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DRIVING THE DAY

— **Audacity under the microscope:** A big-ticket radio deal that's been spooking Republicans (largely due to the involvement of billionaire and far-right boogeyman George Soros) is now set for a vote at the Federal Communications Commission, after Sen. [Ted Cruz](#) (R-Texas) successfully pressured FCC

leadership to dig into concerns raised by the restructuring.

It's Thursday, Aug. 15. Welcome to Morning Tech! Just one more day — you got this!

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TECH OF THE TOWN

FIRST IN MT: MORE SCRUTINY FOR AUDACY RADIO SHAKE-UP —

Republican lawmakers worried about the influence of their least favorite liberal billionaire have successfully pressured the Federal Communications Commission to more carefully review the reorganization of one of the country's biggest radio broadcasters.

Ahead of plans to more widely announce later today, the office of Senate Commerce ranking member Ted Cruz (R-Texas) told John that FCC commissioners will now hold a vote on the rejiggering of radio broadcaster Audacy instead of letting it be considered at the staff level, with Cruz staff citing their own intel from FCC officials.

It's a win for Republicans concerned about the power that Audacy's restructuring would give to left-leaning billionaire George Soros over scores of radio stations — and their millions of listeners — ahead of November's elections. The billionaire has sunk vast amounts of money into liberal and progressive causes, and sits at the center of a [dizzying array of conspiracy theories](#) peddled by the far-right (and sometimes, Republican lawmakers).

The expected commission vote appears to be a change of heart for Rosenworcel, who in late April [told Congress](#) that “Bureau staff will review the record and decide if the transfer is in the public interest.”

“I am very pleased that Chairwoman [Jessica] Rosenworcel has come to her senses and abandoned her plan to have unaccountable bureaucrats rubber-stamp George Soros's takeover of Audacy,” Cruz said in a statement shared with

John.

A Rosenworcel spokesperson declined to comment on Cruz's characterization, citing longstanding FCC policy around pending transactions.

— **Lots of ears at stake:** Audacy owns more than 200 radio stations, making it the second-largest radio broadcaster in the country and giving it significant reach (and, potentially, political sway). But the Philadelphia-based company declared bankruptcy early this year, prompting Soros Fund Management to step in. The deal would save Audacy financially while making the Soros group its largest shareholder.

First, however, the reorg has to receive FCC approval due to its reshuffling of broadcast licenses. And while Audacy already laid out its [proposed changes](#) in applications before the commission earlier this year, Republican lawmakers have called for tighter scrutiny.

In April, Rep. [Chip Roy](#) (R-Texas) [said the plans](#) should be “subject to rigorous FCC oversight to ensure U.S. radio stations are not subject to undue influence” and include “a full review of the foreign ownership interests as required by the law” rather than temporarily putting off such vetting as Audacy requests (the deal, Audacy notes, will put it over the current foreign ownership limits). Rep. [Nick Langworthy](#) (R-N.Y.) offered [similar concerns](#), telling the FCC that same month that the sale “is the latest in a series of moves by a partisan, progressive billionaire to consolidate control over the media and flood hundreds of local radio stations with far-left ideology and propaganda.”

— **GOP fears the rubber stamp:** Many FCC matters can be handled by bureau staff without coming before the full commission for a vote — though the decision is always at the chair's discretion.

But in this case, Republicans say kicking the Audacy decision to FCC staff would sidestep much-needed scrutiny, especially given some temporary waivers involved over foreign ownership (senior GOP Commissioner Brendan Carr [warned in June](#) against any “Soros shortcut” for Audacy).

The FCC has approved similar radio bankruptcy restructuring plans in the past, including [staff-level sign-off](#) of plans from iHeart Media during the Trump

years. But these procedural calculations are a sensitive topic for Cruz, who [was enraged](#) last year to see Rosenworcel [avoid a full commission vote](#) in the FCC's review of the Standard General-Tegna broadcast TV merger. A bureau-level decision ultimately spelled the death of that deal.

— **Cruz takes the dial:** Cruz repeatedly [pressed the FCC's two Democratic commissioners](#) as well as [both Republicans](#) on Audacy this summer, saying the commissioners needed to cast votes on the restructuring instead of relying on staff review. In his new statement, Cruz credits the two GOP commissioners with helping secure a full vote, which is now apparently pending (details of proposed circulating orders aren't public).

“Considering the significance of the matter at stake — a request for a waiver of statutory foreign ownership limits to transfer Audacy's hundreds of broadcast licenses to new owners in the run-up to the Presidential election — I have repeatedly said that a full Commission vote is both a basic duty of the FCC commissioners and necessary to protect the interests of the American public,” the Texas Republican said. Cruz added that he's “grateful to Commissioners Carr and Simington for working with me to bring greater transparency and accountability to the federal bureaucracy.”

— **Why so worried?** Audacy has strenuously denied that it would receive any special treatment as part of the FCC's approval process. The broadcaster defended its plans in a [May regulatory filing](#), criticizing “ill-informed” attacks from the conservative Media Research Center and describing its proposed restructuring as “fully consistent” with FCC precedent.

“Audacy's prompt emergence from bankruptcy, with substantially less debt and improved operational arrangements, is critical to the continued operations of its stations and its ability to remain a competitive radio broadcaster,” the company [told the FCC](#) at the time.

Audacy spokespeople didn't respond to a request for comment about the FCC review or Cruz's recent characterizations of the transaction.

— **Clock's ticking:** Audacy [voiced fresh financial anxiety](#) this week around the delayed approval of its restructuring — a reorganization that is now likely to be even further delayed as the review moves to the commissioners themselves.

And on Wednesday night, Carr signaled he still has reservations about the planned restructuring. He told John he's concerned the parties are seeking a “new and special shortcut” by seeking a temporary and limited waiver of the foreign ownership limits in their plans, rather than going through the commission’s process for reviewing these matters.

“My position is pretty simple: I think the Commission should follow the rules and processes that it codified in federal law,” Carr said. “Is there something unique about these parties to this transaction that merit unprecedented Commission-level relief?”

Audacy, however, worries that would be too time-consuming. In its plans, Audacy warned the FCC that “deferring the company’s emergence from bankruptcy pending a lengthy foreign ownership review would require substantial delay that would imperil Audacy’s restructuring and otherwise frustrate the Commission’s policy of accommodating the policies of the federal bankruptcy laws.”

THE CONTENT WARS

THORN SHEDS LIGHT ON KIDS’ CHANGING ONLINE EXPERIENCE —

Roughly 1 in 10 minors say they know peers who have used generative artificial intelligence tools to create nonconsensual intimate images of other minors, per [a report released on Wednesday](#) from Thorn, the anti-human trafficking group that advocates for legislation that would boost protections for kids online.

The report — which details findings from a survey of 1,040 minors ages 9-17 that was conducted online from Nov. 3 to Dec. 1, 2023 — also found that the number of kids experiencing harmful interactions online, such as bullying and sexual encounters, continues to increase from Thorn’s previous findings in 2020 and 2022.

The report comes as Capitol Hill struggles to pass laws that would strengthen safety and privacy protections for kids online.

— What Congress has cooking: Lawmakers in Washington are faced with a plethora of kids’ online safety bills — most notably the [Kids Online Safety and](#)

[Privacy Act](#), a mashup of the [Kids Online Safety Act](#) and the [Children and Teens' Online Privacy Protection Act](#). KOSPA prohibits companies from targeting minors with ads and limits the amount of data that platforms can collect on users younger than 17. While the Senate [passed KOSPA in late July](#), the measure [may struggle to get through the House](#).

Other kids' online safety bills include the [Kids Off Social Media Act](#), which would prohibit people under age 13 from using social media. There's also a handful focused on broadly combating AI-generated nonconsensual intimate images, such as the [TAKE IT DOWN Act](#), the [DEFIANCE Act](#) and the [Intimate Privacy Protection Act](#). The TAKE IT DOWN Act [advanced out of the Senate Commerce Committee in July](#), but the other bills have yet to progress in Congress.

In a Wednesday interview with MT, Emily Slifer, Thorn's director of policy, said that in order to pass laws protecting kids online, lawmakers need to "pick and choose the parts that people can agree on and get smaller pieces of legislation through, as opposed to trying to do these giant holistic bills." She said those key pieces should include duty of care provisions (which requires platforms to take steps to prevent harm) and "safety by design" mandates (requiring platforms to design their products with kids' safety in mind, such as defaulting to maximum privacy settings for underage users).

KOSPA has a duty of care requirement that industry and some civil rights advocacy groups have opposed, given its potential application to content that may not be harmful. Progressive tech groups like Fight for the Future have [raised concerns](#) that a future Federal Trade Commission — which would be empowered to determine what content is considered harmful — could use the bill to "pressure platforms into automated filtering of important but controversial topics like LGBTQ issues and abortion." Those groups have advocated for a duty of care provision that is explicitly "content neutral."

— States to the rescue? State legislatures have moved to fill the gap left by Washington on kids' online safety, specifically with [measures targeting social media platforms' design and imposing duty of care requirements on companies](#).

But many of those laws have either been halted by the courts or tangled up in lawsuits brought by the tech industry, which [has argued that laws like](#)

[California's Age-Appropriate Design Code](#) violate the First Amendment.

Slifer told MT that a patchwork of state laws is not the right approach. “It's going to become harder and harder to implement and enforce across the states if there's not an overarching piece of federal regulation,” she said.

ON THE HILL

HOUSE E&C DEMS PRAISE FCC'S AI MOVE — House Energy and Commerce ranking member [Frank Pallone](#) (D-N.J.) and Democrats on the Communications and Technology Subcommittee [sent a letter](#) on Wednesday to Rosenworcel, endorsing the agency's move to [open a rulemaking to require the disclosure of AI](#) in campaign ads (despite GOP objections).

“While we understand that it may not be possible to enact these new rules prior to the November election, these rules will only become more important for future elections,” the lawmakers wrote. They encouraged Rosenworcel to “complete this rulemaking expeditiously.”

— **FCC leapfrogs the Hill:** Congress had a chance just before the August recess to advance rules regulating the use of AI in political ads, when Sen. [Amy Klobuchar](#) (D-Minn.) tried to get her [Protect Elections from Deceptive AI Act](#) and [AI Transparency in Elections Act](#) through the Senate via unanimous consent ([it didn't work](#)). The lack of action from Congress has led federal agencies (like the FCC) and [state legislatures to fill the gap](#).

— **Eyes on the FEC:** The Federal Election Commission [took up a petition](#) from the consumer advocacy group Public Citizen last August, asking it to issue new rules clarifying that [existing campaign law](#) on fraudulent misrepresentation applies to AI. A public comment period on the matter closed in October, and the agency hasn't acted on it since.

[Axios reported](#) last week that the FEC would not propose new rules on AI before the election. But on Wednesday, Democratic Commissioner Ellen Weintraub [posted on X](#) that the petition for rulemaking on AI in campaign ads “will be back on the agenda” at the agency's Aug. 29 meeting.

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DHS data: The Department of Homeland Security plans to collect and analyze photos of migrant children’s faces at the border in an effort to improve facial recognition technology, [MIT Technology Review reports](#).

TRANSITIONS

Nigel Cory is now a director at **Crowell & Moring International**. He most recently was associate director of trade policy at the Information Technology and Innovation Foundation. ... **Diana Kelley** is joining **DLA Piper** as a principal in the telecom practice. She most recently was satellite policy, spectrum and regulatory affairs manager at SpaceX. ... **Scott Weaver** has been appointed senior vice president of government relations at **Nexstar Media Group**. In Weaver’s “newly created” role, he will work alongside Nexstar CEO Perry Sook to set the company’s policy priorities and establish Nexstar’s first Office of Government Affairs in Washington.

HAPPENING TODAY

9 a.m. — Tech Conferences LLC [holds the TechCon365 Microsoft 365 and Power Platform Conference](#).

10 a.m. — The Health and Human Services Department [holds a meeting](#) of the Health Information Technology Advisory Committee to develop and submit recommendations to the national coordinator on the topics of interoperability, privacy and security, patient access, and use of technologies that support public health.

2 p.m. — The National Institute of Standards and Technology [holds a virtual discussion](#) on “Ransomware Prevention, Detection, Response, and Recovery.”

2 p.m. — The Government Executive Media Group [holds a virtual discussion](#) on “Securing Patient Data in the Digital Age.”

4 p.m. — BroadbandUSA [holds a Digital Equity Competitive Application webinar](#) on “Project Narrative.”

Have a great day!

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WOW! In Play: WideOpenWest said Friday it received a surprise bid from **DigitalBridge Investments** and **Crestview Partners** to buy out the company at \$4.80 a share, giving WOW! a valuation of \$400 million. Crestview already owns 38% of WOW! shares, which it will contribute to the equity portion of the deal. The **WOW! Board of Directors** intends to establish a special committee of independent directors to evaluate the proposal, which WOW! described as an unsolicited non-binding preliminary proposal. “We believe that our proposal represents a highly attractive value for the company’s shareholders relative to recent trading. The \$4.80 per share price represents a 32% premium over WOW’s closing price as of May 1, 2024 and [a] 44% premium to the company's 60-day [volume-weighted average price],” **DigitalBridge Managing Director Jonathan Friesel** said in a May 2 [letter](#) to the WOW! board. With headquarters in Boca Raton, Fl., DigitalBridge is led by

CEO Marc C. Ganzi, who founded and grew Global Tower Partners before selling to **American Tower Corp.** in 2013 for \$4.8 billion. “DigitalBridge manages an \$80 billion portfolio of digital infrastructure assets on behalf of its limited partners and shareholders and has relevant experience to, and is very familiar with, WOW,” Friesel’s letter added. Friesel said the two suitors “will not move forward with our proposal unless it is recommended by the special committee and approved by the company’s board of directors.” DigitalBridge and Crestview engaged **LionTree Advisors** to advise on the deal.



WOW! Markets after Major Asset Sales in 2021

LionTree CEO Aryeh B. Bourkoff is a dealmaker known for having contacts in the top echelons of the media and telecom sectors. Crestview Partners’ leadership includes **Vice Chairman and cable industry veteran Jeff Marcus**, who in 1998 sold his namesake **Marcus Cable** for \$2.7 billion to **Microsoft co-founder Paul Allen**. The buyout offer likely represents a distressing finale for long-term WOW! shareholders. In 2021, WOW! sold cable systems mostly in the Midwest to **Breezeline (then called Atlantic Broadband)** and **Astound Broadband** for \$1.8 billion, pushing the stock to almost \$24 a share. Last November after reporting third quarter earnings, WOW! stock lost 61% of its value in one day after the company said it lost 4,400 broadband subscribers, with **CEO Teresa Elder** and **CFO John Rego** forecasting even worse numbers in the fourth quarter. Based in Englewood, Colo., WOW! ended 2023 with 490,100 broadband subscribers, a decrease of 21,500 compared to Dec. 31, 2022 and down 13,300 compared to Sept. 30, 2023. The company has \$934.5 million in debt. WOW! is transitioning away from the traditional cable TV business through a partnership formed a year ago with **Google’s YouTube TV**, an online linear TV service. WOW! has about **90,800 cable TV subscribers** remaining. WOW! is scheduled to report first quarter results tomorrow at 8:00 a.m.

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FWA: Fixed wireless access (FWA) providers added **879,000 subscribers** combined in the first quarter, according to numbers reported by four publicly traded wireless carriers in recent weeks. **UScellular** was the last to report, saying on Friday it added 10,000 FWA subscribers in the quarter. “We have another strong quarter in fixed wireless. We’ve grown this subscriber base by 42% compared to the prior year, ending the quarter with 124,000 subscribers,” **UScellular President & CEO Laurent Therivel** said on a call with Wall Street analysts. But Therivel disclosed that FWA isn’t profitable. “Fixed wireless is a great business for us, but we’ve talked in the past about it’s difficult to sustain fixed wireless. It doesn’t pay for itself, right? It doesn’t pay for the capital necessary. And so what we need to find is those other use cases that help to monetize 5G over and above just positive consumer net adds,” he said. In the first quarter, **T-Mobile** added 405,000 FWA customers and **Verizon** added 354,000. Verizon actually broke out its FWA revenue for the first time, saying it was \$452 million in the first quarter, up \$197 million from the same period a year ago.



AT&T’s FWA service called **AT&T Internet Air** is growing the fastest (admittedly off a small base) but **AT&T CEO John Stankey** says the company has a fiber-first outlook, adding that FWA does not have the capacity to serve a “single-family home that streams hours and hours of video a day,” which prevents AT&T from putting its marketing muscle behind the service. “And I just don’t see that as long-term sustainable or healthy growth of returns for the business. And I’ve been pretty consistent in saying that and I’m still consistent in saying that,” Stankey told Wall Street on April 24. AT&T’s outlook likely comes as good news to someone like **Charter CEO Christopher Winfrey**, who routinely refers to FWA as “cellphone Internet,” “an inferior product, and “really just another form of DSL.”

Glo-ing Results: **Shentel** reported first quarter results Friday, saying it added a **record 5,000 Glo Fiber broadband subscribers** and remained on track to reach

600,000 Glo Fiber passings by the end of 2026 with a terminal penetration rate of 38% after five years. “I would say the majority of our [Glo Fiber] ads are switching from one of the big cable providers,” **Shentel EVP and COO Edward McKay** said on an earnings call with Wall Street analysts. Company revenue grew 3.1% to \$69.2 million versus the first quarter of 2023. Glo Fiber revenue grew 73.0% to \$12.1 million. Shentel reported a net loss of \$4.1 million from continuing operations in the quarter due primarily to higher interest expense. **McKay** said that 50% of new residential subscribers took speed tiers of 1 Gig or higher and 3% took speeds of 2 Gigs or higher.



“We continue to focus on providing the fastest speeds, the most reliable network and outstanding local customer service and our churn remained extremely low at 0.86% for the quarter,” McKay said. He added that the company had relatively limited exposure – about 6,200 subscribers in all – to the **Affordable Connectivity Program (ACP)**, which ran out of full funding on April 30. “Less than 4% of our total broadband data customers subscribe to ACP supported plans, and over 75% of them were customers prior to enrolling in the ACP program,” he said. **Shentel CFO James Volk** said the company ended the first quarter with \$484 million in liquidity to fuel Glo Fiber expansion and net debt of \$190 million

Bulk Billing: Eleven House lawmakers – **four of them Democrats** – want the FCC to understand the full impact of **Chairwoman Jessica Rosenworcel’s** proposal to ban bulk billing for Internet access in Multiple Dwelling Units (MDUs). “We are concerned that this proposal would harm seniors, fixed-income individuals, and students who reside on the premises of these arrangements. Therefore, we request that the FCC consider these factors when evaluating the Chairwoman’s proposal,” the lawmakers said in an April 3 [letter](#) to all five FCC Commissioners that was posted on the agency’s website last Friday. The lawmakers said they feared the FCC was going to reverse its 2010 finding that bulk billing arrangements “predominately benefit consumers.” They said the agency’s prior decision is well-founded as it enables consumers, including seniors, fixed-income individuals, and students to aggregate their purchasing power. In an April 23 response, Rosenworcel said MDU consumers have complained to the FCC about being forced to pay “unwanted fees” for Internet

access. “I have proposed that we begin a rulemaking to allow consumers to simply opt-out of these arrangements,” Rosenworcel said. Resistance to Rosenworcel’s plan has been stiff, especially from public housing advocates and ISPs serving MDUs. The House Democrats on the letter were: **Rep. Darren Soto of Florida, Rep. Jared Moskowitz of Florida, Rep. Kathy Castor of Florida, and Rep. Lizzie Fletcher of Texas.**



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Quick Takes

TDS Telecom said last Friday it added 8,100 residential broadband subscribers in the first quarter, ending with 547,900 Internet customers. “We see strong broadband connection growth in our expansion markets. We also continue to see incumbent copper customers convert to fiber where available, protecting our base and providing a better customer experience,” said **TDS SVP of Finance and CFO Michelle Brukwicki**. Asked by **Michael Rollins of Citi Research** if TDS planned to experiment with an open access model, Brukwicki said although the company works with wireless and tower companies, it is not considering “opening it up and being a wholesale provider. That’s not where we’re going with these at this point.” Last year, AT&T and asset management giant **BlackRock** formed the **Gigapower** fiber joint venture to deploy a commercial wholesale open access platform in a few metro areas.

Taylor Telephone Cooperative in Merkel, Texas is informing the FCC about an unusual broadband deployment problem. For some reason, the company with 9,600 broadband customers is obligated to spend \$5,466 in RDOF support over 10 years to deploy broadband in **two Census Block Groups** that have **zero serviceable locations**. “Under current rules, if Taylor defaulted by ‘returning’ the **two phantom locations**, the company would be prohibited from participating in any future auctions and would have penalties imposed,” the company said in a May 2 [letter](#) to the FCC. The company asked for a waiver from the requirement to build out to 40% of the “phantom” locations “until the [Wireline Competition] Bureau establishes the updated location counts based on the Broadband Data Collection, which will show zero obligations.” In a previous [filing](#), Taylor noted, “With no serviceable locations, there is nowhere to deploy the service.”

Rep. Chip Roy (R-Texas) is pressuring the FCC to take a close look at **Soros Fund Management's** acquisition of over \$400 million in debt held by **Audacy** – the second-largest broadcast radio station owner in the country – en route to becoming Audacy's largest shareholder. "The FCC's review of this Soros transaction will naturally draw close public scrutiny," Roy said, pointing to potential foreign ownership violations. On April 25, **FCC Chairwoman Jessica Rosenworcel** in her reply to Roy noted that the conservative **Media Research Center** filed a petition to deny the transaction. She said the Media Bureau will decide the matter.

On Friday, the **National Religious Broadcasters (NRB)** and the **American Family Association (AFA)**, said they are suing the FCC over the reinstatement of **Form 395-B** after 20 years of disuse. Form 395-B requires broadcasters to collect employee data on race, ethnicity, and gender and post the data on the FCC-hosted online public inspection file. NRB and AFA said Form 395-B exceeds the FCC's statutory authority, violates the **equal protection component of the Fifth Amendment** and the **Free Speech Clause of the First Amendment**, and is an abuse of the FCC's discretion. Data in the form, NRB and AFA said, "will not be de-identified or kept private by the [FCC], opening the door to third-party weaponization of the public file to target specific broadcast stations."

Calendar

May 7: WOW! to discuss First Quarter results at 8:00 a.m. ET

Quote of the Day

"I was the Democratic author of the E-Rate Program. I actually named it the E-Rate program. I was going to call it the Ed-Rate but my staff said, 'Nah, you can't do that.'"

Sen. Ed Markey (D-Mass.) last Thursday at a Senate hearing on Affordable Broadband

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FCC Fine: Nexstar Media Group, the largest TV station owner in the country, is fighting a \$1.2 million fine levied last month by the **FCC** for allegedly usurping control of TV station **WPIX** in New York City and in the process exceeding a federal law that caps a TV station owner's national reach. Nexstar, in an FCC filing sent to reporters yesterday, demanded that the FCC cancel the fine and other penalties, claiming the agency violated **federal law** and the **Constitution** in wielding "its enforcement authority in a myriad of improper ways." The FCC proposed the big fine after concluding that Nexstar effectively acquired **WPIX** from **Mission Broadcasting** without seeking FCC consent. Nexstar's action, the FCC said, put the broadcaster six percentage points over the national cap. In terms of options, the FCC said Nexstar could acquire WPIX with agency approval provided it divested a

sufficient number of TV stations to comply with the 39% cap. Nexstar also has the option to divest WPIX to a third party not Mission. Mission was also fined \$612,395. Nexstar said the FCC's "analysis and penalties contradict existing FCC rules and authority, contravene the Communications Act and the Administrative Procedure Act, and violate Nexstar's constitutional rights in multiple respects." Nexstar, based in Irving, Texas, said the FCC blessed its relationship with Mission when Mission acquired WPIX in 2020 from E.W. Scripps Co. in a deal that went unopposed. "Nonetheless, the [FCC] throughout the [fine order] finds fault with Nexstar's performance of duties that the FCC-approved [Local Programming and Marketing Agreement] expressly places upon Nexstar," Nexstar said. The broadcaster said the FCC's standards applied to Nexstar are unconstitutionally vague and the required divestiture of WPIX or the stations is likely impermissible under the Takings Clause of the Fifth Amendment.

FWA: Verizon Communications added 354,000 Fixed Wireless Access (FWA) subscribers in the first quarter, evidence of a slowdown that cable broadband ISPs said was coming. In the prior quarter, Verizon added 375,000 FWA subscribers. "We continue to be comfortable with this pace of growth, believing it provides the right combination of base growth, ARPU [average revenue per user] accretion and the superior experience that our customers expect on the Verizon network," **Verizon EVP and CFO Tony Skiadas** said. Verizon said it added 203,000 residential and 151,000 business FWA subscribers in the quarter, saying the business segment's 10.2% increase over first quarter 2023 was its best quarterly result to date. The company has 3.4 million FWA subscribers. Verizon ended the quarter with 11.1 million broadband subscribers. The company has added more than 3 million broadband subscribers over the past two years, cutting into the growth of wireline broadband ISPs such as **Comcast Corp.** and **Charter Communications**. "This reflects the attractiveness of FWA as an alternative to traditional cable broadband, even in a market that saw muted activity," Skiadas said.



MoffettNathanson, an independent equity research firm, said in a client memo

Monday that Verizon's FWA results "remain a puzzle" and continue to lag FWA rival **T-Mobile**. "Growth is still relatively strong, but their quarterly results continue to decelerate, something we wouldn't have expected given the early stage of deployment and the steady expansion of their Band 76 C-Band footprints. Their results have never approached those of T-Mobile, particularly in the consumer segment," MoffettNathanson said. Verizon added 53,000 Fios subscribers, the same as in the previous quarter. "We're pleased at how Fios continues to grow in the marketplace, even as move activity across the country remains lower than prior years," Skiadas said.

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National Security: Seth Cooper, Director of Policy Studies and Senior Fellow at the Free State Foundation, issued a paper yesterday casting strong doubt on the FCC's decision to rely on national security and public safety concerns to justify Net Neutrality under Title II of the Communications Act. In Cooper's view, the timing of this "rebranding" seems suspicious. "Why did [FCC Chairwoman Jessica] Rosenworcel never bring safety and security concerns to Congress and why did she wait until two-and-a-half years into her tenure as the head of the agency before raising them in a rulemaking about imposing public utility regulation on broadband services?" Cooper said. In the Net Neutrality draft order, the FCC said Title II would empower it to shield the country from Chinese Communist Party-related foreign entities participating in the U.S. market. Citing **Republican FCC Commissioner Brendan Carr**, Cooper said, "The Biden Administration already has the authority to prohibit those entities from continuing to operate in the U.S." Cooper added the FCC will run into trouble in court because Congress has not authorized its Net Neutrality rules. "It is quite unlikely that the agency's superficial national security and public

safety rationale for public utility regulation of broadband networks will save the Biden FCC's Internet regulation plan from being struck down under the **Major Questions Doctrine**," Cooper said. The Major Questions Doctrine bars the FCC from adopting regulations of "vast economic and political significance" without clear authorization by Congress.

Small ISP Exemption: Brett Glass, who operates the **LARIAT WISP** in Laramie, Wyoming, is calling on the FCC to exempt small ISPs from the pending Net Neutrality regulations, but he did not specify a definition of small. **WISPA – The Association for Broadband Without Boundaries** has asked for an immediate exemption from all the rules on a temporary basis that would include all ISPs with 250,000 subscribers or fewer, a threshold which would presumably cover LARIAT and just about every ISP in the country except for the industry's giants. Glass said an exemption is appropriate because the FCC's "vague" General Conduct rule will drive away investors and the transparency rules "could reveal commercially sensitive information about our business operations and future plans, enabling anticompetitive actions by large competitors that could harm or even destroy our small business." Glass added that in his opinion the FCC's rules also "violate the provisions of the **Regulatory Flexibility Act** if applied to small businesses such as LARIAT." Glass expressed his concerns in an Microsoft Teams call on April 17 with **Hayley Steffen, Legal Advisor to Commissioner Gomez**.



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Weiss Ratings: In March, the FCC said that for at least one year, it would not penalize **RDOF** reverse auction winners that had obtained letters of credit (LOCs) from banks that had seen their Weiss rating drop below B-minus. The FCC's rules stipulated that a Weiss rating below B-minus required suspension of RDOF support until the auction winner found a new bank with a Weiss rating of at least B minus. **Gavin Magor, Director of Research & Ratings at Weiss Ratings**, told **Policyband** yesterday that the communications industry "should not be concerned that they will find difficulty in locating a bank holding a Weiss rating sufficient to meet the requirements of the FCC. At the present time, eight of the ten largest banks and 1,581 small banks with under \$2 billion in assets hold a rating at or better than the

minimum standard of B minus.” Magor also responded to the **Bank Policy Institute**, which placed a letter in the FCC record that included a highly negative critique of Weiss’s credibility and reliability. “We vehemently disagree with the deliberate mischaracterization by the Bank Policy Institute, a lobbying group that represents the forty largest banks in the U.S., over the ability of Weiss to issue accurate bank ratings. Weiss has been rating banks since 1973. Unlike the traditional rating, paid for by the requesting bank, our ratings are issued independent of a bank’s desire for a rating and are based on proprietary modeling using the data filed by the banks with the regulator,” Magor said. **BPI spokesman Sean Oblack** declined to comment.

Radio Deal: L. Brent Bozell III, President & Founder of the Media Research Center (MRC), yesterday filed a petition with the FCC to deny or delay a major radio station deal. According to MRC, the deal would result in the **Soros Fund Management**, a firm founded by activist billionaire George Soros, to become the largest shareholder in bankrupt broadcaster Audacy, which owns the second largest number of broadcast radio stations in the country. “There is no question that **George Soros** and his affiliated businesses are looking to control these radio stations to advance their particular brand of activism,” Bozell’s four-page petition said. According to MRC, the radio deal involves 225 stations in 46 markets. MRC said the FCC had an obligation to take a close look at the deal because “the Soros group expressly states in their FCC filing that they have determined that the aggregate level of foreign ownership in the company when it emerges from bankruptcy will exceed the 25% limit” in federal regulations. “The Communications Act does not contain a special Soros shortcut,” Bozell’s petition said. The MRC, based in Herndon, Va., is a conservative media watchdog group that has been tracking media bias since 1987.

Quick Takes

Broadband Connectivity measurement firm **Ookla** in Seattle has developed an **Application Programming Interface (API)** that, “in cooperation with a service provider, can enrich Speedtest records with enhanced details such as network technology (i.e. fiber, cable, wireless,DSL) as well as subscriber tier.” **Ookla VP of Government Affairs David Darr** made the disclosure during an April 19 video conference with FCC officials **Wesley Platt, Mika Savir and Zac Champ**. “This test record enrichment can provide direct correlations to provider claims on the Broadband Consumer Labels and what is actually delivered to the service address,”

Darr said. In other comments, Darr noted that the labels include “typical” download and upload speeds but what the “consumer may experience on their own equipment can be significantly different from the service delivered due to variations in consumer equipment, behavior, and venue.” Darr added, “Both delivered network performance and actual consumer experience are important for regulators and service providers to understand to continue improving connectivity to the public.”

The FCC yesterday launched its biennial *Communications Marketplace Report* that will assess the state of competition in the delivery of voice, video, audio, and data services among providers of telecommunications, providers of commercial mobile service, MVPDs, broadcast stations, providers of satellite communications, Internet service providers, and other providers of communications services. The report also will assess whether laws or regulations pose a barrier to competitive entry into the communications marketplace. Comments are due on **June 6** and reply comments on **July 8**.

Calendar

April 25: Comcast to discuss first quarter financial results at 8:30 a.m. ET

Quote of the Day

“Right now, we have applications for more than 50,000 satellites pending before the FCC. That is five times the number in our skies today. It is also twice the number of applications we had four years ago.”

FCC Chairwoman Jessica Rosenworcel in a speech to the 39th Space Symposium in Colorado Springs, Colo., on April 9, 2024

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Cable's New Take On Bulk Billing Network Slicing Splits ISPs Will ACP Come With ETFs? DWT on All-In Pricing Deadlines

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BEAD: Shentel, a fiber-first broadband provider available to about 450,000 mid-Atlantic locations, is likely going to pass on accepting funding under the **Commerce Department's \$42.4 billion Broadband Equity, Access, and Deployment (BEAD) program**, the **Biden Administration's** signature effort to ensure broadband Internet for all. **Shentel's EVP and COO Ed McKay** said state programs and **American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA)** funding were a better fit. "We are not as excited about the BEAD program. With the state grants with the ARPA funds, there were fewer strings attached than what we expect to see with BEAD," McKay said at a **New Street Research (NSR)** conference last Friday. BEAD regulations, he said, would likely be the cause for keeping the company away. "We're going to be hesitant to be a big player in BEAD if there are mandates on labor rates and mandates on pricing. We're also worried about some of the onerous reporting requirements." If Shentel does

accept BEAD money, it won't be much. "We are watching to see what happens, but with what we've heard so far, we're likely not a big player in BEAD," McKay said. At the same conference, **Jim Butman, President and CEO of TDS** in Wisconsin, indicated his agreement with McKay. TDS has federal funding lined up for many years to serve areas that will not be eligible for BEAD money. Other industry leaders have raised concerns about BEAD regulations. Last year, **Charter CEO Christopher Winfrey** said, "I want to reiterate and be very clear that where state BEAD rules are not conducive to private investment, we will not participate in those states." In a client note after the conference, **NSR's Jonathan Chaplin** wrote, "Some of the smaller operators like TDS and Shentel have lost interest in BEAD given the **red tape** and **heavy-handed** regulation."

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Bulk Billing: Cable operators – in defending their reliance on bulk billing for communications services in apartment buildings – say renters gain access to various amenities that don't come with money-back, opt-out options. "As with other services and facilities that may be provided in a multi-tenant setting (e.g., **gym facilities, landscaping, party room**), a tenant that chooses to live in the MTE necessarily opts in to the choices made by the MTE owner as to the services and facilities offered, with no expectation of receiving a credit if the service or facility is not used by the tenant," lawyers from **Comcast, Charter and Cox** said in a meeting last week with staff from the offices of **all five FCC Commissioners. FCC Chair Jessica Rosenworcel** on March 5 proposed a ban on bulk billing in broad terms in an effort to allow renters, for example, to sign up for fixed wireless service from **T-Mobile** or **Verizon** without having to pay for the broadband service provided by the landlord. The cable team stressed two other points. **First**, "a significant portion of low-income consumers live in MTEs, and BEAD and other government programs are focused on increasing deployment and adoption in these buildings." **Second**, FCC precedent supports cable's position: "The [FCC] last addressed bulk billing in 2010 and found that the benefits of bulk billing are greater than its harms." The FCC Chairman in

2010 was **Obama appointee Julius Genachowski**.

Network Slicing: The rivalry between cable broadband ISPs and Fixed Wireless Access (FWA) can't be hidden. It's popping in **Super Bowl** ads, before ad watchdogs, and on open calls held by **CEOs** with **Wall Street analysts**. Now there's a fourth venue: the FCC's **Net Neutrality** docket. Sounding a lot like advocates at the **George Soros-backed New America** organization, cable lawyers are telling the FCC that unnamed FWA companies do not deserve a carve out from Net Neutrality obligations for new specialized services like **network slicing**. "The [FCC] should decline calls to revise those definitions to incorporate overt references to, or special allowances or more flexible regulatory treatment for, particular technologies, such as 'network slicing' employed on 5G wireless networks," cable lawyers for **Comcast, Charter** and **Cox** said in a March 20 filing. In case the FCC didn't get the point, the cable side added, "The [FCC] likewise should refrain from issuing any blanket determination that network slicing will be treated as a [non broadband] data service or that network slicing within a [broadband] offering constitutes reasonable network management." **T-Mobile**, the No. 1 FWA provider with 4.7 million subscribers, said no exemption will drag down investment and innovation. **Michael Calabrese**, Director, Wireless Future, at **New America's Open Technology Institute**, says T-Mobile wants to establish "the equivalent of an **HOV lane**" designed to sell priority treatment "to mostly deep-pocketed edge providers."

ACP ETFs?: A left of center organization called **Next Century Cities** is concerned the wind-down of the **Affordable Connectivity Program (ACP)** could have complications for low-income households that lose their \$30 monthly broadband discount. NCC is urging the **FCC** to intervene and protect existing enrollees from ISP bad actors. The organization wants to see the FCC adopt measures that would "disallow providers from charging **early termination fees, equipment returns penalties, or new installation charges**" adding that doing so "is critical to making a consumer's switch from one plan or provider to another easier." NCC would also like to see the FCC "require providers to disclose, in plain language, how a **consumer's bill will increase**" and "require providers to **report the number of previous ACP**

subscribers that have been migrated to new or existing low cost plans a provider has available, or whether that consumer has not continued service.” The point, NCC said, is that the FCC will then be able to determine “which new or existing plans providers are using as equivalent low-cost options for consumers” and “if a provider has a large drop off in subscribership, indicating whether they may be engaging in **digital discrimination** and pricing a significant portion of low-income consumers out of the market.”

Quick Takes

All-In Pricing Deadlines: According to the Davis Wright Tremaine law firm, here are the effective dates of the FCC’s new All-In Pricing rules for cable and satellite TV providers: “The [FCC] will publish the rules in the **Federal Register**, and they become effective **30 days thereafter**, but MVPDs are required to comply with the rules either by **December 19, 2024**, or when OMB completes its review, whichever is later. MVPDs with less than \$47 million in annual receipts are required to comply by **the later of March 19, 2025, or the completion of OMB review.**”

Altice USA CFO: For **Altice USA**, the turnaround will need more time. **CFO Marc Sirota** said last Friday that he expects the company’s first quarter broadband numbers to look the same as the fourth quarter’s. “Competition is at an all-time high – overbuilders, fixed wireless. So, even as we look at the fourth quarter and as we turn to 2024, I mean we see these challenges remain in place and so for [the] first quarter, we expect broadband losses to be fairly consistent with what we saw in the fourth quarter,” he said at the **New Street Research** conference. In 4Q23, Altice USA lost 27,000 broadband subs.

Fun Fact: Omaha investor Warren Buffett – famous for saying he likes companies with competitive **moats** filled with crocodiles – has seen his stake in Apple grow to a gigantic \$174 billion. Maybe not by coincidence, in DOJ’s antitrust case filed last week, the government’s brief chose the word moat **eight times** to describe Apple’s alleged smartphone monopoly.



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Calendar

March 26: [FCC Reply Comments Due On Reporting of Retrans Blackouts](#)

March 26: [RDOF Amnesty Comments due at FCC](#)

March 25-28: [CableLabs Winter Conference](#), Orlando, FL.

Quote of the Day

“They’re positioning it as the ultimate sports bundle but it’s missing more than half of NFL football. I’m a bit confused personally by the value proposition.”

Brian Rolapp, NFL chief media and business officer, on the new Disney-Fox-Warner Bros. Discovery sports app joint venture.

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DRIVING THE DAY

— **Get the popcorn:** The Federal Communications Commission and Federal Trade Commission will defend their budget asks on Capitol Hill today. The

hearings in the House will likely illuminate battle lines between Democrats and Republicans for fiscal year 2025.

It's Tuesday, July 9. Welcome to Morning Tech! I need [the weather to chill](#) (literally) — I'm avoiding the outdoors like the plague between the hours of 11 a.m. and 7 p.m.

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TODAY'S AGENDA

The **House Appropriations Committee** [holds a markup](#) of the [Commerce-Justice-Science funding bill](#) for fiscal year 2025. 9 a.m.

Officials from the **Defense Department** and **Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency** speak at the Office of the Defense Undersecretary for Research and Engineering's [Defense Technology Review Conference](#). 9 a.m.

Federal Communications Commission Chair **Jessica Rosenworcel** and commissioners **Nathan Simington**, **Anna Gomez**, **Geoffrey Starks** and **Brendan Carr** testify before the House Energy and Commerce Communications and Technology Subcommittee [on the agency's fiscal year 2025 budget](#). 10 a.m.

Federal Trade Commission Chair **Lina Khan** and commissioners **Rebecca Kelly Slaughter**, **Alvaro Bedoya**, **Melissa Holyoak** and **Andrew Ferguson** testify before the House Energy and Commerce Innovation, Data and Commerce Subcommittee [on the agency's fiscal year 2025 budget](#). 10:30 a.m.

TECH OF THE TOWN

FCC, FTC COMMISSIONERS ON THE HILL TODAY — Two separate House Energy and Commerce subcommittee hearings will dig into the budgets of the FCC and FTC. Get ready for some partisan fireworks over the agencies' recent moves to crack down on telecom and tech companies — alongside questions of whether they should get the funding they've asked for.

— **Where the numbers stand:** The hearings today come after the House Appropriations Committee approved a [funding bill](#) last month for agencies including the FCC and FTC. The GOP proposal would provide the FCC \$416 million for fiscal year 2025, which would come in \$32 million short of the agency’s request. That funding bill includes partisan policy riders, like blocking the FCC from implementing [its net neutrality](#) and [digital discrimination rules](#).

The FTC, on the other hand, would get \$388 million under the House bill, which is roughly \$146 million short of its request.

Amendments for the bill funding both agencies [were due last night](#), so a floor vote might be coming up on the horizon.

— **What the FCC has to say:** Don’t expect the hearing with FCC commissioners to be too pleasant. Republican lawmakers and commissioners have protested the agency’s [“heavy-handed regulations.”](#)

“The last time the FCC was before us, we discussed its role in President [Joe] Biden’s broadband takeover and its overregulation of the communications industry. Unfortunately, the agency has only continued down this path,” subcommittee Chair [Bob Latta](#) (R-Ohio) plans to say, per his prepared remarks shared with MT.

GOP Commissioner Brendan Carr plans to oppose his own agency’s request for a budget increase of nearly 15 percent for fiscal year 2025, according to his [prepared testimony](#).

“The FCC’s budget request and many of its recent actions reflect the Biden administration’s misplaced priorities and a massive regulatory overreach,” Carr is set to say. The Republican commissioner will also use the recent [Supreme Court decision](#) overturning Chevron deference to make his case that the agency “is exceeding its authority in significant ways.” As an example, he plans to point to [a May proposal from Chair Jessica Rosenworcel](#) to require disclosures on political ads containing AI-generated content.

Fellow GOP Commissioner Nathan Simington, [per a copy of his prepared testimony](#), will echo Carr’s concerns.

Democratic commissioners, on the other hand, will defend the agency's budget and its recent moves.

Rosenworcel [plans to tout](#) the commission's accomplishments to close the digital divide — including the beleaguered [Affordable Connectivity Program](#) — and [protect U.S. networks from security threats](#) — via the rip and replace program to remove Chinese-made telecom gear — to justify the agency's \$448 million request.

“This amount will ensure that the commission can meet its statutory mandates and uphold the core values of our laws — consumer protection, universal service, national security, and public safety — all while keeping pace with ever-changing and advancing technologies,” Rosenworcel intends to say. She also plans to defend the agency's moves to reinstate net neutrality.

Commissioners also plan to once again urge lawmakers to reauthorize the agency's spectrum auction authority. Revenues from that auction could shore up several agency priorities, including reviving the ACP.

Subcommittee ranking member [Doris Matsui](#) (D-Calif.) will call on her fellow lawmakers to support Rosenworcel's priorities by securing more funding for the rip-and-replace program and the ACP.

“As a subcommittee, we should be building up the FCC's ability to protect consumers and oversee our networks,” Matsui plans to say, per her opening statement shared with MT. “The stakes are simply too high for Congress to undermine the FCC's progress.”

— Meanwhile, next door: The House Energy and Commerce Innovation, Data and Commerce Subcommittee will hear from all five FTC commissioners.

They last appeared before the panel in April last year. With the agency's two Republicans — Melissa Holyoak and Andrew Ferguson — starting earlier this year, today's hearing will have the commission at full strength.

Expect standard partisan grumbling. Last year, Subcommittee Chair [Gus Bilirakis](#) (R-Fla.) [accused FTC Chair Lina Khan](#) of waging a “leftist crusade” on

behalf of the White House. And while [Khan is expected](#) to call the proposed cuts to her agency's budgets "devastating," all eyes will be on Holyoak and Ferguson as a potential audition for the head spot in the event of a second Trump Administration.

To that end, both Republicans are expected to focus on the claim that some conservatives are unfairly treated on social media. "I agree with my friend Commissioner Holyoak that the Commission should examine whether social media platforms were knowingly violating their terms of services when they deplatformed customers in 2020," Ferguson wrote in his prepared remarks.

Though neither commissioner name-dropped a company, they appear to have been alluding to platforms that blocked former President Donald Trump and his fellow election deniers following the deadly Jan. 6, 2021, attack on the U.S. Capitol. [Meta suspended Trump](#) from Facebook and Instagram; and [Amazon banned Parler](#), the conservative social media company, from its web hosting service.

"Put bluntly, denying access to financial services or deplatforming can reduce these consumers to second-class citizens," Holyoak is expected to say. She will repeat [her call](#) from May for the FTC to conduct a study on "the role that platforms play in controlling and denying access to the digital commons."

ON TODAY'S POD

NELSON TALKS AI POLICY — On [today's POLITICO Tech Podcast](#), former White House Office of Science and Technology Policy acting director [Alondra Nelson said she's optimistic](#) that even if former President Donald Trump wins back the White House in November, there could be some continuity when it comes to AI policy.

"I think that there's areas for bipartisanship, and I think that there could be continuity of Biden-Harris policy in a new Trump administration," said Nelson, who helped write the Biden administration's [Blueprint for an AI Bill of Rights](#) and is now a distinguished senior fellow at the think tank Center for American Progress.

Democrats have emphasized the need to guard against bias in AI systems, while

Republicans have pointed to the need to compete with China. Still, Nelson argues there's actually common ground, "particularly now that AI policy has become just part of public discourse."

She pointed to a [GOP-sponsored bill in Oklahoma](#), which was based on the AI Bill of Rights, as evidence that protecting civil rights may in fact be an area of broad agreement. "No one wants to be subject to biased systems, and no one wants to be discriminated against in a mortgage evaluation, or, being screened for a job by biased AI systems."

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2024 ELECTIONS

GOP CALLS FOR AI EO REPEAL — It's official: President Joe Biden's AI executive order would likely die in a Trump presidency. The Republican National Committee on Monday [released its 2024 platform](#) outlining the party's priorities if it wins control of the White House and Congress in the fall. The 16-page document calls for a wholesale repeal of Biden's landmark AI executive order, saying it "hinders AI innovation" and "imposes Radical Leftwing ideas on the development of this technology."

This is the clearest GOP signal on the executive order yet. Republicans in Congress had [raised concerns](#) over the order's use of the Defense Production Act to require tech companies to provide information to the government about advanced AI projects. Now, it is clear Republicans want to roll back the whole order, including provisions that call on federal agencies to prevent bias and discrimination in public-facing AI tools.

"In its place, Republicans support AI Development rooted in Free Speech and Human Flourishing," the GOP says in its platform.

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New AI polling is out: The AI Policy Institute [released new polling today](#) on peoples' views on protecting U.S. AI technologies from foreign adversaries. Among its findings: 71 percent of Americans are very or somewhat concerned

that China could get its hands on powerful AI models developed by U.S. companies, and 63 percent support legislation imposing export restrictions on the technology. The poll was conducted on a sample of 1,040 people from June 24-25, and has a margin of error of 3.4 percent.

Data standards for all: The Data & Trust Alliance, a consortium of industry leaders and other tech experts, this morning released what it calls [the first cross-industry data provenance standards](#) to help AI developers have more insight into content in datasets used to train their systems.

First in MT: Sen. [Ted Cruz](#) (R-Texas) is [sending letters](#) today to FCC Commissioners Anna Gomez and Geoffrey Starks, urging them to call for a vote on Soros Fund Management’s proposed takeover of Audacy, a broadcast company that owns more than 200 radio stations across the U.S. (SFM was founded by liberal billionaire George Soros.)

ALSO HAPPENING TODAY

8 a.m. — The Armed Forces Communications and Electronics Association and the Defense Intelligence Agency [hold the TECHINT 2024 conference](#).

11:30 a.m. — New America [holds a virtual discussion](#) on “Rebuilding Labor and Worker Power to Respond to Artificial Intelligence.”

12:30 p.m. — The Atlantic Council [holds a virtual discussion](#) on “Turkey’s Emerging Defense Technologies and the Future of NATO.”

1:30 p.m. — The Advanced Technology Academic Research Center [holds a virtual discussion](#) on a “PQC (post-quantum cryptography) Roadmap.”

2 p.m. — The National Institute of Standards and Technology [holds a meeting](#) of the National Artificial Intelligence Advisory Committee.

2 p.m. — The Government Executive Media Group's Nextgov/Federal Computer Week [holds a virtual discussion](#) on “Strengthening Government Resilience Against Ransomware.”

8 p.m. — The Information Technology and Innovation Foundation [holds a](#)

[virtual discussion](#) on “The Brussels Effect: Digital Market Regulation in East Asia.”

Have a great day!

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Finally, the MO&O dismisses two informal objections to the application.

Please note that this is a **restricted proceeding** with respect to our *ex parte* rules. Let us know if you have any questions concerning this matter.

Regards,
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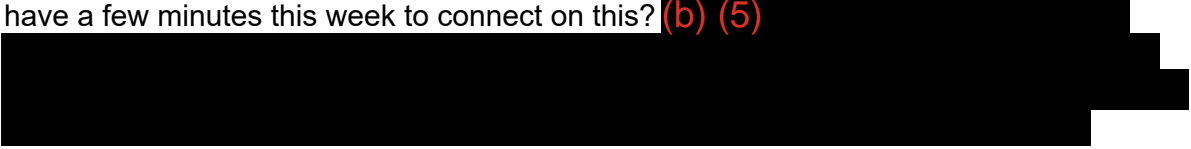
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Hi Greg – Following up on Media Bureau's meeting with Commissioner Carr earlier today. The Public Notice indicating that Audacy's long form application was accepted for filing (attached) was in the 3/21/24 Daily Digest. The lead file number is [0000241074](#). The public has until 4/22/24 to file petitions to deny. We will let you know if any petitions are filed. Please let me know if you need any other information.

