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IRCA welcomes **Gerry Thomas** in Pensacola, FL (rejoin) and **Mika Makelainen** in McLean, VA.

From IRCA President **Nick Hall-Patch**:

It's time to consider who you will want to represent you as IRCA's next president and Board of Directors (their term will start September 15, 2007). Per the IRCA Constitution, Article III, Section 5, Part 2: Nominations shall be open for President, Secretary-Treasurer, and the seven members of the Board of Directors from December 1 (2006) through January 15 (2007). Only one nomination each for President, Secretary-Treasurer, and only seven nominations for the Board, shall be allowed each IRCA member. An eligible member may nominate himself or herself. All nominations must be submitted in written form to the ECC by January 15.

IRCA's Election Committee Chair (ECC) is **Ray Bauernhuber**, who can be contacted at raydx@msn.com ("written form" includes an e-mail submission, and that is easiest for Ray) or at his postal address of 151-64 18th Ave, Whitestone NY 11357-3102 if you do not use e-mail.

BROADCAST TEST COORDINATOR – DX TESTS

Les Rayburn: les@highnoonfilm.com (times are Eastern) <http://www.dxtests.info>

daily	0100-0600	1560	WMRO	Gallatin TN	(Bailey)
Sun 12/ 3/06+	0000-0005	1230	WODI	Brookneal VA	(Marthouse)
Sun 12/10/06	0500-0600	560	WFIL	Philadelphia PA	(Tetro)
Sun 12/10/06	0500-0600	990	WNTP	Philadelphia PA	(Tetro)

WMRO 1560kHz Gallatin, TN DX Test. Date(s): Midnight to Five AM Central Time October 30th thru ???. Time: Midnight until 5:00AM Central Time. Modes of Operation: "Inventory Insert" 60 Second Long Test. 0.003kw Non-Directional. (One night may include a brief full daytime power test). Programming: Morse Code ID's, Sweep Tones, 60 Second Long "Inventory Insert" during local breaks. Notes: Transmitter audio chain testing. Exact times of the inserted spots will be given closer to the test time period. In general, look for the test to run near the Top of the Hour (TOH). The extreme low power of this station at night should make this one a nice challenge!

This test will likely continue nightly for months to come, so please try for it.

Please note the following change in QSL information: The station now desires to receive reports directly and only via regular Postal Mail. No telephone calls or e-mails, please! Scott Bailey is dealing with a family medical situation, so responses may take several weeks. Be patient and do not make this too much of a chore for him.

Send Postal reports and/or recordings to: Scott Bailey, President & General Manager, WMRO Radio, Magic 1560, PO Box 1445, Gallatin TN 37066. Please include a SASE for reply.

Our thanks Scott Bailey of WMRO, who's always been very DX Friendly! And also to Paul Walker, who helped to arrange yet another test for all of us.

WODI 1230kHz Brookneal, VA DX Test. Dates: Sunday Morning (Late Saturday Night) Starting October 1st and continuing until further notice. Time: Midnight until 00:05AM Eastern Time (5 Minute test each week). Modes of Operation: Special DX Test. 1,000 Watts, Non-Directional. Programming: Morse Code ID's, Sweep Tones, Voice ID. Notes: This DX friendly station is co-owned by two amateur radio operators, and they have decided to conduct this rare, on-going DX test, giving listeners a weekly opportunity to put this station into the log books.

Reception reports are desired via e-mail (first choice) and snail mail (only if e-mail is not available) Station would prefer to receive recordings of the test (MP3, CD, or cassette). Submit reports to: les@highnoonfilm.com. Please put "WODI DX Test" in the subject line. All standard mail reports

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Thanks to Dave Marthouse, N2AAM & Tony DeNicola, WA2IHZ for putting on this unusual, long term DX tests for the benefit of distant listeners!

SPECIAL "WEST COAST VERSION" WNTP/WFIL DX TEST. Rene Tetro has agreed to another test of stations WNTP/WFIL, this time with West Coast DX'ers in mind. Instead of the usual Midnight to 2AM tests of the past, this one will take place much later at night (0500AM local, making it 2:00AM on the West Coast). Having a 50KW test this late at night should really give some folks out West the chance to put this one in the log book. Ditto for the lower powered WFIL. Details below, and our sincere thanks to Rene Tetro!

WNTP 990kHz Philadelphia, PA DX Test, WFIL 560 Philadelphia, PA DX Test. Date: Sunday Morning December 10th, 2006. Time: 0500-0600 Eastern Time. One hour test. Modes of Operation: Transmitter Testing to check on improvements to the new audio chain. Programming: Morse Code ID's, Sweep Tones, Voice ID. Notes: Transmitter audio chain testing. With WNTP running daytime power for ½ hour (50KW) this should present a real opportunity for DX'ers on the West Coast to log this station/state.

WNTP: 0500-0530 50kw Day Directional Pattern **WFIL:** 0500-0530 5kw Day Directional Pattern
0530-0600 5kw Non-Directional 0530-0600 2.5kw Non-Directional

Reception reports are desired via e-mail (first choice) and snail mail (only if e-mail is not available) Station would prefer to receive recordings of the test (MP3, CD, or cassette). Submit reports to: les@highnoonfilm.com. Please put "WFIL/WNTP DX Test" in the subject line. All standard mail reports should go to: Les Rayburn, High Noon Film, 100 Centerview Drive Suite 111, Birmingham AL 35216.

Our thanks to Rene Tetro for this "Third Annual Test". Seriously, Rene always thinks about the DX community when conducting transmitter maintenance, and manages to include test tones, Morse Code, etc. for our benefit. We're all very grateful.

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Pat Martin sends along the following:

I tuning across the dial today, I found KKPZ 1330 Portland now IBOC as predicted. Anyway, it is not much of an issue here and I thought. The noise is there, but a bit of adjusting of the passband tuning I can get rid of 90% of it no matter what antenna I am using. Of course it is stronger on the 1500' Eastern beverage, but not much of a big issue. KEX is much more of an issue. Off the 45' vertical KXRO 1320 is totally in the clear. Now if all IBOC was this poor, it would be easier to get around! But I am sure as skip angles vary and all their IBOC noise will vary too. (PM-OR)

Ye editor passes on the following from Kevin Redding:

Radio 540 AM goes country, By Fred Shuster, Music Writer, Whittier Daily News, Article Last Updated: 10/18/2006 12:29:13 PM PDT

Vince Gill will be among the artists on new 540 Country. Country has found a trail back to local radio. In a surprise move, Mount Wilson Broadcasting this week abandoned pop standards on its 540 AM signal and began spinning contemporary country music instead. The format flip comes two months after the city's last full-time country outlet, KZLA-FM (93.9), lost faith in Faith Hill and booted the music off the air. The new station now known as 540 Country will be DJ-free until Oct. 28, when a stampede of ex-KZLA announcers, including Whitney Allen and Brian Douglas, come aboard. Station owner Saul Levine says he made the change to serve the area's large number of country listeners. Los Angeles has the nation's second-highest country album sales and fans regularly sell out local arena stops by major acts. "When KZLA went off the air, a lot of people wrote to us and said we were their only hope since we're the last independent station owner in the area," Levine said. "When we decided to do it, one man said he was actually crying." Prompted by stagnant audience growth, the owners of KZLA abruptly switched to an r&b format in August, bringing in Rick Dees to headline mornings. "Country on KZLA left town because it wasn't making \$40 to \$50 million a year," said Levine, who also owns and operates classical K-Mozart (105.1). "We'll be happy with a fraction of that." Levine said Country 540 will pick up where KZLA left off - spinning top-selling artists like George Strait, Josh Turner and Vince Gill, bringing touring acts to the station and broadcasting the Grand Ole Opry, the longest continuously running radio show in the nation, on Sunday evenings. As for standards, Johnny Mathis, Frank Sinatra and Rod Stewart continue to shine on Levine's 1260 AM signal. --- Fred Shuster, (818) 713-3676 and fred.shuster@dailynews.com. http://www.dailynews.com/entertainment/ci_4511201. (RW-CA)

Mike Hardester passes on the following:

20 October 2006 – Friday
910 WSRP NC. Jacksonville - although a Spanish language station, WSRP has been broadcasting local high school sports, in English, on Friday nights. Interestingly, tonight, the same game being broadcast on WSRP was being broadcast on WJCV-1290, also in Jacksonville. (MH-NC)

Ye editor passes on the following from **Jef Jaisun**:

Or, "How the mighty have fallen." From today's Seattle P-I:

KIRO-AM (710) has added the nationally syndicated show "Midnight Trucking Radio Network," hosted by Gary McNamara and Eric Harley, midnight to 5 a.m. daily. Er, am I in Seattle or did I just make an illegal left turn at 820, hi? KIRO's finally given up on its string of all-night conservative confrontationalists and ceded the 1-5am slot to KGO!

