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 I have changed my deadline for DXM contributions to **MONDAY, 6 PM PLT**. Please plan accordingly.

**Notes from IRCA's President - Doug Pifer**

DX Monitor editorships of "Hearing It Through the Grapevine", "Website Wanderings" and "IRCA Sports Editor" are open. Please contact IRCA's President, Doug Pifer at: 7148 Marley Ln S, Salem OR 97306, or e-mail to [dxer@desert4wd.com](mailto:dxer@desert4wd.com) if you're interested.

**IRCA PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

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November 18, 2007

Board business:

Proposal 23.1.2: 2008 IRCA Convention bid approval.

PB	LF	JJ	PM	JP	MS	RW
Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y

PB - PHIL BYTHEWAY, LF - LEE FRESHWATER, JJ - JOHN JOHNSON, PM - PATRICK MARTIN, JP - JIM POGUE, MS - MIKE SANBURN, RW - ROBERT WIEN  
 Y= YES N= NO A= ABSTAIN

We received one official bid to host the 2008 IRCA convention and that bid was submitted by Bill Block. The convention will be held in Flagstaff, Arizona at the Days Inn on the dates of September 12-14, 2008. As you can see above, the bid was unanimously approved by the BoD. I would like to extend my appreciation to Bill for volunteering to host next year's convention. With that said, now is the time to start thinking about attending!  
 Best of DX and 73- Doug Pifer

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**DX TESTS - BROADCAST TEST COORDINATOR**

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Sat 11/24/07	0400-0500	780	WCXH	Monticello ME	(Weiner)
Sat 12/15/07	0400-0500	830	KLAA	Anaheim CA	(Clark)
Sun 12/16/07	0300-0400	1400	KQMS	Redding CA	(Myers/Mena)

**WCXH 780 kHz Monticello, ME DX Test**

Date: Saturday morning (late Friday night), Nov. 24, 2007. Time: 4 - 5 a.m. Eastern Standard Time, 0900 - 1000 UTC. 5,000 watts using non-directional antenna pattern. Programming will consist of special voice announcements, march and other special music, Morse code and sweep tones. Reception reports may be sent to Mr. Allan H. Weiner, WCXH Radio, 274 Britton Rd., Monticello, ME 04760-3110. No eQSL service is being offered for this test. Recordings on disk in .mp3 or .wav format will be accepted as proof of reception. NOTE: All requests for verifications must be accompanied by return postage in order to receive a reply. Again, our sincere thanks to Allan Weiner for giving us a second chance to hear his station.

**KLAA 830 kHz Anaheim, CA DX Test**

Date: Saturday morning (late Friday night), Dec. 15, 2007. Time: 1 - 2 a.m. Pacific Time, 0900 - 1000 UTC. 20,000 watts using nighttime directional antenna pattern. Morse code IDs inserted into

regular programming. Reception reports may be sent to Mr. Brian Clark, Director of Engineering, KLAA Radio, 2000 Gene Autry Way, Anaheim, CA 92806. No eQSL service is being offered for this test. Recordings on disk or via e-mail in .mp3 or .wav format will be accepted as proof of reception. Address for e-mails is [bclarke@am830klaa.com](mailto:bclarke@am830klaa.com). NOTE: All requests for postal verifications must be accompanied by return postage in order to receive a reply. Brian says he would love to run the test using KLAAs daytime antenna pattern which would better favor the east but cannot because he must protect other stations on 830 kHz. Our sincere thanks to him for agreeing to conduct this test. It should be a good one for the folks to the west, and who knows how far east they may get if conditions are good?

**KQMS 1400 kHz Redding, CA DX Test**

Date: Sunday morning (late Saturday night), Dec. 16, 2007. Time: Midnight - 1 a.m. Pacific Time, 0800 - 0900 UTC. 1,000 watts using non-directional antenna pattern. Programming will consist of special voice announcements, Morse code and/or 1,000 Hz tones. Reception reports may be sent to Ms. Erin Myers, News Director, KQMS Radio, 3360 Alta Mesa Dr, Redding CA 96002. No eQSL service is being offered for this test. Recordings on disk in .mp3 or .wav format will be accepted as proof of reception. NOTE: All requests for verifications must be accompanied by return postage in order to receive a reply. Our sincere thanks to Ms. Myers and to Chief Engineer Steven Mena for agreeing to conduct this test.

**WFAW DX Test Final Report**

I think we have the majority of reports in, and many DXers were able to overcome the challenges presented low power with a rather crowded channel and put WFAW into their logs. For many it was only sweep tones and Morse code, but that's just fine in my book. Here's the list of listeners who have indicated they heard the test:

Saul Chernos	Burnt River, ON, Canada	Jim Pogue	Memphis, TN
Pete Dermbach	St. Louis, MO	Dave Pyatt	Burlington, ON, Canada
Steve Francis	Alcoa, TN	Les Rayburn	Birmingham, AL
Bill Harms	Elkridge, MD	Larry Russell	Flushing, MI
Glenn Hauser	Enid, OK	Curtis Sadowski	Paxton, IL
David Hochfelder	Albany, NY	Brett Saylor	Central PA
John Hunter	Rossville, GA	Doug Smith	Menomonee Falls, WI
Tom Jasinski	Shorewood, IL	J.D. Stephens	Hampton Cove, AL
Chris Johnson	Taylor, SC	John Wilke	Milwaukee, WI
Brandon Jordan	Memphis, TN	Bruce Winkelman	Tulsa, OK
Barry McLarnon	Ottawa, ON, Canada	Niel Wolfish	Burnt River, ON, Canada
Willis Noonan	Old Fort, TN	Joe Wozniak	St. Louis, MO
Tim Noonan	Oak Creek, WI		

A great big thank you goes out to CE Ernie Swanson for the great test. He was very happy with the results, and just informed me that he has gotten the OK to conduct a test over another station he works for: WRDB - 1400 kHz in Reedsburg, WI. This test on a local channel is going to be a real challenge. But those of you who have been at this for awhile know that some of our best DX tests have come from stations on the graveyard frequencies.

Thanks to everyone who tried for the test, and congratulations to those who logged it. Ernie promises a nice QSL package, so get those reports in to him soon.

