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**EIC Notes**

IRCA welcomes **John Leonardelli** (VE3IPS), Maple, ON. Best of DX... pb

**DX Flash Card Alert**

For those IRCA Members without access to the Internet, you can still be alerted to unscheduled DX tests, transmitter maintenance, and other late breaking news. Simply send a few self-addressed, stamped postcards to: Les Rayburn, N1LF, C/O High Noon Film, 100 Centerview Drive Suite 111, Birmingham, AL 35216.

Whenever possible, Les will mail you notification of upcoming DX tests that are not announced in our newsletter in advance. It's the next best thing to a computer.

**Bruce Portzer** writes: It's time for my **annual DX Get-together**. This year it will be on Saturday, February 26, beginning at 2 p.m. Here's a chance to meet other radio listeners and talk about hobby stuff - medium wave, SWBC, utility, TV/FM, or whatever flavor of listening you like to do.

Feel free to bring stuff like receivers, QSL cards, antennas, and other paraphernalia to show off or demonstrate. Please bring a potluck snack or something to drink. At dinner time, we'll pass the hat around and order some pizzas.

My address is 6546 19th Avenue N.E., Seattle WA 98115. It's not hard to find, since the streets are numbered and parallel around here. But if you need directions, let me know.

If you have questions or want to RSVP, my phone number is 206-522-2521. See you there. 73, Bruce

The **2005 IRCA/DecalcoMania** convention will be held on Thu. Aug. 25 through Sat. Aug 27, 2005 at the Days Inn, 1111 S. Harbor Blvd. Anaheim CA 92805 (1 block North of Disneyland) [www.the.daysinn.com/anaheim04986](http://www.the.daysinn.com/anaheim04986). Phone number for reservations is 714-533-8830 (request the special \$49 room rate.) Registration fee (not including banquet) is \$25 payable to Mike Sanburn, PO Box 1256, Bellflower CA 90707-1256 - [mikesanburn@hotmail.com](mailto:mikesanburn@hotmail.com). Activities will include station tours, business meeting, auction, and banquet -view menu at [www.jagerhaus.net](http://www.jagerhaus.net). Should have lots of stickers and airchecks. Looking forward to seeing everybody.

**Nominations Are Open for the TVA and RHA Awards for 2004-2005.**

**Ted Vasilopoulos Award (TVA)**

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 several years. The following persons have won the TVA in the last five years and are ineligible this year: Phil Bytheway, Rich Toebe, Nancy Johnson, Ralph Sanserino, and Lee Freshwater.

**Ric Heald Award (RHA)**

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 following persons have won the RHA in the last three years and are ineligible this year: Pat Martin, Phil Bytheway, and Rich Toebe.

All nominations, including a brief statement supporting the nomination, shall be sent to the respective winners of last year's awards:

**TVA Nominations:** Phil Bytheway, 9705 Mary Ave. NW, Seattle, WA 98117-2334 - [phil\\_tekno@yahoo.com](mailto:phil_tekno@yahoo.com).

**RHA Nominations:** Pat Martin, P.O. Box 843, Seaside, OR 97138 - [mwdxer@webtv.net](mailto:mwdxer@webtv.net).

All Nominations must be received by the above no later than February 21, 2005.

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**DX Tests – Les Rayburn – les@highnoonfilm.com**

12/15/04+ 0915-1445 1620 WB3XNN Milford PA (Schmidt)

**WB3XNN 1620khz Milford, PA TEST.** Date(s): About December 15th thru end of January. Time: Non-Critical Hours 09:15AM EST until 14:45PM EST. Modes of Operation: 1KW Daytime Non-Directional. Programming: Un-Modulated Carrier with ID's at TOH.

Test is being conducted by Digital Radio Engineering for field intensity experiments concerning area ground conductivity. A full DX Test will be conducted (hopefully at night) before the competition of measurements in January.

Below is the full text received from Dave Schmidt:

WB3XNN - 1620 kilohertz should be on the air about December 15th. This station licensed to Milford, PA is being operated for field intensity measurements of the ground conductivity in the area. This will be operating during non critical hours (approx. 0915 til 1445) with an unmodulated carrier, ID's given on the hour. Power will be 1000 watts into a 50 foot top loaded single tower. (For those in to tower currents, that adds up to 8.8 amps at 14 ohms!) Tests should continue through the end of January.

Reports can be sent to Dave Schmidt c/o: Digital Radio Engineering, 2927 US Route 6, Slate Hill, NY 10973

As of 12/30/04, I have not received any reports of this station being on the air. If you receive this test, please e-mail me directly at: [les@highnoonfilm.com](mailto:les@highnoonfilm.com).

**BROADCASTING INFORMATION**

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**CALL CHANGES**

FREQ	OLD CALL	CITY	NEW CALL
660	KZTU	Junction City, OR	KXOR
700	WCAT	Orange, MA	WJOE
730	WSSC	Charleston, SC	WLTQ
840	WSCQ	Columbia, SC	WCEO
920	KLTO	El Paso, TX	KBNA
940	KHCM	Honolulu, HI	KJPN
950	KBHS	Hot Springs, AR	KPZA (station currently silent)
1050	WPLC	Silver Spring, MD	WFED
1170	KJPN	Honolulu, HI	KHCM
1280	KAQQ	Spokane, WA	KPTQ
1340	KBEB	Burnet, TX	KRHC
1380	WHGT	Waynesboro, PA	WCBG
1400	WKDY	Spartanburg, SC	WSPG
1570	WLBK	New Albany, IN	WWSZ
1580	WAHI	Knoxville, TN	WNPZ
1590	WCBG	Chambersburg, PA	WHGT (station currently silent)

**FORMAT CHANGES**

FREQ	CALL	CITY	OLD INFO	NEW INFO
590	KPZA	Hot Springs, AR	silent	Spanish hits
610	KOJM	Havre, MT	talk	adult contemporary
650	KRTR	Honolulu, HI	KHNR, news/talk	easy listening
660	WORL	Altamonte Springs, FL	sports, money radio	business news
740	KIDR	Phoenix, AZ	black gospel	unknown format change?
790	WBLO	Thomasville, NC	ABC Stardust AS	Fox sports
800	KAGH	Crossett, AR	country, gospel	Salem s. gospel
840	WCEO	Columbia, SC	adult standards	regional Mexican
840	KVJY	Pharr, TX	ABC Real C&W/talk	ABC Real C&W
870	KAIM	Honolulu, HI	cont. Xtian	Jones classic US Country
940	KKNE	Honolulu, HI	KJPN, Jones C&W	ethnic
940	WCND	Shelbyville, KY	talk	oldies //WFKY-1490
950	KSWD	Seward, AK	silent	country
950	WNCC	Barnesboro, PA	business news	silent
970	KNEA	Jonesboro, AR	sports, s. gospel	Salem s. gospel
970	WOXL	Canton, NC	oldies	classic hits //WOXL-FM
980	KIMP	Mt. Pleasant, TX	classic C&W, talk	talk
1050	WLYC	Williamsport, PA	WW1 adult stds	ESPN sports