Also from the P-I: Salem Communications said it has dropped operation of KIKN-AM (1290) in Port Angeles in preparation for boosting KKOL-AM (1300) in Seattle to 50,000 watts. KIKN had been simulcasting KKOL's programming. Another wrinkle on the recent news of Air America's bankruptcy filing, reported last weekend in the P-I business section. Two co-founders of Air America have started their own network for liberal hosts and plan to launch it on a Phoenix station. One of Nova M's hosts is Mike Malloy, formerly of Air America. There's no Seattle affiliate yet, but the fledgling network is streaming at www.novamradio.com. (RW-CA)

Theo Donnelly passes on the following:

Couple of comments:

I see Richard Wood in Hawaii is again querying about what's happening on CHMJ/730 in Vancouver. As I pointed out a couple of issues ago in a Forum contribution, 'MJ is owned by the same outfit as CKNW/980... that is the Corus Group. 'NW's studios have not been located in suburban New Westminster for quite a number of years. Both AM stations (plus FM's C-FOX 99.3 and CFMI 101.1) operate from facilities on the 20th and 21st floors of 700 West Georgia Street in Downtown Vancouver. CHMJ has struggled for years: they tried a MOJO/men's/sports format for a while but a month or two back became a "traffic station" during the daytime hours Mon to Fri. Evenings and overnight, they REPEAT/re-run programs (both sports and talk) from prime-time CKNW activity, and therefore contain mentions/ID's of 'NW. The other news is that I was chatting with Shusma Datt of the soon-to-be on-air CJRJ/1200 this afternoon (Wed 25 Oct). She says they hope to start testing late next week (i.e. the very early dates of November), and should be on with regular programming a month or so after that. The on-air slogan will be "R-J-twelve-hundred".

Address for reports/correspondence is: RJ/1200 - Rim Jhim Radio, IT Productions Ltd, #111 - 3060 Norland Avenue, Burnaby, BC, V5B 3A6, Phone: (604) 299-1727 (but beware, that goes to voice mail), Web: www.rimjhim.com, Sorry, I forgot to ask about an e-mail address! (TD-BC)

Mike Sanburn passes on the following from Albert Lehr:

860 KTRB CA, San Francisco is testing with a very strong open carrier 1358 PDT /2058 UTC 10/25. Albert Lehr - Livermore, CA. (MS-CA)

Pat Martin sends along the following:

CJRJ Vancouver is testing this afternoon Hindi programming and female ancr. Rather poor here with lots on KEX IBOC hash though. It is hard to phase it because of so much skip in this time of year. Noted at 1630 EDT 10/27. (Station is actually in Punjabi per later Email from Pat-ye ed). (PM-OR)

Theo Donnelly adds to the above:

Further news on CJRJ/1200: Pat Martin will no doubt report it immediately in the next "Western DX Roundup", but 'RJ is already on the air testing. Pat noticed them I think on Thurs 26 Oct... I've obviously heard it as of Sat 28 Oct. (my location is about 5 km as the proverbial crow flies from their tx site -- they now become my second closest tx). I haven't listened for a long enough period to know whether they're relaying Rim Jhim from their FM sub-carrier operation or are feeding the AM tx with a special South Asian musical melange! Pat comments that we'll have to be careful to distinguish between Vancouver and Soquel, CA as both are Hindi/South Asian programmers. (TD-BC)

Ye editor passes on the following:

Latest from the Associated Press, Nov 3, 1:44 PM EST

Radio Host Fired Over Candidate Insult, By LISA MARIE PANE, Associated Press Writer

BOSTON (AP) -- A radio talk show host was fired Friday after he made a derogatory comment about the weight and sexuality of the Green-Rainbow party candidate running for Massachusetts's governor. WRKO-AM pulled host John DePetro from the air after he made the comments Thursday. It announced Friday that he had been fired. "In the context of what he said and the tone with which he said it, the comments were completely inappropriate, derogatory and will not be tolerated," said Jason Wolfe, the vice president of AM programming and operations for station owner Entercom Boston. DePetro did not immediately return an e-mailed request for comment Friday, however, he told The Boston Globe in a story posted Friday on its Web site that he was "stunned" that he had been fired. He said he had called the candidate, Grace Ross, to apologize for calling her a "fat lesbian." The host, who calls himself the "Independent Man," said he made the remark because he was exasperated that Ross and independent candidate Christy Mihos were eating up time during a debate earlier in the week that included Republican candidate Kerry Healey and Democrat Deval Patrick. He said it was then that he told listeners he wished someone would "tell the fat lesbian to shut up." "I just think both her and Christy have served their purpose and I had a problem with them still thrusting themselves into the debate," he told the Globe. "I think I vocalized what a lot of people were thinking - will you just shut up and let them go at it. I added a little more." Ross, who is openly gay, laughed when she heard about it but said the comment was offensive. "Big, fat? I guess that's supposed to be his way of saying he doesn't like somebody," she said. After hearing DePetro had been fired, she said: "I think that the comment was offensive in general, so I hope that many people in the state were offended by it and will help set a standard of what political debate is supposed to be about." DePetro had also been reprimanded by station management in July for using a slur often aimed at gays in reference to Matt Amorello, the former chairman of the Massachusetts Turnpike Authority. Wolfe said that after DePetro was suspended in that case, the host was warned that "any further comments of this kind would be dealt with in a severe way." "I have no doubt that terminating John's employment was the right action to take," he said. On the Net: WRKO: <http://www.wrko.com>. (RW-CA)

Pat Martin sends along the following from Brock Whaley:

HD Radio Alliance Readies Next Phase Of Marketing Campaign, New Campaign Coming

The HD DIGITAL RADIO ALLIANCE this morning announced that the next phase of its \$200 million marketing campaign will launch on NOVEMBER 13, touting CIRCUIT CITY as the initiative's first "big box" retailer; the expansion of RADIOSHACK's national rollout to new markets; and the reduction of JVC's in-dash, automotive receiver price to \$199. Additionally, up to \$50 in rebates are now available for select receiver models. "This has been an incredible 10 months, and we believe these announcements punctuate HD digital radio as the fastest rollout of a digital consumer entertainment technology to date," said ALLIANCE

Pres./CEO PETER FERRARA. "As the pace of this rollout continues to pick up, we look forward to strong momentum and consumer excitement this holiday season." The ALLIANCE will launch its holiday campaign with 150 commercials per ALLIANCE-member station per week. Ads will promote HD digital radio products in CIRCUIT CITY stores in 10 markets and online at <http://www.circuitcity.com/>. The ALLIANCE will be advertising website availability in 58 additional markets. ALLIANCE ads will also be promoting RADIOSHACK's expansion of its HD radio rollout to include some 2,500 stores nationwide. Other ALLIANCE partners to be promoted in the campaign include AMAZON, CAMBRIDGE SOUNDWORKS (which recently launched two new HD radio models), CRUTCHFIELD, TWEETER and JVC. The new ads can be heard at <http://www.hdradioalliance.com/>, allaccess.com via Brock Whaley For: DXLD DXFlorida NRC. (PM-OR)

Mike Hardester passes on the following from John Dermitt:

1330 WBHV PA, Somerset: as of 1 November, they have switched, from "Country Gospel," to "ESPN Radio." I checked the FCC website and no indication of a call sign change... yet. (MH-NC)

Source: www1.tcpalm.com/tcp/local_news/article/0,2545,TCP_16736_5134481,00.html, By MICHELLE SHELDONE, michelle.sheldone@scripps.com, November 12, 2006

A new radio station is sending sounds from Sinatra to Simon & Garfunkel through North Palm Beach and South Martin counties. Palm Beach Gardens-based Seaview AM 960 is targeting the upscale 50-plus market in these areas, according to a news release. (per the FCC site: WSVU ~ 1.2 kW Day and 250 watts at night) "That's a strong population in that area," station owner Tricia Woods said. "It's for the people who enjoy the classics." When another AM station switched its format to all-male talk a few weeks ago, it left a void for that classic music, Woods said. Commercial-free programming aired on Seaview throughout October. The station expects next to hire morning and afternoon on-air personalities and to partner with a local television station for news and weather, Woods said. Seaview is owned by small, privately owned InterMart Broadcasting and is its only Palm Beach County radio property. InterMart is headquartered in Cape Coral and has had stations in Georgia, North Carolina and Nevada, the news release says. "We really want to be a community radio station," Woods said. "And that's what we aim to do." (MH-NC)

Frank Aden passes on the following:

KGEM 1140 (Boise ID-ye ed) and KCID 1490 (Caldwell, ID-ye ed) have swapped formats (Nov 12-ye ed). (FA-ID)

Dale Park passes on the following:

Posted on Tue, Oct. 31, 2006

A's announce new flagship radio station, By Jonathan Okanes, CONTRA COSTA TIMES

The A's have a solution for fans who struggled to pick up their games on the radio last season. All it requires is making the switch from AM to FM. The team announced Monday it is switching flagship stations from KYCY 1550-AM to KIFR 106.9-FM. KIFR is an 80,000-watt station with a young talk-radio format that should give the team better coverage throughout the Bay Area. "In terms of signal strength, it will definitely be an improvement," A's vice president of communications and broadcasting Ken Pries said. Some A's fans complained about their ability to listen clearly to games last season on KYCY. The A's had hoped KYCY and KTNS 1220-AM in San Jose would cover their listener base. KIFR and KYCY are both owned by CBS Radio, and games will continue to air on KYCY as well. Pries said the team explored the idea of getting games on KIFR last season, but CBS Radio was hesitant because the station had just launched a new format. "We kind of knew last year was going to be a hurdle for us," Pries said. "We were kind of limited in various capacities from a signal strength standpoint. We needed to get through last season." The agreement calls for KIFR to be the A's flagship station through the 2009 season. While it's rare to have flagship stations on FM, it's not unprecedented. The Atlanta Braves and Washington Nationals also have their games carried on both AM and FM. "I think it's a positive more than a negative," Pries said. "More people listen to FM than AM." Contact Jonathan Okanes at jokanes@cctimes.com. (DP-HI)

Dale Park sends along the following:

10/21/06-10/23/06, Air America founders launch new liberal talk-radio network

The cofounders of Air America Radio have launched a new liberal talk network, the Phoenix-based Nova M Radio. The Air America affiliate in Phoenix was bought out by a religious broadcasting company in March, which led affiliate directors to seek alternative means to broadcasting their content. Nova M Radio officially formed in April as a local operation, and now its directors are setting their sights on the rest of the nation by recruiting big-name talent. Mike Malloy, whose popular program on Air America ended in August, will debut the revamped The Mike Malloy Show on October 30 live from 9 p.m. to midnight Eastern time on all Nova M affiliates. The program will also stream live on the channel's Web site, www.novamradio.com. Internationally renowned pollster John Zogby will also join the Nova M stable with his hour-long show The Pulse of the Nation, where he will poll a variety of crucial social, political, and cultural issues. In addition to polling, interviews with special guests and audience participation will round out the show's content. Nova M CEO and chairman Michael "Dr. Mike" Newcomb will also host a daily chatfest from 9 a.m. until noon. Peter Collins, a veteran San Francisco-based radio personality, will host his own talk-radio show from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. weekdays. In light of Air America's recent filing for Chapter 11 bankruptcy, Nova M has also secured Howard Dean presidential campaign fund-raiser Joe Trippi and his consulting firm to help the new company establish a firm base of financial contributors and supporters. (The Advocate) (DP-HI)

Dale Park sends along the following:

As Air America stumbles, what's radio got left? Local affiliate KTLK sees an audience for programming that's entertaining talk first and liberal second, with a competitive agenda.