We should have details on a test from a Virginia station put together soon, plus Ernie has several other stations in the upper Midwest that are good possibilities. And we have lots of other irons in the fire too. Check the DXTESTS.INFO Web site frequently and listen to the BTC Podcasts for news and late-breaking developments.

**Brandon Jordan** - Blogmeister of the DXTESTS.INFO site - has posted two interesting articles that ran in the local press about the WLPO DX Test. Several DXers and their reports are mentioned in the articles. You can click on this link to have a look.  
<http://www.dxtests.info/2007/11/newstribune-newspaper-articles-about.html>

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**CALL LETTER CHANGES**

**FREQ OLD CALL CITY NEW CALL**

920	new	Quantico, VA	WLUR
990	WLHN	Muncie, IN	WRFM
1020	KYXE	Union Gap, WA	KDYK

FREQ	CALL	CITY	NEW INFO	OLD INFO	NEW INFO	WPNP	WYOR, NY	5000/50000 DA-1 to 50000/50000 DA-2
1060	WNPC	Newport, TN	classic country //FM	classic country //FM	gospel	1050	New York, NY	5000/50000 DA-1 to 50000/50000 DA-2
1080	WTPS	Coral Gables, FL	new	new	ethnic	1060	Tupelo, MS	960/31 ND to 960/12 ND2
1210	KWVG	Auburn, WA	business talk	Spanish	Starboard religious teaching	1100	Berlin, WI	1000 ND-D to 2500 ND-D
1230	KZTS	Sunnyside, WA	talk	business talk	ESPN news/talk	1110	Fairborn, OH	2500 DA-D to 5000 DA-2
1240	WROU	Petersburg, VA	sports	sports	ESPN sports	1110	Tampa, FL	10000 DA-D to 10000 ND
1260	KMZT	Beverly Hills, CA	Spanish hits	Spanish hits	region	1130	Edna, TX	10000 DA-D to 45000 DA-2
1330	WHGB	Marion, VA	Radio One talk	Radio One talk	regional Mexican	1200	Nashville, TN	50000 ND to 50000/120 DA-N
1340	KLKI	Anacortes, WA	oldies	oldies	religious teaching	1230	Winona, MN	1000/1000 ND to 1000/990 ND
1480	WYMR	Bridgeport, AL	sports	sports	religious teaching	1230	Salem, MA	1000/1000 ND to 450/450 ND
			country	country	format not available	1250	Hiawasse, GA	1000/1000 ND to 1000/1000 ND2
			blues	blues	oldies	1250	Wickensburg, AZ	350/100 ND to 320/50 ND
			news/talk	news/talk	black gospel	1250	Willcox, AZ	5000/196 ND to 10000 DA-D
			southern gospel	southern gospel	silent	1250	San Antonio, TX	1000/1000 DA-N to 2000
			ethnic	ethnic	regional Mexican	1250	Nicholasville, KY	500/59 ND to 700/45 ND
			Spanish hits	Spanish hits	regional Mexican	1380	Winona, MN	4000/520 ND to 2200/28 ND
			Spanish hits	Spanish hits	religious teaching	1460	Baton Rouge, LA	5000/1000 DA-N to 4700/290 ND
			ESPN sports	ESPN sports	religious teaching	1490	Calexico, CA	1000/1000 ND to 500/500 ND
			silent	silent	format not available	1540	Charlotte, NC	2500 DA-D to 2400 DA-D
			oldies	oldies	oldies	1550	Morganfield, KY	145/6 ND to 145/6 ND2
			black gospel	black gospel	black gospel	1550	Corral Gables, FL	45000/4400 DA-2 to 10000/1000 DA2
			blues	blues	silent	1560	Bellaire, TX	50000 DA-D to 19000
			news/talk	news/talk	silent	1600	Elizajay, GA	1000 ND-D to 500 ND-D
			southern gospel	southern gospel	regional Mexican	1600	Golden Meadow, LA	5000/250 DA-2 to 7500 DA-D
			ethnic	ethnic	regional Mexican	1600	Ann Arbor, MI	5000/5000 DA-2 to 15000/15000 DA-2
			Spanish hits	Spanish hits	regional Mexican	1600	Chicago Heights, IL	1000/23 DA-2 to 10000 DA-D
			Spanish hits	Spanish hits	regional Mexican	880	Winston-Salem, NC	850 ND to 1800 ND-D
			ESPN sports	ESPN sports	talk	900	Saratoga Springs, NY	250/47 ND to 400/70 ND
			silent	silent	talk	920	Cortland, NY	1000/500 DA-N to 1000/500
			oldies	oldies	talk	980	Weston, WV	1000/50 ND to 25000/49 ND
			sports	sports	talk	1090	Excelsior Springs, MO	1000 ND-D to 3000 DA-D
			black gospel	black gospel	news/talk	1120	Gordon, GA	10000 ND-D to 1000 ND-D
			KMZT, classical	KMZT, classical	talk //KNWZ-970	1190	De Soto, MO	1000/42 DA-2 to ?? (not listed on Radio Journal-ye ed)
			silent	silent	urban contemporary	1260	Newark, DE	1000/42 DA-2 to ?? (not listed on Radio Journal-ye ed)
			southern gospel	southern gospel	regional Mexican	1290	WYOW	5000/1000 DA-N to 5000/1000 DA-2
			talk	talk	gospel music	1330	WVOW	500/1000 DA-2 to 500 DA-D
			Spanish	Spanish	R&B oldies	1360	Ruidoso, NM	5000/199 DA-1 to 9000/182 ND
			regional Mexican	regional Mexican	sports	1370	Grand Forks, ND	1000/270 ND to 12000/270 ND
			CHR	CHR	sports	1380	Naugatuck, CT	5000/500 DA-2 to 3500/350 DA-2
			oldies	oldies	silent	1420	WRCG	5000/5000 DA-N to 5000/79 ND
			country	country	adult contemporary	1470	Huntington, WV	5000/72 ND to 22000/9 ND
			progressive talk	progressive talk	adult contemporary	1490	Hampton, VA	1000/1000 ND to 970/970 ND
			oldies	oldies	silent			
			adult standards	adult standards	sports "Xtra Sports"			
			silent	silent	ESPN sports			
			sports	sports	talk			
			ethnic	ethnic	ethnic			
			southern gospel	southern gospel	oldies //FM			
			talk	talk	traditional country			
			talk	talk	classic country			
			talk	talk	traditional country			
			talk	talk	classic country			
			talk	talk	sports			
			talk	talk	sports			
			talk	talk	Spanish talk			
			talk	talk	adult standards			
			talk	talk	regional Mexican			
			talk	talk	Spanish Christian "R. Luz"			

