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From the Publisher ... The DXN "skip" week is upon us, but don't let that stop you from submitting to your favorite column(s). That's right – the next DXN should be in your mailbox in about TWO weeks from now. Consider updating your DDXA and IDXA statistics, too – some updates are several decades old now!

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Expiring? Time to renew? Not sure when? Need to call or e-mail someone or join e-DXN or DXAS? Check the back page - it's all there!

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DX Time Machine

From the pages of DX News 50 years ago ... from the March 12, 1960 issue of DX News: Ernost J. Wesolowski, Omaha NE wrote "This is Wes from the Midwest! Yes, from the land where 29 inches of snow has fallen so far this season. DX is as follows..."

25 years ago ... from the April 1, 1985 DXN: Gene Martin, Denver, CO nominatted KOHO, Honolulu, as the "cutest" station he'd ever heard, calling it "amusing, charming, or just cute time and again.

10 years ago ... from the March 20, 2000 DXN: Shawn Axelrod, Winnipeg, Manitoba, stated that after hearing XEUT-1630 from the Valhalla DX site that he'd heard every North American station on the

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Status changes in AM stations, supplied by the FCC, CRTC, and listeners

CALL LETTER CHANGES										
	<u>Old Call</u>		New Call							
700	WEEL	AL	Dothan WCNF							
1200	WKOX		Newton WXKS Roope KTIA							
1260	KFFF	IA	Doolle KIIA							
1270	KTFI	ID	Twin Falls KPDA							
1430	WXKS	MA	Everett WKOX www.1080thefan.com							
			<u>ACTIONS</u>							
820	KORC	OR	Waldport - Coordinate correction to 44-26-17/124-01-10							
940	KTON		Belton - Licensed for U4 1000/5, KTON has applied for U4 600/100 mov-							
			ing to Kaufmann (a move of 87 miles to the northeast) on 950 kHz. With							
			this current action, KTON is operating under an STA with D1 120/0 CH							
			120 from a temporary, trailer-mounted self-supporting tower containing a							
	_		folded-unipole antenna.							
980	CJME	SK	Regina - Is adding three 100 kW FM transmitters in Gravelbourg, Swift							
4000	1/23/3/	OB	Current and Warmley, Saskatchewan to supplement their coverage area.							
1080	KFXX	OK	Portland - Although the CP disappeared from the FCC's database in Decem-							
			ber, it seems their proposed change to U4 50000/9000 has been resurrected							
			and remains on the books . So, pencil it back into your AM Logs until further notice, hi.							
1360	WVMC	Ħ	Wabash - Coordinate correction to 38-26-51/87-46-12.							
1500	VV V IVIC	12 Maduali Cooldinate Collection to 50 20 51/07 40 12.								
AM on FM										
1230	WJBC	IL	Bloomington - WTRX (93.7) Pontiac							
1320	WENN	\mathbf{AL}	Birmingham - W270BW (101.9) Haleyville							
1400	WANI		Opelika - W293BI (106.5) Ridge Grove							
1520	KGDD	OR	Oregon City - K228EU (93.5) Portland							
			DISMISSALS							
620	KJOL	CO	Grand Junction - CP for U2 5000/330. KJOL remains U1 5000/79.							
740	WNYH	NY	Huntington - Application for U4 20000/50. WNYH remains U4							
			25000/43.							
1090	KULF	TX	Bellville - Application for D5 10000/0 CH 1000. KULF remains D1 250/0							
			with an application for D4 1000/0 CH 1000.							
1270	WNLS	FL	Tallahassee - Application for U4 50000/5000. WNLS remains U2 5000/5000							

HEAR AND THAR

TX Cypress - Application to add 2 Watts nighttime. KYND remains D3

with a pending application for U1 5000/110.

NM Flora Vista - Application for a new station

- ◆ Returning to the airwaves: WKXG-1540 Greenwood, Mississippi returns with Talk as *Super Talk Mississippi*; KUAU-1570 Haiku, Hawaii with Religious Teaching;
- ◆ **Reported as Silent:** NONE! So we gained two this Issue!

3000/0.

♦ FINES: The FCC has cancelled a \$7000 fine levied agains WSVX-1520 Shelbyville, Indiana. It seems the FCC's computer rejected the station's filing fee for renewal back in 2004 and the station thought it was in compliance. Instead, WSVX was assessed a 'late filing' penalty of \$187.50, which is one-fourth of the normal fee.

Thanks to Shawn Axelrod.

1450

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NEW

KYND

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DDXD-West

How-do from the land of coffee and radio noise. The nice weather here has made it hard not to abandon the Man Cave full of radios and computers to get outside in the yard for spring chores. (But if I keep the doors closed and shades drawn, the urge eventually goes away.)

Welcome to new reporter Robert Vance from the West Texas town of El Paso.

Reporters

Dale Park, Honolulu, HI Sangean ATS-818CS, Terk AM1000 loop DP-HI

Jim Tedford, Bothell WA RCA Superadio, Degen loop. **JDT-WA**

JDS-MN Jeff Steffes, Watertown, MN Kenwood R-2000, Quantum QX Loop

John Wilkins, Wheat Ridge CO. Drake R-8, 4-foot box loop. JW-CO

RV-TX Robert Vance; El Paso, TX WinRadio G303e/PD, Palomar LA-1 Loop, Amplified whip, 3 sq meter air loop.