By Steve Carney, Special to The Los Angeles Times, October 20, 2006

With Air America filing for bankruptcy protection last week, and its local affiliate dropping in the most recent ratings, right-wing critics are gleefully writing the epitaph for liberal talk radio — dead at 2 1/2. But other observers say that regardless of whether Air America survives, an audience exists and will remain for left-leaning hosts. "There's a market for good talk radio, no matter what the political label is," said Perry Michael Simon, news-talk-sports editor of AllAccess.com, an online journal of the radio industry, and himself a former talk radio programmer. "The key is that if it's entertaining talk radio first and liberal second, it can work." "The problem," Simon said, "is that the entire category of liberal talk is judged by what Air America is doing." Doing their best to get out from under that shadow are stations such as KTLK-AM (1150), Air America's affiliate in Los Angeles. Even before the bankruptcy filing — in fact, since the station debuted in February 2005 — KTLK has been weaning itself from the network's programming. "We're trying to take this

progressive format and make it radio, not make it a cause," said Don Martin, KTLK program director. "I don't want them [listeners] coming here because they call it 'Air America.'" KTLK carries about 13 hours of the network's shows daily — including its signature host, comedian Al Franken, from 9 a.m. to noon, and Randi Rhodes on tape delay, from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. — but fills the rest of the schedule with liberal or centrist hosts of its own choosing. That includes the key time slots of 6 to 9 a.m., held by Los Angeles-based Stephanie Miller, a self-described "liberal wacko," and noon to 3 p.m., with Ed Schultz, a red-state former Republican. Both are radio veterans, another quality lacking in many of the hosts who populate Air America's schedule. "They're not bad, but there's a lot of competition out there," said Michael Harrison, publisher of Talkers Magazine, a talk radio trade journal. He warned that the hosts at Air America "continue to be presenting themselves as some sort of political campaign." "I don't think they have as much of a chance if their political agenda supersedes their business agenda," he said. "I certainly do not believe they represent the viability of progressive or liberal-leaning hosts in talk radio." He noted that in 2004, the most scathing and most widely heard critic of President Bush on the airwaves was shock-jock Howard Stern. Simon predicted that Air America, which airs on 86 stations and XM satellite radio, will continue through the coming election and perhaps to the end of the year. Then he expects it will either fold, or change into a syndicate offering a few shows, rather than a network trying to maintain an expensive full slate of programming. "It's a shame," he said. "This was an opportunity to create really good, new talk radio. It was misbegotten from the start, not a project of people who knew radio and wanted to create something long-term." "Their core audience isn't big enough to sustain a commercial operation the way they're spending money," Simon said. In its Chapter 11 bankruptcy filing last Friday, Air America's parent company listed assets of \$4.3 million against \$20.3 million in liabilities. Air America officials declined to be interviewed for this article. One variable in the network's future is Franken himself, who has said he might consider running for the U.S. Senate in Minnesota in 2008, against Republican incumbent Norm Coleman. KTLK's Martin said he's already figuring how to rework his schedule if Franken leaves. But Franken's not going away just yet. Addressing the Chapter 11 filing Monday on his program, Franken said, "You may notice I'm doing a show. I'm speaking now. And now. What's better is that you're hearing me. The right wing has been gloating since Friday, and let them," he said. "We're going to keep doing our work. It's important what we do, and it's important that progressive radio continue, and it will." Air America has been beset by money troubles and management turnover since before it launched March 31, 2004. The network debuted on five stations nationwide, including KBLA-AM (1580) in Santa Monica, but two weeks later it was off the air here and in Chicago, when the owner of those stations, MultiCultural Radio Broadcasting Inc., cut off the service in a payment dispute. After almost a year absent from Southern California, Air America returned in February 2005 via KTLK, one of 25 "Progressive Talk" stations nationwide owned by radio giant Clear Channel Communications. Such a commitment from Clear Channel — at 1,200 stations strong, the nation's largest radio chain — bodes well for the future of liberal talk, Simon said. "Talk radio, in general, is a growth business," he said. With people increasingly getting their music from the Internet, satellite radio or their iPods, talk radio can provide unique personalities unavailable elsewhere. KTLK debuted with a 0.3% ratings share, jumped to 0.8% in the following quarter, and reached 1% at the beginning of 2006, after a year on the air. In the summer radio ratings, released Monday, KTLK fell from 29th place to 35th in the market, dropping from 1% of the local audience to 0.7%. But Martin ascribed KTLK's decline to a seasonal aberration, a fate also suffered in the summer by conservative talk rivals KFI-AM (640), which dropped from a first-place tie to eighth, and KABC-AM (790), which remained in 17th place from spring to summer, but shed audience percentage. "You don't just show up one day and say, 'I'm here!' For this station to be a 1 share in a year is a tremendous accomplishment," Martin said. He said observers, in judging the success of KTLK and liberal talk in general, are making a comparison between left- and right-wing radio, instead of comparing a new offering to stations that have been fine-tuning their programming for years. "We're going to continually build this thing out. We're on a perfect growth trail," Martin said. "Air America kicked this thing off. It's up to us to help make it mature." (DP-HI)

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DATE OF COLUMN: 11/17/06. Well, we're well into the fall season of DX. Just 1 week till Thanksgiving, hope you hear Turkey and Greece TP's (get it, turkey and grease, heh)? That joke should be stuffed... it's too 'corn'-y. 73's.

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- 580 KUBC CO, Montrose 11/19 0200 under KIDO with country music, pretty steady. KIDO nulled, looking for KANA test. (FA-ID)
?KUBC?+11/19 0239+ mostly dominant in KMJ null during KANA DX test. Several country songs and possible ID. Will send report. (MS-CA)
 - 640 ?KYUK? AK, Bethel 11/9 1430 tentatively the one with "This is NPR, National Public Radio," then classical music interlude before going into NPR Morning Edition program about U.S. mid term election results. Lost under KGVW by 1440. As far as I know KYUK is the only NPR station on 640. (NP-AB)
 - 760 WJR MI, Detroit 11/4 0520 "Newstalk 760 WJR" ID, then back into talk program. (NP-AB1)
 - 790 KPFT CA, Clovis 11/10 0220 Randi Rhodes show, 0226 promo "On 7-90 KPFT Air America Radio." Good over/under KABC and KWIL. New. (REW-HI)
 - KABC CA, Los Angeles 11/10 0205 live talk show from KABC studios, 0216 "You're on KABC," 0218 KABC news. Good. KKON-HI mostly off but came on briefly 0221. Variable QRM from KPFT & KWIL. (REW-HI)
 - KKON HI, Kealakekua 11/10 0220 not on air, 0221 quickly on for ID only "You're listening to KHLO Hilo and KKON 7-90 Kona, the Big Island's sports authority," then right off. Parent station KHLO-850 has been having problems with humming audio for months, was testing with open carrier in the 0200-0300 period. First time KKON has been heard testing or off. Earthquake damage? (REW-HI)
 - KWIL OR, Albany 11/10 0210-0230 religious songs fair over/under KABC & KPFT. (REW-HI)
 - 800 CKOR BC, Penticton 11/4 0518 interview during second intermission of Penticton hockey game, then local ads, ID only as "E-Zee Rock. (NP-AB1)
 - 810 KTBI WA, Ephrata 11/5 1555 Believers Bible Hour program, multi-station ID including KTBI, then into USA Radio network news. (NP-AB1)
 - 840 WHAS KY, Louisville 11/4 0500 call letter jingle ID, Fox news, then local ads and further ID's. (NP-AB1)
 - 860 KTRB CA, San Francisco 11/8 1315 good with "KTRB San Francisco on the air testing," so now they are testing before they come on the air. (CM-CA)
 - 890 KDXU UT, St. George 11/19 0105 Coast to Coast show with Art Bell. Fair signal above usually dominant CJDC on R-388 with N-S wire. (GH-OR)
 - 900 KNUI HI, Wailuku 11/13 2301 ID by woman "Maui's Aloha Station, KNUI." This slogan not listed in IRCA slogan database 2006-2007, so add to that list. Good over/under CKMO and XEW. (REW-HI)
 - 970 CFXE AB, Edson 11/4 2059 multi-station ID at the hour mentioning "Fox Radio Group" mentioning CFXE and FMs in Jasper, Hinton, and Grand Cache. (NP-AB1)
 - 1050 CJNB SK, North Battleford 11/6 0030 female gave ID and weather forecast into C&W music. Weak, maybe some KTCT in there as well on Drake with Sanserino loop. (GH-OR)
 - 1060 ?KRCN? CO, Longmont 11/17 2118 poor, occasionally rising up with NASCAR truck race coverage from the Motorsports Racing Network-MRN. Thanks to KAZ for the tip that they probably were running day power. New, tentative. (DP-OR)
 - 1070 KATQ MI, Plentywood 11/22 1805-1816 good with Paul Harvey "The Rest of the Story" and lots of local ads. C&W music weakly behind KATQ (KTDI?). First time noted during the day this season. This one is common in Nov/Dec/Jan each year in the afternoons. Apparently still C&W. (PM-OR)
 - 1080 KRLD TX, Dallas 11/13 2300 promo, "We cover North Texas with news & weather, Newsradio 10-80 Dallas-Fort Worth, KRLD." Very good, some KSCO-CA. (REW-HI)
 - 1110 KAGV AK, Big Lake 11/8 1411 Christian music, ID heard as "When you're ready to go, and the snow machine isn't, tune in KAGV 1110, Alaska's Gospel Voice," into Through the Bible at 1430. (NP-AB)
+ 1/22 0415 good on top of KBND briefly with Christian music and "Alaska's Gospel Voice." ID's. (PM-OR)

