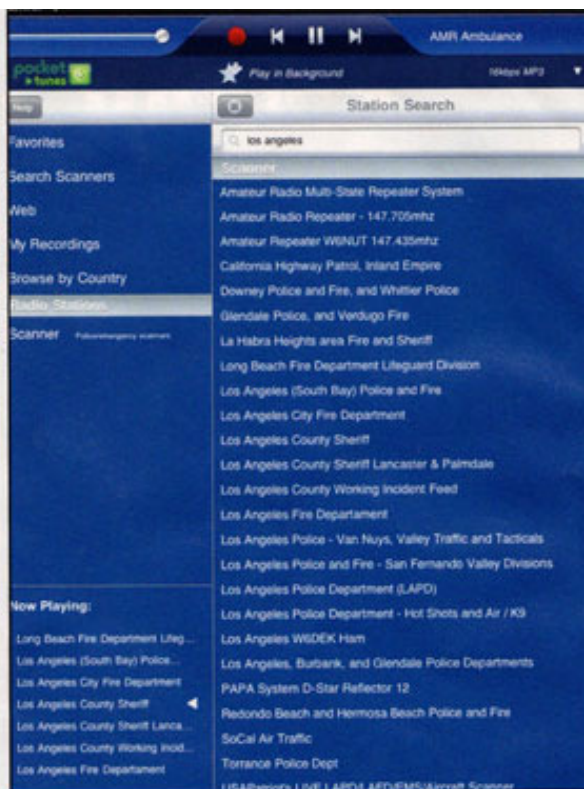




The Emerald Observatory app for the iPad displays a variety of astronomical information and is both interesting and great to look at.



This is a quick search from Pocket Tunes showing the Los Angeles area. Lots of streaming scanners to listen to here!

five classical planets and the moon. It also includes a daylight/darkness map, although again there are better ones out there if that's mostly what you're after. I just like this one because it looks so cool!

The National Geographic World Atlas has also been fun to play with. In the old days when I was doing a lot more radio listening and more shortwave in particular, I used to keep an atlas handy to look up where in the world things were. This one is handy and pretty detailed as it zooms into maps from Bing that can display satellite imagery as well as road systems for most of the world. There's also a built-in maps app that uses Google data and is quite good for satellite images. The maps app is also connected to Google streets so, for those places where on-the-ground photography exists, you can flip right over and take a look at the street. Lots of fun.

Listening To The Radio

For those of you only interested in what you can hear, you'll be happy to

know that you can actually listen to the scanner with the iPad. Many of the applications are ported from the iPhone and don't have full-sized graphics yet

(although they are coming along), but they run just fine. A newer app that I found just as I was researching this article is called Pocket Tunes Scanner,

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