PT-WA)
- 920 KXLY WA, Spokane 2/26 0230 ad for crime talk program and legal
ID. Fair to moderate signal on N-S wire. (GH-OR2)
- 940 KXUX OR, Bend mixing with others at 1000 3/3. Woman said "The
best music...KXUX, Bend." Usually KBRE dominates. New,

thank to tip in WDXR. (LG-MT)

960 KKJX OR, Kalmath Falls 3/8 0200 with ESPN promo and ID, intertwined with KALE's. Some Spanish and KABL also in there. New calls logging. (PT-WA)

1050 KORE OR, Springfield very good in KBLE null 3/10 0059 so they must be using a tower now rather than the wire up the tree. (PT-WA)

1060 ?KXPL? TX, El Paso 3/6 0837 possibly the one with Spanish faded up & then out rapidly under KDUS, totally wiped out by KKDS pattern change at 0845. (RW-CA)

1090 KTNS CA, Oakhurst 3/6 0908 good in XEPRS null with Sierra weather forecast, ID "Kittens," then song "Harbor Lights," faded out. (RW-CA)

1130 KBMR ND, Bismarck even with CKWX (which is unusual) at 0855 3/8 with ID as "Country 1130, KBMR." (LG-MT)

1180 KYET AZ, Williams 2/29 0751 man with legal ID just over KGOL. (AB-CA)

1020 CKVH AB, High Prairie 2/26 0300 "Kicking off another hour of country favorites on 1020 CKVH." Poor signal. (GH-OR2)

1180 (KLAY) WA, Lakewood on with hum-laden open carrier 3/10 0928-30. Got an ID out of KOFI but not the other, presumably KERI. Blasted back on 0930. (PT-WA)

1200 KOQI CA, Soquel 2/29 0804 continuous C&W music, no ID. 3/1 0715 more of the same, no ID yet. (AB-CA)

1220 CJOC AB, Lethbridge 2/24 2300 ID as "Southern Alberta's place for great country, CJOC." Good signal on SW wire. (GH-OR)

1230 KQIK OR, Lakeview "AM & FM" ID 3/5 0200. NRC Log change: as per call, it is 24 hours, only partial simulcast with FM (like Sat. night 11pm PST). New. (PT-WA)

1240 KCVL WA, Colville 3/8 2300 popped atop the channel with a clean ID. Rare. (PT-WA)

1250 KBRF MN, Fergus Falls gave local temperature at 0758 2/27. Rare to hear it in the AM. (LG-MT)

1300 CJME SK, Regina 2/25 0130 poor to moderate signal on E-W wire. "Your information station, Newstalk 1300 CJME." Back to Art Bell following news. (GH-OR)

1310 ?CHLW? AB, St. Paul presumed the C&W station with no ID at 0800 3/7. Went directly into news from AP News Network. (LG-MT)

1400 KBCH OR, Lincoln City 2/28 0900 ID & CNN Radio News, 2nd time heard. (AB-CA)

KSRR UT, Provo strong at 1000 3/9 with ID as "1400, K-Star is KSRR, Provo." QRM from KDRG-MT. (LG-MT)

1490 ?KRTK? ID, Chubbock 3/6 0710 again tentative with David Essel show, I e-mailed David Essel but they won't provide a list of stations, then I e-mailed Bruce Williams net, and they told me no affiliates on 1490 in Idaho. KOWL-CA is most logical affiliate. Perhaps I had KOWL instead...? (RW-CA)

KBRO WA, Bremerton miraculously on top at 0900 2/26 with ID for "KNTB Lakewood-Tacoma and KBRO Bremerton-Seattle." New! (PT-WA)

KLOG WA, Kelso 2/26 0030 "Stereo hits just the way you remember them, 1490 K-L-O-G." New log. GH-OR2)

1510 ?KMZT? CA, San Rafael 3/6 1800 don't know if they've changed calls yet, ex-KJQI. Simply heard ID on hour as "K-Mozart 1510 AM, and K-Mozart.com." Been following them on their internet site in RealAudio, but even no ID heard there!!! FCC data base still shows KJQI. (RW-CA)

KLLB UT, West Jordan very strong in KGA null at 1000 3/8. "Lord's Prayer" ended, then local political ad and call ID.

- 1570 KCVR CA, Lodi strong and all alone on car radio with commercials in Spanish at 1945 3/3. Announcer mentioned "en Manteca [near Lodi], La Bonita." (LG-MT)
- 1580 KWYD CO, Colorado Springs very strong atop KMIK at 1001 3/8 with legal ID after "Focus on the Family" ended. No KGAL at this time. (LG-MT)
- 1680 WPPD481 CA, Pescadero 3/6 0615 mixing with North Star at Tahoe with NOAA weather. (GJ-CA)
- TIS/HAR CA, Truckee 3/6 0600 North Star at Tahoe TIS/HAR giving info & events. (GJ-CA)
- 1690 ?KDDZ? CO, Arvada 2/26 0000 Radio Disney ID's only, but I assume it to be KDDZ. Great signal all by itself on folded dipole. (GH-OR2)
- WMDM MD, Lexington Park in, out and occasionally on top of KDDZ 3/9 between 0102-0145 with ABC news and Sports Overnight. As per Murphy's Law, it died during 0109, 0122 and 0137 commercial breaks. This is my 4th reception of this station. I'll be going over the tape using the equalizer this weekend to see what I can ferret out. Dominant at peaks. (PT-WA)

DX TEST

660 (KEYZ) ND, Williston 3/3 0129-0159 nothing heard under KTNN with KBOI slop nulled, nulling direction would have been just about right for them. Was test on? (FA-ID)

Thanks to our WDXR reporters this week! The 2000 IRCA convention will be held here in Billings, MT August 25, 25 & 26. John and I hope that you will be able to attend.

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OF SPECIAL INTEREST

970 KESP CA, Modesto 3/13 0900 good with ID "ESPN Sports 970, KESP, Modesto," back into ESPN sports. Call change, ex-KANM. Supposedly 970 Idaho now KFTA, also, heard 'em underneath! (RW-CA)

1490 KWOK WA, Hoquiam the KWOK calls recently appearing in FCC excerpts as replacing "KAYO-920" have instead replaced KAYO-1490. Noted 3/11 1500 as "95.3, hot country that kicks, KXXX-FM and KWOK AM, Hoquiam-Aberdeen." KBRO nulled, some KEYG. (PT-WA)

1510 KMZT CA, San Rafael 3/13 1100 another non-ID as "K-Mozart 1510 AM San Rafael, and K-mozart.com." Fair in KSJX-1500 null. Per Dennis Gibson, is now KMZT, ex-KJQI. (RW-CA)

650 CISL BC, Richmond 3/12 0317 good with oldie "Stand By Me," ID/slogan "C-Isle." (MS-CA1)

700 KMJY WA, Newport 3/1 2115 country music, ID at 2127, local ads, weather, road report. Over CKRD, which is quite unusual. (NP-AB)

750 KERR MT, Polson 3/9 2042 C&W music, legal ID at 2044, and mentioned that some might lose the signal, but those who could still hear should stay tuned. Well I lost them and KXL dominated. I guess they switched to night power. New. (AB-CA)

790 KOOR CA, Clovis 3/12 0315 dominant with usual Spanish. KABC audible down under. (MS-CA1)

840 WNVQ787 CA, Walnut Creek 3/9 1600 CalTrans TIS/HAR at Highway 680 & 24 interchange on air with road construction. Good signal into Sacramento. (GJ-CA)

860 KTRB CA, Modesto 3/12 0313 excellent here with talk show. (MS-CA1)

920 KLMR CO, Lamar 3/5 2020 country music, ID "Your first choice for today's hot new country and your all time favorites is KLMR, AM 920..." (NP-AB)

960 KNDN NM, Farmington 3/5 2000 came through CFAC and unID Spanish station (likely KOVO), with ID "All Navajo, all the time, this is KNDN Farmington, New Mexico, 960," and back into Navajo talk. New catch here. (NP-AB)

1180 KOFI MT, Kalispell 3/10 2258 Ford-VW dealer ad, second ad, ID and news at 2300, mostly under KERI. (AB-CA)

1230 KKPC CO, Pueblo 3/5 2000 mention of Pueblo Community College, ID as "AM 1230, KKPC, Pueblo." (NP-AB)

KYSM MN, Mankato 3/5 2104 end of CNN news, ID as "AM 12-3-Oh, KYSM...Mankato," into NOS music. New one for me. (NP-AB)

KWSN SD, Sioux Falls 3/5 2115 came up from the mess with local ads, and ID as "Newstalk 1230, WSN." Another new one here. (NP-AB)

1340 KIKO AZ, Miami 3/8 0811 "KIKO Radio" ID. New. (AB-CA)

KPGE AZ, Page 3/8 0855 "Good morning, this is KPGE" ID. New. (AB-CA)

KFLS OR, Klamath Falls 3/8 0926 "14-50 KFLS" ID. New. (AB-CA)

1460 KCKX OR, Stayton 3/12 0040 very huge tonight with classic country tunes, "Honky Tonk Girl" and "From Now On," ID at 0045. Some fading. (MS-CA1)

1480 KSDR SD, Watertown 3/5 1955 local ads, ID by a woman "...Talkradio 1480 KSDR, Watertown..." (NP-AB)

1530 WSAI OH, Cincinnati 3/1 2007 heard under KFBK with NOS music, ID between tunes "1530 WSAI." (NP-AB)

1620 WGJ634 CA, Milpitas 3/12 0519 TIS with message on recycling and ID. (MS-CA1)

1650 KGXL CA, Torrance 3/12 0530 new jazz format and KGIL ID.
(MS-CA1)

KBJD CO, Denver 3/12 0528 overtaking KGXL with Christian
tunes, "I Can't Get Past The Evidence," and slogan
ID. (MS-CA1)

DX TEST

1660 WMIB FL, Marco Island 3/12 logged here while phasing KXOL.
heard with ID's and oldies rock music "Your place for
good time oldies WMIB." Poor at best in signal with
a 60 cycle buzz on channel, while nulling KXOL. Best
between 0100-0200. (PM-CA)

(WMIB) +3/12 0000-0100 nothing heard under KXOL that sounded
like a test. KXOL is almost same direction as WMIB.
(FA-ID)

We are coming to the end of weekly WDXR deadlines, so be sure to
check my deadlines listed at the beginning of the column. Last
issue the KBRO-1490 tip should have been credited to Larry Godwin.
Sorry Larry!

IRCA DX "Scrabble" Contest

Contest standings as of March 15, 2000

1. Tom Jasinski	1398	6. Nancy Johnson	843
2. Pete Taylor	1007	7. John C. Johnson	359
3. Dave Braun	969	8. Mike Sanburn	288
4. Nigel Pimblett	925	9. Lynn Hollerman	118
5. John Tudenham	873	10. Dale Park	54

*Nancy Johnson, contest manager, is not eligible to win the contest.