1060	WXNC	Monroe, NC	regional Mexican	talk
1120	WXJO	Gordon, GA	black gospel	urban contemp /WXFM
1150	KBIS	Highland Park, TX	ethnic	silent
1170	KHCM	Honolulu, HI	KJPN, cont. Xtian	Jones CD Country
1170	WACV	Montgomery, AL	nx/talk	nx/talk, oldies
1230	KLAV	Las Vegas, NV	variety	talk
1230	WNIK	Arecibo, PR	Spanish CHR	Spanish news/talk
1240	WKIQ	Eustis, FL	silent	black gospel
1240	WMFG	Hibbing, MN	sports, WW1 stds	WW1 standards
1250	KZDC	San Antonio, TX	regional Mexican	Spanish
1250	WSSP	Milwaukee, WI	rel. teaching/sports	Fox sports
1260	WWRC	Washington, DC	sports, talk	talk
1280	KPTQ	Spokane, WA	KAQQ, AS/talk	talk
1280	WJMK	Seaford, DE	Spanish	silent
1290	KJEF	Jennings, LA	talk, Jones C&W	classic country
1300	WTLS	Tallasse, AL	soft AC, Fox Sports	sports, Fox Sports
1310	KFLA	Scott City, KS	rel. teaching	talk
1310	KKNS	Corrales, NM	news/talk	sports
1310	WDOC	Prestonburg, KY	country	Salem s. gospel
1320	KLWN	Lawrence, KS	sports	talk
1330	WETZ	New Martinsville, WV	Jones country	ABC Stardust adult stds.
1340	KTSN	Elko, NV	oldies	talk
1340	WKSN	Jamestown, NY	oldies	talk
1340	WMTE	Manistee, MI	adult standards	talk
1350	KCAR	Clarksville, TX	oldies	country
1350	WKCU	Corinth, MS	southern gospel	silent
1360	KBYO	Tallulah, LA	black gospel	silent
1400	KKTK	Texarkana, TX	talk, oldies	oldies
1400	WRON	Ronceverte, WV	adult contemporary	talk
1400	WSPG	Spartanburg, SC	southern gospel	talk
1410	WMYR	Ft. Myers, FL	silent	religious teaching
1420	KXOW	Hot Springs, AR	talk	classic country
1440	WCDL	Carbondale, PA	news/talk, country	classic country
1490	KOTN	Pine Bluff, AR	talk, ESPN radio	sports, ESPN radio
1490	WFKY	Frankfort, KY	talk	oldies
1490	WSYL	Sylvania, GA	talk, Jones C&W	Jones C&W CD Country
1520	WLGC	Greenup, KY	cont. Xtian	country//WLGC-FM
1520	WHHQ	Elizabethton, TN	rel. teaching	silent
1530	KCLR	Ralls, TX	Spanish cont. Xtian	silent
1530	WCKY	Cincinnati, OH	WSAI, oldies	talk
1530	WYMM	Jacksonville, FL	talk	religious teaching
1540	WRSM	Sumiton, AL	country	urban AC
1540	WSMI	Litchfield, IL	traditional country	classic country
1560	WBYS	Canton, IL	adult standards	talk
1600	KANM	Albuquerque, NM	Spanish oldies	unknown new format?

**FACILITY AND PARAMETER APPLICATIONS**

620	WDAE	St. Petersburg, FL	10000/10000 DA2 to 5600/5500 DA-N
630	WNEG	Toccoa, GA	500/44 to 500/220
1040	WHCR	Flemington, NJ	4700/1000 DA2 to 15000/2500 DA3
1150	KBIS	Highland Park, TX	1000/500 DA2 to 35000 DA-D
1150	WMST	Mt. Sterling, KY	500/53 ND to 2500 ND-D
1180	KYET	Williams, AZ	6300/250 ND2 (currently silent)
1260	WWVT	Christianburg, VA	2800 ND-D to 5000/25 ND2
1330	WFIN	Findlay, OH	ND to ND2
1340	WTAN	Clearwater, FL	ND to ND2
1420	KUJ	Walla Walla, WA	5000/5000 DA-N to 5000/900 ND2

ADDITIONAL NOTES: **(CONTRIBUTOR IN PARANTHESES)**

**PUBLIC LISTINGS:**

KJPN 940 Waipahu/Honolulu HI takes new calls KKNE; KHNR 650 Honolulu HI takes new calls KRTR.  
 KTFM 1280 Pearsall TX changes calls to KILM; KILM 102.1 Raymondville TX changes calls to KTFM. (The KTFM calls had been requested for sister station KLEY-FM 94.1 Floresville/San Antonio TX.)  
 KXTA 1150 Los Angeles CA will, as long rumored, flip to progressive talk when its sports format moves to KLAC 570 Los Angeles CA on February 3. (Note: calls for 1150 will become KTLK, and KLAC's nostalgia format moves to XETRA-690. ye-ed with contribution from Gary Larson)  
 WCEO 840 Columbia SC flips from standards "Sunny 840" to regional Mexican.  
 WXJO 1120 Gordon GA flips from black gospel "Heaven 11" to adult R&B "Foxye," simulcasting WFXM 107.1 Gordon GA.

WKAT 1360 North Miami FL will flip from classical to Salem's conservative talk format Jan. 31.  
 KPZA 590 Hot Springs AR returns to the air with Spanish AC; KXOW 1420 Hot Springs AR flips from talk to classic country.  
 WCKY 1530 Cincinnati OH (returning to its heritage calls from WSAI and oldies), WXDX 1310 Dearborn/Detroit MI (formerly talk) and WWRC 1260 Washington DC (formerly sports) all flip to Air America/progressive talk today. In Cincinnati, sports WCKY 1360 reclaims its heritage calls of WSAI as well.  
 WETZ 1330 New Martinsville WV flips from country (simulcasting WETZ-FM 103.9) to standards "Stardust 1330."  
 WXNC 1060 Monroe NC flips from regional Mexican to talk.  
 WKDY 1400 Spartanburg SC flips from southern gospel to talk as "Spartanburg 1400," changing calls to WSPG.  
 KFLA 1310 Scott City KS flips from religious/talk to talk/sports as "The Home Team."  
 WKVT 1490 Brattleboro VT remains talk but shifts direction, replacing much of its lineup (including Rush Limbaugh) with Air America talk.  
 WMYR 1410 Fort Myers FL returns to the air with Starboard's Catholic religious programming.  
 KCAR 1350 Clarksville TX flips to country; the "Cool" oldies simulcast of KEWL-FM 95.1 New Boston/Texarkana TX moves to KKTK 1400 Texarkana TX, replacing talk there. And KPGG 103.9 Ashdown AR/Texarkana AR-TX flips from rock to classic country as "Legendary Country."  
 KTSN 1340 Elko NV flips from oldies to talk/sports/news.  
 WKIQ 1240 Eustis FL returns to the air with black gospel.  
 AM changes in Hawaii: The fallout from the Cox/Salem swap of stations in Honolulu ends up like this - KHNR 650 Honolulu HI goes from Salem to Cox and drops news-talk for easy listening; KAIM 870 Honolulu stays with Salem but flips from contemporary Christian to classic country; KHCM 940 Honolulu goes from Salem to Cox, changes calls to KJPN and switches to Japanese-language programming; KJPN 1170 Honolulu stays with Salem and takes the KHCM calls and country format from 940; and KGMZ 107.9 Aiea HI changes hands from Honolulu Broadcasting to Salem, with a format change from oldies likely in the offing.  
 WHGT 1380 Waynesboro PA changes calls to WCBG; it flips to ESPN sports.  
 WTLS 1300 Tallasse AL flips from AC/standards to Fox sports.  
 WCDL 1440 Carbondale PA returns to the air with classic country.  
 KAQQ 1280 Spokane WA drops standards for progressive talk (including Ed Schultz and Air America.)  
 KSFN 1140 North Las Vegas NV rebrands as "Spike 1140 AM, Radio For Men," cross-promoting with Viacom's Spike TV network and adding Sporting News Radio to its hot talk format.  
 WLGC 1520 Greenup KY drops contemporary Christian and returns to a simulcast of country WLGC-FM 105.7 Greenup KY.  
 WMCS 1290 Milwaukee WI adds sports from 6 PM-6 AM, leasing out its overnight hours to the operators of daytimer WAUK 1510 Waukesha WI, which now faces competition from fulltimer WSSP 1250 Milwaukee WI. WMCS will keep its daytime urban talk format.  
 KSON 1240 San Diego CA is silent after the partial collapse of its tower, as is KURS 1040 San Diego CA, which shared the tower. The black gospel from KURS has moved temporarily to XESDD 1030 Tijuana BCN, displacing the English standards from XESDD to XESD 620 Tijuana BCN.  
 KKTL 1400 Casper WY flips from talk "K-Talk" to Fox sports "AM 1400 the Zone," while sister KTWO 1030 Casper WY drops country for talk.  
 KRVA 1600 Cockrell Hill/Dallas TX flips to leased-time Asian-language programming as "Humtum 1600."  
 WABG 960 Greenwood MS changes calls to WJGJ as it changes hands from Bahakel to T.L. James Communications and flips from talk/country to religion.  
 WMFG 1240 Hibbing MN flips from sports "The Ticket" to standards.  
 KLWN 1320 Lawrence KS flips from sports to news-talk as "NewsTalk 1320."  
 WBYS-FM 107.9 Canton IL flips from soft AC to classic hits "CD107.9," with new calls WCDD; WBYS 1560 Canton IL flips from standards to talk.  
 WFKY 1490 Frankfort KY and WCND 940 Shelbyville KY flip from talk to oldies as "Your Hometown Station, 1490 AM."  
 WSCQ 840 Columbia SC returns to its former calls, WCEO; it's now standards as "Sunny 840."  
 KANM 1600 Albuquerque NM will flip from Spanish oldies to oldies as "Real Oldies 1600".