1170 KFAQ OK, Tulsa 11/13 2305 ID by man "Radio 11-70, KFAQ." Good. (REW-HI)
 1200 KYAA CA, Soquel 11/7 0300 in good with KYAA ID. (CM-CA)
 1230 KDAC CA, Fort Bragg 11/9 2310 Mexican patriotic music, 2316 ID "en la Maquina Musical." Good, dominant, //1250, 1400. (REW-HI)
 KKEE OR, Astoria 11/14 0945 ESPN network sports, 1000 ID by man "Your station for the Los Angeles Lakers, Sports Radio 12-30 KKEE Astoria, Oregon." Local weather by woman, 1001 back to ESPN Sports Center. Good. (REW-HI)
 CJNL BC, Merritt 11/5 1702 news by a man, time check as "NL news time 9:03," then PSA and into weather. (NP-AB1)
 1290 KOWB WY, Laramie 11/19 0500 fair in jumble. Just man with call letters "K-O-double U-B." (DP-OR)
 1310 KMKY CA, Oakland 11/15 0825 good with song by Smashmouth and Radio Disney contest. (MS-CA)
 KLIX ID, Twin Falls 11/19 0400 good with top of hour ID. (MS-CA)
 CHLW AB, St. Paul 11/15 2350 C&W music with ID weak and sputtering in the jumble on Drake with RS loop. One unID in there as well. (GH-OR)
 + 11/19 0320 heard actually dominating the frequency on my little Sony while trying for KEIN DX test. Noted several country tunes including "Angry All the Time." Crystal clear ID at 0330. Excellent. New for me. (MS-CA)
 1340 KATA CA, Arcata 11/5 0000 fair with "This is KATA Arcata, Eureka." (CM-CA)
 CINL BC, Ashcroft 11/22 good on top with "NL News" at 0300. (PM-OR)
 1350 KTIK ID, Nampa 11/21 0100 sports talk with fair signal at times trading places with KRLC which most often dominates, on R-390A with E-W wire. (GH-OR)
 1400 KUKI CA, Ukiah 11/9 2316 song, 2321 network ID "La Maquina Musical, 12-30, 12-50 y 1400." Good over KVTO-CA in Greek. New. (REW-HI)
 KNND OR, Cottage Grove 11/17 0100 male gave ID with C&W music in a mixed up jumble with KEDO? (I think). Weak. Heard occasionally. (GH-OR)
 KEDO WA, Longview 11/18 0500 fair, rose up with full ID mentioning Longview and Kelso. New. (DP-OR)
 1420 KUJ WA, Walla Walla 11/12 0045 sports talk with rare ID. Barely getting above semi-local KITI at times. Surprisingly seldom heard. (GH-OR)
 1440 KTME CA, Santa Maria 11/14 0940 gave dual ID "...on KUHL and KTME," mentioned Sheppard Eye Center. Most of the time they use slogan "AM 1440 & AM 1410." (MS-CA)
 1450 KVEN CA, Ventura 11/15 0943 noted with oldie, briefly over KFSD. (MS-CA)
 KONP WA, Port Angeles 11/18 0100 news and ID. Barely perceptible in a jumble with at least 2 others. George Noory. Weak. (GH-OR)
 1490 KEYG WA, Grand Coulee 11/6 0300 "You're listening to KEYG, 1490 AM, Grand Coulee and the upper Columbia Basin," then AP news. (NP-AB1)
 KWOK WA, Hoquiam 11/4 0530 time out in HS football game, with ID as "Grays Harbor's home for high school sports, ESPN Radio 1490, KWOK Hoquiam-Aberdeen." 11/6 0258 Grays Harbor ads with mentions of Aberdeen, then faded under KEYG just at the hour. After the hour heard slogan "Grays Harbor's Sports Authority" soon after the hour. (NP-AB1)
 KTEL WA, Walla Walla 11/6 0256 "1490 KTEL" ID noted through the jumble. Not sure if this was the station using "Oldies 1490" slogan earlier. (NP-AB1)
 1560 KNZR CA, Bakersfield 11/5 0030 in good with "This is the Voice of Bakersfield KNZR" mentioned. (CM-CA)

DX TESTS

580 KANA MT, Anaconda 11/19 0211 logged this one with a very distinct sweep tone. Heard some beeps about 24 minutes later. (MS-CA)
 + 11/19 0213 with sweep tones very weak. (BB-AZ)
 + 11/19 0215 code under KIDO & KUBC. (FA-ID)
 ?KANA? MT, Anaconda 11/19 0201 tentative but probable. Fair strength sweep tones for just a few moments at the beginning of the scheduled test. Nothing noted during later checks. (DP-OR)
 680 KKGR MT, East Helena 11/19 0217 with sweep tones and fast code, on top of KNBR. (BB-AZ)
 750 KERR MT, Polson 11/19 0209-0251 poor to fair, "The most country originals, 750 KERR... Montana." Noted a variety of old songs. KXL plus probably KOAL interfering. New. (DP-OR)
 + 11/19 0215 DX test heard very clear here with "750 KERR" ID and a long succession of country music tunes. Many thanks to those who arranged these. (MS-CA)
 + 11/19 0244 with ID and then into country music. (BB-AZ)
 1290 KGVO MT, Missoula 11/19 0306 with ID and into Coast to Coast. (BB-AZ)
 (KGVO)+11/19 DX test tried, not heard. (MS-CA)
 1310 (KEIN) MT, Great Falls 11/19 DX test tried, not heard. (MS-CA)

HELP WITH UNID'S

1160 KMGS TX, Highland Park-Dallas may be NJ's unID in CDXR 11/11. It carries oldies and its night pattern, which would have been on at 2005 on 11/2, has two minor lobes producing some power toward MT. Despite lowish night power of 1kw, it is widely reported. (REW-HI) (Thanks for the help, but per a Dallas member, KMGS has changed calls to KVCE and now has a talk format.—NJ)

It was an interesting week with all of the DX tests from our Big Sky Country of Montana. Thank you to the people who arranged them. Nancy 11/24 2100

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 NRD-535, Sony ICF-2010, Wellbrook LA5030 loop, attic longwire, Quantum Phaser.
 [JcJ-MT] Your editor using an Icom IC-R71A with Kiwa loop.

DOWN THE DIAL

770 KATL MT, Miles City. 11-23 very strong. 10:11 with ID, local ID. [NJ-MT]
 910 WALT MS, Meridian. 11-21 fair when they popped to the surface. 21:00 with ID. [JP-TN]
 1320 WRJW MS, Picayune. 11-17 fair. 17:25 with "Tight Lines" program, spots. [JP-TN]
 1340 KTOQ SD, Rapid City. 11-23 good over others. 19:00 with "K-talk AM 13-40 KTOQ Rapid City" into Fox News. [NJ-MT]
 1360 KFIV CA, Modesto. 11-20 good. 20:59 with end of "Money Minute" and ID "Fox News is next on KFIV Modesto..." [NJ-MT]
 KHNC CO, Johnstown. 11-20 loud. 19:00 with "You're listening to the Lion. 10,000 Watts KHNC 13-60 AM Johnstown, Denver." [NJ-MT]
 KSCJ IA, Sioux City. 11-19 good. 22:00 with "This is KSCJ Sioux City" ID into ABC News. [NJ-MT]
 1510 KYOL CO, Littleton. 11-18 very strong. 23:00 with ID between oldies. "Denver's true oldies channel. AM 15-10 KYOL Littleton." [NJ-MT]