Stephen H. Ponder N5WBI Houston, TX Sangean DT-300 Barefoot SHP-TX

TN-WI	Tim Noonan, Oak Creek, WI Kenwood R-1000, Radio West Loop							
			DX Logs (All Times ELT)					
540.02	KNMX	NM	Las Vegas 3/4 0838. Latino tunes; male announcer at 0842 with this claim:					
			"540 KNMX is the only station in northeastern New Mexico playing New					
			Mexican music right now"; this was followed by EE and SS ads. Generally					
			fair with fading. (JW-CO)					
550	KTRS	MO	St. Louis 02/27 0658 Coast to Coast AM into "This is where St. Louis comes					
			to talk, 550 KTRS." (JDS-MN)					
580	WKTY		WILaCrosse 02/27 0701 National News followed by "WKTY, serving south-					
			western Wisconsin and southeastern Minnesota." (JDS-MN)					
620	CKRM	SK	Regina 02/27 0733 Country song, into "Old Flame, Johnny Reid on 620					
			CKRM" followed by commercials, then "The source for country music 620					
			CKRM." (JDS-MN)					
620	KMKI	TX	Plano 2/14 0700 Radio Disney fait-to-poor mixing with several stations. (RV-					
			TX)					
690	KTSM	TX	El Paso 2/1 2100. "Newstalk 690" and calls into Fox news, heard a few more					
			times since, fair, new. (TN-WI)					
720	KSAH	TX	Universal City 2/14 0830 Fair-to-good with local SS programming and mx.					
			Local commercials with mentions of San Antonio and call letters. (RV-TX)					
750	WNDZ	IN	Portage 02/27 0755 Spanish music followed by female announcer in English					
			"This is access radio Chicago, 750 WNDZ" into male voice speaking Spanish.					
- 00	L/OIII) (FF	(JDS-MN)					
790	KGHL	MT	Billings 3/4 2046 Willie Nelson song, promo for on-line "Tradio" service, ID					
			as the 'Mighty790." Over/under KGMI (IDT-WA)					

WI Eau Claire 03/03 1954 "News Talk 790 WAYY" into Clark Howard Show (JDS-790 WAYY MN)

OR Portland 3/5 2134 Gospel program The Unchanging World (?) noisy, fading 800 KPDQ signal. (JDT-WA)

WBAP TX Fort Worth 03/03 2003 National news into "WBAP twenty four seven news" 820 news continued followed by "WBAP news time seven-o-four." (JDS-MN)

CO Denver 03/03 2008 "You are on the ride home, The Ride Home on 850 KOA" **KOA** 850 (JDS-MN)

KARN AR Little Rock 02/25 0218 with ID "KARN Sports Animal 920 - All Sports, All 920 Time" and into Fox Sports program at 0220.(SHP-TX)

AR Little Rock 02/25 0250 with ID "1090 KAAY." Battling with unID Spanish-**KAAY** 1090