**FORMAT CHANGES**

**FACILITY AND PARAMETER APPLICATIONS**

540	WGOC	Pocomoke City, MD	500/243 ND to 1000/1000 DA-2
540	WWCS	Canonsburg, PA	5000/500 DA-2 to 3800 DA-D
550	WASG	Altmore, AL	10000/143 ND to 2500/19 ND
690	WIST	New Orleans, LA	10000/5000 DA-2 to 8000/2000 DA-N
700	WDMV	Walkersville, MD	5000 DA-D to 50000 DA-D
730	WLTQ	Charleston, SC	1100/103 ND to 5000/103 ND
940	KTON	Belton, TX	1000/5 DA-2 to 50000 DA-2
970	KFEL	Pueblo, CO	3200/180 ND to 15000 DA-D
990	WLHN	Muncie, IN	250/1 DA-2 to 250 ND-D
1010	WJXL	Jacksonville Beach, FL	10000/143 DA-2 to 50000/30000 DA2

**FACILITY AND PARAMETER GRANTS**

880	WPIP	Winston-Salem, NC	850 ND to 1800 ND-D
900	WUAM	Saratoga Springs, NY	250/47 ND to 400/70 ND
920	WYBY	Cortland, NY	1000/500 DA-N to 1000/500
980	WHAW	Weston, WV	1000/50 ND to 25000/49 ND
1090	KEXS	Excelsior Springs, MO	1000 ND-D to 3000 DA-D
1120	WXJO	Gordon, GA	10000 ND-D to 1000 ND-D
1190	KRFT	De Soto, MO	1000/22 DA-2 to ?? (not listed on Radio Journal-ye ed)
1260	WNWK	Newark, DE	1000/42 DA-2 to ?? (not listed on Radio Journal-ye ed)
1290	WVOW	Logan, WV	5000/1000 DA-N to 5000/1000 DA-2
1330	WGFT	Campbell, OH	500/1000 DA-2 to 500 DA-D
1360	KBYU	Ruidoso, NM	5000/199 DA-1 to 9000/182 ND
1370	KWTL	Grand Forks, ND	1000/270 ND to 12000/270 ND
1380	WFNW	Naugatuck, CT	5000/500 DA-2 to 3500/350 DA-2
1420	WRCG	Columbus, GA	5000/5000 DA-N to 5000/79 ND
1470	WEMM	Huntington, WV	5000/72 ND to 22000/9 ND
1490	WRLT	Hampton, VA	1000/1000 ND to 970/970 ND

**PUBLIC LISTINGS COURTESY OF THERADIOJOURNAL.COM AND 100000WATTS.COM:**

- 890: KTXV, 890 Mabank/Dallas TX signs on with Vietnamese "Radio Saigon Houston," simulcasting KREH 900 Pecan Grove/Houston TX.
- 970: KHTY 970 Bakersfield CA flips from business talk to Spanish news-talk "W Radio."
- 990: KFCD 990 Farmersville/Dallas TX drops its "Sports Fan" sports format and flips to religion as "The Ark."
- 1190: KRFT 1190 De Soto/St. Louis MO will flip from talk to ESPN sports in January.
- 1210/1020/1230: KWVG 1210 Auburn/Seattle WA changes calls to KTBK, flipping from "Magia" Spanish AC to "Ke Buena" regional Mexican; sister stations KYXE 1020 Union Gap/Yakima WA and KZTS 1230 Sunnyside WA flip from "Magia" to "La Gran D" regional Mexican under new calls KDYK and KDYM, respectively.
- 1260: WNNK 1260 Newark DE returns to the air with regional Mexican "Radio Sabrosa."
- 1330: WHGB 1330 Manton WA changes calls to WITM and flips from religion to classic country/bluegrass.
- 1360: KELE 1360 Mountain Grove MO goes silent, pending its move to 1180 Ripley OH.
- 1460: WEMR 1460 Tunkhannock PA has returned to the air with "Gem FM" oldies, simulcasting WGMM 107.7 Tunkhannock PA.
- 1550: Utica shakeup: As Clear Channel exits the market and its stations get spun off, WRCK 107.3 Utica NY flips from classic rock to EMF "K-Love" contemporary Christian, WOKR 93.5 Remsen NY from classic hits "93.5 the River" to "K-Love," and WADR 1480 Remsen NY/WUTQ 1550 Utica NY from sports to "Bug Country," simulcasting new owner Ken Roser's WBKG 99.7 Newport Village NY/WBUBG-FM 101.1 Fort Plain NY. (The other two stations that had been in the "Sports Star Radio Network," WIXT 1230 Little Falls NY and WRNY 1350 Rome NY, are now simulcasting Fox Sports with former standards station WTLB 1310 Utica NY.)
- 1600: KXTA 1600 Centerville/Salt Lake City UT flips from Spanish adult hits "La Bonita" to regional Mexican "Que Buena."



#### INDIVIDUAL MEMBER AND CONTRIBUTOR LISTINGS:

**Dale Park** sends along the following from the Los Angeles, CA Times dated 10/29/07:

Michael Jackson seeks to reclaim his place in L.A.'s talk radio

A longtime force is 'nervous and excited' over his return today at KGIL-AM, which is retooling with a talk/news format.