**CONTRIBUTOR LISTINGS:**

**Dale Park** sends along the following:  
 "Sunday Mornin' Comin' Down" was a hit for Kris Kristofferson in the 1970s. Unfortunately — it could also describe what happened to KFI's nearly 760-foot tower on the L.A.-Orange County line last Sunday morning about 9:45. Here's what happened: KFI (640) went off the air, and an engineer was dispatched to the transmitter site to find out what was wrong. Turns out the station's 57-year-old tower had been struck by a Cessna 182 small plane. That impact killed both pilot Jim Ghosoph and his wife Mary, of the L.A. suburb of Temple City. The Cessna was on approach to nearby Fullerton Airport, and authorities are still trying to figure out why Ghosoph didn't steer clear of the tower, a well-known landmark on the approach to Fullerton. KFI has used the site in La Mirada since the 1930s. And the tower that came down had been in place since late 1947, when it replaced an earlier flat-top antenna on the same site. About a decade ago, then-KFI owner Cox developed the property around the tower,

building warehouses on the land between the guy-wire anchors and the tower base, which was enclosed in a walled round area. (The guy wires were replaced just this past spring.) Amazingly, the collapse of the tower didn't damage any of those warehouses — the falling steel landed mostly within the tower-base enclosure, with only the top of the tower landing in an adjacent parking lot. There was just minor damage to one of the warehouse roofs. So what now for KFI, the giant voice of Southern California? Fortunately it had a 200-foot auxiliary tower on the La Mirada property, and the engineer who sped to the scene on Sunday was able to put the signal back on the air from that stick within about an hour. By Monday, KFI was up to the full 25-kw that the auxiliary tower can handle — and now Clear Channel begins the lengthy process of getting governmental permission to rebuild the tower and return KFI to its full 50-kw signal. (DP-HI)

**Dale Park** also sends along the following:

Liberal voices to hit Charleston AM airwaves, BY PRENTISS FINDLAY, Of The Post and Courier Staff

Liberal talk radio debuts in Charleston today when Clear Channel Radio launches WSSP Progressive Talk Radio 730-AM featuring the likes of Al Franken, who last fall released his book, "Lies, and the Lying Liars Who Tell Them: A Fair and Balanced Look At The Right."

The Al Franken Show airs on WSSP from noon to 3 p.m., the same time slot as Rush Limbaugh on conservative talk station WSC 94.3-FM. Franken, a former "Saturday Night Live" writer and performer, penned the 1996 book "Rush Limbaugh is a Big Fat Idiot."

"That is going to be a great battle. You look at the ratings. Rush is just the granddaddy of Charleston. He does so incredibly well here, and it will be very interesting to see how they will match up. It's a good heavyweight battle," said Richard Bachschmidt, program director for 94.3 FM and 730-AM.

Many of the programs on 730-AM will come from the Air America Radio Network, which began broadcasting March 31. The goal of the network is to serve as a liberal alternative to what the network perceives as the domination of right-wing voices on talk radio. Clear Channel owns both 94.3-FM and 730-AM. More than one-third of Air America affiliates are owned by Clear Channel, according to Air America.

"If you want conservative talk, there are stations up and down the dial. If you want a different point of view, this is going to be your place to get it other than National Public Radio," Bachschmidt said.

Charleston is the first place in South Carolina where the Air America Network has launched its programs. The network has affiliates in Chapel Hill, N.C., and Fairview, N.C. It has 40 affiliates nationwide ranging from Key West to Hawaii to Boston.

"I think we're going to hit a very large target. Just by talking to people in the street, there are a lot of people who are craving this kind of talk," Bachschmidt said.

Conservative talk radio, including Limbaugh and Dan Moon, was broadcast on 730-AM until August, when Clear Channel switched the format to 94.3-FM, which had been a rap station. Clear Channel had simulcast conservative talk radio on 730-AM and 94.3-FM.

During the day, 730-AM will have 5,000 watts of power. Federal regulations governing AM stations require 730-AM to power down to about 100 watts at night because the AM signal travels much farther after sunset and can interfere with radio programming in other cities. WSSP will be heard as far away as Savannah.

The 730-AM lineup begins at 6 a.m. today with "Morning Sedition," featuring Marc Maron and Mark Riley. The station said "Morning Sedition" is a fast-paced show combining wit, political satire, news, interviews, analysis and opinion. At 9 a.m., 730-AM offers Stephanie Miller, host of the Oxygen Channel's "I've Got a Secret." Her show features topical and lifestyle issues and comedy parodies of the news.

The Ed Schultz Show airs from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. Schultz is billed as the No. 1 talent in the heartland states. He offers news, politics and sports with an everyman appeal. The Randi Rhodes Show from 6 p.m. to 10 p.m. features the wisecracking Brooklyn native and female talk radio pioneer. The Lionel Show from 10 p.m. to 1 a.m. offers a former lawyer and host of "Snap Judgment" on Court TV, who is described as topical, dynamic and funny. (DP-HI)

**Dale Park** also sends along the following:

There's been a major shakeup in Honolulu radio on Jan. 4 due to the swap of KHNR-650 and KHCM-940 by Salem Media to Cox Radio for an FM property. As a result, 650 discontinued having its talk format simulcast on FM and became KRTR-AM, airing automated MOR mx as "Hawaii's Place for Great Music." 940 is officially KJPN again per the FCC database but calls itself "KHCM Waipahu, Hawaii's All Traditional Hawaiian Music Station," with an automated classic Hawaiian music format similar to KNUI-900. Meanwhile country is now heard on not one but two Salem stations, as the original KHCM and its satellite modern country format migrates to 1170 (ex-KJPN), while KAIM-870 flips from religious teaching and praise music to classic country ("Your Brand of Country", "Hawaii's Classic Country") via presumably Waitt Radio Networks. (DP-HI)

**Dale Park** also sends along the following:

Religious broadcaster switches station to talk radio, Sun-Sentinel, January 20, 2005

Salem Communications, the religious broadcaster that purchased WKAT-Classical 1360 in October, will switch the format to news-conservative talk on Jan. 31.

Salem's syndicated talk format will offer conservative voices such as Bill Bennett, Laura Ingraham, Dennis Prager and Michael Medved.

The station will continue to air live Metropolitan Opera broadcasts. WKAT will retain Florida International University's basketball games.

The lineup also will include Michael Savage. The outspoken TV show host was fired by MSNBC in 2003 for referring to a caller as a "sodomite" and saying he should "get AIDS and die."

Joe D. Davis, Salem's executive vice-president of radio, said that Savage is "as much an entertainer as anything else. He states things pretty forcefully sometimes, but overall, we think he adds something to the dialogue."

Salem Communications owns 95 stations, 60 of which are in the top 25 markets. (DP-HI)

**Dale Park** also sends along the following:

Right-wing talk shows dumped by WKVT for liberal radio network, By JUSTIN MASON, Reformer Staff

Wednesday, January 12, 2005 - BRATTLEBORO -- After years of airing conservative radio talk shows, program directors at a local AM station have decided to spin the dial towards the left.

Starting next week, listeners tuning into WKVT-AM 1490 will hear an all-new lineup of daytime programming taken from Air America Radio, a progressive talk network.

"This is basically going exactly from the right to the left," said Peter Case, the station's program director.

Ushered out the door will be the Rush Limbaugh Show, Bill O'Reilly's Radio Factor, the Howie Carr Show, the Clark Howard Show and the Lars Larson Show.

"We're in a liberal area and here you've got all these right wingers on the air," Case said about the shakeup. "It was just something we felt needed to be done."

In their places will be the Al Franken Show, the Ed Schultz Show, Unfiltered News with Rachel Maddow, the Majority Report with Janeane Garafalo and Sam Seider and the Randi Rhodes Show. Alan Colmes will round out the new lineup with a news-based program, Case said.