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SPECIAL INTEREST

1490 KWOK WA, Hoquiam. 3-8 very weak. 22:59 with ID "... KWOK AM
Hoquiam, Aberdeen." EX-KGHO, KAYO. This DX catch was helped
by the 5 inches of heavy wet snow on the ground here. This
was my most wanted station as I worked for KGHO back in
1973-75. [NJ-MT]

DOWN THE DIAL

870 KAAW MO, Bethany. 3-2 good in WWL null. 19:00-19:15 with local
high school basketball BPB. First time heard. [TMJ-IL]

880 WINU IL, Highland. 3-6 very good in WCBS null. 23:10-23:30 with
Missouri Valley Basketball "Diet Pepsi" Tournament on the
Junior Sports Net. At 23:15 basketball ended and Gospel

- music began. Lost to CKLQ and WCBS. I never expected to hear WINU due to their pattern and this was a surprise. Either exceptional skip or they were on their daytime pattern. [TMJ-IL]
- 970 WKHM MI, Jackson. 3-6 frequently on tip 970. 18:30-22:00 with local spots and ID's with call and location. First time heard. [TMJ-IL]
- 990 WLGZ NY, Rochester. 3-7 fair to good. 07:05 with call ID, standards format as "Legends 9-90." Last heard as WCMF. [TN-WI]
- 1070 CBA NB, Sacksville. TENTATIVE. 3-4 too weak for clear audio. In between WIBC and WTSO. 20:00-20:45 heard weak symphony music. Similar sounding music heard on CBW-990 a few hours later. CBA has not been heard here in years. [TMJ-IL] {Tom, I haven't heard CBA since 11-2-1964! One of my best catches and love the official QSL CBA card. John}
- 1160 WODY VA, Fieldale. 3-4 good in WSCR null. 22:58-23:30 with ID's and Gospel program. First time heard. [TMJ-IL]
- 1490 KBSR MT, Laurel. 3-7. 21:58:30 with sign off. Said would return tomorrow. Noticed 3-11 noticed they were not on at all.

This after saying they would be on 24 hours a day. Great as I like 1490 open! [NJ-MT]

- KKAN KS, Phillipsburg. 3-4 poor through others. 20:00 with "Your regional information station, KKAN and KOMA Phillipsburg. [NJ-MT]
- 1580 KWYD CO, Colorado Springs. 3-3 fair to good. 20:00 legal ID only. [TN-WI]

DX TEST

- 660 (KEYZ) ND, Williston. 3-6. 01:29-01:59 listened during this time for the KEYZ DX Test, but nothing heard except WFAN and an unID very weak underneath. [TMJ-IL]

25 YEARS AGO

March 22, 1975 issue of IRCA's "DX Monitor" ... Paul R. Mount of Teaneck, NJ said he was a junior at Teaneck High School and started Dxing in 1970 ... Charles Gill of Springville, NY said he was 44 and had been DX'ing for several years ... Fred Precht1 of Cincinnati, OH said 99% of his DX is during SSS ... HMB Mike Hardester of San Diego, CA said he was 25, single, and is in the US Navy as a Hospital Corpsman.

OPEN MIKE

Good humor is one of the best articles of dress one can wear in society. Have you made your summer vacation plans yet? Why not consider the convention here in Billings? 73, John

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DOWN THE DIAL

- 710 WDSM WI, Superior. 3-18 fair. 07:43 with "All Sports 7-10 WDSM." Logged while trying for needed KXMR. [JJR-WI]

- WFNR VA, Blacksburg. 3-18 fair. 07:11 with full ID into spots. [JJR-WI]
- WTPR TN, Paris. 3-18 fair, but lost into chatter over others. 07:15 with "WTPR Oldies..." NEW! [JJR-WI]
- 1080 WNWI IL, Oak Lawn. 3-12. 04:30 noted on all night with Ethnic Eastern European language program. Signal is easily nullable and I could still hear KRLD. Not sure when they went 24 hours, but noted on early during the morning drive several days ago. During the day they also mentioned that they "now cover Milwaukee" so there may also have been some day pattern changes. [TMJ-IL]
- 1150 CKOC ON, Hamilton. 3-18 poor. 05:19 with "Oldies 11-50 CKOC." This used to be much more common here. [JJR-WI]
- 1210 CFYM SK, Kindersly. 3-17. 23:01 with "back to the Bruins, Clippers game at the Melford Arena on 13-30 and 12-10." [NJ-MT]
- 1230 KZZR OR, Burns. 3-18. 01:00 with ID into network news. [NJ-MT]
- 1410 WAZY IN, Lafayette. 3-17 fair on peaks. 19:25 with Ad-Con music, weather, jingle. [JJR-WI]
- 1450 KGRE CO, Greeley. 3-13. 23:00 with SS format, ID "esta es KGRE Greeley..." [NJ-MT]
- 1480 KKCQ MN, Fosston. 3-17. 18:58 with country music, ID "At 96.7 FM and 14-80 AM, Q Country is KKCQ Bagley, Fosston" into ABC News. [NJ-MT]

UNID

- 1500 unID 3-17 unID fair to poor o/u/KSTP and another. 1932-1947 with ABC News field reports. "Cut one" tone and report. I tuned out at cut 11. [JJR-WI]

25 YEARS AGO

March 29, 1975 issue of IRCA's "DX Monitor" ... John Tracey of Fanwood, NJ thanked Richard Eckman for help in ID'ing Surinam-640 ... David Peterson of Winnetka, IL said he was 16 and had logged 1130 stations ... Brian L. Cartwright of Johnstown, PA told about local pirate WKQQ-1580 ... Rick Shaftan of New York, NY said he was 17 and used an HQ-140X.

OPEN MIKE

Instinct is the nose of the mind. This column was completed on March 18. 73, John

EASTERN DX ROUNDUP

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 DX380

LOGGINGS

630 CFCO ON Chatham. 1/30 0100 ID, "CFCO Precision Weather." The forecast was clear and cool. Good through WMAL. (WJH-MD)

800 CKLW ON Windsor 3/10 0550 Fair with local talk show, gone by 0615 (LF-FL)

830 WXII NC Kernsville 3/6 0525 Ex w/ //WXII TV 12 news (LF-FL)

920 CJCH NS Halifax. 1/29 1903 News and Sports and local ad. Good over QRM. (WJH-MD)

920 WKVA PA Lewistown. 1/29 2000 ID and CNN News. Over all. One of my closer unheards. (WJH-MD)

920 WWIT NC Canton. 2/12 1720. ID as "Rock and Roll rolls on WWIT" into a song. Good over all. (WJH-MD)

960 WAAK NC Dallas. 1/29 0816 Spot for a "Blue Grass Revival" and ID. Fair to good with strong interference. (WJH-MD)

980 WONE OH Dayton. 2/3 1657-1707 Finally a new station on his channel. Over a nulled WTEM and an UI talk station. Song "Young Love." ID by Female as "You are listening... best of the original hits on AM 9-80 WONE Dayton Springfield and AM 13-40 (WIZE) Springfield" into ABC Network News. (WJH-MD)

1000 CKBW NS Bridgewater. 2/6 1830-1839. Numerous IDs such as "Serving Three Counties with one great radio station. Hometown CKBW" and "93.1 FM, 94.5 FM, 1000 AM. This is the South Shore's Super Station CKBW" and, weather and local ads. Oldies. Good over all. (WJH-MD)

1040 WQBB TN Powell 3/7 1835 Presumed with Barbara Streisand song heard under WHO. (WM-MD)

1070 WSCP NY Sandy Creek. 2/6 2021:30-2026. A couple of local ads and C & W song "The Way I Feel About You." It looks like another daytimer "extending" their broadcast hours, nyuck nyuck! (WJH-MD)

1110 WJML MI Petoskey. 2/5 1636. ID "WJML" into song "Green River" by CCR. This was followed by ID as "This is the station that brought back ... Oldies ... Northern Michigan ... WJML." Into song "Downtown" by Petula Clark. (WJH-MD)

1130 KWKH LA Shreveport. 2/10. 1822. Not needed, but a welcome infrequent visitor here with ID by man into local ad. Good over WBBR. (WJH-MD)

1160 WBOB KY Florence. 2/6 0839:30-8:42. Ad for local machinery dealer and Noxema. ID as "Get inside the game with 11-60 Bob the Sports Leader" Surprisingly strong! (WJH-MD)

1160 WMVI NY Mechanicsville. 2/6 1742:30 Start of sign off. Popped in with ID by as "welcome to WMVI." (WJH-MD)

1360 WPTT PA McKeesport. 2/13 1752 Local ad, ID, and Mike Gallagher Talk Show. Good under semi-nulled WWLG. (WJH-MD)

1370 WKMC PA Roaring Spring. Listened to the channel from 0830 to 1637:30 2/13 for an ID from this station (YES, I listened for the ID for over eight hours! Am I crazy or dedicated?) (and my wife thinks that I'M nuts !!- ed) I heard a weak station with standards but it was never strong enough for a clear ID. Finally I heard a singing ID at 1631:30 this was followed by songs by Patty Page, Johnny Mathis, and Roberta Flack. (WJH-MD)

1370 WLTC NC Gastonia. 2/15 2125 Female announcer talked about "happenings" in local churches. Good over all. (WJH-MD)

1380 WGUS SC North Augusta 2/1 2059:45-2100. ID into CNN News. Fair but atop the mess. Heard frequently since. Almost a pest!

(WJH-MD)

- 1390 WKLP WV Keyser. 2/15 0649. ID by Male announcer as "This is WKLP, Keyser 13-90 AM" into weather forecast. Good over all. (WJH-MD)
- 1400 WKPT TN Kingsport 3/6 2145 Nostalgia mx heard, ID (WJH-MD)
- 1410 WLTV AL Mobile. Local ads, music, Gulf Coast Weather, and ID. Good through KQV. (WJH-MD)
- 1450 WILM DE Wilmington. 1/30 1:28:30-1:50:00. Clear Morse code IDs and not much else through a strong WOL. (WJH-MD)
- 1460 WIFI NJ Florence. 2/1 0659:45 Legal ID by Female announcer "14-60 WIFI (Florence)" and nothing else with lots of QRM. (WJH-MD)
- 1470 WJDY MD Salisbury 3/7 1810 Radio Disney heard (WM-MD)
- 1510 WLGN OH Logan. 1/31 1720. Popped in and out with an ID by a man as "WLGN." (WJH-MD)
- 1530 WRTP NC Chapel Hill 3/7 1815 ID heard in clutter (WM-MD)
- 1540 WADM IN Decatur 1/31 1806. Heard ID as "15-40 WADM" by male announcer and nothing else. (WJH-MD)
- 1620 WHLY IN South Bend 3/6 2330 NOS mx heard, ID "WHLY 1620" (WM-MD)
- 1670 WTDY WI Madison 3/6 2350 ID heard in mess (WM-MD)
- 1680 WTTM NJ Princeton 3/6 2345 "The Voice of the Princeton Tigers, the Voice of Local Sports 1680 ESPN Radio", Ad for discount auto store. (WM-MD)

 DX TESTS

- 1450 WILM DE Wilmington. 1/30 1:28:30-1:50:00. Clear Morse code IDs and not much else through a strong WOL. (WJH-MD)

 UN-IDEN:

- 590 ?? ?? 3/6 2220 Opera Music heard (WM-MD)
- 1400 ?? ?? 3/6 2200 CNN Radio news heard in mess (WM-MD)

 T.I.S./H.A.R.