By Steve Camey, Special to The Times, October 29, 2007

Today, Michael Jackson, the onetime stalwart of Los Angeles talk radio, begins what he hopes will be his last job. Before this, though, he wondered if he'd already worked his last job. At 9 a.m., his new two-hour program debuts on KGIL-AM (1260), five years after he signed off his last talk show, ending a run that began with his arrival on Los Angeles airwaves in 1963 and included a landmark three-decade stint at KABC-AM (790). "I'm usually just excited," said the wry and erudite Briton. "Now I'm nervous and excited. I've been off for a while." His is the marquee name on the news/talk station, being launched by radio entrepreneur Saul Levine, replacing the classical music on what had been KMZT-AM ("K-Mozart") since February. The weekday lineup begins at 6 a.m. with "Larry King Live," followed at 7 a.m. by the two-hour newsmagazine "The Wall Street Journal. This Morning." Libertarian host Neal Boortz will air from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., followed by radio psychologist Joy Browne from 2 to 5 p.m. Jackson's show will air live from 9 to 11 a.m., with a replay from 5 to 7 p.m. "Michael Jackson remains one of the best-known brands in Los Angeles talk radio and, as a result, will bring interest, credibility and notoriety to this new talk format," said Michael Harrison, publisher of Talkers magazine, the industry trade journal. "He's legendary. That's what a station like that can use." From 1966 to 1998, Jackson held court at KABC with collegial, noncombative interviews of politicians, celebrities, authors and more ordinary Angelenos with a story to tell. He dominated his morning time slot and pushed KABC to the top of the local ratings, until Rush Limbaugh debuted at rival KF-AM (640) and, with his brash style and zealous partisanship, began his ascendancy over a new brand of talk radio. Citing the drop in listeners, KABC exited Jackson to weekends for his last year at the station. He left for weekdays at KRLA-AM, then at 1110 on the dial, but a format change forced him off the air in 2000. He landed at KLAG-AM (570) but lost his show again when that station switched to music in 2002. News station KNX-AM (1070) hired Jackson in 2004 to record interviews with newsmakers, which were played in snippets throughout the day. But he grew frustrated, he said, when 45-minute talks with Hillary Clinton or John McCain turned into three or four minutes on the air. When his contract expired in May 2006, the station didn't renew. "I think each of us in our careers have been rejected, and felt if you weren't wanted today, there's even less reason to want you tomorrow," Jackson, 73, said in an interview last week. "Over time, I became less convinced there'd be another opportunity." Then Levine called, saying he was starting a news/talk station that he wanted to be balanced between the fringe commentary on the left and right of talk radio, and that he wanted Jackson to work weekday mornings. "It's everything I dreamed of," Jackson said. He said he's already lined up appearances by Los Angeles Mayor Antonio Villaraigosa, L.A. Police Chief William Bratton, California's U.S. senators -- Democrats Barbara Boxer and Dianne Feinstein -- and Speaker of the House Nancy Pelosi (D-San Francisco). Admittedly left of center in his worldview, Jackson said, "I have views and I'll express them, but if you want to contest them I'll welcome that. I don't have to win every exchange." "My job is to get guests on to say everything they want to say, and then a little more," Jackson said. He also promised to be more focused on L.A. and California than syndicated hosts from the East Coast, such as Limbaugh, Sean Hannity and Bill O'Reilly. Erik Braverman, operations director at KABC, said a Jackson-style show "is a forum for big-name guests or politicians to get on the air and talk about the issues of the day. Today's talk radio is a little more host-driven, a little more personality-driven." Jackson, he said, has a friendlier sound than what talk radio has become. There's clearly room for that. [National Public Radio] does a similar thing. Is there room for it to garner a large audience? I don't know." Saying he's dissatisfied with the shrinking amount of news on the air, Levine will also offer world, national and local news, and traffic, from Associated Press and Metro Networks. "The biggest complaint from everyone I know is the lack of news on the radio. If you want a cooking show or a computer show, you can hear it," Levine joked. "It's not worth my time" to wait for news. Weekday evenings, the station will play adult standards from 7 p.m. until King's show at 6 a.m. The music of Frank Sinatra, Tony Bennett and Ella Fitzgerald will fill weekends too. Levine knows he has a reputation for changing formats -- since he bought the station in 1993, the 1260 frequency has aired standards, all Beatles, news, traffic, show tunes, jazz, country and classical -- but he said he's committed to the news/talk format, at least for the next one to two years. He said it could take at least six months before the new KGIL gains traction, but he's hopeful for an eventual 1% to 2% share of the local audience. That rating would land it in competition with 17th-place KABC, which garnered 2% of listeners age 12 and older in the summer Arbitron ratings, the most recent available, as well as with conservative talk station KRLA-AM (870), at 1.1%, and left-leaning talker KTLK-AM (1150), which tied for 30th place at 0.8%. Also in that neighborhood are the all-news stations Levine hopes to compete with: KNX at 1.7% and KFWB-AM (980) at 1.3%. KTLK program director Don Martin said that if the battle ends up between his station on the left, KRLA on the right and KGIL in the center, "that means there's three talk stations fishing in a very small pond." "What we all have to figure out: Is there enough room?" said Martin, who added that listeners on the left and right are loyal and will be hard to peel off. The entire group lags far behind spoken-word leader KFI, the L.A. venue for Limbaugh and outlet for locals Bill Handel and "The John & Ken Show," with John Kobylt and Ken Chiampou. That station placed third in the market during the summer, with a 4.5% share of the audience. Jackson said he's relishing a ratings fight with Limbaugh and with O'Reilly on KABC, who share his time slot. "I think people are looking for something new," Jackson said, "and maybe its old." (DP-HI)

**Dale Park** sends along the following from the Chicago, IL Tribune dated 11/09/07:

Southtown, Star combo cuts 31 staffers, Phil Rosenthal | Media, November 9, 2007

The numbers were cold and bloodless on the Sun-Times Media Group's third-quarter results conference call with analysts on Thursday as company execs talked about how they hope to turn back recent losses. They were alive, breathing and sometimes emotional in the newsrooms of the Daily Southtown and biweekly