With the exception of Colmes, all of the new shows come from Air America, which was launched in March 2003 as an alternative to conservative dominated AM talk radio.

In two years, Air America has incorporated 41 affiliates across the nation and two satellite radio stations. In the Northeast, the network broadcasts on nine stations, including WTWK-AM in St. Albans.

Case said the idea to bring on a lineup of shows from the network was being considered by the station late last year.

Ironically, on the morning that station officials were mulling the switch, he received an e-mail from Christian Arvard, a graduate student at the School for International Training, who put in a request for the Air America programs.

"I just thought given the environment here in Brattleboro, that this is something that people would want to listen too," Arvard said.

Arvard then contacted several local activist groups about the programming, urging them to write similar requests to the station to balance out the conservative viewpoints.

"In the e-mail, I said we had abandoned the airwaves to the right and now let's take it back."

A short time later, Case said he received a veritable barrage of e-mails and phone calls requesting Air America, prompting the change in programming sooner than originally anticipated.

"Since we made the announcement, we've received probably 120 e-mails thanking us for making the switch," he said.

WKVT is owned by Michigan-based Saga Communications, Inc., according to their Web site. In total, the company holds broadcast properties in 24 states, including 53 FM and 26 AM radio stations, three state radio networks, two farm radio networks, five television stations and three low power television stations.

Case said the 1,000-watt WKVT has about a 15-mile broadcast radius in the daytime, covering from Bernardston, Mass. to the south, and Chesterfield, N.H., to east, over to Wilmington in the west and Putney to the north.

Case is optimistic about the change, which he feels will better suit the station's audience, but knows some people will be disappointed by the change.

"We'll lose a few listeners, but in the end, we hope to gain a few," he said. (DP-HI)

**Dale Park** also sends along the following:

WXDX-1310 Detroit becomes WDTW, Published January 20, 2005

Progressive talk radio moves in on AM 1310.

Yes, that was a braying donkey (as in the Democratic Party symbol) on AM 1310 on its final day as WXDX-AM Wednesday. This morning, owner Clear Channel Radio launches WDTW-AM, a new progressive, liberal talk format featuring mostly syndicated voices. The 6-9 a.m. morning show will be helped by Michigan native and ex-Chicago radio personality Nancy Skinner. For the next few weeks from 9 a.m.-noon, it'll be Stephanie Miller until Clear Channel gets satellite transmission of Jerry Springer's new Cincinnati-based show cranking. Noon to 3 p.m. will be held down by comic writer-turned-commentator Al Franken.

Ed Schultz, another syndicated show, fills afternoon drive time. Other syndicated shows fill out the evening when the 1310 signal can be difficult to nonexistent, depending on where you live.

"Listeners across the country are asking for more progressive talk radio," said John Hogan, president and chief executive officer of Clear Channel Radio, in a release. Here, AM 1310 seldom showed up in the top 30 rated Detroit stations with a mostly conservative talk mix. Handyman Glenn Haegge will do weekends only on WDFN-AM (1130). (DP-HI)

**Pat Martin** sends along the following from Mike Brooker of Toronto, ON via NRC:

Corus, Astral get regulatory approval of Quebec radio station swap  
Last Updated Fri, 21 Jan 2005 16:49:18 EST, CBC News  
MONTREAL - Canada's broadcast regulator gave its approval on Friday for Corus Entertainment Inc. to buy eight Quebec radio stations from Astral Media Inc.  
In return, Astral will get five FM stations in Rimouski, Amqui, St. Jean-sur-Richelieu and Drummondville from Corus as part of the \$11 million deal.

Corus gets six AM stations, one AM repeater station and one FM station in Quebec City.  
Many investors objected to Corus's plans for CKAC  
The approval came despite protests over plans by Corus to change CKAC, a French-language AM station in Montreal, into a mainly all-sports station.

CKAC is the oldest private French-language radio station in the world (established in 1922) and now employs more than 20 journalists. The Corus proposal would reduce that to three journalists. Instead, Corus said it would create a pooled news arrangement involving 17 journalists at three stations it owns in the Montreal-area. Under terms of its approval, the CRTC stipulated that CKAC must provide 60 hours of local programming per week in 2005-2006, growing to 80 hours a week in two years.

The other seven stations being picked up by Corus must provide at least 27 hours a week of local programming in 2005-2006, rising to 37 hours a week in two years.

Corus had been offering to provide up to 40 hours per week of local programming on CKAC, the main asset in the deal.

"Corus Entertainment is pleased to receive the CRTC's decision today regarding the swap of radio stations with Astral Media," said Pierre Arcand, the president of Corus Quebec, in a statement.

"But it will require some analysis before we make further comment. The conditions are new and financial circumstances have changed since the hearing, so we need to assess the matter carefully," he said.

Corus sells two Alberta radio licences.  
Corus also said Friday that it has struck a \$9 million deal to sell its Red Deer radio stations Zed 99 FM (CIZZ-FM) and KG Country (CKGY-FM) to Newcap Inc., a subsidiary of Newfoundland Capital Corporation.

The deal is subject to approval by the CRTC.  
(In Southern Ontario, Corus owns Mojo-640, CHML-900, CKRU-980, CFPL-980, CFFX-960, CJOY-1460, and numerous FMs) (PM-OR)

**Pat Martin** also sends along the following:

FCC Officials Say Powell to Resign  
WASHINGTON - Federal Communications Commission Chairman Michael Powell plans to resign Friday, FCC officials confirmed, ending what's often been a controversial tenure as he tried to push the telecom and media industries into an increasingly deregulated world that some lawmakers, companies and consumer groups didn't like.

The news, first reported on The Wall Street Journal's editorial page Friday, was something of a surprise coming just one day after President Bush's inauguration and with some very hefty issues yet to be dealt with by the FCC. Those issues include how to treat burgeoning Internet phone services as well as how to overhaul the Universal Service Fund, a federal subsidy program under financial pressure.

Rumors have circulated for months that Powell, who has been on the FCC since President Clinton appointed him as a commissioner seven years ago, would step down. Recent conventional wisdom had him leaving in the spring after at least some of these issues were dealt with.

The FCC is a five-member commission, with a majority representing the party of the president, in this case, Republicans. Possible successors discussed have included current Republican Commissioner Kevin Martin. (PM-OR)

**John Johnson** sends along the following:

The Voice of WWV Goes Silent  
Dec 10, 2004 - The familiar voice that delivered the time announcements on WWV passed away. Different sources cite that the date of his passing was Dec. 10 or Nov. 30, 2004. Radio magazine is searching sources for the correct date. Marty Edwards, a Washington, DC, newscaster and former Mutual announcer, recorded the elements for the U.S. Navy Bureau of Standards time broadcast. (JJ-MT)

**Frank Aden** sends along the following:

Utah Radio station dedicated to women  
A new radio station devoted to women is about to hit the airwaves in the Salt Lake area. KUTR is expected to go live sometime in March with programming and information geared toward female listeners. It will be a sister station to KSL, a news-talk station owned by Bonneville International Corp. Formal and informal research, focus groups and community discussions were done to help plan the format, said Rod Arquette, vice president at KSL and the new station. (FA-ID)

**Tim Noonan** sent word along there were no new call letter changes for the column. Thanks, Tim! (TN-WI)

**Gary Larson** phoned me to confirm some earlier changes about KXTA's call letter change to KTLK and other information related to the Los Angeles 570/690/1150 changes. Thanks, Gary! (GL-CA)

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My car's fixed now, but the car isn't (nor will it likely ever be) 100% like it used to be, has some permanent bugs in it I'll have to live with. Had a quake here just a few weeks ago here, plus floods, fires, wind, life in southern California is never boring! 1 week till Groundhog Day, a week and a half till the Super Bowl, Philly vs New England! 73's and good DX.