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KGOW

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			language station on frequency. Heard another ID at 0255, "1090 KAAY." (SHP-TX)
1000	KKIM	NM	Albuquerque 3/3 0831. Weather for Albuquerque and Santa Fe, followed by "Insight for Living" program. Fair/good atop others. (JW-CO)
1000	KTOK	OK	Oklahoma City 3/3 0800. "NewsTalk 1000 KTOK Oklahoma City," and a
			mention of "traffic and weather on the tens"; news followed. Fair but soon
			lost to KOMO. (JW-CO)
1050	CHUM	ON	Toronto 02/27 1858 Station ID: "CP24 Radio 1050" followed by commercials,
			into news. (JDS-MN)
1060	KYW	PA	Philadelphia 02/27 1902 Traffic report followed by "KYW news time seven-o
			three" (JDS-MN)
1100	WTAM	ОН	Cleveland 02/25 0300 with ID "1100 WTAM Cleveland," and into Fox News.
			Another ID at 0306, "And now, Coast to Coast AM on Newsradio 1100
1120	TZNATTZTT	т .	WTAM." (SHP-TX)
1130	KWKH	LA	Shreveport 03/03 2038 Song: <i>Drivin'</i> My Life Away, Eddie Rabbit, followed
			by commercials with references to Shreveport, into "KWKH is proud to present Loretta Lynn in concert." (JDS-MN)
1180	KOIL	NE	Bellevue 2/8 0105 "KOIL-AM 1180 Accuweather Forecast" during fade of
1100	KOIL	111	dominant XEDCH. (RV-TX)
1190	KEX	OR	Portland 2/28 0659. PSA for Oregon DHS "provided by the Oregon Associa-
1170	T(L)(400	tion of Broadcasters," ID "News On The Hour, On The Half And When It
		119U VEY	Breaks, Newsradio 11-90 KEX Portland-Vancouver-Salem"; into YL w / ABC-I
		Nows Radio	nx. FAIR to POOR (DP-HI)
1210	KUBR	TX	San Juan 2/14 2150 "Radio Cristiana" SS REL programming. Full EE ID at
			TOH giving all stations in the network. Fair with deep fades at times. (RV-
			TX)
1230	KFUN	NM	Las Vegas 2/22 2306 Caught pieces of ID "AMmagic (of my dreams?),
1000	LINT	TV	KFUN." (RV-TX)
1230	KLVT	1 \	Levelland 2/22 2304 Up long enough to catch the High Plains Radio Network announcement and the start of the wx. (RV-TX)
1230	KOZA	TY	Odessa 2/23 0733 Caught ID in the jumble "AM 12-30, KOZA". (RV-TX)
1230 1230	KTNC		Falls City 2/23 0000 with call letter ID weak in the noise. Taped. (RV-TX)
1230	KYSM		Mankato 2/17 2200. "Mankato's Sports Leader, The Fan" with clear calls,
1200	1110111	1,11,	fair-good, new. (TN-WI) 02/27 1958 Two male announcers talking about the
			Canadian Olympic women's hockey team celebrating their win with beer
			and cigars, into Station ID: "AM 1230 KYSM." (JDS-MN) I'm sure those were
			only sound effects beer and cigars. (JDT-WA)
1230	WYTS	OH	Columbus 2/18 2000 with legal ID and Fox sports, fair, new. (TN-WI)
1280	WODT		LANew Orleans 02/25 1945. Heard with numerous "Gospel 1280" ID's and
			gospel music programming. (SHP-TX)
1320	WILS	MI	Lansing 02/28 0827 Program: The Garden Hotline, followed by Station ID:
			"1320 WILS" into weather forecast, followed by "More compelling talk radio
1050	T/TA/DA #		1320 WILS." (JDS-MN)
1370	KWRM	CA	Corona 3/2 0816. Fair/poor with Mexican tunes, male announcer in SS with "Padio Movico" closure and PST time checks. (IW. CO)
1520	кокс	ΟV	"Radio Mexico" slogans and PST time checks. (JW-CO) Oklahoma City 02/25 0130 with ID "KOKC" Nove Weather Forecast, say
1520	NUNC	UK	Oklahoma City 02/25 0130 with ID "KOKC," News, Weather Forecast, several commercial spots for Shell Synthetic Oils, Meritor Brake Pads, and Beta
			Prostate Pills, then back to "Midnight Radio Network" programming at 0138.
			(SHP-TX)
1560	KCOW	TV	Rollaire 02/27 2110 Sporting Navra Flash "Sporting Navra Padia" into Com

1230 KHz is the frequency of the week, with six different stations reported by three different DXers. Thanks to all of you. See you next time. (JDT-WA)

TX Bellaire 02/27 2119 Sporting News Flash, "Sporting News Radio" into Com-

mercial: Summit Fence South with phone number given 713-838-8848. (JDS-

DDXD-East

REPORTERS

BC-NH Bruce Conti, Nashua - SDR IQ, MWDX-5, variable termination SuperLoop antennas east and south

JC-DE John Cereghin, Smyrna – FRG-7, various ultralights MC-NJ Mike Clancy, Jersey City – DX-396

KK-VA Kraig Krist, Manassas - NRD-545, Kiwa loop antenna, 43 foot

Eavesdropper antenna running E to W. **John Malicky, Pittsburgh** – Superadio III

JJR-MI John J. Rieger, L'Anse - Sony ICF-SW7600GR

JM-PA

SW-MA Steve Wood, Harwich - Drake R8B, 40 foot random longwire

MKB-ON Mike Brooker, Toronto – Grundig G5, Grundig YB-400PE, Sony

SRF-39FP, Panasonic RF-2200 (receiver emeritus)

STATION NEWS

WAOBPA Millvale – ex-WAMO, after being silent, noted back on 2/22 with tape loop from Bishop Lawrence Brandt of the Diocese of Greensburg, PA announcing return to air on 860 and 106.7 as WAOB ("We Are One Body"), with Catholic religious programs. Regular programs begin March 19 on Feast of St. Joseph's. (JM-PA)

UNID

- 2/23 1659 – fair-good over/under WKNR with oldies and NOS songs, "Home of Imus in the morning" promo into old-time jungle sounding like "WAIM[?]85...", then gone. (JM-PA)

LOGGINGS

640 WFNC NC Fayetteville - 3/2 2355 – in WHLO mix with "...six forty WFNC..." ID and talk about rescue efforts in Chile. (KK-VA)

WHLO OH Algebra 2/2 2355 Mixing with WENC station prome "Nows talk six forty.