Tom Horan

From: [Gregory A. Watson](#)
To: [Holly Saurer](#)
Subject: Audacy
Date: Wednesday, February 21, 2024 9:13:57 AM

Hi Holly – we’ve had a few inquiries into our office about the reports of an investment fund becoming Audacy’s largest shareholder through a bankruptcy restructuring plan. Do you have a few minutes this week to connect on this? (b) (5)



Greg Watson

Chief of Staff

FCC Commissioner Brendan Carr

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SATELLITE PROGRAMS AND POLICY DIVISION INFORMATION. Accepted for Filing
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BAND IN CONNECTION WITH THE NATIONAL SPECTRUM STRATEGY
IMPLEMENTATION PLAN. (DA No. 24-789). (Dkt No 24-243). The Wireless
Telecommunications Bureau seeks information on spectrum sharing in the Lower 37 GHz
band to inform a forthcoming report required by the National Spectrum Strategy
Implementation Plan.. Comments Due: 2024-09-09. WTB. [DA-24-789A1.docx](#) [DA-24-789A1.pdf](#) [DA-24-789A1.txt](#)

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INTERNET OF THINGS RULES SET FOR SEPTEMBER 9, 2024. (DA No. 24-791). (Dkt
No 23-239). PSHSB. Contact: Tara B. Shostek, Tara.Shostek@fcc.gov. [DA-24-791A1.docx](#)
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Report No: SCL-00479NS. Released: 2024-08-09. NON-STREAMLINED SUBMARINE CABLE LANDING LICENSE APPLICATIONS. Accepted for Filing Non-Streamlined Public Notice. OIA SB. Contact: Adrienne.McNeil. [DOC-404619A1.pdf](#) [DOC-404619A1.txt](#)

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Released: 2024-08-09. EX PARTE PRESENTATIONS AND POST-REPLY COMMENT PERIOD FILING IN PERMIT-BUT-DISCLOSURE PROCEEDINGS RECEIVED ON 8-8-24. OMD. Contact: Kenneth Hill, 202-418-7521. [DOC-404628A1.pdf](#) [DOC-404628A1.txt](#)

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Released: 2024-08-09. FCC ACTIVATES MDRI IN VIRGINIA FOR DEBBY. (DA No. 24-786). The FCC Announces the Activation of the Mandatory Disaster Response Initiative (MDRI) in Virginia for Response to Tropical Depression Debby. OMR PSHSB. [DA-24-786A1.docx](#) [DA-24-786A1.pdf](#) [DA-24-786A1.txt](#)

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ESTADO DE LAS COMUNICACIONES TRAS EL HURACÁN DEBBY – 9 DE AGOSTO DE 2024. Informe del estado de las comunicaciones afectadas por el huracán Debby, para el 9 de agosto de 2024.. Action by: PSHSB. by REPORT. OMR PSHSB. [DOC-404645A1.docx](#) [DOC-404645A1.pdf](#) [DOC-404645A1.txt](#)

RULES GOVERNING THE USE OF DISTRIBUTED TRANSMISSION SYSTEM TECHNOLOGIES; AUTHORIZING PERMISSIVE USE OF THE \"NEXT GENERATION\" BROADCAST TELEVISION STANDARD . Media Bureau grants Microsoft Corporation's request to withdraw its petition for reconsideration.. (Dkt No 20-74 16-142). Action by: Chief, Media Bureau . Adopted: 2024-08-09 by ORDER. (DA No. 24-793). MB. Contact: Ty Bream, (202) 418-0644, Ty.Bream@fcc.gov. [DA-24-793A1.docx](#) [DA-24-793A1.pdf](#) [DA-24-793A1.txt](#)

HISPANIC CHRISTIAN COMMUNITY NETWORK, ANTONIO CESAR GUEL, AND JENNIFER JUAREZ, MB DOCKET NO. 23-267. Order Scheduling Status Conference. (Dkt No 23-267). Action by: ALJ. Adopted: 2024-08-09 by ORDER. (FCC No. 24M-07). OALJ. [FCC-24M-07A1.pdf](#) [FCC-24M-07A1.txt](#)

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IN THE MATTER OF AUDACY LICENSE, LLC, DEBTOR-IN-POSSESSION . FCC

Enforcement Bureau proposes a \$14,000 fine against Audacy Licensee, LLC, Debtor-in-Possession, for failing to conduct a contest in accordance with its announced terms in violation of the FCC's contest rules. . Action by: Chief, Enforcement Bureau. Adopted: 2024-08-09 by NAL. (DA No. 24-780). EB. [DA-24-780A1.docx](#) [DA-24-780A1.pdf](#) [DA-24-780A1.txt](#)

APPLICATIONS OF LIBERTY LATIN AMERICA LTD. AND DISH NETWORK CORPORATION FOR CONSENT TO ASSIGNMENT OF SPECTRUM LICENSES, ASSETS, AND CUSTOMERS OF DISH NETWORK CORPORATION TO LIBERTY LATIN AMERICA LTD. IN PUERTO RICO AND THE U.S. VIRGIN ISLANDS. OIA and WTB Order approving Liberty Latin America Ltd. and DISH Network Corporations's applications for consent to the assignment of spectrum licenses and customers held by DISH subsidiaries, subject to conditions.. (Dkt No 24-55). Action by: Chiefs, Office of International Affairs and Wireless Telecommunications Bureau. Adopted: 2024-08-08 by MO&O. (DA No. 24-783). WTB OIA. [DA-24-783A1.pdf](#) [DA-24-783A1.txt](#)

ANDRES SERRANO MINISTRIES INC., STATION KGWP(FM), PITTSBURG, TEXAS. The Media Bureau enters into a Consent Decree with Andres Serrano Ministries Inc., licensee of Station KGWP(FM), Pittsburg, Texas. Action by: Audio Division. Adopted: 2024-08-09 by Order/Consent Decree. (DA No. 24-787). MB. Contact: Alexander Sanjenis. [DA-24-787A1.pdf](#) [DA-24-787A1.txt](#)

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NEWS RELEASES

FACT SHEET ON THE IMPACT OF THE UNIVERSAL SERVICE FUND. .. by FACT SHEET. News Media Contact: MediaRelations@fcc.gov. OMR OCHJR. Contact: .. [DOC-404602A1.docx](#) [DOC-404602A1.pdf](#) [DOC-404602A1.txt](#) [DOC-404602A2.xlsx](#) [DOC-404602A2.pdf](#) [DOC-404602A3.xlsx](#) [DOC-404602A3.pdf](#) [DOC-404602A4.xlsx](#) [DOC-404602A4.pdf](#) [DOC-404602A5.xlsx](#) [DOC-404602A5.pdf](#) [DOC-404602A6.xlsx](#) [DOC-404602A6.pdf](#)

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IMPROVING THE EFFECTIVENESS OF THE ROBOCALL MITIGATION DATABASE; AMENDMENT OF PART 1 OF THE COMMISSION'S RULES, CONCERNING PRACTICE AND PROCEDURE, AMENDMENT OF CORES REGISTRATION SYSTEM . The FCC launches this proceeding to examine ways to ensure and improve the overall quality of Robocall Mitigation Database submissions based on the collective experience of all stakeholders over the last three years.. (Dkt No 24-213 10-234). Action by: Commission . Adopted: 2024-08-07 by NPRM. (FCC No. 24-85). WCB. Contact: Erik Beith, Attorney Advisor, Competition Policy Division, Wireline Competition Bureau, at Erik.Beith@fcc.gov..

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IMPLICATIONS OF ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE TECHNOLOGIES ON PROTECTING CONSUMERS FROM UNWANTED ROBOCALLS AND ROBOTEXTS . Proposes and seeks comment on defining AI-generated calls, adopting transparency requirements for such calls and texts, supporting technologies that protect consumers from AI robocalls, and on protecting positive uses of AI technology.. (Dkt No 23-362). Action by: the Commission. Adopted: 2024-08-07 by NPRM. (FCC No. 24-84). CGB. [FCC-24-84A1.docx](#) [FCC-24-84A1.pdf](#) [FCC-24-84A1.txt](#) [FCC-24-84A2.docx](#) [FCC-24-84A2.pdf](#) [FCC-24-84A2.txt](#) [FCC-24-84A3.docx](#) [FCC-24-84A3.pdf](#) [FCC-24-84A3.txt](#) [FCC-24-84A4.docx](#) [FCC-24-84A4.pdf](#) [FCC-24-84A4.txt](#) [FCC-24-84A5.docx](#) [FCC-24-84A5.pdf](#) [FCC-24-84A5.txt](#) [FCC-24-84A6.docx](#) [FCC-24-84A6.pdf](#) [FCC-24-84A6.txt](#)

ESTADO DE LAS COMUNICACIONES TRAS EL HURACÁN DEBBY – 8 DE AGOSTO DE 2024. Informe del estado de las comunicaciones afectadas por el huracán Debby, para el 8 de agosto de 2024. Action by: PSHSB. by REPORT. OMR PSHSB. [DOC-404597A1.docx](#) [DOC-404597A1.pdf](#) [DOC-404597A1.txt](#)

LIFELINE AND LINK UP REFORM AND MODERNIZATION; REQUESTS FOR REVIEW OF DECISIONS OF THE UNIVERSAL SERVICE ADMINISTRATIVE COMPANY BY AMERIMEX COMMUNICATIONS CORP., ET AL.; LIFELINE UNIVERSAL SERVICE SUPPORT MECHANISM . WCB denies six requests seeking review of decisions made by the USAC concerning upward revisions of reimbursement claims related to the Bureau's Seventh COVID-19 Waiver Order.. (Dkt No 11-42). Action by: Chief, Wireline Competition Bureau. Adopted: 2024-08-08 by ORDER. (DA No. 24-784). WCB. [DA-24-784A1.docx](#) [DA-24-784A1.pdf](#) [DA-24-784A1.txt](#)

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From: [Katie Gorscak](#)
To: [Holly Saurer](#); [David Strickland](#)
Cc: [Paloma Perez](#); [Will Wiquist](#); [Jonathan Uriarte](#); [Elena Patton](#)
Subject: FW: [EXTERNAL]: Approval needed for WCBS AM
Date: Monday, August 12, 2024 2:07:56 PM
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FYI on this inquiry from The Star-Ledger.

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Katie

From: Eric Conklin <EConklin@njadvancemedia.com>
Sent: Monday, August 12, 2024 1:42 PM
To: MediaRelations <MediaRelations@fcc.gov>
Subject: [EXTERNAL]: Approval needed for WCBS AM

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Hello,

I'm Eric Conklin, a reporter from NJ Advance Media, the company that publishes NJ.com and The Star-Ledger in New Jersey.

I'm writing a story about Audacy planning to shelve WCBS AM later this month. The company said it will change the call letters upon approval from the FCC. I'm reaching out for comment on when the commission expects that decision will be made, and if it could elaborate on that process.

Best,

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Eric Conklin
Reporter
NJ Advance Media/NJ.com
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From: [Katie Gorscak](#)
To: [Holly Saurer](#); [David Strickland](#)
Cc: [Will Wiquist](#); [Paloma Perez](#); [Elena Patton](#)
Subject: FW: [EXTERNAL]: Audacy foreign ownership waiver
Date: Monday, September 16, 2024 10:56:16 AM

Good morning. We received the below inquiry from Monty re: Audacy. I don't believe we tend to comment on vote lines, but is there anything we can say here?

-K

From: Tayloe, Monty <mtayloe@warren-news.com>
Sent: Monday, September 16, 2024 10:18 AM
To: Will Wiquist <Will.Wiquist@fcc.gov>; Jonathan Uriarte <Jonathan.Uriarte@fcc.gov>; Katie Gorscak <Katie.Gorscak@fcc.gov>; Brian Phillips Jr <Brian.Phillips@fcc.gov>; Paloma Perez <Paloma.Perez@fcc.gov>
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Hi OMR,

I am looking to write something about the Audacy foreign ownership waiver, and it's my understanding that the "must vote" status of that item expires Wednesday, and that three commissioners have voted on it so far. Can you confirm that this is correct? I was also wondering if you could tell me when the last time a request for a declaratory ruling authorizing foreign ownership was denied by the FCC or the Media Bureau, and whose request it was? (I know that Audacy hasn't yet gotten to the declaratory ruling request stage).

Thanks,
Monty Tayloe
Comm Daily

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From: [Holly Saurer](#)
To: [David Strickland](#)
Subject: FW: [EXTERNAL]: Cruz escalates FCC review of Soros radio deal
Date: Thursday, August 15, 2024 3:33:00 PM

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DRIVING THE DAY

— **Audacity under the microscope:** A big-ticket radio deal that's been spooking Republicans (largely due to the involvement of billionaire and far-right boogeyman George Soros) is now set for a vote at the Federal Communications Commission, after Sen. [Ted Cruz](#) (R-Texas) successfully pressured FCC leadership to dig into concerns raised by the restructuring.

It's Thursday, Aug. 15. Welcome to Morning Tech! Just one more day — you got this!

Thoughts? Tips? Coffee recs? Send 'em over to

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TECH OF THE TOWN

FIRST IN MT: MORE SCRUTINY FOR AUDACY RADIO SHAKE-UP

— Republican lawmakers worried about the influence of their least favorite liberal billionaire have successfully pressured the Federal Communications Commission to more carefully review the reorganization of one of the country's biggest radio broadcasters.

Ahead of plans to more widely announce later today, the office of Senate Commerce ranking member Ted Cruz (R-Texas) told John that FCC commissioners will now hold a vote on the rejiggering of radio broadcaster Audacy instead of letting it be considered at the staff level, with Cruz staff citing their own intel from FCC officials.

It's a win for Republicans concerned about the power that Audacy's restructuring would give to left-leaning billionaire George Soros over scores of radio stations — and their millions of listeners — ahead of November's elections. The billionaire has sunk vast amounts of money into liberal and progressive causes, and sits at the center of a [dizzying array of conspiracy theories](#) peddled by the far-right (and sometimes, Republican lawmakers).

The expected commission vote appears to be a change of heart for Rosenworcel, who in late April [told Congress](#) that "Bureau staff will review the record and decide if the transfer is in the public interest."

"I am very pleased that Chairwoman [Jessica] Rosenworcel has come to her senses and abandoned her plan to have unaccountable bureaucrats rubber-stamp George Soros's takeover of Audacy," Cruz said in a statement shared with John.

A Rosenworcel spokesperson declined to comment on Cruz's characterization, citing longstanding FCC policy around pending

transactions.

— Lots of ears at stake: Audacy owns more than 200 radio stations, making it the second-largest radio broadcaster in the country and giving it significant reach (and, potentially, political sway). But the Philadelphia-based company declared bankruptcy early this year, prompting Soros Fund Management to step in. The deal would save Audacy financially while making the Soros group its largest shareholder.

First, however, the reorg has to receive FCC approval due to its reshuffling of broadcast licenses. And while Audacy already laid out its [proposed changes](#) in applications before the commission earlier this year, Republican lawmakers have called for tighter scrutiny.

In April, Rep. [Chip Roy](#) (R-Texas) [said the plans](#) should be “subject to rigorous FCC oversight to ensure U.S. radio stations are not subject to undue influence” and include “a full review of the foreign ownership interests as required by the law” rather than temporarily putting off such vetting as Audacy requests (the deal, Audacy notes, will put it over the current foreign ownership limits). Rep. [Nick Langworthy](#) (R-N.Y.) offered [similar concerns](#), telling the FCC that same month that the sale “is the latest in a series of moves by a partisan, progressive billionaire to consolidate control over the media and flood hundreds of local radio stations with far-left ideology and propaganda.”

— GOP fears the rubber stamp: Many FCC matters can be handled by bureau staff without coming before the full commission for a vote — though the decision is always at the chair’s discretion.

But in this case, Republicans say kicking the Audacy decision to FCC staff would sidestep much-needed scrutiny, especially given some temporary waivers involved over foreign ownership (senior GOP Commissioner Brendan Carr [warned in June](#) against any “Soros shortcut” for Audacy).

The FCC has approved similar radio bankruptcy restructuring plans in the past, including [staff-level sign-off](#) of plans from iHeart Media

during the Trump years. But these procedural calculations are a sensitive topic for Cruz, who [was enraged](#) last year to see Rosenworcel [avoid a full commission vote](#) in the FCC's review of the Standard General-Tegna broadcast TV merger. A bureau-level decision ultimately spelled the death of that deal.

— Cruz takes the dial: Cruz repeatedly [pressed the FCC's](#) two [Democratic commissioners](#) as well as [both Republicans](#) on Audacy this summer, saying the commissioners needed to cast votes on the restructuring instead of relying on staff review. In his new statement, Cruz credits the two GOP commissioners with helping secure a full vote, which is now apparently pending (details of proposed circulating orders aren't public).

“Considering the significance of the matter at stake — a request for a waiver of statutory foreign ownership limits to transfer Audacy's hundreds of broadcast licenses to new owners in the run-up to the Presidential election — I have repeatedly said that a full Commission vote is both a basic duty of the FCC commissioners and necessary to protect the interests of the American public,” the Texas Republican said. Cruz added that he's “grateful to Commissioners Carr and Simington for working with me to bring greater transparency and accountability to the federal bureaucracy.”

— Why so worried? Audacy has strenuously denied that it would receive any special treatment as part of the FCC's approval process. The broadcaster defended its plans in a [May regulatory filing](#), criticizing “ill-informed” attacks from the conservative Media Research Center and describing its proposed restructuring as “fully consistent” with FCC precedent.

“Audacy's prompt emergence from bankruptcy, with substantially less debt and improved operational arrangements, is critical to the continued operations of its stations and its ability to remain a competitive radio broadcaster,” the company [told the FCC](#) at the time.

Audacy spokespeople didn't respond to a request for comment about the FCC review or Cruz's recent characterizations of the transaction.

— **Clock's ticking:** Audacy [voiced fresh financial anxiety](#) this week around the delayed approval of its restructuring — a reorganization that is now likely to be even further delayed as the review moves to the commissioners themselves.

And on Wednesday night, Carr signaled he still has reservations about the planned restructuring. He told John he's concerned the parties are seeking a “new and special shortcut” by seeking a temporary and limited waiver of the foreign ownership limits in their plans, rather than going through the commission’s process for reviewing these matters.

“My position is pretty simple: I think the Commission should follow the rules and processes that it codified in federal law,” Carr said. “Is there something unique about these parties to this transaction that merit unprecedented Commission-level relief?”

Audacy, however, worries that would be too time-consuming. In its plans, Audacy warned the FCC that “deferring the company’s emergence from bankruptcy pending a lengthy foreign ownership review would require substantial delay that would imperil Audacy’s restructuring and otherwise frustrate the Commission’s policy of accommodating the policies of the federal bankruptcy laws.”

THE CONTENT WARS

THORN SHEDS LIGHT ON KIDS’ CHANGING ONLINE

EXPERIENCE — Roughly 1 in 10 minors say they know peers who have used generative artificial intelligence tools to create nonconsensual intimate images of other minors, per [a report released on Wednesday](#) from Thorn, the anti-human trafficking group that advocates for legislation that would boost protections for kids online.

The report — which details findings from a survey of 1,040 minors ages 9-17 that was conducted online from Nov. 3 to Dec. 1, 2023 — also found that the number of kids experiencing harmful interactions online, such as bullying and sexual encounters, continues to increase

from Thorn’s previous findings in 2020 and 2022.

The report comes as Capitol Hill struggles to pass laws that would strengthen safety and privacy protections for kids online.

— What Congress has cooking: Lawmakers in Washington are faced with a plethora of kids’ online safety bills — most notably the [Kids Online Safety and Privacy Act](#), a mashup of the [Kids Online Safety Act](#) and the [Children and Teens’ Online Privacy Protection Act](#). KOSPA prohibits companies from targeting minors with ads and limits the amount of data that platforms can collect on users younger than 17. While the Senate [passed KOSPA in late July](#), the measure [may struggle to get through the House](#).

Other kids’ online safety bills include the [Kids Off Social Media Act](#), which would prohibit people under age 13 from using social media. There’s also a handful focused on broadly combating AI-generated nonconsensual intimate images, such as the [TAKE IT DOWN Act](#), the [DEFIANCE Act](#) and the [Intimate Privacy Protection Act](#). The TAKE IT DOWN Act [advanced out of the Senate Commerce Committee in July](#), but the other bills have yet to progress in Congress.

In a Wednesday interview with MT, Emily Slifer, Thorn’s director of policy, said that in order to pass laws protecting kids online, lawmakers need to “pick and choose the parts that people can agree on and get smaller pieces of legislation through, as opposed to trying to do these giant holistic bills.” She said those key pieces should include duty of care provisions (which requires platforms to take steps to prevent harm) and “safety by design” mandates (requiring platforms to design their products with kids’ safety in mind, such as defaulting to maximum privacy settings for underage users).

KOSPA has a duty of care requirement that industry and some civil rights advocacy groups have opposed, given its potential application to content that may not be harmful. Progressive tech groups like Fight for the Future have [raised concerns](#) that a future Federal Trade Commission — which would be empowered to determine what content is considered harmful — could use the bill to “pressure platforms into

automated filtering of important but controversial topics like LGBTQ issues and abortion.” Those groups have advocated for a duty of care provision that is explicitly “content neutral.”

— **States to the rescue?** State legislatures have moved to fill the gap left by Washington on kids’ online safety, specifically with [measures targeting social media platforms’ design and imposing duty of care requirements on companies](#).

But many of those laws have either been halted by the courts or tangled up in lawsuits brought by the tech industry, which [has argued that laws like California’s Age-Appropriate Design Code](#) violate the First Amendment.

Slifer told MT that a patchwork of state laws is not the right approach. “It’s going to become harder and harder to implement and enforce across the states if there’s not an overarching piece of federal regulation,” she said.

ON THE HILL

HOUSE E&C DEMS PRAISE FCC’S AI MOVE — House Energy and Commerce ranking member [Frank Pallone](#) (D-N.J.) and Democrats on the Communications and Technology Subcommittee [sent a letter](#) on Wednesday to Rosenworcel, endorsing the agency’s move to [open a rulemaking to require the disclosure of AI](#) in campaign ads (despite GOP objections).

“While we understand that it may not be possible to enact these new rules prior to the November election, these rules will only become more important for future elections,” the lawmakers wrote. They encouraged Rosenworcel to “complete this rulemaking expeditiously.”

— **FCC leapfrogs the Hill:** Congress had a chance just before the August recess to advance rules regulating the use of AI in political ads, when Sen. [Amy Klobuchar](#) (D-Minn.) tried to get her [Protect Elections from Deceptive AI Act](#) and [AI Transparency in Elections Act](#) through the Senate via unanimous consent ([it didn’t work](#)). The lack of action

from Congress has led federal agencies (like the FCC) and [state legislatures to fill the gap](#).

— **Eyes on the FEC:** The Federal Election Commission [took up a petition](#) from the consumer advocacy group Public Citizen last August, asking it to issue new rules clarifying that [existing campaign law](#) on fraudulent misrepresentation applies to AI. A public comment period on the matter closed in October, and the agency hasn't acted on it since.

[Axios reported](#) last week that the FEC would not propose new rules on AI before the election. But on Wednesday, Democratic Commissioner Ellen Weintraub [posted on X](#) that the petition for rulemaking on AI in campaign ads “will be back on the agenda” at the agency’s Aug. 29 meeting.

QUICK DOWNLOADS

DHS data: The Department of Homeland Security plans to collect and analyze photos of migrant children’s faces at the border in an effort to improve facial recognition technology, [MIT Technology Review reports](#).

TRANSITIONS

Nigel Cory is now a director at **Crowell & Moring International**. He most recently was associate director of trade policy at the Information Technology and Innovation Foundation. ... **Diana Kelley** is joining **DLA Piper** as a principal in the telecom practice. She most recently was satellite policy, spectrum and regulatory affairs manager at SpaceX. ... **Scott Weaver** has been appointed senior vice president of government relations at **Nexstar Media Group**. In Weaver’s “newly created” role, he will work alongside Nexstar CEO Perry Sook to set the company’s policy priorities and establish Nexstar’s first Office of Government Affairs in Washington.

HAPPENING TODAY

9 a.m. — Tech Conferences LLC [holds the TechCon365 Microsoft 365 and Power Platform Conference](#).

10 a.m. — The Health and Human Services Department [holds a meeting](#) of the Health Information Technology Advisory Committee to develop and submit recommendations to the national coordinator on the topics of interoperability, privacy and security, patient access, and use of technologies that support public health.

2 p.m. — The National Institute of Standards and Technology [holds a virtual discussion](#) on “Ransomware Prevention, Detection, Response, and Recovery.”

2 p.m. — The Government Executive Media Group [holds a virtual discussion](#) on “Securing Patient Data in the Digital Age.”

4 p.m. — BroadbandUSA [holds a Digital Equity Competitive Application webinar](#) on “Project Narrative.”

Have a great day!

Tips, comments, suggestions? Send them along via email to our team: Steve Heuser (sheuser@politico.com), Nate Robson (nrobson@politico.com), Daniella Cheslow (dcheslow@politico.com), Mallory Culhane (mculhane@politico.com), Brendan Bordelon (bbordelon@politico.com), John Hendel (jhendel@politico.com), Alfred Ng (alfredng@politico.com), Josh Sisco (jsisco@politico.com), Derek Robertson (drobertson@politico.com), Mohar Chatterjee (mchatterjee@politico.com) and Christine Mui (cmui@politico.com). Got an event for our calendar? Send details to techcalendar@politicopro.com. And don't forget to add [@POLITICOPro](#) on X.

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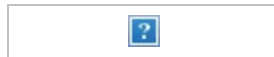
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From: [Katie Gorscak](#)
To: [Holly Saurer](#); [David Strickland](#)
Cc: [Paloma Perez](#); [Will Wiquist](#); [Jonathan Uriarte](#); [Brian Phillips Jr](#)
Subject: FW: [EXTERNAL]: NY Post - Comment Request
Date: Monday, September 23, 2024 9:22:04 AM

Flagging this one for your awareness. See below. Let me know if you'd like to discuss.

Katie

From: Lydia Moynihan <lmoynihn@nypost.com>
Sent: Monday, September 23, 2024 8:00 AM
To: MediaRelations <MediaRelations@fcc.gov>
Subject: [EXTERNAL]: Comment?

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Hi there, we are working on a story that the FCC approved the Soros acquisition of Audacy and gave Ergen more time to work on building out his 5G network. Do you have a comment? Thank you!

Lydia Moynihan
(b) (6)

From: [Jonathan Uriarte](#)
To: [Holly Saurer](#); [David Strickland](#); [Paloma Perez](#); [Brian Phillips Jr](#); [Will Wiquist](#); [Katie Gorscak](#)
Subject: FW: [EXTERNAL]: Politico question on Audacy transaction
Date: Wednesday, August 14, 2024 10:29:53 AM

Sigh. Holly/David we will respond as we discussed, but might need to ping you again today to chat

Looping others for awareness

From: John Hendel <jhendel@politico.com>
Sent: Wednesday, August 14, 2024 10:24 AM
To: MediaRelations <MediaRelations@fcc.gov>; Jonathan Uriarte <Jonathan.Uriarte@fcc.gov>
Subject: [EXTERNAL]: Politico question on Audacy transaction

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Hi all,

Good morning! Hope August's rolling along a little more quietly.

Citing FCC staff, Sen. Cruz's office is telling me that the Audacy transaction is now up for a full commission vote. Is that the case and is there any context or details about that you'd be able to share? Did that circulate this week? Here's how Sen. Cruz is characterizing:

"I am very pleased that Chairwoman Rosenworcel has come to her senses and abandoned her plan to have unaccountable bureaucrats rubber-stamp George Soros's takeover of Audacy. Considering the significance of the matter at stake—a request for a waiver of statutory foreign ownership limits to transfer Audacy's hundreds of broadcast licenses to new owners in the run-up to the Presidential election—I have repeatedly said that a full Commission vote is both a basic duty of the FCC commissioners and necessary to protect the interests of the American public. I am grateful to Commissioners Carr and Simington for working with me to bring greater transparency and accountability to the federal bureaucracy."

We likely would touch on this in our next Morning Tech for Thursday morning. Let me know what you might be able to say later today when you can!

All the best,

John Hendel
Technology Reporter | **POLITICO**

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Email: jhendel@politico.com

X/Twitter: [@JohnHendel](https://twitter.com/JohnHendel)

From: [Albert Shuldiner](#)
To: [Holly Saurer](#)
Subject: FW: [EXTERNAL]: Skeptics Question the Disappearance of an Alabama Radio Tower; Also, the FCC Plans Pirate Fine Against "Super Dany"
Date: Thursday, February 15, 2024 11:23:16 AM

I thought you might be interested in the lead story.

Al

From: Radio World SmartBrief <rw@smartbrief.com>

Sent: Thursday, February 15, 2024 7:02 AM

To: Albert Shuldiner <Albert.Shuldiner@fcc.gov>

Subject: [EXTERNAL]: Skeptics Question the Disappearance of an Alabama Radio Tower; Also, the FCC Plans Pirate Fine Against "Super Dany"

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Did the general manager of WJLX fake the theft of the station's own 200-foot AM radio tower? Some online skeptics think so. Brett Elmore says it just isn't so. The alleged theft of that tower in Jasper, Ala., which we told you about earlier this month, gained attention from national and international media outlets. But it has also generated a lot of snarky comments from some observers, including several radio engineers, who doubt the plausibility of the story.

Full Story: [Radio World](#) (2/15)

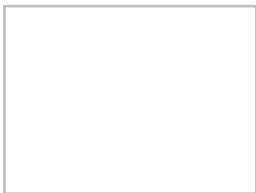


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FCC Plans a Pirate Fine Against “Super Dany”

It believes he has been running “La Bakana” in Hazleton, Pa., and has issued a \$40,000 notice of apparent liability.



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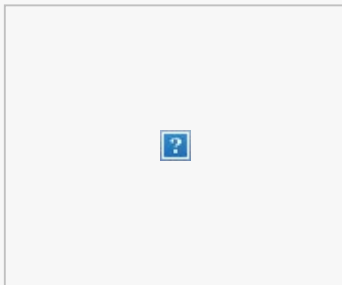


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[A 73-Year-Old Listens to a 93-Year-Old](#)



The daughter of one of Radio World's longtime contributors Jim Withers, now passed, reminded us of this story from 2014. Here, Jim's antique Philco radio spurred some reflections about AM. What relics do you have hanging around your home?

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[SiriusXM Is Retreating From Cars](#)



Jerry Del Colliano writes that "SiriusXM, like terrestrial radio, seems to be searching for something other than their core radio business."

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[Kuskokwim Deploys Nautel FM Transmitters](#)



From Radio World's Who's Buying What page: Kuskokwim Public Media purchased five Nautel VX150 FM transmitters for KSKO(FM) in McGrath, Alaska, and several satellite stations.

Full Story: [Radio World](#) (2/13)

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- [Billionaire Soros to Become Biggest Audacy Stockholder](#)

New York Post (2/13)

- [Spotify's Layoffs Put End to Musical Encyclopedia, and Fans Are Pissed](#)

TechCrunch (tiered subscription model) (2/13)

- [The MLC Sues Pandora to Recover Unpaid Royalties, Late Fees](#)

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From: [Holly Saurer](#)
To: [Thomas Horan](#)
Subject: FW: Audacy
Date: Wednesday, April 10, 2024 3:19:00 PM

From: Holly Saurer
Sent: Wednesday, February 21, 2024 6:23 PM
To: Gregory A. Watson <Gregory.Watson@fcc.gov>
Subject: RE: Audacy

3:30 tomorrow works for me. (b) (5) Happy to walk through this tomorrow, or answer any questions you may have.
Bankruptcy Process:

- [illegible]

(b) (5)

As you can see, the process is somewhat detailed. But the important points to note are: the applications are placed on public notice, the public has an opportunity to comment, we evaluate the applicants based on our long-established precedent, and we confer with Team Telecom if necessary due to foreign investments.

Hope this helps. I'm available to discuss tomorrow. You can reach me at (b) (6).
Best,
Holly

From: Gregory A. Watson <Gregory.Watson@fcc.gov>

Sent: Wednesday, February 21, 2024 2:49 PM

To: Holly Saurer <Holly.Saurer@fcc.gov>

Subject: RE: Audacy

Great—thanks. Tomorrow I could do 2:30, 3:30, 4:30 or later. Friday, anytime except for 11:30 works.

From: Holly Saurer <Holly.Saurer@fcc.gov>

Sent: Wednesday, February 21, 2024 11:46 AM

To: Gregory A. Watson <Gregory.Watson@fcc.gov>

Subject: RE: Audacy

Hi Greg –

Bankruptcy restructuring is an unfortunately common occurrence in radio. Happy to discuss. Today is rather busy – could we talk tomorrow afternoon or Friday?

From: Gregory A. Watson <Gregory.Watson@fcc.gov>

Sent: Wednesday, February 21, 2024 9:14 AM

To: Holly Saurer <Holly.Saurer@fcc.gov>

Subject: Audacy

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Greg Watson

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From: [Holly Saurer](#)
To: [Narda M. Jones](#); [Jonathan Uriarte](#)
Cc: [David Strickland](#)
Subject: FW: Audacy letters
Date: Friday, August 9, 2024 3:08:00 PM
Attachments: [2024.08.09 Sen. Cruz Letter to FCC Commissioner Carr re Audacy .pdf](#)
[2024.08.09 Sen. Cruz Letter to FCC Commissioner Simington re Audacy.pdf](#)

From: Timothy Strachan <Timothy.Strachan@fcc.gov>
Sent: Friday, August 9, 2024 3:07 PM
To: David Strickland <David.Strickland@fcc.gov>; Holly Saurer <Holly.Saurer@fcc.gov>; Lori Maarbjerger <Lori.Maarbje@fcc.gov>
Subject: FW: Audacy letters

Just FYI.

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Sent: Friday, August 9, 2024 2:46 PM
To: Brian Moulton <Brian.Moulton@fcc.gov>; Timothy Strachan <Timothy.Strachan@fcc.gov>
Subject: Audacy letters

Brian and Tim:

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Arielle Roth
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U.S. Senate Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation
Ranking Member Ted Cruz (R-TX)

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From: [Holly Saurer](#)
To: [Jessica Rosenworcel](#)
Cc: [David Strickland](#)
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Date: Friday, August 9, 2024 3:17:00 PM
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To: [David Strickland](#); [Holly Saurer](#); [Lori Maarbjerg](#)
Subject: FW: Audacy letters
Date: Friday, August 9, 2024 3:06:38 PM
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From: [Holly Saurer](#)
To: [Thomas Horan](#); [Albert Shuldiner](#)
Subject: FW: Audacy
Date: Wednesday, February 21, 2024 10:26:00 AM

Can you put some TPs together on this issue? (b) (5)

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From: [FCC Office of Media Relations](#)
To: [OMR Clips Distro](#)
Subject: FW: FCC Daily News Briefing - September 18, 2024
Date: Wednesday, September 18, 2024 7:45:18 AM

From: FCC Daily News Briefing <fccmediaanalyst@barbaricum.com>
Sent: Wednesday, September 18, 2024 7:40:01 AM (UTC-05:00) Eastern Time (US & Canada)
To: FCC Office of Media Relations <FCCOfficeofMediaRelations@fcc.gov>
Subject: FCC Daily News Briefing - September 18, 2024

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AT&T (T.N), opens new tab has agreed to pay \$13 million to resolve an investigation over a data breach of a cloud vendor in January 2023 that impacted 8.9 million AT&T wireless customers, the Federal Communications Commission said Tuesday. The FCC said the fine will resolve its investigation over whether AT&T had failed to protect the information of its customers and added AT&T had agreed to boost its data governance practices to increase supply chain integrity in the handling of sensitive data to protect consumers from similar vendor data breaches in the future.

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FOX BUSINESS: 'Partisan politics' is why FCC revoked Starlink's rural internet award says Brendan Carr

The decision last year by the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) to reaffirm its revocation of an award to SpaceX's Starlink to help connect rural homes and businesses to the internet is drawing criticism in the wake of the FCC chair's call for more competition against Starlink.

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RBR: FCC Updates 'CORES' With Correct Radio Fee Computation Data

The FCC has resolved certain fee issues that arose towards the end of last week for certain Media Bureau fee payors. Media services licensees can now log into the CORES System to see their revised AM and FM fee codes and fee amounts.

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RADIO INK: Morelle Warns of AI Misuse in Elections, Supports FCC Ad Rule

Congressman Joe Morelle (D-NY), Ranking Member of the House Committee on House Administration, is the latest to express strong support for the FCC's proposed rule on disclosing AI-generated content in political ads aired on radio and TV.

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BROADBAND BREAKFAST: Ninth Circuit Upholds Most of FCC Effort to Ease Wireless Permits

The U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit on Friday upheld most of a government effort to ease the permitting process for wireless equipment. A group of 780 of local and municipal governments had challenged a 2020 ruling from the Federal Communications Commission. That order aimed to clarify language from a 2014 order implementing a law that required state and local governments to approve requests to modify wireless towers

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The Federal Communications Commission opened its application portal for schools and libraries to partake in a three-year pilot program to help subsidize the costs of cybersecurity services and equipment.

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RADIO WORLD: FCC Says Its Fee Database Issue Has Been Fixed

The Federal Communications Commission says it has resolved the fee problems that we told you about late last week. "Media services licensees can now log into the CORES System to see their revised AM and FM fee codes and fee amounts," it said in a public notice today (Sept. 17).

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COMMUNICATIONS DAILY: Audacy Vote Expected This Week, Soros Fund Seen Drawing Republican Dissents (SUBSCRIPTION REQUIRED)

The "must-vote" clock on radio group Audacy's request for a temporary waiver of FCC foreign-ownership rules is set to expire Wednesday, and FCC officials told us they're expecting its approval, though at least one Republican will dissent on what in several past proceedings has been a routine request. Audacy, which owns more than 200 stations and is the second-largest radio group in the U.S., is seeking the waiver to allow it to first

complete a bankruptcy restructuring that has George Soros-affiliated entities purchasing its stock. The FCC's Democrats have already voted the item, agency officials told us.

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COMMUNICATIONS DAILY: Cantwell Abandons September Spectrum Bill Markup Hopes, Eyes Lane Duck (SUBSCRIPTION REQUIRED)

Senate Commerce Committee Chair Maria Cantwell, D-Wash., is eyeing attaching her Spectrum and National Security Act (S-4207) to an end-of-year package instead of pursuing another markup attempt before Congress recesses at the end of September for pre-election campaigning. She previously eyed a potential September markup of S-4207 (see 2408150039) in hopes of resurrecting the measure after it repeatedly stalled earlier this year. S-4207 would restore the FCC's spectrum auction authority through Sept. 30, 2029, and provide a vehicle for allocating funding for the commission's lapsed affordable connectivity program and other telecom priorities.

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RBR: FCC Updates 'CORES' With Correct Radio Fee Computation Data

The FCC has resolved certain fee issues that arose towards the end of last week for certain Media Bureau fee payors. Media services licensees can now log into the CORES System to see their revised AM and FM fee codes and fee amounts. The Commission stresses that payment must be received no later than 11:59pm Eastern Daylight Time on September 26, to avoid an assessment of a late payment penalty and interest.

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MONDAQ: Podcast: Overview Of FCC Items: 5G Fund And Drone Operations In The 5GHz Band

On this episode, special counsel Mike Dover and senior associate Jenny Wainwright discuss some of the key points from two items released by the FCC on August 29. The first is the FCC's latest action in the 5G Fund proceeding. The second is related to new rules to enable drone operations in the 5 GHz band.

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ARIZONAS FAMILY: FCC chairwoman visits elementary school in Tonopah

Chairwoman Jessica Rosenworcel says the FCC is working on modernizing the E-Rate program which helps provide internet to every school and library in the country.

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Over the last thirty years, the Internet has gone from a largely academic network using 56 kbps dial-up modems to become a high-speed, robust infrastructure that is now an integral part of everyone's lives used for work, entertainment, education, civic engagement, and healthcare. For much of those thirty years, the FCC has grappled with how to regulate Internet access service

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BROADBAND BREAKFAST: T-Mobile: Unlocking Phones After 60 Days a 'Major Question'

The Supreme Court's major questions rule has been making life a bit more difficult at the Federal Communications Commission. T-Mobile met with agency staff last week to reiterate its position that the rule would block a planned phone unlocking mandate.

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TECHCRUNCH: California's 5 new AI laws crack down on election deepfakes and actor clones

On Tuesday, California Governor Gavin Newsom signed some of America's toughest laws yet regulating the artificial intelligence sector. Another law, 2355, requires disclosures of AI-generated political advertisements. That means moving forward, Trump may not be able to get away with posting AI deepfakes of Taylor Swift endorsing him on Truth Social (she endorsed Kamala Harris). The FCC has proposed a similar disclosure requirement at a national level, and has already made robocalls using AI-generated voices illegal.

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IDAHO NEWS: What education could look like under the presidential candidates

In 2023, the current administration announced several new initiatives to tackle cybersecurity threats in K-12 schools, including a three-year pilot program through the Federal Communications Commission that will provide up to \$200 million to help school districts that are eligible for FCC's E-Rate program cover the cost of cybersecurity services and equipment.

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Democratic senators on Tuesday urged the Federal Communications Commission to pass a disclosure requirement for radio and TV political ads made with artificial intelligence. “While more must be done to address the risks that AI poses to our elections, we urge the FCC to adopt these rules as the 2024 presidential election is less than two months away and, in some states, voters can begin casting ballots as early as this month,” wrote the senators, led by Sen. Ben Ray Luján, D-N.M.

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AT&T has agreed to pay \$13 million and beef up its data security practices to end a federal investigation into a data breach last year. The breach involved the billing information of about 9 million AT&T customers. The information, held by an unnamed vendor, was from 2015 through 2017. The Federal Communications Commission said Tuesday that the company should have made sure the vendor deleted it years ago.

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Data breaches are like opinions — these days, it seems like everyone has one. But that's not great news for the business landscape, particularly as critical infrastructure providers are increasingly targeted by bad actors. And with the news Tuesday (Sept. 17) that the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) announced a \$13 million settlement with AT&T to resolve an Enforcement Bureau investigation, reducing the attack surface and entry points that hackers seek to exploit is top of mind for service providers and businesses. That investigation focused on the company's supply chain integrity and whether it failed to protect the information of AT&T customers in connection with a data breach of a vendor's cloud environment.

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Vice President Kamala Harris is under fire for reportedly mismanaging a \$42 billion program to expand the Internet. In a letter, Republican senators accuse “Broadband Czar” Harris of mirroring her performance as “Border Czar” and failing to deliver promises on delivering broadband to rural areas. Ranking member of the Subcommittee on Communications, Media, and Broadband, Sen. John Thune (R-S.D.) has accused Harris of prioritizing the Biden Administration’s woke agenda to impose its climate change mandates on infrastructure projects, government-owned networks over private investment, mandating the use of unionized labor in states and sought to regulate broadband rates.

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There is no confirmation from the Federal Communications Commission, but the New York Post reports the Commission has enough votes to approve Audacy's proposed bankruptcy reorganization with a 3-2 party-line vote. If accurate, it would pave the way for Audacy to wrap up the Chapter 11 process that began in January. The FCC says Audacy's application remains pending. "No decision is final until the Commission releases it, which we have not," a spokesperson tells Inside Radio.

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INFORMATION WEEK: AT&T's \$13M FCC Fine Could Be Tip of Costly

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AT&T will pay a \$13 million US Federal Communications Commission (FCC) fine to settle the watchdog's investigation into a cloud breach that exposed phone records and data of nearly 9 million customers.

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The Federal Communications Commission will vote next month to require all calls to the 988 Suicide and Crisis Lifeline be routed by wireless carriers to local call centers.

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BLOOMBERG: Government Controls FCC Program, Whistleblower Tells Justices

A False Claims Act whistleblower told the US Supreme Court Tuesday that an appeals court correctly ruled that he could proceed with his suit alleging that Wisconsin Bell Inc. defrauded a Federal Communication Commission program.

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COMMUNICATIONS DAILY: FCC Consumer Advisory Committee Adopts Final AI-Robocall Recommendations (SUBSCRIPTION REQUIRED)

The FCC Consumer Advisory Committee voted unanimously Tuesday to adopt recommendations on using AI to protect vulnerable populations from unwanted and illegal calls.

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INSIDE CYBERSECURITY: House panel questions CrowdStrike system to push out software updates following July incident (SUBSCRIPTION REQUIRED)

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MASHABLE: Kaspersky antivirus software uninstalls itself, installs different company's cybersecurity program

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The owner of 1070 WKMB(AM) in northern New Jersey is at risk of losing the station's license if it doesn't settle more than \$32,000 in regulatory fees. The FCC sent an order to pay or show cause to World Harvest Communications, the owner of the Stirling, N.J., AM station, located in Morris County. The unpaid fees totaling \$32,367 date back to 2010 and include missed deadlines for 12 of the last 14 fiscal years.

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FOX NEWS: George Soros closer to controlling 200 radio stations despite objection from Trump-nominated FCC commissioner

The Federal Communications Commission (FCC) seemingly approved a deal that would "fast-track" left-wing billionaire George Soros' acquisition of more than 200 Audacy radio stations across America, irking a Republican commissioner who "objected."

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RADIO INK: States Push AI Election Laws as FCC Debates Ad Disclosure Rules

As the FCC deliberates a rulemaking over artificial intelligence usage in political ads, states are making laws to protect their constituents. This comes as the NAB and broadcasters express their concerns about the Commission exceeding its jurisdiction.

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ADVANCED TELEVISION: EchoStar fails to find extra cash

EchoStar, the Charlie Ergen-backed business that owns the Dish US pay-TV operator, says that negotiations which have taken place over the past weeks with certain debt-holders and which would have led to a financial reconstruction have failed to reach agreement.

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HOT HARDWARE: Nintendo Registered A New Wireless Device With The FCC And It's Not The Switch 2

With the end of the year and holiday season coming, it is only natural that we start to hear about more video game news. Sony has already revealed its expensive and controversial PlayStation 5 Pro, leaving the floor open for other news, some of which we'll see today at its State of Play event. Nintendo, which makes the ultra popular Switch, has already stated that an announcement of the successor to the Switch will be coming soon.

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- [LOWYAT: Nintendo Submits Patent For Mystery Wireless Device To FCC](#)
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VANGUARDNGR: Can WiFi 6 ignite a new industry story? By Okoh Aihe

Nigeria is not alone in this journey or let me say the Africa Region has only tried to secure something that has facilitated connectivity in other parts of the world. For instance, the United States Federal Communications Commission, FCC, approved the opening of the 6-GHz band for unlicensed use in the United States in April 2020.

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Commissioner Carr tweeted (74k reach, 730 engagements) that it has been 1044 days since the Biden administration’s broadband plan was passed into law, without connecting anyone to the Internet.

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AT&T agreed to pay \$13 million to put an end to claims revolving around a January 2023 data breach incident that affected nearly 9 million of its customers. The Federal Communications Commission announced the agreement earlier this week, saying the fine ends the agency's investigation into whether AT&T failed to "meet its duty to protect" the information of its customers.

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With the doors now closed on the comments and responses period for NextNav's petition to access the lower 900 MHz band, the FCC is considering its next step. The responses include Virginia-based NextNav's final appeal against arguments opposing the rule change.

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An order approving Audacy's request for a temporary exemption from the foreign-ownership rules was adopted but isn't expected to be released before next week, FCC officials told us. The waiver would allow Audacy to complete foreign-ownership review after it finishes a bankruptcy restructuring that involves control of the broadcaster passing to a fund affiliated with George Soros' family. FCC Republicans hadn't submitted

dissenting statements Wednesday afternoon but indicated they plan to do so, the agency officials said. Broadcast industry officials, attorneys and others told us the Audacy transaction wouldn't attract as much attention without Soros' name attached, and that radio broadcasters have long sought increased private equity investment in their industry. "They're making it a political ax," said Christopher Terry, University of Minnesota media law professor. "The radio industry has been cash-strapped for 20 years."

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When emergency calls are made to 911, you should get a quick response and action. The GOOD News is the Federal Communications Commission is focused on improving the effectiveness, efficiency, and responsiveness of 911 calls throughout the nation. The FCC is establishing new rules and regulations to ensure more precise location-based information to route calls effectively.

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The House Homeland Security Committee has advanced legislation in a 17-13 vote to codify and provide structure for the Joint Cyber Defense Collaborative from Rep. Eric Swalwell (D-CA), despite the lack of support from a key cyber lawmaker on the panel who argued the bill needs to be tightened.

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GROUND NEWS: FCC Regulation Of AI In Political Ads Is Bad From Every Angle

Efforts in Congress to ban the use of AI in political ads have largely stalled. So, naturally, the White House is attempting an end-around through the Federal Communications Commission. While not an outright ban, the FCC's proposal to regulate the use of artificial intelligence in political ads is an example of Washington bureaucrats not understanding technology at its finest. The proposal would stifle both speech and innovation.

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In remarks to the 6G Symposium, FCC Commissioner Geoffrey Starks noted that the 6G “network evolution presents opportunity on an enormous scale” while warning that he is “clear-eyed about the very real and complex challenges we face.

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BROADBAND BREAKFAST: Wireless Industry Continues Push for Access to Light Poles

Utility pole disputes are an evergreen issue before the Federal Communications Commission. The wireless industry is continuing to push the agency to protect its access to light poles, and broadband providers are still quarreling with utilities over timelines for large pole attachment requests.

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PHONE ARENA: T-Mobile's big change to Project 10Million will keep at-risk students online longer

T-Mobile's Project 10Million was created to bring "reliable and affordable" internet service to eligible student households. Since the program started in 2020, more than six million students have been "hooked up" by Project 10million. But there is a way to go before T-Mobile reaches its goal of connecting 10 million students. Including work in the classroom and homework, the use of technology in education has jumped 226% over the last five years making it important that students learn how to use this technology.

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PHONE ARENA: Boost Mobile gets big 5G reprieve from the FCC

A 5G standalone (SA) network uses a 5G core. Since such a network is designed and built for 5G, it can deliver faster download speeds and handle larger amounts of traffic. It also allows for the use of 5G network slicing which allows multiple independent networks to work on the same physical network. This permits a wireless provider to accommodate

different app requirements for security, reliability, and performance all while using the same network. Boost Mobile, owned by Dish's new parent EchoStar, is currently working to complete its own SA 5G network. But first, a little backstory.

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HIGHLAND COUNTY PRESS: FCC delays buildout of internet to rural communities

The Federal Communication Commission decided to delay a buildout that would bring internet to rural communities like southern Ohio. Much of Ohio's Second Congressional district is a broadband desert.

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Public school leaders and other education advocates give the Federal Communications Commission's Wi-Fi hotspots plan high marks, but they think the agency can still do better.

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The Federal Communication Commission has approved a proposal to allow give most FMs greater flexibility in their digital operations. At the urging of broadcasters, the FCC will permit FMs to use asymmetric sideband power for stations from 88.1 to 106.9 FM.

Currently, digital FM stations must use the same power on both the upper and lower digital sidebands. But by allowing stations to operate with different power levels on the upper and lower digital sidebands, supporters have said it will allow for improved digital FM coverage without interfering with adjacent channel stations.

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CNN: Biden administration points finger at Republicans for internet bill hikes

Although popular with users from across the ideological spectrum, the ACP's future is in doubt as legislation to extend the program has stalled. Now, as the Federal

Communications Commission has begun winding it down, the Biden administration is ramping up pressure on the GOP for standing in the way of a critical lifeline for accessing health care, jobs and education. “President [Joe] Biden has been calling on Congress to pass legislation that would extend the benefit through 2024. And we know Democratic members and senators have joined him in that effort,” a senior administration official told reporters. “But unfortunately, Republicans in Congress have failed to act.”

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The confirmation of this AT&T customer records leak comes after the wireless carrier had a rocky start to 2024 with a 12-hour outage on Feb. 22, which it attempted to make right by offering a \$5 credit. The Federal Communications Commission (FCC) has also opened a formal investigation into AT&T’s Feb. 22, 2024 outage.