DX TESTS

580 KANA MT, Anaconda. 11-19 DX Test. 02:15 heard very faint trace of code – maybe one or two characters. Nancy didn't hear at all on her Drake. [JcJ-MT]
 680 KKGR MT, East Helena. 11-19 DX Test. Listened 02:20-02:30. Strong signal here. Very nice long 5 minute period of sweep tones and very fast code. We were impressed with this one. They even mentioned "Big Sky DX Test." [NJ-MT] and [JcJ-MT]
 750 KERR MT, Polson. 11-19 DX Test. Noted very strong signal from KERR as expected. Country music format. 02:35 heard an ID. [NJ-MT] and [JcJ-MT]
 930 KLCY MT, East Missoula. 11-19 DX Test. Normal good signal strength for hearing this. Airing their normal NOS format. "KLCY 9-30" and "Classy 9-30" IDs heard. No tones or code. [NJ-MT] and [JcJ-MT]
 1230 WODI VA, Brookneal. 11-19 weak. 23:02 with Morse code and sweeps during recurring DX Test. [JP-TN]
 1290 KGVO MT, Missoula. 11-19 mixing with a strong CFRW. DX Test. KGVO was airing their normal talk program. 02:59 heard legal ID into News. No sign of any test. No code, no tones. [NJ-MT] and [JcJ-MT]
 1310 (KEIN) MT, Great Falls. 11-19. Appeared station was off the air. Their signal is usually heard here. Very strong normal pest CHLW was dominant. [NJ-MT] and [JcJ-MT]

UNIDS

1360 unID 11-21 unID station at 19:00 with "...a service of Salem Communications." No ID heard. Is this KKMO Seattle? [NJ-MT]

25 YEARS AGO

November 28, 1981 issue of IRCA's "DX Monitor" ... **Larry V. Flegle** of Norcross, GA rejoined the club. He said he was 33 and uses a Collins R-388 receiver ... **Karl J. Zuk** of Queens Village, NY mentioned he finally logged VT with WSKI and WDEV logged ... **Frank Aden, Jr.** of Portland, OR said he was still trying to hear Japan and Australia ... **Jef Jaisun** of Kirkland, WA said the weather was so nice he almost started putting up a Beverage.

OPEN MIKE

Nancy and I tried for all of the Montana DX Tests. Signals were as expected. It's almost impossible to hear KANA 580 from here. Only very faint code heard briefly. Not even enough to copy over a couple of letters. This reminds us of how impossible it is to hear some stations just across the state. It also

reminded us that you cannot just go by the details printed about the tests. Times and content vary. Others should keep that in mind while trying for tests. This column was typed 11-25-06. 73, John

EASTERN DX ROUNDUP

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Deadlines: SATURDAY 8 am

(IEN-GA)	Ira Elbert New	STARS OF THE WEEK Watkinsville, GA DRAKE R-8B, 135' N/S L.W., SANGEAN ATS 909
(CJG-KY)	Chris Gray	Lexington, KY KU4A@yahoo.com Icom IC-735, Gap Eagle Vertical

LOGGINGS

600	IA	WMT	IA Cedar Rapids, 11/19/06 0134, BOH ID into Coast to Coast AM. Decent signal with fading. "Newsradio 600, WMT". (IEN-GA)
660	AZ	KTNN	Window Rock, 11/19/06 0100, Country music, Navajo music, TOH ID and CNN News. Decent, steady signal (S7) on top of the mix in the null of WFAN. "KTNN, Arizona. AM 660" and "KTNN, Window Rock". (IEN-GA)
950	KY	WYWY	Barbourville, 11/19/06 0250, Gospel music. Good, steady signal. "AM 950, WYWY." (IEN-GA)
990	QC	CKGM	Montreal, 11-19 1845, Seattle-San Francisco NFL game. (CJG-KY)
	MB	CBW	Winnipeg, 11-19 1900, interview show, then 10 minutes of CBC news, then into another interview. (CJG-KY)
1130	LA	KWKH	Shreveport, 11-19 1925, "LSU Sunday Night Live" talk show, and local ad. Very Strong. (CJG-KY)

Another light week for DX???? Fresh 11-25-06 1100 Go Gators!!

DX WORLDWIDE – WEST / TROPICAL BAND DX

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Greetings everyone,

I hope everyone had a nice Thanksgiving. DX is still hanging on. I have noted TPs in as late as 1800 UTC (JOHR-1287 and JOQR-1134) of late as winter getting closer. We have a new report this time, Mike Beu from Austin Texas. Welcome. He has heard TPs, so they are making it inland. So away we go.

TRANS-PACIFIC DX ROUNDUP

747	JAPAN	Sapporo JOIB, 11/22 1045. Talk by woman (in JJ?) Frequently peaking to good level to aprox 1200. Running parallel to 774. Also fairly strong carriers on 693 and 738 but no audio (BEU-TX)
	+	Also noted 1643 11/18 NHK2 s/off chimes heard weakly in 750 splash. Had also heard the Japanese NA at 1640 on JOUB 774, but could find no other parallels at this late time. Local sunrise was 90 minutes before this. (NHP-BC)
774	JAPAN	Akita JOUB, 11/22 at 1004. Talk by man and woman and parallel to 747. As strong as JOIB but splatter much worse. Occasionally audible to aprox 1200. (BEU-TX)
972	REP OF KOREA	Dangjin HLCA, 11/22 1432 in very well and arm-chair at times. Man and woman singing a slow ballad followed by a variety of more modern music. Female talk in between songs. (DP-OR)
1134	JAPAN	Tokyo JOQR, fair at 1745 11/27 with man in JJ. Have been hearing TPs quite late this month. (PM-OR)
1206	CHINA	Yanji, 11/22 at 1337 Nice signal but a bit muddy. Talk by female and assorted mx. (Sounded like KK to me) (DP-OR)
1287	JAPAN	Sapporo JOHR, good with man in JJ at 1742 11/27. (PM-OR)
1386	JAPAN	one of the 5 NHK2 outlets listed, with weak signal in JJ //774 at 1450 11/23. (DV-WA)
1422	JAPAN	Yokohama, JORF, at 1458 11/22 with man in JJ with weak signal. Best reception before sunrise. (DV-WA)
1503	JAPAN	Akita JOUK, weak 1508 11/22 with woman in JJ. (DV-WA)
1557f	TAIWAN	Kouhu, Family Radio, 1452 11/16. Slow voiced man talking, quite poor, seemed the same on 17760, but delayed, not 100% sure, but it sounded like the same voice. (NHP-BC)

1566 **REP KOREA**, Cheju HLAZ, in briefly with weak signal at 1453, soon faded out on 11/26. (DV-WA)

1593 **CHINA**, Changzhou CNR1, heard at 1509 weak signal in CC 11/26. (DV-WA)

QSL

1566 **REP KOREA**, Cheju HLAZ, QSL letter and card from Director of FEBC, Hwang Young Jin, after about a month. This came directly from: FEBC, PO Box 1566, 695-750 Jeju. (PT-WA) (Great going Pete. PM)

THANKS TO THESE REPORTERS

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DV-WA	DENNIS VROOM , Vancouver WA vroomski@comcast.net DXing with Drake R8B, JRC 545, EWE NW, High Performance Active Whip
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Hi folks and welcome to this week's edition of DXWW-East. Monday evening is the weekly deadline for submissions.

*** TRANS-ATLANTIC DX ***

549	ALGERIA	<i>Alger Chaîne 1</i> , Les Trembles, NOV 18 2125 - Arabic talk. [Connelly*Y-MA]
558	SPAIN	<i>Radio Nacional 5</i> synchros, NOV 13 0224 - //621 & 720 with fast Spanish talk; faiRadio. [Connelly*B-MA]
567	IRELAND	<i>RTE Radio 1</i> , Tullamore, NOV 18 2347 - //252 with country vocal; faiRadio. [Connelly*Y-MA]
	+	NOV 20 0050 - Bob Dylan song; to good peak. [Connelly*B-MA]
585	SPAIN	<i>Radio Nacional 1</i> , Madrid, NOV 18 2345 - Radio Uno and Radio Nacional de Espana ID's; LOUD! [Connelly*Y-MA]
612	MOROCCO	<i>RTM A</i> , Sebbaa-Aioun, NOV 20 0040 - pop-style male Arabic vocal with strings, drums; excellent, full (and compressed) audio. [Connelly*B-MA]
621	CANARY ISLANDS // SPAIN	<i>Radio Nacional 1</i> synchros, Santa Cruz de Tenerife et al., NOV 13 0222 - //720 with fast Spanish talk.
	+	NOV 20 0101 - Spanish news; fair to good. [Connelly*B-MA]
684	SPAIN	<i>Radio Nacional 1</i> , Sevilla, NOV 18 2126 - Spanish sports coverage; good, over WRKO slop. [Connelly*Y-MA]
702	unID	NOV 18 2125 - Arabic female vocal, not parallel to Algerians; strong and on a completely interference-free channel. [Connelly*Y-MA]
711	FRANCE	<i>France Info</i> , Rennes, NOV 18 2045 - woman in French; over W. Sahara & Libya jumble/growl. [Connelly*Y-MA]
720	CANARY ISLANDS	<i>Radio Nacional 5</i> , Finca España, NOV 13 0222 - //621 with Spanish talk, teletalk; mixed with WGN and a third station. [Connelly*B-MA]
729	SPAIN	<i>Radio Nacional 1</i> synchros, NOV 20 0058 - //774 with festive Spanish female vocal; briefly to fair level with CKAC phased. [Connelly*B-MA]
738	SPAIN	<i>Radio Nacional 1</i> , Barcelona, NOV 20 0030 - woman in Spanish; in WJIB slop. [Connelly*B-MA]
747	CANARY ISLANDS // SPAIN	<i>Radio Nacional 5</i> synchros, NOV 13 0227 - //621 with woman in Spanish; faiRadio. [Connelly*B-MA]
747	NETHERLANDS	<i>Radio 747/Radio5</i> , Flevoland, NOV 18 2030 - woman in Dutch, then music. [Connelly*Y-MA]
756	GERMANY	<i>Deutschlandfunk</i> , Braunschweig & Ravensburg, NOV 13 0228 - classical piano & violin; dominant.
	+	NOV 19 2325 - //1422 with jazz vocal; good. [Connelly*B-MA]
765	SWITZERLAND	<i>RSR Option Musique</i> , Sottens, NOV 13 0212 - "Sunny" by Bobby Hebb from '66, then jingle followed by French song; good. [Connelly*B-MA]
	+	NOV 18 2040 - "Chain of Fools" by Aretha Franklin; faiRadio. [Connelly*Y-MA]
	+	NOV 20 0024 - French talk, "Luka" by Suzanne Vega; fair to good. [Connelly*B-MA]