WHLO OH Akron - 3/2 2355 - Mixing with WFNC, station promo "News talk six forty WHLO 24 hour news breaking...news radio WHLO". "AM six forty WHLO studios... news... 24 hour news..." into news. (KK-VA)

680 WMFS TN Memphis - 2/27 2355 – in mix with typical ESPN radio programs, "... on ESPN radio and ESPN radio dot com...". **(KK-VA)**

WPTF NC Raleigh - 2/28 2034 – in WCBM mix with news with mentions of North Carolina. "...news leader WPTF...". (KK-VA)

WKAZ WV Charleston - 3/3 1826 – in mix with WPTF and other talk stations, playing oldies including Association "Everything That Touches You", Four Seasons "Sherry". Jingle "WKAZ". Peter, Paul & Mary "Blowing In The Wind". (KK-VA)

WCBM MD Baltimore - 2/28 2034 – in WPTF mix with station promo "The most powerful name in talk radio. WCBM Baltimore...", Fox News radio. (KK-VA)

WTME ME Rumford – 3/1 1739 – over nulled WBBM with "join us here at Easy 1240 WEZR...you're with central Maine's best news source..." into local news. NRC log lists WTME as //WKTQ-1450, but apparently also //WEZR-1240 Lewiston, ME. (MKB-ON)

800 WVAL MN Sauk Rapids – 2/26 1847 - poor but over others with call letter ID, C&W oldies, then fade-out. (**JJR-MI**)

CJAD QC Montreal – 2/27 1900 – Poor, steady over others with EE talk on Olympics. Call ID into news, before being lost to CKLW. (JJR-MI)

840 KTIC NE West Point – 2/26 1849 – Poor with "840 Country KTIC" jock signing off, local ads. **(JJR-MI)**

850 WRUF FL Gainesville – 2/20 1640 – up briefly with ad and "WRUF" mention. (JM-PA)

900 WKDW VA Staunton - 2/28 0604 – in CHML mix with ad for Staunton Wrecking Company. ID as "WKDW AM nine hundred Staunton's classic country...". **(KK-VA)**

WCPA PA Clearfield - 2/28 2010 – in CHML mix with oldies, "Big Surprise" by Chicago, station promo "... 1977... 800 876 2...on 70's Sunday... your favorites... WCPA...70's Sunday". (KK-VA)

940 WINZ FL Miami – 2/28 2135 – caught end of Miami Heat v. Orlando Magic NBA game. The Heat lost. ID as Heat basketball network and "940 WINZ". Ad string and post-game commentary. (SW-MA)

CJGX SK Yorkton - 2/28 0100 - Through XEQ off-frequency sub-audible het; "CJGX... AM stereo Yorkton... we are GX 94." New log! (BC-NH)

950 WWJ MI Detroit -2/231622 – fair in mess with news and mentioned on this date in

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			1927 President Calvin Coolidge signed a bill creating the Federal Radio Commission, forerunner of the FCC. (JM-PA)
1000	KTOK	OK	Oklahoma City – 2/28 0700 - very poor with call ID as WMVP had open
1000	KIOK	OK	carrier for 20+ minutes upon tuning to frequency. (JJR-MI)
1140	KSOO	SD.	
1140	KSOO	30	Sioux Falls – 2/26 1859 – Poor with "High school sports tonight on ESPN-
1150	MAZNII D	T 7A	99.1", lost to WRVA. (KSOO-FM is 99.1). (JJR-MI)
1150	WNLR	VA	Churchville – 3/2 0630 – local weather, liner as "New Life Radio" in jumble
4000	KDDD	NID	with local pest WDEL. (JC-DE)
1220	KDDR	ND	Oakes – 2/27 0741 – Poor with ad for "SuperValu, Valley City", lost to fade.
			(JJR-MI)
1230	WKLK		Cloquet – 2/26 1920 - Poor with "WKLK" ID into ads in mess. (JJR-MI)
1240	WMFG	MN	Hibbing – 2/26 2000 - very poor with slogan "Midwest Communications"
			into news, "AM1240 WMFG" ID, NOS songs. (JJR-MI)
1260	KDUZ	MN	Hutchinson – 2/27 0735 - Poor with others, several "AM1260 KDUZ" men-
			tions into farm news. (JJR-MI)
	WPHB	PA	Philipsburg – 3/4 1800 – over ESPN station (presumably Syracuse, NY) with
			triple-header ToH ID: "WPHB 1260 AM Philipsburg, State College, Clearfield"
			into CNN news. (MKB-ON)
1270	WMKT	MI	Charlevoix – 2/26 1759 – station promo "on Saturday morning at 10 AM
			WMKT Charlevoix, Petoskey" Signal very clear then faded – I thought it
			was WXYT-Detroit! (MC-NJ)
1340	KRBT	MN	Eveleth – 2/27 0800 – poor with talk show, local ads, slogan "Range's Best
			Talk", ABC news in mess. (JJR-MI)
1420	WOC	IA	Davenport – 2/26 0654 – Poor with local weather, call ID. KTOE Mankato,
			MN so common, can't remember last time I heard WOC! (JJR-MI)
1430	KNSP	MN	Staples – 2/26 0840 - Poor but over others with local ads, "KNSP/KWAD"
			ID into more ads. (JJR-MI)
	WDIC	VA	Clinchco – 3/2 2015 - "1430 WDIC" ID heard in the mush with C&W songs.
			Supposed to be 5kw daytime only. On late? (JC-DE)
1510	KCKK	CO	Littleton – 2/27 0700 - Poor with slogan "Mile High Sports 1510", Denver
			ads and websites, Sporting News Radio. No WLAC. (JJR-MI)
1530	WJDM	NJ	Elizabeth – 2/25 2100 – local daytimer on all night during snowstorm running
			National Weather Service tape with weather information, wind and tides,
			"HWO 35162.55broadcasting from Brookhaven National Laboratory".
			(MC-NJ)
1560	KGOW	TX	Bellaire – 2/27 0703 - Fair-Good, burying everything with Sporting News
			Radio, Houston Rockets promo, car dealer ad, website promo and finally