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- 550 KRAI CO, Craig 1/27 was on top of KBOW and others at 0600. Man ID'd as "55 Country, KRAI, Craig, your station for great country music. New, thanks to tip from Nigel P. (LG-MT)
- KOAC OR, Corvallis 1/8 concluded the BBC Weekend Edition at 0800. Man ID'd for many OPB Radio stations, including KOPB-FM and others in Bend, Pendleton, and LaGrand. The last mentioned was KOAC. He also referred to opb.org on the Web. (LG-MT)
- 590 KID ID, Idaho Falls 1/25 0430 poor under KUGN with "Talkradio K-I-D." (DP-OR)
- 650 KSTE CA, Rancho Cordova 1/22 2230 ad for one day diet and "Talk 650" ID, Art Bell, with fair signal. A regular but seldom this strong. (GH-OR2)
- 720 KFIR OR, Sweet Home 1/28 was extremely weak but alone after KDWN faded at 1000. I heard legal ID after C&W tune ended. (LG-MT)
- 740 KCBS CA, San Francisco 1/22 1930 in strong like a local with news. (GH-OR2)
- 780 KAZM AZ, Sedona 1/11 ended what seemed a country song at 0900 and gave brief ID. It was weak in KKO null. (LG-MT)
- 900 KBIF CA, Fresno 1/23 0200 Spanish programming with ID in English. Really weak and choppy, gone by 0203. New. (GH-OR2)
- 940 KICE OR, Bend 1/23 1059 poor under the constant pounding Spanish of KWBY, ID "...on KICE Bend" then man talking. I have been wanting this for years. New. (DP-OR)
- 1150 KAGO OR, Klamath Falls 1/25 2024 fair, "Newstalk 11-50 KAGO with the (sounded like) Bucko Valley Show." (DP-OR)
- 1220 KCCS OR, Salem 1/15 0759 strong with local commercials. (LG-MT)
- 1230 KBAR ID, Burley 1/20 0800 ID as "Straight talk and cool classics... KBAR, Burley," QRM from KZZR Burns, OR which ID'd right after. (LG-MT)
- 1240 KCCR SD, Pierre 1/15 rarely heard here, popped in at 0800 with a woman who said "Clear skies and 21 below. It's 7:00 at KCCR, Pierre." (LG-MT)
- 1270 KJUG CA, Tulare 1/25 0831 steady and fair for hours except for top of the hour! "Classic hit country" slogans. Heard ID later this day at 2000. (DP-OR)
- KAJO OR, Grants Pass 1/25 1051 fair, AP news, local news and weather followed by "Unforgettable favorites on KAJO." New. (DP-OR)
- 1280 KUYL CA, Stockton 1/22 2200 man said "You're listening to the Lighthouse 1280 KUYL Stockton," weak and choppy but legible. New. (GH-OR2)
- 1290 KOUU ID, Pocatello 1/25 0818 fair, ID followed by country music. New. (DP-OR)

- 1400 KJDY OR, John Day 1/25 0634 poor, Sara Evas song followed by man with ID in mess. (DP-OR)
- 1460 KUTI WA, Yakima 1/23 0300 C&W with "Country Cutie" ID. Fair to poor, but 70% above the jumble. (GH-OR2)
- 1510 KFNN AZ, Mesa 1/25 0928 fair under KGA with financial talk with mention of Phoenix, ID at 0928. New. (DP-OR)
- 1530 (KFBK) CA, Sacramento 1/24 0400 noted totally off while trying for top of hour code ID for DX test, three Spanish stations mixing with each other, one of them XEUR. (RW-CA) +1/24 0200-0500 was monitoring for DX test and noted off at 0305 till I called it quits at 0600. I noted two Spanish stations behind, but couldn't ID them. (DP-OR)
- KZNX TX, Creedmoor 1/24 good on top with WSPN Sports and ID at 0559:45 "ESPN KWYN Taylor and KZNX Creedmoor. ESPN 1260 and 1530." Cluster of local spots at 0602-0605. New, thanks to KFBK being off. (PM-OR)
- KGBT TX, Harlingen 1/24 fair with Spanish ID at 0456 "KGBT Harlingen" along with a lot of other stations on their network. QRM from another Spanish and a Southern preacher, KFBK off/on etc. New. (PM-OR)
- 1550 KYCY CA, San Francisco 1/23 0310 weak ID in the jumble with call-in talk show, very weak. (GH-OR2)
- 1650 KBIV TX, El Paso 1/22 0644 fair, heard slogan "The new kid on the block, classic hit country 1650." ID heard at 0847. New. (DP-OR)
- 1670 KHPY CA, Moreno Valley 1/27 2057 with ID in English "KHPY 1670" and then into Spanish. (BB-AZ)

#### UNID

- 1570 UNID 1/23 0320 Spanish programming with strong signal and very fast-paced Spanish music. (GH-OR2)

It looks like DX conditions have been good this past week in Oregon, as three of our six reporters are from that state. Nancy 1/28 2100

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#### DOWN THE DIAL

- 680 CJOB MB, Winnipeg. 1-29 very poor in mess of others. 07:34 with "CJOB" ID. [JJR-WI]
- 910 WLTP OH, Marietta. 1-29 along. 06:47 with "Three day forecast on talk radio 9-10 WLTP." New logging for me. [JJR-WI]
- 930 KRKY CO, Grandby. 1-20. 08:14 with spot for a pet shot in Granby and a PSA from the Colorado State Patrol. New for me. [PAL-MN]
- 1040 WPBS GA, Conyers. 1-25 poor, no WHO. 07:02 with "Praise 10-40 Atlanta's Christian Choice." Urban gospel format. New logging for me. [JJR-WI]
- 1150 KWKY IA, Des Moines. 1-29 poor, popped in and out. 06:39 ID heard. [JJR-WI]
- WCRK TN, Morristown. 1-25 poor. 07:38 ID in fade up. Rare here. [JJR-WI]
- 1170 KFAQ OK, Tulsa. 1-29 poor. 06:36 with calls given into news program. First time I've heard this since they changed from KVOO. [JJR-WI]
- 1190 WSDQ TN, Dunlap. 1-25 fair, no WOWO. 07:36 weather, spots, local news, ID. [JJR-WI]
- 1270 CHAT AB, Medicine Hat. 1-21. 08:24 with a gas giveaway contest promo, "12-70 chat" slogan. New logging for me. [PAL-MN]
- 1290 KOWB WY, Laramie. 1-19. 08:00 with "This is 12-90 KOWB Laramie. A Clear Channel station." New logging for me. [PAL-MN]
- WHKY NC, Hickory. 1-20. 17:05 with a spot for a car dealer, weather, Sean Hannity program. "WHKY Hickory" ID. [PAL-MN]
- 1300 KROP CA, Brawley. 1-23. 21:12 with "Real Country KROP." [NJ-MT]
- 1310 KKNS NM, Corrales. 1-24 good. 18:58 with local spots, ID on the hour. [NJ-MT]

- 1320 CJMR ON, Mississauga. 1-20. 21:45 with ethnic Indian-Punjabi programming. Spots for restaurants which gave phone numbers. Also heard this the next morning with the ID "CJMR, the sound of the city." New logging for me. [PAL-MN]
- 1330 KGAK NM, Gallup. 1-24 loud. 20:07 with Navajo drums, spots, "KGAK" ID. [NJ-MT]
- WETZ WV, New Martinsville. 1-19. 06:00 with "13-90 WETZ New Martinsville" ID. New logging for me. [PAL-MN]
- 1360 WNNJ NJ, Newton. 1-21. 18:23 with spots into oldies. New logging. [PAL-MN]
- 1390 WFBL NY, Syracuse. 1-23. 19:08 with weather, promo for Dr. Joy Browne "On news talk radio 13-90 WFBL." New logging for me. [PAL-MN]
- 1410 WRIS VA, Roanoke. 1-19. 06:20 religious program and "WRIS Weather." New. [PAL-MN]
- 1440 CKJR AB, Wetaskiwin. 1-21. 08:45 with spots and many "14-40 KJR" slogans mixed into the cluster. New logging for me. [PAL-MN]
- KPUR TX, Amarillo. 1-24. 22:04 with weather, promo "...weekdays on Amarillo's All Sports leader, 14-40 The Score" into ESPN programming. [NJ-MT]
- KVON CA, Napa. 1-25 fair through others. 23:00 with "You're listening to KVON 14-40 Napa, California." [NJ-MT]
- 1450 KEST CA, San Francisco. 1-25. 20:59 with unknown language program. ID "KEST San Francisco 14-50." [NJ-MT]
- KTIP CA, Porterville. 1-23 loud. 22:59 with local spot, "Laura Ingram weeknights 7 to 10 PM on KTIP Porterville, Visalia." ABC News. [NJ-MT]
- 1470 KKTY WY, Douglas. 1-19. 08:08 with talk about Wyoming hay producers and an event at the Johnson County fairgrounds in Buffalo, WY. New for me. [PAL-MN]
- WKTO NY, Ithaca. 1-21. 19:48 with "WTK Oldies" slogans, contest taking 6<sup>th</sup> caller. New logging for me. [PAL-MN]
- 1480 WZRC NY, New York. 1-20. 19:00 floated to the top with ID and Chinese programming. New logging for me. [PAL-MN]
- 1580 WLIJ TN, Shelbyville. 1-25 poor with WTTN, WPGC. 07:23 with ID. [JJR-WI]

#### 25 YEARS AGO

February 2, 1980 issue of IRCA's "DX Monitor" ... Ernest R. Cooper of Provincetown, MA said he was up to 4131 verifications representing 48 states and 75 countries ... Todd Skaine of Cedar Falls, IA mentioned he was 14 years old with 511 stations logged ... Joe Jergel of San Francisco, CA told about his new Satellit-3400 receiver.