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THE RECORD: FCC to probe 'grave' weaknesses in phone network infrastructure

The Federal Communications Commission (FCC) says it is taking action to address significant weaknesses in telecommunications networks that can enable cybercrime and spying. The agency is investigating how vulnerabilities in the protocols Signaling System No. 7 (SS7) and Diameter — which jointly enable phone calls' and text messages' movement across networks — can allow breaches, particularly by revealing consumers' locations to

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IPVM: US Cyber Trust Mark Program Bars Dahua and Hikvision + Proposes Restrictions for PRC China Products (SUBSCRIPTION REQUIRED)

The FCC implemented the US Cyber Trust Mark program on March 14, 2024. For background, see: Enterprise IP Cameras Ineligible for US Cyber Trust Mark Program. In this report, we examine the program's proposed restrictions on PRC companies and products.

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ADVANCED TELEVISION: FCC approves SpaceX D2D application

During March the FCC approved some SpaceX applications and firmly denied others. But on March 28th it approved a request from SpaceX that was filed a few days earlier on March 25th. The application is for “experimental” (“Special Temporary Authority”) test transmissions direct-to-cellular devices from Starlink satellites. The approval kicks in on April 15th and permits SpaceX’s second-generation broadband satellites over a large number of US cities and States. The Statewide permissions cover California, Washington, Texas and Hawaii.

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RADIO WORLD: More N.Y. State Property Owners Get the Pirate Letter

The FCC Enforcement Bureau’s New York office has sent the “pirate letter” to two property

owners in Mount Vernon, an inner suburb of New York City, and another in Poughkeepsie. In both cases the letters advised the property owners that unlicensed FM broadcast signals had been found emanating from their properties and that they faced potential financial penalties of up to \$2.39 million.

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WSTM-TV: Syracuse leaders seek federal aid as internet affordability program nears end

In the message to Senate Majority Leader Charles Schumer, Sen. Kirsten Gillibrand, and Rep. Brandon Williams, the city elected leaders credited the federal government with helping Syracuse make significant progress in overcoming the digital divide. They warned, however, that the Federal Communications Commission has reported that funding for the Affordable Connectivity Program (ACP) will be exhausted in April, while 42% of Syracuse families rely on ACP assistance to make at-home broadband service accessible.

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BROADBAND COMMUNITIES: NRECA submits comments claiming new FCC rules would present hardships to rural providers

Requirements for annual reporting and the establishment of internal compliance programs would have an outsized impact on smaller and rural service providers, according to recent comments submitted by the NRECA in response to the FCC's proposed digital discrimination rules. The comments were issued in response to the FCC's Nov. 20 Further Notice of Proposed Rulemaking, issued days after the FCC voted 3-2 in support of the digital discrimination rules that FCC Chairwoman Jessica Rosenworcel described as "a

process that is aimed at finding solutions that work for all parties.”

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IRRIGATION & LIGHTING: FCC introduces voluntary cybersecurity labeling for IoT devices

The Federal Communications Commission, Washington, D.C., has officially announced the launch of a voluntary cybersecurity labeling program designed to enhance the security of wireless consumer Internet of Things products. The new initiative, branded as the “U.S. Cyber Trust Mark,” aims to guide consumers in making informed purchasing decisions by identifying products that adhere to stringent cybersecurity standards.

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DRONE DJ: DJI bringing 4K camera to Mini 2 SE drone?

The \$299 Mini 2 SE is one of the most popular travel-friendly camera drones from tech giant DJI. However, it is capable of shooting only 2.7K videos, and those looking for 4K have to turn to the pricier Mini 3 series or the Mini 4 Pro. But that could change with DJI planning to upgrade the camera chip in the new Mini 2 SE models it manufactures. DJI has requested the US Federal Communications Commission (FCC) for a Class II permissive change to the Mini 2 SE. More specifically, the new drone will add an alternative camera chip H22A55. Compared to the original camera chip H22A35, the alternative chip brings an additional 4K function.

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COMMUNICATIONS DAILY: FCC Under Pressure to Make More Drafts Available After Circulation

The 5G Fund order that FCC Chairwoman Jessica Rosenworcel circulated March 20 raised long-standing concerns that the agency releases drafts for "meeting" items but not for those voted electronically, regardless of their relative importance. For those items, industry groups and companies must schedule meetings with commissioner staff and the bureaus and offices to ask about details.

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MYSMARTPRICE: Possible Realme GT Neo 6 with 120W Fast Charging Appears on 3C Certification Website

The upcoming Realme GT Neo 6 Chinese variant might be the same handset as the Realme GT 6 (RMX3851) global variant. The Realme GT 6 was recently spotted on the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) certification database with a 5400mAh (2680mAh

dual-cell) battery. As per Eurofins certification, the smartphone will be equipped with 120W fast charging support.

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INSIDE CYBERSECURITY: ITIF calls for prioritizing international cooperation in rollout of Internet of Things cyber labeling program (SUBSCRIPTION REQUIRED)

The Information Technology and Innovation Foundation emphasizes the need for international cooperation on Internet of Things cybersecurity labeling between the U.S. and European Union, as the Federal Communications Commission works to roll out a program for wireless consumer IoT products. ITIF in a March 28 report identifies barriers to EU-U.S. alignment on cybersecurity labeling, offers models for translating cooperation and offers recommendations on what is needed for an international agreement to be successful.

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Spiller used aliases and falsified business records filed in various states and with the Federal Communications Commission to continue doing this illegal business.

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KXLG-FM: Horvath Towers VI, LLC files lawsuit against Clark County Board of Adjustment over cell tower

The lawsuit highlights the importance of wireless communication services, including "personal wireless services," as outlined in the Act, and the rules, regulations, and orders

of the Federal Communications Commission (“FCC”) promulgated under it. It emphasizes the need for wireless communication facilities to provide reliable service to users, with coverage from cell sites overlapping in a grid pattern resembling a honeycomb.

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9T05GOOGLE: Infinix may join the US smartphone market this year

According to Android Headlines, Infinix has plans to launch its next gaming phone, the Infinix GT 20 Pro, in the US market alongside China and India sometime this year – likely soon. The device, rumored to be powered by MediaTek Dimensity 8200, has shown up in the Google Play Console and also passed through the FCC recently.

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RCR WIRELESS: T-Mobile US launches mission critical PTT service

Earlier this month, T-Mobile US said it was adding new capacity to its 5G network by activating the 2.5 GHz spectrum it won in auction 108, expanding its Ultra Capacity 5G coverage to new communities. T-Mobile invested \$304 million in the FCC’s Auction 108 back in 2022, securing 7,000 county-based licenses covering more than 80 million people.

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RCR WIRELESS: Federated Wireless intros premium CBRS service for high-end enterprise 5G

The PEGS service offering promises a 15-minute initial response time, priority issue escalation, a dedicated operations engineer, an on-premise SAS interface, advice about spectrum utilisation and regulatory compliance, and access to network vendors. Federated Wireless said it continues to work with the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) to “fine-tune CBRS regulations” and “enhance accessibility to premium grade spectrum”.

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TELECOMPETITOR: Minnesota Broadband Director Builds on State’s Rural Funding Heritage

Traditionally a leading state in delivering broadband to its citizens, Minnesota now finds itself at odds with a broadband definition that the FCC itself recently changed. The federal definition of broadband was recently increased from 25/3 to 100/20, yet the lower speed was the delineation when determining “unserved” for BEAD.

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INDIANA PUBLIC RADIO: Monroe County wants to know your internet speed

But the areas that the FCC thinks have access to high-speed internet could still be underserved. John Baeten, Monroe County GIS Coordinator, said the FCC's map is largely inaccurate.

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TELECOMPETITOR: BEAD Disparities: As Some States Struggle to Get Everyone Connected, Others May Have Leftover Funds

1-Some states had a bit of windfall when the FCC established the Enhanced A-CAM program for small incumbent rural providers. That program, established after BEAD allocations were announced, increased the target speed for the rural providers and allocated additional funding to achieve the target speed. Participation in the program was optional but the response was strong.

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Broadband Map

FIERCE TELECOM: Canadian private equity blocks rural Americans from getting fiber broadband (Editorial)

In my humble opinion, private equity has done more harm than good in many industries. Take nursing homes, for example, where compassion seems to have gone out the window in favor of bean-counting. Now, a private equity firm based in Toronto, Canada, may prevent a lot of rural U.S. Midwesterners from getting fiber broadband. But that's OK with the FCC and NTIA because it's all perfectly legal.

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BROADBAND BREAKFAST: BEAD Roundup: Michigan and Missouri Begin Accepting Challenges

The Federal Communications Commission's coverage map, which has an ongoing challenge process of its own, was used to determine relative need and allocate program funds, but was not considered accurate enough to determine which individual homes and businesses lack broadband for the purposes of BEAD. States and territories will have the chance to incorporate updates from the latest version of the FCC map both before and after their processes.

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THE HILL: Free speech is vital to democracy, but what happens when free speech is weaponized? (Opinion)

Why is the Federal Communications Commission (FCC), in the words of former chairman Alfred Sikes, “all hat and no cattle” when it comes to cable news? Should it not crack down harder against the licensing of broadcast stations that violate the public interest requirement? Can the FCC or Congress reinstate the Fairness Doctrine and apply it to cable as well as broadcast stations?

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THE NEW YORK TIMES: Warner Bros. Discovery Directors Step Down Amid Antitrust Inquiry

Warner Bros. Discovery said on Monday that two members of its board of directors, Steven Newhouse and Steven Miron, had stepped down after the company learned about an investigation into whether their presence on the board violated antitrust law. Federal law forbids most corporate officers and board members to simultaneously serve on the boards of their competitors. Mr. Newhouse and Mr. Miron are both executives at Advance, a private, family-held business whose holdings include the Condé Nast glossy magazine empire that publishes titles such as Vogue and The New Yorker.

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INSIDE RADIO: Salem Didn't Spin Church Unit Afterall And Five Other Nuggets From Its Annual Report.

Salem announced in December that it was selling its Regnery Publishing division to the independent book publisher Skyhorse Publishing. Unlike a radio deal, no paperwork was needed at the Federal Communications Commission, so a price was unknown. Until now. In the annual filing with the Securities and Exchange Commission, Salem says it sold Regnery for \$3 million. And the sale came at a pre-tax loss of \$1 million. The company is still waiting on receiving the last \$500,000 in the deal. It was held in an escrow account for potential expenses, such as unpaid royalties or co-op incurred for books sold prior to the closing date.

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SALON.COM: Climate disinformation is on the rise. Here's how to fight back (Opinion)

There is no viable substitute for them. They have used anti-competitive practices to prevent any meaningful competition in the spaces that they occupy in the social media world. They have to be regulated like monopolies. We need a far stricter FCC-equivalent governmental body that can regulate the behavior of these monopolies now that are playing a profound role, far more profound than the television broadcast networks which are regulated, in our public discourse.

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INSIDE RADIO: WSPA Greenville-Spartanburg, SC Makes Its 'La Raza' Debut.

Audacy was forced to divest WSPA to gain FCC approval for its Chapter 11 financial reorganization. Because Nielsen changed the market definition of the Greenville-Spartanburg market, Audacy currently owns one more grandfathered FM than would be permitted under current rules. As a result, it is spinning off WSPA to bring its Greenville-Spartanburg cluster into compliance. In a market that size, Audacy is allowed to have up to seven full-power stations.

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TVTECHNOLOGY: Legacy TV Split Over Implications of Sports Streaming

Interestingly, the question of legally mandating retransmission payments from “virtual” MVPDs (i.e., YouTube TV, Hulu Live+, Sling TV), remains outstanding in an unresolved FCC notice of proposed rulemaking first issued in 2014, which the NAB has been pressing the commission to address since late last year. vMVPDs’ willingness to pay voluntarily while joining forces with the big four broadcast networks to oppose FCC action serves as another demonstration of market clout wielded by some station groups.

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TVTECHNOLOGY: NAB President: Broadcast Ownership Rules are 'Desperately in Need of Modernization'

But the current regime has worked in the traditional ecosystem to ensure that every local community is served by a local broadcast station rather than a national alternative. So I think it's premature to say whether Congress should be regulating this space going forward

in a very specific way. But what I can say is that the FCC needs to take a hard look at this; we've asked the FCC to reopen its record in the currently dormant virtual MVPD proceeding that it opened nearly 10 years ago, and to ask these questions and examine the impact that the proliferation of streaming is having on consumers' access to local broadcast. And we're gonna continue to push for that.

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Ford lobbying rose slightly from \$578,486 to \$617,979. It listed "issues related to AM radio" as the cause for lobbying both houses of Congress as well as the FCC and the DOT.

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RADIO INK: Norsan's La Raza Expands In Upstate SC As Audacy Sale Nears

Audacy previously operated seven stations in this market, including five FMs, surpassing the legal limit by one under special authority from the FCC. This came after Audacy's acquisition of WSPA in 1999 from Sinclair Broadcast Group as part of Entercom's purchase of 41 stations. As a result of its Chapter 11 bankruptcy and restructuring, Audacy lost its grandfathered status in the market. Norsan purchased the station for \$700,000 from a divestiture trust with Kalil & Co., per documents filed with the FCC, with a 10% deposit managed by Putbrese, Hunsacker & Trent acting as the escrow agent.

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From Apr. 1 to 2, there were around 2,100 social media posts mentioning the FCC. Most content was on Twitter (80%, or around 1,700 posts), followed by Reddit (13%), Forums (4%), Blogs (2%), Comments (1%), and Facebook (0%).

The social media post with the greatest reach came from the Twitter account of PCMag (400k reach), which publicized its article on the FCC pushing back on a SpaceX request for spectrum. The social media post with the second greatest reach came from the Twitter account of Light Reading (20k reach), which publicized its article on the Affordable Connectivity Program.

One trending topic on social media was the FCC pushing back on a SpaceX request for spectrum. The Twitter account of PCMag (400k reach, 4 engagements) had the most popular social media post on that topic. Another trending topic on social media was the

FCC taking actions against weaknesses in networks that enable espionage. The Twitter account of The Record (20k reach, 137 engagements) had the most popular social media post on that topic.

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The U.S. Federal Communications Commission will vote to reinstate landmark net neutrality rules and assume new regulatory oversight of broadband internet that was rescinded under former President Donald Trump, the agency's chair said. The FCC told advocates on Tuesday of the plan to vote on the final rule at its April 25 meeting. The commission voted 3-2 in October on the proposal to reinstate open internet rules adopted in 2015 and re-establish the commission's authority over broadband internet.

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TVTECHNOLOGY: SBE Issues Regulatory Alert on Potential 6 GHz Interference

Following the FCC's recent decision to authorize very low power (VLP) devices in the 6 GHz spectrum band, the Society of Broadcast Engineers has issued a regulatory alert to members and stations telling them to be aware of potential 6 GHz interference. The 6 GHz spectrum band plays a critical role in ENG and local newsgathering and the FCC's efforts to open up parts of that spectrum to unlicensed devices has prompted considerable opposition from broadcasters and the NAB in recent years.

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BROADBAND BREAKFAST: Net Neutrality Commenters Continue to Disagree on Network Slicing

Mobile providers and public interest groups continue to disagree on how the Federal Communications Commission's proposed net neutrality rules should treat 5G network slicing. Network slicing involves using multiple, distinct virtual networks on the same physical infrastructure. Each slice can be reserved for and used by certain kinds of applications or a single customer. In 5G networks, uses of the technology are still nascent, but the 5G standard requires it as a capability.

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BROADBAND BREAKFAST: Advocacy and Opposition in Digital Discrimination Reporting Mandates

As rural internet service providers push back on new reporting requirements proposed by the Federal Communications Commission, various advocacy groups and stakeholders are urging the commission to expand the requirements to include information they deem essential to uncovering instances of digital discrimination. Alongside the digital discrimination rules adopted by the FCC last November, the agency also issued a proposal seeking comment on rules that would require broadband providers to submit annual reports, supplemental to the Broadband Data Collection.

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RADIO WORLD: The FCC Will Allow FM Geotargeting

The FCC will allow FM geotargeting. The commission has given unanimous approval to the concept of allowing FM radio stations in the United States to originate programming on boosters for a limited amount of time every hour, something boosters currently are not allowed to do.

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RADIO & TELEVISION BUSINESS REPORT: FCC Unanimously Approves 'ZoneCasting' NPRM

In a major victory for GeoBroadcast Solutions, overcoming widespread opposition from the NAB, large radio broadcasting companies and even a key voice of African American broadcasters, the FCC has adopted changes to its rules that will allow FM booster stations to originate programming — "subject to future adoption of processing, licensing, and service rules" as proposed in a Further Notice of Proposed Rulemaking Commissioners have up for consideration — and public input.

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Infinix is prepping up for more devices in the recently introduced Infinix NOTE 40 series smartphones. Today, we have spotted the Infinix NOTE 40S smartphone in multiple certifications, including the Federal Communications Commission (FCC), Bluetooth SIG, and more.

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COMMUNICATIONS DAILY: D.C. Circuit Remands Part of 2022 Gear Order to FCC for Further Work

The U.S. Court of Appeals for the D.C. Circuit gave Chinese companies Hikvision and Dahua

a partial victory Tuesday, ruling that the FCC's definition of critical infrastructure is "overly broad." However, the three-judge panel rejected arguments that video cameras and video-surveillance equipment the companies manufacture shouldn't have been placed on the agency's "covered list" of unsecure gear.

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COMMUNICATIONS DAILY: D2D Market Could Support Numerous Operators and Spectrum Approaches

Expect lots of satellite operators in the direct-to-device space using myriad approaches, from reusing terrestrial spectrum, using satellite spectrum or something else altogether, satellite company executives said Tuesday during a SpaceNews webinar. Multiple satellite operators beat the drum for the FCC's supplemental coverage from space (SCS) framework adopted in March (see 2403140050). Other large regulators will follow suit and put forward SCS frameworks, Lynk Global Chief Operating Officer Margo Deckard said. AST SpaceMobile's CEO said something similar to Wall Street this week (see 2404020007).

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COMMUNICATIONS DAILY: Industry Urges Caution in FCC Broadband Fabric High-Cost Proposal

Industry encouraged the FCC to reconsider a proposal that mandates using broadband serviceable location fabric data to verify compliance with deployment obligations in high-cost USF programs (see 2402130058). Some welcomed using the fabric data later, warning that premature use could disrupt deployment obligations for support recipients of ongoing programs. WTA welcomed the proposal. Reply comments were posted Tuesday in docket 10-90.

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KGO-TV : Nearly deaf CA woman loses \$10,000 to scam typed on her CapTel phone

Federal Communications Commission rules and the Americans With Disabilities Act require that captioning services provide the same rights of privacy afforded to hearing phone users, who expect no one is listening in on their calls.

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WATE-TV: Internet service companies must soon provide 'nutrition labels' for all plans

It may soon be easier to decide what internet and mobile plans are best for you, thanks to

a new requirement from the FCC. Beginning April 10, internet service providers will be required to have what's called "consumer labels" on each service plan. These labels will be required for any internet service providers that offer home, or fixed, internet services, or mobile broadband plans. Verizon has already rolled these labels out, and spokesperson Parker Branton said they may look familiar.

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CAREERS INFO SECURITY: Feds Ask Telcos: How Are You Combating Location Tracking?

Wireless carriers have known for years that protocols used to interconnect networks are prone to cyberattacks capable of stealing geolocation information. The U.S. Federal Communications Commission says it wants to know what measures carriers implement to head off those attacks.

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INSIDE TOWERS: NATE Participates in Senator Fischer and Commissioner Carr's Broadband Event

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GZERO MEDIA: That robot sounds just like you

In response, the Federal Communications Commission clarified that AI-generated robocalls are illegal, and New Hampshire's legislature passed a law on March 28 that requires disclosures for any political ads using AI.

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BROADBAND COMMUNITIES: What is the 'spirit' of banning bulk? (Opinion)

In 2010, even the FCC agreed that bulk agreements were pro-consumer and pro-competition. But the multi-dwelling unit (MDU) market wasn't yet adopting bulk internet as a viable apartment amenity.

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KTTN-FM: Missouri AG leads 8-state coalition against robocall violator

Spiller used aliases and falsified business records filed in various states and with the Federal Communications Commission to continue this illegal business. Further, since the attorneys general sued him and his co-defendants, Spiller has set up at least three new businesses through which he engaged in telemarketing and facilitated robocalls.

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INSIDE CYBERSECURITY: Cyber Safety Review Board releases report on Microsoft Exchange intrusion, offers best practices for cloud security providers (SUBSCRIPTION REQUIRED)

The DHS-led Cyber Safety Review Board has released a report following an investigation into the Microsoft Online Exchange intrusion last year, offering a highly critical review of the company's "security culture" and recommendations for leadership to address security issues in product development.

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AL.COM: Cell phone warning for April 8 solar eclipse: Will you be able to use your phone?

The Federal Communications Commission also recommends having other ways to communicate.

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TOWNHALL: Licensed Mid-Band Spectrum Is Key to Economic Growth (Opinion)

Fortunately, several steps can be taken to remedy this situation. In addition to restoring the Federal Communication Commission's (FCC's) auctioning authority – an important tool for distributing spectrum licenses – the U.S. can develop a spectrum pipeline that contains key mid-band frequencies that other nations are already aligned on and support 5G technologies.

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KERO-TV: What if your phone fails during an emergency? Pine Mountain Club has a solution.

After registering with the FCC, users must complete the GMRS license for \$35. There is no test required.

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COMMUNICATIONS DAILY: Panelists: FCC 'Paper Hearings' Lead to Expensive Discovery Requests

The FCC's administrative hearing process increasingly results in huge discovery requests that can be expensive for entities with matters before the agency's administrative law judge and faces an uncertain future due to a host of recent administrative law cases, panelists said during a Federal Communications Bar Association virtual event Tuesday. Discovery is the most time-consuming part of the process, said FCC ALJ Jane Halprin. In addition, the expense of pursuing a lengthy case before the ALJ is sometimes more than many licensees can stomach, said Smithwick and Belendiuk attorney Arthur Belendiuk during a separate panel. "Even if you win, you might lose," he said.

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Broadband Map

BROOKINGS INSTITUTION: Memphis, Tennessee's solution to the next big digital divide (Opinion)

That scenario is most likely to occur in low-income, historically disadvantaged communities of color. An example of this can be found in the FCC's Broadband Map, which shows that Cuyahoga County, Ohio's lowest-income neighborhoods are more likely than others to have to choose between AT&T's DSL connection and Spectrum's far faster speeds. According to a recent report, Spectrum costs \$85 a month for basic Internet-only service—about \$20 more than AT&T. The report further notes that "AT&T charges all of its home Internet customers the same monthly rate...There's no discount for slower service."

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SLASHGEAR: 3 Top Rated Ham Radio Setups For Beginners

It's also a worldwide community, allowing users to talk to, make friends, and learn from

different kinds of people from all over the world. Of course, using ham radios still requires a license from the Federal Communications Commission, but once you've passed the exam and acquired your amateur operator license, there's a world of opportunity. But what device is right for you? We'll keep this list simple, suggesting one handheld, mobile, and base station ham radio, depending on your preference.

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TVTECHNOLOGY: Survey: U.S. Internet Costs Continue to Climb

"360 Reviews' latest consumer research finds that Gen X Americans typically have the fastest internet, whereas Baby Boomers tend to have the slowest internet," said Erica Beimesche, senior editor of Home Services, 360 Reviews. "This means older Americans might be getting left behind, especially since the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) now says broadband capability requires access to actual download speeds of at least 100 Mbps."

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THE HERALD-TIMES: Take the Community Foundation's local news survey (Opinion)

In 2011, the Federal Communications Commission published a report on the state of media, and concluded, "Throughout the history of this nation, newspapers have provided the bulk of civically important functions that democracy requires. Good TV, radio and web operations do this, too, but traditionally, and currently, broadcast and Internet media rely heavily on newspapers to provide original reporting on topics that matter."

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TV NEWSCHECK: NAB Show Offers An Expansive Gen AI Primer

Do you remember the November 2004 controversy related to local television stations refusing to show the movie Saving Private Ryan? Those stations were concerned about the use of profanity, particularly the F-word, that could result in an FCC complaint. Today's generative AI could easily replace that word with an innocuous "fudge," matching each actor's voice and intonation.

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RADIO INK: As Bhargava Plots Possible Cumulus Coup, Sports Illustrated Sues

Bhargava also attained a significant stake in Audacy during its Chapter 11 restructuring, which is still pending FCC approval.

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RADIO INK: 1,300 Miles From St. Paul, Minnesota Public Radio Sells Idaho FM

The sale was signed in October 2023 for a total purchase price of \$120,000, according to FCC filings.

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PCMAG: Starlink Rival AST SpaceMobile Delays First Commercial Satellite Launch Again

AST SpaceMobile is poised to compete against SpaceX's upcoming cellular Starlink system, which is aiming to launch commercial service later this year. Both technologies can beam satellite connectivity to unmodified phones on the ground, making it possible for consumers to receive internet access in cellular dead zones. But it looks like AST SpaceMobile may need to play catchup if SpaceX can launch the cellular Starlink system on time, pending FCC approval.

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KSAT-TV: Wild sight captured on video - what was this mystery object in the sky?

What people saw was another batch of Starlink satellites launched by Space X Falcon 9 from Florida, which have been a common site in the sky since the U.S. Federal Communications Commission gave SpaceX permission to launch an astounding 12,000 satellites into orbit in 2018. It will cost SpaceX \$10 billion in order to see the Starlink satellite constellation fully realized, according to Reuters.

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Social Media Summary

From Apr. 2 to 3, there were around 2,300 social media posts mentioning the FCC. Most content was on Twitter (76%, or around 1,800 posts), followed by Reddit (18%), Forums (4%), Blogs (2%), Comments (0%), and Facebook (0%).

The two social media posts with the greatest reach came from the Twitter accounts of Sara Carter (1.6m reach) and CNA (1.3m reach), which publicized articles on the FCC voting on restoring net neutrality rules. The social media post with the third greatest reach came

from the Twitter account of MacRumors (1.3m reach), which publicized its article on the Beats Solo 4 headphones showing up on the FCC website.

One trending topic on social media was the FCC voting on restoring net neutrality rules. The Twitter account of Sara Carter (1.6m reach, 222 engagements) had the most popular social media post on that topic. Another trending topic on social media was the Affordable Connectivity Program. The Twitter account of WCIV-TV (100k reach, 1 engagement) had the most popular social media post on that topic.

Commissioner Carr tweeted (54k reach, 42 engagements) out his continued opposition to net neutrality. Commissioner Starks tweeted (4k reach, 1 engagement) his support for allowing FM radio to air hyperlocal content.

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AUDACY: Ask the Expert: What happens when the Affordable Connectivity Program funding ends?

We're talking about the "Affordable Connectivity Program". The FCC started mailing out notices that the subsidies were about to run out. at the end of April. On today's Ask The Expert, Tom Perez joined us. He's the Director of Intergovernmental Affairs at the White House.

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ROUTE FIFTY: New FCC broadband standard increases the number of 'underserved' households in America

The Federal Communications Commission last month raised the speeds required to describe internet service as “broadband” for the first time in nearly a decade. The higher benchmark was released alongside an annual assessment by the agency that found it is not deploying high-speed broadband fast enough. Using new address-level deployment data, the FCC’s annual assessment found that as of December 2022, 24 million Americans lack fixed broadband service, including 28% of those in rural areas and more than 23% living on Tribal lands.

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NEWSNATION NOW: TikTok poses private data threat: FCC commissioner

As the app faces a potential ban, FCC Commissioner Brendan Carr says that TikTok poses a private data threat. “The problem with TikTok isn’t the video platform itself. It’s the fact that it pulls all this very sensitive data from U.S. users ... The threat is those data flow back to China,” Carr said. TikTok and its ownership came up as a topic of conversation in a recent call between Joe Biden and Chinese President Xi Jinping, the White House said, adding that Biden raised American concerns about the app’s ownership.

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LAW360: FCC Refuses To Restore Pa. Felon's FM Radio License (SUBSCRIPTION REQUIRED)

The Federal Communications Commission has denied a Pennsylvania man's request to restore his radio license after he pled guilty to using a hidden camera to take and send nude photos of a woman.

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RADIO & TELEVISION BUSINESS REPORT: Roger Wahl Fails In Attempt to Overturn License Revocation

On August 2, 2022, the FCC's Administrative Law Judge, Jane Hinckley Halprin, terminated a license revocation hearing against the owner of a Class A FM radio station in Somerset County, Pa., who is a convicted felon.

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INSIDE RADIO: FCC's Latest Station Count Shows FM's Growing While AM Continues Its Retreat.

In what has become a familiar pattern for radio, the Federal Communications Commission reports the number of FM's increased during the first three months of the year while the AM count continues a slow yet steady retreat. The number of AM's was also down one percent from a year earlier, a similar rate that has been seen ever since the pandemic came to a close.

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RADIO WORLD: FCC License Numbers Track Growth in NCE FM's

Here are the latest station totals from the FCC. These are the total number of licenses in each service in the United States as of the end of March 2024.

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RCR WIRELESS: ASTSpaceMobile, AT&T to conduct more direct-to-device testing

The Federal Communications Commission has granted permission for AT&T and ASTSpaceMobile to test direct-to-cellular capabilities using FirstNet and 800 MHz spectrum in Texas and Hawaii. According to a filing with the FCC, ASTSpaceMobile and AT&T are planning to test uplink connections from up to 20 commercial, off-the-shelf cellular GSM

handsets to AST's BlueWalker 3 LEO satellite, using 10-megahertz chunks of AT&T's terrestrial spectrum.

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BROADBAND BREAKFAST: Rosenworcel Calls for AI Report Involving Calls and Texts

Federal Communications Commission Chairwoman Jessica Rosenworcel on Thursday called on the Consumer Advisory Committee to compile a report on the uses of artificial intelligence in robocalls and texts. "The Commission requests that the CAC create a working group and issue a report, focused on examining the uses of AI in calls and text," Rosenworcel said during a Thursday CAC meeting, speaking for the FCC.

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BROADBAND BREAKFAST: Oral Arguments in Digital Discrimination Challenges Set for Late September

The Eighth Circuit Court of Appeals set oral arguments for late September in the consolidated challenges to the Federal Communications Commission's digital discrimination rules. In an order filed Tuesday, the court tentatively scheduled oral arguments for either September 25 or September 26.

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KNXV-TV: FCC orders stop to robocalls pushing fake 'National Tax Relief Program'

The promise of tax relief can be a big lure for consumers who may let their guard down with the promise of help. If you received a pre-recorded message pushing a "National Tax Relief Program", you're not alone. In fact, millions of people have received the call, and the Federal Communications Commission says it's illegal and has to stop. The FCC issued a cease-and-desist letter against Veriwave Telco. The order came from the agency's Enforcement Bureau which claims an illegal robocall campaign is originating from the company pertaining to a National Tax Relief Program.

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THE DESK: Exclusive: WADL owner Adell says station's sale to Mission

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The owner of an independent television station in Detroit says his \$75 million deal to sell the station is likely not going to materialize after it drew strong opposition at the Federal Communications Commission (FCC).

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FEDERAL NEWS NETWORK: Federal cybersecurity blanket stretches to cover Internet of Things (IoT) devices

Organizations — both public and private — have been scattering billions of Internet of Things (IoT) devices all over the world. These devices are typically low-power and have low computing capacity. Yet they are still potential entry points for cybersecurity attacks. Now the FCC has established a voluntary cybersecurity labeling program for IoT devices, as well as some proposed rules. For details, the Federal Drive Host Tom Temin talked with Katy Milner, a partner at Hogan Lovells.

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RADIO INK: The Religious Radio Boom Continues As FCC Licenses Increase

After a year of financial uncertainty, radio ownership grew in the first quarter of 2024, according to FCC license records. Noncommercial FM numbers have soared in the past year, driven by aggressive buying from religious broadcasters.

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Last year, Wohl and Burkman pleaded guilty to telecommunications fraud in Ohio and

were fined \$5 million by the Federal Communications Commission. A federal court also ruled their robocalls violated the Voting Rights Act, among other federal and New York state provisions. Michigan prosecutors, meanwhile, have accused Wohl and Burkman of violating a Michigan law that prohibits efforts to “menace” voters, though the duo have appealed those charges.

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A third stream of effort is rooted in Executive Order 13913, Establishing the Committee for the Assessment of Foreign Participation in the United States Telecommunications Service Sector (April 4, 2020). That Order creates an interagency committee (referred to as Team Telecom, an entity which existed informally for decades prior to its codification in 2020) “to assist the [Federal Communications Commission (FCC)] in its public interest review of national security and law enforcement concerns that may be raised by foreign participation in the United States telecommunications services sector.” DOJ chairs this committee.

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THE WASHINGTON POST: Stanford appoints business school dean as its next president

He is known for his scholarship in industrial organization and market design. Levin helped design the first advanced market commitment that accelerated the global adoption of the pneumococcal vaccine, the university said. He also helped design the Federal Communications Commission’s \$20 billion incentive auction to convert broadcast television spectrum to broadband wireless licenses.

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TOM'S GUIDE: iPad Pro 2024 and iPad Air 2024 may not arrive until May — here's what we know

Passing through local regulators is an essential process for devices to go on sale in a particular region. Typically this only happens when the devices in question are ready to launch, but it doesn’t necessarily mean that launch is imminent. But it does mean launch day is inching closer, and we can probably expect to see these iPads hit other regulators around the world in the coming weeks — including the FCC.

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ANDROID POLICE: How to find your Metro by T-Mobile transfer PIN

Porting lets you retain your phone number while switching to a new carrier. The FCC (Federal Communications Commission) states that this is possible only if you live in the same geographic area. You can port numbers between wireline, wireless, and IP providers. To initiate phone number porting, ask your old carrier to release your number and share the transfer PIN.

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TVTECHNOLOGY: Looking for 5G Broadcast at the 2024 NAB Show

“Our number one priority in the U.S. for 5G Broadcast is first responder and emergency alerts,” he said. “We can put out emergency alerts in the 17 languages that the FCC wants within one-half second. We do plan to show some solutions for first responders at NAB. We can put out streams of data (directed to first responders) to smartphones; all you need is an app on the phone.

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WXIA-TV: Emergency alert system concerns following EF-2 tornado in Conyers

According to the FCC, Wireless companies volunteer to participate in WEA, which is the result of a unique public/private partnership between the Federal Emergency Management Agency, the FCC, and the United States wireless industry in order to enhance public safety.

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WKMG-TV: Will Florida’s ‘Eyesore on I-4’ ever be finished? Here’s what we know

The TV station received \$20 million from the FCC and even more money from the government for land that was needed for an I-4 expansion, and Bowers told News 6 in 2017 that the building would be finished by Thanksgiving Day that same year.

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GOVERNMENT TECHNOLOGY: Northeast Texas on Tap for Spectrum’s

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Spectrum began a rural expansion plan more than two years ago, according to the news release, and is investing \$400 million in state RDOF projects with \$186 million from the Federal Communications Commission's RDOF funding.

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POLITICO: Riding the Caitlin Clark train

It will cost Biden \$5,000 for a one-minute ad on the ABC affiliate in Philadelphia, according to a contract between the campaign and WPVI-TV posted to the Federal Communications Commission's online Public File. The same 60-second ad will cost \$10,000 on WXYZ-TV in Detroit and \$4,000 on KNXV-TV in Phoenix.

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WOMAN'S WORLD: Al Lewis: Revealing Details About the Life and Career of Grandpa From 'The Munsters'

Helping to keep his "brand" alive was the fact that he made many appearances on The Howard Stern Show, and stirred up some controversy at one of Stern's freedom rallies against the Federal Communications Committee, shouting out the previously-mentioned curse directed at organization.

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RADIO INK: NAB Fortifies Legal Team With Former FTC Lawyer Machiraju

NAB Chief Legal Officer Rick Kaplan said, "Leveraging his deep expertise in regulatory matters and competition law, Nandu will play a crucial role in NAB's advocacy before the FCC, the Administration and federal courts. Broadcasters will be well served by Nandu's keen intellect, ability to build consensus and analytical approach, and we are thrilled to welcome him to NAB's legal team."

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CARDINAL NEWS: With filing deadline past, June 18 primary campaigns officially underway

Constitutional law and litigation expert Jonathan Emord served as an attorney in the Federal Communications Commission during the administration of former President Ronald Reagan.

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THE STANFORD DAILY: Incoming University president Jonathan Levin '94 charts optimistic future

Apart from his leadership roles, Levin has gained prominence for his academic scholarship. The American Economic Association awarded him the John Bates Clark Medal as the economist under 40 who made the most significant contribution to economic thought and knowledge in 2011. He has also advised President Biden's Council of Advisors on Science and Technology, the Federal Communications Commission and the U.S. Treasury.

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LEGAL TECH NEWS: Nervous System: A Night to Remember (SUBSCRIPTION REQUIRED)

The seeds of what would become the FCC had been planted in the waning hours of April 14, 1912, when the RMS Titanic struck an iceberg. Senators were disquieted to learn just how closely modern telecommunications technology had come to averting the disaster—if only it had actually been used properly.

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READWRITE: Here's a list of countries that have a TikTok ban and why

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A federal program that has helped roughly 23 million American households receive free or heavily discounted high-speed internet is set to see sharp cuts in May, leaving many low-income families facing possible price hikes — or the imminent loss of service altogether. Congress has not yet approved new money for the digital initiative, so the Federal Communications Commission announced Tuesday that it would have to reduce the

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THE WASHINGTON POST: New FCC rule requires internet service providers to display fees

Starting Wednesday, internet service providers must publish “nutrition” labels that clearly lay out the fees users might encounter under their service plans as part of a Federal Communications Commission requirement. The new FCC rule is aimed at helping internet consumers avoid unexpected costs in an industry that has long generated complaints about convoluted fee structures and a lack of transparency.

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CNET: \$90 Billion vs. the Digital Divide: Is It Enough to Fix Internet Access in the US?

In late 2022, the Federal Communications Commission revamped its internet coverage maps. By late last year, the agency's second big revision revealed 7.2 million Americans lack broadband -- a number only slightly smaller than the population of Washington state.

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THE DAILY CALLER: GOP Rep. Presses FCC Over George Soros' Takeover Of Second-Largest Radio Company In U.S.

New York Republican Rep. Nick Langworthy sent a letter Monday to the Federal Communications Commission (FCC), calling on them to investigate liberal billionaire George Soros' purchase of Audacy, Inc., the nation's second-largest radio company that holds hundreds of local radio stations.

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FOX NEWS CHANNEL: Israel-backed Super Bowl ad calling for hostages to return home drew most FCC complaints: report

An Israel-funded advertisement which ran during Super Bowl LVIII in February during the game between the Kansas City Chiefs and San Francisco 49ers reportedly drew most of the FCC complaints. Super Bowl viewers were upset the Israeli government was able to run the ad titled "Bring All Dads Back Home," TMZ reported on Tuesday, citing FCC documents.

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ANDROID CENTRAL: Beeper opens app to everyone following \$125 million acquisition by WordPress owner

Beeper announced that its new app on Android has finally launched on the Play Store. The new app brings a fresh design, the ability for users to modify their chat networks, full message search, and more. The post states that there isn't any support for iMessage, although the U.S. government's lawsuit against Apple, alongside FCC involvement, could turn things around.

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LAW360: FCC Decision On Subsidy Fund Likely Tough To Unravel (SUBSCRIPTION REQUIRED)

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CORD CUTTERS NEWS: DIRECTV Objects to FCC Rules That Would Ban Hidden Fees & Early Termination Penalties

For some time now, the FCC has been talking about banning hidden fees in cable TV bills. The FCC has officially announced it will vote on rules that would once and for all end the practice of having hidden fees. This includes rules that will ban early termination fees on cable TV. The FCC says these new proposed rules would make cable TV and video services have clear, easy-to-understand bills with accurate information. With these rules, the advertised price will have to be the true price.

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BROADBAND BREAKFAST: FCC Sends Cease And Desist to Company Making Robocalls

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BROADBAND BREAKFAST: Association Urges FCC to Wait for BEAD Allocation Before 5G Fund Auction

Another industry association, ACA Connects, asked the FCC Monday to delay the auction of the 5G Fund for Rural America until after states and territories have allocated Broadband Equity, Access and Deployment Program funds in an effort to maximize federal broadband infrastructure funds and avoid duplication. FCC Chairwoman Jessica Rosenworcel revealed plans to relaunch the 5G Fund for Rural America on March 20, proposing an initial allocation of up to \$9 billion to enhance voice and 5G mobile broadband access in rural areas. This revamped initiative also incorporates \$900 million in incentives to encourage the adoption of Open RAN technology.

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The Federal Communications Commission will consider initial rules to enable operators of unmanned aircraft systems to gain access to wireless communications links in the 5030-5091 MHz band for non-networked operations. In a report and order released Friday, FCC noted that dynamic frequency management systems would be used to oversee access to the spectrum and provide operators temporary frequency assignments to support control link communications for UAS.

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REALTOR MAGAZINE: More Telemarketing Lawsuits Ensnare Agents, Brokerages

The FCC is stepping up enforcement of the Telephone Consumer Protection Act and the National Do Not Call Registry. Some real estate pros are being accused of unlawfully using telemarketing calls and texts for promotional purposes. Here's how to stay out of legal trouble.

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GOVERNMENT TECHNOLOGY: As Broadband Deserts Recede, Cost of

Service Still a Question

Broadband access in the U.S. is improving but connectivity is overstated, with as many as 22 million residents still lacking high-speed Internet connections, a research group has found. A report released Tuesday by BroadbandNow, which focuses on documenting and understanding the digital divide, follows up on work it did in 2020, manually checking Federal Communications Commission (FCC) data to estimate up to 42 million Americans then lacked the ability to purchase broadband Internet.

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MYSMARTPRICE: Redmi 13 Acquires IMDA, EEC Certifications; Could Debut Soon

Xiaomi's Redmi appears to be preparing to launch the Redmi 13. The upcoming smartphone earlier appeared on the FCC certification website. Now, we have spotted the Redmi 13 on the IMDA (Infocomm Media Development Authority) and EEC certification databases, which hints at an imminent launch.

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COMMUNICATIONS DAILY: Comments Divided on Best Approach for Making Inventory Spectrum Available

Commenters disagreed sharply on what mechanisms the FCC should use to make available unassigned licenses in its inventory absent general auction authority. Comments were posted Tuesday in docket 24-72. The FCC sought comment in March on the first anniversary of the expiration of its general auction authority (see 2403070062). Wireless carriers said grants of special temporary authority (STA) are the best alternative. Unlicensed advocates hailed the benefits of dynamic spectrum sharing.

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INFLIGHT: FCC regulatory approval granted for Gogo Galileo terminals

Gogo Business Aviation has been granted Federal Communications Commission (FCC) regulatory approval for the company's Galileo HDX and FDX antenna terminals for business aircraft.

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RADIO INK: NAB, NPR Get In Last Words On FCC's Bid For A Localism Reward

Broadcasters are getting in their final say about the FCC's proposal to prioritize licensing and application procedures for stations providing a Commission-approved amount of

locally originated programming. The proposal, which would reward radio stations that dedicate at least three hours per week to local content, has ignited a debate about its potential impact and effectiveness.

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INSIDE TOWERS: FCC's Anna Gomez to Headline Keynote Program at CCA Show April 16-18

The Competitive Carriers Association (CCA) announced this week that FCC Commissioner Anna Gomez will be delivering a Keynote address at the association's upcoming April 16-18 Mobile Carriers Show (MCS) at the JW Marriott Desert Springs Resort and Spa in Palm Springs, CA. "I am delighted to welcome FCC Commissioner Anna Gomez to the keynote stage along with top wireless executives from Ericsson, Nokia, Syniverse, and T-Mobile who are shaping the future competitive carrier ecosystem," said Tim Donovan, President and CEO of CCA.

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NATIONAL PUBLIC RADIO: The government announced winners of a contest to tell real voices from deepfake audio

Earlier this year, the Federal Communications Commission banned AI-enabled robocalls. Synthetic audio company ElevenLabs has a tool to detect its own product and is calling on other producers of synthetic voices to do the same. The European Union recently passed and "AI act" and state legislatures in the U.S. are passing laws that regulate deepfakes. Researchers, detection software makers and the FTC say that technology like this can't be the only solution to the challenges posed by generative AI tools.

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NATURE: AI-fuelled election campaigns are here — where are the rules?

What should be done? Global guidelines might be considered around the appropriate use of GAI in elections, but what should they be? There have already been some attempts. The US Federal Communications Commission, for instance, banned the use of AI-generated voices in phone calls, known as robocalls. Businesses such as Meta have launched watermarks — a label or embedded code added to an image or video — to flag manipulated media.

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TASS: US to prohibit Kaspersky Lab from providing certain products, services — CNN

In March 2022 the US Federal Communications Commission put Kaspersky Lab on the list of firms whose products threaten the country's security as the regulator put it. In turn, the company said that it was disappointed with the decision made by the regulator to ban the use of federal subsidies for acquisition of its products, and suggested that it was politically motivated.

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INSIDE CYBERSECURITY: FAR Council issues request for information on potential supply chain regulations to include in new acquisition section (SUBSCRIPTION REQUIRED)

The Defense Department, the General Services Administration and NASA are asking for input on what should be included in a new part of the government's Federal Acquisition Regulation focused on supply chain policies. The three agencies recently issued a final rule to establish part 40 of the FAR. The RFI says, "The final rule does not implement any of the information security and supply chain security policies or procedures; it simply established FAR part 40."

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INDEPENDENT RECORD: Helena City Commission OKs extending cell tower height from 60 to 92 feet

Community Development Director Chris Brink said earlier the Federal Telecommunications Act of 1996 limits local powers when it comes to cell towers and only gives the city authority over zoning and land use. Emissions, safety and wildlife fall under purview of the Federal Communications Commission.

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ANDROID POLICE: Kobo is launching two new color e-readers

Enthusiasts have known that Kobo has had something in the works since last October when it certified a new device with the FCC. In January a second filing was made public,

and in February a third one dropped, leaving Kobo stans beside themselves with speculation and excitement. Today, the speculation has ended and preorders are open until April 29 for the Libra Color, the Clara Color, and the Clara BW.

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RADIO & TELEVISION BUSINESS REPORT: CallerOne Talk Show System Links To Telos VSet

And, the FCC is to thank — at least in part. In August 2022 the Commission removed requirements for ILECs to offer analog POTS lines at competitive rates. By October

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ADVANCED TELEVISION: Intelsat contemplates next steps

It was recently reported how Intelsat was facing up to its future and how it would compete with rival satellite operators. More detail has now emerged. Intelsat has been through something of a nightmare this past few years, emerging — more or less — from Chapter 11 bankruptcy with much reduced interest obligations and the recipient of the FCC's almost \$5 billion in compensation for its C-band frequencies. One key indicator is that Intelsat's current owners could move the company towards an IPO probably around 2027.

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GAZETTE: The dangers of EMF and 5G RF frequencies (Opinion)

Even though the dangers of radio frequencies have been known for quite some time, the FCC has not conducted any studies on the dangers of radio frequency exposure to humans since 1996.

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THE COLLEGE FIX: UCLA med school cancels lecturing blaming 'whiteness' for opioid crisis

The U.S. has been in the midst of an opioid epidemic for the past two decades, killing more than 560,000 Americans, according to the Federal Communications Commission.

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Those deployments will be backed the Federal Communications Commission's (FCC) \$20.4 billion Rural Digital Opportunity Fund (RDOF) that provides financial incentives for operators to expand broadband into unserved markets. The program requires broadband services to provide download speeds in excess of 100 Mb/s and upload speeds in excess of 20 Mb/s, which is in line with the FCC's recently updated minimum benchmark speed for broadband services.

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However, the Federal Communications Commission has regulations that limit the number of radio stations a single entity can own.

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DAILY BREEZE: [Can a candidate be sued for a false political ad? Ask the lawyer](#)

Political ads are considered political speech, for which there are First Amendment protections. The Federal Communications Commission oversees campaign ads. In addition, the FCC has issued rules for political programming, such as making sure qualified candidates get equal time and disclosing the sponsorship of an ad; however, that does not translate into fact-checking.

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INSIDE RADIO: [Radio Dealmaking Remains Slow, But Don't Blame High Interest Rates.](#)

"There will be much fewer transactions for naked sticks (buying a station solely for its FCC license, with 'stick' meaning transmitter)," Heymann predicts. "The majority of the activity

will shift back to cash-flowing stations and clusters.”

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POLITICO: A 7-Part Plan to Get a Grip on AI (Opinion)

We have cabinet-level agencies for major sectors, like Agriculture, Commerce and Defense, and numerous independent agencies to tackle more specialized realms, like the FCC and CFPB. Technology has never had an agency of its own, of either kind: For better or worse, it has always been treated like a tool, not an industry. That hasn’t worked out well with social media. And AI is a tipping point — a potentially revolutionary new force that could eventually occupy a huge chunk of our economy and with an enormous impact.

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ABC NEWS: Internet service now comes with 'nutrition label'-style information about prices

Starting Wednesday, internet users will now have more transparency about their broadband services. The Federal Communications Commission now requires broadband providers to display all the information about the price and performance of their services in clear labels. Alejandro Roark, the chief of the consumer and governmental affairs bureau for the FCC, spoke with ABC News' "Start Here" about the new rule.

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CNN: Internet price hikes for low-income Americans could begin in May as federal funds run dry, FCC says

The US government says that next month it can only pay about half of what low-income Americans are eligible for under a popular federal benefits program that is running out of money — a crisis that threatens to plunge millions of households into economic distress within weeks. The announcement by the Federal Communications Commission reflects the first concrete impacts of Congress' failure to extend the Affordable Connectivity Program, a pandemic-era benefit that provides monthly discounts on internet service to more than 23 million US households, including seniors, veterans and schoolchildren.

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USA TODAY: Don't say yes when caller asks 'Can you hear me now?'

That yes could also confirm the scammer got a real working number, which could mean further targeting for scams, the BBB said.. The FCC in February issued a ruling making AI-

generated voices in robocalls illegal. Still other variations of the scam, the BBB, said, may include asking "Is this (fill in your name)" or another question, which would prompt a yes from you. ?The caller may not hang up right away either and may continue the conversation to attempt to steal your personal information or record more of your voice," the BBB said.

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POLITIFACT: President Joe Biden’s “FCC pick just withdrew after being humiliated by Senator J.D. Vance” in April.

Gigi Sohn, President Joe Biden’s onetime nominee to join the Federal Communications Commission, withdrew from consideration in March 2023. More than a year later, a Facebook post suggests this happened only recently.

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DALLAS MORNING NEWS: Robocalls threaten election integrity (Opinion)

Earlier this year, the Federal Communications Commission ruled that AI-generated voice cloning calls are effectively against the law. While this is a positive step, regulators can’t solve the problem alone. Companies operating phone networks need to recognize the bigger problem. Fake AI robocalls meddling in elections isn’t just a threat to democracy. It’s bad for business. Even in the digital age, most companies need clear phone lines to support customer needs and market new products and services. When scammers abuse these networks with fake robocalls, it undermines trust and makes people less likely to answer the phone.