Radio, Houston Rockets promo, car dealer ad, website promo and finally "1560 the Game" slogan at 0719. NEW! (JJR-MI)

++ - 2/28 0049 – overpowering WQEW with Sporting News Radio sports talk,

mostly about college basketball, 0100 ToH ID: "you're listening to the locally owned and operated sports radio station in Houston, KGOW 1560 AM Bellaire, Texas". Het whistle noted, sounding like they were drifting off frequency as well as staying on all night with daytime power. (MKB-ON)

NON-ARCANE ABBREVIATIONS USED IN DDXD

//:parallel to :00:on the hour AC:Adult contemporary AP:Associated Press BBD:big band C&W: country & western CCR:contemporary Christian radio CHR:contemporary hit radio CID:code ID CL: call letter EZL:easy listening EE:English FF:French GOS:gospel LSR:local sunrise LSS:local sunset NFL: National Football League NBA:National Basketball Association NHL:National Hockey League NPR:National Public Radio OC:open carrier PSRA:pre-sunrise authority PSSA:post-sunset authority QRM:man-made interference (power lines, etc) QRN:natural interference (lightning, etc) QTH:location PRI:Public Radio International REL:religious ROK:rock 'n' roll RS:regular schedule \$:stereo SID: singing ID SRS:sunrise skip SS:Spanish SSB:Star Spangled Banner SSS:sunset skip TC:time check TT:test tones UC:urban contemporary UPI:United Press International VID:voice ID

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International DX Digest

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Foreign DX Catches. All times are UTC

Kansas is added to our list of international DX-active states this week, thanks to Gary Houdek. Two more from Texas too, perhaps making a run at the Massachusetts lead! Refer to last week's column for the complete rundown. And just for the fun of it, I'll upload a running tally in the IDXD section of e-DXN. Hey! Remember to update your e-mail address book with my new address contiba@gmail. com as I'll be closing the AOL account soon. I'm also now on Facebook and usually online while DX-ing if you'd like to chat about radio or other stuff, except at the top of the hour or when reviewing SDR captures of course.

Transatlantic DX

- 531 **SPAIN** *RNE5* synchros FEB 27 0125 Good; discussion parallel 585 kHz. [Conti-NH]
- **ALGERIA** *Chaîne 1*, Les Trembles (35°17′N 0°34′W) FEB 27 0127 Excellent; string music and talk parallel 153 kHz. [Conti-NH]
- 648 **UNITED KINGDOM** *BBC World Service,* Orfordness FEB 27 0130 Good; web promo and BBC news in English. Very rare! [Conti-NH]
- 693 **UNITED KINGDOM** *BBC Radio 5*, Droitwich et al. FEB 27 0300 Good, synchro echo; "On digital and online, this is BBC Radio Five Live" into news. [Conti-NH]
- IRAN *VOIRI* Kiashar-Rasht (36°24′N 49°56′E) FEB 27 0145 Fair to good; talk and Koranic recitations. Went into a deep fade on the hour of course. 0235 Koranic recitations. 0310 Russian program, unequivocally parallel 9510 kHz. [Conti-NH]
- GERMANY Deutschlandfunk, Braunschweig & Ravensburg FEB 27 0300 Good; "Deutschlandfunk" and time marker into news. [Conti-NH]
- 783 **SYRIA** *R.Syria 1*, Tartus (34°55′N 35°52′E) FEB 27 0215 Good; Koranic vocals and string music. 0300 over unID; several cycles of interval signal. [Conti-NH]
- FRANCE France Bleu, Villebon-sur-Yvette (48°41′N 2°14′E) FEB 28 0600 Good; France Bleu jingle and woman in French. [Conti-NH]
- 927 **BELGIUM** *RVInfo*, Wolvertem (50°59′N 4°18′E) FEB 28 0512 Fair; pop music parallel *RVInfo* (*RVi*) streaming audio. [Conti-NH]
- 936 **SPAIN** *RNE5* synchros FEB 28 0545 Good with synchro echo, over unID; talk in Spanish. [Conti-NH]
- 945 **FRANCE** *France Info*, Toulouse (43°21′N 1°20′E) FEB 28 0600 Good; *France Info* ID and time check, then fanfare into news. [Conti-NH]
- 963 **FINLAND** *Radio 86*, Pori (61°28′N 21°35′E) FEB 27 0358 Good; CRI contact info, time marker, and the now familiar "Mezhdunarodnoye Radio Kitaya" ID. [Conti-NH]
- 972 **GERMANY** *NDR Info*, Hamburg (53°31′N 10°07′E) FEB 28 0550 Good; woman in German and a nostalgic vocal. [Conti-NH]
- **DENMARK** *Danmarks Radio*, Kalundborg (55°40′N 11°04′E) FEB 28 0440 Excellent as usual during sign-on, s9+10; alternating between two cycles of interval signal and ID. [Conti-NH]
- 1062 IRAN IRIB Kerman FEB 27 0058 Good; presumed this with Koranic vocals through the hour. [Conti-NH]
- 1062 **ITALY** *Rai Radiouno* synchros FEB 28 0450 Pre sign-on test tones at 30 second intervals under Denmark. [Conti-NH]
- 1503 **IRAN** *IRIB Sarasary*, Bushehr (28°58′N 50°51′E) FEB 27 0215 Fair; speaker parallel Sarasary streaming audio. [Conti-NH]
- 1530 **SAO TOME E PRINCIPE** *VOA* Pinheira (0°18′N 6°46′E) MAR 5 0258
 - Man with "This is the Voice of America, Washington DC" and Yankee Doodle. Then, "This is the Voice of America signing on," and more Yankee Doodle. Then into English program. Good under WCKY. [Black-MA]