#### OPEN MIKE

John also mentioned relogging CKJH-750, CHAB-800, KGYN-1210, and WLIK-1270. The 2-2-80 issue of "DX Monitor" also included the 1980 Frequency Check List. Every night we had a chance to log stations conducting these tests! This column was typed 1-29-05. 73, John

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- (IEN-GA) **Ira Elbert New** Watkinsville, GA  
AIWA GSD-FD89
- (CJG-KY) **Chris Gray** Lexington, KY  
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#### LOGGINGS

- 560 IL WIND Chicago 1/27 0700 T & T check, and ID as "5-60 WIND," into news. Fair in the mix. (WJH-MD)
- TN WNSR Brentwood 1/27 0658 Ad for the Daily News Journal. Heard ID "Sporting News... Nashville..." singing jingle as "Sporting News Radio 5-60 WNSR". Fair in the channel mix. (WJH-MD)
- 570 TX KLIF Dallas 1/24 0630 News about the death of Johnny Carson and clips from The Tonight Show, and scores from the AFC & NFC finals. Weak signal buried in the static that would fade from time-to-time "KLIF Newstime is 5:31". (IEN-GA)

620 NJ WNSR Jersey City 1/23 1700 Song "You Can Drive My Car," chimes, ID chorus singing theme song which included slogan, ID as calls "WSNR" and slogan, and news at 1701. All was in Russian. The signal was fair to good, but rough because the skywave was trying to poke through but couldn't quite stay. (WJH-MD)

PA WKHB Irwin 1/23 1247 Polka Marathon Program, requesting sponsors, and ID as "KHB" in between polka selections. God on the NW leg of the K9AY with presumed WSNR nulled. (WJH-MD)

640 TN WCRV Collierville 1/26 2029 Popped in for a few seconds with a quick WCRV ID, nothing else heard! (WJH-MD)

800 NC WKBC North Wilkesboro 1/27 0804 CBS News, local weather, ID as "WKBC News," followed by local news. O/WCHA etc. (WJH-MD)

SC WDSC Dillon 1/26 1828 ID as "The message is in the music on your favorite station WDSC-AM, WPFM-AM, WGSS-AM" into a gospel song. Over all. (WJH-MD)

TN WDEH Sweetwater 01/28 2103 High school basketball, and an ad for a bank with branches in east Tennessee. Poor signal. (CJG-KY)

850 AL WXJC Birmingham 1/26 1738 Gospel music, with "WXJC Caravan Show," dozen rose give-away, scriptures about love. O/the mix. (WJH-MD)

880 AR KGHT Sheridan 1/25 1800 ID as "Let your works glorify your Heavenly Father The Kingdom Gospel for today. KGHT AM 8-80 Sheridan" into SRN News. O/WBKZ and WCBS. (WJH-MD)

GA WBKZ Jefferson 1/25 1745 Gospel music, annual women fellowship program at a local Baptist church, birthday for Isaac, bible study this weekend, studio phone numbers 369-1186 and 548 8800. Frequent mentions of 8-80 on the radio dial, and talk about Georgia locations. More or less in the clear after WPIP signed off. Listened again on 1/27 1815 and heard the slogan "Z 8-80." (WJH-MD)

tent NC WPIP Winston-Salem 1/25 1730 Ad for Allied Steel, weather, ad w/ WEB address for station but unclear. Carrier cut immediately, which matches their sunset sign/off pattern change. (WJH-MD)

NC WPEK Fairview 1/25 1745 (Al Schultz) Show Spot for programs tomorrow morning. Did not mention call letters. Gave slogan as "8-80 AM the revolution, Asheville's progressive talk station". Matches their sunset sign/off pattern change. (WJH-MD)

NC WRRZ Clinton 1/25 1700 ID by man in English "This is WRRZ 8-80" into a singing ID for "WRRZ." SS Talk. He mentioned Musica and Mexicana. Fair to good with some interference from a nulled WCBS. Heard a short sign off in English at 1729. (WJH-MD)

1000 AL WNSI Robertsdale 1/23 1842 Sporting News Radio program. During a break wx and ID as WNSI AM and FM. Poked through WYBT and the mess. (WJH-MD)

FL WYBT Oldies " You are listening to WYBT. My name is Allison. Blountstown-Bristol with the best in golden oldies." Generally topping the channel. Over presumed WNSI and a Latin (Colombia). (WJH-MD)

1030 GA WEBS Calhoun 01/28 2029 Oldies with BOH ID. Fair signal w/ WBZ nulled out. (CJG-KY)

1150 FL WMDB Daytona Beach 1/23 2145 Popped with a Debt Relief of America ad and an ID as Newstalk WMDB. Mixing with a Spanish station playing jazz. (WJH-MD)

WV WELC Welch 1/27 0930 Syndicated religion program from Christian University, spot request sponsors of religion programming on "11-50 WELC". On top. (WJH-MD)

1170 CT WCTF Vernon 1/26 1530 Family Radio's Open Forum Program hosted by Brother Harold Camping, who is widely heard on WYFR. "Family Radio" spot at 1600. No call heard but presumed to be WCTF based on programming and loop direction. (WJH-MD)

OK KFAQ Tulsa 1/28 2359:50 Jerry Doyle Talk Show, local ads, and ID as "You are listening to KFAQ (Tulsa's News Center.) I'm Audra Lee." into Fox News." Hrd ID during WWVA's breaks. (WJH-MD)

1230 PA WCRO Johnstown 1/21 2306 ID hrd. (WM-MD)

1240 PA WVNT Parkersburg 1/23 0200 "NewsTalk 1230;ID; ABC News. (WM-MD)

1270 IL WIOV Reading 1/21 2000 Sports Talk; local Ads. (WM-MD)

IN WEIC Charleston 1/20 0005 poor with gospel mx. (RCE-IN)

1280 PA WFRN Elkhart 1/20 -53 fair w/gospel music. (RCE-IN)

PA WHVR Hanover 1/19 0935 Weather; ID. (WM-MD)

SC WANS Anderson 1/17 2245-2340 Urban gospel with plenty of PSAs aimed at the youth. Strong with great music. (RCE-IN)

1380 VA WBTK Richmond 1/24 0830 Logged for the record. Heard promo for an upcoming pgm and several ID's. Good through the mess. (WJH-MD)

1380 VA WBTK Richmond 1/21 2140-2150 decent with religious programming. (RCE-IN)

1420 PA WCOJ Coatesville 1/23 1750 "Oldies 1420";ID;"Voice of Chester Co." (WM-MD)

1440 NJ WMVB Millville 1/23 0800 Gospel Music. ID as "WMVB and WSNJ" in between selections. Slight slop from 1430 and 1450 and QRM from another station. NJ station #33. Total heard #1100. (WJH-MD)

1550 SC WBSC Bennettsville 1/24 2130 Live Annrc w/community news & info Gospel music followed. Weak, but steady signal that came on like a local at 2130, but then faded a few minutes later to just above the noise floor. "The Super B, AM 1550, WBSC". (IEN-GA)