- 774 **SPAIN** *Radio Nacional1* synchros, NOV 13 0238 - man & woman in Spanish; stronger than 770 WABC at times.
+ NOV 19 2345 - //1305 with talk; faiRadio. [Connelly*B-MA]
- 837 **CANARY ISLANDS // SPAIN** *COPE* synchros, NOV 18 2119 - 'futbol' match //999, excited announcer & crowd noises; to good peak over others. [Connelly*Y-MA]
- 864 **EGYPT** *Holy Koran Radio*, Santah, NOV 18 2330 - Koranic vocal; fair, not much France at the time. [Connelly*Y-MA]
- 864 **FRANCE** *France Bleu*, Villebon-sur-Yvette, NOV 19 2341 - mellow French female vocal; faiRadio. [Connelly*B-MA]
- 882 **UNITED KINGDOM** *BBC Radio Wales*, Washford, NOV 13 0230 - talk about something to be televised this week on the BBC; strong, about equal to adjacent WCBS. [Connelly*B-MA]
+ NOV 18 2035 - British talk, then Celtic music; to good peak. [Connelly*Y-MA]
- 890.98 **ALGERIA** *Alger Chaîne 1*, Algiers, NOV 20 0017 - Arabic male vocal & orchestra; good signal but light audio. [Connelly*B-MA]
- 909 **UNITED KINGDOM** *BBC Radio5 Live* synchros, NOV 18 2038 - talk about President Bush, diplomacy; good. [Connelly*Y-MA]
+ NOV 20 0015 - sportstalk mentioned Annika Sorenstam, phone interview followed; to good peak. [Connelly*B-MA]
- 945 **FRANCE** *France Info*, Toulouse, NOV 20 0110 - //1206 with light jazz; faiRadio. [Connelly*B-MA]
- 999 **SPAIN** *COPE*, Madrid, NOV 18 2020 - fast Spanish talk; good. [Connelly*Y-MA]
- 999 **MOLDOVA** Voice of Russia, Maiac, NOV 18 2111 - man & woman in Russian; booming in, now well over Spain. [Connelly*Y-MA]
- 1017 **GERMANY** *SWR Cont. Radio*, Wolfsburg, NOV 20 0009 - man in German; faiRadio. [Connelly*B-MA]
- 1053 **SPAIN** *COPE* synchros, NOV 18 2017 - Spanish teletalk; mixed with UK and 1053.06 Libya growl. [Connelly*Y-MA]
- 1062 **DENMARK** *Danmarks Radio*, Kalundborg, NOV 18 2011 - soul/rap music, man in Danish; good. [Connelly*Y-MA]
- 1089 **UNITED KINGDOM** *TalkSport* synchros, NOV 20 0007 - talk about youth gangsters, what parents can do; loud, stronger than 1090 WBAL. [Connelly*B-MA]
- 1134 **CROATIA** *Glas Hrvatske*, Zadar, NOV 18 2012 - Slavic talk by man & woman; good. [Connelly*Y-MA]
+ NOV 20 0003 - Slav political talk; loud. [Connelly*B-MA]
- 1170 **UNITED ARAB EMIRATES** *Radio Sawa*, Al Dhabiya, NOV 20 0002 - US boy-band song followed by Arabic violin music and female vocal; to good peak with WWVA phased. [Connelly*B-MA]
- 1179 **SWEDEN** *Radio Sweden International*, Sölvesborg, NOV 18 2100 - English ID "Radio Sweden, Stockholm", interval signal, then news by woman in Swedish; to good peak. [Connelly*Y-MA]
- 1206 **FRANCE** *France Info*, Bordeaux, NOV 18 2054 - woman in French; good. [Connelly*Y-MA]
+ NOV 19 2350 - talk //1242; excellent. [Connelly*B-MA]
- 1215 **UNITED KINGDOM** *Virgin Radio* synchros, NOV 18 2053 - Wham! 1984 hit "Wake Me Up Before You Go Go"; good. [Connelly*Y-MA]
+ NOV 19 2355 - ELO song, then female DJ; to good peak. [Connelly*B-MA]
- 1242 **FRANCE** *France Info*, Marseille, NOV 19 2350 - //1206 with French talk; poor, over unID music station. [Connelly*B-MA]
- 1251 **LIBYA** *Libyan Jamahiriya*, Tripoli, NOV 20 0115 - electronic Big Ben style chimes, Arabic talk; good carrier, light audio. [Connelly*B-MA]
- 1269 **GERMANY** *Deutschlandfunk*, Neumünster, NOV 19 2348 - //1422 with woman in German; over CJC/WTSN slop. [Connelly*B-MA]
- 1305 **SPAIN** *Radio Nacional 5* synchros, NOV 19 2345 - //774 with man & woman in Spanish; fair, somewhat echoey. [Connelly*B-MA]
- 1377 **FRANCE** *France Info*, Lille, NOV 19 2322 - woman in French; fair, fadey. [Connelly*B-MA]
- 1394.82 **ALBANIA** *TWR*, Filakë, NOV 18 2005 - eastern European language talk by woman; fair with 1390 WPLM phased. [Connelly*Y-MA]
- 1422 **GERMANY** *Deutschlandfunk*, Heusweiler, NOV 19 2325 - //756 with female nightclub-jazz type vocal; fair, over Algeria. [Connelly*B-MA]
- 1431 **DJIBOUTI** *Radio Sawa*, Arta, NOV 19 2326 - Mideast dance music; poor to fair in WXKS slop. [Connelly*B-MA]
- 1467 **FRANCE** *TWR*, Roumoules, NOV 19 2327 - southern US preacher railing about the evils of alcoholism; good, less WLAM/WAZN slop than usual. [Connelly*B-MA]
- 1494 **FRANCE (CORSICA)** *France Bleu*, Bastia, NOV 19 2341 - //864 with French vocal; pooRadio. [Connelly*B-MA]
- 1521 **SAUDI ARABIA** *BSKSA*, Duba, NOV 18 1855 - fat het and some audio already here at 1:55 p.m. local!
+ NOV 18 1930 - //9555 & 9870 with Arabic talk & music; loud signal two hours before sunset. [Connelly*Y-MA]
- 1575 **UNITED ARAB EMIRATES** *Radio Farda*, Al Dhabiya, NOV 19 2335 - Farsi discussion program with two men, then a woman mentioned Radio Farda; good. [Connelly*B-MA]

*** PAN-AMERICAN DX ***

- 555 **ST. KITTS & NEVIS** *Radio ZIZ*, Basseterre, NOV 13 0225 - "Chapel of Love" by the Dixiecupps from '64, then soul version (maybe Roy Hamilton: not Al Hibbler or Righteous Bros.) of "Unchained Melody"; good. [Connelly*B-MA]
+ NOV 18 2349 - advert for low-interest loans; excellent on north-south Flag tweaked for deep null of slopper 560 WGAN. [Connelly*Y-MA]
- 570 **CUBA** *Radio Reloj*, NOV 20 0241 - Reloj news and ticks; good, over second Spanish talker (HIMS ?) and WSYR with WMCA phased. [Connelly*B-MA]
- 710 **CUBA** *Radio Rebelde* synchros, NOV 20 0035 - //1180 & 5025 with '50s Cuban nightclub-type male crooner; mixed with WORadio. [Connelly*B-MA]
- 720 **VENEZUELA** *Radio Oriente*, YVQE, Porlamar, NOV 20 0102 - Venezuela news by woman with mentions of Caracas and other cities; over low growl. [Connelly*B-MA]
- 770 **CUBA** *Radio Rebelde*, NOV 18 2332 - Rebelde network programming; over WABC. [Connelly*Y-MA]
- 880 **VENEZUELA** *Radio Venezuela*, YVYM, Puerto Ordaz, NOV 19 0001 - Radio Venezuela ID, news; excellent/dominant with east-west Flag termination adjusted for serious null of WCBS. [Connelly*Y-MA]
- 895 **ST. KITTS & NEVIS** *Voice of Nevis*, Bath Village, NOV 20 0016 - black Baptist preacher with large congregation present; good. [Connelly*B-MA]
- 970 **CUBA** *Radio Reloj*, La Habana, Nov 22 0355 - Reloj format with second ticks, code and news. [Jordan-TN]
- 1020 **CUBA** *Radio Reloj*, NOV 20 0125 - Reloj news & time markers; through KDKA. [Connelly*B-MA]
- 1180 **CUBA** *Radio Rebelde*, Villa María, NOV 20 0035 - //710 & 5025 with old-style vocal; good with WHAM phased. [Connelly*B-MA]

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ARGENTINA:

650 La Nueva Radio – closed by the authorities
650 R. Melody – ex 680 kHz (also see 1490 bp)
1160 R. Excelsior, Monte Grande, BA – ex 730 kHz
1260 R. Oliva – new station Buenos Aires. Operated by Iglesia Pentecostal Unida de Argentina
1430 R. Pasión – new station Quilmes Oeste, BA
1490 R. Melody, Remedios de Escalada (ex 680)
1520 R. Misión Fortaleza, Ezeiza – ex 1610 kHz
1610 R. Guaviyú, Gregorio de Laferrere, BA – ex 1590 kHz
1640 R. Hosanna AM 1640 – new station from Isidro Casanova. Buenos Aires (Marcelo A. Cornachioni in ConDig via ARC)