Pan-American DX

- 530 **CUBA** *R.Enciclopedia*, La Habana FEB 26 0400 Woman in Spanish with Cuba mentioned, then instrumental music. [Houdek-KS]
- MEXICO XEMIT Comitan, Chiapas FEB 14 1100 Spanish talk under XEHS. "La Voz de Balun Canan" slogans. Poor. [Vance-TX]

- MEXICO XEHS Los Mochis, Sin FEB 14 1100 Dominant station with norteña music. "La Norteñita" slogans. Fair. [Vance-TX]
- MEXICO XEPL Cd. Cuahutémoc, Chih (28°27′N 106°48′W) FEB 14 1107 Fair but over KTSA San Antonio with Spanish pop ballads. "La Super Estación" slogans. Full ID with powers and location. [Vance-TX]
- MEXICO XEFI Chihuahua, Chih FEB 14 1130 In jumble with at least two other stations. Ranchera music, "Radio Mexicana cinco-ochenta" slogans. Full ID at 1102. Poor to fair. [Vance-TX]
- 590 **CUBA** CMHI *R.Musical*, Santa Clara, FEB 25 0655 With a capella choral music, followed by piano solo. Good, clear ID at 0700, "Radio Musical." Noticeable echoes started then, too must have been due to multiple transmitters on same frequency with signals delayed by fractions of a second? Made it almost unbearable to listen. [Ponder-TX]
- 950 **CUBA** *R.Reloj*, La Habana FEB 25 0721 Distinct "RR" Morse code IDs in extremely tight null beneath local KPRC in Houston, TX. [Ponder-TX]
- MEXICO XEQIN *La Voz del Valle*, San Quintín, BCN (30°34′N 115°57′W) FEB 5 0100 Musical variety, "La Voz del Valle" slogan. Full ID just after the hour with phone number and web address. Fighting a losing battle with KSL. [Vance-TX]
- MEXICO XEIB Caborca, Son FEB 7 0205 Mixing with mostly-dominant KFAQ Tulsa; ranchera music and frequent "La Primera Caborca" and "Primera Once-Setenta" slogans in a deep voice with a little reverb tossed in. Full ID a few minutes after the hour. [Vance-TX]
- MEXICO XEDCH Cd. Delicias, Chih (28°13′N 105°29′W) FEB 8 0100-1200 Dominant station this period with Spanish romantic ballads. Full IDs a few minutes after the hour. "Romantica Once-Ochenta" slogan frequently as well as references to *Radiorama*. [Vance-TX]
- MEXICO XEB *La B Grande*, San Lorenzo Tezonco, México (19°19′N 99°04′W) FEB 22 0225 Poor through noise with what I'll characterize as Mexican 'Big-Band' era music. ID at bottom of the hour with call letters and "La B Grande de México" slogan. Signal got better as time passed. [Vance-TX]
- MEXICO XEEX Culiacan, Sin FEB 23 0456 Talk into full ID, including "Radio Fórmula Culiacan" slogan and mention of Grupo Fórmula, then into commercials and announcements. [Vance-TX]
- MEXICO XEAW Monterrey, N.L. FEB 26 0048 "Doce Ochenta A-M Monterrey" ID, local spot, and into "Noticias Doble-U" at 0051. Strong signal. [Ponder-TX]

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Feedback

1179 **SWEDEN** *R.Sweden*, Solvesborg - Received a form letter stating that *R.Sweden* no longer issues QSL cards... Any friends from Sweden have a tip on who I might write to? [Renfrew-NY] I recommend you to try Gundula Adolfsson. She is the manager of *R.Sweden International*. Try to explain how important a confirmation letter is, as it is medium wave. - Bengt Ericson 73 and Good DX!