- 1610 Marion County, FL (Ocala) now has a mobile TIS station running on 1610 (Looks like 1610 is a goner for me!) May not be 24/7 but has been on for the past several days (first noted 12/31- but gone after 1/1) It is now back w/ I-75 information. According to the article in the local rag, this station is solar powered and will run on either 1610 or 840. Singal only noted on 1610. (LF-FL)

 Well, thats a wrap for this week. Thanks to our Maryland reporters for the column this week. Been doing "some" SRS listening the past week or so, but nothing much noted. The season is winding down for us southerners !! See you all next week.....all the best..... fresh.....3/12/00 0945

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Greetings to all. I had a great DX session on Wednesday night (15 MAR) at Granite Pier in Rockport, MA. This time, unlike some other sessions, I got quite a bit of it on tape (highlights may be played at Friday's BADX meeting).

It was a mostly clear, chilly, and very windy night over at the

pier. I had to retract the 1.8 m whips (making up the two sides of the broadband loop) some as the setup was becoming physically unstable in the high gusts. I recently acquired two of Wellbrook's fine broadband loop amplifiers from Andy Ikin. One of these amplifiers was used for this session: it performed admirably.

Saudi Arabia was running all-night with speeches and Koran on a number of channels. Not only was 1521 its usual booming self, but I had a huge parallel signal on 594. The Saudi-1440 outlet overtook the domestics for awhile around 0212 UTC (16 MAR).

There was a good signal from Greece-981 at 0133 UTC. Middle Eastern music was heard behind Croatia-1134 (so maybe Kuwait). Iran-1503 peaked at 0032 UTC with a good signal. 702, a generally-unproductive channel on many outings, offered Morocco early and Slovakia later. Usual big-guns from the UK, Ireland, Spain, Germany, Switzerland, Netherlands, Croatia, Norway, Italy, Egypt, Morocco, Algeria, etc. were all thundering in. Several UK stations (including "Talk Sports" ex "Talk Radio" - 1053/1089) had news stories about BMW acquiring the Rover car company. Ceuta-1584 was spot-on 1584.0 rather than 1583.6.

Caribbean / South American signals were there, but they weren't of high enough quality to steer me away from the exciting Trans-Atlantic action.

I experienced another great DX session from 2200 UTC on 18 MAR to 0030 UTC, 19 MAR. This time I listened from the Powder Point Bridge site in Duxbury, MA: one of the best DXing locations south of Boston and north of Cape Cod. Many common European MW stations were in at good levels. A number of Middle Eastern signals were also noted. The better catches included the RASD station from Algeria (or is it W.Sahara/Morocco ?) on 1540 (slicing through nulled powerhouse WPTR !), Syria-783, Jordan-801, Israel-1206, and then at 0013 UTC - the best catch of them all - Armenia-864 blasting its musical-box style Trans-World Radio interval signal right over the usual Egyptian Koran juggernaut. Between this outing and my rip out to Rockport, MA a few days earlier, I must say that I've heard more good DX in the last week than in the entire three-month winter season preceding it. I see that Ben Dangerfield in PA also had good results. I hope that all of you who like MW DX took advantage of these spectacular openings.

DXWWE #2

[Connelly*B-MA] = Billerica, MA, (GC= 71.221 W / 42.533 N), (home)

[Connelly*O-MA] = South Orleans, Cape Cod, MA, (GC= 69.991 W /41.735 N), (Town Landing, off Route 28, 0.3 km N of Tar Kiln Road)

Receiver: Drake RSA

Antenna systems: APW-1 active whip, BBL-1 broadband loop, slopers, Superphaser-1 phasing unit

*** TRANS-ATLANTIC DX ***

612 MOROCCO, Sebaa-Aioun, MAR 5 0011 - AA male chanting, loud accompaniment; to very good peak. Ireland or Spain under.
[Connelly*O-MA]

684 SPAIN, RNE1, Sevilla, MAR 5 0006 - // 855 with SS talk and interspersed dramatic music for emphasis; good. [Connelly*O-MA]

- 738 SPAIN, RNE1, Barcelona, FEB 12 0605 - SS news by man & woman; fair, sliding by CHCM and momentarily-blank WJIB carrier. [Connelly*B-MA]
 + MAR 4 2358 - // 855 with SS political talk; to good peak over CHCM slop. [Connelly*O-MA]
- 756 GERMANY, DeutschlandRadio, Braunschweig/Ravensburg, MAR 4 2356 - man in GG, then a version of "Spanish Harlem" that wasn't the original 1961 Ben E. King one; to good peak. Bits of // 1422 noted, but 756 was much better. [Connelly*O-MA]
- 765 SWITZERLAND, RSR, Sottens, MAR 4 2351 - "Genie in a Bottle" by Christina Aguilera, then a mellow FF vocal; loud. [Connelly*O-MA]
- 774 SPAIN, RNE1 synchros, MAR 5 0017 - // 855 with SS discussion; fair. [Connelly*O-MA]
- 792 SPAIN, SER, Sevilla, MAR 4 2348 - fast SS talk, telephone interview; good. [Connelly*O-MA]
- 801 SPAIN, RNE1 synchros, MAR 4 2347 - // 855 with SS talk; poor. [Connelly*O-MA]
- 837 CANARY ISLANDS // SPAIN, COPE synchros, MAR 4 2345 - SS teletalk and several announcers in the studio; excellent, well over Azores-836 het. [Connelly*O-MA]
- 846 ITALY, Rome, MAR 4 2339 - Italian talk by woman, then piano music; good. [Connelly*O-MA]
- 855 SPAIN, RNE1, Murcia et al., MAR 4 2335 - SS political and economic talk; huge local-like signal. [Connelly*O-MA]
- 891 ALGERIA, Algiers, MAR 4 2245 - AA flute and string music; fair, building in strength; WBPS phased. [Connelly*O-MA]
- 909 UNITED KINGDOM, BBC, Moorside Edge et al., MAR 4 2248 - EE sports mentions by two men and a woman; poor to fair. [Connelly*O-MA]
- 954 SPAIN, R. Espana, Madrid, MAR 4 2335 - SS group discussion and teletalk; fair to good. [Connelly*O-MA]
- 981 ALGERIA, Radiodif. Algerienne, Algiers, MAR 4 2250 - AA vocal; fair with WCAP phased. [Connelly*O-MA]
- 1008 CANARY ISLANDS, Las Palmas, R. Las Palmas / RadioVoz, MAR 4 2334 - non-SER SS talk; good. [Connelly*O-MA]
- 1035 PORTUGAL, R. Nacional, Lisboa, MAR 4 2332 - light PP pops; poor, in WBZ slop. [Connelly*O-MA]
- 1044 MOROCCO, Sebaa-Aioun, MAR 4 2328 - AA strings, drums, vocal; monster signal. [Connelly*O-MA]
- 1044 SPAIN, SER synchros, MAR 4 2253 - // 1575 with SS teletalk; over Morocco. [Connelly*O-MA]
- 1053 UNITED KINGDOM, Talk Radio synchros, MAR 4 2326 - EE teletalk // 1089; slightly over Spain and a pile-up of others. [Connelly*O-MA]
- 1071 SPAIN, EI, Bilbao, MAR 4 2325 - SS talk getting by CBA. [Connelly*O-MA]
- 1089 UNITED KINGDOM, Talk Radio synchros, MAR 4 2255 - EE advertising; to good peak. [Connelly*O-MA]
- 1134 SPAIN, COPE synchros, MAR 4 2256 - SS talk fragments; over low growl. [Connelly*O-MA]
- 1179 CANARY ISLANDS // SPAIN, SER synchros, MAR 4 2322 - SS teletalk; huge. [Connelly*O-MA]
- 1206 FRANCE, R. Bleue, Bordeaux, MAR 4 2320 - apparent FF talk over low-pitched background het. [Connelly*O-MA]
- 1215 UNITED KINGDOM, Virgin R. synchros, MAR 4 2259 - EE man & woman talked about the Virgin Radio Web site. [Connelly*O-MA]
- 1224 SPAIN, COPE synchros, MAR 4 2317 - echoey SS teletalk. [Connelly*O-MA]
- 1251 LIBYA, Tripoli, MAR 4 2317 - Oud music, shrill AA vocal; loud. [Connelly*O-MA]

- 1296 SPAIN, COPE, Valencia, FEB 14 0412 - fast excited SS talk by man; fair, fadey. [Connelly*B-MA]
- 1359 SPAIN, Arganda, FEB 12 0550 - excellent with SS news magazine type program: loudest Trans-Atlantic at the time. [Connelly*B-MA]
+ MAR 4 2314 - SS newstalk; to strong peak over CKBC/WLYN/WDRG slop. [Connelly*O-MA]
- 1385.92 GUINEA Labe, MAR 4 2312 - fast African-accented FF talk; fair with WPLM phased. [Connelly*O-MA]
- 1413 SPAIN, RNE5 synchros, FEB 14 0417 - SS pop music and interspersed talk; poor in slop. [Connelly*B-MA]
- 1467 FRANCE, TWR, Roumoules, MAR 4 2309 - EE male preacher spoke about sharing one's life with Christ, then a hymn followed; very good signal. [Connelly*O-MA]
- 1512 BELGIUM(t), Wolvtem, MAR 4 2305 - sounded like EE talk; too much WNRB slop to be 100% sure. [Connelly*O-MA]
- 1521 SAUDI ARABIA, BSKSA, Duba, MAR 4 2300 - huge signal at sign-off with a bit of music, then carrier went off. [Connelly*O-MA]
- 1521 SPAIN, SER, Castellon, FEB 14 0420 - rapid-fire SS newstalk; over Saudi Arabia. [Connelly*B-MA]
- 1575 SPAIN, SER synchros, FEB 12 0552 - SS teletalk; to fair peak. [Connelly*B-MA]
+ MAR 4 2254 - SS // 1044; poor to fair. [Connelly*O-MA]
- 1583.65 CEUTA, Radiote, FEB 12 0554 - SS talk by man; poor with het from SER-1584.0. [Connelly*B-MA]
- 1584 SPAIN, SER synchros, MAR 4 2254 - // 1044 with SS teletalk; Ceuta het not noted at this time. [Connelly*O-MA]