BRAZIL:

580 ZY1387 Imaculada Conceição, Campo Grande ex. R. Educação Rural
1330 ZY1533 R. Liberal, Belém (PA10) – ex 900 kHz
1480 ZYK562 Imaculada Conceição, Bilac (SP178) – ex R. Clube (Cláudio Moraes via ARC)

CARIBBEAN: New version for download of the Caribbean Frequencies List in Excel (316 KB) at: http://tep.dxnet.info/CARIBE_1.3.xls. Updates: RFO Guadaloupe, RFO Martinique, Q95FM, Radio Anguilla, Caribbean Beacon, Family Anguilla, ZDK/Sun Antigua, Revolution 88 Aruba, Canal 90 Aruba, GED Barbados, The One Barbados, DBC, Lighthouse Antigua, Mega Aruba, Galactica Aruba, Caruso Boy Aruba. Add: Prayz St Lucia, HBR2 Anguilla, Crusader Antigua, Abundant Life Antigua,

Variety Antigua, Top 95.1 Aruba, QFM Barbados, Mix Barbados. New table: Ham frequencies. (Flávio Archangelo PY2ZX, via HCDX 16 Oct)

CUBA: While I recently was in Holguín on two occasions, Radio Angulo was heard operating with a very strong signal on 1110 kHz while 740 was empty on the first occasion and heard very faintly one week later. 1110 is quite powerful as it was also received very well in Bayamo. Radio Angulo is a provincial radio station for Holguín. 740 might have been off air, or operating at low power from out of town. Radio Angulo was also heard in Holguín on 97.7 and 92.3 FM. (Stig Hartvig Nielsen, MWC e-mail news)

DOMINICAN REPUBLIC: Torolf Johnsson, of Upsala, Sweden, sent me an audio file dated 31 Aug with an unid Spanish speaker on 1680 interfering with WLAA (Que buena) and asking for reports on what they said was a test transmission. I snapped the phone number and on rang them on Torolf's behalf. I talked to Daniel Muñoz of Radio Senda, "la emisora de la unidad cristiana de San Pedro de Macorís", in the Dominican Republic. They have been testing on and off for some 3 months with a power of 900 W. The official Indotel data differ from the actual address info, which is Radio Senda, Apartado Postal 134, (or: /street address/Calle René del Risco Bermúdez 17), San Pedro de Macorís, Dominican Republic. Email: radiosenda@hotmail.com. Torolf received a prompt email reply from the station. (Henrik Klemetz, mwc 1 Sept)

EL SALVADOR:

570 YS. R. Exus, "YXT Radio", San Salvador new
720 YSRA Qué Buena, San Salvador, ex R. Paz
890 YSLA R. Renacimiento, Santa Ana, ex R. Musical
900 YSORF Presencia Radio, San Salvador. E-mail: presenciaradio900AM@hotmail.com
1100 YSRJ R. Don Bosco, San Salvador. <http://radiodb.udb.edu.sv>. E-mail: radiodonbosco@udb.edu.sv. Inaugurated on December 8, 2005. Ex R. Ranchera

1390 YS.. R. Rey de Gloria, San Salvador ex R. Sinai
1580 YS.. R. Poder y Gloria, Santa Ana, new

The stations listed in WRTH 2006 for San Salvador on the following frequencies were not heard during the stay: *655 R. El Salvador; *930 Sonora; 990 UPA; 1070 Renacer; 1080 CRET (see below!); *1140 El Mundo; *1160 Horizonte; 1200 Familiar; 1330 Cristo Te Llama; 1360 Super; *1420 UCA. Stations with an asterisk should be deleted from the list. (Tetsuya Hirahara, Radio Nuevo Mundo via ARC)

GUATEMALA:

560 TGRV R. Salem, Guatemala, ex R. 5-60
800 TG.. R. Constelación, Guatemala, 1200-2400, new
1000 TG.. R. Revelación, Guatemala, new
1120 TGC R. Poderosa, Guatemala, ex R. Uno 120 AM
1150 TGT R. Sonora, Guatemala, ex 1180 kHz. Web: www.sonora.com.gt
1210 TGMX R. Miel, Guatemala, ex Coco Radio
1480 TGHB R. Horizontes, Guatemala, ex R. Buenas Nuevas

The stations listed in WRTH 2006 on the following frequencies were not heard during the stay: 640, 670, 760, 790, 850, 880, 1060, 1090, 1180 (moved to 1150), 1390, 1450 and 1540.

(Tetsuya Hirahara, Radio Nuevo Mundo via ARC)

MÉXICO:

560 XEXZ La Ke Buena, Zacatecas, new slogan
1380 XECO Romántica 13-90, México DF ID
1590 XEVOZ R Tráfico 15-90, México DF ID
(Héctor García Bojorge via Christer Brunström/ARC)

URUGUAY: For the first time in its history, since their foundation in 1929, the radio stations from SODRE will have their own name, logo and defined programming: CX6- 650 AM is to be named "Radio Clásica" as it is devoted to classical music. CX 26- 1050 AM will be named "Radio Uruguay" with information and journalism content. CX38- 1290 AM is going to be named "Emisora del Sur" with their main program being composed of national music in all their genres, with an aperture to the Latin American world, their programs hosted by musicians, players and journalist connected to music. 97.1 FM will be named "Babel" and with their relays in the countryside, will be devoted to the promotion of jazz, the experimental music, contemporary, fusion and avant-garde. The next step (2007-2009) is the territorial expansion, trying to form a National Network of Relays to effectively cover the entire territory, on their assigned FM frequencies. Investment will be made in new AM and FM transmitters, aiming at the technical possibility of including the local participation of the different communities in the country. (Translated from their redesigned website <http://www.sodre.gub.uy>)

Nothing is mentioned about their SW, and word given from his Technical Manager sometime ago their are in this stage unjustified (for economical and strategic reasons). The three radios are (or will be shortly) webcasted from their website. The launch of this plan will be done tomorrow, Oct 10, by national authorities and the SODRE radio director in a public conference. (Horacio Nigro, Montevideo, Uruguay, 9 Oct via HCDX)

EUROPE, AFRICA, AND MIDDLE EAST

ANGOLA: Broadcast Electronics (BE) has shipped to Rádio Nacional de Angola (RNA) a new 4MX 100 kW mediumwave transmitter, the first in the 4MX series at this power level. RNA purchased the

transmitter as part of a contract specifying BE as the supplier for 10 kW, 25 kW, 50 kW and 100 kW mediumwave transmitters. Seratel, the BE representative in Spain, is supplying the transmitters for the state-run broadcaster, which operates 49 stations in Angola, including Canal A, Radio 5, Radio Ngola Yetu, Radio FM Stereo and Radio Luanda. (Source: Broadcast Electronics) (September 12th, 2006, 11:29 UTC by Andy, Media Network blog via DXLD)
BE has separately advised me today that this transmitter will be operating on 702kHz. (Steve Whitt, mwc 3 Oct)

BENIN: Judging by photos on the TWR website it looks as if the single mast antenna is complete and the building looks mostly complete externally. But there are no photos of transmitters or studios. So transmissions are probably some way off yet. (Steve Whitt, mwc 30 Oct)

GREECE: Location kHz kW Location Schedule

Ioannina 765 10 Ioannina Mo-Fri 0700-1300 Local news program with short news spots from NET
1605-1700 Local music, 1800-1900 Traditional music, Sa-Su 0805-1300 Local music & news, church on Sun

Zakinthos 927 50 Ambelokipi Mo-Fri 0700-1400 Local News, 1700-1900 Music and cultural news, Sa 1100-1200 Fairy tales for children, Sun 0800-1100 Traditional Music and church

Larissa 945 5 Mo-Fri 0700-1400 Local News, 1600-1900 Music, Sa-Sun 0900-1000, 1200-1400 Music, Church on Sun

Heracleio 954 10 Xeropotamos Mo-Fri 0800-1400 Local news, 1500-1900 Music, Chania 1512 10 Soudha Mo-Fri 0900-1400 Local News and Music, 1530-1900 Local News and Music, Sat 0900-1000 Music, 1200-1400 Traditional music, Sun 0800-1200 Church and music-After 1200 2 hrs connection with Cosmos

Rhodos 1494 100 Mo -Fri 0700-1400, 1600-1900, Sat-Sun No local program, International ERA
Kerkyra 1008 50 Mo-Fri 0700-1400, 1700-1900 Local Music and News, Sa-Su No local program

Orestiada - - Mo-Fri 0800-1400 Local news, Sa-Su No local program
Komotini 1404 100 Mo-Fri 0800-1400 Local News, Thrace radio network, 1500-1800 Music, Students

radio, News in Turkish Sa-Su Only 1-2 hours of local program on Sat
Tripoli 1314 10 Aghios Mo-Fri 0700-1400, Charalambos 1700-1800 Local news, Sa-Su 0800-1200
One hour on Sat, 4 hrs on Sun (www.radiofono.gr via WRTH)