1620 MD TIS UMBC Arbutus 1/24 1334 Reporting for the record. This TIS, located at the University of Maryland Baltimore County (UMBC), has been testing here for several months. There is no call listed for it in the FCC database, but it's the application file number is 0001508295. The 8-second long message announces a test broadcast on a loop tape that is 2:11 long, there is silence for 2:03. Good signal in Elkridge, but can get overwhelmed at night. (WJH-MD)

1710 MA PIRATE Boston Pirate Possibly Nouveaute 1/28 1900 Poor-fair through an open carrier. Several carriers noted some of the stronger ones on 1709.975, 1709.982, 1709.994, 1710.010 and 1720.020. (The strongest, the open carrier, was on 1709.975.) (NOTE: measured frequencies are +- 0.005, subject to re-calibration and they drifted some what.) The programming consisted of announcers in French and music. Listened for 1.5 hours and did not hear an ID. (WJH-MD)

**UN - IDEN**  
 1230 ?? ???? 1/22 2000 Miami/NC BB, Mention of Tar Heels. (WM-MD)  
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A big EDXR welcome to **Chris Gray**. Nice to have you along with us, please report often... Thanks to all this week. 1/29 0930

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This time, we present a NZ radio update from **David Ricquish**.  
 Hi everyone

With so many changes taking place or planned in the next few months, we've put together a summary which we hope is useful:

- 531 Alexandra More FM ex Radio Central on air
- 549 Gisborne NZ's Rhema moved to 648 and this license sold to Canwest Radioworks
- 648 Gisborne NZ's Rhema now here since October 2004
- 702 Auckland Radio Pacific here until April, then joins new Radio Live 24/7 news network
- 738 Christchurch Radio Pacific here until April, then joins new Radio Live 24/7 news network
- 756 Palmerston Radio Puketapu now here ex 954, 400w
- 810 Auckland Decision on new community access station here delayed
- 828 Palmerston Nth The Breeze ex Magic 828 on air
- 954 Dunedin Coast now here, new xmmitter location at Centre Road, incr power max to 3.162kW
- 990 Nelson More FM ex Radio Fifeshire on air
- 1170 Invercargill Watch for potential launch of Coast here shortly to compete with 1224 More FM
- 1206 Dunedin More FM ex Radio Otago on air
- 1224 Invercargill More FM ex Foveaux Radio on air
- 1242 Timaru Freq sold to Canwest Radioworks
- 1260 Christchurch The Breeze ex Lite FM on air
- 1359 Queenstown More FM ex Resort Radio on air
- 1476 Auckland Freq sold to Canwest Radioworks, BBC Worldwide stays until April, then new station here, xmmitter location now Henderson ex Mangere
- 1485 Gisborne Freq sold to NZ Racing Board, power incr to 3.162kW max, due on air in April as part of new TAB Racing Network.
- 1548 Rotorua More FM ex Lakes 96FM on air
- 1593 Christchurch Coast ex Easy Listening i on air

In view of the rapid changes, we also list the currently silent allocations which may come on air at any time. More information on these licenses is available shortly at [www.radioheritage.net](http://www.radioheritage.net).

540	Christchurch	Rhema	1251	Queenstown	Rhema
585	Blenheim	Rhema	1269	Tauranga	1XX
612	New Plymouth	Rhema	1314	Invercargill	National Radio
	Te Anau	Rhema	1323	No assignment in NZ	
648	Greymouth	Rhema	1359	New Plymouth	TRN
657	Tauranga	National Radio	1368	Napier-Hastings	local ownership
666	no current assignment in NZ		1368	Greymouth	Rhema
684	no current assignment in NZ		1377	Dunedin	Rhema
747	Greymouth	TRN	1422	No assignment in NZ	
855	Christchurch	TRN	1467	No assignment in NZ	
864	Kapiti Coast	Canwest	1485	Twizel	TRN
873	Tauranga	Canwest	1494	Hamilton	National Radio
900	Whangarei	TRN	1494	Taupo	National Radio
918	Greymouth	National Radio	1521	Reefton	TRN
1107	Waihi	local ownership	1548	Palmerston Nth	local ownership
1179	Wanaka	Canwest	1566	No assignment in NZ	
1251	Taupo	TRN	1575	Hamilton	TRN

If you have airchecks, car stickers, QSL's or other memorabilia of any of the 'old' stations and wish to share (copies) of them with others through our on-line archive, please contact us at [info@radioheritage.net](mailto:info@radioheritage.net) or write, PO Box 14339, Wellington, NZ.

Remember to visit [www.radioheritage.net](http://www.radioheritage.net) and accept your free membership. The invitation to accept free membership is also extended to all IRCA members. It's a 'no obligation' arrangement:) Warm regards, David

## DX WORLDWIDE - EAST

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Short column this week. Many thanks to Ken for sending along his loggings!

### \*\*\* PAN-AMERICAN DX \*\*\*

1100 **CUBA** R.Cadena, CMCH, Habana 1/21 0150 - OM DJ calling people. ID @ TOH. [KW-KY]  
1110 **VENEZUELA** R.Carupano, VYQT 1/21 0238 - Easy listening MX. ID by OM. [KW-KY]

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[KW-KY] = Georgetown, KY. Antenna: K9AY; Receiver: NRD-525/Sherwood SE3 MK IIID.

That's all for this week. 73, Brandon.

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Deadline for the Anniversary issue will be March 12, 2005. You can report early for it, but please mark it as being for the anniversary issue. Thanks. Early reports will be appreciated.

**Mike Riordan**, 353 South 1100 East, Apt. 11, Salt Lake City, Utah 84102-2562

Hello Folks! It is certainly a nuisance when radio stations habitually don't power down at sunset. When this problem occurs, I approach chief engineers at radio stations in a polite, tactful and knowledgeable demeanor. 90% of the time, this works. This did not work with the chief engineer at KERI-1180 in Bakersfield, CA. They have not been powering down after sunset since 12/29/04. I called the chief engineer (CE) about this problem. He said I was incorrect. He says he's checked everything and he is running 10kw proper pattern at night. I told him the facts: KERI is not supposed to have a strong local-like signal at night in the Salt Lake City, Utah area. When KERI is on proper 10 kw nighttime pattern, its signal is not heard 90% of the time in my area. When heard, the S-meter on the radio will read a low S-3. At sunset PST, I didn't observe a sudden quick drop and/or disappearance of KERI's signal. The CE then told me that the rain ravaged area of Bakersfield, CA has a wet ground which causes better propagation in the ionosphere at night. The CE also told me that I am experiencing adjacent channel interference problems. I then proved to him that his

statements were just wrong. The CE got defensive with me. I calmly told him that something is wrong. I terminated the conversation. Readers, judge for yourself as to what is really going on here. 73's Mike Riordan.

**Richard Evans**, 7416 Hearthstone Way, Indianapolis, Indiana 46227-7923

Been busy and not much listening done here the past couple of weeks, although I did manage to grab a few. One of my more wanted was WFRN-1270 IN (especially after hearing WWCA-1270 in Gary) and I caught it on 1/20. Also, I nailed WBTK-1380 VA on 1/21. Tonight, 1/30, I caught WAIN-1270 KY for number 525 hrd. I've been working evenings this past week. The upcoming week has either evenings or split shifts (0900-1200 and 1600-2100), both of which is murder on SSS, hi, except that Friday will be days right after getting off at 2100. I'm almost missing the days I was out of work (except I know this can't run past the middle of April and could end earlier than that). I've been listening tonight (1/30) and reception seems rather uneven. Some of the major stations seem to be somewhat subdued while others are in good. Seems to be a fair number of strong Spanish stations as well with one being strong on 1020. Makes me wonder if the Northern Lights are acting up again or if it is just the January anomaly kicking in again. Snow and sleet here on Saturday but warm on Sunday and most of the snow and ice are gone. Don't forget to get those anniversary reports in early this year. 73.

## WEBSITE WANDERINGS

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Hi everyone, welcome to another edition of "Website Wanderings." If anyone comes across a radio related website please forward it to me at: [DXRADIO@webtv.net](mailto:DXRADIO@webtv.net). I will be most grateful.

Please remember to access and enjoy IRCA's own website at: <http://www.ircaonline.org/irca1.htm>.