Star publications, where 20 full-time editorial staffers and 11 part-timers were being told their jobs were victims of Sun-Times Media's plan to save \$3 million a year by combining the titles. The Southtown-Star, set to make its south suburban debut on Nov. 18, makes sense from a financial standpoint in an industry challenged by declines in advertising and circulation revenue. But if newspapers build at least part of their business through the relationship writers develop with readers, what price is to be paid for losing bylines such as Paul Ladewski, Vickie Snow and Eloise Valadez? If the Southtown's editorial page kept track of the pulse of the communities it served, what is lost with the exit of editors Ed Kozarski and John Hector? "The newspaper advertising market in Chicago continued to be very tough," Chief Executive Cyrus Freidheim told the analysts. "We are simply not where we wanted to be in the third quarter." The company, which owns the Chicago Sun-Times and more than 100 other local media properties, took an accounting-related charge of \$199.5 million, but its operating losses didn't deepen much. Revenues dropped 7.3 percent to \$92.5 million from \$92.4 million a year ago. On an operating basis, the company's loss widened only marginally, to \$23.2 million from \$22.4 million in the third quarter of 2006. "The most critical objective, to stabilize print and advertising circulation, has not been achieved as yet," Freidheim said. "The market for print advertising in the Chicago [market] has declined between 6 and 10 percent in each of the last six quarters." Such is the pressure to restore profitability and rein in costs that Sun-Times Media earlier this year agreed to a deal with rival Chicago Tribune to take over most deliveries of the Sun-Times and its sister suburban papers at a projected savings of \$5 million annually. The impact of that and the Southtown-Star consolidation won't be seen until the fourth quarter. Besides staff reductions at the Southtown and the Star, Sun-Times Media expects to save on newsprint, production and delivery costs. Most departments were already combined, however. The company, which has not yet said what the Southtown-Star's projected circulation will be, believes zoned sections will attract advertisers eager to target specific communities. Those who learned their positions weren't surviving the merger will be given the option of staying on through the end of the year and will receive severance packages. Readers can only hope for the best. (DP-HI)

**Pat Martin** sends along the following dated 11/15/07:

Tuned by KKEE 1230 Astoria and I have noted they are now News Talk, ex ESPN. Checked their website and they are now listed as News Talk too. (Addendum 11/16/07)- called New NW BCers this morning and KKEE is now "Alternative Talk Radio", running Randi Rhodes, Ed Shultz, and Coast to Coast is moving from KAST 1370 to KKEE 1230. (PM-OR)

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**DATE OF COLUMN:** 11/17/07. Lost out on my Las Vegas opportunity but following some jobs in Virginia right now, might be moving to the east coast, we'll see. Happy Thanksgiving. 73's.

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#### OF SPECIAL INTEREST

940 KMER WY, Kemmerer 11/12 while looking for the WI DX test, I caught an ID "...Southwest Wyoming... AM 940 KMER... Kemmerer" into ABC net news at 0200. I haven't

logged this one since the late 60's when they were on 950 and ran a DX test.

(PM-OR)

1260 KGIL CA, Beverly Hills 11/8 1005 back to its old spot again with NOS. (MS-CA)  
 + 11/18 1951 with ID "KGIL Newstalk Radio." was KMZT. (BB-AZ)  
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610 KVNJ UT, Logan 11/14 0830 with "KVNJ" ID. (BB-AZ)  
 750 KFQD AK, Anchorage 11/7 1000 first came the weather forecast for Alaska, then male voice said "KFQD news time is 5:59. CBS news is coming up next on Anchorage's only source for all news all morning long. AM 750 KFQD." Then a second male voice said "Giving you more talk throughout the day we're AM 750 Newsradio KFQD Anchorage," into news. Alone on the frequency. (MJS-AB)  
 780 KKOH NV, Reno 11/15 0706 with ID "Newstalk KOH," way on top of KAZM. (BB-AZ)  
 970 KFBX AK, Fairbanks 11/10 1100 male voice said "Motor Trend (at least that's what it sounded like) weekend is best on Newsradio 970 KFBX Fairbanks. It's 7am," followed by ABC news. Not as clear as the earlier two Alaskan catches, but alone on the frequency. (MJS-AB)  
 KFTA ID, Rupert 11/14 1859 with ID in English "KFTA" then into Spanish. (BB-AZ)  
 1070 KATQ MT, Plentywood 11/12 1927 with weather for Montana. (BB-AZ)  
 1080 KSLI UT, Price 11/14 0831 with "AM 1080 KSLI" ID. (BB-AZ)  
 1090 KPTK WA, Seattle 11/5 0355 Randi Rhodes replay, PSA, slogan "Seattle's Progressive Talk, AM 10-90 KPTK Seattle," AP Radio news. Very poor to fair, unID way underneath, KWAI-1080 QRM from 0400 when it came back on. (5P-HI)  
 1230 KKEE OR, Astoria 11/16 tuned by KKEE at 0030 and noted they are now newstalk, ex-ESPN. (PM-OR)  
 1270 ?KNDI? HI, Honolulu 11/16 0404 fair in phase with program in Samoan. I have not heard this in years. (PM-OR)  
 ?KBZZ? NV, Reno 11/05 0122 tentative man decrying a possible Hillary Clinton administration. Unable to determine if it's KBZZ because station's website doesn't list weekend shows. Poor, lost when KNDI came back on at 0124 after noted off at 0020 tune-in due to electrical storm. (5P-HI)  
 1420 ?KTAN? AZ, Sierra Vista 11/8 1915 momentarily noted newstalk in deep XEXX downfade. (MS-CA)  
 1440 KDIF CA, Riverside 11/11 2000 with ID in English "KDIF." (BB-AZ)  
 KINF CA, Santa Maria 11/7 1005 clear with ID "This is KINF 1440 Santa Maria, KUHL 1410 Lompoc." (MS-CA)  
 1470 KNFL UT, Tremonton 11/11 1923 with ID "??KOGN 1490" and nice ID at 1932 "KOGN Ogden." (BB-AZ)  
 1480 KRXR ID, Gooding 11/11 1846 with several ads for Gooding. (BB-AZ)  
 1490 KMET CA, Banning 11/8 1000 ID "Smart talk 1490 KMET Banning." (MS-CA)  
 1600 KGST CA., Fresno 11/8 0937 ID in Spanish "K-G-S-T ESPN deportes." (MS-CA)  
 + 11/9 2000 with ID "KGST Fresno" in English. (BB-AZ)  
 1640 KDIA CA, Vallejo 11/8 1928 with ID "1640 AM KDIA." (BB-AZ)  
 KDRZ OR, Lake Oswego 11/8 1923 with ID "Radio Disney Portland." (BB-AZ)  
 1690 KDDZ CO, Arvada 11/9 1740 with ID "Radio Disney 1690." (BB-AZ)