ISLE OF MAN: The launch of the new longwave station on 279 kHz by Isle of Man International Broadcasting plc has been delayed again. The station's website now says that the anticipated start of test transmissions is early 2007, explaining that the latest delay is due to a change in antenna supplier following a breach of contract, as we previously reported. The website gives an outline timetable for construction of the radio station's facilities: "The Company has existing offices in the Viking Complex in St Paul's Square, Ramsey, which are being expanded to form a 6,000 square feet studio and office complex. A Marketing Suite and small presentation theatre will be incorporated, along with program preparation and production suites, on air studios and technical areas. The remainder of the space will be taken up by offices. Equipment for high power transmission facilities is never available 'off the shelf' and our transmitter and antenna are each custom built units which must also be properly interfaced. After being held to ransom by an antenna supplier IMIB has now chosen to obtain this item elsewhere. This has been difficult due to patent protection applying in many countries however, in early November we reached agreement on all matters, the supplier has been paid a first installment and work is now underway. Construction and delivery time has been quoted as 8 weeks (i.e. around the turn of the New Year) however this is clearly subject to external influences such as supply of materials (Teflon insulators, aircraft grade aluminum and the correct encapsulating material for copper components in the array. In order to avoid further delays and to protect our suppliers from unwanted attention and publicity, by we shall not disclose further details until the station is ready to launch. (RNW Weblog <http://blogs.rnw.nl/medianetwork/?p=6506>)

KENYA: Story from BBC NEWS: <http://news.bbc.co.uk/go/pr/fr/-/2/hi/africa/6155142.stm>. Kenya could halt BBC broadcasts Foreign radio stations in Kenya may be prevented from broadcasting if reciprocal licences are not granted, a government minister has warned. The UK, US and China had all been put on notice, Assistant Information Minister Koigi wa Wamwere said. "If we are allowing BBC to broadcast in Kenya, KBC (Kenya Broadcasting Corporation) should also be in London," Mr Wamwere said at a state function. He said a refusal to reciprocate would be treating Kenyans "like idiots". The BBC has some 12 million listeners in Kenya - with about half that number listening in Swahili. (Keith, HCDX 16 Nov)

LIBYA: Thanks to my friend Mauno Ritola for the help: we have found that the transmission upon 753.5 kHz that interfere with Radio Romania (756) is in parallel with 1251 and 711. This evening there were Voice of Africa on the three frequencies. I noted also a strange behaviour: the audio in 753.5 came one or two second after the other two. In the morning there is a strong carrier in the channel. (Salvo Micciché. HCDX 23 Nov)

NIGERIA: The Japanese International Corporation Agency (JICA) has offered to rehabilitate three medium wave band transmission hardware of the Federal Radio Corporation (FRCN) in Gwagwalada near Abuja, Kaduna in North-Central Nigeria, and Enugu in the South-East. The project, he explained, would be of great benefit in educating Nigerians, especially the nomads. (Nigerian government website via Mauno Ritola, mwdx 28 Sept)

UNITED KINGDOM: We're pleased to announce that the UK and Ireland LW and MW Transmitters CD has been updated. It was first published in June 2005 and has now been updated to include new transmitters, and archive out of service transmitters. More photos of antennas and facilities are included and data generally has been thoroughly checked and where necessary updated. The 2nd Edition is published 1st November 2006 with a total of nearly 1000 entries between 16 kHz and 1700 kHz. Full info is on the club website www.mwcircle.org which is being updated. Stocks of the CD are already available. (Steve Whitt for the Medium Wave Circle)

ASIA AND PACIFIC

ALASKA: I phoned KICY this morning and I found out KICY is running 25 KW ND from one tower. Their 50/10 KW U10 setup burned up last year and two of the three towers had to be taken down because of the permafrost. They are using a 1959 tower in the same place as their original tower that fell back in the 60s when they were 5 KW. Next June they break ground for the new set up. The two towers are laying on the ground and will be reinstalled next Summer, once the ground melts enough to do the work. The new set up should be completed by Sept 1, 2007. When operational, it will be U10 at 50/50 KW. The time they will be directional is from 11 PM to 4 AM, Nome time which is in the evening in Siberia, Primetime for listeners. The rest of the time they will run 50 KW ND. They go to Russian at 11 PM. (Patrick Martin 11 Sept)

INDIA: The latest B-2006 schedule of All India Radio (Home & External Service, MW FM SW) valid from 29 October 2006 to 25 March 2007 is now available in their official site: <http://www.allindiaradio.gov.in/schedule/fqsch.html>. The following are the new stations of interest. Jammu & Kashmir: Drass 1485 kHz, Kargil A 684, Kargil B 1584, Tiesuru 1602; Gujarat: Himmat Nagar 1584 kHz. In the External Service section I noticed that the new 7195 Mumbai is unlisted for Urdu External Services. They may correct the entry soon. (Jose Jacob, dx_india)

NEW ZEALAND: Expansion of the Radio New Zealand AM Network is expected to result in the following changes:

576 Hamilton NZ's Rhema to move here ex 855
 657 Tauranga New, expected on shortly w/AM Network +Southern Star Network //Wellington 657
 855 Hamilton ex NZ's Rhema, new arrangements TBA
 1026 Invercargill NZ's Rhema to move here ex 1404
 1314 Invercargill New, expected on shortly with AM Network and Southern Star Network ex 1026
 1368 Tauranga 1XT Village Radio expands hours to M-F 2100-0300 UTC, Sat-Sun 2000-0400 UTC.
 Power remains 1kW. No DX tests outside these hours permitted because two currently silent stations are allocated 1368 as well. Go figure!
 1404 Invercargill ex NZ's Rhema, new arrangements TBA
 1494 Hamilton New, expected on shortly with AM Network and Southern Star Network ex 576
 This should leave 855 Hamilton and 1404 Invercargill silent, but these frequencies may be leased to other stations. (David Ricquish 27 Oct)

PAKISTAN: The following stations of Radio Pakistan (may be new ones) were heard which is unlisted in their official website or in WRTM 2006. --- 1134, 1170, 1332.

Most MW stations of Pakistan were monitored. Most of them signed on at 0045 UT but being the Ramadan season many of them were heard with special prayers etc. earlier e.g.: 540, 1152 kHz 2250-2345 936, Azad Kashmir Radio was noted from 0040 UT with separate AKR Mirpur ID. 1080, Lahore was heard only one day in the morning English news was observed at 0300 1100 and 1600 UT on all their MW stations. (E.g. at 1600 UT, English news was observed on 540 585 630 756 828 927 936 1035 1134 1152 1170 1332 1341 1557 etc.) The other channels monitored were 567 729 1008 1080 1404 1476 1512. The News & Current Affairs channel was heard well on 1152 1170 1332. At 0311 UT in English they announce that this service is being heard in Ladak (India), Afghanistan and Tajikistan. 792 AKR Muzzafarrabad was not heard. This frequency was dominated by Radio Nepal. The other MW stations not heard: 612 639 855 1098 1260. The Home Service SW schedules were irregular with normally very rough audio, hum etc. Quetta was noted on 5034 drifting (scheduled on 5025) at sign on at 0045 and also at night till around 1805. Islamabad was noted irregularly on 5080 drifting with very rough audio at 0200 1300 etc. Sometimes only the open carrier was noted. Islamabad was noted very strong on 6065 at 0430-0515 & 0530-0615 but the audio and carrier was very rough. Quetta was noted on 7150.3 from 0600 UT instead of the listed 7155 which was occupied by a strong Chinese station. The following SW HS channels listed in current schedules were not heard, viz. 5055 5860 5925 7220. At 1615 UT they are announcing 6140 which was also not heard. The External service was noted on 7495 at 0045-0200 & 0215-0300 in Assamese/English /Bengali/Hindi rather than on the listed 7445. Azad Kashmir Radio was noted on 4790 in morning & nights (0045 1815) 7265 at 0900-1215 Voice of Jammu & Kashmir Freedom was noted on 5990.5 at 0245-0415 which is 15 minutes later than before. They were also noted at 7230 at 0745-0848 and on 5102.23, 5101.94 etc. at 1300-1430 with very rough audio. Special thanks to Mr. Noel Green of UK for passing on the latest SW schedules info of PBC before my departure (Jose Jacob, Mussoorie DXpedition, North India, dx_india via DXLD)



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Studying the statistics of my catches from the U.S. (including HI) and Canada since I reactivated exactly a year ago (11/05), the most productive frequencies with 7 stations each logged, are 890, 1230 (from 3 states), 1240 (all from CA) and 1340 (CA, OR). No one station dominates 890, though KLFF-CA is the most common. Most frequent on 1230 are KDAC and KWG, whose Catholic programming makes it easy to ID. Same thing on 1240: Catholic KJOP vies for leadership, with KPOD, KIST, KATA and KOMY are about equal. 1010 has 6 stations with KCHJ-CA and CBR-AB most common; also 1430 with KJAY and KFIG, both CA, uppermost. 5 stations each have been heard on 650, 1020, 1170, 1180, 1210, 1460 and 1550 and 1600. Now that my semi-local on 1460, KHRA-HI, is silent (for how long?) I would expect more catches there; but 5 KABL-CA is extremely persistent, though KXNO-IA was a nice recent catch through it. I have 4 stations each on 920, 970, 990, 1630, and 1660. At the lower end, only 1 North American has been heard on 560 (KSFO-CA), 680 (KNBR-CA) and 1000 (KOMO-WA). My sparse log at the LW end of the dial is par4ly due to manmade noise which is still present, but much reduced since the violent electrical storm with numerous lightning strikes here on 10/16, the day after the 6.7 Richter quake, apparently eliminated some of the sources of QRN around my house. I have had new catches on 540, 550 and LW since then, so 560 may follow. 680 gets some splash from my only powerful local, KPUA-670, but my new R75 can handle it. KBRW-680 AK is my most-wanted station!

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