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LAW360: GOP Senators Ask 5th Circ. To Ax School Bus Wi-Fi (SUBSCRIPTION REQUIRED)

Seven Republican senators are backing a Fifth Circuit challenge to the Federal Communications Commission's plan to subsidize school bus Wi-Fi, saying the government shouldn't be funding children's unsupervised internet access on the way to and from school.

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Small, independent cable providers want the Federal Communications Commission to hold off on a rural 5G development auction until the U. S. Department of Commerce completes its massive award of high-speed internet build-out funds.

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INSIDE RADIO: FEMA Questions Effectiveness Of Using Pre-Scripted Alerts To Reach Non-English Speakers.

The Federal Emergency Management Agency likes the idea of reaching more non-English speakers with emergency alerts, but it has come out against a proposal to lean on pre-scripted alerts to get the job done. FEMA says a proposal by the Federal Communications Commission “may not be an effective approach,” saying the use of prepared alerts would not meet the key elements of emergency messaging. FEMA says the use of pre-installed templates in station EAS equipment would mean the alerts shared would lack a description of the threat or event, the location and population at risk, any guidance on what protective action to take, when people should begin taking the protective action, as well as the time those steps should be completed.

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INSIDE RADIO: Pirate FMs Lead FCC To Send Warnings To Property Owners In San Francisco And New York.

Two spots where pirate radio has long been a problem – San Francisco and the New York metro – are once again the targets of Enforcement Bureau action. The Federal Communications Commission has sent warning letters to property owners in both, alerting them that they could face fines of nearly \$2.4 million for hosting an unlicensed radio station. On the West Coast, the FCC says field agents last month were investigating a complaint about a pirate station operating on 89.7 FM in the Bay Area. That led them to a

Miguel Street property in San Francisco. Who was operating the station is not yet clear, but the property's owner, a trust run by Cesar Ascarrunz, was sent a warning that it could be on the hook for allowing the unlicensed FM to continue operating.

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INSIDE RADIO: Audacy Asks Bankruptcy Court To Extend 'Removal Deadline' For Pending Civil Actions.

As it waits for the Federal Communications Commission to sign off on its Chapter 11 financial reorganization, Audacy has asked the U.S. Bankruptcy Court in Houston to extend the deadline by which it can transfer civil actions filed against the broadcaster back to the district courts where they are pending. Audacy, in what's considered a routine legal maneuver, last week filed a motion to extend what's known as the removal deadline for such cases by 134 days, from the current deadline of April 6 to Aug. 18.

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INSIDE RADIO: NAB Says FCC 'Lost At Sea' And Faster Application Processing Isn't What Stations Need Most.

Quicker application processing is what the Federal Communications Commission is offering radio and television broadcasters as an incentive to do more local programming, but the National Association of Broadcasters says that is not what stations need most. The NAB says that while it "appreciates" the idea of what the FCC is trying to do, it would "do nothing" to incentivize broadcasters to provide more local journalism or generate other locally originated programming. That's because the NAB says the proposal "fails to grasp" the fundamental economic and competitive realities underpinning broadcasters' programming decisions.

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BROADBAND BREAKFAST: FCC Chair Pitches Public Safety Benefits of Net Neutrality Rules Ahead of Vote

The Federal Communications Commission chairwoman reiterated arguments for net neutrality as a public safety and national security measure on Monday during a round table at the Santa Clara County Fire Department. Chairwoman Jessica Rosenworcel spoke at the San Francisco bay area fire department to highlight one of the more high-profile instances of a broadband provider throttling data – one of the abuses net neutrality rules are designed to prevent – when Verizon throttled the fire department's internet during a major wildfire in 2018.

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RADIO & TELEVISION BUSINESS REPORT: Verizon To FCC: No Authority For ‘Blackout’ Rebates (SUBSCRIPTION REQUIRED)

From Northern Virginia through the Garden State and across the Delaware Valley, Verizon FiOs is a major provider of cable television services. As such, it has shared its thoughts with the FCC regarding a plan that would provide rebates to customers in the event local television stations are blocked, by law, from viewing due to the lack of a retransmission consent agreement.

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WIRELESS ESTIMATOR: FCC proposes opening 5GHz spectrum for drones to enhance emergency and commercial uses

The FCC is proposing to open a specific segment of the 5 GHz spectrum to unmanned aerial vehicles (UAVs) or drones, aiming to enhance their usability in critical applications like emergency response and commercial services. This regulatory initiative seeks to designate the 5030-5091 MHz band exclusively for drones, improving communications during wildfires, disaster recovery, and for first responders. Traditionally, most drones operate under general unlicensed and low-power wireless communications rules, predominantly in the 2.4GHz and 5GHz bands, which are also heavily utilized for consumer and professional Wi-Fi networks. This shared use can often lead to interference, particularly in densely populated areas, affecting operational reliability.

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RADIO ONLINE: NAB & NPR Oppose FCC Proposed Localism Efforts

The FCC is proposing changes aimed at encouraging radio outlets to focus more on local programming by altering licensing and application processes in favor of stations that offer a Commission-approved quota of local content. This move has sparked controversy and attracted criticism, particularly from the National Association of Broadcasters (NAB) and National Public Radio (NPR), both of which have advised against proceeding with the plan.

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KQED-FM: New Bill Pushes California to Confront Digital Discrimination

The co-author of AB 2239 said it would make California the first state in the nation to codify the Federal Communication Commission's newly adopted definition of digital discrimination into state law.

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THE NEWS JOURNAL: Puerto Rico receives \$334M for telecommunications resilience

After Puerto Rico obtained a \$127 million disbursement from the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) to bring fixed connectivity to 100% of Puerto Rico's households, \$334 million was added from the Broadband Equity, Access, and Development (BEAD) program, which will be used mainly for telecommunications resiliency.

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NIEMAN LAB: The California Journalism Preservation Act would do more harm than good. Here's how the state might better help news

It is important to understand the information needs of communities. That can begin by building on the work of LAist, which performed many interviews and surveys to identify community needs. See also the methodology of the Knight Foundation's collaboration with the FCC on a Working Group on the Information Needs of Communities in a Democracy in 2011. This effort should also focus on what is missing in the ecosystem: What communities — defined by geography, ethnicity, or need (e.g., the disabled, the elderly, students, the homeless) — are unheard and underserved? Is there sufficient coverage of state government and politics? What is the impact of news on civic involvement?

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MARTINSVILLE BULLETIN: Patrick supervisors pause cell tower project at high school

The Federal Communications Commission has sole jurisdiction over the regulation of electromagnetic fields from all facilities and devices, Peterson said. FCC is required by the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 to evaluate the effect of emissions from FCC regulated transmitters on the quality of human environment.

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MERITALK: FTC Names Winners of AI Voice Cloning Challenge

The results of the FTC's contest follow action in February by the Federal Communications Commission to ban the use of voice cloning technologies made possible by artificial intelligence in the case of unwanted robocalls to consumers.

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The Report phishing and online scams page at IRS.gov provides complete details. The Federal Communications Commission's Smartphone Security Checker is a useful tool against mobile security threats.

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RADIO & TELEVISION BUSINESS REPORT: USSI Global Gets North American 'Broadcast Gold Partner' Status

USSI Global and ST Engineering iDirect have a long-standing partnership on broadcast and satellite initiatives including the FCC's C-band transition, now in the final stages of clearing spectrum for 5G mobile services.

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LIGHT READING: Dish turns to celebrity pitchman while shuffling cash around

SNR is one of the companies Dish worked with during the FCC's AWS-3 spectrum auction.

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TECHRADAR: Are networks ready for Apple Vision Pro?

However, approximately 44% of households in the US, where the Vision Pro has been launched first, don't have access to fiber connectivity. This would likely make this technology useless to this large swathe of the population. Currently, the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) mandates that consumers must have access to minimum actual download speeds of 25 Mbps and minimum actual upload speeds of 3 Mbps. However, this level of home network performance falls short of meeting the demands of an immersive VR environment, particularly when other devices are simultaneously in use.

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COLDWATER DAILY REPORTER: County looks to provide high-speed fiber internet to whole county

The Federal Communication Commission maps indicated that the areas left out of Frontier coverage were already served by WOW and Mercury Communications, but according to residents living in those areas, service is not available to everyone.

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THE NEW YORK POST: Rep. Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez's rival demands 'equal time' on Stephen Colbert's show

Dolan claimed that under Federal Communication Commission rules covering broadcast networks, he's entitled to equal air time. "Section 315(a) of the FCC rules requires stations that allow candidates to use their facilities to give equal opportunities to all other candidates," reads the letter, obtained by The Post. "There are exceptions for news, not for entertainment shows, or the result can be what you see around the world: incumbent regimes dominating their press."

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SALON.COM: MAGA operatives behind 2020 voter suppression robocalls will pay up to \$1.25 million in penalties

Wohl and Burkman were already facing criminal charges in Michigan and Ohio for the robocall scheme when the New York attorney general filed charges in 2021. She initially hoped to make the pair pay up to \$2.7 million in penalties. Amid the ongoing New York lawsuit, the Federal Communications Commission slapped them with a \$5.1 million fine in June 2023.

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WASHINGTON EXAMINER: Biden shields the deep state (Opinion)

Mike Gonzalez of Project 2025 pointed out last month that bureaucrats in the Department of Education gave more than 97% of their donated dollars to Democratic candidates, while at the Federal Communications Commission, it was 99.29%. At the Labor Department, it was 92%; at the Agriculture Department, 88%; Energy Department, 93%; Interior

Department, 91%; and the Environmental Protection Agency, 90%. Members of the Justice Department, the enforcement arm of the government, donated to Democrats at an 88% clip, which explains the lack of internal outrage over the blatant targeting of Biden's political opponents.

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THE NEVADA INDEPENDENT: Week later, underdog Nevada GOP Senate hopeful Gunter's massive ad buy yet to materialize

Last week, Jeff Gunter announced a \$3.3 million ad buy in Nevada's U.S. Senate GOP primary in a splashy interview with Fox News, injecting an expensive new dynamic into a race that national Republicans want to wrap up for his primary opponent, Sam Brown. But one week later, Gunter's campaign has still not actually placed the ad reservations, according to Federal Communications Commission (FCC) filings checked mid-day Wednesday.

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ARS TECHNICA: Movie industry demands US law requiring ISPs to block piracy websites

The MPA's latest push for a site-blocking law comes about two weeks before a Federal Communications Commission vote to restore net neutrality rules that prohibit ISPs from blocking and throttling websites. The proposed net neutrality rules apply only to lawful content, but opponents of site-blocking legislation fear a blocking law would undermine the goals of net neutrality by compelling ISPs to block both lawful and unlawful content.

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LAWFARE: Does a Civil Rights Law Prohibit Lies About Voting?

Narrowly scoped prosecutions of election lies are one piece of a much larger puzzle when it comes to election integrity—much like the Federal Communication Commission's (FCC's) ban on robocalls generated by artificial intelligence, which followed an incident in which New Hampshire voters received messages in Joe Biden's voice telling them not to vote in the 2024 Democratic primary. That FCC effort didn't solve everything, either, but it adds just a bit more of a deterrent for anyone considering that kind of dirty trick.

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BLOOMBERG LAW: Leave Chevron Deference in Place, Let Courts Rein

in Agencies

The US Supreme Court is considering whether to overrule or severely cut back on what is known as Chevron deference. It would be a mistake for the court to do that. Federal agencies such as the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, Federal Communications Commission, and many others must apply the laws passed by Congress when carrying them out. It's impossible for laws to be crystal-clear on every issue that arises over decades of implementing them, so agencies must interpret those laws.

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From Apr. 10 to 11, there were around 2,700 social media posts mentioning the FCC. Most content was on Twitter (84%, or around 2,300 posts), followed by Reddit (11%), Forums (3%), Blogs (1%), Comments (1%), and Facebook (0%).

The three social media posts with the greatest reach came from the Twitter accounts of The Washington Post (20m reach), ABC News (17.8m reach), and The Associated Press (16m reach), which publicized their articles on the FCC requiring broadband nutrition labels. The social media post with the next greatest reach came from the Twitter account of Yahoo Finance (1.8m reach), which publicized a CNN article on the Affordable Connectivity Program.

One trending topic on social media was the FCC requiring broadband nutrition labels. The Twitter account of The Washington Post (20m reach, 53 engagements) had the most popular social media post on that topic. Another trending topic on social media was a GOP representative pressing George Soros over his takeover of an American radio company. The Twitter account of the Daily Caller (1.1m reach, 53 engagements) had the most popular social media post on that topic.

Commissioner Carr tweeted (54k reach, 604 engagements) out a screenshot of reporting that claimed Meta blocked all posts from The Kansas Reflector after the outlet was critical of the company.

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Congress should move swiftly to extend subsidies for reliable, high-speed internet access for nearly 23 million Americans, including more than 357,000 households in Washington

state. The bipartisan program, launched during the Trump administration and continued under President Joe Biden, has proved to be a long-needed lifeline for online education, health care, employment opportunities, civic engagement and more. The Affordable Connectivity Program, which provides up to \$30 a month for income-qualifying households and up to \$75 a month for people on tribal reservations, will run out of funds this month unless Congress acts, according to the Federal Communications Commission.

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Sens. Ed Markey (D-Mass.), Ron Wyden (D-Ore.), Maria Cantwell (D-Wash.) and Rep. Anna Eshoo (D-Calif.) will hold a press conference with Federal Communications Commission (FCC) Chair Jessica Rosenworcel about the upcoming FCC vote to reinstate net neutrality protections on Thursday at 11 a.m.

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OBSERVER: FCC Chair Jessica Rosenworcel Supports TikTok Ban, Calls Lack of Oversight 'Stunning'

Federal Communications Commission chairman Jessica Rosenworcel shared her clear stance on a potential TikTok ban during a luncheon at the Paley Center for Media on Tuesday (April 16), which was attended by media industry insiders from companies like Hearst, AARP and New York City Mayor Eric Adams' communications team. In a Q&A session with Nick Thompson, CEO of The Atlantic, Rosenworcel said that if the House of Representatives passes the bill and makes it to President Joe Biden's desk, "He should absolutely sign it."

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SPACE NEWS: Taking the next steps for satellite-to-smartphone services

It's time for regulators and telcos to show just how much they believe in satellite operators

promising to bring ubiquitous connectivity directly to smartphones already in consumer hands. The U.S. Federal Communications Commission took the lead in shaping this fledgling market March 14 by unanimously approving a regulatory framework for what it calls Supplemental Coverage from Space.

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RADIO INK: FCC Seeks Additional Comments On FM Geotargeting Rollout

As the FCC moves forward on allowing FM geotargeting for three minutes of every broadcast hour, they have initiated a Further Notice of Proposed Rulemaking with a schedule for public input for broadcasters to express their support or concern.

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On April 2, the FCC released a Further Notice of Proposed Rulemaking in its proceeding to “modernize and revise its rules” by permitting limited, voluntary program origination on FM booster stations. The FNPRM set deadlines for filing comments and reply comments at 30 and 60 days, respectively, after publication of the FNPRM in the Federal Register. That’s now happened, putting in place firm comment dates.

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Federal regulators are on track to address a multibillion-dollar broadband Internet funding decision, triggering an epic tug-of-war among some sharp-elbowed groups and

personalities in Washington telecom policy circles bent on getting their way. What's generating all the heat? The Federal Communications Commission's Universal Service Fund, a \$8.1 billion program that subsidizes Internet service in rural markets and connects schools and libraries across the country.

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BROADBAND BREAKFAST: Industry and Public Interest Groups Disagree on Preempting FCC Data Privacy Authority

Experts at a Wednesday House hearing disagreed on whether a federal privacy law should preempt the Federal Communications Commission's consumer protection authority over telecom companies. Lawmakers released draft language of the American Privacy Rights Act last week. The bill has yet to be introduced and could change before that happens, but generally the draft would allow consumers to opt out of targeted advertising and would limit the data companies can collect to only what is necessary to provide a given service.

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BROADBAND BREAKFAST: FCC Denies ISPs Request to Waive Penalties for Withdrawing from RDOF

The Federal Communications Commission on Monday denied an internet service provider's request to waive certain penalties for noncompliance after the provider opted to withdraw from the Rural Digital Opportunity Fund. In a public notice, the FCC disagreed with Cable One's claim that it has met its buildout obligations to 22 locations across four census blocks in Louisiana, and denied the ISPs request to waive penalties outlined in Rules 54.320(d) and 54.806(c)(1) for these 22 locations.

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RCR WIRELESS: Tampa Electric to test LTE gear with STA licence ahead of big Anterix build-out

Tampa Electric (TECO) has applied to the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) in the US for a six-month Special Temporary Authority (STA) license in the 936.5-939.5 MHz spectrum band, running to the start of December, to build an "experimental" private LTE network using Ericsson gear. An FCC filing positions the application as an "interim step" while Tampa Electric waits for private networks provider Anterix to clear local tranches of 900 MHz spectrum for a bigger build.

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MYSMARTPRICE: Samsung Galaxy M35 5G Support Page Spotted on

Samsung India Website; Acquires FCC and DEKRA Certifications

Samsung appears to be preparing to introduce a new M-series smartphone – the Samsung Galaxy M35 5G. The upcoming Galaxy M35 5G has appeared on Federal Communications Commission (FCC) and Dekra certification sites, according to 91Mobiles. The handset has also been spotted on the Samsung India Support website. Take a look at the details.

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A proposal calling for the FCC to grant the FirstNet Authority a nationwide license to the 4.9 GHz spectrum currently designated for public-safety use would be “unlawful,” according to a legal analysis filed this week with the FCC by an organization opposing the idea.

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WGN-FM: Debts rise among consumers with an unhealthy mentality

Herb and John break down consumers’ financial anxiety and how it is leading people to take on larger debts. Also, the FCC is requiring internet providers to display broadband ‘nutrition labels.’

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COMMUNICATIONS DAILY: China Lying in Wait in US Digital Infrastructure: CISA Chief

"The sky's the limit" when considering Chinese capabilities for conducting digital attacks on critical U.S. infrastructure, since China switched from focusing on economic and political espionage to a strategy that can only be pre-positioning for attacks, Brandon Wales, executive director of Homeland Security's Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency (CISA), said Wednesday. Also at a Semafor conference on digital infrastructure, Kathy Grillo, Verizon senior vice president-public policy and government affairs, said the lack of FCC auction authority could have significant ramifications in a handful of years for keeping up with growing data demands. Numerous conference speakers talked about AI's potential and risks.

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COMMUNICATIONS DAILY: Telecom Privacy Group: House Should End FCC Data Breach Authority

Congress should eliminate the FCC's data breach notification authority and instead allow the FTC to regulate through a federal privacy law, a privacy-focused telecom association told House Commerce Committee members Wednesday (see 2404160034).

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DESERET NEWS: How to protect yourself against SMS scams

According to the Federal Communications Commission, smishing is “a mashup of SMS — for ‘short message service’ — and phishing.”

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SC MEDIA: Scammers offer cash to phone carrier staff to swap SIM cards

The Federal Communications Commission (FCC) introduced new regulations in November requiring carriers to adopt secure authentication procedures prior to carrying out a SIM swap, and mandating that customers were alerted when SIMs linked to their accounts were changed.

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PATCH: South Bay Emergency Alert Test Scheduled For May

In coordination with the Federal Communications Commission and the Integrated Public Alert and Warning System, the test alert aims to measure the capability of the system for the South Bay region. The test will be directed to consumer cell phones at about 11:30 a.m., officials said.

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BANGOR DAILY NEWS: Maine's 207 area code will last longer than previously thought

The Federal Communications Commission estimates that could cost up to \$270 billion.

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BROADBAND BREAKFAST: New Senate and House Support for Children's Online Privacy Legislation

The measure would hand enforcement to the FTC, but would leave in place data breach rules the FCC adopted in December.

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THE REGISTER: Taiwanese film studio snaps up Chinese surveillance camera specialist Dahua

The resulting ban meant it could not sell stateside, leaving its US operations orphaned. Since then, the US has further cracked down on Dahua – in March 2021 the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) issued an "Interim Freeze Order" that bans new equipment authorizations for a year, and in October 2022 the camera-maker was added to a group of "Chinese military companies." Hikvision, the leading China-based surveillance camera maker that has been on the entity list since 2019, challenged the FCC in US appeals court and lost earlier this month.

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INSIDE CYBERSECURITY: CISA outlines enforcement mechanisms for mandatory cyber incident reporting regime in proposed rulemaking (SUBSCRIPTION REQUIRED)

The Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency provides an overview of how it will enforce upcoming mandatory reporting for critical infrastructure requirements in a notice of proposed rulemaking. CISA was tasked with creating a regime for mandatory reporting in the 2022 Cyber Incident Reporting for Critical Infrastructure Act. The agency published the NPRM on April 4, with a comment period closing June 3.

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DRONE DJ: DJI bringing 4K camera to Mini 2 SE drone?

DJI has requested the US Federal Communications Commission (FCC) for a Class II permissive change to the Mini 2 SE. More specifically, the new drone will add an alternative camera chip H22A55. Compared to the original camera chip H22A35, the alternative chip brings an additional 4K function.

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FIERCE NETWORK: Industry Voices: Who walks the walk when it

comes to spectrum build-out?

According to the FCC, CBRS launched in 2015. In the nine years since then, roughly \$7.5 billion was invested in capital expenditures, roughly what the wireless industry invested in three months during the same time-span. In fact, the U.S. commercial mobile industry paid \$228.7 billion to the federal government for the right to spend several billion more to build out commercial mobile networks spectrum .

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DRONE DJ: uAvionix bags FAA contract to ensure conflict-free BVLOS drone comms

Right now, when drones want to use certain radio frequencies for controlling their flight (like the C-Band), they usually need special permission from both the FAA and the Federal Communications Commission (FCC). Because it's so tough to get this permission, many drone flights just use radio frequencies that don't need permission (called unlicensed spectrum), especially those in the Industrial, Scientific, and Medical (ISM) band. But this can cause problems because there are often a lot of other signals in those bands that can mess up the drone's signals, making it harder to control and less reliable.

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SDX CENTRAL: Comcast Now set to battle 5G FWA, promises more reliability and better pricing

Those speeds are conveniently above the Federal Communications Commission's (FCC) recent quadrupling of minimum speed benchmarks for fixed-broadband services being offered in the U.S.

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BROADBAND BREAKFAST: North Carolina Reaches \$20 Million Settlement with Frontier

Like in the FTC settlement, Frontier did not admit to any wrongdoing in the North Carolina settlement. Per the terms of the deal, the company will have to spend \$20 million on new fiber optic internet connections throughout the state over the next four years, a significant upgrade from the older DSL network customers found lacking. That's in addition to the company's existing obligations under Federal Communications Commission programs and state grant programs.

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FIERCE NETWORK: Look up! It's Tarana in a tree

Speed tests on site clocked in the range of 530 Mbps download and 230 Mbps upload – which, as Hallmuth pointed out – is a lot more than traditional fixed wireless and well above the FCC's definition for broadband.

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FIERCE NETWORK: Fiber wasn't always the darling: Remember Google Fiber and FiOS

"Strikingly, in 2015 AT&T agreed to expand FTTH to 14 million new locations as a concession to the FCC so that AT&T could buy DirecTV!" wrote Wolfe Research. "Today those FTTH locations are worth more than DirecTV itself. What happened? Fiber became profitable to build because streaming plus connected device proliferation drove demand for premium service while cable's aggressive pricing of its broadband leadership enabled higher fiber pricing."

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CARDINAL NEWS: General Assembly agrees with governor's change to broadband deployment bill

Lawmakers and other interested parties were concerned about meeting that deadline due both to the disputes and to the lag time for make-ready work, but until now, there had been no arbiter in the state for such issues. The General Assembly used Federal Communications Commission rules, which apply to such investor-owned utilities as Appalachian Power and Dominion Energy, to inform their make-ready bill and get the SCC involved. The large utilities are also involved in the commonwealth's internet deployment.

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Broadband Map

SMOKY MOUNTAIN TIMES: Broadband: is your house right on the map?

Swain County residents will receive this notice in the mail asking them to check the FCC broadband coverage map and confirm or contest information about their internet. This will be used in the next round of grant funds for deploying broadband in the county.

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REUTERS: Conservative US appeals court prods Supreme Court to review shield for US agency heads (Opinion)

If those companies are correct, then the heads of a host of extremely powerful federal agencies — including the FTC, the Securities and Exchange Commission, the Federal Communications Commission and the National Labor Relations Board, to name just a few — would be subject to removal at the whim of the president.

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INSIDE RADIO: Fight Over Who Gets Deposit In Scrapped Kansas Station Sale Headed For Trial.

Rocking M is now in the process of seeing its stations sold to Kyle Bauer's Kansas Broadcast Company. He won the ten stations with a \$2,710,000 bid during a February bankruptcy auction, with a five percent auctioneer's fee bringing the sale price to \$2,845,500. That deal is now being reviewed by the Federal Communications Commission.

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ORLANDO SENTINEL: SpaceX tallies 1st of 2 launches over 2 days from Space Coast

Of those, McDowell states that through March 13, 5,809 are still in orbit, and 5,744 have been assessed as working. The Federal Communications Commission in 2022 upped SpaceX's license to allow for 7,500 satellites in its constellation.

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WCCFTECH: SpaceX Maintains U.S. Rocket Launch Dominance With Latest Starlink Mission

Heading towards the second half of the year, a rapid cadence of Starlink launches is critical to ensure that the constellation maintains its edge over existing and future rivals. During the time it has spent building out the six thousand internet satellite constellation, SpaceX has also fought tough battles at the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) with Amazon's Kuiper subsidiary. Kuiper and Starlink satellites operate at similar orbits and use a similar network architecture to deliver internet to users in urban and sparsely populated regions.

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From Apr. 17 to 18, there were around 3,200 social media posts mentioning the FCC. Most content was on Twitter (67%, or around 2,200 posts), followed by Reddit (26%), Forums (5%), Blogs (1%), Comments (1%), and Facebook (0%).

The social media post with the greatest reach came from the Twitter account of Money (410k reach), which publicized its article on the FCC requiring broadband labels. The social media post with the second greatest reach came from the Twitter account of PCMag (400k reach), which publicized its article on the FCC raising its minimum broadband metric.

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Commissioner Carr tweeted (54k reach, 52 engagements) his ongoing support for the bill to divest TikTok from the CCP.

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FCC News

USA TODAY: Outage that dropped 911 calls in 4 states caused by light pole installation, company says

The installation of a light pole is to blame for a mass outage across at least four states this week that disrupted 911 service for hours, officials say. "At this point we understand that the outage affected Nevada, Texas, South Dakota, and Nebraska," the Federal Communications Commission released in a statement to USA TODAY Friday.

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BLOOMBERG: Sony Deal for Paramount Would Draw Added Regulatory Scrutiny

Because Sony is foreign-owned, its purchase of Paramount's CBS TV stations would trigger review by the Federal Communications Commission, as well as agencies that check telecom transactions for national-security implications. The deliberations can take six months or more.

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LOS ANGELES TIMES: Nearly 3 million Californians at risk of losing home internet service as subsidy expires

Four years ago, Claudia Aleman and her family had only one way to get online — through their cellphones. Without internet service on a computer, her youngest daughter couldn't get homework assignments in on time, her parents couldn't keep up with online doctor visits, and the English classes she wanted to sign up for were out of reach. Then came a game-changer: The federal government started offering a subsidy that covered \$30 of the family's \$80 monthly internet bill. But while opening mail at her home in South Gate two months ago, Aleman came across a letter from the Federal Communications Commission announcing that the Affordable Connectivity Program they had come to rely on would end in May unless Congress approved more funding.

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PEORIA JOURNAL STAR: Illinois Nazi or Peoria prankster? The mysterious case of a short-lived radio station

The video in question is titled "How The FCC Hunted The Mystery 'Hitler' Station." The video was posted on the Ringway Manchester YouTube channel. It credits the original story to one Tom Kneitel, who wrote an article in Popular Communications magazine in 1983 whose headline began "The Amazing 17-Day Career Of The 'Heil Hitler' Radio Station." A story illustration depicted a young man with an Adolf Hitler mustache and a swastika armband at a transmitter.

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HOODLINE: San Antonio's Dr. Adriana Rocha Garcia to Spearhead FCC's Digital Literacy Group to Tackle Nationwide Digital Divide

San Antonio's own District 4 Councilmember, Dr. Adriana Rocha Garcia, has been tapped to head up the Federal Communications Commission's Digital Literacy Best Practices Working Group.

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THE DAILY CALLER: 'Clear Violation Of The Law': Biden's Multi-Billion Dollar Broadband Plan Defies Congressional Mandate, Experts Say

The infrastructure law's requirement that states put forward a low-cost option, and the the law's prohibition on rate regulation, are "at the very least in tension with one another, if not outright contradicting one another," former commissioner of the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) and Hudson Institute senior fellow Harold Furchtgott-Roth told the DCNF.

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RADIO & TELEVISION BUSINESS REPORT: 'VOICES' Minority Tax Certificate Act Gets D.C. Revival

In the 117th Congress, a Democratic Senator from Michigan introduced legislation that would require the FCC to take certain actions to increase diversity of ownership in the broadcasting industry and establish related tax incentives. The Senate bill did not attract an abundance of co-sponsors; companion legislation in the House of Representatives lacked Member magnetism, too. Now, the 118th Congress is trying again with support of a Congressman whose district includes the northern portion of Las Vegas.

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BROADBAND BREAKFAST: Altice USA To Surrender RDOF Awards In Three More States

Altice USA, the third-largest cable ISP in the country, informed federal regulators on Friday that it intends to surrender broadband subsidy grants in three states, saying its decision would allow affected locations to become eligible for funding in other broadband support programs. Altice told the Federal Communications Commission that it was giving up locations won in the Rural Digital Opportunity Fund reverse auction in 2020. The company listed 22 census block groups (CBGs) in all, including 12 in Kentucky, nine in Arkansas, and one in West Virginia.

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BROADBAND BREAKFAST: Education Groups Dispute Claims of E-Rate 'Waste' in Wireless Connectivity

Education advocacy organizations are pushing back against a critical filing concerning the Federal Communications Commission's proposal to permit E-Rate funding for off-campus wireless broadband connectivity. Monday saw a joint response from the Schools, Health & Libraries Broadband Coalition, the American Library Association, and the Consortium for School Networking to a letter from the Heritage Foundation, a conservative think tank.

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TVTECHNOLOGY: FCC Sets April 25 Vote on Net Neutrality Rules

The Federal Communications Commission has announced the agenda for an Open Meeting on Thursday, April 25, 2024 that will include votes on Net Neutrality Rules and implementation of National Suicide Hotline Act of 2018 as well as votes on a number of unspecified enforcement actions.

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NEWSNATION: Phone scams in the age of AI: More targeted, dangerous

In February, the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) ruled that unwanted robocalls generated by AI are outlawed under the Telephone Consumer Protection Act (TCPA), which restricts junk calls that use artificial or prerecorded voice messages.

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MARLOW REVIEW: Inter-Tribal Council passes resolution urging FCC to establish specific event code for missing and endangered persons

The Inter-Tribal Council (ITC) of the Five Civilized Tribes passed a resolution urging the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) to establish a specific event code for missing and endangered persons at their quarterly meeting April 19 at WinStar World Casino and Resort.

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FIERCE NETWORK: Cape promises private comms riding on USCellular's IoT network

Smaller, regional carriers were warned this week that if they don't band together, Big Wireless and Big Satellite will eat their lunch, potentially within the next year. Last month, the FCC adopted a regulatory framework for Supplemental Coverage from Space (SCS), giving U.S. mobile operators the go-ahead to strike deals with satellite companies to use their terrestrial spectrum for satellite-to-cell phone, aka direct-to-device (D2D), services.

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DAILY AMERICAN REPUBLIC: Boyers appointed to FCC's Communications Equity and Diversity Council

A Poplar Bluff businesswoman was appointed to the Federal Communications Commission Communications Equity and Diversity Council as a working group member.

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ADVANCED TELEVISION: SES vs Intelsat C-band hearing postponed

The long-running legal battle between SES and Intelsat over more than \$400 million (€375.2m) which SES is claiming out of the sum received by Intelsat from the FCC's compensation scheme for the reuse of C-band, has been postponed. A hearing initially set for April 24th has now been rescheduled for July 17th.

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POLICYBAND: FCC Targets Pay-TV Contract Terms Deemed Harmful to Independent Programmers

Federal regulators on Friday announced a new plan designed to advance the interests of independent video programmers that have complained for years about restrictive contract terms demanded by pay-TV distributors. Federal Communications Commission Chairwoman Jessica Rosenworcel said she launched the rulemaking in response to independent programmers that “continue to express concern about the challenges they have getting their programming on the channel line-up of cable and satellite television.”

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TAPINTO: Rep. Chris Smith Proposes Legislation to Curb Telecom Giants' 5G Rollouts, Citing Local Community Concerns

In response to growing concerns from Belmar residents over Verizon's plans to install twenty 30-foot 5G towers along the local boardwalk, Representative Chris Smith introduced a new piece of legislation aimed at giving local communities more say in such telecommunications projects. The bill, HR 8082, seeks to overturn Federal Communications Commission (FCC) regulations that currently streamline the approval process for 5G infrastructure, often sidelining local input.

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WJAC-TV: FCC upholds license revocation of former Somerset County radio host Roger Wahl

In what is likely the final chapter in the years-long legal battle between the FCC and Somerset County radio personality Roger Wahl, the commission has upheld its decision to revoke Wahl's license. According to a release made public earlier this month, the FCC denied Wahl's attempt to review and appeal the decision.

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LATIN POST: Are you compliant? Why the NDAA and FCC banned certain security cameras

The Federal Communications Commission (FCC), an agency that regulates communications of all varieties across the US, is required to adopt all rules laid out in the NDAA. This acts as a basis for evaluating the safety of all security and communications equipment leveraged

by federal agencies, as well as those operated by businesses working alongside federal bodies.

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CARDINAL NEWS: A federal program that helps low-income residents pay for internet is ending, affecting over 346,000 Virginians

The Affordable Connectivity Program for two years provided discounts of \$30 a month, or \$75 a month for people on tribal land. The \$14.2 billion Congress made available through the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law has run out, and the Federal Communications Commission accepted its final application on Feb. 8. The program also included one-time \$100 discounts on laptop, desktop or tablet purchases.

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BLOOMBERG: Cracking Down on Sim Card Scams Is No Easy Task

Over the last year or so, mobile phone companies have tried to crack down on the practice. Last November, the Federal Communications Commission announced new regulations requiring the companies to adopt “secure methods of authenticating a customer” before switching their phone number to a new device. The companies also now must notify a customer whenever such a change is made.

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The picture changed in February, though, when they registered the domain fcc-okta[.]com, mimicking the Okta Single Sign On (SSO) page belonging to the US's Federal Communications Commission (FCC). "That suddenly made this rise from one of many consumer phishing kits that we see out there, to something that's going to pivot into

targeting the enterprise, going after corporate credentials," Richardson recalls.

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RCR WIRELESS: Wireless Insights and What's Ahead at Connect (X) with Patrick Halley of WIA

He previously served at the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) in numerous roles, including as a legal advisor to an FCC Chairman and two Bureau Chiefs, as Associate Chief of the Wireline Competition Bureau, and Acting Director of the Commission's Office of Legislative Affairs. Before joining the FCC, Mr. Halley was the Director of Government Affairs for NENA – The 911 Association where he served as the association's liaison with Congress, the FCC, and other government agencies.

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WJTV-TV: Mississippi has lowest rate of homelessness in US

For those experiencing or at risk of facing homelessness, accessing resources is as easy as dialing 2-1-1. The Federal Communications Commission designated 211 as the 3-digit number for information and referrals to social services and other assistance in 2000. The phone service is provided by more than 200 local and national organizations committed to serving their communities, including United Ways, Goodwill, Community Action Partnerships, and local crisis centers.

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THE VERGE: DJI's pint-sized Mini 3 is on sale with a DJI RC controller for its best price yet

The foldable, ultra-portable quadcopter weighs a mere 249 grams (around 8.8 ounces), yet can still handle wind resistance of up to 10.7m/s. Its compact size also means it doesn't require a permit to fly in the US or abroad, allowing you to achieve up to 38 minutes of flight time without having to file for a permit with regulators like the FCC.

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DATA CENTER DYNAMICS: T-Mobile completes \$290m 5G network upgrades in Louisiana

T-Mobile paid \$304 million for 7,156 licenses of 2.5GHz spectrum back in 2022 during US spectrum auction 108, but had been held up from activating due to a dispute with AT&T and Federal Communications Commission's (FCC) spectrum lapse.

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MYSMARTPRICE: Vivo V30 SE with Qualcomm Snapdragon Processor Spotted on Geekbench Ahead of Debut

According to the listing, the Vivo V30 SE will arrive in an 8GB RAM variant. It will also come with Android 14. The Vivo V2349 previously appeared on Bluetooth Special Interest Group (SIG) certification, which revealed the Vivo V30 SE moniker. As per FCC and UL DEMKO listings, the smartphone will debut with a 4,900mAh battery and 44W fast charging support.

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GRAY NEWS: Man shocked by \$143,000 phone bill from overseas trip

The Federal Communications Commission encourages people to know the details of their cellular plan coverage before they go on international trips, including whether your mobile phone will work there, what the roaming rates are and how to track your usage.

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THE FULCRUM: Wireless spectrum policy is vital to national security and the economy

Recently introduced legislation in the Senate, the Spectrum Pipeline Act of 2024, would in part reestablish the FCC's auction authority — a necessary first step.

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WTVD-TV: Gov. Roy Cooper shows support for extending Affordable Connectivity Program amid NC digital divide

Since then, millions of homes have received monthly subsidies for internet through the Federal Communications Commission's Affordable Connectivity Program. ACP helps low-income households pay for internet service and connected devices.

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EPOCH TIMES: SONY Entertainment and Apollo Discuss Joint Buyout Venture of Paramount Global

However, CBS being part of the enlarged entity of Paramount could put SONY under scrutiny, as certain Federal Communications Commission (FCC) regulations restrict foreign ownership of U.S. broadcast stations. To make this situation work, CBS would have to be sold or licensed to Apollo.

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INSIDE RADIO: Norsan Strikes Deal To Buy Remainder Of Genuine Austin Radio.

Norsan Media announced plans to buy regional Mexican "La Raza" KTXS Austin (104.9) and the Austin-licensed FM translator K287FG at 105.3 from Genuine Austin Radio last year, and it has been operating the stations since last August. Now Norsan Media will be adding to that deal with the purchase of sisters country KOKE-FM (99.3) and sports "The Horn

1260 AM” KTAE. It also picks up two more translators: the Sunset Valley, TX-licensed K253AN at 98.5 FM, which simulcasts KOKE-FM. And the Round Rock, TX-licensed K270CO at 101.9 FM, which simulcasts KTAE. Terms of the sale have not been made public, and the transaction’s paperwork has not yet been filed with the Federal Communications Commission.

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RADIO INK: Norsan Media Adds To Texas Portfolio With Genuine Austin Buy

The company made headlines in recent weeks for its purchase of Audacy’s WSPA in Greenville-Spartanburg as part of a required divestment by Audacy to meet an FCC ownership cap in the market while it emerges from bankruptcy.

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INTERNATIONAL BUSINESS TIMES: Elon Musk News: Starlink Disrupts Earth's Defenses Against Cosmic Radiation, Physicist Warns

In recent years, SpaceX's Starlink ambitions have drawn criticism from both academic astronomers and competing satellite companies. These groups have filed formal complaints with the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) for several years.

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Remember when progressives said the Trump Administration's rollback of net neutrality would break the internet? Federal Communications Commission Chair Jessica Rosenworcel now concedes this was wrong, yet she plans to reclaim political control over the internet anyway to stop a parade of new and highly doubtful horrors.

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THE WASHINGTON POST: Congress passes bill that could ban TikTok

after years of false starts

“The fire looked like it had been put out, but the embers were still just exceptionally hot,” said Brendan Carr, a Republican at the Federal Communications Commission who has been a vocal TikTok critic and has closely allied with lawmakers targeting the company.

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AKRON BEACON JOURNAL: Ohio Turnpike warning: Beware of Ohio toll services text scam claiming you owe money

Most phishing scams come over email, according to the Federal Communications Commission. Smishing differs in that they are sent to your cellphone via text message.

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NEWSMAX: MRC's Bozell Seeks to Block Soros Radio Buy Up

Media Research Center (MRC) President Brent Bozell on Tuesday filed a formal petition with the Federal Communication Commission (FCC) to request that the agency not fast-track billionaire liberal George Soros' attempt to take over Audacy, the second-largest radio company in the U.S. behind iHeart Media.

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- [RADIO & TELEVISION BUSINESS REPORT: Bozell Seeks FCC Stop To Audacy's Soros Dollars](#)
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BLOOMBERG LAW: Biden 'Allies' Cited in Bid to Save Dish Network

Fraud Suit (1) (SUBSCRIPTION REQUIRED)

The whistleblower alleging that Dish Network Inc. and others defrauded the Federal Communications Commission out of \$3.3 billion asked for an oral hearing to argue against the Justice Department's bid to end its nine-year-old False Claims Act suit. Vermont National Telephone Company says it must have an oral hearing to explain why the DOJ may have improperly or arbitrarily concluded that the suit has become too costly for the government's continued support. Dish Network, its chairman Charles Ergen, and his wife Cantey Ergen are "important political allies of the Biden Administration," and the company recently received a \$50 million grant.

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DETROIT NEWS: FCC approves \$75 million sale of WADL-TV

The sale of WADL-TV (Ch. 38) to Mission Broadcasting has been approved by the Federal Communications Commission, WADL owner Kevin Adell said Tuesday. The deal, which has been held up for nearly a year awaiting FCC approval, is worth \$75 million. "I haven't been this happy since my Bar Mitzvah," Adell said, adding that the news came as such a surprise "I nearly fell out of my chair."

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- [THE DESK: FCC approves sale of WADL to Mission with conditions](#)
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CYBERSCOOP: Democratic operative behind Biden AI robocall says lawsuit won't 'get anywhere'

Kramer said he was cooperating with the New Hampshire Department of Justice, the New Hampshire Attorney General's office and the Federal Communications Commission "to not only satisfy a subpoena but in the future help them to prevent the kind of artificial intelligence that I've tried to prevent." He also defended his actions, arguing that the creation of the robocall led to substantial national exposure about the dangers of AI-generated deepfakes, spurred regulatory reforms by the FCC and state governments and pushed lawmakers to take the threat of election-related deepfakes more seriously. He reiterated claims made in previous interviews that the robocall cost \$500 to produce and generated "\$5 million of media exposure."

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LAW360: Broadcasters Support Bill To Revive Diversity Tax Certificate (SUBSCRIPTION REQUIRED)

Broadcasters are supporting the recent reintroduction of a bill that seeks to increase diversity in the broadcasting industry by requiring the Federal Communications Commission to bring back a tax incentive program to facilitate the sale of broadcast stations to people of color and women.

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LAW360: Nexstar Calls FCC's Floated \$1.2M Fine Over WPIX 'Unlawful' (SUBSCRIPTION REQUIRED)

Broadcast giant Nexstar slammed the Federal Communications Commission's proposed \$1.2 million penalty over its "de facto control" of New York station WPIX, saying the fine is unconstitutional and that the agency is running afoul of both the Communications Act and procedural law.

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FEDSCOOP: Leveraging modern access management to achieve zero trust

In a new FedScoop interview, Federal Communications Commission CIO Allen Hill and Cisco Regional Manager of Federal Security Sales Jane Zipoli discuss challenges and advancements in this endeavor. Hill highlights the significant strides made in migrating systems from data centers to the cloud, with approximately three-fourths of FCC's systems already transitioned. "That's a great accomplishment that my team has been able to achieve — we have about 400 systems remaining," Hill says.

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LIGHT READING: Lycamobile tries to kill T-Mobile's Mint Mobile acquisition

Lycamobile, an MVNO operating across more than a dozen countries, has taken its fight

against T-Mobile very, very public. In a fiery new filing with the FCC, the London-based MVNO accused T-Mobile of a variety of anti-competitive practices, including withholding key technologies from its US subsidiary, which offers mobile services in the US over T-Mobile's network. Lycamobile entered the US market through a T-Mobile MVNO deal in 2012 and is now an established player in the space, according to analyst Jeff Moore with Wave7 Research.

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GPS WORLD: NextNav petitions FCC for new spectrum band

NextNav has petitioned the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) to add a new spectrum solution in the Lower 900 MHz band (902-928 MHz band) to complement and backup GPS. The Lower 900 MHz band plan aims to give access to 15 MHz of low-band spectrum for 5G services.

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RADIO & TELEVISION BUSINESS REPORT: All-In Pricing Order Is Published. Compliance Comes Later

The FCC in March moved ahead on a party-line 3-2 vote to implement what FCC Chairwoman Jessica Rosenworcel believes are new customer protections requiring all cable TV service providers and the nation's two direct broadcast satellite companies to specify the "all-in" price "clearly and prominently" in their promotional materials and on every monthly billing statement.

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RADIO & TELEVISION BUSINESS REPORT: FCC's Carr To Address Agency Enforcement Reform

The senior Republican Commissioner on the FCC will be participating in an upcoming discussion alongside former agency General Counsels, hosted by a major communication law firm, that's primed to focus on opportunities to reform enforcement practices. Brendan Carr will be offering opening remarks at a Wiley Law reception scheduled for May 2 at its M Street offices.

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RADIO INK: \$25k Fine Over WBAI Is Latest Pacifica Foundation Headache

The FCC's Media Bureau and the Pacifica Foundation, the licensee of WBAI in New York, have entered into a Consent Decree to conclude an investigation into the station's

compliance with federal underwriting and sponsorship identification regulations.

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ANDROID CENTRAL: Mysterious Wear OS smartwatch listing makes us wonder what Google has up its sleeve

Although the Google Pixel Watch 2 has only been out for about half a year, all eyes are on the upcoming Pixel Watch 3. Leaks and rumors have already indicated that Google may offer the Pixel Watch in multiple sizes for the first time this year, giving smartwatch buyers more choice. The launch of the Pixel Watch 3 is still many months away, which is why it was surprising that the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) listed a new Wear OS watch from Google in its database on Monday, April 22.

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- [MASHABLE: Google's Budget Smartwatch? FCC Listing Hints At Mid-Range Wear OS Device](#)

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BROADBAND BREAKFAST: Lawmakers Take Important Step Forward with Spectrum Pipeline Act

First, the Act would reauthorize the FCC's auction authority through September 30, 2027. For more than a year, the FCC has been unable to host spectrum auctions, where commercial providers can bid on exclusive access to specific radio frequencies necessary for building wireless networks and unlocking consumer benefits. As the American Consumer Institute has previously noted, these auctions play a vital role in distributing spectrum licenses in a manner that is both fairer and more efficient than the old system of "hearings and lotteries" which were, in many ways, glorified beauty pageants.

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BROADBAND BREAKFAST: Opening Briefs Challenge FCC's Digital Discrimination Rules in Eighth Circuit Court Case

Opening briefs submitted Monday in a court case challenging federal digital discrimination rules sparked debate over the regulatory reach of the Federal Communications Commission. In a consolidated petition, twenty industry groups put forward arguments asserting that the commission's digital discrimination order marks a significant expansion of its jurisdiction to include industries previously untouched by FCC regulations.

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- [COMMUNICATIONS DAILY: 20 Petitioners: FCC's Digital Discrimination Rule 'Unlawful' in Multiple Ways](#)

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BROADBAND BREAKFAST: Affordable Connectivity Program Rally on April 30

Media Alert: Join the April 30 Affordable Connectivity Program Rally with Rep. Yvette Clarke, Sen. Peter Welch, FCC Commissioner Anna Gomez, and FCC Commissioner Geoffrey Starks.

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BROADBAND BREAKFAST: FCC Fines AT&T and NextLink for Communicating During CAF II Auction

The Federal Communications Commission fined AT&T and AMG Technology Investment Group on Monday for communicating about bidding strategies during the Connect America Fund Phase II auction. The companies had appealed their penalties when the agency first signaled them in 2019, but the FCC was not convinced. AT&T will have to pay \$75,000 while AMG is on the hook for \$100,000.

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CURRENT: FCC fines Pacifica Foundation \$25,000 for underwriting violations

The Pacifica Foundation must pay a \$25,000 penalty in an FCC consent decree resulting from violations of underwriting and sponsorship identification rules.

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MYSMARTPRICE: Infinix NOTE 40 5G Moniker Confirmed through Google Play Console Database; Spotted on FCC, BIS and Geekbench Certifications

Infinix is expected to expand the Infinix NOTE 40 series smartphones in the upcoming months. Today, we have spotted the Infinix NOTE 40 5G smartphone in the Google Play

Console, Geekbench and FCC databases, and BIS and Wi-Fi alliance certifications.

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THE VIRGIN ISLANDS DAILY NEWS: Liberty updates skeptical regulators on mobile network

Sen. Donna Frett-Gregory special ordered a measure during a March 25th legislative session requiring that the PSC file a complaint against Liberty with the Federal Communications Commission. Frett-Gregory said at the time that Liberty and its subsidiaries have what is fast becoming “a dangerous unregulated industry in the territory.” The measure passed unanimously, and Liberty VI General Manager Ravindra Maywahlall issued a response later that week stating that the company had and would continue to address any concerns from lawmakers, the PSC and the U.S. Virgin Islands public and answer any questions the FCC might have.

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COMMUNICATIONS DAILY: Insurance Coalition Seeks Stay of FCC’s Robotext Order, Pending Appeal

The Insurance Marketing Coalition asked the 11th U.S. Circuit Appeals Court to reject the FCC’s opposition to the coalition’s motion to stay portions of the commission’s Dec. 18 order implementing rules under the Telephone Consumer Protection Act to target and eliminate illegal robotexts, pending the disposition of the coalition’s appeal to vacate the order, the coalition’s reply said Monday (docket 24-10277).

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COMMUNICATIONS DAILY: Disagreements Continue on Best Way of Making Inventory Spectrum Available

CTIA and its major members agreed that grants of special temporary authority (STA) are the best method of getting “inventory” spectrum into play, in reply comments posted Tuesday in docket 24-72. Others continue to stress the benefits of dynamic sharing and other mechanisms (see 2404090045). The FCC sought comment in March as the agency marked the one-year anniversary of its general auction authority expiring.

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RADIO ONLINE: Broadcast VOICES Act Introduced in U.S. House, Senate

Rep. Steven Horsford (D-NV) recently introduced H.R.8072, Broadcast VOICES Act, in the House and Sen. Gary Peters (D-MI) introduced the legislation in the Senate, S.4158. The bill

would direct the FCC to take certain actions to increase diversity of ownership in the broadcasting industry, and for other purposes. It would reestablish a diversity tax certificate program to incentivize capital investment in women and minority-owned stations, as well as investment in the sale of stations to women and minority purchasers, throughout the broadcast industry.

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THE HILL: Biden administration cracks down on junk fees in air travel

In March, the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau (CFPB) finalized a rule that capped credit card late fees at \$8. The same month, the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) adopted a rule requiring cable and satellite television providers to clearly display their “all-in” pricing.