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**DOWN THE DIAL**  
 800 CHAB SK, Moose Jaw. 11-15 poor with slop from local KGH-790. 22:02 with "800 CHAB" into "Back to the Bible" program. [NJ-MT]

810 KTBI WA, Ephrata. 11-12 Tentative. 18:58 with spots for Kenniwick, East Wenatchee, and Moses Lake. No ID heard. USA Radio Network News until 19:03 into "Walk of the Word" religious program. [NJ-MT]  
 920 KARN AR, Little Rock. 11-8 fair to poor through WGNU. 18:03 noted with "Sports Talk" mention, legal ID into ABC News. [EB-MO]  
 WGNU IL, Granite City. 11-8 good to fair. 18:03 with Contemporary Christian music, "The new AM 9-20 WGNU" slogan. Schedule is Contemporary Christian during the day and Urban Gospel at night. Change from free-form talk. [EB-MO]  
 1310 WDOD TN, Chattanooga. 11-14 very good, dominant. 22:20 noted with Classic Country. "Ruby AM 13-10" slogan, calls in jingle. [EB-MO]

**DX TESTS**  
 940 WFAW WI, Fort Atkinson. 11-12 DX Test heard with poor to fair signal, beat up by CJGX and CINW. 01:00-04:00 with sweep tones, fast Morse code, music, and voice ID's. I called the station and thanked the CE, Ernie Swanson for taking the time to run this test. WFAW is unneeded for my log, first heard and verified in 1966. [TMJ-IL]  
 1420 WIGG MS, Wiggins. 11-4 DX Test heard weak, at best medium strength signal. Heard with WVSJ and WHK and several others. 04:00-05:00 heard with steady test tones and call letter Morse code groups. Tone and code repeated every few minutes throughout time period up to around 04:33. After that time nothing further heard from WIGG. I called the station at 04:08 and talked briefly with the CE, Paul Turner to verify they were on with their ND pattern and full power. Despite this, the signal did not get out very well. Perhaps sweep tones or a different pitch tone and code would have helped others with reception. [TMJ-IL]

**25 YEARS AGO**  
 November 20, 1982 issue of IRCA's "DX Monitor" ... **Paul A. La Freniere** of Grand Marais, MN was getting ready to attend **Robert Kramer's** get together in December ... **Richard C. Evans** of North Wales, PA said he got a letter from '70's member **Jim Hopkins** ... **Ernest R. Cooper** of Provincetown, MA was elected Secretary of the Provincetown Business Guild which has cut into his DX time ... **Steve Kennedy** of Immokalee, FL logged HJCX – 700.

**OPEN MIKE**  
 Nancy and I hope you have a nice Thanksgiving. This column was typed 11-17-07. 73, John

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Greetings everyone.  
 Lots of TP DX this week and some very nice QSLs to report too, so away we go.

**TRANS ATLANTIC DX ROUNDUP**

765 **SWITZERLAND**, Sottens, Radio Suisse Romande Option Musique. 0423 12 Nov. briefly fair w/ woman talking, leading into light instrumental mx... followed about 30 seconds later on their webstream. New country for me, though had a tentative on Switzerland 531 0615 10 Nov. but couldn't find any way of IDing it before it faded out around Swiss sunrise. (NHP-BC)  
**GERMANY**, Wolfsburg, SWR Cont.Ra. 0406 6 Nov. Poor audio fading in and out of splatter, a couple of men talking, hard to tell the language, but it then went into instrumental music with the web stream from SWR following, though lagging by about 30 seconds. (NHP-BC)  
 1575t **UAE**, Al Dhabiya, Radio Farda. 0110 11 Nov. Barely readable rhythmic mx. fading up for 20 seconds at a time. Not enough to work a parallel with the web stream. (NHP-BC)

**TRANS PACIFIC DX ROUNDUP**

164 **MONGOLIA**, doing about the best I've heard it from about 1255 to 1315 11/12. (SR-OR)  
 549 **AUSTRALIA**, Orange, 2CR. 1435 7 Nov. Man and woman talking fair to poor, somewhat readable despite splatter. Seemed //612. (NHP-BC)  
 558 **JAPAN**, Kobe JOCR 1335 11/18 with JJ talk, fair. (BB-AZ)  
 + Also heard very weak in JJ 0945 11/14. (GD-WA)  
 567 **JAPAN**, Sapporo, JOIK. 1440 8 Nov. Instrumental mx nil to fair, followed by man talking //594 which was usually poorer. This Hokkaido station has been the second most common NHK1 after 594. (NHP-BC)  
 585 **JAPAN**, Kushiro, JOPG 1412 11/18 with JJ talk, poor. (BB-AZ)  
 + Also very weak in JJ 0942 11/14 and at 0955 11/18. (GD-WA)  
 585 **UNID** 1439 11/17 with woman in unk language. (DV-WP-WA)  
 594 **JAPAN**, Tokyo JOAK 1345 11/17, fair to weak with man in JJ. (DV-WP-WA)  
 + Also noted 1336 11/18 with JJ talk. Good. (BB-AZ)

+ Also very strong 0935 11/14 and 11/18. Usually a sign of excellent JJ cx. (GD-WA)  
 + JOAK. 1509 19 Nov. This one has hardly been DX this season, but at this time it was very strong w/JJ talk by man, way over slight CKBD-600 splatter. (NHP-BC)

603 UNID 1440 weak with Asian talk 11/17. (DV-WP-WA)  
 612 JAPAN, Fukuoka, JOLK weak with NHK program 0952 11/14. (GD-WA)  
 639 UNID. 1441 11/17 fair with Asian talk. (DV-WP-WA)  
 648 RUSSIA. 1442 11/17 weak with Asian talk. (DV-WP-WA)  
 + Also noted 1337 with talk. Poor 11/18. (BB-AZ)  
 657 DR KOREA. 1415 11/17, fair with man in KK. (DV-WP-WA)  
 + Also noted with talk 1418 11/18. (BB-AZ)  
 666 JAPAN, Osaka JOBK 1442 11/17, weak with woman in JJ. (DV-WP-WA)  
 + Also heard 1407 11/18 with JJ talk. Poor. (BB-AZ)  
 693 JAPAN, Tokyo JOAB 1443 11/17 with woman in JJ. (DV-WP-WA)  
 + Also noted 1338 11/18 with JJ talk. (BB-AZ)  
 + 1521 12 Nov. Fair strength, man in JJ talk //774. This has a tough time of it with CBU-690 splash. (NHP-BC)