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Yr Sta	rt dxer	loc	last up	tot ver	ctries	forgn	NA	SA	Eur	Af	As	<u>Oc</u>
1933	Geary, Kermit	PA	2001	6554	115	1106	571	291	152	28	2	62
1940	Morss, Stan	MA	1993	3922	84	424	218	65	221	14	3	1
1950	Krejny, Edward	OH	1996	2733	76	441	208	126	91	10	0	6
1986	Axelrod, Shawn	So Man	2008	2487	56	342	196	38	57	12	10	29
1959	Dabelstein, Carl	NE	1959	2310	40	207	25	1	1	0	0	3
1952	Schiller, Ron B.	NJ	1999	2103	86	254	136	34	72	8	3	1
1958	Wesolowski, Ernie	NE	2007	1967	26	70	55	6	0	1	1	7
1975	Heinen, Wayne	CO	2010	1734	15	135	128	1	1	0	2	3
1958	Merriman, Alan	VA	1994	1615	93	368	212	47	88	14	4	3
1938	Anderson, Roger A	.VA/NY/PA	A 2007	1448	105	514	227	78	128	28	5	48
1962	Musco, Ron	CT	2003	1392	50	54	40	5	10	3	1	0
1969	Falconer, Jeff	ON	2000	1091	22	20	14	2	2	0	0	2
1947	Luton, Relfe	NC	1973	1049	23	142	102	4	3	0	0	33
1964	Whatmough, Dave	ON	1999	1014	13	15	6	1	3	6	0	0
1975	Swearingen, Paul (ta	ped)KS	2010	910	23	126	63	16	0	0	0	0
1962	Edmunds, R. J. (tap	ed) NJ	1998	897	43	56	50	37	14	0	1	0
1931	Holland, George B.,	, Jr. NY	2006	885	22	58	46	5	5	0	1	2
1957	Callarman, John	?	1970	740	50	138	72	20	17	3	6	20
1964	Fela, Joseph	NJ	1965	738	24	35	19	4	11	1	0	0
1976	Froemming, Gary	AZ	2004	624	24	131	157	25	0	0	1	9
1958	Phillips, Dan	TN/AL	1974	567	26	40	21	9	5	1	0	3
1976	Renfrew, Jim	NY	2003	540	56	91	59	10	19	1	1	0
1962	Davisson, Tim	OH	1962	474	11	38	21	1	0	0	0	0
1964	Heinen, Wayne	NY	2006	472	14	21	14	2	5	0	0	0
1968	Bytheway, Phil	WA	1982	457	9	20	0	0	0	0	0	0
1965	Sampson, John	NJ	1965	445	54	72	23	6	38	3	1	1
1958	Dangerfield, Ben	PA	2005	436	130	337	85	45	152	35	13	8
1977	Wolfish, Niel	ON	1977	397	11	20	14	4	2	0	0	0
1992	Taylor, Pete	CA	1993	375	26	58	22	4	0	0	19	13
1962	Edmunds, R. J. (pap	oer) NJ	1998	266	7	13	10	3	0	0	0	0
1968	White, Thomas	VA	2005	255	12	12	11	1	0	0	1	0
1946	Moore, Ray	MA/FL	2005	253	107	252	95	52	59	24	7	11
1973	Mount, Paul	NJ	1995	230	6	25	22	2	0	0	0	0
1969	Karchevski, Bob	MA/CA	1975	204	24	141	112	0	0	0	0	6
1966	Bruner, Jesse R.	KY	1966	132	23	27	17	3	5	0	0	2
1965	Long, John	CT	1968	101	29	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
1967	Floden, Eric	ONT	1970	93	16	65	61	3	0	0	0	0
1973	Sgrulletta, John	NY	2007	92	76	92	40	6	34	7	5	0
1964	Edmunds, R. J	NY	1999	76	3	1	1	0	0	0	0	0
1965	Neff, James R.	NY	1971	30	29	87	70	4	10	1	1	1
1975	Bartek, Daniel, Jr.	NE	1976	23	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

This IDXA is tabulated by all foreign verie totals and countries. Thanks to Wayne Heinen for his recent update. I know that this column hasn't been seen in some time, but I'd nevertheless encourage some of you who haven't updated well back into the previous century to do a recount and send in your new figures. We welcome new members, too! Remember, only taped or paper veries are cou8nted here, and mainland U. S. and Canadian catches should not be included in NA totals for either U. S. or Canadian DX'ers. Include your best catch from each continent and all other totals when reporting. Our next column will feature North American veries.

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Charlie Russell dead at 73

Charlie Russell was a legend in El Paso, TX radio. He is being saluted throughout the city following his death Monday at age 73. He had suffered from prostate cancer.

Although the New Mexico native came to El Paso as a rock 'n' roll KELP-AM in 1959, he was best known as a DJ and fan of Country, including 23 years hosting mornings on KHEY-AM. After leaving the air, he sold outdoor advertising and then returned to radio as an ad salesman. In all,

Charlie Russell's career in radio spanned nearly 60 years.

All five Clear Channel stations in El Paso aired a 15-minute tribute to Russell. KHEY-AM & FM are collecting tributes to him on the stations' website.

According to an obituary in the *El Paso Times*, local musicians are organizing a tribute concert to take place March 7th.

Dick Purtan sets retirement

Legendary Detroit radio personality and Hall of Fame broadcaster Dick Purtan has announced his retirement from CBS RADIO Detroit's 104.3 WOMC. After 45 years on the air in Detroit, the last 14 hosting morning drive on WOMC, he will retire effective March 26.