*** PAN-AMERICAN DX ***

- 555 ST. KITTS & NEVIS ZIZ, Basseterre, MAR 5 0014 - disco music; fair to good. [Connelly*O-MA]
- 660 CUBA, R. Progreso, CMHG, Santa Clara, MAR 5 0009 - harmonica music, ID as "R. Progreso, la Onda de la Alegria"; crushing WFAN! [Connelly*O-MA]
- 690 ANGUILLA, Caribbean Beacon, The Valley, MAR 5 0004 - EE preacher talked about the Passover feast in the time of Jesus. After every 2 or 3 sentences, an announcer translated the sermon into SS. Huge, over Brazil, Colombia, and Venezuela (with no evidence of Montreal). [Connelly*O-MA]
- 760 GUYANA(t), R. Roraima, BRG, Georgetown, MAR 4 2353 - Caribbean EE talk by woman; momentarily over Brazil/Colombia mix and Cuba-759.77 het. [Connelly*O-MA]
- 780 VENEZUELA, R. Coro, YVMN, Coro, MAR 5 0019 - fast SS chatter finally produced a R. Coro ID just before it slid under CFRD. [Connelly*O-MA]
- 800 NETHERLANDS ANTILLES, Trans-World Radio, PJB, Bonaire, MAR 5 0021 - usual SS religious program; good. I'm not sure if this was running 100 kW or 500 kW. [Connelly*O-MA]
- 840 CUBA, CMHW, Santa Clara, MAR 4 2344 - SS speech with phrases "contra el imperialismo" and several "Viva Fidel !" shouts. A rural folk music program "Musica del Campesino" followed. Huge signal. [Connelly*O-MA]
- 870 PUERTO RICO, WQBS, San Juan, MAR 4 2341 - talk "en el corazon de Puerto Rico, la gran cadena QBS"; excellent over other SS station. [Connelly*O-MA]
- 910 VENEZUELA, RQ-910, YVRQ, Caracas, FEB 17 0220 - romantic SS vocal, 'erreh-coo' (RQ) slogan; strong and dominant during semi-auroral conditions. [Connelly*B-MA]

1375.02 ST. PIERRE ET MIQUELON RFO, MAR 4 2313 - Irish or Breton
fiddle music; good. [Connolly*O-MA]

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[3/15] Latest news read in LA Times today was that 1260 KGIL is going jazz completely by April 1. Currently some jazz is aired with standards. Also show tunes are no longer aired. The reason for change is that ratings are low and the GM/owner has more experience programming jazz - he programmed it on 105.1 for many years until 1989. The new PD and on-air announcer is Lawrence Tanter who has been with several L.A. stations over the years. Unsure if simulcast on 1650 will continue, but jazz on AM here is new, at least to me. 1989 saw classical KFAC AM/FM go two directions - Spanish as KWKW and urban on FM with call KKBT. Also that's when I noted EZL instrumentals began disappearing all over in markets. If anyone needs an aircheck of 1260, contact me. 73

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From the Winchester Sun (KY) newspaper: Dolly Parton selling WSEV-930 and WDLY-105.5 FM. FM must change call letters. Dolly's first performance was on WSEV at age 10. The 2/21 test of WIMA-1150 was heard very well here. Well done too! WBSL-1190 the night before, closing with a prayer, so may have changed formats. A squirrel chewed the rope in two holding up my back yard wire. Re-hung it and it works OK, although not as high. Did not get around to hanging new wire last year so maybe I will this year. I got a Radio Shack loop. Handier to use than the Select-A-Tenna and works well with the CC Radio. The loop to radio direct connection does not do much though. One of these days I will connect the CC Radio to the Quantum Loop and see how it performs for some serious work. All the best--Col. DX.

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Greetings from the coastal plains of N.C. It has been several years since I have submitted a Forum, much less an intro. I am a charter member of IRCA, 53 years old, father of four and grandfather of 7. XYL is Leonor L. Lasao, a Filipina, who does not see the point of any type of DXing (but is tolerant, having her own lunacies, hi). Ham license is tech grade plus. I have been a MW BCE DXer since 1957; most of my listening was done from Indianapolis (totals: 1454 logged). Also have DXed formally from Philippines, Okinawa, Bermuda, Oak Harbor, Wash. & Sao TomO e Principe (logs kept, IDs on cassette); and informally from Nay shipboard, Vietnam and San Diego (no logs). I have not varied any stations since Indianapolis 1957-1966 (when I entered the Navy). Instead, I have a large, carefully-organized collection of cassette-tape IDs, starting with Bermuda in 1978. Have been employed since 1986 as a transmitter technician at the VOA's Greenville transmitting station, currently working rotating shift. DX den is centered on an R-390A/URR, a Drake SPR-4, an SM-2, and a 75-ft horizontal. Also have DXed FM, TV and SWBC in past, but not currently. Other interests/hobbies include

running, travel, studying electrical generation, transmission and distribution systems & foreign languages. My present work-sked tends to preclude late-night DX sessions, although I do some daytime and sunset DXing. Home phone is 252-524-3346. If you are in the area, give me a call. 73 de Charlie.

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PAN AMERICAN

HONDURAS: The Honduran station Radio America is kind enough to list all principal FM-and AM -radio stations in Honduras on it's web site <http://www.radioamerica.hn/> The list (in regional order) is on the page http://www.radioamerica.hn/page_6.htm. (Pentti Lintujärvi, HCDX)

NETHERLANDS ANTILLES: on 2/23, TWR began using a new 100,000-watt AM transmitter and directional antenna, replacing the 500,000 watt system in use since August 1965. The new system includes a Nautel NA 100 transmitter and four 480-foot towers. This new system will enable TWR to continue broadcasting to Latin America more than 100 hours of weekly Christian programming in five languages. The switch from the 500,000-watt transmitter to the new 100,000-watt equipment is not expected to reduce coverage to its target audience. Tom Corcoran, TWR regional director for The Americas, says, "By taking these steps forward in technology on Bonaire, we will be able to more effectively bring Christ's message to key target areas such as Cuba, Venezuela, Haiti, Dominican Republic, and the vast Amazon basin for years to come." (TWR Press Release, via HCDX)

TRANS PACIFIC

AFGHANISTAN: Kabul noted 12/29 (and subsequent days) on 1107 during local evening, including regular En slot at 1500-1515 including talk on Islam and Islamic-style choruses sung in En by male voices -- lyrics such as '(indistinct) AFG, your holy religion is Islam, your constitution is Koran', closing at 1515 with announcement to effect: 'thanks for listening, see you again at same time tomorrow' followed by ID in unknown language including phrase 'Kabul, Afghanistan'. Unfortunately signal always fades under co-channel Indian station when an En ID should be audible at top of hour, so I'm not sure exactly what they call themselves now. No trace of them on 7200 which is dominated by VOIRI Teheran at that time. (Alan Davies, Agra, IND, Jan 2 via WWDXC)

AUSTRALIA: The station in Sydney playing non-stop Country and Western music is New Talk Country...no call sign... Or if you wish (says owner) 2NTC. 1701. 24 hours. Homebush Bay is the aerial 400 watts. (overlooks Olympic Site). Address is 5 Macquarie St, Parramatta 2150 NSW, Australia. All reports must be accompanied by either Self stamped addressed envelope or 1 USD or 1 IRC. A prepared card also helps. Bonus if you put in your telephone number and suggest in your report that you would like to be interview, for on air... no problem even if you live outside of Australia. (John Wright, HCDX)

The station that was to operate as 2KZ has now been changed to 2GW. Studios will be at Penrith Panthers Leagues club. Middle of February is the target for start up. QSL route for 2GW direct to me: 4/33 Kerrie Crescent, Peahurst 2210 NSW Australia. (John Wright, HCDX)

Australia's newest X Bander has commenced on 1620 kHz from the Whitsunday region of Qld with 400 watts. The Licensee is Coral Coast Christian Broadcasting Assoc. who are calling themselves ' Reef Rhema'. Manager of the station is John Robert-Shaw with address as P.O.Box 202 Bowen 4805 Qld. Phone 0747863300. Their transmitter is located beside the Proserpine - Airlie Beach Rd at Cannonvale Queensland. (Chris Martin, via HCDX)

Check this URL for the latest MW station list from the Land of Oz.
<http://www.netspace.net.au/~dih/dx/mw.html> (Paul Ormandy, HCDX)

The ABA is about to release its draft LAP for Sydney (analog). In it they will be calling for submissions from interested parties about: 1. Higher power for the AM commercial stations (from 5Kw to 10Kw). 2. Day/night switching. Also the commercial stations are expected to advise the ABA for special testing requirements to run 10Kw in anticipation of the higher power outcome. Sydney is the next cab of the rank for the planning process then Melbourne. Most of the ABA's resources are being channeled into digital though (mainly digital TV). The minister for communications has announced that there is a sunset clause for analog broadcasting, which is to be 2021. The way things are moving in the broadcasting technology business there may very well be no analog receivers around by 2021 though. It is understood that a number of Sydney's AM's are already running 10Kw at this time. (Chris Martin, via HCDX)

JAPAN: NHK-Hamamatsu 1(JODG) changed from 999kHz to 576 kHz. Recently, NHK-Hamamatsu relays all the NHK-Shizuoka(JOPK 882kHz)'s programs, and thus ID as "Shizuoka daiichi hoso, JOPK". However, at sign on/off, local identification could be heard. (Osamu Aikawa, via Patrick Martin)

PAPUA NEW GUINEA: Radio West New Britain came back on air in early February after being disabled since October last year. The radio station, one of three NBC stations upgraded with the help of international donor assistance, first went off air in August last year when it was struck by lightning during a freak daylight electrical storm. The damage caused by the lightning strike was repaired and the station resumed operations for just over two months before a seismic tremor measuring 6.9 on the Richter scale disabled the station's transmitter in November. A month before, the station was commissioned by the minister for communication and information. ('The Independent' web site, Port Moresby, in English 3 Feb 00, via DXLD)

PHILIPPINES: Courtesy of Hideki Watanabe, Japan the information cited below may be of interest:

1287.0 DXRP, RGMA network in Zamboanga city.

1476.1 DXRJ-AM, Rajah B.Network. DXRJ-FM is located in Cagayan de Oro city. DXRJ-AM same city?

1548.0 DZSG(or DZFB) Super radyo 15-48, RGMA network in Dagupan city.

1674.0 DZBF-Radyo Marikina, running 1kW, s/off at 1130 UTC.

(Bjarne Mjelde, HCDX)

RUSSIA: 270 R Odin - Khabarovsk has seemed to QRT from late-1999.

675 Obshshestvennoe R Primor'ya, private stn in Vladivostok, couldn't be heard here for months.

711 R Vostok Rossii, Khabarovsk, Jan 22 -0730- 34433 Russian. Pops, ads. ID at 0730 as "Reklama 32-71-15, Radio Vostok Rossii". "Reklama" means advertisement. The stn started being in Oct 1999.

810 Rst. Tikhii Okean via Primorskoe R. Jan 24 0815- 35333 Russian. IS, ID as "Govorit Vladivostok". Then nx. parallel LW 243.