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THE HILL: The future of clean energy hinges on cybersecurity (Opinion)

Anticipating this threat, several federal agencies are turning attention to IoT cybersecurity and distributed grid technologies. The Federal Communications Commission’s recent unanimous adoption of a rule establishing the U.S. Cyber Trust Mark will allow manufacturers of connected consumer devices, like doorbell cameras and home appliances, to demonstrate conformance to a set of security standards. Additionally, the Department of Energy (DOE) has signaled its intent to develop tailored security requirements for smart power meters and connected inverter-based systems.

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FIENCE NETWORK: Union Wireless reckons with its Huawei LTE gear

According to a filing with the FCC, Union Wireless invested more than \$34 million in Huawei network equipment and estimated it would cost about \$110 million to replace it. The Rip and Replace order affected about 418 cellular towers, spread over 90,000 square miles – some at elevations more than 10,000 feet above sea level.

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ITS INTERNATIONAL: “It’s important that we don’t lose momentum”

A closely-related area is connectivity: at last year’s ITS America Conference & Expo in Grapevine, TX, the Federal Communications Commission announced its decision to grant a joint waiver request to deploy cellular Vehicle to Everything technology in the upper 20 MHz part of the 5.9 GHz band. Drake is optimistic about progress, with USDOT mulling over deployment and FCC ironing out final regulatory steps. “It’s a little bit of waiting,” he says. “There’s some pent-up demand because of the uncertainty that we’ve faced over the last few years. It’s important that we don’t lose momentum. There is excitement to deploy.”

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CNET: Starlink vs. T-Mobile Home Internet: Clash of the Broadband Disruptors

According to the most recent FCC data, Starlink is available to 99.6% of US households. While a few pockets across the US aren’t yet serviceable for Starlink, the biggest areas that lack availability are in west-central New Mexico and along the Virginia-West Virginia border. For the most part, Starlink is immediately available everywhere else.

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TULLAHOMA NEWS: School board approves low voltage contractor for Farrar construction

“Central Technologies has quoted \$800,114.04 for all these items,” Jordan said to the board. “It should be noted, TCS may qualify for special pricing of the network cabling through the FCC’s E-Rate program, which provides school discounts on these items.”

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USA TODAY: 'Family Guy' actor Patrick Warburton says his parents 'hate the show'

The actor even claimed that his mother's disdain for "Family Guy" went as far as her attempting to get the show canceled, referring to her involvement in the Parents Television and Media Council, which has filed numerous Federal Communications Commission complaints over the years.

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TVTECHNOLOGY: NAB Extends Contract for President & CEO Curtis LeGeyt

During LeGeyt's tenure as president and CEO, the organization has successfully advocated for policies to level the playing field with big tech, enable access to AM radio in the automobile, prevent a new radio performance fee and has furthered the deployment of ATSC 3.0. Additionally, NAB achieved a significant reduction in broadcast regulatory fees for local stations and successfully litigated for the Federal Communications Commission to provide a meaningful review of broadcast ownership rules, the group said.

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RHODE ISLAND CURRENT: Merger of The Public's Radio and Rhode Island PBS approved

The merger application was first submitted to Neronha's office on Nov. 16, 2023, and was approved by the Federal Communications Commission on Jan. 5. Supplemental materials were filed with Neronha's office on Jan. 12. After the application was deemed complete on Feb. 7, Neronha had 180 days to OK it after a review process which included public hearings. One in-person session was held Feb. 20, while written comments were accepted through Feb. 29.

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QUAD-CITY TIMES: Davis Media purchases Muscatine radio stations as part of \$800,000 deal

Then, about a year later in October 2023, it was reported the Muscatine stations assets as well as the assets of the four North Carolina stations that were also owned by Jam Media at the time had been transferred to trustee Jeffrey T. Testa following Jam Media's filing of Chapter 7 Bankruptcy with the Federal Communications Commission.

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INSIDE RADIO: EAS Tech Providers Unite In Effort To 'Reimagine' Alerting System For 'IP-Driven' World.

While the EAS At The Edge setup will require an investment by broadcasters, the companies say the flexible nature of IP-based systems ensures their system not only complies with current regulations, but it will be able to address future FCC regulations as they evolve.

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TV NEWSCHECK: Killing Noncompetes Deals A Body Blow To Broadcasters

Unfortunately, the Federal Trade Commission is following in the steps of the FCC, which seems to have no concept of how business actually works.

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NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC: NASA has a plan to clean up space junk—but is going green enough?

While NASA has been lagging, some American regulatory agencies like the Federal Communications Commission have their own space junk rules. In 2022 the FCC imposed new rules designed to force telecom companies to dispose of their old spacecraft rather than letting them drift in orbit for decades. The Federal Aviation Administration also has proposed a rule to make space companies dispose of upper-stage rocket bodies left in orbit.

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FEDERAL REGISTER: Open Commission Meeting Thursday, April 25, 2024

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FEDERAL REGISTER: Television Broadcasting Services Jacksonville,

Florida

The Video Division, Media Bureau (Bureau), has before it a petition for rulemaking filed January 19, 2024 and amended on January 30, 2024, by Multimedia Holdings Corporation (Petitioner). The Petitioner requests the substitution of channel 33 for channel 13 at Jacksonville, Florida (Jacksonville), in the Table of TV Allotments.

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THE WASHINGTON POST: FCC to reinstate net neutrality, but it’s not as easy as it once was

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FOX BUSINESS: TikTok's forced sale from China will be 'most significant' national security step, says FCC commissioner (Video)

Late Tuesday night, the U.S. Senate voted in favor of and passed the sell-or-ban TikTok bill, and a senior Republican divulged what will happen next for lawmakers and the Chinese-owned social platform. "It will really be one of the most significant national security steps that the 118th Congress has taken," FCC Commissioner Brendan Carr said on "Cavuto: Coast to Coast," Tuesday.

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FOX BUSINESS: Media mogul Soo Kim files racial discrimination suit against FCC: Not 'right type of minority'

Media mogul Soo Kim filed a lawsuit on Wednesday accusing the Federal Communications Commission of derailing an \$8.6 billion deal to purchase Tegna Inc. because of racial discrimination because he was not the "right type of minority" for the FCC's diversity goals.

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FOX NEWS: Chip Roy raises alarms about George Soros' purchase of

radio giant Audacy

Rep. Chip Roy, R-Texas, is accusing liberal billionaire George Soros of trying to fast-track his acquisition of a major radio company through the Federal Communications Commission (FCC). "I write today regarding Soros Fund Management's acquisition of over \$400 million in debt held by Audacy — the second-largest broadcast radio station owner in the country. Of particular concern, the Soros groups are asking the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) to approve a change in ownership in Audacy without the FCC running its normal, statutorily required process," Roy said in a letter.

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THE CONVERSATION: For millions of Americans, high-speed internet is unavailable or unaffordable – a telecommunications expert explains how to bring broadband to the places that need it the most

The Federal Communications Commission, which is in charge of setting an official definition for broadband in the country, defines broadband as an always-on internet connection of 100 megabits-per-second download and 20 megabits-per-second upload. But what high-speed internet fundamentally means to Americans is do we have the connectivity necessary to go about our digital lives. Can we stream Netflix? Can we go on Zoom? Can we file our taxes? Can we do our homework? Can we do our jobs? Can we game?

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THE HILL: What happens next to TikTok

The Federal Communications Commission will hold an open commission meeting on Thursday at 10:30 a.m. ET.

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A pro-Ukraine nonprofit is urging the Federal Communications Commission to halt spectrum assignments to Elon Musk's SpaceX and launch an investigation into the CEO's "erratic" behavior, arguing that his alleged meddling in U.S. foreign policy could disqualify

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RADIO & TELEVISION BUSINESS REPORT: Sinclair's 'NBC Montana'

Gets OK For UHF Channel Tweak

Three years ago, the Sinclair Inc. property branded as “NBC Montana” received FCC approval to shift from VHF Channel 13 to UHF Channel 20, an upgrade in the digital TV era for the Missoula-based property. However, interference concerns turned out to be greater than originally anticipated, and a new channel for the station was sought. The Video Division Chief within the FCC’s Media Bureau just said yes for the channel shift.

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IPVM: Uniview OEM Directory 2024

With Dahua and Hikvision now banned for new FCC authorizations and the NDAA ban in place for 4+ years, many companies that previously relabeled Hikua have looked for alternatives, with Uniview a top choice.

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TOP CLASS ACTIONS: FCC investigates recent 911 outage in 4 states

The Federal Communications Commission is investigating a widespread 911 outage that prevented emergency calls in areas of Nebraska, Nevada, South Dakota and Texas, Law360 reports. On April 17, public safety agencies reported 911 outages in Las Vegas, parts of Texas and Nebraska, and in the entire state of South Dakota. An FCC investigation into the outages was reportedly launched the next day.

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THE DESK: FCC Commissioner criticizes agency’s conditional approval of WADL deal

At least one official with the Federal Communications Commission is unhappy with the agency’s conditional approval of a sale between Mission Broadcasting and the owners of Detroit-area television station WADL-TV.

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MYSMARTPRICE: POCO M6 Moniker Revealed Through NBTC Database; Acquires FCC, IMDA, and EEC Certifications

POCO, a few months ago, launched the POCO M6 5G smartphone in the Indian market. Now, it appears that the company will also introduce the POCO M6 (4G variant) as we have spotted the upcoming POCO M6 on Thailand's NBTC certification website. Alongside, the POCO M6 has also acquired FCC, EEC, and IMDA certifications. The POCO M6 moniker is confirmed through NBTC certification. The upcoming smartphones's model number is 2404APC5FG. As per FCC certification, the POCO M6 will be equipped with a 4,930mAh battery which the company might market as a 5,000mAh unit. It will feature support for 33W fast charging.

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COMMUNICATIONS DAILY: RDOF Stakeholders Debate Amnesty, Bash Reverse Auction

Representatives from ISPs, trade groups and state governments agreed that the FCC's Rural Digital Opportunity Fund reverse auction process was flawed but disagreed about whether or how the agency should grant amnesty to some RDOF participants. "You should not be penalized for circumstances you could not have foreseen," said Philip Macres of Klein Law Group, representing a coalition of RDOF participants calling for amnesty during a Broadband Breakfast panel Wednesday. Entities seeking amnesty after failing to meet RDOF obligations are just trying "to game the process," said Republican Missouri state Representative Louis Riggs. "They treated us like a colony, you know-- extract wealth from us, give us nothing in return."

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POLITICO: Who else lobbied on the TikTok bill

Two telecom trade groups reported working on the bill, too: The NCTA — The Internet & Television Association, which represents cable and internet providers and programmers, said it lobbied on unspecified portions of the TikTok bill pertaining to the cable industry, while the Competitive Carriers Association, which represents the cell phone and wireless industry, told PI it “monitored and discussed with congressional staff regarding” the FCC’s so-called rip and replace program for Chinese tech equipment.

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TV NEWSCHECK: Digital Alert Systems, Telos Alliance And Nautel Collaborate On Emergency Alert Virtualization

“This efficient, easy-to-maintain, one-to-many distribution model provides both practical benefits and preserves critical public safety functions. The flexible nature of IP-based systems ensures that EAS At The Edge complies with current regulations and can address future FCC regulations as they evolve,” the companies said.

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LOUDOUN NOW: New Loudoun Schools Cell Phone Policy Heads for Community Feedback

“We get a lot of requests to block cell phones or to make sure they don’t work and that is actually against FCC regulations, and we are not allowed to do that,” Smith said. “Really it comes down to a student’s behavior and classroom management at that point so that is where we hope this policy will help at least set some clear guidance for teachers.”

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CORD CUTTERS NEWS: Amazon’s New Home Internet Service Will Start Testing This Year – Here Is Everything We Know

Last year Amazon successfully tested its new Internet service from space that will bring Internet to homes and businesses starting next year. To reach that goal, Amazon received FCC approval earlier this year to start testing up to 1,000 prototype dishes all around the United States. This will let Amazon begin mass testing as it prepares to launch satellites this year.

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DIARIO AS: Lifeline program: who qualifies and how to apply for financial assistance to pay cell phone and internet bills

The United States stands out for its numerous economic aid programs at the federal level. Among the financial relief offered by the government in Washington DC is the Lifeline program, administered by the Federal Communications Commission (FCC). Through it, monetary help is provided to pay cell phone, landline and internet bills at a reduced price.

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NEXTGOV: Industry Eagle Award: Nick Sinai

He was hired at the Federal Communications Commission to work on the National Broadband plan, an ambitious effort to incentivize the development of high-speed internet across the U.S. while transitioning to faster mobile technologies.

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Most state broadband offices are currently in the midst of, or beginning, their state challenge processes to further refine the FCC's broadband map in order to determine BEAD-eligible locations. But Nokia is anticipating some BEAD orders will start coming in for OLTs and ONTs toward the end of this year. Most of the BEAD fiber builds will happen beginning in 2025 and beyond.

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Ulrich wanted in. He called Michael De Luca and Pam Abdy — then the heads of MGM and now running Warner Bros. — and over the next 24 hours, they negotiated a two-picture deal, picking up both movies while the FCC still had yet to approve Amazon's \$8.5 billion acquisition of the studio. When that sale closed, the streaming giant inherited the titles, and Zendaya landed a \$10 million paycheck as "Challengers" star and producer. "Bones and All" opened in theaters in 2022, grossing an underwhelming \$15 million.

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John Cross and Kenton and Gail Pavliga in Portage County. But two candidates that were backed by Make Liberty Win for three open seats did lose those races. So they spent this money on text messages, phone calls, mailers and door-to-door canvassing. They're not required to disclose their spending to the Federal Communications Commission like TV and radio ads. The executive director of Make Liberty Win, Barrett Young, says Stevens was targeted for private school voucher laws

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Discussions about a merger began in earnest in August of 2022, and the cash-free "merger of equals" was first proposed in November 2023. The FCC signed off on the merger in January.

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MIRROR: Sam Smith will perform at Proms and BBC boss says set will be 'appropriate' after Ofcom storm

At the BRIT Awards last year, Sam performed on stage with Kim Petras for Unholy - which was nominated for Song of the Year. Ofcom later received complaints relating to the use of offensive language and consumption of alcohol. Sam's Grammy performance was also compared to "devil worship" in FCC complaints.

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"These were the early days when radio needed to jump right in or miss the boat on social. It was just as important back then as it is today to let your listeners know you for who you really are. Most of that can be done on the air but let's be honest... we still have to follow the rules of the FCC. Social is where we need to continue and strengthen that connection with our listeners. People crave genuine connection and if we're already doing it on the air, we should be able to portray that on social media as well. If people connect with you in one space, they will look for you in every other space. With a strong enough social presence you should be able to loop not only listeners but clients back to the on-air product."

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We urge government agencies — NASA, the U.S. Space Force, the National Science Foundation, the Federal Communications Commission — and leaders in the space industry to come together to seize this opportunity by mentoring students and providing launch operations and mission control for a nationwide commemoration.

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From Apr. 24 to 25, there were around 3,600 social media posts mentioning the FCC. Most content was on Twitter (91%, or around 3,300 posts), followed by Reddit (6%), Forums (2%), Blogs (1%), Comments (1%), and Facebook (0%).

The social media post with the greatest reach came from the Twitter account of The Washington Post (20m reach), which publicized its article on the FCC vote on net neutrality. The social media post with the second greatest reach came from the Twitter account of Fox Business (880k reach), which publicized its article on Soo Kim filing a racial discrimination lawsuit against the FCC.

One trending topic on social media was the MRC filing a petition with the FCC against the George Soros takeover of Audacy. The Twitter account of the Media Research Center (260k reach) had the most popular social media post on that topic. Another trending topic on social media was details of the Poco M6 4G being revealed by the FCC. The Twitter account of GSM Arena (180k reach, 8 engagements) had the most popular social media post on that topic.

Commissioner Carr tweeted (54k reach, 2k engagements) out his opposition to a Ukrainian group's attempt to get the FCC to punish Elon Musk.

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agreement to implement a 60-day unlocking period for all Mint Mobile and Ultra Mobile devices activated on the T-Mobile network before and after the closing. The FCC said the agreement will make it easier for Mint Mobile and Ultra Mobile customers to switch service providers. T-Mobile said after receiving regulatory approval that it now expects to close the deal on May 1.

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Clinton did two things. He got rid of the financial interest and syndication rules, which were initiated by the FCC, the Federal Communications Commission, in 19th century, and which, in effect, barred networks from holding ownership stakes in the prime time and syndicated programs that they air, which, in effect, although not specifically prohibited film studios from owning TV networks and vice versa, because it didn't really make business sense, and so you actually have increased competition. And it's this reason that someone like Norman Lear and someone like Lucille Ball were able to become so wealthy because these independent producers were actually able to compete in a real way with major companies, which is something that's simply impossible.

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Some in the radio industry have been growing frustrated with what it feels are outdated views by the FCC when assessing where AM/FM fits in the overall audio marketplace. Broadcasters who take issue with the FCC will have an opportunity to share their opinion as the agency begins a legally required review of the communications marketplace. As in previous years, the FCC maintains, as do some broadcasters, the premise that competition in over-the-air broadcasting is separate from that in satellite or online audio services. The report will assess competition not only in audio, but also the video, voice, and data services industries, with the results presented to Congress.

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INSIDE RADIO: Texas Congressman Wants FCC To Hold Off On Approval Of Audacy Reorganization Plan.

As Audacy's bankruptcy reorganization plan remains pending at the Federal Communications Commission, it is getting some scrutiny in Congress tied to the expected move of a financial firm with ties to billionaire George Soros, who would become one of Audacy's biggest investors. Rep. Chip Roy (R-TX) says the FCC should not allow what he is calling a "Soros shortcut," which would allow Audacy to move forward with the deal before

a foreign ownership review is completed.

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RADIO INK: FCC Broadships Boston Pirates With Proposed \$857k In Fines

The Federal Communications Commission has initiated proposed fines totaling \$857,775 against seven individuals for operating unauthorized, unlicensed radio stations in the Boston area, under the PIRATE Act.

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BROADBAND BREAKFAST: Cantwell Releases Draft Legislation to Restore FCC Auction Authority, Fund ACP, Rip and Replace

Senate Commerce Committee Chair Maria Cantwell, D-Washington, is aiming to introduce a bill that would restore the Federal Communications Commission's spectrum auction authority for five years, as well as provide funding for the Affordable Connectivity Program and the rip and replace program. The committee is planning to vote on the bill May 1. A discussion draft of the Spectrum and National Security Act was posted Thursday with the markup announcement.

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BROADBAND BREAKFAST: FCC Urged to Investigate SpaceX Amid Allegations of Musk's Role in Ukraine-Russia Conflict

A Ukrainian-American organization is demanding an immediate investigation into the conduct of SpaceX's founder and primary shareholder Elon Musk to determine if the company's federal spectrum license status should be revoked. The Ukrainian Congress Committee of America alleges in a filing to the Federal Communications Commission on Wednesday that Musk has used the company's federal spectrum licenses to meddle in the Ukraine-Russia war, saying Musk is actively working to thwart U.S. foreign policy.

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BROADBAND BREAKFAST: FCC's Digital Discrimination Rules Don't Help Bridge Digital Divides (Opinion)

In March 2022, the FCC initiated its rulemaking to implement Section 60506. In response, large and small ISPs recommended that the FCC not impose burdensome disparate impact rules. That is because onerous disparate impact rules would discourage companies from making investments necessary to connect more Americans to 100 * 20 Mbps broadband.

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GIZMOCHINA: Could Google Launch Pixel Watch 2a? FCC Listing Hints At A Mysterious Smartwatch

A mysterious Google smartwatch has been spotted on the FCC certification website. It is speculated to be the Google Pixel Watch 2a. This is because the Pixel Watch 3 is not expected until the search giant's annual October event.

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COMMUNICATIONS DAILY: FCC Urges Denial of Petition to Force USAC to Pay Universal Service Reimbursements

The U.S. Appeals Court for the D.C. Circuit should deny Essential Network Technologies and MetComm.Net's Feb. 14 petition challenging the authority of the FCC and the Universal Service Administrative Co. to withhold reimbursement of discounts for IT and broadband services that the two companies provided to schools under Section 254 of the Communications Act (see 2402200044), said the FCC's opposition Wednesday (docket 24-1027).

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THE VERGE: Gym teacher accused of using AI voice clone to try to get a high school principal fired

The Federal Communications Commission banned the use of AI robocalls in February. And of course, the fake Drake used AI to create the song “Heart on My Sleeve.”

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SNOPE: Facebook Ads Falsely Claim Jaden Smith, Rowan Atkinson Died to Promote This Very Dangerous Scam

She claimed hackers must have done this, and she said she would immediately request the Federal Communications Commission to conduct a "secret" investigation into the matter.

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POLITICO: The Lost Glamour of DC’s Political Elite

“You saw people as not of the same party but of the same world,” says Tom Wheeler, the former FCC chair under Barack Obama and another Chris friend and regular.

Congressmembers weren’t “us and them and sleeping on their cots in their office here,” he adds, not like today when most arrive Tuesday morning and leave Thursday night. Chris notes without judgment that Washington’s elected politicians “aren’t part of the social fabric anymore.”

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BERKSHIRE EAGLE: Can we cure the growing skepticism toward science?

Then there is the veritable tsunami of commercials for prescription drugs, previously outlawed by the Federal Communications Commission. Every evening on television, I learn why I should ask my doctor about another unpronounceable nostrum approved based on limited efficacy while subjecting me to potential side effects “leading to death.” This phrase is one of my favorites among the disclaimers recited quickly to upbeat music.

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WASHINGTON EXAMINER: Freeing TikTok: Ending Chinese control of the social media platform would enhance free speech (Opinion)

Moreover, regulating the ownership of communication channels is nothing new. From the Radio Act of 1912, which forbade foreign ownership of radio stations, to the Federal Communications Commission's denial last year of China Mobile and China Telecom's ability to provide telecom services in the United States, foreign control of information has been a subject of significant federal interest. Indeed, FCC rules dating back half a century restrict foreign ownership of media broadcasters, with repeated judicial recognition that such measures are consistent with the First Amendment.

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BILLBOARD: Audacy Lays Off 2% of Workforce

Still, the Audacy spokesperson says: "We are on track to emerge as a stronger and healthier company, well positioned for a bright future as a differentiated, scaled industry leader with the industry's strongest balance sheet." The company, which owns 220 radio stations in 47 markets, is trying to steer out of bankruptcy and reduce its \$1.9 billion in debt by 80%, to \$350 million, pending FCC approval.

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From Apr. 25 to 26, there were around 28,500 social media posts mentioning the FCC. Most content was on Twitter (93%, or around 3,300 posts), followed by Reddit (6%), Forums (1%), Blogs (0%), Comments (0%), and Facebook (0%).

The social media post with the greatest reach came from the Twitter account of Reuters (25.7m reach), which publicized its article on the FCC's approval of T-Mobile's purchase of Mint Mobile. The social media posts with the second, third, and fourth greatest reach came from the Twitter accounts of Forbes (20m reach), The Associated Press (16m reach), and TechCrunch (10.3m reach), which publicized their articles on the FCC restoring net neutrality.

One trending topic on social media was the FCC's approval of T-Mobile's purchase of Mint Mobile. The Twitter account of Reuters (25.7m reach, 27 engagements) had the most popular social media post on that topic. Another trending topic on social media was the FCC restoring net neutrality. The Twitter account of Forbes (20m reach, 18 engagements) had the most popular social media post on that topic.

Commissioner Carr tweeted (54k reach, 537 engagements) that the restoration of net neutrality constitutes “an unlawful power grab.” By contrast, Commissioner Starks tweeted (4k reach, 1 engagement) that net neutrality “is about ensuring that each and every American can use their broadband subscription to access the legal content of their choosing.”

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"We are monitoring complaints regarding the Affordable Connectivity Program, and I should add that we've seen a 40% increase from consumers on them because they're upset that this program's come to an end," FCC Chairwoman Jessica Rosenworcel said at a House subcommittee hearing on July 9. She added that the FCC is prepared to relaunch the program quickly if Congress passes legislation to extend funding.

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THE ASSOCIATED PRESS: The US government wants to make it easier for you to click the 'unsubscribe' button

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THE VERGE: The FCC proposes requiring robocallers to disclose when they're using AI

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The Federal Communication Commission unanimously adopted a code to make it easier to find missing adults, including those who meet the criteria for an Ashanti Alert.

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The Federal Communications Commission monitors these scam calls and shares a website for reporting these incidents.

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But under the Countering CCP Drones Act the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) is empowered to stop first responders, small businesses, and hobbyists alike from purchasing a DJI drone without regard to evidence.

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In a new filing with the Federal Communications Commission, T-Mobile sought approval for its \$4.9 billion acquisition of Metronet, a regional fiber provider across 21 states, in a joint venture with private equity giant KKR controlled by famed investors Henry Kravis and George Roberts.

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The Federal Communications Commission (FCC) also provides options to report unsolicited texts by forwarding them to 7726 ("SPAM") or filing a complaint online.

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THE NATIONAL DESK: VA announces new website, call line to protect veterans from scams

The website combines resources from across the federal government, including the Department of Defense, Department of Education, Federal Communications Commission, IRS and Social Security Administration.

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ACB: Legislative Update: Informal Complaints at the FCC (Opinion)

For well over a year, ACB has worked with the Disability Rights Office at the FCC to formulate a report that would detail complaints by the disability community.

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THE PHILADELPHIA INQUIRER: Former Trump officials seek to help Jeffrey Yass in preventing a TikTok ban

The FBI and Federal Communications Commission have warned that TikTok may be forced to comply with orders to share personal user information with the Chinese government. TikTok has also been accused of using its algorithm to spread misinformation, allegations TikTok has denied.

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In the United States, the TRACED Act empowers the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) to take stronger action against illegal robocalls, which often utilise CLI spoofing.

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LEXBLOG: FCC Seeks Information on Spectrum Sharing in Lower 37GHz Band

The FCC's Wireless Telecommunications Bureau (WTB) has issued a Public Notice

requesting information regarding spectrum sharing between federal and non-federal operations in the 37.0–37.6 GHz band (Lower 37 GHz band).

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ROUTE FIFTY: ‘Internet to go’ programs get a boost

The Federal Communications Commission voted last month to boost efforts by schools and libraries to loan out portable Wi-Fi hotspots, programs that mostly began before the COVID-19 pandemic but accelerated at its height.

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TVTECHNOLOGY: NextGen TV: FCC Drops Reconsideration of DTS Rules

In a development that has important implications for the ongoing rollout and success of data services and NextGen TV, the FCC has closed its reconsideration of a 2021 ruling on distributed television systems.

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In response, the US Federal Communications Commission should "coordinate closely" with the Environmental Protection Agency and NASA, among "other national and international regulators to require extensive environmental reviews for the new space age."

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From Aug. 9 to 12, there were around 22,000 social media posts mentioning the FCC. Most content was on Twitter (92%, or around 19,800 posts), followed by Reddit (6%), Forums (1%), Blogs (0%), Comments (0%), and Facebook (0%).

The social media post with the greatest reach came from the Twitter account of The Verge (3.4m reach) which publicized its article on the FCC's proposal for robocallers to disclose when they are using AI. The social media post with the second greatest reach came from the Twitter account of 13NewsNow (155k reach) which publicized its article on the FCC unanimously voting to approve a new alert code for missing and endangered people under Ashanti Alert.

One trending topic on social media was the FCC's proposed new rules surrounding the use of AI in robocalls. The Twitter account of Slashdot (371k reach, 11 engagements) had the most popular social media post on that topic. Another trending topic on social media was how to report suspected fraud to the FCC in the event of scams. The Twitter account of USAGov (355k reach, 7 engagements) had the most popular social media post on that topic.

Commissioner Carr tweeted (60k reach, 275 engagements) that it has been 998 days since Vice President Harris agreed to lead the Biden administration's broadband plan to extend internet but no one has been connected.

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WASHINGTON TIMES: Why would the FCC even consider giving away the 4.9GHz spectrum band? (Opinion) (SUBSCRIPTION REQUIRED)

However, despite this spectrum band's important role in serving the public, the FCC is now considering a proposal to let the public-private partnership FirstNet manage the 4.9GHz band. If the FCC adopts that proposal, it will essentially amount to a taxpayer-funded gift to AT&T, the telecom giant with an exclusive contract with FirstNet.

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LAW360: Tougher 'Spectrum Screen' Would Spur Competition, FCC Told (SUBSCRIPTION REQUIRED)

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The “Supporting National Security with Spectrum Act” fully funds the Rip and Replace program by requiring the Federal Communications Commission to re-auction certain spectrum licenses that were recently returned to the Commission.

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NEWS IS MY BUSINESS: FCC OKs transfer of DISH Network’s licenses to Liberty Puerto Rico

The Federal Communications Commission has given its go-ahead to an application by Liberty Latin America and DISH Network Corp. to assign spectrum licenses from DISH to Liberty Mobile Puerto Rico and Liberty Mobile USVI Inc.

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FORBES: The Digital Divide Persists. Now Is The Time To Close It. (Opinion)

This initiative by the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) tracks locations across the country that are unserved or underserved by broadband. Since 2020, the FCC has seen more and more locations on its map shift to the “served” label as communities undertake connectivity-related projects.

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CNET: Can 5G Fix Your Home Broadband Needs? How 5G Home

Internet Actually Works (Opinion)

The Federal Communications Commission seems to agree and enacted new broadband nutrition labels to help you better decipher all the fine print.

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BREITBART: Exclusive — FCC’s Brendan Carr: Kamala Harris Failed to Connect One American to Internet Despite \$42.5 Billion Fund — After 1,001 Days

Federal Communications Commission (FCC) head Carr told Breitbart News in a written statement, “In 2021, Vice President Harris agreed to lead the Administration’s \$42 billion plan to extend Internet to millions of Americans. She has now been leading that effort for over 1,000 days—1,001 days to be precise. So how many Americans have been connected over that stretch of time? Zero. After 1,001 days, not a single American has been connected to the Internet with those dollars.”

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PEW CHARITABLE TRUSTS: Who Really Pays What for Internet Service? The Answer Is: Who Knows? (Opinion)

As part of the Broadband Consumer Labels program, which the FCC launched earlier this year, ISPs have until October 10—less than three months from now—to make their base prices, speed, added fees, data allowances, and other plan information publicly available online and in stores using the program’s “label” format, which was designed to resemble the familiar nutrition labels for food.

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FEDERAL NEWSWIRE: FCC declines to comment on whether railroads

will be held to Sept. 2025 communications equipment upgrade deadline

When asked on whether it will hold North American railroad systems accountable to a previously-announced Sept. 2025 deadline to upgrade their communications technology in the hopes of improving rail safety – and whether there would be any penalties for not meeting that deadline – the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) opted not to comment.

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TELECOMPETITOR: Access to Broadband the Top Economic Issue, Says Heartland Forward EVP

When the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) launched the Emergency Broadband Benefit (EBB) during COVID, the FCC's advice to consumers was to learn about the benefit online.

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MERITALK: NTIA Report: Federal Broadband Funding Hits \$64.3 Billion

Most of FY2022's broadband funding, which rose by nearly \$51 billion compared to FY2021, went to the NTIA's new programs (\$48.2 billion), the Federal Communications Commission's (FCC) Affordable Connectivity Program (\$14.2 billion), and the Department of Agriculture's (USDA) broadband programs (\$1.9 billion).

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NEW YORK DAILY NEWS: WCBS 880 to shut down as parent company sells newsradio station to ESPN (SUBSCRIPTION REQUIRED)

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A nationwide cash contest has the country's second-largest radio station owner in hot water with the FCC's Enforcement Bureau, as Audacy faces a \$14,000 penalty for violating the Commission's rules, according to a recent enforcement action.

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DISPLAY DAILY: FCC Dismisses Microsoft's Petition on Distributed Television Systems

In a recent development affecting the expansion of data services and NextGen TV, the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) has dismissed Microsoft's petition to reconsider a 2021 ruling on distributed television systems (DTS).

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COMMUNICATIONS DAILY: NextNav's 900 MHz Band Proposal Draws Quick Objections From Amateur Radio Operators (SUBSCRIPTION REQUIRED)

Amateur radio operators are already making their opposition known to a proposal from NextNav that the FCC reconfigure the 902-928 MHz band “to enable a high-quality, terrestrial complement” to GPS for positioning, navigation and timing (PNT) services.

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To improve Starlink's speed and coverage, SpaceX is pushing the FCC to revise “out-of-date” satellite rules, which the company claims have stalled progress.

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THE REGISTER: Before we put half a million broadband satellites in orbit, anyone want to consider environmental effects?

The US Public Interest Research Group (US PIRG), a federation of public interest advocacy groups, has asked the FCC to halt low Earth orbit (LEO) satellite launches until the environmental consequences of space pollution can be better managed.

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Intelsat has agreed to pay the \$160,000 penalty associated with deploying a satellite out into a region of space outside what the satellite network provider's authorization from the Federal Communications Commission permitted.

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From Aug. 12 to 13, there were around 6,500 social media posts mentioning the FCC. Most content was on Twitter (91%, or around 5,800 posts), followed by Reddit (6%), Forums (2%), Blogs (0%), Comments (0%), and Facebook (0%).

The social media post with the greatest reach came from the Twitter account of Android Headlines (464k reach) which publicized its article on T-Mobile seeking the FCC's approval to acquire Metronet. The social media post with the second greatest reach came from the Twitter account of PCMag (404k reach) which publicized its article on SpaceX pushing the FCC to revise "out of date" satellite rules.

One trending topic on social media was the FCC's proposed new rules surrounding the use of AI in robocalls. The Twitter account of Android Authority (1.21m reach, 24 engagements) had the most popular social media post on that topic. Another trending topic on social media was the FCC wanting to make it easier to cancel subscriptions. The Twitter account of WNEP (167k reach, 3 engagements) had the most popular social media post on that topic.

Commissioner Carr tweeted (60k reach, 63 engagements) that it has been 1001 days since Vice President Harris agreed to lead the Biden administration's \$42 billion broadband plan to extend internet but no one has been connected.

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LOS ANGELES DAILY NEWS: [LAUSD gives tens of thousands of children access to the internet at home \(SUBSCRIPTION REQUIRED\)](#)

LAUSD Superintendent Alberto Carvalho and Federal Communications Commission (FCC) chair Jessica Rosenworcel met with parents at Union Avenue Elementary in Westlake on Tuesday, Aug. 13, and announced a recent change to the FCC's federal "E-rate" program, which can now be used to fund WiFi hotspots for students to take home.

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In a move that could force businesses to overhaul their automated customer outreach, the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) has proposed new rules requiring companies to disclose when they use artificial intelligence (AI) to generate robocalls and texts, potentially reshaping the landscape of customer interactions and brand loyalty.

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Opponents of giving the FirstNet Authority effective control of the 4.9 GHz band, as promoted by AT&T and the Public Safety Spectrum Alliance (PSSA), have been at the FCC repeatedly in recent weeks, driven in part by rumors that Chairwoman Jessica Rosenworcel

may support that plan.

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In this document, the Federal Communications Commission (FCC or Commission) hereby announces that the charter of the Disability Advisory Committee (hereinafter Committee) will be renewed for a two-year period pursuant to the Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA) and following consultation with the Committee Management Secretariat, General Services Administration.

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From Aug. 13 to 14, there were around 4,000 social media posts mentioning the FCC. Most content was on Twitter (85%, or around 3,500 posts), followed by Reddit (12%), Forums (2%), Blogs (0%), Comments (1%), and Facebook (0%).

The social media post with the greatest reach came from the Twitter account of EdTech K-12 Magazine (186k reach), which publicized its article on tips for schools looking to apply to the FCC's Schools and Libraries Cybersecurity Pilot Program. The social media post with the second greatest reach came from the Twitter account of American Enterprise Institute (164k reach) which publicized its article on the Sixth Circuit suggesting that the issue of net neutrality should be decided on by Congress rather than the FCC.

One trending topic on social media was how the FCC is considering a proposal to let FirstNet manage the 4.9 GHz band. The Twitter account of The Washington Times (462k reach, 3 engagements) had the most popular social media post on that topic. Another trending topic on social media was how ISPs are urging the Sixth Circuit to get rid of the FCC's recent decision to reclassify broadband as a telecommunications service. The Twitter account of Law360 (56.9k reach, 3 engagements) had the most popular social media post on that topic.

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ISPs are worried that if they succeed in killing the FCC regulation, they will be subject to many state laws like New York's. "The upshot of the Sixth Circuit and Second Circuit decisions is that each State can now do what the FCC cannot—subject an interstate information service to common-carrier regulation, including rate regulation," ISP lobby groups said in their Supreme Court petition.

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Still, the program goes back much further, with a Federal Communications Commission spokesperson saying via email that for almost 40 years, Lifeline “has helped provide discounts on communications services to qualifying low-income customers.”

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The 5th Circuit ruled that the funding mechanism for the FCC's Universal Service Fund or USF, which finances the E-rate, a federal program critical to K-12 broadband connectivity, amounts to a “misbegotten tax” and is unconstitutional.

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SHEPHERD EXPRESS: [The Corporate Press \(Finally\) Sounds the Alarm on Project 2025 But Omits Warnings for Journalism and Media Communication \(Opinion\)](#)

Chapter 28 on the Federal Communications Commission (pp. 845–861), is written by Brendan Carr, a Republican Trump-appointed commissioner, known for accusing social media platforms of biases against Trump and opposing net neutrality.

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TVTECH: [FCC Chair Rosenworcel Calls on FCC to Improve Customer Service in Communications Industry](#)

Federal Communications Commission chairwoman Jessica Rosenworcel is calling on the FCC to take action to improve customer service for consumers with broadband, phone and cable services.

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A text message-blocking app estimates politicians sent 253 million political text messages in the last year. If you're receiving text messages that you don't want, report the sender by forwarding the texts to 7726. That spells out "SPAM." You can also get a call-blocking app. The FCC has several on a list.

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SOUTHERN MARYLAND NEWS NET: [Understanding Phone Spoofing: How Scammers Deceive and How to Protect Yourself](#)

The Federal Trade Commission (FTC) and Federal Communications Commission (FCC) regularly update their websites with information on current scams and tips for protection.

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HEARING HEALTH & TECHNOLOGY MATTERS: [Captioners Cannot Intervene in Scam Calls](#)

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LIGHT READING: [FiberLight seeks to drop RDOF support for FWA builds in Georgia, Virginia](#)

FiberLight is asking the FCC to sign off on a request to relinquish its awards through the Rural Digital Opportunity Fund (RDOF) in Georgia and Virginia where the company was slated to deliver fixed wireless access (FWA) service.

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ACA Connects leaders and other panelists will also explore the implications of the FCC's proposal to ban bulk billing and discuss what to expect from the FCC's move to reinstate Title II network neutrality rules.

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The Federal Communications Commission's 2020 Rural Digital Opportunity Fund awarded more than \$9 billion to cable and satellite operators, phone companies and others to deploy broadband in areas lacking it.

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GOVERNMENT TECHNOLOGY: [Getting Connected: How Wide Is the Digital Divide?](#)

While the FCC announced that June 1 marked the official end of the Affordable Connectivity Program (ACP), which provided a subsidy to low-income households to purchase Internet service plans, nonprofit providers like a municipal or co-op broadband network can still design low-income plans.

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LAW360: [Streaming Cos. Ask FCC To Gauge Fixed Broadband Market](#)

Video streamers and other edge providers hope to make one thing clear as the Federal Communications Commission dissects competition in the high-speed internet space – the fixed broadband service market is still dominated by a few heavyweights and more should be done to assess how the addition of new competitors affects individual markets. [...]
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COMMUNICATIONS DAILY: [Groups Tell 6th Circuit Title II Broadband Classification Is a Major Questions Violation](#)

It's "astonishing that the FCC is once again seeking to impose heavy-handed regulation on internet access," TechFreedom and the Washington Legal Foundation told the 6th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals Wednesday. **[SUBSCRIPTION REQUIRED]**

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INSIDERADIO: [FCC Delays Have Audacy Reworking Its Restructuring Calendar.](#)

Audacy expects to wrap up its Chapter 11 bankruptcy process during the third quarter, but the review by the Federal Communications Commission is taking longer than expected — and that is putting the company in a bit of a squeeze.

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Audacy will remain the license holder of the 880 frequency, which will sport the new call letters of WHSQ, pending FCC approval.

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A new LPFM station on 88.1 FM has been granted a construction permit by the FCC in Big Rapids, Mich., following the commission's dismissal of two groups' objections to the station.

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Amazon's Kuiper Systems is pushing the FCC to "take expeditious action" to wrap up new rules dealing with spectrum sharing among non-geostationary orbit fixed-satellite service operators, comments regarding which have been filing into the docket for years. [...]

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On Monday, AT&T and Verizon called on the FCC to reject a SpaceX waiver request sought as part of a plan with T-Mobile to establish satellite-enabled cell phone service in U.S. dead zones with no wireless networks. **[SUBSCRIPTION REQUIRED]**

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From Aug. 13 to 14, there were around 4,000 social media posts mentioning the FCC. Most content was on Twitter (85%, or around 3,500 posts), followed by Reddit (12%), Forums (2%), Blogs (0%), Comments (1%), and Facebook (0%).

The social media post with the greatest reach came from the Twitter account of EdTech K-12 Magazine (186k reach), which publicized its article on tips for schools looking to apply to the FCC's Schools and Libraries Cybersecurity Pilot Program. The social media post with the second greatest reach came from the Twitter account of American Enterprise Institute (164k reach) which publicized its article on the Sixth Circuit suggesting that the issue of net neutrality should be decided on by Congress rather than the FCC.

One trending topic on social media was how the FCC is considering a proposal to let FirstNet manage the 4.9 GHz band. The Twitter account of The Washington Times (462k reach, 3 engagements) had the most popular social media post on that topic. Another trending topic on social media was how ISPs are urging the Sixth Circuit to get rid of the FCC's recent decision to reclassify broadband as a telecommunications service. The Twitter account of Law360 (56.9k reach, 3 engagements) had the most popular social media post on that topic.

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BROADBAND BREAKFAST: [GCI Calls for Reform of FCC's Alaska Broadband Fund](#)

Representatives from GCI Communication Corp., a leading telecom provider in Alaska, met with Federal Communications Commission staff Monday to discuss the Alaska Connect Fund. They advocated for revisions that would better support the expansion of broadband services in Alaska's remote and underserved areas.

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SPACE: [Petition calls for halt of megaconstellation launches for environmental review](#)

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COMMON DREAMS: [Civil Society Groups Back FCC Effort to Confront Deceptive Deepfakes](#)

A week after the Federal Elections Commission announced it would not take action to regulate artificial intelligence-generated "deepfakes" in political ads, more than 40 civil society groups on Thursday called on the Federal Communications Commission to step in to ensure U.S. voters will be informed about fake content used by campaigns as they prepare to go to the polls.

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INSIDE RADIO: [Audacy Reorganization Plan Will Get Vote By All Five FCC Commissioners](#)

Audacy's application seeking approval by the Federal Communications Commission for its bankruptcy reorganization plan will be reviewed by the five commissioners rather than getting sign-off from the Media Bureau. That's according to Sen. Ted Cruz (R-TX), who has been pushing for the Audacy deal to be reviewed by the full Commission, including any order granting a waiver of the FCC's foreign ownership rules.

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THE NATIONAL LAW REVIEW: [Court Rejects Supreme Court "Musings"—Holds FCC TCPA Rulings Binding on Courts No Matter What](#)

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INSIDE RADIO: [House Dems Praise FCC Work On AI-Generated Political Radio Ads](#)

FCC Chair Jessica Rosenworcel has come under fire for her proposal that labels be added to radio and television political commercials created with the help of artificial intelligence. But she is also getting some praise from a dozen House Democrats who say the Federal Communications Commission is on the right track with a proposal that they say promotes transparency in political ads.

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A construction permit application for a new LPFM station on 90.7 FM in Baton Rouge, La., was dismissed for failing to meet the FCC's localism requirement based on its listed headquarters address. Breakthrough Community Services applied for the station during the 2023 LPFM window. It sought to transmit from a location just south of the state's capital city. The nonprofit, established in 1999, listed a Hattiesburg, Miss., location as its local address. It is affiliated with Mt. Olive Baptist Church there.

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A recent federal court ruling is unlikely to mean the permanent end of the E-rate program that funds school telecommunication services, but the program's future is still uncertain, according to legal experts in a webinar this week. The event focused on a July ruling from the Fifth U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals, which found that using telecommunication fees to fill the Universal Service Fund (USF) is unconstitutional. The decision could affect the Federal Communications Commission's (FCC) E-rate program, as it relies on USF to help schools throughout the nation pay for broadband Internet and other telecommunication services.

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[RBR: FCC Five To Vote On Audacy Post-BK Plan](#)

The company led by David Field isn't commenting. Neither is the FCC. But that didn't stop the Ranking Member of the Senate Commerce Committee from issuing a statement on Thursday confirming that all five Commissioners will decide whether or not Audacy Inc.'s reorganization plan, which a Houston federal bankruptcy court approved in February, passes muster with regulatory policy.

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On July 24, a Notice of Apparent Liability for Forfeiture was handed to Carolina University, licensee of a Chattanooga, Tenn., FM translator, for failing to file a timely license renewal application and unauthorized operation. Audio Division Chief Al Shuldiner has now upheld that NALF, issuing a Forfeiture Order to the school. However, it agreed to reduce the licensee's financial penalty.

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The Federal Communications Commission is launching a new nationwide alert code for missing and endangered Indigenous people who do not fit the criteria for an Amber Alert or Silver Alert.

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Two U.S. lawmakers have called on the Biden administration to investigate TP-Link Technology Co. Ltd., a major Chinese manufacturer of WiFi routers. Representatives John Moolenaar and Raja Krishnamoorthi, leaders of the House Select Committee on China, have expressed serious apprehensions about potential national security risks associated with TP-Link cybersecurity and Chinese cyberattacks.

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The social media post with the greatest reach came from the Twitter account of Education Week (903k reach), which publicized its article on the key takeaways from a recently released FCC factsheet about the federal E-rate program. The social media post with the second greatest reach came from the Twitter account of FOX4 (715k reach) which informs that FCC Commissioner Geoffrey Starks talked about the success in bridging the “digital divide” for some 23M households through the Affordable Connectivity Program.”

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It looks a press release she did herself or something. I don't think it's worth worrying about though. Looks like she was added to the CEDC in March so it's odd timing too. Also, they misspell her own organization name

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Did you see the Post article about Julie Wenah being "appointed to the board" of the FCC?

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Assemblymember Mia Bonta (D) blamed the broadband industry after the Senate Appropriations Committee held back her bill that would have banned digital

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THE FORUM: [Meng Touts FCC Vote that will Allow Schools, Libraries to Loan out Wi-Fi Hotspots](#)

Congresswoman Grace Meng (D-Flushing) announced today that the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) has voted to modernize a key program that will allow schools and libraries to loan out Wi-Fi hotspots to students and educators in Queens and across New York and the nation.

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“In accordance with the new law, MaineIT will maintain on its publicly available website a list of prohibited technologies and services identified by federal law, regulation or other binding operational directives from the United States Department of Commerce, the Federal Communications Commission (FCC), the United States Department of Homeland Security, or any other appropriate federal agency as posing a national security risk or a risk to the security and safety of persons of the United States,” said Maine Chief Information Officer Nick Marquis in an internal communication.

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CNET: [There Are Still Internet Discounts for Veterans and Active Military, Even Without the ACP](#)

Another report from the Federal Communications Commission determined that the monthly cost of an internet subscription was a “key barrier to broadband adoption” for veterans.

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BREITBART: [Kamala Promises to Build 3 Million Homes in 4 Years; Biden-Harris Built Only 8 EV Stations in 2.5 Years \(Opinion\)](#)

FCC Commissioner Brendan Carr told Breitbart News earlier this week that despite \$42.5 billion in the infrastructure bill for broadband, the effort had yet to connect one American to the Internet — and Vice President Harris was supposed to be in charge of the project.

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GOVERNMENT TECHNOLOGY: [Massive Fiber Rollout Connects New Mexico Public Schools](#)

To pay for the program, New Mexico is using a combination of state and federal dollars,

including funding from the Federal Communications Commission's E-rate program, which helps schools pay for telecommunications and Internet services.

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THE CENTER SQUARE: [Warning issued about state rules and broadband costs](#)

Eachus, who also serves on the PBDA's technical sub-committee, raised BCAP's concerns in August to FCC Commissioner Brendan Carr during a roundtable hosted by Congressman John Joyce, R-Blair. [...] Commissioner Carr was supportive of some of the calls for reform.

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LAW360: [FCC Plans To Overhaul Citizens Broadband Radio Service \(SUBSCRIPTION REQUIRED\)](#)

The Federal Communications Commission plans to give the Citizens Broadband Radio Service a makeover that it says will ensure better interference protections for both current and future users of the spectrum. [...]

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COMMUNICATIONS DAILY: [FCC Seeks Comment on Additional Changes to CBRS Rules \(SUBSCRIPTION REQUIRED\)](#)

FCC commissioners unanimously approved an NPRM on further changes to rules for the citizens broadband radio service band that Chairwoman Jessica Rosenworcel circulated two months ago.

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MEDIA PLAY NEWS: [N.Y. Federal Court Judge Halts Pending Launch of Disney, Fox,](#)

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Sen. Elizabeth Warren (D-MA), Sen. Bernie Sanders (D-VT) and Rep. Joaquin Castro (D-TX) sent a letter on August 7, 2024 to the Department of Justice and Federal Communications Commission.

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LEXBLOG: [This Week in Regulation for Broadcasters: August 12, 2024 to August 16, 2024 \(Opinion\)](#)

The FCC announced that oppositions are due August 27 in response to the National Association of Broadcasters' petition for reconsideration of the FCC's June decision to reinstate the rule prohibiting programming duplication by commonly owned or operated commercial FM stations serving the same area.

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LEXBLOG: [Even Though No Nationwide EAS Test is Scheduled, FCC Reminds Broadcasters – Both Commercial and Noncommercial – To File ETRS Form One by October 4, 2024 \(Opinion\)](#)

While there is no Nationwide Test scheduled, the FCC still requires this information to track EAS performance of all EAS participants, and the rules require that the form be submitted each year.

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PCMAG: [AT&T, Verizon Tell FCC to Reject SpaceX Plan for Cellular Starlink](#)

This week, AT&T and Verizon sent letters to the FCC urging the agency to reject SpaceX's plan for its cellular Starlink system.

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SPACENEWS: [Make Space Great Again \(Opinion\)](#)

The FCC must stay in its swim lane of licensing spectrum and regulating communications.

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TECHWEEZ: [SpaceX Want Rule Changes In Order to Massively Increase Starlink's Capacity](#)

On August 9th 2024, David Goldman Vice President of Satellite Policy at SpaceX, submitted a petition to the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) initiating a rulemaking proceeding to revise regulations governing spectrum sharing between Low Earth Orbit (LEO) and Geostationary Orbit (GEO) satellite systems.