720 RUSSIA, good with man in Russian at 0830 11/18. All alone on the channel. (PM-OR)  
 729 JAPAN, Nagoya JOCK 1418 11/17 woman in JJ. (DV-WP-WA)  
 738 JAPAN, Japanese with another station underneath with Asian talk 1419 11/17. (DV-WP-WA)  
 (Dennis, looks like you nabbed at least one of the 5 KW commercial stations. PM)  
 747 JAPAN, Sapporo JOIB 1017 11/17 weak with JJ and splatter. (DV-WP-WA)  
 + Also at 1339 11/18 JJ talk, good. (BB-AZ)  
 + Also heard consistently the strongest JJ station here with good audio almost every night. (GD-WA)

756 S. KOREA, Yeosu, HLKA. 1456 12 Nov. Bits of instrumental music followed by man talking //711. Nil to poor in splash. Neither this nor even 711 are at all common here. (NHP-BC)  
 756 UNID hrd with very poor audio at 1409 11/18. (BB-AZ)  
 774 JAPAN, Aikita JOUB 1312 11/17 fair with EE lessons. (DV-WP-WA)  
 + Also 1340 11/18 with JJ talk, very strong. (BB-AZ)  
 + Also heard 11/13 1320 with the call letter ID AI 1320 when a man said "JOUB NHK...." followed by one or two more words. (JW-CO) (Great going John. This one of their normal ID times with EE call letters, but lots of times the signal is not that good inland to catch it. Yes, they do QSL too. PM)

792 AUSTRALIA, Brisbane, 4RN. 1444 5 Nov. Briefly fair w/woman talking. // w/weaker 576. (NHP-BC)

810 RUSSIA, topping KGO at times at 0900 11/18 with Radio Rossii //279. The best I have heard them. (PM-OR)

828 JAPAN, Osaka JOBB 1300 fair 11/17 with EE lessons. (DV-WP-WA)  
 + Hrd at 1341 11/18. (BB-AZ)

837 UNID. 1446 11/17 fair with woman in Asian language. (DV-WP-WA)  
 850 ALASKA, Nome, KICY. 0708 10 Nov. KICY ID'd at this time, just after a local? young lady (Cindy Reeves?) singing her own songs, and before a forecast for snow and blowing snow and a high of 30, with NE 45 mph winds... good to fair signal, often over KOA. (NHP-BC)  
 864 KOREAN? 1423 weak with woman in Asian language 11/17. (DV-WP-WA)  
 873 JAPAN, Kumamoto JOGB 1424 11/17 with woman in JJ. (DV-WP-WA)  
 + Also hrd 1344 11/18 with JJ talk. poor. (BB-AZ)

918 UNID 1423 11/17 weak with woman in Asian language. (DV-WP-WA)  
 945 UNID, very weak audio 1406 11/18. (BB-AZ) (Very likely China. PM)  
 954 JAPAN, Tokyo JOKR mumbering audio in KJR 950 splash 0955 11/14, obviously Japan but too much KJR to ID it. (GD-WA) (For the record, KJR does a splash number on JOKR here too! PM)

963 UNID station with talk by man and woman with station underneath with music 1348. Both stations were very weak and just above the noise level 11/18. (BB-AZ) (One was probably CRI in Russian, the other Japan? PM)

972 REP KOREA, HLCA 1426 11/17 man in Asian language. (DV-WP-WA)  
 + Also at 1415 11/18 with KK talk. (BB-AZ)

981 UNID 1427 11/17 weak in Asian language. (DV-WP-WA)  
 1017 CHINA, Changchun, CRI. 1449 11 Nov. Nil to poor but //5965; sounded like CC lessons, short phrases being repeated by man and woman. (NHP-BC)  
 1053 DR KOREA weak with KK audio mixing with jammer 1012 11/18, but huge carrier. New here. (GD-WA)

1134 JAPAN, Tokyo JOQR 1429 weak with mx 11/17. (DV-WP-WA)  
 + Also finally heard with decent JJ audio in-between frequent music 1016 11/14. New! (GD-WA)

1206 CHINA, 1430 weak with man in CC 11/17. (DV-WP-WA)  
 1242 JAPAN, Tokyo JOLF 1431 11/17 weak w/mx. (DV-WP-WA)  
 1287 JAPAN, Sapporo JOHR weak 1432 11/17 with man in JJ. (DV-WP-WA)  
 1377 CHINA Zhengzhou, CRN1 1433 11/17 fair with mx. (DV-WP-WA)

+ Weak audio in strong KKOL splash 1007 11/18. New. (GD-WA)  
 + 1507 7 Nov. CC talk by man briefly fair //5030. (NHP-BC)  
 1386 JAPAN, NHK2 synchros finally heard JJ audio after many tries 1009 11/18. New. (GD-WA)  
 + JOQC Morioka most likely? 1509 7 Nov. Man talking, poor strength //828. (NHP-BC)  
 1386 UNID. 1434 11/17 weak with woman in Asian language. (DV-WP-WA)  
 1503 JAPAN, Aikita JOUK 1416 11/18 poor with JJ talk. (BB-AZ) (That is a great catch for you, being a long way from the ocean and JOUK is only 10 KW. PM)  
 1566 REP KOREA, Cheju HLAZ 1435 11/17 weak. (DV-WP-WA)  
 + Also at 1415 11/18 with talk. (BB-AZ)  
 1575 THAILAND, VOA 1435 fair in Asian language 11/17. (DV-WP-WA)  
 1593 CHINA, Changzhou, CNR1. 1437 11/17 weak with man in CC. (DV-WP-WA)  
 + Also hrd 1414 with talk 11/18 very poor. (BB-AZ)  
 + 1516 7 Nov. Man in CC with musical interludes, rising to good strength, //5030, then fading again. (NHP-BC)