269 R Ussuri, Ussuriysk, Jan 25 0950-1005 33333-22332 Ru. New private

stn in the city, 100 km north from Vladivostok. Nonstop pops. Nx & weather at 0901. ID as "Radio Ussuri, kotoroe... i reklama." Heard at the seaside of Niigata. (Hironao Oguma-JPN, Jan 22/24/29 via Topnews)
Radiostation "Tikhiy Okean" Vladivostok partial schedule 0815-0900 on 234kHz //7175/7210/7490(usb) Khabarovsk, 10344(usb)/17675 Irkutsk, 12045 Komsomoslk-Amur; 1900-1945 on 648 kHz //7345 Khabarovsk, 9885 Vladivostok, 9900 Irkutsk (WWDXC Topnews)

SAMOA: 747kHz - Info from a QSL from 2AP's Chief Technical Officer, Mr. C Warren: 540kHz is now the only full-time channel carrying the bi-lingual (English and Samoan) service from 6 a.m. till 11 p.m. daily (1700 - 1000 UTC). The former second program channel of 747kHz is now only used for carrying school broadcasts 8:30 a.m. till 9:30 a.m. (1930 - 2030 UTC) and then switched off. This channel is also used for broadcasts of the English version (translated) from Samoa's Parliament when it's in session. 747kHz uses a DX 10 Harris transmitter fed into a 120 meter mast with omnidirectional pattern. (Paul Ormandy HCDX)

SRI LANKA: Current MW schedule for the Deutsche Welle Tricomalee relay: English 0200-0245 1600-1645, German 1000-1400 1700-2000, Hindi 1515-1600, Urdu 1430-1515. Station operates on 1548 with 400kw, antenna azimuth 35 degrees (ADDX)

TAIWAN: A new Family Radio station transmitting from Taiwan is being heard on 1557. According to Mgr. Matt Tuter of Family Radio, this transmitter is 75 kW but power will be increased to 300 kW. The station will have predominantly Mandarin programming, but with two 3-hour English time slots. The transmitter site is near Kou-Hu on the western coast of Taiwan. The station is being programmed from Oakland, California. From there they send a "live" MP3 stream point to point on the internet to the Merlin/BBC control center at Bush House in London. >From London it gets uplinked with BBC and other broadcasters material as an Mpeg II Stream on Intelsat, down in Cyprus, up to Asia Sat II, and down in Taiwan. Testing Started January 15th at around 15Kw.

Some Mandarin language Christian music was broadcast on the 19th at 50Kw. Regular programming started on the morning of the 20th at 50Kw. At 8am (Taiwan Time) on February 2nd the power was run up to 75Kw. It is due to increase to 300 kW within the next 2-3 weeks. The station has a very stable and clean -75dBm signal here in Arctic Norway throughout the evening. The downside of this new station is that hunting low-powered Japanese stations on this frequency will probably be impossible. (Bjarne Mjelde, Norway, via HCDX)

THAILAND: On request of OM Henrik Klemetz I did a short MW check. The list does not claim to be complete in any way, I simply logged the strongest signals (S 3 or better) during daytime. The locations are guesses by comparison with the frequency list of the WRTH 2000. If not stated otherwise, traditional or modern Thai music was heard; special program formats are mentioned. All observations made in Ko Tao. All Thai frequencies (also the UNIDs = not listed in WRTH) except 774 Udon Thani and 693 Saraburi were in // at 0900 UTC.

Frequency-Transmitter
540 Bangkok
558 ? various listed
576 Bangkok
585 ? various listed
594 Khon Kaen
612 Lop Buri
630 Bangkok

657 Samut Sakhon
675 Chiang Mai
684 Bangkok
693 Saraburi
711 ? various listed
720 UNID Thai
738 Bangkok
747 ? various listed
765 Lampang
774 Udon Thani
792 ? various listed
810 ? various listed
819 ? various listed
828 ? various listed
837 Sakon Nakhon
855 UNID Thai
873 ? various listed
891 Saraburi
918 Chanthaburi
927 Bangkok
936 ? various listed
945 Tronoh (Malaysia)
1017 Segamat (Malaysia)
1062 Bangkok
1125 Chanthaburi
1143 Bangkok
1170 Bangkok
1215 Surat Thani
1242 Surat Thani
1323 Surat Thani
1377 Phitsanulok
1449 Chumphon (int. Pop songs and Thai Rock)
(Willi Passmann, Ko Tao-Thailand, Feb 19, via HCDX)

TRANS ATLANTIC

AUSTRIA: Private radio on MW will be possible according to the Austrian National Assembly. Old txs as Graz, Dornbirn, Wien-Bisamberg, Linz, Innsbruck and Scharnitz can soon be reactivated. A long list of txs still existing[? ed] are presented. Freqs to be used are planned as follows: 585 630 774 891 963 1026 1125 1143, 1314 1458 1485 1548 and 1602. (Radio-redaktion via BE, via MWC)

ICELAND: MW stns in Iceland. I called our Chief Engineer Txion Network Mr. Kristjan Benediktsson and he tells me that MW 738 is still pending for decision of closure. MW 666 was closed Apr 20th 1999. He also confirms that the station at Raufarhoefn (1485 kHz /BE) has been closed but he does not know that exact date. (Gudrun Eyberg <gudruney@ruv.is> via BE-SWE, via MV-Eko Info-Desk, Feb 22, via HCDX)

ISRAEL: recent business trip, Per Arutz Sheva is quiet on 71land 1143 kHz, but still active on FM from different locations in Israel. Heard a new Kol Israel station on 1269 kHz. Is there any HCDX reader that is living in or near Israel that can check. Hebrew was also heard on 1539 kHz. The Voice of Peace ??? (Bengt Ericson, HCDX)

LITHUANIA: As of January 1, 2000, Program 2 of Lietuvos Radijas will change frequency at its Vilnius site: instead of 612 kHz, 1107 kHz will be used with 25 kW of power. There are intentions to make the same

change at the Klaipėda site, but no concrete decisions have been made so far. Vilnius 612 kHz (with 50 kW of power) will be used in the very near future for relays of Radio Polonia's broadcasts in Belarusian daily 1730-1755 UTC. It is highly possible that this will start January 1, 2000 as well. Later in January or February, relays of RFE-RL broadcasts in Belarusian are to be added, as well as relays of Radio Racja, a Belarusian station based in Bialystok, Poland. These relays will be made by a new Lithuanian broadcaster Radio Baltic Waves, which was licensed in August 1999 to use Vilnius 612 kHz throughout the year 2000. Radio Baltic Waves plans to add its own programming later in the year 2000, depending upon financing from western free speech and human rights foundations. (Sigitas Zilionis, HCDX)

NETHERLANDS: Currently, the owners of Delta 171 are working with the Dutch authorities to prepare and submit revised technical documentation to the International Telecommunication Union (ITU) in Geneva. This is necessary because of concerns expressed by the French [Govt.]. At a major international frequency conference in the 1970's, the Dutch were allocated the frequency of LW 171 kHz for a 500 kW transmitter at Lopik, with an antenna pattern that was designed to cause no adjacent channel interference to France-Inter on 162 kHz. However, the plan now is to build the station on a platform in the North Sea, and use much higher power. Although the signal will be beamed westwards into the UK, the French have expressed concerns that the technical arrangements do not comply with what was agreed back in the 1970's. Under ITU regulations, they have a right to lodge an objection, which they have done. This sets in motion a chain of bureaucratic procedures, which are currently being worked through. (Andy Sennitt, www.rnw.nl, Jan 25, via Christoph Mayer, HCDX)

NORWAY: info from Bernt Erfjord, DX-Listeners' Club, Norway

1485 kHz Longyearbyen, on Spitsbergen relay the P1-feed off satellite // FM locally. This P1-feed includes regional programmes from NRK Troms. (times see below) 1314 kHz Kvitsøy carries the Europakanalen service, which is a mixture of the 3 national channels P1, P2 and P3, in addition to some exclusive Weather forecasts, and programs from Radio Norway International. Where P1 includes regional programs during Europakanalen slots, the regional program is NRK Østlandssendingen (Oslo) (happens in the morning). Remaining outlets (630 kHz Vigra, 675 kHz Røst and 702 kHz Vadsø) carries Europakanalen, but overridden by all regional programs. (NRK Møre og Romsdal, NRK Nordland and NRK Finnmark respectively). Note also that 702 kHz Vadsø will be replaced this autumn by 153 kHz 100 kW at Ingøy close to Cape North.

The current schedule for regional programs on P1 (including the slots you'll hear on 1314 Kvitsøy originating from Østlandssendingen in Oslo and from the other regions on the other stations reads as follows.) Especially the morning slots are very integrated to the national feed and not so easy to recognize!

Monday to Friday:

0603-0630, 0640-0700, 0703-0730, 0740-0750, 0754-0800, 0805-0818, 0825-0830, 0836-0900, 0903-0905, 1003-1005, 1103-1200, 1203-1230, 1303-1305, 1403-1405, 1503-1505, 1603-1630, 1633-1700, 1703-1730, 1803-1805

Saturday:

0805-0808, 1003-1005, 1103-1200, 1203-1230

Changes in the schedule on Saturdays are expected to take place sometime this spring, probably dropping the 1103-1200 and 1203-1230 slots, instead introducing further hourly 2-5 minute news bulletins. Note also that in northern Norway (Nordland, Troms and Finnmark) they share a common daily 1103-1200/1203-1230 program called "Norraför" ("Up

North"). (So 675, 702 and 1485 will be // at that time). (via HCDX)

POLAND: seems to be now regularly on 198 kHz (0800-1700 UTC) with PR3 and parliament sessions. (Karel Honzik the Czech Republic, via HCDX) There seems to be only two active Polish AM stations. The other one is LW 225 kHz. 1368, 1305, 1206, 1080, 819 and 738 kHz are free for long-distance reception. 720 kHz has been off the air many years. Poland does not use 1503 kHz any more. Religious programming was moved to Russia 1494 kHz. This happened at the end of January. So there are no Polish MW stations on the air, only 225 kHz is active (and 198 too? Bp). (Jorma Mantyla Kangasala, Finland, via HCDX)

RUSSIA: "1494 kHz (has) a new wide diagram shorten aerial system called "Bolshaya Zarya" in use at present with 258 degrees (from November 25th, 1999). We suppose that reception on this frequency is more mediocre in Western Europe now, but more good and stable in Scandinavia or Baltic States. If you will listen medium-wave band in the evenings in the coming time please will look through a 1494 kHz and then tell us about the reception quality very shortly (if it is possible, with simple portable receiver and its own ferrite or telescopic antenna in use). We are especially interested in reports from various parts of Finland, Sweden, Norway, Denmark or Baltic States. Our transmission on 1494 kHz is from 1600 to 2200 UTC daily with Voice of Russia in English, Finnish, Swedish and Norwegian (2000-2200 UTC time period is most interesting for us). Our e-mail address is: pcd00342@mail.admiral.ru Thank you in advance for any help. Mikhail Timofeyev St. Petersburg Russia" (via HCDX)

SUDAN: This country has changed time zones, moving clocks forward so that local time is now GMT+3. (DXLD)

HEARING IT THROUGH THE GRAPEVINE

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Welcome to another edition of The Grapevine! This edition's Featured Frequency is another frequency in which one of my locals is parked on, this time 1570 kHz. The featured state is the Hawkeye State of Iowa, and our Featured Province is one in which only one reporter has heard...Prince Edward Island.