Purtan tells RBR-TVBR: "It's been great. You know, things have tightened up at the station, just like everywhere, but that's radio and TV for you today. Things aren't as they used to be, in terms of freedom on the air for music stations. It has to be a little tighter.

You remember the Ryan Seacrest memo - it affects everybody. As I said on my statement at 7:30 AM this morning on air when I announced my retirement, I've loved what I've done and I still do.except quite honestly, lately I've been loving it a little less."

After March 26, Purtan tells us he and his wife Gail, who has been battling ovarian cancer for 13 years, are going to have some fun - travel more and enjoy. Dick is feeling great and Gail is too. While he likely will not get back into radio he did end a good conversation by mentioning he might entertain an offer from Sirius if he could work it from home. But for the most part, "Once you wrap it up, you wrap it up."

He did mention the entire city has been having a ball with the Toyota recall problems of late: "Let's face it - they've destroyed this town, so payback is kind of funny."

Daughter Jennifer Purtan tells RBR-TVBR: "I think the magic of the radio man and the father is summed up with these words...talent, integrity, compassion and generosity. It's impossible to describe the pride our family is feeling at this moment. The indelible mark Dad has made in the lives of his listeners for the last 45 years in Detroit radio is profound. Now it is time for the next chapter to be written. This I know, my parents will use this time to pursue all kinds of new dreams and adventures."

Purtan, regarded as one of the country's most respected, revered and recognized air personalities, is an icon in radio broadcasting. During his long career he has been installed in both National Radio Halls of Fame, as well as the Michigan Broadcasters Hall of Fame and has won the coveted "Marconi" as the nation's top radio personality. Along with many other honors and awards, he earned a television Emmy in 1980 for his stellar performance emceeing the Detroit Emmy TV Awards television special and was selected to run as an Olympic Torch bearer in 2002.

Purtan's show is always topical and infused with intelligent comedy - taking listeners to the edge, but never "crossing the line". He is nationally recognized as the father of the original "Put-On Call" which has become a programming staple on many radio stations around the country. Surrounding himself with a cast of characters, both real and imaginary, he excels in what radio was meant to be - "theater of the mind." An equal opportunity satirist, Purtan has good-heartedly skewered everyone and everything in the public eve.

"I was trying to put off retirement until the Lions made it to the Superbowl," said Purtan, "but frankly, I've got to get some sleep.It's been my honor to have been welcomed into the homes and lives of the people of Southeast Michigan for the part 45 years. It's been a ball. and besides all of the fun, I hope we've made a difference."

"Unfortunately, we are losing a legend," noted Debbie Kenyon, Vice President and Market Manager CBS RADIO Detroit. "No one has made more of an impact on Detroit radio than Dick Purtan. He is truly one-of-a-kind. Millions of people have woken up to Dick's voice in the morning.his departure will leave a void I'm not sure anyone can fill."

Purtan's dedication and commitment extends beyond his morning show. The Detroit News recognized his charitable contributions by naming him a "Michiganian of the Year" in 1993. This past September he and his wife Gail were bestowed the honor of being "Goodfellows of the Year" by the Detroit Goodfellows Organization for their on-going commitment to charitable causes.

Throughout his career Purtan has helped many charitable organizations and countless people in need. His annual Radiothon for The Salvation Army's Bed and Bread Program has raised more than \$22 million since 1988 to feed the homeless and hungry in the Metro Detroit area. This year's Radiothon will be held on Friday, February 26, at Oakland Mall in Troy from 6:00am-10:00pm and

broadcast on WOMC and streamed live on <u>www.</u> <u>womc.com</u>. His Radiothon is the largest single day, single radio station fundraiser in the country.

He has also been active in fund raising for Ovarian Cancer Research at the Karmanos Cancer Center through the Gail Purtan Ovarian Cancer Research Fund, and has been an avid supporter of Children's Hospital among other charities in the Metro Detroit area.

Purtan's career path began in his hometown of Buffalo, N.Y. and included stays in Syracuse, N.Y.; Jacksonville, Fla. and Cincinnati, Ohio. While at the latter destination, he personally arranged for The Beatles to perform in Cincinnati during their first tour of America in 1964. He and Gail scraped together \$2500 (their life savings) - and convinced four of his fellow jocks to do the same - to secure

the Fab Four's performance. When they took to the stage, it was Purtan who introduced them. In 1965, he traveled north on I-75 for his first Detroit job at the legendary WKNR - Keener 13. In 1968, he was wooed to WBAL in Baltimore, where he did the morning show for five weeks before being fired to being "too wild for the town." A month later, he returned to morning radio in Detroit on WXYZ - 1270 where he stayed for 10 years. Then in 1978, he crossed the river to CKLW AM in Windsor, Canada., Four years later, he switched to the FM band (and shortened his commute) by moving to WCZY FM in Detroit - which later became WKQI. In 1996, he moved to WOMC, where he has been ever since.

Purtan and his wife raised six daughters and now boast seven grandchildren. -via Fred Vobbe

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