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AROGED: [Satellite cellular communications will not be launched in the US by Starlink — AST SpaceMobile will launch its own satellites](#)

The Federal Communications Commission (FCC) has not yet granted AST SpaceMobile permission to provide commercial satellite communications services.

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From Aug. 16 to 19, there were around 10,100 social media posts mentioning the FCC. Most content was on Twitter (78%, or around 7,900 posts), followed by Reddit (19%), Forums (2%), Blogs (0%), Comments (0%), and Facebook (0%).

The social media post with the greatest reach came from the Twitter account of PCMag (404k reach), which publicized its article on AT&T and Verizon sending letters to the FCC to urge the agency to reject SpaceX's plan for its cellular Starlink system. The social

media post with the second greatest reach came from the Twitter account of Open Data Science (113k reach) which publicized its article on FCC's introduction of a new regulation that requires broadcast TV and radio ads to disclose the use of AI.

One trending topic on social media was how AT&T and Verizon sent letters asking the FCC to block Starlink's direct-to-cell plans. The Twitter account of The Register (105k reach, 10 engagements) had the most popular social media post on that topic. Another trending topic on social media was the FCC's activation of alerts for missing and endangered persons. The Twitter account of Dakota News Now (71k reach, 4 engagements) had the most popular social media post on that topic.

Commissioner Carr tweeted (60k reach) that it has been over 1,005 days since Vice President Harris agreed to lead the Biden administration's broadband plan to extend internet, but no one has been connected.



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UNITED PRESS INTERNATIONAL: FCC announces \$40K fine for pirate radio station in Pennsylvania

The Federal Communications Commission Wednesday said it is fining a man \$40,000 for pirate radio broadcasting on 90.1 Mhz in Hazelton, Penn. Brigido Danerys Gonzalez was fined under the 2020 PIRATE Act for broadcasting without an FCC license.

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TOP CLASS ACTIONS: FCC ruling makes AI-generated robocalls illegal

The Federal Communications Commission (FCC) has declared AI robocalls to be “artificial” calls according to the Telephone Consumer Protection Act (TCPA), making them illegal and providing a tool for state attorneys general to protect the public from scammers. The FCC announced the adoption of the declaratory ruling on Feb. 8, noting that the ruling immediately makes AI robocalls illegal.

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THE AMERICAN PROSPECT: Breaking a Lifeline to the Internet

Last week, the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) stopped accepting applications for the Affordable Connectivity Program (ACP), a pandemic-era discount for qualified low-income households to obtain reliable and quality broadband service. As of January 1st, over 23 million households were enrolled in the program. Funding is expected to run out in April, months before the original projected end date. In January, the Affordable Connectivity Program Extension Act was introduced by a bipartisan and bicameral group of members of Congress. The bill would infuse the program with \$7 billion, a billion more than the Biden administration requested in 2023, and keep the ACP afloat until the end of 2024.

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CORD CUTTERS NEWS: Nexstar Challenges FCC's Fine Over Comcast Dispute

Nexstar, which owns nearly 200 television stations, hit back at the Federal Communication Commission's \$150,000 fine against Mission Broadcasting, whose stations it manages. In a filing, Nexstar said the decision is "improper, prejudicial, and unsupported by the facts or the law."

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- [TVTECHNOLOGY: Nexstar, Mission Contest FCC's \\$150K Fine Against Mission](#)

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CORD CUTTERS NEWS: FCC Requires Telecom and Cable TV Companies to Disclose If You've Been Affected by a Data Breach

Telecommunications and cable TV companies who provide phone service will soon have to let you know if your personal information was caught up in a data breach, thanks to a Federal Communications Commission policy that goes into effect on March 13. The filing, which was posted on Monday, broadens the definition of personal information that would trigger a need for disclosure. Prior to this rule, companies would only have to let you know if you were affected if it involved customer information like your phone bill information or usage charges. The new requirements include your name, numbers associated with government ID, email, passwords, and biometric info like fingerprints or eye scan. The filing was spotted by Bleeping Computer.

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THE DAILY CALLER: Is Biden's Plan For High-Speed Internet In Rural Areas About To Go Up In Flames?

President Joe Biden's administration is struggling to deliver on its goals for providing rural Americans with high-speed internet access, The Texas Tribune reported on Wednesday. A coalition comprising broadband internet service providers and nonprofits alleged that certain beneficiaries of grant initiatives to construct broadband infrastructure did not utilize their allotted funds for this intended purpose in a letter to be sent to the Federal Communications Commission (FCC), obtained by the Tribune. The FCC has suggested imposing fines on 95 or more applicants to the Broadband Equity Access and Deployment (BEAD) program for defaulting, according to a commission filing.

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LAW360: FCC Nixes NM Schools' Bid For Cancelled Radio Stations (SUBSCRIPTION REQUIRED)

The Albuquerque Board of Education has no relationship with the person who surrendered two radio station licenses and, therefore, cannot petition the Federal Communications Commission to undo that decision and hand the licenses over to them as "trustees," the

agency has declared.

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LAW360: FCC Must Distribute School IT Funds, Tech Firms Tell DC Circ. (SUBSCRIPTION REQUIRED)

Two tech companies are calling on the D.C. Circuit to force the Federal Communications Commission to release funds to pay for information technology and broadband services the firms provide in elementary and secondary schools around the country.

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INSIDE RADIO: FCC Rejects Effort To Bring New Mexico AM Silenced By COVID Back To Life.

An independent New Mexico station, darkened by COVID, will not be coming back to life. The Federal Communications Commission has upheld a decision to cancel the license for KRSN Los Alamos, NM and its companion translator, the Los Alamos-licensed at K296GI at 107.1 FM. The Albuquerque Board of Education had petitioned the Commission to reverse a Media Bureau decision to reinstate the licenses, asking that it be designated as the temporary trustee of the signals that had previously been licensed to Gillian Sutton. He voluntarily surrendered the licenses in May 2023, and the FCC formally wiped their licenses a month later.

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LIGHT READING: The FWA wait for 6GHz may soon be over

The 6GHz band may soon be opened for unlicensed fixed wireless access (FWA) services, according to those in the industry. The move could add a significant amount of fresh spectrum to a market that has been growing by leaps and bounds. The action would also bring to an end years of waiting. Many in the industry expected the FCC to release the band for FWA operations last year. That didn't happen. Moreover, the issue could have a significant impact on the broader market for telecom services in the US. That's because the 6GHz band might also be used to create backhaul links for fiber networks in rural areas, including those funded by the US government's \$42 billion Broadband Equity Access and Deployment (BEAD) program.

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THE HEARING REVIEW: Making All Phones Hearing Aid Compatible

Technology to improve the hearing experience of people with hearing loss is continually evolving. But it often takes the government a while to catch up with related laws, rules, and regulations. The Federal Communications Commission (FCC) has worked with a group devoted to making more mobile phones hearing aid compatible for many years, with the goal of ensuring those with hearing loss have equal access to communications services as required by section 710 of the Communications Act.

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COMMUNICATIONS DAILY: Disagreements Continue on Need for Tougher SIM Swapping Rules

Public interest and consumer groups urged the FCC take a more aggressive stance on a November Further NPRM about protecting consumers from SIM swapping and port-out fraud (see 2311150042). CTIA said the commission should “pursue a flexible and risk-based approach” toward customer account security and fraud deterrence. Reply comments were due this week in docket 21-341, and they largely mirror initial comments (see 2401180053).

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COMMUNICATIONS DAILY: Utilities, ISPs Battle Over Proposed Pole Attachment Revisions

Utility companies, ISPs and advocacy groups sparred over the FCC's proposed revisions to its pole attachment and replacement rules, in comments posted Wednesday in docket 17-84. The FCC should abandon its Further NPRM, adopted in December with a related order and declaratory ruling and instead encourage greater communication between pole owners and attackers, some said (see 2312130044). Others sought greater oversight of the process and urged quick action.

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COMMUNICATIONS DAILY: House Communications Witnesses Say Protecting U.S. Networks Is Long-Term Effort

Witnesses set to testify during a House Communications Subcommittee hearing Thursday (see 2402090072) want lawmakers to consider longer-term initiatives for curbing China’s risk to U.S. communications networks. The push for Congress to allocate an additional \$3.08 billion for the FCC’s Secure and Trusted Communications Networks Reimbursement Program (see 2401240001) will likely receive attention during the hearing, as it has in other recent panels, lobbyists said. The hearing will begin at 10 a.m. in 2123 Rayburn.

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INSIDE CYBERSECURITY: Consumer Technology Association proposes scheme framework for upcoming FCC cyber labeling program (SUBSCRIPTION REQUIRED)

The Consumer Technology Association is pushing for the Federal Communications Commission to use its proposed Scheme Assessment Framework as the foundation for the agency's upcoming Internet of Things cyber labeling program.

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Then consider reporting the scam to organizations like the National Consumers League's Fraud.org, the Federal Trade Commission, the Federal Communications Commission, the Better Business Bureau's scam tracker, or to the state Attorney General's office.

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THE FEDERALIST: Top U.S. Investors Aid CCP Abuses By Dumping Billions Of Dollars Into Chinese Tech

ByteDance partners with China's Ministry of Public Security and authorities in Xinjiang to "enhance the Internet social governance capabilities of public security agencies."

ByteDance is also the parent company of TikTok, an app that has applied the CCP's censorship to non-Chinese citizens overseas and let Beijing access American users' data it collects. Brendan Carr, one of the commissioners of the Federal Communications Commission, says TikTok "poses an unacceptable national security risk." It is fair to say TikTok would not have become so popular in the U.S. without these American VC firms' investment and expertise to help facilitate its overseas expansions.

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MAGIC VALLEY: Twin Falls County commissioners reverse decision on cell tower

During Tuesday's meeting, commissioners referred to the Federal Communications Commission Telecommunications Act of 1996, which prohibits cities from banning antennas or towers for cellular communications.

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KANSAS REFLECTOR: Kansas senators cut PBS funds after LGBTQ+ documentary offended. The money has been put back.

As Maxwell Kautsch, president of the Kansas Coalition for Open Government and a media lawyer, told me over the weekend, “the issue of whether public broadcasting stations are permitted to editorialize has been settled for decades, when in *Federal Communications Commission v. League of Women Voters of California*, 468 U.S. 364 (1984) the U.S. Supreme Court struck down the portion of the Public Broadcasting Act that conditioned public funds on stations not engaging in editorializing.”

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BOSTON HERALD: George Soros firm will reportedly become largest shareholder of Audacy, owner of WEEI and other Boston radio stations

Audacy is the parent company of WEEI, which has fallen well behind 98.5 The Sports Hub in ratings over the last several years. Other Boston radio stations under the Audacy umbrella include Mix 104.1 and Magic 106.7. Audacy anticipates that it will emerge from bankruptcy once regulatory approval is obtained from the Federal Communications Commission.

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STAT: Juul's internal playbook opens a rare window into influence in Washington

It's unclear if Juul ever finalized the agreement with Hilinski, who has also been connected to an effort to spam the Federal Communications Commission with fake comments. However, it does appear that at least two Juul executives were in favor of launching the effort as a counter attack against comments being drummed up by public health groups. “I

hate how these political debates are fought but we may need to take a page from their playbook,” wrote Juul’s vice president of global commercial marketing to the company’s CEO in June 2018.

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INSIDE RADIO: Appeals Court Hands Royce Owner Ed Stolz Another Loss As Bankruptcy Sale Moves Forward.

In November, U.S. Bankruptcy Judge August Landis approved the sale of the Royce portfolio and during the past few months the Federal Communications Commission has been reviewing applications filed by each of the buyers. Last week, Friends of KXEP filed a notice with the FCC saying that it had completed its \$3.75 million purchase of KREV (92.7) in San Francisco. The nonprofit, which owns Seattle’s noncommercial adult alternative KEXP (90.3), has said it plans to originate KREV programming at KEXP’s Seattle Center facility. Funding for the purchase came from a \$10 million bequest from an anonymous listener, identified only as Suzanne, made in 2018.

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THE BLAZE: Listen up, independent content creators — there's a disturbing new trend in social media that you need to know about

Last week, Glenn’s team discovered that Apple had rated everything in his Apple podcast library as explicit content — even though his radio program is FCC-regulated.

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FEDERAL REGISTER: Open Commission Meeting Thursday, February 15, 2024

The Federal Communications Commission will hold an Open Meeting on the subjects listed below on Thursday, February 15, 2024, which is scheduled to commence at 10:30 a.m. in the Commission Meeting Room of the Federal Communications Commission, 45 L Street NE, Washington, DC.

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FEDERAL REGISTER: Partitioning, Disaggregation, and Leasing of Spectrum; Correction

The Federal Communications Commission is correcting a final rule that appeared in the Federal Register on September 20, 2022. The document modified partitioning,

disaggregation, and leasing rules to provide specific incentives for small carriers and Tribal Nations, and entities in rural areas, to voluntarily participate in the Enhanced Competition Incentive Program (ECIP).

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From Feb. 14 to 15, there were around 2,400 social media posts mentioning the FCC. Most content was on Twitter (71%, or around 1,700 posts), followed by Reddit (24%), Forums (2%), Blogs (1%), Comments (1%), and Facebook (0%).

The social media post with the greatest reach came from the Twitter account of Android Headlines (470k reach), which publicized its article on Commissioner Carr pushing for an investigation of Apple's decision to block Beeper Mini. The social media post with the second greatest reach came from the Twitter account of Evan Kirstel (360k reach), which publicized the FCC's efforts to combat SIM Swapping.

One trending topic on social media was the FCC's data breach rules. The Twitter account of Dark Reading (320k reach, 17 engagements) had the most popular social media post on that topic. Another trending topic on social media was the FCC banning AI-generated robocalls. The Twitter account of WDAF-TV (240k reach, 2 engagements) had the most popular social media post on that topic.

Commissioner Carr tweeted (51k reach, 1 engagement) out a picture documenting Chinese human rights abuses in response to a tweet by the Chinese Ambassador to the United Kingdom.

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Generative AI - which can create text, photos and videos in response to open-ended

prompts - has spurred excitement as well as fears it could make some jobs obsolete, upend elections and potentially overpower humans and have catastrophic effects. The issue received new attention after a fake robocall in January imitating President Joe Biden sought to dissuade people from voting for him in New Hampshire's Democratic primary election. The Federal Communications Commission declared this month calls made with AI-generated voices are illegal.

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SLASHGEAR: Why The U.S. Government Is Fighting To Keep The AM Radio In Your Car

In July 2023, FCC chairwoman Jessica Rosenworcel endorsed the Every Vehicle Act bill, which passed the Committee with support from Republican as well as Democrat members. In January 2024, U.S. Congressman Josh Gottheimer proposed that cars lacking AM radio will have a dedicated sticker that says "Warning: No AM Radio. Vehicle Unsafe in Certain Emergencies." AM radio has 10s of millions of weekly listeners, including agricultural communities relying on AM stations for getting weather reports critical to their business.

However, it's public safety that has taken precedence when it comes to vouching for AM radio in cars.

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NEXSTAR: ‘Green bubble’ texts are not the FCC’s problem to solve (Opinion)

On Monday, FCC Chair Brendan Carr called on his agency to investigate Apple’s iMessage based on Part 14 of the commission’s rules regarding accessibility, usability and compatibility. Carr claims the iMessage experience harms consumers with disabilities who may not be able to read the “low contrast” green bubbles coming from Android users.

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LAKE COUNTY NEWS-SUN: Lake County residents tell FCC commissioner importance of continued internet access; ‘I’m going to talk to the White House’

Atwood was one of dozens of people, primarily seniors, telling their stories to Federal Communications Commission (FCC) Commissioner Geoffrey Starks Tuesday at Shiloh Tower in Zion, giving him information to advocate on their behalf for renewed funding.

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LAW360: FCC Panel To Focus On AI's Consumer Impact (SUBSCRIPTION REQUIRED)

The Federal Communications Commission set a consumer advisory panel back into motion Tuesday, with the impact of artificial intelligence on the telecom industry as a top priority.

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LAW360: FCC Urged To Revisit Caps On Duplicate FM Broadcasts (SUBSCRIPTION REQUIRED)

Musicians and small radio stations are pressuring the Federal Communications Commission to reinstate limits scrapped three years ago on FM stations airing duplicate content, but face pushback from the broadcast lobby.

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LAW360: Audacy Ch. 11 Plan Reducing Debt By \$1.6B Confirmed (SUBSCRIPTION REQUIRED)

Radio station operator Audacy Inc. received approval on Tuesday for its prepackaged Chapter 11 bankruptcy plan, allowing it to convert about \$1.6 billion of debt to equity and emerge from bankruptcy following approval from the Federal Communications Commission.

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LAW360: DirecTV Slams Studies Showing No 12 GHz Interference (SUBSCRIPTION REQUIRED)

DirecTV is defending its supremacy in the 12 gigahertz band, pushing back against analysis showing that terrestrial 5G use of the band wouldn't lead to interference in a new filing with the Federal Communications Commission.

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CORD CUTTERS NEWS: Cable Companies Sue the FCC Over

‘Unreasonable’ Digital Discrimination Rules

Cable companies are challenging the Federal Communications Commission’s rules to prevent digital discrimination. NCTA – The Internet and Television Association and ACA Connects, two organizations that represent hundreds of broadband providers, filed a lawsuit against the agency last week.

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NEBRASKA PUBLIC MEDIA: Inheritance tax debated; faster hearings on 911 outages considered

Appearing for the PSC, Commissioner Dan Watermeier supported the proposal. But it was opposed by Jake Lestock, representing a trade group for the wireless industry. Lestock said the carriers are already required to report 911 outages to the Federal Communications Commission, or FCC. “Since the end of 2022, the FCC has provided federal agencies and states with easy access to this outage information. The PSC currently can access all direct filings to these reports on demand on the FCC website,” Lestock said.

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- [KETV-TV: Nebraska senators aim to prevent more 911 outages, improve transparency](#)

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BROADBAND BREAKFAST: FCC Commissioner Warns of 'Disinformation' Boom With ACP Expiration

Federal Communications Commissioner Anna Gomez on Tuesday warned that the impending demise of the Affordable Connectivity Program could result in 27 million Americans losing access to accurate news sources and exacerbating disinformation. Funded by the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act, the ACP built upon the Emergency Broadband Benefit funded during the pandemic. The program provides a \$30/month subsidy for broadband internet to low-income households and \$75 subsidy to households on tribal lands.

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BROADBAND BREAKFAST: Cable Trade Groups Take FCC To Court Over Digital Discrimination Rules

Cable-affiliated Internet Service Providers are challenging new federal digital discrimination rules in federal court in Washington, D.C, the second major legal case to target the rules. The suit was filed Friday in the U.S. Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit by NCTA - The Internet & Television Association and ACA Connects, which combined represent hundreds of broadband ISPs, the vast majority of them small. Last November, the Federal Communications Commission adopted digital discrimination rules in implementing Section 60506 of the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act of 2021, a law that also includes \$42.45 billion in broadband deployment grants.

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BROADBAND BREAKFAST: LTD Broadband Challenges FCC Denial of RDOF Funds in Court

LTD Broadband has filed a petition for review of the Federal Communications Commission's decision to deny it funding as part of the Rural Digital Opportunity Fund. The company, which largely offers fixed wireless broadband, filed a request for judicial review with the D.C. Circuit Court of Appeals on February 2, contesting the agency decision on December 4.

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DAILY RECORD: Ellensburg Community Radio to construct station, broadcast on FM

Ellensburg Community Radio received approval from the Federal Communications Commission on Wednesday to construct a low-power FM broadcast station to serve Ellensburg, station staff said. The permit allows ECR three years to construct the station. Although there is no set timeline, ECR will move forward on this project as expediently as possible. The station will broadcast at 98.3 on the FM dial. According to its guidelines, a low-power FM station can only be operated by a nonprofit organization or governmental or tribal agency and is intended for noncommercial broadcasting. The station is licensed to

operate at 100 watts, which reaches an area with a radius of approximately 3.5 miles.

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RADIO & TELEVISION BUSINESS REPORT: NAB Lobbies Gómez Staffers On Key Radio Industry Issues

The SVP/Deputy General Counsel of the National Association of Broadcasters and the NAB's Associate General Counsel spent last Tuesday chatting with two staff members in the office of the FCC's newest Commissioner about "various issues" tied to four rulemaking proceedings. This saw Erin Dozier and Larry Walke state their case on behalf of broadcasters on such topics as localism, GeoBroadcast Solutions' ZoneCasting technology, and the Main Studio Rule.

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RADIO INK: FCC Moves To Add 13 New Languages To EAS On Radio

With the debate around EAS distribution a core tenet of the fight to keep AM radio in automobiles, the Federal Communications Commission seeks to enhance the inclusivity of emergency alerts for non-English speaking residents to thirteen additional languages.

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MYSMARTPRICE: Samsung Galaxy M15 5G Spotted on FCC, Battery and Fast Charging Details Revealed Before Launch

The Samsung Galaxy M15 5G launch is on the horizon as the device was recently spotted on multiple certification websites. Along the same lines, the upcoming M series smartphone from Samsung has been spotted on the FCC certification site. On the FCC database, the device has been spotted with the SM-M156B model number. According to the listing, the Galaxy M15 5G will offer support for 4G as well as 5G connectivity. In the listing, we can see one of the 5G bands also mentioned (n66). Apart from this, the site also mentions the device's support for both 5Ghz and 2.4Ghz Wi-Fi. There is also mention of Bluetooth, which is not a surprise.

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- [GIZMOCHINA: Samsung Galaxy M15 5G clears FCC certification ahead of global launch](#)
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WCAU-TV: Disney star Bridgit Mendler launches satellite data startup

with \$6.3M in funding

She spent the last several years getting degrees from the University of Southern California, the Massachusetts Institute of Technology and Harvard Law School. She went on to work at the Federal Communications Commission's Space Bureau in 2022, according to her LinkedIn profile.

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- [AV CLUB: Bridgit Mendler, Disney Channel's forgotten daughter, is now a space entrepreneur](#)
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- [HOODLINE: Former Disney Star Bridgit Mendler Takes Helm as CEO of El Segundo-Based Space Startup Northwood Space](#)

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EXECUTIVE GOV: FCC Proposes In-Space Servicing, Assembly & Manufacturing Licensing Framework; Jessica Rosenworcel Quoted

The Federal Communications Commission has proposed a framework for licensing activities related to in-space servicing, assembly and manufacturing — or ISAM — operations as part of its Space Innovation Agenda. FCC introduced the framework by issuing a notice of proposed rulemaking on Friday.

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COMMUNICATIONS DAILY: Satellite EPFD Fight Expected Before FCC and During WRC-27 Prep

Expect a lengthy fight among satellite operators over equivalent power flux density (EPFD) limits at the FCC and during preparations for the 2027 World Radiocommunication Conference (WRC-27), satellite experts and insiders tell us. Some see the issue emerging at ITU Working Party 4A meetings in May -- 4A is concerned with satellite spectrum efficiency and interference. Non-geostationary orbit (NGSO) advocates of an EPFD change face a challenging road getting EPFD rules changes made at WRC-27, though changes are possible, we're told.

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COMMUNICATIONS DAILY: Industry Groups Seek Minor Revisions to BDC Challenge Process

Industry groups welcomed the FCC's inquiry on improving its broadband data collection

(BDC) process. The agency sought feedback as part of a report to Congress about data collection and whether tools are needed to improve the data's accuracy (see 2401190071). Comments were posted Tuesday in docket 19-195.

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COMMUNICATIONS DAILY: School Bus Wi-Fi Foes Don't Qualify for Section 405(a) Review, Says FCC Reply

Petitioners Maurine and Matthew Molak want the 5th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals to “disregard the statutory requirement” under Communications Act Section 405(a) that persons who weren’t parties before the FCC file a petition for reconsideration as a “condition precedent” to seeking judicial review, said the FCC and DOJ reply Friday (docket 23-60641) in support of their motion to dismiss the Molaks’ petition (see 2402070002).

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COMMUNICATIONS DAILY: NARUC Draft Would Conserve Phone Numbers Through Audits

Mitigating practices that could speed the country toward phone number exhaustion is a priority item for state officials ahead of NARUC’s Feb. 25-28 meeting in Washington, commission officials told us. The state utility regulator association is planning a vote during the meeting on a proposed resolution from Telecom Committee Chair Tim Schram. It urges the FCC “to provide updated guidance on how states should bring forward cases of telephone number resource mismanagement or suspected robocalling using rented telephone numbers to the Commission using the audit process” from Section 52.15(k) of the Telecom Act.

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COMMUNICATIONS LITIGATION TODAY: Lifeline Distributor Sues TracFone, Verizon Over Claims It Paid Agents on Commission

A Nashville-based marketing firm is suing TracFone and Verizon over false claims it paid field agents on commission, a practice barred by the FCC Lifeline program, said the firm's breach of contract complaint Thursday (docket 1:24-cv-20600) in U.S. District Court for Southern Florida in Miami.

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INSIDE TOWERS: CCA Echoes Lawmakers’ Calls to Fully Fund ‘Rip & Replace’

Members of the House Energy and Commerce Communications and Technology

Subcommittee urged Congress last Thursday to appropriate \$3.08 billion needed to fully fund the FCC's Rip & Replace program. Regarding communications infrastructure, the Chinese Communist Party (CCP) developed unsecure telecommunications equipment and exported it around the world in order to assist in its espionage activities, committee leaders said. Congress passed the Secure and Trusted Communications Networks Act of 2019 to remove some of this equipment from networks in the United States and help carriers replace it with equipment from trusted vendors.

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BALTIMORE SUN: Election 2024: Who's running for Maryland's 3rd Congressional District

Jake Pretot is a six-year army veteran living in Laurel. He's owned small businesses including a window cleaning company and a software development company. Pretot also worked at Worldcom as a financial systems analyst which has provided him insight into how Federal Communications Commission policies affect American technology consumers, he wrote on his campaign website. He plans to advocate for campaign finance reform, lowering the cost of prescription drugs and a higher minimum wage, he said.

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Public Safety & Cybersecurity & Privacy

THE WALL STREET JOURNAL: U.S. to Invest Billions to Replace China-Made Cranes at Nation's Ports

The Biden administration plans to invest billions in the domestic manufacturing of cargo cranes, seeking to counter fears that the use of China-built cranes with advanced software at many U.S. ports poses a potential national security risk. The move is part of a set of actions being taken by the administration on Wednesday that is intended to improve maritime cybersecurity. They include a U.S. Coast Guard security directive to mandate certain digital security requirements for currently deployed foreign-built cranes at strategic seaports, as well as an executive order by President Biden setting baseline cybersecurity standards for computer networks that operate U.S. ports.

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THE WALL STREET JOURNAL: Cyber Threats Against Heavy Industry Intensify

The pace and sophistication of cyberattacks against industrial companies are escalating

rapidly, as administration officials warn that nation-states are heavily targeting U.S. critical infrastructure sectors. Ransomware attacks against industrial companies increased by around 50% last year, according to an annual report from cybersecurity company Dragos published Tuesday, which tracked 905 strikes.

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NEBRASKA EXAMINER: Legislative committee considers bills to boost Nebraska's 911 system, add transparency

Legislative Bill 1255, from Fredrickson, would set a timeline for the transition to next-gen 911, such as January 2026 or when required to do so by the Federal Communications Commission.

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NATIONAL POST: Why is Joe Biden on TikTok when his own government banned the app on federal devices?

The U.S. government had taken a similar stance several months earlier, with a senior member of the Federal Communications Commission calling TikTok “a sophisticated surveillance tool that harvests extensive amounts of personal and sensitive data.” Although it is prohibited on government devices, a more widespread ban has not yet happened.

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COMPUTERWORLD: EU begins formal investigation of TikTok over potential violations of Digital Services Act

TikTok and its China-based parent company ByteDance are no strangers to controversy over the potential dangers of the platform, which remains enormously popular even though it's been deemed a threat to national security by Brendan Carr, a commissioner on the US Federal Communications Commission (FCC). In June 2022 he wrote to Apple and Google to request that both companies remove the app from their stores over its collection of sensitive data from people in the United States. However, it remains available on both stores.

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INSIDE CYBERSECURITY: Pentagon presses ahead with CMMC rulemaking deadline after release of 'informational' video (SUBSCRIPTION REQUIRED)

The Defense Department is limiting its engagement plans to an “informational” video for the first rulemaking under the Pentagon’s Cybersecurity Maturity Model Certification

program in advance of the Feb. 26 comment deadline, according to a Federal Register notice published today.

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THE PRESS-ENTERPRISE: A study measured cell tower emissions at Temecula schools. What did it find?

The 18-page study of tower emissions near Chaparral and the middle school concluded that the radio frequency power density levels there “are are below the U.S. Federal Communication Commission’s ... regulatory compliance standard ... for the general public.” Komrosky said the board wanted the study’s results to be made public in the interest of transparency. “I was assuming that these readings would be below FCC values because I stated back (in October) that FCC values were very high,” Komrosky said, adding that other countries have stricter standards for acceptable radiation levels.

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PHILLY VOICE: Why you should clean your cell phone regularly – and how to do it

Clean your phone once a day for the best protection against germs, the Federal Communications Commission recommends. To further minimize your phones exposure to germs and moistures, the FCC also recommends taking the following steps.

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THE DESK: Poll: Most Americans don’t want streaming services regulated like cable

The survey comes amid a push by broadcasters that is attempting to convince the Federal Communications Commission to revisit proposed retransmission consent regulations for streaming cable-like television services.

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Wireline & Broadband

THE GAZETTE-VIRGINIAN: Riverstreet: Some service available in Halifax County

An official with RiverStreet Networks said the company has some fiber services available in Halifax County and is continuing with a federally funded project to bring high-speed internet to more than 1,300 locations despite Southside localities wanting to partner with another provider. Last year, Halifax County was joined by neighboring governmental boards — Brunswick and Mecklenburg — in sending a letter to the Federal Communications Commission asking for a probe of RiverStreet Networks.

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WQOW-TV: Spectrum brings high speed rural internet to Eau Claire County

Rural Eau Claire County now has new options for internet access. Spectrum has newly-constructed fiber optic networks across the county. This project was made possible through the FCC's Rural Digital Opportunity Fund.

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Broadband Map

FORBES: Why Internet Access Should Be A Right, Not A Privilege

In the U.S., work by the Federal Communications Commission to publish detailed maps of broadband access across the US, and the Biden's Administration's Affordable Connectivity Program are examples of targeted initiatives aimed at expanding internet access and making it more affordable. In Europe, similar strategies are being employed, with the European Commission's Gigabit Infrastructure Act and various national subsidies supporting internet access for low-income citizens.

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BROADBAND BREAKFAST: Burden of Proof in Challenge Process Should Be on ISPs: Local Government

Le Sueur County, Minnesota, is urging the Federal Communications Commission to adopt a more proactive and regulatory role in the BEAD challenge process, contending the challenge process currently places the burden of proof on local units of government, when it should be on internet service providers. In comments submitted to the commission on Monday, Le Sueur County officials call for the FCC to provide grants or resources to local government units to hire professional vendors to work on addressing challenges submitted to the FCC's national broadband map.

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THE MILFORD TIMES: Town hall set for better broadband funding

Residents who are unserved or underserved by internet companies can submit a challenge to their designation on the FCC's map, which will help Seward County qualify for part of \$405 million in federal funds to improve broadband connectivity through the Broadband Equity Access and Deployment program.

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MYSMARTPRICE: TECNO POVA 6 Pro Appears on Geekbench With 12GB of RAM and More

The TECNO POVA 6 Pro has also acquired Federal Communications Commission (FCC) certification. As per documents obtained through FCC certification, the upcoming TECNO handset will feature support for 70W fast charging technology. The FCC listing also suggests that the handset will offer a dual-rear camera setup with an LED flash.

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HOLLYWOOD REPORTER: FuboTV Files \$1B Lawsuit Seeking to Block Disney, Warners and Fox Sports Streaming Platform

Fubo is represented by Joseph Hall of Kellogg Hansen. The firm has represented clients across telecommunications in dealings with the Federal Communications Commission, including AT&T and Verizon.

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NOLA.COM: A Louisiana radio station that once stood up to the KKK now faces an uncertain future

But WBOX's future is uncertain. In October, the FCC notified the station — which simulcasts country music on 920-AM and 92.9 FM when the Trading Post is not on — that it could have its license revoked due to more than \$21,000 unpaid license fees, some of which date back to 2002. Strickland says the station has hired an attorney who is dealing with the FCC, despite erroneous local media reports that WBOX was off the air.

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RADIO & TELEVISION BUSINESS REPORT: A Dothan Deal Is Done For Tony Richards' Group

For decades, the Holladay family has owned radio stations across the Deep South, including in Alabama. Now, Bob Holladay has engineered a transaction that, pending FCC

approval, will see four FM radio stations and their two accompanying broadcast towers end up in the hands of the company that owns Nashville's "Hippie Radio." It's a company controlled by Anthony Didier — better known by his professional name, Tony Richards.

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LIGHT READING: DOJ to review ESPN-Fox-WBD sports streaming JV – report

Levin, a former FCC official, has previously held that it's unlikely that the proposed JV will receive any direct action from Congress or the FCC but suggested that various "hurt" parties could seek government intervention.

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INSIDE RADIO: New York Broadcasters Fight Proposal That Would Charge News Vehicles \$15 Fee.

Donovan proposes that any news vehicle with "press plates" issued by the state and operated by a station licensed by the Federal Communications Commission, should be carved out from the proposed congestion pricing plan. He says the state's procedures for obtaining the special license plates will ensure that the exemption is not abused, pointing out there is an extra layer of scrutiny for requests issued in New York City.

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1819 NEWS: Club for Growth makes \$580K media buy in AL-1 race

Club's participation in the first congressional district contest coincides with a partial cancelation from House Freedom Fund in both the Mobile-Pensacola and Dothan TV markets, according to data posted on the Federal Communications Commission's website.

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MY CENTRAL OREGON: Ham Radio Class For Beginners

The course prepares students for the entry level "Technician Class" ham radio License and is sanctioned by the American Radio Relay League (ARRL) and the Federal Communications Commission (FCC). This class of license allows operation on most amateur emergency frequencies. The official FCC test will be administered by certified volunteer examiners at the end of the class. Students must obtain a score of 70% to earn the license. A typical average score for students using this curriculum is in the 90's. No prior knowledge of electronics is needed to pass this test. The only math involved is very simple algebra.

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CNBC: Clemson University's Thomas Hazlett on why mergers can benefit consumers (Video)

Thomas Hazlett, Clemson University economics professor and former FCC chief economist, joins 'Squawk Box' to discuss how mergers can benefit consumers, the case for lighter regulation, and more.

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Finally, ACA Connects hired Max Staloff as of regulatory affairs, working with chief regulatory counsel Brian Hurley. Most recently a telecom attorney in private practice, he began his career with the Federal Communications Commission, including in the agency's Office of General Counsel.

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THE WALL STREET JOURNAL: Musk's SpaceX Forges Tighter Links With U.S. Spy and Military Agencies

SpaceX is deepening its ties with U.S. intelligence and military agencies, winning at least one major classified contract and expanding a secretive company satellite program called Starshield for national-security customers. The Elon Musk-led company entered into a \$1.8 billion classified contract with the U.S. government in 2021, according to company documents viewed by The Wall Street Journal. SpaceX said in the documents that funds from the contract were expected to become an important part of its revenue mix in the coming years. It didn't disclose the name of the government customer.

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POPULAR SCIENCE: Dead satellite hurtles towards Earth in new grainy images

Deorbiting satellites is vital to ensuring enough room is kept for the thousands upon thousands of other human-made objects orbiting Earth. Increasingly crowded skies is a major concern for space agencies, private companies, and watchdog groups—an issue that isn't likely to diminish anytime soon. Back in October, for example, a space junk cleanup mission proved more complicated when another piece of debris smacked into the satellite targeted for decommissioning. In the meantime, regulators like the FCC are fining

companies for failing to do their part in accounting for their dead satellites.

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SALON.COM: Space is becoming more commercialized. Can regulations keep up?

Indeed, the FAA isn't the only agency involved with commercial space flight. The Department of Commerce regulates private remote sensing systems and the Federal Communications Commission regulates satellites. The White House's National Space Council has also been tasked with creating legislation that grants rulemaking authority to agencies.

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FEDERAL REGISTER: Deletion of Item From February 15, 2024 Open Meeting

The following items were adopted by the Commission on February 13, 2024 and deleted from the list of items scheduled for consideration at the Thursday, February 15, 2024, Open Meeting. The items were previously listed in the Commission's Sunshine Notice on Wednesday, February 8, 2023.

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Social Media Summary

From Feb. 20 to 21, there were around 2,300 social media posts mentioning the FCC. Most content was on Twitter (82%, or around 1,900 posts), followed by Reddit (14%), Forums (2%), Comments (1%), Blogs (1%), and Facebook (0%).

The social media post with the greatest reach came from the Twitter account of Steph Smith (150k reach), which publicized the story about Bridgit Mendler, her satellite company, and her experience with the FCC. The social media post with the second greatest reach came from the Twitter account of Law360 (50k reach), which publicized its article on the FCC's panel that will focus on the consumer impact of AI.

One trending topic on social media was the FCC being sued over its digital discrimination rules. The Twitter account of Cord Cutters News (50k reach, 5 engagements) had the most popular social media post on that topic. Another trending topic on social media was Commissioner Carr's participation in a roundtable with the U.S.-India Business Council. The Twitter account of Atul Keshap (30k reach) had the most popular social media post on that

topic.

There were no new tweets from Chairwoman Rosenworcel or any of the Commissioners.

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CNBC: FCC to vote in March on rules for 'all-in' cable and satellite pricing

A federal consumer protection watchdog agency on Wednesday announced that it will be voting on rules that will require cable and satellite providers to display an "all-in" price for video programming on consumers' bills and promotional materials. The Federal Communications Commission's final rules are expected to be largely similar to those the agency initially proposed last year. The commission plans to vote on a final version of the rules during its upcoming March 14 open meeting.

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THE HILL: If China dominates 5G and 6G, no defense system can protect America (Opinion)

Americans of both parties recognize that the Chinese Communist Party threatens the free world with its multifaceted game of economic, military, diplomatic and cultural technologies. To counter this, the U.S. must move decisively to resolve its radio spectrum deficit by projecting tech diplomacy, a new category of statecraft integrating technological expertise, innovative strategies and policy tools. As the former undersecretary of the Department of State from 2019 to 2021 and commissioner of the Federal Communications Commission (FCC), we believe in securing the technological high ground by starting with 5G — the backbone of current and future innovation.

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THE HILL: Facebook whistleblower, AI godfather join hundreds calling for deepfake regulation

Earlier this month, the Federal Communications Commission banned the use of AI-generated voices in robocalls. The Federal Trade Commission also proposed a rule last week that would prohibit the impersonation of individuals, pointing to the recent rise of AI-generated deepfakes.

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PCMAG: To Improve Starlink Speeds, SpaceX Wants to Orbit Satellites Closer to Earth

To boost Starlink speeds, SpaceX is asking for regulatory clearance to orbit some satellites about 200 kilometers (124 miles) closer to the Earth. On Tuesday, the company filed a letter with the Federal Communications Commission about operating some second-generation Starlink satellites between 340-360 kilometers. If approved, the lower orbits promise to “improve space sustainability and enhance quality of service for consumers, enterprises, and first responders,” SpaceX wrote.

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REUTERS: Fact Check: Fictional emergency alert video falsely shared as real nuclear warning

The Federal Emergency and Management Agency (FEMA) operates the Emergency Alert System (EAS), opens new tab in partnership with the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) and the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA).

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REAL CLEAR INVESTIGATIONS: Waste of the Day: Throwback Thursday: NASCAR Ford Bearing \$350,000 FCC Ad Crashes Into Wall

In 2008, the Federal Communications Commission announced that all TV stations would be required to broadcast using digital signals instead of analog — and decided to spend \$350,000 to turn a NASCAR car into a “Digital TV Transition Ford” advertising that fact. It cost \$511,000 in 2024 dollars. There was just one problem, aside from the wasteful spending: the car didn’t even make it through its first race fully intact.

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ANDROID AUTHORITY: OnePlus Watch 2 FCC filing suggests there won't be LTE support

The OnePlus Watch 2 is only days away from its February 26, 2024, launch. As expected, the device dropped by the FCC ahead of the release. That FCC filing, however, reveals some new interesting details about the smartwatch.

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BENZINGA: SpaceX Wants Starlink Satellites Closer To Earth For Faster Internet Speeds And Lower Risks During Failures

SpaceX on Tuesday submitted a request to the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) to place a few of its next-gen Starlink satellites at altitudes in the 340 km to 360 km range. The company said in the letter that it believes lowering the orbital altitude will enhance the quality of service for consumers, businesses, and emergency services alike.

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THE WASHINGTON EXAMINER: Soros to take control of massive radio conglomerate with conservative stations

Democratic megadonor George Soros is set to take control of a major Philadelphia-based radio conglomerate that hosts conservative stations. On Tuesday, a bankruptcy court approved a plan for Soros's investment firm to acquire 40% of Audacy's debt, which would make it the single largest shareholder in the company, the Philadelphia Inquirer reported. The plan will now go to the Federal Communications Commission for approval.

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- [THE PHILADELPHIA INQUIRER: George Soros is set to become the largest shareholder of WIP and WPHT owner Audacy. Here's what we know.](#)
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SPACE NEWS: US finalizes proposed direct-to-smartphone regulatory framework

U.S. regulators will vote March 14 on a regulatory framework for allowing satellites to use radio waves from terrestrial mobile operators to keep their smartphone users connected beyond the reach of cell towers. Jessica Rosenworcel, chair of the Federal Communications Commission, said Feb. 21 she had shared a final draft of rules with the regulator's other four Commissioners that would pave the way for direct-to-smartphone services in the United States.

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LAWFARE: Texas, Florida, and the Magic Speech Sorting Hat in the Netchoice Cases

If the states' laws really did mandate carriage of important speech while permitting removal of bad speech, I think they would be unconstitutional. But rational minds can differ. I had a civil and productive disagreement about this with FCC Commissioner Brendan Carr back when the NetChoice cases were in the lower courts. He argued that “pro-speech guardrails” could be established to require platforms to carry “dissenting political, scientific, [or] religious speech,” while being “very explicit” about letting them take down terrorist content or even profanity. That’s not what the NetChoice laws do, of course. Lawmakers in Texas actually voted down an amendment that would have explicitly allowed removal of terrorist content. But it is worth unpacking the constitutional issues raised by such a hypothetical law, if only to dispel any impression that that law might be easily defended from constitutional challenges.

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STATESCOOP: Former FCC chairs urge Congress to fund next-generation 911

Nine former chairs of the Federal Communications Commission issued a letter on Wednesday to the U.S. House and Senate leaders, urging Congress to make the nationwide transition to next-generation 911 a “top priority.” Experts say the new, internet-based system is a much-needed replacement to the aging, telephone-based emergency communications infrastructure that’s been used across the U.S. for decades.

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FEDSCOOP: FCC advisory committee to focus on how AI can defend against unwanted calls

The latest iteration of the Federal Communications Commission’s Consumer Advisory Committee will have an eye trained specifically on how artificial intelligence can be used to protect vulnerable populations from unwanted and illegal calls, the agency said Tuesday.

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- [BROADBAND BREAKFAST: FCC Launches Committee Focusing on Impact of Artificial Intelligence](#)
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LAW360: AT&T Says Satellite Cell Coverage Must Rely On Leases (SUBSCRIPTION REQUIRED)

The Federal Communications Commission will soon vote on new rules allowing satellite companies to use spectrum to beef up mobile connectivity, helping eliminate "dead zones."

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LAW360: FCC Commissioner To Meet With Indian Gov't On TikTok Ban (SUBSCRIPTION REQUIRED)

FCC Commissioner Brendan Carr is finally getting the chance to chat with Indian officials about the country's decision to ban TikTok over concerns about the Chinese government's influence over the app, a decision he has pushed for here in the United States, during a visit to India.

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INSIDE RADIO: FCC's Gomez Says First Amendment Limits What Can Be Done About Growing Misinformation Threat.

"I have zero interest in regulating what goes on in the newsroom," said Anna Gomez, the newest member of the Federal Communications Commission. During a speech to The Media Institute, Gomez said one of her top media concerns is the growing threat of misinformation, but she said the role of the First Amendment cannot be overstated and that limits what the FCC can do. "Frankly, regulatory options are limited, as they should be. The Commission is not in the business of regulating content," Gomez said. "Our democracy needs a press that is free from interference from regulators like myself. I approach this issue as both an FCC commissioner and the concerned citizen – and I have had a lifetime of appreciating the evolution of news media as a consumer."

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BROADBAND BREAKFAST: 23 Million Might Have to Re-Enroll in Affordable Connectivity Program

The digital inclusion program manager of a program to get people online warned during a Wednesday press conference that if the Affordable Connectivity Program ends and later resumes, tens of millions of beneficiaries may have to manually re-enroll. Leslie Scott, digital inclusion program manager of KC Digital Drive, raised the concerns in a press

conference hosted by advocates of renewing the ACP.

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- CORD CUTTERS NEWS: Rural Americans Are More Likely to Rely on Their Phone to Get Online
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NEXTGOV: FCC to vote on authorizing cyber labeling rules next month

The Federal Communications Commission will vote next month to create a voluntary cybersecurity labeling program for Internet of Things devices and other consumer-facing products that rely on an internet connection, the agency said Wednesday. The vote would check off a major component of a Biden administration-wide push to put labels on smart devices like fitness trackers, garage door openers and climate control gauges to help consumers shop for products that are less prone to cyberattacks.

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GSM ARENA: Samsung Galaxy M15 5G confirmed to have 6,000 mAh battery

Samsung is preparing to launch the Galaxy M15 5G, and the battery of the smartphone was just certified by the FCC in the United States with its capacity and charging rates. After similar certifications appeared in India and Korea, the documents confirmed once again that the cell will be 6,000 mAh with 25W charging.

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DIGITAL CAMERA WORLD: What's the "Countering CCP Drones Act"? Is Congress about to ban DJI drones?

Last week a piece of proposed legislation, frequently referred to as the "Countering CCP Drones Act", especially by its proposer – Congresswoman Elise Stefanik of New York's 21st District – cleared its first hurdle in a congress committee. As every American schoolchild knows, however, it is a bill which becomes an act and Congress doesn't really need to talk about it afterward so, in fact, the proposed legislation – to add Da-Jiang Innovations (DJI) to the FCC's Covered List is, at present, just a bill. Moreover, not one that has progressed as far as the house floor for a vote yet either. What the proposal – H.R. 2864 – seeks to do, if enacted, is effectively prevent DJI products from using "US communications infrastructure" – i.e. anything regulated by the FCC, which, of course, includes the radio controls and indeed other essential tech; even wi-fi.

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91 MOBILES: New Motorola smartphone spotted on FCC, BIS and IMEI websites; could be Edge 50 Pro

A couple of new Motorola smartphones have been spotted on multiple certification websites, such as the FCC, BIS, and IMEI websites. Along with smartphones, a wireless charger, a wired charging adapter, and a new battery have also been spotted on TUV Rheinland. We speculate the smartphones to be part of the Moto Edge 50 series.

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RADIO & TELEVISION BUSINESS REPORT: FM Digital Power NPRM 'Clarification' Petition Sent To FCC (SUBSCRIPTION REQUIRED)

On October 6, 2023, the time period for filing comments and reply comments on a Notice of Proposed Rulemaking tied to the increase of FM digital power concluded. The proceeding, initiated two months earlier, would change the methodology used by digital FM stations to determine whether they can boost their HD Radio output. It would also allow asymmetric sideband operation. Now, the Media Bureau has confirmed the filing earlier this month of a "Petition for Clarification," submitted jointly by the NAB and HD Radio parent Xperi Inc. Why? They detected "an important ambiguity" that requires a clear-up.

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- [RADIO WORLD: NAB, Xperi Raise Concern Over HD Power "Ambiguity"](#)
- [INSIDE RADIO: FCC Reopens Review Of Proposal To Allow Digital FMs To Hike Their Power.](#)

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NATIVE NEWS ONLINE: FCC Chairwoman Proposes New "Missing and Endangered Persons" Emergency Alert Code

Federal Communications Commission (FCC) Chairwoman Jessica Rosenworcel on Wednesday announced she will submit a proposal to add a new "missing and endangered persons" alert code to the nation's Emergency Alert System. The alert—similar to an AMBER Alert to help locate missing children— would notify the public over television and radio about missing and endangered persons.

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- [TVTECHNOLOGY: FCC Chair Rosenworcel Proposes New Emergency Alerts for Missing and Endangered Persons](#)

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THE SAN FERNANDO VALLEY SUN: Assemblymember Mia Bonta Introduces Landmark ‘Digital Discrimination’ Legislation in California

Assemblymember Mia Bonta (D-Oakland) has introduced AB 2239, groundbreaking legislation that will make California the first state in the nation to codify the Federal Communication Commission’s newly adopted definition of digital discrimination as California law. Last November, the FCC defined “digital discrimination of access” as, “policies or practices, not justified by genuine issues of technical or economic feasibility, that (1) differentially impact consumers; access to broadband internet access service based on their income level, race, ethnicity, color, religion, or national origin or (2) are intended to have such differential impact.” These federal rules were adopted following a multi-year rulemaking process during which the FCC received and engaged extensive formal input from digital equity advocates, industry stakeholders, and others.

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COMMUNICATIONS DAILY: Fla. Senate Supports Taking Wireless Lifeline Authority From FCC

Florida senators unanimously supported joining other states that designate mobile phone providers as eligible telecom carriers (ETCs) for the federal Lifeline program. On the floor Wednesday, senators voted 37-0 to pass a bill (SB-478) that would transfer wireless ETC designation powers from the FCC to the Florida Public Service Commission. Later, senators debated a bill (HB-1) that would override parents and ban all kids younger than 16 from getting social media accounts.

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GIZMOCHINA: Realme RMX3999 rear design revealed by FCC

Yesterday, we reported on an upcoming Realme smartphone with model number RMX3999. This device is expected to be identical to Realme C67 5G in terms of specifications. However, it may not have the same design as per a new finding. The device’s FCC certification reveals that it will look different.

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WIRED: A Top White House Cyber Official Sees the ‘Promise and Peril’ in AI

We hosted a voice-cloning gathering here last week, bringing in key telecom companies,

key researchers, academic researchers in the space—like Hany Farid from Berkeley—as well as the FCC and the FTC. The FCC has been engaged on this. The FTC launched a challenge—they got 85 responses to talk about what might be possible in the space. There were some really cool ideas that came up, building on the history that the telecom industry has done to target spam calls.

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CONCORD MONITOR: Granite Geek: Scrambling to save the 603 area code, yet again

Last fall Gov. Sununu, who knows a good political stand when he sees one, issued an executive order telling state regulators to “investigate durable strategies ... for lengthening the useful life of the 603 Area Code.” That’s popular but not necessarily effective: phone numbers are overseen by the Federal Communications Commission, not individual states.