FEATURED FREQUENCY: 1570 kHz

Tim Hall, Chula Vista, CA

(no calls) Chula Vista, CA: Local carrier-current station for drive-in church!

KCVR Lodi, CA: Rare

KPRO Riverside, CA: Rare

KTGE Salinas, CA: Occasional catch

KLOV Loveland, CO: Semi-rare

KMYZ Pryor, OK: DX test

CKTA Taber, AB: Regular in the 1980s

CHUB Nanaimo, BC: Regular in the 1980s

XERF Ciudad Acuna, Coahuila, Mexico: Nightly pest

Atlantic Beacon, Turks and Caicos Islands: Once or twice at sunset in the 1980s

Mike Sanburn, Bellflower, CA
XERF Ciudad Acuna, Coahuila, Mexico: A former pest
KCVR Lodi, CA: Logged in April 1989
CFEZ/CKTA Taber, AB: Occasionally at night
KPRO Riverside, CA: Best at sunrise
KTGE Salinas, CA: Occasionally at night
CHUB/CKEG Nanaimo, BC: Best at night during the winter
KHPN Loveland, CO: Loud at night since 1998

Dan Sys, Langley, BC
KCVR Lodi, CA: Semi-regular at night
KOHU Hermiston, OR: Occasional at sunrise and sunset before moving to
1360
CHUB/CKEG Nanaimo, BC: Regular day and night
CKLQ Brandon, MB: Rare at night before moving to 880
XERF Ciudad Acuna, Coahuila, Mexico: Rare at night

Eric Bueneman, Hazelwood, MO
WOKZ/WBGZ Alton, IL: Local station, barely nullable at night (even with
74 watts, station went full-time in 1986)
XERF Ciudad Acuna, Coahuila, Mexico: Heard December 22, 1996 at night,
in a tight WBGZ null
WFRL Freeport, IL: Heard September 16, 1998 at night, in tight WBGZ
null, was regular at sunset in the 1980s
WKBH Holmen, WI: Heard September 18, 1998 at night, in a tight WBGZ null
WSSA Morrow, GA: Heard February 19, 1999 one hour before sunrise, in
tight WBGZ null

FEATURED STATE: Iowa

Tim Hall, Chula Vista, CA
WMT - 600 Cedar Rapids: Heard only once
WOI - 640 Ames: DX test
WHO -1040 Des Moines: Nightly pest before KURS came on
KFGQ-1260 Boone: DX test
WOC -1420 Davenport: Monday mornings in the 1970s and 1980s with XEXX off
KXEL-1540 Waterloo: Nightly pest in the 1970s
KCJJ-1560 Iowa City, IA: Occasional catch in the 1980s (station now
KCJK-editor)
KCJJ-1630 Iowa City, IA: Monday mornings through XEUT open carrier and
mixing product of OCs from XERCN-1470 and XEBG-1550! (Swapped calls
with 1560-editor)
KCNZ-1650 Cedar Falls: Occasionally through KGXL when conditions are
good
KBGG-1700 Des Moines: Often dominant

Mike Sanburn, Bellflower, CA
WHO -1040 Des Moines: Regular at night
KFGQ-1260 Boone: DX Test in 1994
KXEL-1540 Waterloo: Former regular
KCJJ-1630 Iowa City: Logged in November 1998

Dan Sys, Langley, BC
WMT - 600 Cedar Rapids: Not heard since the 1970s
WHO -1040 Des Moines: occasional nights under CKST
KXEL-1540 Waterloo: Occasional nights
KCRG-1600 Cedar Rapids: Rare nights
KCJJ-1630 Iowa City: Semi-regular nights
KCNZ-1650 Cedar Falls: Occasional nights

KBGG-1700 Des Moines: Occasional nights

Eric Bueneman, Hazelwood, MO

KWMT- 540 Fort Dodge: Daytime regular with splash from local KTRS-550

WMT - 600 Cedar Rapids: Daytime regular with splash from KFNS-590

WOI - 640 Ames: Often at sunset, occasionally at night with splash from

KJSL-630

KBOE- 740 Oskaloosa: Heard August 15, 1999 at night

WSUI- 910 Iowa City: Regular at sunset, occasionally at night with WGNU-
920 splash

KIOA/KXTK-940 Des Moines: Nightly in WMIX null

KMA - 960 Shenandoah: Heard October 31, 1993 at night, with KZIM nulled

WHO -1040 Des Moines: Regular day and night, nulloable at night

KWKY-1150 Des Moines: Heard February 20, 2000 before sunrise

KSTT/KJOC-1170 Davenport: Nighttime regular in KVOO null

KCNZ-1250 Cedar Falls: Semi-regular at night before moving to 1650

KGLO-1300 Mason City: Regular at sunrise/sunset, occasionally at night

KWLO-1330 Waterloo: Regular at night

KRNT-1350 Des Moines: Regular at night

KSCJ-1360 Sioux City: Heard January 26, 1994 at night

KCIM-1380 Carroll: Heard November 1, 1992 with local KASP off

WOC -1420 Davenport: Regular at night, also heard on DX test in Jan 1994

KMRY-1450 Cedar Rapids: Heard March 7, 1998 at night with local KIRL-
1460 off

KGGO/KDMI-1460 Des Moines: Occasionally in tight KIRL null

KWSL-1470 Sioux City: Heard March 7, 1998 in WMBD null, local KIRL-1460
off

KXEL-1540 Waterloo: Occasionally days in WSMI null, regular at night

KCJW-1560 Iowa City: Heard December 31, 1994 at night, in WPAD null (now
KCJK)

KWBG-1590 Boone: Heard October 24, 1994 at night

KCJJ-1630 Iowa City: Rare days, superpest at night since October 13,
1998 sign-on

KCNZ-1650 Cedar Falls: Rare days, dominant at night since moving from
1250

KBGG-1700 Des Moines: Rare days, dominant at night with KTEK

FEATURED PROVINCE: Prince Edward Island

Eric Bueneman, Hazelwood, MO

CHTN- 720 Charlottetown: Heard February 28, 1993 at night, during WGN
silent period

Prince Edward Island is one province that rarely (if ever) makes it west of the Mississippi River. With WGN so dominant in the Midwest and KDWN dominant in the West, it's no wonder only one of us has heard our Featured Province! For you geography buffs, Prince Edward Island is off the northern coast of another rarely-heard province on AM here in the Midwest, New Brunswick (although I have received New Brunswick on TV in this area). No, it's not a question that Regis Philbin would ever ask, hi!

In the next edition of The Grapevine, our Featured Frequency will be another one in which a local is parked, this one being KXEN's home of 1010 kHz. Our Featured State will be the Buckeye State of Ohio (no, I haven't won a Buckeye News Hawk Award, hi!), and our Featured Province will be one of the Prairie Provinces, this one being Manitoba. Also, we will feature your top ten most DX-productive U.S. states. It'll be interesting which states would be most productive from our QTHs!

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- 580 BRAZIL R. CBN (ZYI776), Recife, 22 Oct, 0439 - Perhaps helped through CJFX by the lengthening (one day experiment) of our Beverage to 4900 feet; // many stations with "CBN Madrugada" net ID [NK].
 - + 24 Oct, 0208 - Talk in PP, // 860; SIO 222 [JB].
- 580 DOMINICAN REP. R. Monte Cristi (HIAF), Monte Cristi, 22 Oct, 0901 - Three stations in SS here, this one with lively music IDed; SIO 222, suspect dominant (news) station was Puerto Rico [JB].
- 580 PUERTO RICO R. Reloj (WKAQ), San Juan, 23 Oct, 0915 - SS chat and ads; SIO 433 [JB].
- 600 BRAZIL R. Gaúcha (ZYK278), Porto Alegre, 21 Oct, 0037 - PP talk, // 6020; SIO 333 [JB].
- 610 BRAZIL R. Itatiaia (ZYL268), Belo Horizonte, 20 Oct, 2202 - "A Voz do Brasil" ends, ID; SIO 433 [JB].
- 610 TRINIDAD & TOBAGO NBS R., Port of Spain, 17 Oct, 2234 - Nat King Cole ballad, ID and EE time check at 2237; fair [JF].
 - + 18 Oct, 0449 - Good with a British EE male announcer [NK].
 - + 23 Oct, 0817 - Caribbean-accented preacher; SIO 333 [JB].
- 610 VENEZUELA R. Centro (YVXY), Centaura, 18 Oct, 0115 - Probably this with sports, // RCR 750 [NK].
- 630 ARGENTINA R. Rivadavia (LS5), Buenos Aires, 17 Oct, 0201 - News, weather, ID at 0204 "Rivadavia, solo la verdad;" SIO 444 [JB].
 - + 17 Oct, 0204 - SS news, clear ID; good [JF].
 - + 18 Oct, 0034 - Election coverage; SIO 222, under another SS station [JB].
 - + 19 Oct, 0105 - Over and under WSKN and a domestic station with ID [NK].
 - + 20 Oct, 0222 - Election ads, amazingly clear; SIO 444 [JB].
- 640 GUADELOUPE RFO, Pointe-à-Pitre, 10 Oct, 0408 -Pop music and woman DJ, // 1375; SIO 333 with CBN phased [JB].
 - + 18 Oct, 0059 - ID as "Radio Guadeloupe" before France-Inter news; SIO 322 [JB].
- 640 VENEZUELA Unión R. (YVQO), Puerto La Cruz, 18 Oct, 0035 - News by man and woman, ID at 0101 only as "Unión Radio;" SIO 433 over Guadeloupe with CBN phased [JB].
 - + 18 Oct, 0417-"Unión Radio" slogans under Guadeloupe; SIO 222[JB].
 - + 23 Oct, 0822 - Promo for baseball with list of Unión R. stations; SIO 444 [JB].
- 650 COLOMBIA RCN Antena 2 (HJKH), Bogotá, 18 Oct, 0455 - SS announcement, ads, "R-C-N" ID; SIO 243 [JB].
 - + 19 Oct, 0240 - SS reports from cities in Colombia, accordion music, talk about football; SIO 322 under domestic QRM [JB].
 - + 20 Oct, 0138 - Football play-by-play, fabulous goals, IDs; SIO 322 [JB].
 - + 22 Oct, 0220 - Ads, "RCN" ID, music; SIO 444 [JB].
 - + 23 Oct, 0201 - "Antena Dos de Cali" ID; SIO 343 [JB].
- 650 UNID 18 Oct, 0235 - Classical music station, deep fades like a "deep South" American, so S.O.D.R.E. (Uruguay) seems most likely, but it faded away before possible ID at 0300; SIO 333 [JB].
 - + 22 Oct, 0207 - Classical music occasionally fading up but mostly under Colombia; SIO 322 at peak [JB].
- 660 ST. LUCIA St. Lucia BC, Babonneau, 18 Oct, 0124 - Excellent; over Venezuela with accented EE giving a 9:24 time check then mellow instrumental music [NK].
 - + 19 Oct, 0051 - Local-like signal, talking about Victory Hospital [NK].