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530 CUBA, Habana?, R. Rebelde. 0512 5 Nov. Poor signal strength, but lively vocal mx //5025, and pretty much alone on channel. RVC is much more common here if something fades over the TISSs. (NHP-BC)

#### QSLs

560 MEXICO, DGO Santiago Papasquiaro, XESRD, Date & frequency letter in 47d for my 4th flip. Helped by a DXer in Durango who visited the station and was treated rudely by the gerencia who apparently saw no value in my cassette of marginal reception. After a twisting a few arms, a letter of verification was obtained from Lic. Patricio Duarte Villanueva, Director Arístico. This was for 2001 reception during an amazing week-long aurora. 108th XE verie on MW and only my second from the state of DGO. (JW-CO)  
 (Congrats John. But what a lot to go through, but it is always worth the work. PM)  
 1260 JAPAN, Sendai JOIR, rec friendly letter, QSL card, program schedule, map of area, and small pin-keychain in 22d for CD report and \$2 US, No V/S. Address: TBC 26-1 Yagiyaama Kusumcho Taihaku-u Sendai 982-0831 JAPAN. JJ QSL #112 (PM-OR)

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Phil Bytheway	10	Tim Noonan
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Nancy Johnson*	18	Dan Riordan
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\* Contest manager is not eligible to win.

You can join the contest at any time, so if you haven't joined already there is still plenty of time to do so. The contest rules can be found online at the IRCA website, and also in the August 4, 2007 issue of DXM. Send me a note if you have any questions. Please, report to the appropriate editor any special loggings you hear while DX'ing for the contest! The contest runs until May 31, 2008.

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**Jim Pogue** forwarded the following from the NDB-beacon list to me at HQ.....  
 "I downloaded these and a bunch more from some long forgotten website. Perhaps they'll make "beaconing" a little more understandable to the layman.

- Aerialstrangulation** (noun): Catching oneself on an antenna or lead-in.
- Capacitance** (noun): The amount your bladder will hold while DXing.
- Dahdiference** (noun): Those pesky beacons when trying to listen to LWBC stations.
- Diserialation** (noun): The sharp dropoff in signal strength due to your antenna becoming disconnected.
- DXhaling** (noun): What you do after holding your breath for 3 minutes at the top of the hour hoping to ID that weak station.
- Fadenapper** (noun): A person who nods off while DXing.
- Finger Morris** (noun): Digital stiffness accompanying excessive dial twisting and button pushing.
- Folgerized** (adj.): The condition of your log book after spilling coffee on it.
- Frankenceiver** (noun): A radio composed of parts from many different radios (related to the frankenputer).
- Imaginer** (noun): Synonym for list logging.
- Knobulated** (adj): Adding accessories to an expensive receiver, so that you'll have more buttons to push and dials to twist.
- Knobfuscation** (noun): Confusion as to which dial to turn or button to push to improve reception.
- Schizocopiosis** (noun): Confused state of mind developed while trying to copy one station under another one.

73 de Phil, KO6BB, <http://www.ko6bb.com>\*\*\*\*\*

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 The full-color monthly calendar has become a tradition for many radio engineers. It's also a novelty for those who think all radio towers look alike.  
 "The response to the 2007 calendar was overwhelming," says Fybush. "A lot of radio engineers invite me to their sites in the hope that their towers will feature in the calendar, and I'm hoping to make some of them very happy with this edition."  
 As in its predecessors, each month of the 2008 calendar features an 8"x11" color photograph of a broadcast transmitter site, taken by Fybush during his travels around the U.S., Canada and beyond. The sites pictured on the 2008 calendar:

- KAST's waterfront site in Astoria, Oregon
- The demolition of WOR New York's three-tower array in Lyndhurst, New Jersey
- KFBK Sacramento's decades-old Franklin antennas
- Rib Mountain's candelabra tower near Wausau, Wisconsin
- Black Mountain's tower farm, overlooking the Las Vegas Strip
- WESX's tower and studio in Salem, Massachusetts
- The pair of Blaw-Knox towers for KFKA Greeley, Colorado
- The historic WJBG AM array in Whitmarsh Township, Pennsylvania
- WGAN Portland, Maine, draped in afternoon summer shadows
- KXLY's towers atop Mount Spokane in Washington
- Binghamton, New York's Ingraham Hill tower farm
- KROQ's Verdugo Hills site east of Burbank, California
- A close-up night shot of the first-ever FM tower, built by Major Edwin Howard Armstrong in Alpine, New Jersey
- WBNS's Blaw-Knox "diamond" tower in Columbus, Ohio

In addition to tower photos, the calendar's monthly pages include significant dates in radio and television history, as well as civil and religious holidays.  
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"Visiting studio and transmitter sites is a great way to see the country," says Fybush, who also edits the radio directory site [100000watts.com](http://100000watts.com) and trade newsletter *Radio Journal* and anchors newscasts for NPR member station WXXI in Rochester, N.Y.

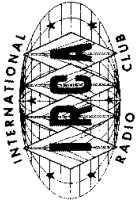
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**Geomagnetic Summary October 24 2007 through November 21 2007**  
 Tabulated from email status daily.

Date	Flux	A	K	Space Wx
10/24	67	4	1	no storms
25	68	4	2	no storms
26	67	4	4	no storms
27	68	14	3	no storms
28	67	13	2	no storms
29	68	9	1	no storms
30	67	8	3	no storms
10/31	67	11	2	no storms
11/ 1	67	8	1	no storms
2	67	3	0	no storms
3	68	2	0	no storms
4	68	3	1	no storms
5	68	2	1	no storms
6	67	2	0	no storms
7	69	1	0	no storms
11/ 8	68	0	0	no storms
11/ 9	70	3	1	no storms
10	69	1	0	no storms
11	70	5	1	no storms
12	69	1	0	no storms
13	70	1	1	no storms
14	X	X	X	X
15	70	12	2	no storms
16	69	5	2	no storms
17	71	4	1	no storms
18	70	8	1	no storms
19	69	3	0	no storms
20	70	2	2	no storms
11/21	70	24	3	moderate

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