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GOVERNMENT EXECUTIVE: Biden to sign executive order boosting cybersecurity of ports, maritime vessels

The Biden administration will also dedicate some \$20 billion toward port infrastructure over the next five years, as part of funding included in the 2021 Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act, which would include investing in cranes and other seaport equipment made by trusted providers. That funding would notably not support any efforts to “rip and replace” equipment, Neuberger said in phrasing akin to the Federal Communications Commission’s ongoing efforts to remove Chinese telecommunications equipment from U.S. networks.

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- [THE REGISTER: Biden asks Coast Guard to create an infosec port in a stormy sea of cyber threats](#)

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MORNING JOURNAL: Huron County Emergency Management Agency to conduct warning system test March 19

The Huron County Emergency Management Agency, in coordination with the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) and Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), will conduct a test utilizing the Federal Emergency Management Agency’s Integrated Public Alert & Warning System (IPAWS) at 12:15 p.m., March 19, according to a news release.

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FEDSCOOP: With House AI task force, Rep. Yvette Clarke is ready to 'get to the table'

Certainly the FCC, CISA, and Homeland Security are very aware ... It's a huge, huge endeavor on many different levels because each federal agency has a sort of a different level of engagement around cyber protocols. That creates vulnerabilities.

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Wireless & Spectrum

USA TODAY: Phone companies want to eliminate traditional landlines. What's at stake and who loses?

The California Public Utilities Commission is considering an application by AT&T to waive its responsibilities to be what's called "Carrier of Last Resort," meaning the utility has to offer the copper-wire landline service. The utility said in filings with the commission that the technology for the traditional landlines is old and demand is low. The utility and many of its peers have been petitioning state utility commissions and state legislators, asking to be relieved of the task of maintaining and offering the traditional landline service.

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MARKETPLACE: When cellphones fail, landlines are still a lifeline

It fits into a trend because AT&T, in particular, wants to get out of the landline telephone business. And so it is going to different states, and particularly state legislatures, to try to convince them to allow them to get rid of this service. They've also gone to the FCC [Federal Communications Commission] in 13 states. They just filed this application to say that they're going to shut down their traditional phone service, and when that happens, if the FCC allows them to do it, customers will be on a month-to-month contract where AT&T can discontinue that service at any time. And so, other states will look at California and say, "Well, what is California doing here?" So that I think is how it fits in.

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RCR WIRELESS: Key takeaways from UScellular's results

Therivel said that the decisions for the BEAD program (which is focused heavily, but not exclusively, on fiber build-outs) should be allowed to be made before the FCC's 5G Fund for rural deployments is allocated, because BEAD will push fiber availability into areas that lack 5G coverage today for easier and less expensive 5G build-outs, as well as funding some FWA deployments that will by default bring 5G to those areas. If BEAD dollars can

bring down UScellular's cost to build a tower to our cost to \$100,000 or \$200,000, he said, "then that could create a pretty compelling investment opportunity."

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NEW ELECTRONICS: 6G heads toward the light

Data centres may be earlier adopters. At the beginning of January, Microsoft applied to the US Federal Communications Commission for a licence to conduct indoor experiments at the sub-terahertz frequencies envisaged for future 6G networks. Microsoft, which is working with Keysight, expects to conduct tests on carriers around 250GHz in work designed to supplement fibre-optic communications within data centres.

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WECT-TV: Widespread cell service outage affecting southeastern NC

A cell service outage is affecting southeastern North Carolina customers Thursday morning, Feb. 22, according to a notification from AT&T. "Valued Customer, This is an AT&T FCC PSAP Notification informing you of a Wireless and FirstNet outage. Customers cannot make or receive voice and data calls to and from mobile, including 911 calls. The preliminary cause is outside AT&T Network. You can reach the 911 resolution center at 888-243-1911, option 5 with any questions. Thank you," the AT&T notification states.

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WDET-FM: Redistricting Commission hosting public hearings on state House maps

Geoffrey Starks, the head of the Federal Communications Commission, visited Detroit on Wednesday to tour the William V. Banks Broadcast Museum.

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THE ASPEN INSTITUTE: Designing Scalable Co-Funding Solutions for Broadband and Digital Equity

On December 12, 2023, the ROADS collaboration hosted a panel at the annual Rural LISC Seminar to help rural communities understand and participate in the new federal funding available for high-speed broadband internet. Widely viewed as a once-in-a-generation investment in closing the digital divide, the 2021 Bipartisan Infrastructure Law's package of broadband infrastructure deployment and adoption subsidy programs administered by NTIA, along with additional sources from USDA and FCC, are explicitly rural-facing with

\$62.4B available over the next five years to address rural connectivity gaps.

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Broadband Map

LIGHT READING: 'Significant errors' plague FCC's broadband map, says ISP alliance

A broadband coalition called the Accurate Broadband Data Alliance (ABDA) is warning the FCC that its national broadband map contains errors that "will hinder and, in many cases, prevent deployment of essential broadband services by redirecting funds away from areas truly lacking sufficient broadband." In a filing published Tuesday, the group alleges that "significant errors" exist throughout the broadband map, due in part to incorrect reporting by some ISPs.

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AGRI PULSE: States gear up to distribute historic infusion of broadband funding

Volume I consists of mapping unserved and underserved households, businesses, and organizations within a state or territory. In 2022, the Federal Communications Commission released an update of its broadband maps, which were intended to identify service gaps.

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CNN: This overshadowed Trump ruling may be the one that matters most (Opinion)

The only case that even comes close of a president or party's candidate owning a significant media platform while running for office in the US would be that of incumbent Lyndon Johnson in 1964. Johnson, who became president in 1963 following the assassination of John F. Kennedy, profited from TV and radio stations in Austin, Texas, while he was in Congress. His wife, Lady Bird, held the licenses, but during his years in office, Johnson sought and won favorable decisions from the Federal Communications Commission, which granted and policed the licenses. While the Johnsons made millions off the stations, the political reach of the stations was limited to Texas, Johnson's home state.

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CORD CUTTERS NEWS: Poll: A Majority of U.S. Viewers Don't Want

YouTube TV, Sling TV, Fubo, and More Regulated Like Cable TV

The Preserve Viewer Choice Coalition was created in response to local ABC, CBS, FOX, and NBC owners asking the Federal Communications Commission to treat streamers like cable TV companies. In addition to Hulu and YouTube TV, the group also includes Fubo, Roku, Telemundo, and Univision.

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INSIDE RADIO: Deal Digest: Alabama FM Four-Pack Sells For \$1.25 Million.

Eddie Rivera filed a \$350,000 deal to buy Spanish religious WEGA, Vega Baja, PR (1350) from Ricardo Angulo. The station has been operated by Faro de Santidad Inc. and Pedro de Jesús Colón under a local marketing agreement since 2016. The filing says the sale already took place on Dec. 27, 2022, but it was never filed with the FCC because the owners didn't realize it was required for a stock sale. Ricardo Angulo was a retiree who lived in South Florida, and had acquired WEGA after his son, who operated the station, died in an auto accident in 2015. He inked the LMA five months after his son's death. Ricardo Angulo then died in August 2023.

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REUTERS: US Justice Dept names first AI officer as new technology challenges law enforcement

Mayer served as the technology adviser to now-Vice President Kamala Harris when she was a U.S. senator and also worked for the Federal Communications Commission.

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BEAVER COUNTY TIMES: FERC approves Vistra's Energy Harbor acquisition

The Federal Communications Commission and Nuclear Regulatory Commission last year approved the deal that would put Beaver County's fourth-largest employer under new ownership, but the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission extended its review of the proposal into this year.

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BOSTON GLOBE: A closer look at the merger between Rhode Island PBS and The Public's Radio

We know that the FCC has already approved the merger, and R.I. Attorney General Peter Neronha's office is now reviewing the proposal. The AG's office held a public hearing last night, and it has until July to approve or reject the plan (all signs suggest it will be approved).

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ADVANCED TELEVISION: SpaceX's 300th successful mission

As to the Starlink/T-Mobile direct-to-cellular scheme, SpaceX and T-Mobile had a meeting with the FCC on February 16th, and where discussions were held as to how SpaceX would operate its system. The SpaceX/T-Mobile team asked the FCC to look at what it described as its "next generation" scheme which is designed to close coverage gaps for consumers and provide essential connectivity during and after emergencies. "Rather than impose outdated and overly prescriptive satellite regulations onto a technology that breaks down the traditional silos between terrestrial and satellite rules, the FCC should accommodate 'Supplemental Coverage from Space (SCS)' within the pathbreaking flexible use licensing policies that enabled the US to lead the way in wireless innovation"

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FEDERAL REGISTER: Mitigation of Orbital Debris in the New Space Age

In this document, the Federal Communications Commission (Commission or FCC) discusses the adoption of an Order on Reconsideration (Orbital Debris Reconsideration Order), which addressed three petitions for reconsideration challenging the orbital debris mitigation rules adopted by the Commission in 2020. In the Orbital Debris Reconsideration Order, the Commission declined to modify, withdraw, or otherwise change the orbital debris mitigation rules adopted in 2020 Orbital Debris Order, published August 25, 2020, but also provided some clarification and guidance as relevant for some of the issues raised in the petitions for reconsideration.

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Social Media Summary

From Feb. 21 to 22, there were around 2,500 social media posts mentioning the FCC. Most content was on Twitter (84%, or around 2,100 posts), followed by Reddit (11%), Forums (3%), Comments (1%), Blogs (1%), and Facebook (0%).

The social media post with the greatest reach came from the Twitter account of CNBC (5.2m reach), which publicized its article on the FCC's upcoming vote on finalizing rules for 'all-in' cable and satellite pricing. The social media post with the second greatest reach came from the Twitter account of Android Authority (1.2m reach), which publicized its article on the OnePlus Watch 2 appearing on the FCC website.

One trending topic on social media was the story about Bridgit Mendler, her satellite company, and her experience with the FCC. The Twitter account of Morning Brew (460k reach, 14 engagements) had the most popular social media post on that topic. Another trending topic on social media was the FCC voting on authorizing cyber labeling rules. The Twitter account of The Cyber Security Hub (160k reach, 10 engagements) had the most popular social media post on that topic.

Commissioner Carr tweeted (51k reach, 23 engagements) that he was honored to meet with his Indian counterparts in New Delhi to discuss countering China and other topics.

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THE HILL: **Feds investigating nationwide AT&T outage**

The Federal Communications Commission (FCC), Department of Homeland Security (DHS)

and FBI are investigating widespread outages in AT&T's wireless network that affected customers across the country Thursday morning. The FCC said it is aware of the reported outages and its Public Safety and Homeland Security Bureau is actively investigating the incident.

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THE HILL: FCC Commissioner: Ending affordable internet is a gut punch to US prosperity (Opinion)

The Affordable Connectivity Program helps 23 million American households afford the internet. But on Feb. 8, the program began winding down due to a lack of funding. Today, new households no longer can enroll. Soon, current households will confront a choice between bill shock and disconnection. We cannot let this happen.

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THE WASHINGTON POST: Cellphones fail. Should you have a landline phone for emergencies?

Only about a quarter of American households have a landline phone. Last year, about three-quarters of calls to 911 were made from a cellphone, according to the Federal Communications Commission. But mobile phone service doesn't always work. (Landlines also fail sometimes.) For safety in emergencies like outages of electrical power or cell service, should we have a landline to call for help?

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ARS TECHNICA: ISPs keep giving false broadband coverage data to the FCC, groups say

Internet service providers are still providing false coverage information to the Federal Communications Commission, and the FCC process for challenging errors isn't good enough to handle all the false claims, the agency was told by several groups this week. The latest complaints focus on fixed wireless providers that offer home Internet service via signals sent to antennas. ISPs that compete against these wireless providers say that exaggerated coverage data prevents them from obtaining government funding designed to subsidize the building of networks in areas with limited coverage.

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- [LAW360: ISP Liaison Must Monitor Digital Equity Compliance, FCC Told \(SUBSCRIPTION REQUIRED\)](#)

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Mayer also served as the chief technologist in the Federal Communications Commission's enforcement bureau for about a year, according to his LinkedIn profile.

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NEWSMAX: FCC Commissioner Rips Agency's Race, Gender Directive

Federal Communications Commission panel member Brendan Carr blasted the decision of his colleagues to move forward with an initiative that would require broadcasters to make public a race and gender scorecard of their employees, a directive he says runs afoul of the Constitution. Carr, the senior Republican commissioner on the FCC and former general counsel, wrote a six-page dissenting statement over the agency's decision to "post a race and gender scorecard for each and every TV and radio broadcast station in the country."

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- [INSIDE RADIO: In 3-2 Vote, FCC Orders Broadcast Employment Data Again Be Collected Each Year.](#)

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FOX NEWS: Robo-calls no more as federal ruling makes clear statement on annoying practice

The Federal Communications Commission (FCC) put a final point on its reforms related to automatic or "robocalls" after deciding to ban the use of artificial intelligence (AI) generated voices for marketing calls. "Although voice cloning and other uses of AI on calls are still evolving, we have already seen their use in ways that can uniquely harm consumers and those whose voice is cloned," the FCC wrote in a Feb. 8 decision.

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- [UPR: Proposed Utah bill targets AI in political ads](#)
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THE NATIONAL DESK: FCC plans vote on cybersecurity labels for smart devices amid rising risks

Smart devices, ranging from baby monitors to internet-connected cars, might be getting new cybersecurity labels to assure the buying public. The Federal Communications

Commission will vote on the voluntary cybersecurity labeling program next month.

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Several service providers also allow you to block the sender by forwarding unwanted texts to 7726 (or "SPAM"), according to the FCC.

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Regarding the process's next steps, the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) must approve the reorganization plan; assuming that the government agency green-lights the latter, Audacy, the owner of over 220 radio stations, will emerge from the Chapter 11 process.

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Another factor at play is NextGen TV, also known as ATSC 3.0, which at the end of 2023 was available to some 70% of US households. Chicago went live in early February, increasing that reach to 75%, and San Antonio, San Diego and Cleveland are going to be lit this year, which will increase coverage to 81% of the US by the end of the year. Given the voluntary nature of this new broadcast TV standard, the next challenge is for consumer adoption without the US FCC-mandated TV analog-to-digital switchover that occurred in June 2009 for all full-power TV stations.

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LAW360: FCC Dems Press Plan To Raise Broadband Speed Standards (SUBSCRIPTION REQUIRED)

The Federal Communications Commission's Democratic majority will take another shot next month at raising the federal standard for broadband speeds, saying the existing minimums have lagged the private sector for too long.

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CORD CUTTERS NEWS: FCC Wants to Create a New AMBER-Like Alert For Missing and Endangered Persons

Federal Communications Commission Chairwoman Jessica Rosenworcel on Wednesday proposed a new alert system that alert the public about missing or endangered persons. The proposed system would act similar to AMBER alerts on radio and TV, which inform the public about a missing or abducted children, and make them aware in case they're spotted. The agency said the alerts would specifically address native and indigenous persons, but noted other groups would benefit.

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GOVERNMENT TECHNOLOGY: FCC Connectivity Fund for Closing Homework Gap Is Sunsetting

The Federal Communications Commission is considering ways to continue funding a temporary pandemic-era measure to support Wi-Fi hot spots and off-premises wireless access for low-income students. The Emergency Connectivity Fund (ECF), established during the height of the COVID-19 pandemic in 2021, has provided more than \$1 billion to help students access the Internet when the school day is over. As most schools across the country returned to in-person instruction by 2023, the FCC assigned a June 30, 2024, sunset date to that pot of money, according to an FCC proposal in November.

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TESLARATI: SpaceX seeks to boost Starlink speeds with recent FCC letter

Earlier this week, SpaceX filed a letter with the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) seeking regulatory clearance to help boost Starlink speeds. In its FCC letter, SpaceX requested for regulatory clearance to orbit some of its Starlink satellites closer to Earth. The Elon Musk-led company seeks to operate some of the second-generation Starlink satellites between 340-360 km closer to Earth.

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RADIO & TELEVISION BUSINESS REPORT: A 'VASC' Win In Wisconsin For New Noncomm FM (SUBSCRIPTION REQUIRED)

FCC Media Bureau Audio Division Chief Al Shuldiner has made his determination as to who should be awarded the right to build a new noncommercial FM radio station in Wisconsin. Some eight applicants ended up with mutually exclusive applications, including Educational Media Foundation. Alas, EMF is not the winner of the Construction Permit in "NCE MX Group 223" — but another religious broadcast ministry is.

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EXECUTIVE GOV: FCC to Vote in March on Proposed Framework to Address Wireless Coverage Gaps; Jessica Rosenworcel Quoted

The Federal Communications Commission will hold an open meeting on March 14 to vote on a proposed regulatory framework that seeks to promote collaboration between wireless providers and satellite operators and provide satellite connectivity to smartphone users in remote and underserved areas. FCC said Wednesday the proposed framework intends to deliver supplemental coverage from space to address wireless coverage gaps.

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TVTECHNOLOGY: Poll: Majority Oppose Regulating Streaming Services like Cable

A new national poll from Preserve Viewer Choice Coalition finds that viewers strongly prefer streaming platforms to access video programming over traditional video services and that a majority of consumers are opposed to the idea of regulating vMVPDs like YouTube TV or FuboTV by the same rules governing traditional cable and satellite TV providers. The Preserve Viewer Choice Coalition is a strong opponent of proposals from broadcast station groups and the NAB to get the FCC regulate vMVPDs like traditional pay TV operators. The Preserve Viewer Choice Coalition is backed by ABC, CBS, FOX, Fubo, NBC, Roku, Telemundo, Univision, and Warner Bros. Discovery.

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WGLT-FM: FCC approves radio station for Eureka College

Eureka College is getting a radio station. The Federal Communications Commission has approved a construction permit for the station that will broadcast at 103.1 FM. Eureka absorbed Lincoln College's radio and television program when Lincoln College closed. But

federal regulations prevented moving Lincoln College's radio station. Eureka had to apply for a new broadcast license.

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THE TIMES OF INDIA: US FCC chief: India's Tiktok ban has set gold standard for the world on how to deal with Chinese threats

FCC commissioner Brendan Carr's visit to India acknowledges India's actions against cybersecurity threats from Chinese companies. He praises India's approach to dealing with threats posed by the CCP on platforms like TikTok and suppliers like Huawei and ZTE.

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GADGETS 360: OnePlus' claim to offer "market-beating" battery life sure has something to do with this large battery

First reported by 9to5Google, an FCC listing could reveal how OnePlus claims to deliver market-beating battery life with its latest smartwatch. The FCC listing suggests that the OnePlus Watch 2 will have a rather large battery with a capacity of 500mAh, which the report claimed is about 64 percent larger than the one in the latest Pixel Watch 2 and about 20 percent larger than the Galaxy Watch 6's (44mm) battery.

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COMMUNICATIONS DAILY: SCS Would Be on Select Bands on Secondary Basis Under FCC Proposal

The FCC's supplemental coverage from space framework draft order would see the service operate in select spectrum bands and on a secondary rather than a co-primary basis. The agency on Thursday released agenda items for commissioners' March 14 open meeting. A vote on the framework is expected that day. Also on the agenda are orders for "all-in" pricing disclosures by multichannel video distributors and launch of a voluntary cybersecurity labeling program, initially focused on wireless consumer IoT "products." In addition, Commissioners will vote on a report raising the FCC's broadband speed benchmark to 100/20 Mbps and an NPRM proposing creation of an emergency alert system code for missing and endangered adults.

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- [TVTECHNOLOGY: FCC R&O Tackles ‘All-In’ Price Clarity For Cable, Satellite TV Video Services](#)

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COMMUNICATIONS DAILY: Commerce Promises Light-Touch Regulation of Novel Space Activities

Commerce would take "a go-slow, cautious" regulatory approach if given oversight of novel space missions, as proposed in the White House's novel space activities framework (see 2402210036), according to Glenn Tallia, NOAA weather, satellites and research section chief. Speaking Thursday at the FAA's annual Commercial Space Transportation Conference in Washington, he promised a "light-touch," noting concerns that regulation could chill innovation or investment. FCC Space Bureau special counsel Karl Kensinger said the policy proposal leaves the agency's authority largely unaffected.

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ROLL CALL: Technology Can Be the Real Game Changer in Corrections

As someone who has worked in this policy space for decades, I wonder now if we are seeing something similar in a more specific market segment: corrections. Policymaking in the last 10 years has been squarely focused on lowering the cost of phone calls inside America's prisons. It was an important issue for the FCC to take on, and we're now seeing the results. Phone calls in prisons today are more affordable than ever before, and we're even seeing states choosing to make calls free to consumers through public funding. These long overdue developments will significantly improve the lives of incarcerated individuals and their families.

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CNN: Nvidia names Huawei a top competitor in major areas including AI chips

Nvidia has named Huawei a top competitor in a number of areas, including in the crucial production of processors that power artificial intelligence (AI) systems. The Santa Clara-based company said Wednesday in its annual report that Huawei was a competitor in four

out of five major categories of its business: hardware and software for graphic processing units (GPUs), cloud services, Arm-based central processing units (CPUs) and networking products. CNN has reached out to Huawei for comment. Other companies also listed as its rivals in some areas include AMD (AMD), Amazon (AMZN), Microsoft (MSFT) and Broadcom (AVGO).

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CORD CUTTERS NEWS: DISH Expands Boost Wireless's 5G Voice Coverage, But How Many People Are on the Network?

In November, DISH launched Boost Wireless in 12 new towns which expanded its 5G network to 89 markets, covering 73% of the U.S. This is still short of the Federal Communications Commission's requirement that the company cover 75% of the country by 2025.

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FIERCE WIRELESS: Artemis stages pCell demo with Boldyn in Times Square

The Times Square test involved 128 Pixel unlocked phones and 20 MHz of 3.5 GHz spectrum borrowed from Dish Network, which agreed to let Artemis and Boldyn use it under a Special Temporary Authorization (STA) granted by the FCC. Artemis' technology is "frequency agile," Perlman said. The test delivered speeds of 700 Mbps.

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SAPULPA TIMES: Sapulpa City Council declines to move on new 5G tower amid heated debate

Rotenstreich went into detail about various regulations, ordinances, and FCC, FAA, and State Historic Preservation Office regulations regarding approval of the proposed construction. Despite being near residential property, he explained it is within the ordinance distance for the height of the tower and its distance to those areas.

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TELECOMPETITOR: USDA Tweaks Rules for ReConnect Round 5; Two Florida Providers Will Share \$42M

One important change for round 5 that will affect many small rural providers: Providers receiving support through the E-ACAM program are only eligible for 100% loan funding. The agency will determine the eligibility of applicants that receive other FCC Universal Service Fund high-cost support on a case-by-case basis in accordance with high-cost program rules, USDA said in a notice of funding opportunity for ReConnect round 5.

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BOSTON GLOBE: Remember your landline? In these Massachusetts households, they never stopped ringing.

It's true that landlines are now far outnumbered by their mobile counterparts; there were 7.8 million cell phone subscriptions in Massachusetts as of June 2022, compared to 1.3 million residential landlines (either classic switched access lines or "voice over internet protocol" subscriptions that require a broadband connection to place a call), according to the Federal Communications Commission.

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KPIX-TV: For many Bay Area coastal town residents, landlines remain essential

But that back-up plan is changing. In response to an FCC order, AT&T and other providers will be phasing out landline services soon.

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INSIDE RADIO: Cumulus Adopts 'Poison Pill' To Thwart Hostile Takeover By Shareholder Group.

The prospect of Cumulus facing a takeover from an investor based in Singapore is the result of its earlier bankruptcy reorganization. As part of that process, it asked for, and received from the Federal Communications Commission in 2020, permission to become as much as 100% foreign owned. The only condition that the FCC put on Cumulus is that it will need to obtain specific approval for any foreign individual, entity, or group that seeks to hold more than five percent of the equity and/or voting interests in the company. In some cases, however, that limit will be raised to 10%. Cumulus will also need to alert the FCC if it becomes aware that it has fallen out of compliance with that requirement.

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The court's approval clears the way for the sale to move to the Federal Communications Commission for its blessing. Once that occurs, Bauer will be able to add the stations to his existing holdings of AC KCLY (100.9) and "Farm Radio 550" KFRM in the Salina-Manhattan, KS market. The new stations include:

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FORBES: X Outage In Pakistan Triggers Surge In VPN Use

Pakistan isn't the only country to have VPN use surge following a change in policy. Nord Security said traffic surges like the ones seen in Pakistan this week were also observed in 2022, when news emerged China was considering taking full control of Hong Kong, and in the United States in 2017, when the FCC repealed net neutrality rules. Similar spikes also occurred in the United Kingdom in 2016 when the country passed the so-called "Snoopers' Charter" law, which allows the government to collect online information on its citizens and have it stored by private companies.

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From Feb. 22 to 23, there were around 7,800 social media posts mentioning the FCC. Most content was on Twitter (93%, or around 7,200 posts), followed by Reddit (5%), Forums (1%), Blogs (1%), Comments (0%), and Facebook (0%).

The social media post with the greatest reach came from the Twitter account of Elon Musk

(173m reach), which said “Wow” in response to a tweet from Commissioner Carr that criticized the FCC’s order to collect broadcast employment data, including on race and gender. The social media post with the second greatest reach came from the Twitter account of The Times of India (14.7m reach), which publicized its article on Commissioner Carr praising India for its handling of TikTok.

One trending topic on social media was a tweet from Commissioner Carr that criticized the FCC’s order to collect broadcast employment data, including on race and gender. The Twitter account of Elon Musk (173m reach, 39k engagements) had the most popular social media post on that topic. Another trending topic on social media was the FCC and other agencies investigating the AT&T outage. The Twitter account of CBS News (9m reach) had the most popular social media post on that topic.

Commissioner Carr tweeted (51k reach, 14k engagements) “I dissent” in response to the FCC’s order on broadcast employment data, claiming that it violates the Constitution. By contrast, Commissioner Starks tweeted (4k reach, 1 engagement) that the change was “long-overdue” and “Congressionally-mandated.”

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After the robocall, the Federal Communications Commission adopted a ruling that clarified generating a voice with AI for robocalls is illegal and swiftly issued a cease-and-desist letter to Kramer for "originating illegal spoofed robocalls using an AI-generated voice in New Hampshire" and issued a public notice to U.S.-based voice providers regarding blocking traffic related to the call. "The agency is working diligently — including through all the tools available through its investigations — to ensure that harmful misuse of AI technologies do not compromise the integrity of our communications networks," FCC spokesperson Will Wiquist said in a statement.

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THE WASHINGTON POST: Charles D. Ferris, a champion of deregulation at the FCC, dies at 90

Charles D. Ferris, a Washington lawyer who helped enact landmark civil rights legislation as a top aide to Senate Majority Leader Mike Mansfield and who helped usher in an era of telecom deregulation as head of the Federal Communications Commission, died Feb. 16 at his home in Chevy Chase, Md. He was 90.

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FOX BUSINESS: The political ideology that permeates Silicon Valley is finding its way into algorithms: Brendan Carr (Video)

FCC commissioner Brendan Carr discuss how Google is facing calls to shut down its woke AI chatbot, Gemini on 'The Bottom Line.'

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THE CENTER SQUARE: FCC to publish race and gender scorecard of broadcasting workforce

The Federal Communications Commission has reinstated a policy that mandates broadcasters file a document that lists the race and gender of its employees. Congresswoman Yvette Clarke, a Democrat from New York, said the policy was not

followed while Donald Trump was president of the United States.

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LAW360: FCC Tells Reps. Starklink RDOF Application Was Insufficient (SUBSCRIPTION REQUIRED)

The Federal Communications Commission recently told members of Congress that the agency rejected satellite company Starlink's long-form application for about \$885 million in rural broadband development subsidies because the company's plan indicated it had trouble meeting speed standards, among other reasons.

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LAW360: Protect 'Cellular V2X' Technology In Cars, Group Urges Feds (SUBSCRIPTION REQUIRED)

Federal Communications Commission rules need to make sure unlicensed signals don't interfere with the nascent cellular vehicle-to-everything technology, which allows cars to communicate with their environments, a trade group emphasized in a recent letter to the FCC.

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LAW360: FCC OKs Frequency Coordination Tech For 6 GHz Band (SUBSCRIPTION REQUIRED)

The Federal Communications Commission is approving a group of applications for automated frequency coordination systems to allow unlicensed, standard power Wi-Fi devices on the 6 gigahertz band, saying the systems showed through rigorous testing that they can use the band without causing harmful interference to incumbent users.

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RADIO & TELEVISION BUSINESS REPORT: New Kauai FMs Get FCC's

Blessings. It's Good News For PMG

A total of six brand-new radio stations will be added to the Table of Allotments in the state of Hawaii, the FCC has announced by way of a trio of announcements from the Media Bureau. And, thanks to a successful counterproposal, a Maui-based broadcast group led by Chuck Bergson is a winner.

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ANDROID HEADLINES: AT&T wants to make things right after its massive outage

Last Thursday, AT&T experienced a massive outage across its network, and that left many customers without any way to contact others using their phones. It also led people to believe that all of the major American carriers went down. This was pretty big news, and it attracted the attention of the Federal Trade Commission (FTC). Well, AT&T is looking to "Make it right," and it's applying a credit to customers affected by the outage.

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INSIDE RADIO: FCC Rejects Proposal To Create LPFM Network Of Weather Alert Stations In Nine States.

In its application, WARN says it had been in contact with state and local public safety officials about their planned programming. But in rejecting their applications, the FCC says that while public safety radio services are permitted on low-power FMs, the entity behind the nations must be based in the local community. But that is not the case for WARN. It is a project of Audio Ventures, a broadcast consulting and management firm led by Rob Connelly, a longtime radio and TV station manager and current Gannett Director of Digital Audio Rob Connelly; TV ad sales vet Bob Guckenberger; and voiceover talent and former New Hampshire Association of Broadcasters Chair Mark Ericson.

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TVTECHNOLOGY: FCC Celebrates Tech Emmy Award

The Federal Communications Commission is celebrating the fact that it was awarded a Technology & Engineering Emmy Award by the National Academy of Television Arts & Sciences with a detailed discussion of the innovative Broadcast Incentive Auction that earned the award for the agency.

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RADIO ONLINE: Broadcast Expected to Reach \$36.68B in 2024 Ad Revenue

According to a new 2024 analysis from Kagan, the media research unit of S&P Global Market Intelligence, the U.S. broadcast station industry is expected to reach \$36.68 billion in total advertising revenue in 2024, up 8.4% from \$33.84 billion in 2023. Core ad categories -- including pharmaceuticals, telecom and professional services -- are still relatively strong, while the automotive, retail and travel categories remain soft.

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THE DESK: Lawmakers urge FCC to “act swiftly” on WTXF license renewal

A pair of federal lawmakers have urged officials at the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) to act on an application that seeks the renewal of a Philadelphia television station’s license renewal. The lawmakers, Senators Robert Casey and John Fetterman, say the FCC have collected public comment concerning the license renewal application for Fox-owned WTXF (Channel 29) for six months, suggesting that is plenty of time for the federal agency to decide if the station is worth keeping around as a licensed broadcaster.

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91 MOBILES: Samsung Galaxy Tab S6 Lite 2024 spotted on UL, FCC: battery size, connectivity details out

Samsung Galaxy Tab S6 Lite 2024 is expected to launch soon as the tablet has been popping up on various online platforms. This includes Geekbench and the Global Certification Forum. We had gathered from these sources that there will be multiple variants of the device, one of which is going to be a Wi-Fi-only model. Now 91mobiles has

found the Tab on the US's FCC and Denmark's UL database, revealing key details like its battery size, Wi-Fi bands, LTE bands, etc.

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COMMUNICATIONS DAILY: Nexstar, Beasley, Zimmer Petitions Seek to Set Aside FCC's Quad Review Order

The FCC faces three petitions for review, all filed Friday, in separate circuits, challenging the lawfulness of the commission's Dec. 26 quadrennial review order for allegedly violating Section 202(h) of the Telecommunications Act. Nexstar Media Group filed its petition (docket 24-60088) in the 5th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals, Beasley Media Group and Tri-State Communications filed their joint petition (docket 24-10535) in the 11th Circuit, and Zimmer Radio of Mid-Missouri filed its petition (docket 24-1380) in the 8th Circuit.

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COMMUNICATIONS DAILY: Republicans Eye Move on Longshot Hill Bid to Undo FCC's Digital Discrimination Rules

Congressional Republican leaders are determined to advance a Congressional Review Act resolution of disapproval to undo the FCC's digital discrimination order (H.J.Res. 107) despite widespread acknowledgment the measure faces long odds of making it through the majority-Democratic Senate and an all-but-certain veto from President Joe Biden. GOP leaders' intent in pursuing H.J.Res. 107 appears to be to bolster legal challenges of the digital discrimination order, officials and lobbyists told us. House Communications Subcommittee member Rep. Buddy Carter of Georgia and more than 60 other Republicans filed the measure in late January (see 2401310003).

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COMMUNICATIONS DAILY: EEI, Others Defend FCC Pole Attachment Petition for Reconsideration

The Edison Electric Institute defended its petition for partial reconsideration of a December FCC order modifying pole attachment rules in reply comments posted Monday in docket 17-84 (see 2401290074). The group raised concerns about how the FCC treats

grandfathered poles, whether a utility may impose standards exceeding the National Electric Safety Code (NESC), and when a pole owner must provide a copy of its easement to an attacher.

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COMMUNICATIONS DAILY: **NARUC Telecom Committee Approves Numbering Resolution**

NARUC's Telecom Committee approved a proposed resolution Monday aimed at forestalling U.S. phone number exhaustion. Also during state utility regulators' meeting in Washington, telecom industry officials urged state commissioners to join them in calling on Congress to renew funding for the affordable connectivity program (ACP). Another panel flagged pole attachment issues remaining after a December FCC order (see 2312130044).

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INSIDE CYBERSECURITY: **NIST framework veterans review changes in CSF 2.0 update including governance function, supply chain content (SUBSCRIPTION REQUIRED)**

NIST's update to the cybersecurity framework, known as "CSF 2.0," is an evolution 10 years in the making of work to help organizations understand risks and incorporate ways to address new challenges, according to framework veterans who were involved in the early days of the original framework's development.

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MALAY MAIL: Ookla says Malaysia's 5G is the world's most consistent, but what does it mean?

Since 5G networks worldwide can achieve download speeds in hundreds of Mbps, we asked Ookla why are they using a low threshold of a minimum of 25Mbps. They told us that Ookla is US-based and they follow FCC's determination for minimum threshold. At the moment, FCC defines broadband as having the capability of delivering at least 25Mbps download and 3Mbps upload. Obviously, that's very low for today's standards and Ookla says that it may change in the future.

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MYSMARTPRICE: Realme 12 5G with MediaTek Dimensity SoC and Android 14 Appears on Geekbench, Could Launch Soon

The Realme 12 5G has also cleared the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) certification in the US. As per FCC listing, the upcoming Realme handset will feature a large circular camera module and offer 5G, 4G LTE, dual-band Wi-Fi, Bluetooth, and NFC on the connectivity front.

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COUNTERPUNCH: The US Postal Service Network Consolidation Plan: What's at Stake for Southern Oregon

Americans without access to high-speed internet are more likely to rely on USPS for bill paying and other communications. In each of the three Oregon counties that would be affected by the consolidation, a larger share of local residents lack access to high-speed broadband than in the country as a whole. In Klamath County, an estimated 24.5 percent of residents (17,202 people) lack access to internet services of 100 Mbps or higher, the level the FCC has indicated is the minimum to be considered high-speed broadband. In all three counties combined, an estimated total of 58,515 people lack this access.

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NEXTGOV: NIST debuts the finalized update to its Cybersecurity Framework

The Securities and Exchange Commission now requires publicly traded firms to notify the public of cyber incidents within a certain time period. And the Federal Communications Commission recently adopted similar measures for internet providers and telecommunications providers.

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GREENFIELD RECORDER: Connectivity woes bedevil The Weldon in Greenfield

“The FCC and the federal government have recognized that large buildings like this are a really specific issue; old buildings that are about 35 times as expensive to retrofit,” Lunt said. “It isn’t just Greenfield; there’s 100,000 of these buildings across the country and none of them are able to get it done because of the same issue with funding.”

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STANDARD-SPEAKER: Hazleton Area School District set to purchase new computer firewalls for \$118K

The Federal Communications Commission offers E-RATE discounts to schools and libraries for purchases of services such as internet access and internal connections.

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RADIO & TELEVISION BUSINESS REPORT: Probate OK Puts Shares To Heirs For Ga. Radio Licensee

On October 1, 2021, Randall “Randy” Lynn Davis died at the age of 74. Davis was known in Rome, Ga., for his ownership and operation of WLAQ-AM 1410 and FM translator W245DG at 96.9 MHz. Davis’ will has been probated, and upon the grant by the FCC of an application, his heirs will receive a portion of stock in the licensee of WLAQ, making them the station’s owners.

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RADIO & TELEVISION BUSINESS REPORT: DLC Media Concludes Its Station Ownership Run

In the first deal to be filed with the FCC, DLC Media is selling WAXI-FM 104.9 in Rockville, Ind., to the northeast of Terre Haute, Ind., and WAKO-AM 910 & FM 103.1 and FM translator companion W257DW at 99.3 MHz in Lawrenceville, Ill., to 3 Towers Broadcasting, operated by Scott Huber and Johnny McCrory.

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RADIO & TELEVISION BUSINESS REPORT: Former Radio Station Owner Dan Lerner Dies

Lerner then made his mark in Philadelphia by petitioning the FCC to create a new radio station at 100.3 MHz, working with Judith Golson in launching WKSZ “Kiss 100” in fall 1982. With “no hard rock, no sleepy elevator music,” Kiss was a top performer in a marketplace where the station that had obtained the WWSH call letters became an also-ran. It also maintained a strong audience as “98! CAU-FM” attracted the Top 40 listener and Jerry Lee’s crosstown WEAZ-FM (today WBEB-FM) was a key competitor.

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INSIDE RADIO: Kagan: Radio Industry Revenue Topped \$15 Billion In 2023.

The environment for deals has been hurt not only by a decision by the Federal Communications Commission to maintain the current ownership limits but also by higher interest rates. Yet Nielson thinks the second half of 2024 could bring some new interest in buying and selling. He says that will be driven by Audacy’s chapter 11 bankruptcy restructuring and the asset moves by some smaller, privately held drops, such as the recent announcement by the Neuhoff family that it will exit radio ownership.

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INSIDE RADIO: Former FEMA Administrator Pushes For AM Radio For Every Vehicle Act.

“For all these reasons, Congress, the Federal Emergency Management Agency, the Department of Homeland Security, and the Federal Communications Commission worked together to create an emergency management system capable of withstanding even the worst disasters. By all accounts, the culmination of their efforts — the National Public Warning System (NPWS) and Emergency Alert System (EAS) — has exceeded all expectations,” Gaynor writes.

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While quickly shooting down comparisons between Adolf Hitler and liberal figures such as former President Barack Obama, Gemini declared that it was “difficult to say definitively who caused more harm”: Hitler or former Federal Communications Commission Chairman Ajit Pai.

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GOVERNMENT EXECUTIVE: **DOJ names its first chief AI officer**

Mayer joins DOJ from the computer science department at Princeton University. His previous government service includes stints as a technology policy advisor to current Vice President Kamala Harris when she served in the Senate, and as chief technologist at the Federal Communications Commission.

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FEDERAL REGISTER: **Federal Advisory Committee Act; Communications Security, Reliability, and Interoperability Council**

The Federal Communications Commission (Commission) hereby announces that the Communications Security, Reliability, and Interoperability Council (hereinafter CSRIC or Council) will be re-established for a two-year period pursuant to the Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA) following consultation with the Committee Management Secretariat, General Services Administration.

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From Feb. 26 to 27, there were around 2,100 social media posts mentioning the FCC. Most content was on Twitter (79%, or around 1,700 posts), followed by Reddit (14%), Forums (3%), Blogs (2%), Comments (2%), and Facebook (0%).

The social media post with the greatest reach came from the Twitter account of The Blaze (960k reach), which publicized its criticism of the FCC collecting demographic data from broadcasters. The social media post with the second greatest reach came from the Twitter account of Post Obituaries (110k reach), which publicized its article on the death of Charles D. Ferris, who advocated for deregulation at the FCC.

One trending topic on social media was the FCC collecting demographic data from broadcasters. The Twitter account of The Blaze (960k reach, 233 engagements) had the most popular social media post on that topic. Another trending topic on social media was the FCC granting authority to SpaceX to test its direct-to-cell capabilities. The Twitter account of Tren Griffin (100k reach, 13 engagements) had the most popular social media post on that topic.

Commissioner Carr tweeted (53k reach, 62 engagements) out his support for a Texas law that prevents Big Tech companies from censoring certain viewpoints. Commissioner Starks tweeted (4k reach) his thanks to Representative Brad Schneider for joining him in Lake County to hear people's stories about the Affordable Connectivity Program.

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REUTERS: Exclusive: US law on domestic abuse should cover carmakers, FCC chair says

The chairwoman of the Federal Communications Commission on Wednesday proposed a potential new rule that would subject automakers that sell internet-connected cars to a telecommunications law intended to protect domestic violence survivors. Cases of technology-enabled stalking involving cars are emerging as automakers add ever more sophisticated features, such as location tracking and remote control of functions like locking doors or honking the horn.

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THE WASHINGTON POST: Knockoff doorbell cameras from Amazon, Walmart aren't safe

The doorbells were sold under a variety of brand names, mainly Eken and Tuck, on Amazon, Walmart, Sears, Shein and Temu. All the doorbells paired with the app Aiwit and were manufactured by the Chinese company Eken Group Ltd., Consumer Reports said. Some doorbells were also missing a registration code required by the Federal Communications Commission (FCC).

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PCMAG: Group Urges FCC to Let ISPs Bail From Rural Broadband Fund

An FCC fund meant to expand high-speed internet in rural America is now facing calls to let ISPs abandon the program without penalty. On Wednesday, a group of trade associations, internet companies, and local community bodies sent a letter to the FCC, which says the agency's Rural Digital Opportunity Fund (RDOF) risks thwarting broadband rollouts in rural America.

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NBC NEWS: How a Trump re-election could favor Elon Musk in his fights with U.S. regulators

Brendan Carr, a Trump-appointed FCC commissioner, said on X that Biden's comment gave "administrative agencies a green light to go after Musk."

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ABC NEWS: FirstNet outage concern for some law enforcement leaders

"While the outage last week was apparently caused by human error, I remain deeply concerned about the security of FirstNet and its vulnerability to hacks by foreign governments. It is a disgrace that there are still no minimum federal cybersecurity standards for the phone companies, including FirstNet operator AT&T," Wyden said in a statement to ABC News. "Instead of acting to protect U.S. critical infrastructure, as our ally the United Kingdom has done by mandating cybersecurity standards for phone companies, U.S. government agencies like the FCC are asleep at the wheel."

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LOOKOUT: CryptoChameleon: New Phishing Tactics Exhibited in FCC-Targeted Attack

Lookout recently discovered an advanced phishing kit exhibiting novel tactics to target cryptocurrency platforms as well as the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) via

mobile devices. Following the tactics of groups like Scattered Spider, this kit enables attackers to build carbon copies of single sign-on (SSO) pages, then use a combination of email, SMS, and voice phishing to trick the target into sharing usernames, passwords, password reset URLs and even photo IDs from hundreds of victims, mostly in the United States.

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BLOOMBERG LAW: FCC's National Security Focus Is Now a Risk Area for Telecom (SUBSCRIPTION REQUIRED)

Companies providing communications services, investors in those companies, and manufacturers of products with wireless features should consider the potential impact of the Federal Communications Commission's focus on national security enforcement. Many of the agency's programs aim to mitigate the risk that adverse foreign threats use US telecommunications networks or consumer devices to obtain sensitive information, and that such information could be leveraged for nefarious purposes.

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LAW360: Sioux Phone Authority Keeps Calling For FCC Telecom Status

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The Cheyenne River Sioux Tribe Telephone Authority has once again asked the Federal Communications Commission to recognize it as an "eligible telecommunications carrier," saying several tribal groups, as well as the South Dakota Public Utilities Commission, support its bid for agency recognition.

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LAW360: Carriers Seek More Time For SIM Card Anti-Fraud Measures (SUBSCRIPTION REQUIRED)

A telecom carriers' group agreed with wireless companies who say the Federal Communications Commission needs to set aside more time for providers to comply with new rules to fight SIM card swapping fraud.

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LIGHT READING: T-Mobile wins more 5G spectrum over AT&T's objections

The FCC approved most of T-Mobile's 2.5GHz spectrum auction winnings, though it will require the company to divest some of its spectrum in Hawaii. AT&T raised concerns over T-Mobile's spectrum auction purchases, arguing T-Mobile would gain an unfair position in the market with that additional spectrum. Moreover, the FCC indicated earlier this year it would review the "competitive effects" of T-Mobile's 2.5GHz spectrum winnings.

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BROADBAND BREAKFAST: Cable ISPs Seek Net Neutrality Guardrails From FCC

Major broadband Internet Service Providers are seeking assurances that new federal Net Neutrality regulations will come with critical guardrails to prevent in their view unnecessary harms triggered by such policies as rate controls or state intervention. Representatives from Comcast Corp., Charter Communications, Cox Enterprises met with top Federal Communications Commission staff officials on Feb. 22 to propose several steps the agency should take to ensure Net Neutrality does not effectively reach beyond bans on ISP blocking, throttling and paid prioritization.

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THE AMERICAN THINKER: Anti-Semitism may be Coming to Your Radio Station (Opinion)

What can be done to prevent this massive radio group from coming under the control of the Soros affiliates? A bankruptcy judge has approved Audacy's plan to come out of bankruptcy, including Soros' acquisition of majority interest in the company. However, because this constitutes a change in control of the broadcasting company, it needs the approval of the FCC to take place. An outpouring of letters to the FCC Chairperson Jessica Rosenworcel, and other commissioners might get them to take a closer look at the transaction and possibly question Soros'/SFM's fitness as a licensee.

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FOX NEWS CHANNEL: How to stop phone number spoofing and protect yourself from scammers

The Federal Communications Commission is the relevant party you'll want to contact if you continue to get scam calls, whether they are from phone spoofers or robocalls and telemarketers.

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CYBERNEWS: Twenty billion scam calls repelled by T-Mobile's first line of defense

The Federal Communications Commission requires most providers to implement and use the so-called STIR/SHAKEN in the Internet Protocol (IP) portions of their networks to protect the users. STIR/SHAKEN framework is an industry-standard caller ID authentication technology that allows authentication and verification of caller ID information on an IP

network.

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REUTERS: Healthcare providers hit by frozen payments in ransomware outage

Healthcare providers across the United States are struggling to get paid following the week-long ransomware outage at a key tech unit of UnitedHealth Group (UNH.N), opens new tab, with some smaller providers saying they are already running low on cash. Large hospital chains are also locked out of processing payments with some absorbing the upfront costs of being unable to collect, according to the American Hospital Association (AHA), which represents nearly 5,000 hospitals, healthcare systems, networks and other providers.

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POLITICO: Raytheon hires Forbes Tate

Almost 400 emergency communications leaders from across the country are in town as well to lobby for funding to implement next generation 911, following a call last week from former FCC chairs to make a nationwide transition to the technology an “urgent, top priority.” The group has already heard from Sens. Marsha Blackburn (R-Tenn.) and Ted Budd (R-N.C.), along with Sens. Amy Klobuchar (D-Minn.) and Gary Peters (D-Mich.) and Rep. Kat Cammack (R-Fla.).

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DRONE DJ: Arizona joins movement to ban DJI drones from US operation

Like the pending US House bill seeking to slap a de facto prohibition of DJI drone operation in the US by blocking their access to universally used Federal Communications Commission infrastructure, the Arizona text is still in the early legislative phases of gestation. But both passed committee hearings this month, and face little opposition from Republicans dominating the respective chambers considering each.

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INSIDE CYBERSECURITY: Presidential advisory council calls for metrics to evaluate critical infrastructure cyber-physical resilience (SUBSCRIPTION REQUIRED)

Metrics should be an important part of the federal government's efforts to boost cyber-physical resilience for critical infrastructure systems, according to a new report from the President's Council of Advisors on Science and Technology.

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ANDROID HEADLINES: Refreshed Galaxy Tab S6 Lite marches toward its launch

Over the past few days, the Galaxy Tab S6 Lite (2024) has popped up on the official websites of several certification agencies around the world. The folks at 91Mobiles spotted the device on the FCC (USA), UL (Denmark), and BIS (India) databases. This comes shortly after the Global Certification Forum certified the tablet. We have also previously seen the device on benchmarking platform Geekbench.

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Media & Broadcasting

THE BLAZE: The left took over mainstream media. Now Soros is buying out talk radio. (Opinion)

That's the second mile marker. But don't worry, it gets even better for radio. Last week, Commissioner Brendan Carr announced that the FCC would require every broadcaster in the United States to start posting a race and gender scorecard that breaks down the demographics of its workforce. Activists lobbied for this because they want to see businesses pressured into hiring people based on their race and gender. Courts have already overturned the FCC twice for pressuring broadcasters to make hiring decisions in violation of the Constitution.

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THE TIMBERJAY: WELY looks at returning to the airwaves in April

The solution was a new, more powerful, transmitter—but that meant getting a license from the Federal Communications Commission, which just arrived earlier this month. “We applied in November and received it in February. That’s fast for the FCC,” remarked Loughery, commenting on the notoriously slow federal agency.

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RADIO INK: Women to Watch: Lisa Fields

Fields career history covers 15 years with Clear Channel, working her way up through various roles including Marketing Director, Regional Marketing Director, Director of New Business Development, and General Sales Manager. Then she moved on to lead the development and implementation of Broadcast 1 Source, a leading software solution specializing in FCC compliance requirements for the radio and television industries.

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THE WASHINGTON POST: The future of AI video is here, super weird flaws and all

At first glance, the images amaze and confound: A woman strides along a city street alive with pedestrians and neon lights. A car kicks up a cloud of dust on a mountain road. But upon closer inspection, anomalies appear: The dust plumes don't always quite line up with the car's rear wheels. And those pedestrians are stalking that woman like some eerie zombie horde. This is Sora, a new tool from OpenAI that can create lifelike, minute-long videos from simple text prompts. When the company unveiled it on Feb. 15, experts hailed it as a major moment in the development of artificial intelligence. Google and Meta also have unveiled new AI video research in recent months. The race is on toward an era when anyone can almost instantly create realistic-looking videos without sophisticated CGI tools or expertise.

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WASHINGTON EXAMINER: Google CEO says controversial Gemini chatbot rollout was 'completely unacceptable'

Critics have claimed it has a left-wing bias or a false understanding of certain topics. These include responses alleging that the results of Hamas's Oct. 7 attack on Israel are "disputed," arguing there is no evidence the COVID-19 virus leaked from a laboratory in Wuhan, declining to write an argument in favor of having at least four children, and comparing former Federal Communications Commission Chairman Ajit Pai to Adolf Hitler due to the chairman's repeal of net neutrality, a policy that would regulate internet providers the same way as telecommunication providers.