- + 23 Oct, 2151 - Man and woman host "Caribbean Count-Down;" SIO 343 [JB].
- 660 VENEZUELA R. Anaco (YVQZ), 20 Oct, 0350 - Sign-off announcement, mentioning 10 kW (says 5 kW in WRTH), state and Venezuelan anthems; SIO 443 [JB].
- 680 BRAZIL R. Difusora AM (ZYH885), São Luís, 18 Oct, 0500 - ID [NK].
- + 18 Oct, 0501 - ID, then notice of a meeting for entrepreneurs in São Luís; SIO 333 [JB].
- + 20 Oct, 0003 - ID then rapidly fading under Puerto Rico; SIO 322 [JB].
- + 20 Oct, 0259 - Way over WAPA and then lost to unID Brazilian QRM [NK].
- 680 PUERTO RICO R. Guapa (WAPA), San Juan, 16 Oct, 0905 - ID "La Maxima en Noticias," male announcer; fair [JF].
- + 20 Oct, 0004 - Rose rapidly with IDs listing this and a couple of affiliated stations, ads and jingles; SIO 444 [JB].
- 680 VENEZUELA R. Continente (YVQR), Cumaná, 22 Oct, 0210 - Horse-racing results, // 740, mentioned "dos mil Bolívares para ganar" (can't be much ?) [NK].
- 690 BRAZIL R. Dragão do Mar (ZYH587), Fortaleza, 17 Oct, 0138 - Likely; Portuguese language preacher; good [JF].
- + 21 Oct, 0348 - Presumed; seemed like PP religion, mentioned "Fortaleza;" SIO 322 [JB].
- 690 COLOMBIA R. Recuerdos (HJCZ), Bogotá, 24 Oct, 0928 - Faded up over HCJB with ads and many IDs; SIO 433 [JB].
- 690 ECUADOR Voz de los Andes (HCJB1), Quito, 10 Oct, 0927 - Local music, talk in presumed Quechua, // (and better than) 3220; SIO 444 [JB].
- + 16 Oct, 0934-0941 - EZL music, // weaker 3220, coming up nicely over nguilla as sun rose, Quechua talk, but fading down by 0941; good [JF].
- + 24 Oct, 0919-Man in Quechua, clarinet music, //3220; SIO 333[JB].
- 700 ARGENTINA R. Córdoba (LV3), Córdoba, 20 Oct, 0106 - Man and woman with news and sports for the Provincia de Córdoba, ID (garbled) and Web address; SIO 322 [JB].
- 700 BRAZIL R. Nova Eldorado AM (ZYK686), São Paulo, 18 Oct, 0522 - Lucky to land here as woman IDed; SIO 333 [JB].
- + 20 Oct, 0110 - Ads, program promo, ID; SIO 222 [JB].
- 700 COLOMBIA R. Net (HJCX), Calí, 24 Oct, 0933 - "Radio Net" and time as 4:30 before news; SIO 332 [JB].
- 700 VENEZUELA R. Sur (YVPQ), Puerto Ordaz, 20 Oct, 0101 - Presumed; very likely this with baseball coverage; SIO 332 [JB].
- + 20 Oct, 0256 - Still baseball, Caribes del Oriente vs. somebody; SIO 332 [JB].
- 705 ST. VINCENT National Broadcasting Corp., Kingstown, 17 Oct, 0345 - Typical Caribbean eclectic program with LA music, old C&W ballads and EE announcer with heavy Caribbean accent; fair [JF].
- 710 ARGENTINA R. Diez (LRL202), Buenos Aires, 17 Oct, 2239 - Election coverage, best around 2301 with inaccurate ID: "Radio Diez, la radio más potente de Argentina;" SIO 444 briefly [JB].
- + 17 Oct, 2323-2332 - Mostly atop another SS with loteria ad, deportes (sports report), and a nice ID "Radio Diez, La Radio más potencia de Argentina;" of course many Argentines use more power than them [NK].
- 710 VENEZUELA R. Capital (YVKY), Caracas, 17 Oct, 0042 - Baseball play-by-play; SIO 322 with QRM from CKVO [JB].
- 720 PARAGUAY R. Pa'i Puki, 25 Leguas, 23 Oct, 0830 - Seems to have just signed on with ID (sounds more like "Patai-Paku" to me!) and weather; SIO 333, but fading fast [JB].

- 730 PARAGUAY R. Cardinal (ZP7), Asunción, 16 Oct, 0312 - Very likely this, no ID noted during sporting event but the Paraguayan team was obviously the 'good guys;' SIO 332 [JB].
+ 16 Oct, 0314 - SS sporting event with male announcer mentioning Paraguay often; poor [JF].
- 750 BRAZIL R. CBN (ZYH709), Brasilia, 18 Oct, 0513 - Good with "C-B-N" ID atop presumed ZYL213 with RCR off [NK].
+ 24 Oct, 0216-ID noted over/under Venezuelan, //860; SIO 322 [JB].
- 750 VENEZUELA R. Caracas R. (YVKS), Caracas, 17 Oct, 0039 - Venezuelan baseball, "R-C-R" IDs; SIO 444 [JB].
+ 24 Oct, 0212 - "RCR" ID and promo, time check, telephone chat; SIO 322 [JB].
- 760 BRAZIL R. Record (ZYH588), Fortaleza, 10 Oct, 0225 - Phone chat, canned ID at 0227, mellow music; SIO 444 [JB].
- 759.78 CUBA R. Reloj, Caney de las Mercedes, 19 Oct, 0950 - News and IDs; SIO 333 [JB].
- 760 GUYANA GBC, Georgetown, 24 Oct, 0126 - Caribbean-accented EE women under Fortaleza's big signal [NK].
- 760 VENEZUELA R. Puerto La Cruz (YVQQ), Puerto La Cruz, 16 Oct, 0026 - Announcement with huge reverb, ID in promo; SIO 333 [JB].
- 770 COLOMBIA RCN (HJXX), Bogotá, 10 Oct, 0229 - "RCN" IDs and hype over likely R. Oriental, Uruguay; SIO 433 [JB].
- 770 URUGUAY R. Oriental, 17 Oct, 0331 - Nice ID "Transmite CX12...Radio Oriental, Montevideo, Uruguay," male announcer talking about classical music; fair [JF].
- 780 BRITISH VIRGIN IS. ZEBI, Roadtown, 24 Oct, 0128 - Caribbean EE man ranting atop the SS and PP QRM [NK].
- 780 PARAGUAY R. Primero de Marzo (ZP70), Asunción, 23 Oct, 0836 - Spotted in unusually strong opening to Paraguay, telephone report, ads, ID at 0840; SIO 343-4 [JB].
- 780 VENEZUELA R. Coro (YVMN), Coro, 16 Oct, 0927 - Promos, ads, ID, and "Fiesta 7-80" promo; SIO 433 [JB].
- 790 ARGENTINA R. Mitre (LR6), Buenos Aires, 16 Oct, 0846-0857 - SS talk, music "Girl from Ipanema" in PP and EE, ID at 0855 as "Mitre, La Radio;" fair [JF].
+ 17 Oct, 2244 - Presidential election returns; very unusual to hear Argentina well this early, SIO 433 [JB].
+ 17 Oct, 2340 - Atop with local ads [NK].
+ 18 Oct, 0224 - Ad for Channel 14 TV, Mitre ID; SIO 444 [JB].
+ 21 Oct, 0116 - Fair and clear with "Radio Mitre" ID [NK].
- 800 BRAZIL R. MEC (ZYJ457), Rio de Janeiro, 18 Oct, 0014 - PP talk then classical music; SIO 422 [JB].
+ 22 Oct, 2304 - Huge with local ads and about 10 IDs which sound phonetically like "Rádio Mek-key" into a beautiful PP song [NK].
+ 22 Oct, 2324 - Mellow Brazilian pops, IDs that sounded like "Rádio Mecky" at 2330; SIO 343 with VOWR reduced by phasing [JB].
- 800 NETHERLAND ANTILLES TWR (PJB), Bonaire, 18 Oct, 0008 - SS religion, address in Atlanta; SIO 422 [JB].
+ 22 Oct, 23 Oct, 0001 - "Radio Transmundial" ID under R. MEC; SIO 222 [JB].
- 810 COLOMBIA Caracol Colombia (HJCY), Bogotá, 23 Oct, 0905 - News, ads, IDs and jingles; SIO 433 [JB].
- 810 PERU Radial Andina (OAX7V), Juliaca, 23 Oct, 0907 - Briefly audible through Caracol with clarinet and woman with "en simultané...para todo el Perú...RPP;" SIO 322 [JB].
- 820 COLOMBIA Caracol Colombia (HJED), Cali, 22 Oct, 0859 - "Esta es Caracol" after fanfare; SIO 232 [JB].
- 820.24 COLOMBIA R. Vigía (HJAD), Cartagena, 22 Oct, 0928 - Getting earlier, but decent level at this time with "Radio Vigía" ID and