This week I have three websites for you that are interesting. The first one is for "Keith's Old Radios" featuring old radios, military radios, restoration projects and amateur radio. Find it at: [http://tibblestone.users.btopenworld.com/Old\\_Radios.htm](http://tibblestone.users.btopenworld.com/Old_Radios.htm).

Another interesting site contains a quick lesson on Latitude and Longitude, courtesy of NASA, and is found at: <http://www-spf.gsfsc.nasa.gov/stargaze/Slatlong.htm>.

Finally, for those IRCAN's who enjoy Longwave DX'ing, a good website on the subject is at: <http://www.dxing.com/lw.htm>.

I hope you enjoy this week's selections and with that I will bid you good health until the next issue of the 'Monitor' and say: "73 de DX de NY" ~ Ray

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### FREQ CALL NAME, TITLE; ADDRESS; WHAT; WHEN; WHO

530 TIS Douglas Faigin, P; Southland News Distribution Co, Inc, 11400 W Olympic Blvd, Suite 780, Los Angeles CA 90064; P; 6; MF. [Station's callsign is WNHV296 and Southland News Distribution is the operator of LAX AirRadio] [MF also received E in 1 day from Douglas Faigin at [dfaigin@ix.netcom.com](mailto:dfaigin@ix.netcom.com) for a report sent to [info@lawa.org](mailto:info@lawa.org)]  
570 WKBN James S Hartzler, DirEng; P O Box 9248, Youngstown OH 44512; LQ; 11; RCW.  
580 WGAC "CBT"; Beasley Broadcasting Group, Inc., P O Box 210045, Augusta GA 36917; cf; 20; RCW.

- 650 KMTI Douglas Barton; P O Box 40, 1600 West 500 North, Manti UT 84642; LMB+; 15; MF.
- 740 KBRT [Illegible]; 3183 Airway Ave, #D, Costa Mesa CA 92626; P; 5; MF.
- 940 KTON James Harrison, GM; Box 90, Belton TX 76513; L; 16; BN.
- 1210 KPRZ Craig Caston, CE; 9255 Towne Centre Dr, Suite 535, San Diego CA 92121; LcfMB+; 4; MF.
- 1220 KNTS Craig Roberts, CE; 39138 Fremont Blvd, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor, Fremont CA 94538 L, 19, BN.
- 1230 KGE0 [Sent to CE]; 1400 Easton Dr, #144, Bakersfield CA 93309-9404; Q; 17; BN.
- 1270 KFLC Patrick Parks, Engineering Dept; 7700 Carpenter Freeway, Dallas TX 75247; F; 15; BN.
- 1280 KXTK Bill Bordeaux; P O Box 14910, San Luis Obispo CA 93406; RBbc; 99f; MF. [Follow-up had a P which was not returned]
- 1320 KYHN Gary Elmore, PD; 311 Lexington, Fort Smith AR 72901; L; 50; BN.
- 1370 KWRM Dick Vosper (?), CE; 210 Radio Rd, Corona CA 92879; P; 13; MF.
- 1370 KJCE Ryan Schuh, PD; 4301 Westbank Dr, Escalade B, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor, Austin TX 78746; L; 61; BN.
- 1380 KZFX\* Jim Hilliker, Traffic Reporter; 903 North Main St, Salinas CA 93906; L; 450; PM. [Additional info from DG]
- 1390 KGNU Martin Durkin, StationMgr; 4700 Walnut St, Boulder CO 80301; L; 25; BN.
- 1460 WNVJ Joe Ammerman, GM; 2470 N State Hwy 7, North Vernon IN 47265; L; 11; RCW.
- 1480 KHCK Patrick Parks, Engineering Dept; 7700 Carpenter Freeway, Dallas TX 75247; F; 9; BN.
- 1550 XENU\*\* Jose G Avedillo, CE; Radiorama Nuevo Laredo, Gonzalez y Mendoza 747, Sector Centro, C. P. 88000, Nuevo Laredo, Tamaulipas; MX; [joseavedillo@terra.com.mx](mailto:joseavedillo@terra.com.mx); L (in SS), E (in EE), bc; SHP.
- 1570 WTRB Don Paris, GM; P O Box 410, Ripley TN 38063-0410, LMbc; 330f; PM.
- 1610 TIS Terri Kasinga; [public\\_affairs\\_d8@dot.ca.gov](mailto:public_affairs_d8@dot.ca.gov) [from CalTrans District 8 website link]; E; 1; MF. [Station's callsign is WPSE479 and is located at Needles CA] [Signer says she will not be able to send written responses by mail but will be happy to confirm by e-mail]
- 1610 TIS Terri Kasinga; [public\\_affairs\\_d8@dot.ca.gov](mailto:public_affairs_d8@dot.ca.gov) [from CalTrans District 8 website link]; E; 6; MF. [Station's callsign is WPSG912 and is located at Mountain Pass CA]
- 1610 TIS Rose Melgoza, Branch Chief, Public Affairs; Dept of Transportation, District 8, Administration, MS-1247, 464 West 4<sup>th</sup> St, 6<sup>th</sup> Floor, San Bernardino CA 92401-1400; L; 35; MF. [WPSG912]
- 1640 TIS Fred Crowder, Central Team Leader; Irvine Disaster Emergency Communications (IDEC); Emergency Communications, MP #280, Irvine Police Dept, P O Box 19575, Irvine CA 92623-9575; LC; 90f; MF. [Station's callsign is WPKA209]
- 1630 KKG M Lon Sosh, GM; 5787 S Hampton Rd, Suite 108, Dallas TX 75232; L; 11; BN. [Same info for L to SHP]
- 1670 WMWR [None]\*\*; 7080 Industrial Hwy, Macon GA 31216; Q; SHP.

**WHAT** was received: L = Letter with personalized statement; F = Form letter; Q = QSL card, commercially printed; C = Postcard or similar card supplied by station; P = Prepared card or form supplied by DXer; R = DXer's report returned with statement; cf = Certificate; E = Verification by e-mail; fx = Verification by FAX; M = Coverage map; B = Bumper or other sticker; bc = Business card; + = Extra goodies

**WHEN** the reply came: Number of days elapsed; f = Follow-up, by mail, FAX, e-mail, or visit; n = Return postage not used; r = Return postage returned

**NOTES:** \* [For this column] = See comment below; \*\* [For this column] = See comment below; \*\*\* [For this column] = See comments below

Good to have Bill back with us this month! Tips from Dennis and Steve were taken from the IRCA ListServ. According to Dennis, KZFX-1380 is now silent, having turned in their license and taken their towers down. I have reprinted the text of Steve's e-mail verbatim from XENU-1550 with very minor formatting changes as it contains much useful information:

"Dear Mr. Ponder:

My name is Jose Avedillo and I am the Chief Engineer of the Radiorama Stations in Nuevo Laredo, Mexico, replacing Mr. Korlowsky who left the Company about a year ago and to whom you addressed your listening report.

Unfortunately, we don't issue QSL cards as such, but we will be mailing you a confirmation letter shortly with complete technical information about the station you received on Dec.9.

We have a total of 4 AM stations and 3 FM stations broadcasting from Nuevo Laredo, Mexico, so you may be interested in trying reception of the other three, which are: XEWL at 1090 KHz from 6:00 to 20:00 CST with 1 KW, XEGNK at 1370 KHz from 6:00 to 20:00 CST with 5KW, XEAS at 1410 KHz

from 6:00 to 20:00 CST with 1 KW and from 20:00 to 6:00 with 250 Watts, and the one you heard XENU at 1550 KHz of which you will receive complete technical and programming details by mail.

Although we are a commercial broadcasting organization, regulated by Mexican SCT and US FCC, and with a specific target audience, we certainly value input and comments from distant listeners and hobbyists.

Please feel free to contact us with your comments and suggestions and expect to receive our mailing in the next few weeks.

Cordially,

Jose G. Avedillo  
Chief Engineer  
Radiorama Nuevo Laredo"

Additional details about the station that were included in the verie letter in Spanish that he received later may be found in Steve's posting on the IRCA ListServ on January 14<sup>th</sup>. Steve indicates that the names of the following station personnel were printed on his card from WMWR-1670: Richard W Hamilton, Transmitter Engineer and James K Gay II, Studio Engineer. This column was prepared on 1/31/05. Happy New Year to all! 73, SSH.



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