- lots of saludos and time checks between LA songs, mentioned "Antena Todelar" at 0940; SIO 232-3 [JB].
- 820 VENEZUELA R. Guadalupana (YVXG), Coro, 22 Oct, 0909 - Generally dominant on this frequency with Rosary to almost 0930, then local ads; SIO 333-2 [JB].
- 830 ST. KITTS R. Paradise, Charlestown, 17 Oct, 0347 - Presumed; EE preacher; poor [JF].
- 830 VENEZUELA R. Sensación (YVLT), Caracas, 17 Oct, 0240 - "Cinco y Seis" horse-racing under R. Paradise; SIO 322 [JB].
- 840 ARGENTINA R. Salta (LV9), Salta, 19 Oct, 0911 - "Noticias deportivas," temperatures for Buenos Aires, news-program hype heard twice: "Esta País Hoy, Primera Emisión...Radio Salta," often just used "AM 8-40;" SIO 322 [JB].
- + 21 Oct, 0859 - Sign-on announcement, song about station, more IDs and hyped joint news with Mitre, news; SIO 333 [JB].
- 840 BRAZIL R. Bandeirantes (ZYK687), São Paulo, 18 Oct, 0600 - ID, "Jornal Bandeirantes" news; SIO 322 [JB].
- 840 COLOMBIA HJJK, Neiva, 19 Oct, 0930 - Suddenly almost alone with "La Buena Radio, H-J-Doble K" ID and time, another ID at 0933 then accordion music; SIO 333 [JB].
- 840 CUBA R. Reloj, Santa Clara, 16 Oct, 0944 - SS news over clock ticks, ID; fair [JF].
- + 16 Oct, 0953 - Usual news, time checks, and IDs with code; SIO 243 [JB].
- + 19 Oct, 0945 - Still audible when everything else except locals had expired; SIO 333 [JB].
- 840 PARAGUAY R. Guaira (ZP6), Villarica, 20 Oct, 0937 - Man with local announcements/ads mentioned Villarica; SIO 322 [JB].
- 840 PUERTO RICO R. Victoria (WXEW), Yabucoa, 16 Oct, 0858 - Ads, full SS ID into LA music program at 0900; fair [JF].
- + 16 Oct, 0859 - Emerged above other SS station (Argentina?) with sports news "Radio Victoria, la emisora de campeones," cock crows, more IDs; SIO 333 [JB].
- + 20 Oct, 0939 - ID under Paraguay "Radio Victoria...Voz del Oriente;" SIO 222 [JB].
- 840 UNID 19 Oct, 0927 - ID on SS station sounded like "Radio Telefonica...oriental...5 kilowatts de potencia...;" SIO 332 briefly [JB].
- 840 VENEZUELA unID station, 19 Oct, 0909 - Venezuelan anthem, but lost around 0911, later heard old Venezuelan tunes; SIO 222 [JB].
- + R. Juventud (YVMY) may be the only Venezuelan on 840 kHz now. Guarapiche was supposed to move to 640 kHz.
- 850 CUBA R. Reloj, Nueva Gerona, 22 Oct, 0946 - News and "RR" Ids became noticeable through other SS stations, one of which was Carve [JB].
- 850 URUGUAY R. Carve (CX16), Montevideo, 16 Oct, 0829 - SS IDs and talks mixing with co-channel Boston; poor [JF].
- + 17 Oct, 0238 - Football coverage ending, ID; SIO 443 [JB].
- + 19 Oct, 0320 - Atop presumed Venezuelan with ID [NK].
- 870 ARGENTINA R. Nacional (LRA1), Buenos Aires, 16 Oct, 0832-0845 - LA music and news items about Argentina; good [JF].
- 870 VENEZUELA R. Pueblo (YVRU), Puerto La Cruz, 16 Oct, 0904 - Signing on with anthems, but announcement never mentioned a station name/slogan; SIO 443 [JB].
- + 23 Oct, 0926 - Lively local music; SIO 454 [JB].
- 880 PERU R. Unión (OBZ4N), Lima, 20 Oct, 0819 - Evident with Julio Iglesias-type music, definite // with 6115; SIO 222-1 under R. Mundial and WCBS [JB].

- 880 VENEZUELA R. Mundial (YVYM), Puerto Ordaz, 20 Oct, 0817 - Ad for natural medicines, slow fade but up again at 0823 with ID; SIO 332 [JB].
- 890 ARGENTINA Emisora Santiago del Estero (LV11), Santiago del Estero, 10 Oct, 0900 - Sign-on with prayer, lots of IDs and time checks; SIO 343-2 [JB].
- + 19 Oct, 0905 - Great IDs, sound effects introed "Noticias..A Primera Hora;" SIO 343, over Colombia [JB].
- 890 COLOMBIA R. Galeón (HJFM), Santa Marta, 19 Oct, 0857 - Time as "cuatro en punto," IDs, saludos to many people; SIO 344 [JB].
- 900 BARBADOS CBC, Bridgetown, 10 Oct, 0222 - Program promo, music; SIO 333 over CJBR [JB].
- + 17 Oct, 2248 - Ad for tires, sports news; SIO 443 [JB].
- + 18 Oct, 0130 - Good with heavily accented man saying that something was "brought to you by the Ministry of Health" [NK].
- 920 BRAZIL R. Franca do Imperador (ZYK584), Franca, 23 Oct, 0000 - Surprising ID almost alone as all others faded down briefly, then instrumental music; PP religion heard on this frequency may have been them, too; SIO 242 [JB].
- 920 BRAZIL unID station, 24 Oct, 0240 - Once again we cannot ID the religious PP here [NK].
- 920 PARAGUAY R. Nacional (ZP1), Asunción, 18 Oct, 0134 - Good with "Radio Nacional del Paraguay" ID [NK].
- + 17 Oct, 0847-0858 - LA music with zither-like instrument, // 9734, nice ID at 0849; poor-fair [JF].
- + 23 Oct, 0158 - Football play-by-play of Paraguay versus Bolivia with Paraguay scoring and announcers screaming joyously; SIO 433 [JB].
- + 23 Oct, 0803 - Just after sign-on with prayer, echoed ID over harp music, serious talks; SIO 444 [JB].
- 930 BRAZIL R. Metropolitana (ZYH646), Fortaleza, 22 Oct, 2231 - Horse-racing results, promo for coverage of Fortaleza's football team; SIO 333 with local CJYQ reduced by phasing [JB].
- + 22 Oct, 2235 - Huge at times with phased CJYQ almost inaudible with many "Metropolitana" IDs and a second unID Brazilian beneath! At times this was over local CJYQ without phasing [NK].
- 940 COLOMBIA RCN (HJTL), Cúcuta, 24 Oct, 0254 - "RCN" ID noted in passing; SIO 332 [JB].
- 940 CUBA R. Reloj, Central España & Mayarí, 20 Oct, 0840 - News and IDs; SIO 222 [JB].
- 950 ARGENTINA R. Libertad (LR3), Buenos Aires, 17 Oct, 0832-0843 - SS ID "LR3, Radio Libertad, Buenos Aires, Argentina," 'música romantica' ballads in SS, ads at 0838 including one for a show on Libertad and another for an establishment on Rua Presidente; good [JF].
- 950 CUBA R. Reloj, Sancti Spiritus, 16 Oct, 0943 - SS news over ticking clock and many mentions of Cuban towns; fair [JF].
- 970 COLOMBIA R. Super, Bogotá, 16 Oct, 0919 - SS ad for an establishment in Bogotá, ads and LA music; poor [JF].
- 970 VENEZUELA Mundial Oriental, Barcelona, 23 Oct, 0144 - Romantic SS music and "Mundial Oriental" ID [NK].
- 980 COLOMBIA RCN (HJES), Cali, 20 Oct, 0220 - Very strong way atop Brazilian QRM with "RCN" IDs during a soccer game [NK].
- 990 ARGENTINA R. 9-90 (LR4), Buenos Aires, 18 Oct, 0406 - Good with "Radio 9-90" ID [NK].
- 1000 BRAZIL R. Pricesa Serrana (ZYI791), Timbaúba, 23 Oct, 2332 - Ad string, stores in Timbaúba, ID was unintelligible due to massive reverb, so slogan in presumed; SIO 322 [JB/NK].

- 1000 VENEZUELA La Caribeña (YVNM), Morón, 18 Oct, 0025-0029 - Briefly atop the Brazilian pest with local ads [NK].
- 1010 BRAZIL R. AM de Povo (ZYH635), Fortaleza, 23 Oct, 0757 - Over another Brazilian with IDs, ads, ID with call letters then "Jornal de Manhã;" SIO 444 at peak [JB].
- 1020 BRAZIL R. CBN (ZYH247), Maceio, 17 Oct, 2249-2252 - Several "CBN" IDs then lost under R. Margarita [NK].
- 1020 BRAZIL unID station, 22 Oct, 0605 - Over and under presumed R. Nanduti (Margarita was off I think) and QRM'd by a big growl; PP female with what sure sounds like a "Rádio Cultura" jingle; there are four R. Cultura's listed on this frequency [NK].
- 1020 PARAGUAY R. Nanduti (ZP14), Asunción, 18 Oct, 0448 - ID, phone chat; SIO 333-2 [JB].
- + 18 Oct, 0555 - Still telephone chat; SIO 332 [JB].
 - + 24 Oct, 0846 - Political news, UTC-3 time checks, very nice local music; SIO 344 until clobbered by Venezuelan's sign-on [JB].
- 1020 VENEZUELA R. Margarita (YVRS), La Asunción, 16 Oct, 0922-0928 - LA music, used slogan "Venezuela Primero;" good [JF].
- + 24 Oct, 0855 - Sign-on with first Venezuelan then Estado Nueva Esparta anthems, sign-on announcements, IDs; SIO 433 [JB].
- 1030 ARGENTINA R. Del Plata (LS10), Buenos Aires, 17 Oct, 0248-0311 - Orchestral music ("orchestra romantica") with SS announcements, pips at 0300 then more music, 0303 news program "Radionoticias del Plata," opera program featuring "Tosca" by Puccini at 0306; poor [JF].
- 1040 DOMINICAN REP. R. Cadena de Noticias (HION), Santo Domingo, 16 Oct, 0927 - News read by male and female announcers, jingle ID as "Radio Cadena Noticias," ads at 0930 then more news at 0932; good [JF].
- 1050 MEXICO R. Pirata (XEQOO), Cancún, 16 Oct, 0933 - Mexican music under WEVD, but slowly gained strength to be dominant by 0948 with time checks, ads, and IDs; SIO 433 at 0948 [JB].
- + 16 Oct, 0951-1000 - Weak under co-channel WEVD, SS ID, EZL Latin ballads; poor [JF].
- 1050 URUGUAY S.O.D.R.E. (CX26), Montevideo, 18 Oct, 0159 - Good with woman saying "Buenos Noches Montevideo" and joining into the Espectador Net at 0200 with "Informas Espectador" news program [NK].
- + 18 Oct, 0206 - SS talk and many IDs, e.g. "Radio Turistica," "Radio Telefonía," and "Radio Rural," before unequivocal ID at 0230; this sounded like a DX program; peaks to SIO 333 [JB].
- 1070 ARGENTINA R. El Mundo (LR1), Buenos Aires, 10 Oct, 0400 - "10-70 Informa" began with weather for Buenos Aires; SIO 422, QRM'd heavily by CBA [JB].
- 1070 COLOMBIA Em. Atlántico (HJAH), Barranquilla, 23 Oct, 0955 - Romantic SS tunes, time check, jingle ID; SIO 232 [JB].
- 1070 FRENCH GUIANA RFO, Cayenne, 17 Oct, 0051 - EZL FF pop music, // 1375 St. Pierre, but not // 640 Guadeloupe; poor [JF].
- + 22 Oct, 0330 - Atop others with 2 FF men, // 1375 [NK].
 - + 22 Oct, 0331 - FF report on sailing races, // 162; SIO 322 [JB].
- 1090 BRAZIL R. Rural de Natal (ZYJ592), Natal, 2100 Oct 23 - Tentative; gave an ID (but slogan was unreadable) which said "1270 kHz;" there is a Natal station on 1270...is this a frequency change? I suspect Natal from early fade-in of this eastern Brazilian [NK].

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