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THE FEDERALIST: Disastrous Gemini Rollout Exposes Leftist Rot Permeating All Of Google (Opinion)

The recent rollout of Google's Gemini AI was an absolute disaster by any measure. Over the course of several hours, users across the internet quickly realized the large language model developed by Google had erased white people. The AI model wasn't just prejudiced based on skin color, but would only give far-left ideological answers to various questions. For example, Gemini refused to acknowledge the shortcomings of communism when prompted. It was able to articulate, however, a diatribe about the folly of capitalism.

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International

LAWFARE: Limiting Data Broker Sales in the Name of U.S. National Security: Questions on Substance and Messaging

There is already in place a comprehensive and, some note, overly burdensome regulatory process in the form of Federal Communications Commission licensing to protect national security and law enforcement concerns with undersea cables.

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THE TIMES OF INDIA: US wants to stop Chinese companies from training their AI models on American data

The executive order calls on the Department of Homeland Security and Director of National Intelligence to provide recommendations within 60 days on additional countries that should face data sale restrictions due to national security risks. It also directs the Federal Communications Commission to weigh data security risks during reviews of undersea cable licences that connect the U.S. to global networks.

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THE JERUSALEM POST: Houthis knock out underwater cables linking Europe to Asia - report

Four underwater communications cables between Saudi Arabia and Djibouti have been struck out of commission in recent months, presumably as a result of attacks by Yemen's Iranian-backed Houthi rebels, according to an exclusive report in the Israeli news site Globes. The successful targeting of the four cables, which are believed to belong to the AAE-1, Seacom, EIG, and TGN systems, marks a serious disruption of communications between Europe and Asia. Most of the immediate harm will be absorbed by the Gulf states and India, Globes said.

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THE WASHINGTON POST: Supreme Court revives debate over social media as a ‘public square’

The Federal Communications Commission’s Space Bureau hosts open house event, “20 Years of Orbital Debris Mitigation,” Thursday at 10:30 a.m.

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GIZMODO: ‘Too Close for Comfort’: Two Satellites Nearly Collide Above Earth

Thankfully, incidents like this should decrease over time owing to newly implemented rules from the Federal Communications Commission, which require satellite providers to retire their satellites within five years of completing their missions, reducing the risk of space debris and potential collisions.

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FEDERAL REGISTER: Establishing Rules for Full Power Television and Class A Television Stations

In this document, the Commission announces that the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) has approved the information collection requirements under OMB Control Numbers 3060–1121, 3060–1320, 3060–0009, 3060–0386, 3060–0175, 3060–0178, 3060–0182, 3060–0190, 3060–0320, 3060–0113, and 3060–1321 associated with the rules adopted in the Report and Order, FCC 23–72, adopting several rule updates for full power and Class A television stations that no longer have any practical effect given the completion of the transition from analog to digital-only operations and the post incentive auction transition to a smaller television band with fewer channels. This document is consistent with the Report and Order, which states that the Media Bureau will publish a document in the Federal Register announcing the effective date for these revised rule sections and revising the rules accordingly.

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FEDERAL REGISTER: Media Bureau Seeks Additional Comment on FM Digital Power

In this document, based on a Petition for Rulemaking Addendum—Request for Clarification filed by the National Association of Broadcasters and Xperi, Inc., the Commission seeks

additional public comment in the pending rulemaking proposing to change the methodology to determine whether an FM digital broadcast station can increase its digital power, and to allow asymmetric sideband operation.

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Social Media Summary

From Feb. 28 to 29, there were around 1,900 social media posts mentioning the FCC. Most content was on Twitter (73%, or around 1,400 posts), followed by Reddit (16%), Forums (8%), Blogs (2%), Comments (1%), and Facebook (0%).

The three social media posts with the greatest reach came from the Twitter accounts of Reuters (25.8m reach), The Hill (4.4m reach), and Newsmax (2.7m reach), which publicized articles on Chairwoman Rosenworcel’s proposal to apply a law on domestic abuse to carmakers. The social media post with the next greatest reach came from the Twitter account of PCMag (410k reach), which publicized its article on a group asking the FCC for RDOF relief.

One trending topic on social media was Chairwoman Rosenworcel’s proposal to apply a law on domestic abuse to carmakers. The Twitter account of Reuters (25.8m reach, 17 engagements) had the most popular social media post on that topic. Another trending topic on social media was the FCC collecting demographic data from broadcasters. The Twitter account of CNS News (130k reach, 2 engagements) had the most popular social media post on that topic.

Commissioner Carr tweeted (53k reach, 224 engagements) out a link to Forbes reporting on ByteDance possibly having broken laws related to corporate records. Commissioner Starks tweeted (4k reach, 3 engagements) that he visited Indiana to discuss the Affordable Connectivity Program.

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VARIETY: Radio Conglomerate Audacy Files for Chapter 11 Bankruptcy Protection

Through the restructuring, Audacy expects to eliminate about \$1.6 billion of funded debt — a 80% reduction from approximately \$1.9 billion — to \$350 million. The Philadelphia-based company said it filed prepackaged Chapter 11 proceedings in the U.S. Bankruptcy Court for the Southern District of Texas on Jan. 7 after reaching an agreement with a supermajority of its debtholders. Audacy's debtholders will receive equity in reorganized company. Audacy expects the court to hold a hearing to consider the approval of the bankruptcy plan in February and that the company will emerge from bankruptcy once regulatory approval is obtained from the FCC.

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LIGHT READING: An American open RAN network, interrupted

Officials from Triangle and Mavenir have mostly been quiet about the operator's ongoing efforts to build an open RAN network across parts of Montana. Triangle sold its mobile network to Verizon in 2021 but continues to operate a fixed wireless network to supplement its wired offerings in Montana. In its filings with the FCC, Triangle said the open RAN network is around 80% finished, and company officials indicated that the

network is providing suitable services to customers.

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FIERCE WIRELESS: T-Mobile chronicles 5G achievements since Sprint merger

There's not much new in T-Mobile's latest report to the FCC on the progress it's made since its merger with Sprint. The company already announced in October that it covers 300 million people with its mid-band 5G spectrum, months ahead of schedule. Its overall 5G footprint, which uses low-band spectrum, covers more than 330 million people, or 98% of the population.

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MYSMARTPRICE: OnePlus 12R Live Images Appears on FCC Certification Ahead of January 23 Global Launch

OnePlus is all set to launch the OnePlus 12 series on January 23 in India and other global markets. It will consist of two devices, the OnePlus 12 and the OnePlus 12R. The company has revealed that the OnePlus 12R will be sold exclusively via Amazon in the Indian market. Today, we have spotted the forthcoming OnePlus 12R on the FCC certification website with the CPH2611 model number.

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CORD CUTTERS NEWS: DIRECTV & Spectrum Raised Prices Twice Over the Last Year as Cable TV Price Hikes Become Common

To get more money from streaming services, local TV stations need the FCC to reclassify streaming services as cable TV companies. Doing so will force YouTube TV and others to negotiate directly with locals like Nexstar instead of Disney, Paramount, and others. Just this week Nexstar's CEO said that they receive less money from streaming services than they do from cable TV.

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THE INFORMATION: FCC Chair Sets Her Sights on Space, Net Neutrality Comeback

Today, Rosenworcel, 52, is the boss—chair of the Federal Communications Commission, the 1,600-employee agency that has oversight of how the country communicates, from FM radio to broadcast television to the wires that make up the U.S.’s internet infrastructure. At times, the job puts her in conflict with some of the most powerful people in business: Last month, Elon Musk aimed his social media bazooka at the FCC, blasting an agency decision that impacted Starlink, the satellite Internet service offered by his rocket company, SpaceX, as “extremely unethical and politically partisan.”

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RADIO WORLD: No Luck for Omni Broadcasting in WTKP Appeal

Omni Broadcasting has failed to convince the FCC to restore the license of WTKP(FM) in Port St. Joe, Fla. The FCC staff had decided last summer that the license for WTKP had expired after an extended period of unauthorized operation.

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RADIO WORLD: Santa Catalina Noncom Gets One-Year License Renewal

A noncom FM radio station on Santa Catalina island in southern California will need to get its online public file straightened out if it wants to keep its license. The Audio Division of the FCC has renewed KCFH(FM) in Two Harbors, Calif., for one year instead of the usual eight.

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RADIO WORLD: Sorry, KLLM ... No Horse Creek for You

When the FCC considers a radio station’s application to move to a different location, what evidence would suffice to demonstrate that the proposed spot is a “licensable community”? Is it enough that the area — let’s call it Horse Creek — is named on a map? That the licensee can show photos of a local elementary school, post office and fire station? That there is a Horse Creek Cattle Company Stone House and Ranch at the spot?

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RADIO WORLD: FCC Appears Ready to Mandate DIRS Reporting by Radio Stations

The FCC has announced a tentative agenda for its January meeting. It includes an item to enhance use of the Disaster Information Reporting System. The commission said it will

consider a mandate that would transition the current, voluntary DIRS outage reporting structure to a mandatory structure for certain communications providers. This presumably will include broadcast stations as the FCC has previously proposed, though details were not yet published.

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- [INSIDE RADIO: Long Voluntary, The FCC Considers Making Disaster Reporting Mandatory For Broadcasters.](#)

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LAW360: Top Groups Lobbying The FCC (SUBSCRIPTION REQUIRED)

The Federal Communications Commission heard from nearly 200 companies and interest groups in December on a wide variety of topics, including media ownership rules, data breach reporting, cable billing practices, robotext regulations and more.

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TVTECHNOLOGY: FCC Unveils Tentative January Open Meeting Agenda

Federal Communications Commission Chairwoman Jessica Rosenworcel announced a tentative agenda for the January Open Commission Meeting scheduled for Thursday, January 25, 2024.

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TVTECHNOLOGY: FCC Commissioner Carr Appoints Arpan Sura Legal Advisor

FCC Commissioner Brendan Carr has announced that Arpan Sura has joined his office as legal advisor.

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BROADBAND BREAKFAST: Dish Files Petition for Reconsideration on SpaceX Testing

Dish Network filed a petition for reconsideration of the Federal Communications Commission's decision to allow SpaceX to test satellites for its cellular service with T-Mobile. The partnership is intended to use SpaceX satellites to provide service to mobile devices on some of T-Mobile's spectrum bands. But Dish, in a Tuesday filing, is concerned about the potential for harmful interference in adjacent bands in which it operates its own satellite systems and asked the FCC to limit the number of satellites SpaceX can test, or to halt future testing altogether.

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BROADBAND BREAKFAST: FCC: Only Five Firms Have Finished 'Rip and Replace' of China Gear

In a new report to Congress, the Federal Communications Commission says just a handful of telecommunications companies has finished removing tech equipment supplied by companies considered to have close ties to China's Communist government. In 2019, Congress passed the Secure and Trusted Communications Networks Act, which authorized the FCC to reimburse certain telecommunications providers for the removal of Huawei Technologies Co. and ZTE Corp. communications equipment and services within one year of receiving funds. The FCC was flooded with funding requests. In the FCC report, the agency said just five funding recipients have submitted final certifications that Huawei and ZTE gear is out of their networks. The report did not include the names of the five firms.

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BROADBAND BREAKFAST: FCC Concludes Review of Rural Digital Opportunity Applications with More Defaults

The Federal Communications Commission announced the conclusion of the Rural Digital Opportunity Fund long-form application review last month, which means that no more money will be awarded through Phase I of the program, and no additional defaults or forfeitures will be announced. The announcement coincided with news of another service

provider failing to fulfill their initial bid within the program. Wavelength, a service provider from Arizona, defaulted on its commitment to deploy services to 12,418 locations, after failing to demonstrate its financial qualifications to receive RDOF support adequately.

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ITS INTERNATIONAL: Cohda Wireless MK6 V2X solution certified by US FCC

Cohda Wireless's MK6 connected vehicle technology solution has been certified by the US Federal Communications Commission (FCC) for cellular Vehicle to Everything (C-V2X). FCC last year granted waivers permitting deployment of C-V2X technology in the upper 30 MHz of spectrum in the 5.895-5.925 GHz band.

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GIZMOCHINA: Poco X6 5G Finally Makes It To FCC, Ahead of Next Week Launch

A few days before its official launch, the Poco X6 5G finally passes the FCC certification. Unlike the Poco X6 5G, the Poco X6 Pro 5G made it to the FCC a month ago, along with the specification details. Despite the already-present Poco X6 5G's design and specification details, the FCC listing seems like confirmation of the existing information.

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GIZMOCHINA: New Tecno CL6 Smartphone Arrives on FCC With Upto 12GB RAM

Tecno recently unveiled the Tecno Spark 20 Pro+ and Tecno Pop 8 for different market segments. If we believe the recent FCC listing of a new smartphone that carries up to 12GB of RAM, the company seems to be moving into a different market segment. The new smartphone comes with model code CL6 and features 4G connectivity support.

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RADIO INSIGHT: FCC Report 1/7: What Constitutes A Community Of License?

The FCC has upheld a proposed \$12,500 fine againsts Crocodile Broadcasting's 94.7 W234DH Baton Rouge LA for willful violation of three rules. The agency states that they failed to file an application for authority to alter the translator's antenna system, constructing and operating the Translator with an unauthorized antenna at an unauthorized height and with incorrect power, and certifying inaccurately, but without intent to deceive, that it had constructed the Translator as authorized. The FCC has removed the originally proposed

condition of requiring reporting status as the issues had been resolved. W234DH rebroadcasts Spanish Tropical "Tropical 105.7" 830 KGLA Norco/New Orleans.

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COMMUNICATIONS DAILY: SCOTUS' Major Questions Doctrine Seen Driving Increased Dissent Votes at FCC

As the FCC sees increased dissent votes by Republican minority commissioners, those dissents frequently challenge agency authority. That's becoming a more common line of argument among GOP commissioners across federal regulatory agencies, often based on the U.S. Supreme Court's major questions doctrine, administrative law experts tell us. Republican commissioners and former commissioners say dissent votes are a reflection of the Democratic majority pushing partisan issues. Commissioner Nathan Simington in a statement said he is "disappointed that the Commission is now focused on misguided, partisan items, but I remain hopeful that we can continue making progress on real, non-partisan solutions to long-standing technical issues."

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HEALTH LEADERS: What is Drawing Healthcare Execs to CES 2024?

Other events of interest for healthcare executives include keynotes by the CEOs of Siemens, Walmart, Intel, Elevance Health, Qualcomm, and Best Buy, along with the CES Innovation Policy Summit, which includes a session titled Can Policy Affect Health Innovation? , a panel on AI governance around the world, and a special series of interviews, called "Conversations with a Commissioner," that includes FDA Commissioner Robert Califf, FTC Commissioner Rebecca Slaughter, and FCC Commissioners Brendan Carr and Anna Gomez.

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INSIDE CYBERSECURITY: Telecom groups push back on need for additional cyber regulation in response to FCC net neutrality proceeding (SUBSCRIPTION REQUIRED)

Major communications groups are asking the Federal Communications Commission to steer away from including cybersecurity as part of a notice of proposed rulemaking to reinstate Title II regulations to reclassify broadband internet service.

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FORBES: 4 Sure Ways To Shut Down Robocall Theft And Fraud

In the U.S., report these calls to the FTC and Federal Communications Commission (FCC). In Canada, you can file a complaint [here](#). This will help federal agencies to identify the source of unwanted calls and take legal actions against offenders.

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CORD CUTTERS NEWS: FTC Issues \$10 Million Penalty to This Service Provider Facilitating Robocalls

This order is another move on the FTC's part to crack down on illegal telemarketing campaigns. In partnership with the Federal Communications Commission, the agencies launched the Robocall Response Team to tackle the massive influx of robocalls and robotexts, decreasing scam car warranty calls and protection plans by 84%.

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EPOCH TIMES: Federal Commission Calls on Biden Administration to Tackle China's Malign Influence in US

In 2021, the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) designated Hikvision as a threat to U.S. national security.

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THE REGISTER: Ransomware payment ban: Wrong idea at the wrong time

Additionally, a dedicated US Federal Communications Commission program aims to provide up to \$200 million for K-12 schools and libraries in rural and low-income communities and would gather information on "cybersecurity and advanced firewall services" to protect these orgs against cyberattacks.

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SECOND LINE OF DEFENSE: Sustaining Emergency Communications for Homeland Security

Every former administrator of the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), the national agency responsible for assisting with large-scale disasters and managing the

Integrated Public Alert & Warning System for authenticating emergency messages, from the last four presidential administrations supports the bill, as do current members of the Federal Communications Commission.

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Wireless & Spectrum

DAILY PRESS: Outer Banks homes will soon have smart meters from Dominion Energy

Smart meters comply with Federal Communications Commission guidelines and are not on all the time, typically transmitting for less than 5% of the day, according to an online Dominion Energy factsheet about smart meters.

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IDAHO STATESMAN: Idaho has spent \$11 million in legal fees since 2017. Here are some of the highest bills

The Legal Defense Fund has spent over \$10 million since 2017, according to records obtained by the Statesman. The general account has outspent the constitutional fund by absorbing millions in costs ranging from legal settlements with the Federal Communications Commission to more than \$2 million paid to Boise law firm Holland & Hart for legal representation. After spending close to \$4 million in the 2017 and 2018 fiscal years, largely because of big payouts in a broadband settlement with the FCC, the Legislature has averaged \$528,000 in expenses from the Legal Defense Fund annually over the last five fiscal years. It's unclear what specific cases all the money was spent on.

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THE CHRONICLE: Lewis County residents raise concerns over PUD's advanced meter replacement during first 'Meet the Manager' meeting

Lack of trust in the government was also brought up after Plotz stated the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) has declared the advanced meters safe. One resident mentioned how the FCC has set safety standards and approved certain technology in the past despite safety concerns being raised by scientists.

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RCR WIRELESS: Test and Measurement: Anritsu boosts NTN testing

SpaceX has already received Federal Communications Commission approval to test those direct-to-cellular capabilities via T-Mobile US' 1.9 GHz spectrum. The company plans to

test test up to five devices at different power levels using T-Mobile US' spectrum in the 1.9 GHz band at more than two dozen locations that include Mountain View, CA; Kansas City, KS; Redmond, WA; San Diego, CA; Dallas, TX; Reston, VA; and Bethel, OK; among others.

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TECHTARGET: 5G security: Everything you should know for a secure network

These benefits come at a price as deploying 5G is expensive. For example, more transmitters are required to cover the same area as a 4G network, and security best practices add to the cost. 5G requires strong enforcement by government and compliance regulators, such as the Federal Communications Commission, to clamp down on those that omit mandatory security features to cut costs, a practice that has weakened security in many previous-generation networks.

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ANDROID HEADLINES: Galaxy S24 phones clear another hurdle ahead of launch

Over the past few months, Samsung's Galaxy S24, Galaxy S24+, and Galaxy S24 Ultra have received approval from several regulatory bodies around the world. The FCC in the US, BIS in India, KTR in South Korea, TKDN in Indonesia, and NBTC in Thailand are to name a few. Singapore's IMDA has now joined this list. As of this writing, it appears to have certified only the latter two models. But the vanilla Galaxy S24 should also soon receive the IMDA approval.

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CORD CUTTERS NEWS: Old Utility Poles May Get in the Way of High-Speed Internet Rollout

The Federal Communications Commission may have found a faster way to resolve telephone pole disputes. At its December meeting, the agency set up a Rapid Broadband Assessment Team, or RBAT, which is comprised of staff from the FCC's Enforcement Bureau and Wireline Competition Bureau. RBAT would be on call to resolve disagreements between utility and telecom companies that could result in delayed broadband deployment.

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GPB-FM: UGA student on 'digital divide' in mental health care and high-speed internet study

To make it more affordable for low-income Americans, the Affordable Connectivity Program (ACP) is a Federal Communications Commission (FCC) benefit program that helps ensure that households can afford the broadband they need for work, school, health care, and more. The program provides a discount of up to \$30 per month toward internet-service-eligible households. Eligible households can also receive a one-time discount of up to \$100 to purchase a laptop, desktop computer, or tablet from participating providers if they contribute more than \$10 and less than \$50 toward the purchase price. As of September 2022, over 14 million households had enrolled, which is about a third of the estimated eligible households. The FCC reimburses participating internet service providers for providing discounts that allow people to pay \$30 per month.

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BROADBAND BREAKFAST: Colorado to Begin BEAD Challenge Process Next Week

They come in two volumes. Volume 1 details how states plan to accept and process challenges to government data on broadband availability. The Federal Communications Commission's map, updated through its own challenge process, was used to determine relative need and make state-level allocations, but states are required to field challenges on a local level to get a more accurate picture of which homes and businesses lack adequate internet access.

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KSHB-TV: Federal subsidy program offering internet to low-income families may come to an end without funding

Last fall, the Federal Communications Commission put out a grant program to help market the federal funds. It pays qualifying families' bills of up to \$30 a month for internet. KC Digital Drive received some of the grant money.

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THE NEW YORK TIMES: Here is a brief history of Golden Globes missteps.

In the late 1960s, the Federal Communications Commission got the Globes temporarily booted from the airwaves, saying it "misled the public as to how the winners were

determined.” Among other misdeeds, the Globes allowed advertisers to help determine winners and told stars that they could only win by attending the televised ceremony, according to the government.

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THE COLUMBUS DISPATCH: Alternative rock station CD 92.9 to switch operators the end of January

Randy Malloy, president of WWCD Ltd., will no longer operate the station, after failing to reach an agreement with Delmar Media, which owns the station and holds the Federal Communications Commission broadcasting license.

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- [WCMH-TV: Is Columbus alternative radio station leaving the airwaves? The battle over CD 92.9](#)

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CORD CUTTERS NEWS: The Recap: Spectrum Price Hike, Streaming Cancellations, and More

Late last week (I was out, so I’m cheating a bit), the Federal Communications Commission said it would not look at changing the rules that limit how many local broadcast stations a company can own in a single market. That’s a blow to the big broadcasters, who have increasingly scooped up independent stations across the nation, with some finding themselves hitting a limit based on the FCC rules.

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TRUTHOUT: These Are the Essential Stories Corporate Media Refused to Cover in 2023

In early spring, we present all of these validated news stories in the current cycle to the faculty and student researchers and our panel of expert judges, who cast votes to winnow the candidate stories to a short list of approximately three dozen stories. These finalists are then reviewed again by the panel of judges, who cast votes in a second round to rank the finalist stories in numerical order. At the same time, these experts — including media studies professors, professional journalists and editors, and a former commissioner of the Federal Communications Commission — offer their insights on the stories’ strengths and weaknesses.

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THE NATIONAL NEWS: Space trash and Kessler Syndrome: Should we be worried?

Back in October, in an unprecedented move, the US Federal Communications Commission (FCC) announced that it would be issuing its first ever space debris fine, a penalty of \$150,000 to Dish Network, for failing to comply with deorbiting regulations required by US law. “This is a breakthrough settlement,” said FCC enforcement bureau chief Loyaan Egal. “It makes it very clear that the FCC has strong enforcement authority and capability to enforce its vitally important space debris rules.”

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ADVANCED TELEVISION: Can Starlink’s D2D have an impact for consumers?

SpaceX is planning for 42,000 satellites to be deployed over time. SpaceX says that it will launch an additional 834 Direct-To-Cell satellites by mid-year 2024. SpaceX told the FCC last November that “we expect to launch and operate approximately 840 direct-to-cell capable satellites over the next six months, with additional launches continuing after that period to ensure that we can launch a critical mass of satellites in time to deliver commercial service later in 2024.”

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FEDERAL REGISTER: Unlicensed Use of the 6 GHz Band; and Expanding Flexible Use in Mid-Band Spectrum Between 3.7 and 24 GHz

In this document, the Federal Communications Commission (Commission) builds on the 6 GHz band unlicensed rules by permitting very low power (VLP) devices in the U–NII–5 (5.925–6.425 MHz) and U–NII–7 (6.525–6.875 MHz) portions of the 6 GHz band.

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From Jan. 5 to 8, there were around 8,300 social media posts mentioning the FCC. Most content was on Twitter (84%, or around 7,000 posts), followed by Reddit (10%), Forums (4%), Blogs (1%), Comments (1%), and Facebook (0%).

The social media post with the greatest reach came from the Twitter account of Evan

Kirstel (360k reach), which publicized the FCC's involvement in CES. The social media post with the second greatest reach came from the Twitter account of 91mobiles (140k reach), which publicized its article on the OnePlus12R being spotted on the FCC website.

One trending topic on social media was the OnePlus12R being spotted on the FCC website. The Twitter account of 91mobiles (140k reach, 16 engagements) had the most popular social media post on that topic. Another trending topic on social media was the FCC increasing the scope of rules for data breach notification. The Twitter account of Kohei Kurihara (70k reach, 3 engagements) had the most popular social media post on that topic.

Commissioner Carr tweeted (51k reach, 55 engagements) to publicize a Nikkei Asia article about Huawei cutting back on its PR team in North America as hopes for improvement have faded.

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Millions of Americans risk losing internet access or may face higher internet prices by as early as April if Congress does not quickly approve more funding for a popular federal aid program, the Federal Communications Commission warned on Monday. In a letter to US lawmakers obtained by CNN, FCC Chairwoman Jessica Rosenworcel wrote that more than 1,700 participating internet providers "may cut off service to households" when existing funding runs out for the Affordable Connectivity Program, an outgrowth of the 2021 bipartisan infrastructure law that gives qualifying low-income households a monthly discount on internet plans.

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- CBS NEWS: Millions could lose affordable access to internet service with FCC program set to run out of funds
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REUTERS: Radio broadcaster Audacy seeks fast-track bankruptcy turnaround

Audacy's attorney, Caroline Reckler, told U.S. Bankruptcy Judge Christopher Lopez that she expects "a smooth, prepackaged case," with final court approval of the restructuring by February 21. If the deal is approved, Audacy would emerge from bankruptcy once it receives U.S. Federal Communications Commission approval for its change in ownership, a process that may take "a few months," Reckler said.

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THE NEW YORK TIMES: The New Space Race Is Causing New Pollution Problems

In the United States, the Environmental Protection Agency is not responsible for analyzing rocket launches. The Federal Communications Commission licenses large constellations of satellites but does not consider their potential harm to the environment. (The Government Accountability Office called for changes to that F.C.C. policy in 2022, but they have yet to occur.) And the Federal Aviation Administration assesses environmental impacts of rocket launches on the ground, but not in the atmosphere or space.

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THE NEW YORK TIMES: How Astronomers Are Saving Astronomy From Satellites — For Now

What had been voluntary conversations became mandatory in December 2022, Dr.

VanderLey said, when the Federal Communications Commission formally required a series of measures by SpaceX. While many of the requirements focused on safe operations in orbit, the agency also said that SpaceX must coordinate with the N.S.F. to “mitigate the impact of its satellites on optical ground-based astronomy.”

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UNITED PRESS INTERNATIONAL: Lawmakers, celebrities, tech leaders gather in Las Vegas for CES 2024

Food and Drug Administration Commissioner Robert Califf, Federal Communication Commission commissioners Brendan Carr and Anna Gomez, and Federal Trade Commission Commissioner Rebecca Slaughter will participate in a Q&A session with the public Wednesday.

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NEWSWEEK: Lawmakers to Biden Administration: Sanction Chinese Internet Device Company

Last year, Newsweek reported exclusively that the House Select Committee on the Strategic Competition Between the United States and the Chinese Communist Party had written to the Federal Communications Commission (FCC), warning of security risks posed by Chinese-made modules such as those made by Quectel, especially in IoT devices used by law enforcement or in vital industries such as electricity generation or water and sewage.

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MARCA: Affordable Connectivity Program Application Status: How do I know if my ACP application went through?

In today's digital age, having reliable and affordable internet connectivity is crucial for various aspects of life, including work, school, and healthcare. The Affordable Connectivity Program (ACP) by the FCC aims to bridge this gap by offering discounts on internet services and device purchases for eligible households. If you've applied for the ACP and are wondering about your application status, here's a comprehensive guide to help you navigate the process.

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MYSMARTPRICE: Samsung Galaxy Tab Active 5 5G Spotted on Google Play Console Database – Front Design and Key Specifications Unveiled

Samsung is preparing to reveal its latest Tab Active 5 Tablet. It will follow the Tab Active4

Pro, launched in October last year. Recently, the device made its appearance on the FCC certification website. Today, we have spotted the Galaxy Tab Active 5 5G on the Google Play Console database with the SM-X306B model number.

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INSIDE RADIO: Battle Over 'CD 92.9' Columbus As New Operators Plan To Keep Station Alive.

"After extensive discussions, the FCC licensees (ICS Communications, Inc. and Delmar Communications, Inc.) and WWCD, Ltd, dba CD 92.9 were unable to finalize an agreement that would have allowed us to broadcast on the FM dial," Malloy said in the letter posted on the station's Facebook page. "While it pains me once again to announce our departure from the airwaves, the WWCD radio brand, along with CD 92.9 merchandise, will remain available on our website."

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LAW360: Local Gov'ts Press FCC To Change Cable Franchise Fee Rules (SUBSCRIPTION REQUIRED)

Local authorities are pressuring the Federal Communications Commission to clarify that cable companies may offset only actual costs of in-kind contributions towards their franchise fees, saying confusion has followed a 2021 Sixth Circuit ruling.

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LAW360: FCC Says Funding A Major Factor Hindering 'Rip And Replace' (SUBSCRIPTION REQUIRED)

Network providers face challenges from weather to supply chain delays as they replace unsecured equipment, but one of the biggest problems remains a shortage of funding for the program, the Federal Communications Commission has told Congress.

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INSIDE RADIO: FCC Hikes Indecency Fines To \$4.6 Million, Pirates Fines Rise To \$2.4 Million.

Operating a pirate station is about to get even riskier as the Federal Communications Commission implements its annual inflation adjustment to its list of potential fines. It means that anyone who is found to be operating an unlicensed station could now be fined

as much as \$119,555 for each day during which such offense occurs up to a maximum of \$2,391,097 beginning this month. That is an increase from 2023's inflation-adjusted amounts of \$115,802 per day with a maximum of \$2,316,034.

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RADIO WORLD: FCC Draft Would Bring a Disaster Reporting Mandate Closer

The FCC is considering imposing new reporting mandates on broadcasters so it can better determine the condition of communication systems following natural disasters. It has been talking about the idea of such a requirement for awhile and appears to be getting serious about it. But it is asking for more information before doing so. If eventually adopted, new rules would require radio and TV broadcasters to file operational status updates with the FCC following disasters like hurricanes and wildfires.

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RADIO WORLD: FCC Seeks to Enhance DIRS Reporting

The FCC has announced a tentative agenda for its January meeting. It includes an item to enhance use of the Disaster Information Reporting System. The commission said it will consider a mandate that would transition the current, voluntary DIRS outage reporting structure to a mandatory structure for certain communications providers.

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The letter further cites concerns with difficulty in identifying and confirming locations tied to RDOF commitments, and the aforementioned potential fluctuations in the number of covered locations, which will not be completely finalized until the FCC's final authorization process at RDOF's six-year mark.

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GIZCHINA: OnePlus 12R Spotted at the FCC Ahead of January 23 Launch

OnePlus recently introduced the OnePlus Ace 3 in China and will release its global variant soon under the OnePlus 12R moniker. The OnePlus 12R will launch alongside the global OnePlus 12 on January 23. Ahead of the announcement, the OnePlus 12R passed the FCC certification which hints at its imminent launch.

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- [GSM ARENA: OnePlus 12R passes through FCC ahead of January 23 announcement](#)
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CORD CUTTERS NEWS: The FTC Received More Than 2 Million ‘Do Not Call’ Complaints in 2023, As Scammers Tricked Americans Out of \$39 Billion

This data comes as the FTC, the Federal Communications Commission, and other government agencies have been waging a seemingly unending war against illegal telemarketing schemes. Despite crackdowns, legislation, and new rules, the ever-evolving nature of technology has made scammers more challenging than ever to stop.

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CYBERGUY REPORT: End of annoying robocalls? FTC cracks down on deceptive practices

You might recall all 51 attorney generals backing a proposal by the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) to put an end to illegal and malicious texts. Since then, the FCC has included spam texts in do-not-call protections. More companies are also looking for ways to fine spammers. T-Mobile just introduced new fines for illegal spam texting this year. You can also block spam texts on an iPhone and Android following these steps.

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WOFL-TV: Florida deputies reveal fact about contacting 911 that 'some people don't know'

According to the Federal Communications Commission (FCC), the Text-to-911 service requires text message providers and wireless carriers to allow users to text 911 and deliver those messages to call centers that request them. If texting 911 isn't supported by a local call center, providers are required to send bounce-back messages to users letting them know their message couldn't be received.

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INSIDE CYBERSECURITY: NIST plans to release final version of cybersecurity framework update in February (SUBSCRIPTION REQUIRED)

The National Institute of Standards and Technology will publish the final version of its cybersecurity framework update in February, according to cyber leader Kevin Stine, who provided a preview to Inside Cybersecurity on rollout plans. The February release is the culmination of a two-year effort to update the framework, known as “CSF 2.0,” that started with a request for information in early 2022. Since then, NIST has sought feedback from stakeholders through a concept paper, drafts and workshops.

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But AT&T, UScellular and others argued that the CBRS band remains underutilized, in part because of the FCC's power limits on transmissions in the band.

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FIERCE WIRELESS: Wi-Fi Alliance unveils Wi-Fi Certified 7

Wi-Fi 7 was built from the ground up to support operation in the 6 GHz band and in the U.S., the FCC designated the entire 6 GHz band for unlicensed uses. However, while Wi-Fi 7 will be deployed globally, not every region in the world supports 6 GHz for unlicensed gear. That was one of the big issues during the 2023 International Telecommunications Union (ITU) World Radiocommunication Conference (WRC-23) in Dubai late last year.

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In the present study, researchers employed a multi-faceted methodological approach. Moreover, they obtained estimates of the percentage of households without broadband access in each U.S. county from the Federal Communications Commission's (FCC) Mapping Broadband Health in America platform using the most recent data from 2020.

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CHATTANOOGA TIMES FREE PRESS: Brewer to sell two Chattanooga radio stations

Chattanooga's biggest locally owned radio station operator is selling two more of its stations to a Lakeland, Florida-based nonprofit that plans to bring more contemporary Christian music to Chattanooga's airwaves to replace ESPN and Big Hits radio. Brewer Media, which in April 2021 sold another pair of its local radio stations to American Family Association for \$610,000, filed papers with the Federal Communications Commission last week to sell "ESPN Chattanooga" 95.3 WALV-FM and Classic Hits "Big 106.9" to the Radio Training Network for \$900,000. Once approved by regulators, the buyers plan to bring their JoyFM Christian music format to Chattanooga as the nonprofit expands into Tennessee for the first time.

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NEXT TV: TCL To Introduce Smart TVs with ATSC 3.0 Tuners (CES 2024)

In late September, what appeared to be bleak news for the moribund ATSC 3.0 broadcast standard broke when Korean CE giant LG said it would stop making smart TVs with ATSC 3.0 tuners because of what it described as patent issues. With LG complaining to the FCC about how the ATSC 3.0 patent pool was aligned and participated with, our sibling publication, TechRadar, wondered at the time if the small group of other smart TV makers that are including ATSC 3.0 tuners in their sets — Samsung, Sony and Hisense — might also give up.

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INSIDE RADIO: NPR's News Podcasts Significantly Safer Than News Podcasts Overall, Analysis Shows.

The review shows 81% of NPR's news content was classified as unrelated or low-risk for sensitive topics based on the Global Alliance for Responsible Media's brand safety standards. That compares to a 54% average for news podcasts overall. The Sounder analysis also finds that NPR has 13% fewer discussions of medium-risk sensitive topics than

news podcasts overall, and that just 2.3% of NPR content is categorized as graphic discussions of high-risk sensitive issues. Thanks to the need to comply with Federal Communications Commission standards, NPR doesn't feature any content categorized as "floor," which is deemed unsuitable for advertising.

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THE DESK: ATVA criticizes Nexstar's takeover of Phoenix TV station

The WADL sale has been held up at the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) amid strong opposition from consumer interest groups like the American Television Alliance (ATVA), which counts numerous cable and satellite TV companies among its members.

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REASON: Elizabeth Warren's Terrible Model for Tech Regulation (Opinion)

Indeed, their bill wouldn't nibble. It would create a new federal commission to regulate online platforms. The Digital Consumer Protection Commission would have concurrent jurisdiction (which really means overlapping and duplicative mandates) with the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) and the Department of Justice. In the senators' telling, this newfangled ICC would aim to "preserve innovation while minimizing harm presented by emerging industries."

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NEXT TV: Supreme Court Tees Up Big Tech 'Must-Carry' Challenges

If that argument sounds familiar, it was the one cable operators made to the court in *Turner v. FCC*, the 1994 court challenge to the FCC's pay TV must-carry rules, which require cable operators to carry broadcast TV stations in their market whether or not they want to give up valuable channel space.

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FORTUNE: Elon Musk discussed his vision and features for a Twitch competitor while playing Diablo online for 3 hours

As Musk smashed buttons on his keyboard, he responded to viewer (and his friend's) questions about Starlink. "You actually take the any of the Starlink terminals around and

have them be mobile, we will have a smaller size terminal around the middle of next year,” Musk said, which was approved by the FCC in September, PCMag reported. “It’s a Starlink mini terminal, you can fit in a backpack.”

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One trending topic on social media was the FCC getting input from nearly 200 companies and groups on a range of topics. The Twitter account of Law360 (50k reach, 1 engagement) had the most popular social media post on that topic. Another trending topic on social media was the FCC increasing the scope of rules for data breach notification. The Twitter account of Daily Law News (30k reach, 2 engagements) had the most popular social media post on that topic.

There were no new tweets from Chairwoman Rosenworcel or any of the Commissioners.

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THE WASHINGTON POST: Millions to lose affordable internet unless Congress extends subsidies

Millions of households will lose discounts on their internet bills in the coming months if Congress does not act to extend an affordable-internet program. The Federal Communications Commission says it will begin winding down the Affordable Connectivity Program this week if it cannot secure more funding from Congress.

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DAILY BULLETIN: LA County supervisors want Congress to fix broken suicide and crisis hotline

The Padilla bill will direct the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) to require all cell phone carriers to direct 988 calls, and messages left on 988 call lines, to the call center geographically closest to the caller — instead of using the caller’s area code.

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ROUTE FIFTY: More details emerge on FCC’s cyber program for schools, libraries

2023 was on track to be a record-breaking year for ransomware attacks against education institutions. During the first half of 2023, Comparitech recorded 85 ransomware attacks on schools and colleges and universities across the globe. In the same period of 2022, the research technology site noted just 45. Indeed, school districts from Prince George’s County, Maryland, to Minneapolis to Chula Vista, California, fell victim to cyberattacks in 2023. It is a trend that the Federal Communications Commission is hoping to flip with a pilot program it announced in November to provide schools and libraries with better cybersecurity protections.

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INSIDE RADIO: Total Number Of Stations Grew In Past Year, But AM Numbers Continue To Slide.

In a positive sign about the overall health of the radio industry, there were more stations licensed at the start of 2024 than there were a year ago. The gains, however, were made by one segment — noncommercial FMs — as the Federal Communications Commission says

the total number of AM stations dropped another one percent while commercial FM numbers also reversed. The FCC says as of Dec. 31 there were 4,444 licensed AMs. That is a decline of 40 stations from a year earlier, including the loss of eight AMs during the fourth quarter. That means there are fewer AMs now licensed than at any time since the 1970s before the talk radio boom of the 1980s breathed new life into the band.

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WIRELESS ESTIMATOR: “Rip and Replace” remains in limbo as only five unidentified telecom companies replace Chinese equipment

The Federal Communications Commission (FCC) published a report for Congress, underscoring that only five telecommunications companies have concluded the removal of technology equipment provided by firms closely associated with the Chinese Communist government. Based on the latest status reports and final certifications, the Bureau estimates that approximately 10% of recipients have completed the permanent removal, replacement, and disposal of all covered communications equipment and services in their networks.

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9TO5MAC: Here’s more evidence Apple tested a black titanium Apple Watch Ultra

In the lead up to the Apple Watch Ultra 2 announcement last year, a handful of rumors suggested the device would be available in black. Images from the FCC in November showcased a prototype of the Apple Watch Ultra with a black ceramic back design. Bloomberg has reported that Apple tested a version of the original Apple Watch Ultra in black titanium, and suggested that it might return with the Apple Watch Ultra 2. Unfortunately, that didn’t end up panning out.

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MYSMARTPRICE: OnePlus 12 Spotted on Google Play Supported Devices List and Bluetooth SIG Certification as Launch Nears

OnePlus is all set to launch the OnePlus 12 and the OnePlus 12R on January 23 in India and other global markets. Ahead of the launch, the OnePlus 12R recently made appearance on FCC and TDRA certification websites. Now, we have spotted the OnePlus 12 on the Google Play Supported Devices List and Bluetooth Special Interest Group (SIG) certification

websites. The OnePlus 12 made an appearance on the Bluetooth SIG certification with the model numbers CPH2581, CPH2583, and CPH2573. Let us take a closer look at the details.

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Vivo is gearing up to expand its V series lineup with the new V30 and V30 Lite. Recently, the V30 was spotted on the Bluetooth SIG certification website, bearing the model number V2318. Today, we have spotted the V30 smartphone with the same model number on FCC, IMDA, and TDRA certification websites.

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ON MILWAUKEE: Urban spelunking: Hilton rooftop antenna, whose removal will alter skyline

No, I'm talking about the disappearance from the skyline of Downtown Milwaukee's highest-rising structure – and that's NOT the U.S. Bank Building, which at 600 feet is the city's tallest building. According to a recent FCC filing, it appears that the transmission tower and antenna perched atop the Hilton Milwaukee City Center, 509 W. Wisconsin Ave. – the tip of which is 677 feet above the sidewalk below – is on its way to being decommissioned.

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Another rise in the number of noneducational FM radio stations was during the final quarter of 2023, as commercial AM and FM radio stations again declined in number, continuing a trend that began earlier in the year. That's the biggest takeaway from the FCC's latest broadcast station total list, for the three-month period ending December 31, 2023.

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BROADBAND BREAKFAST: Big Cities Turn To FCC To Tap Cable

Broadband Fees

Some major U.S. cities are targeting a federal rule that likely stands between them and a gusher of broadband gold. Under current Federal Communications Commission rules, cable's broadband revenue is off limits to local taxing authorities. Cable's pay-TV revenue, however, has traditionally been subject to a 5% fee on gross revenue, helping to support municipal balance sheets all over the country. Several big cities are making an effort to abolish that tax barrier enshrined in the FCC's "mixed use" rule, an effort which could end up allowing cities to tap into cable's billions in broadband revenue. The mixed-use rule, reaffirmed by the FCC in 2019, prevents cities from adding telecommunications or information service fees on cable operators.

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COMMUNICATIONS DAILY: Space Application Processing Shot Clocks

Lack Clear Consensus

Numerous satellite operators welcomed the idea of expanding the range of minor satellite and earth station modifications that can be done without having to first notify the FCC. But support was far more mixed in docket 22-411 filings posted Tuesday when it came to use of deadlines on FCC decisions regarding applications. Commissioners in September by a 4-0 vote adopted a Further NPRM regarding streamlining of satellite and earth station applications (see 2309210055). Reply comments in the docket are due Feb. 6.

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K-12 DIVE: 8 K-12 trends to watch in 2024

The severity of the issue is grabbing federal leaders' attention, as the White House and the U.S. Education Department announced efforts in August to bolster K-12 cybersecurity supports. Meanwhile, the Federal Communications Commission in November proposed a 3-year pilot program using \$200 million in agency funds to help schools and libraries fight cybersecurity threats.

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INSIDE CYBERSECURITY: Pentagon details process to submit CMMC

assessment results as part of information collection request (SUBSCRIPTION REQUIRED)

The Defense Department is asking for input on the process to report assessment results under its Cybersecurity Maturity Model Certification program and proposed parameters to address potential gaps. “The CMMC Program provides for the assessment of contractor implementation of cybersecurity requirements to enhance confidence in contractor protection of unclassified information within the DoD supply chain,” DOD says in a Dec. 26 information collection request posted on Regulations.gov.

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BROADBAND BREAKFAST: CES 2024: More Spectrum and Auction Authority Necessary for 5G

For all that to come to fruition, the Federal Communications Commission will need its spectrum auction authority renewed, something the Commission has been pushing lawmakers on. Congress let the authority lapse for the first time in March, and efforts to reinstate it have stalled.

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APPEN MEDIA: Forsyth County, cell tower developers to restore Sherrill House property

The agreement between the state Preservation Society, the county, the County Parks Foundation, the Federal Communications Commission, TowerCom and the Historical Society of Cumming and Forsyth County calls for HVAC, mechanical and plumbing repairs in exchange for constructing the tower.

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LIGHT READING: T-Mobile is still the fastest 5G provider in the US

For T-Mobile's 5G effort, the company is primarily using the midband 2.5GHz spectrum it acquired from Sprint in 2020. C-band spectrum – which sits around 3.7GHz – is the primary midband spectrum offering from both AT&T and Verizon. The companies purchased their C-band spectrum during an FCC auction in 2021 and began putting it into action starting in 2022.

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BROADBAND BREAKFAST: Broadband Measurement Summit Announced for March 7

As if the National Telecommunications and Information Administration's BEAD program wasn't enough, the Broadband Measurement Summit will consider the current status of the Federal Communications Commission's broadband "nutrition" labels. By April 10, 2024, larger ISPs must display these new Broadband Consumer Labels at the point of sale. They must use clear, easy-to-understand, and accurate information about the cost and performance of broadband services. Internet service providers with 100,000 or fewer subscriber lines must do so by October 10, 2024. How is the FCC's nutrition labels process going?

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FIERCE TELECOM: Ritter Communications taps Heath Simpson as CEO

Ritter is also one of 368 providers that have elected to receive support from the FCC's Enhanced Alternative Connect America Cost Model (Enhanced A-CAM), a program that has allocated over \$18.2 billion in subsidies.

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TELECOMPETITOR: Broadband Director: The Challenges are Bigger in Texas

In general, Conte is an easygoing and pragmatic professional who is more soldier than rebel. One example is that under his watch, Texas developed its own broadband maps, but the office today is focused on aligning with the FCC map to allocate funding. The broadband map challenges that the BDO submitted to the FCC in 2023, while numbering approximately 170K, were less, on average, than we've heard from other states. Ten percent of the challenges were accepted, creating an impact but not a windfall in BEAD funding.

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INSIDE RADIO: Audacy Will Keep The Lights On During Bankruptcy, Thanks To Court OK Of First Day Motions.

In a debt-for-equity swap, Audacy's debtholders will receive an ownership stake in the reorganized company. Audacy says it expects that the court will hold a hearing to consider the approval of the reorganization plan in February and to emerge from bankruptcy once the FCC has approved the transaction.

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FEDERAL REGISTER: Low Power Protection Act

In this document, the Federal Communications Commission (Commission) adopts rules to implement the Low Power Protection Act (LPPA or Act), which was enacted on January 5, 2023. The LPPA provides certain low power television (LPTV) stations with a limited window of opportunity to apply for primary spectrum use status as Class A television stations. With limited exceptions, the rules adopted herein are consistent with the Commission's proposals in the Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (NPRM) in this proceeding. In this Order, we further the implementation of the LPPA by establishing the period during which eligible stations may file applications for Class A status, eligibility and interference requirements, and the process for submitting applications.

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FEDERAL REGISTER: Improving Outage Reporting for Submarine Cables and Enhanced Submarine Cable Outage Data

In this document, the Commission announces that the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) approved the information collection associated with the Commission's Report and Order and subsequent Order on Reconsideration. This document, consistent with those documents, fulfills the Commission's commitment that it would publish a document in the Federal Register announcing the effective date of those rules.

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From Jan. 9 to 10, there were around 2,200 social media posts mentioning the FCC. Most content was on Twitter (74%, or around 1,600 posts), followed by Reddit (13%), Blogs (6%), Forums (5%), Comments (1%), and Facebook (0%).

The three social media posts with the greatest reach came from the Twitter accounts of The Hill (4.4m reach), The Verge (3.3m reach), and Ars Technica (1.2m reach), which publicized their articles on the FCC warning about the potential end of the Affordable Connectivity Program. The social media post with the fourth greatest reach came from the

Twitter account of James Gingrich (470k reach), which publicized a TV Technology article on FCC officials' participation in CES.

One trending topic on social media was the FCC warning about the potential end of the Affordable Connectivity Program. The Twitter account of The Hill (4.4m reach, 35 engagements) had the most popular social media post on that topic. Another trending topic on social media was the FCC considering a draft on a disaster reporting mandate. The Twitter account of TV Technology (20k reach, 3 engagements) had the most popular social media post on that topic.

There were no new tweets from Chairwoman Rosenworcel or any of the Commissioners.

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You probably have a family member who, seeing a rake left lying in the driveway, doesn't pick it up and put it safely out of the way. Official Washington has Jessica Rosenworcel, the Federal Communications Commission chief. Last seen restarting a needless fight over net neutrality, over the holidays she committed more bureaucracy. The courts pressured her to complete her agency's absurdly delayed 2018 "quadrennial review" of its extensive media ownership regulations. Of course she found these regulations more urgent than ever despite the internet having obliterated the ostensible electromagnetic scarcity on which they were premised.

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The Federal Communications Commission has started preparing for the wind-down of the Affordable Connectivity Program, which was part of the 2021 infrastructure law that subsidized home internet for low-income households. The Commission says in a new order that it expects the program to run out of funding in April. The FCC says it will at some point start notifying affected participants in the program, though lawmakers have proposed legislation that would infuse an additional \$7 billion into the program which could possibly keep it running through the end of the year.

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IF you find yourself needing to charge your phone while out of the house or traveling, the FCC has some important advice for you. Not all chargers can be trusted, especially random devices that you find in public areas.

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MYSMARTPRICE: Realme 12 Pro Plus 5G Appears on FCC, TUV, and NBTC Certification Website Ahead Of Launch

Relame is all set to unveil its latest Realme 12 Pro lineup in India in January. The series will include two devices, the vanilla Realme 12 Pro and the Realme 12 Pro Plus. Recently, both devices appeared on the 3C certification website. Today, we have spotted the Realme 12 Pro Plus on the FCC, TUV, and NBTC certification websites with the RMX3840 model number.

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SIMPLE FLYING: Do You Really Need To Put Your Phone In Airplane Mode For A Flight?

Regulators differ on the topic of whether phones need to be in airplane mode or not. For its part, the FAA in the US disallows the use of cellular devices if they do not have their carrier-provided cellular transmitting function turned off (otherwise known as airplane mode). The FAA outlines this policy in Advisory Circular 91.21-1D, where it's made clear in

section 9.2 that using a personal electronic device's cellular transmitting functions in the air is a Federal Communications Commission (FCC) rule which the FAA enforces. Passengers are allowed to use cell phones to make calls on the ground according to the Advisory Circular, but airlines must ensure passengers turn this function off in the air.

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CORD CUTTERS NEWS: SpaceX's Portable Mini Starlink Dish Will Release This Year

Starlink's new mini dish is set to hit the market by the end of this year. "We'll be introducing the Starlink Mini later this year, which can fit in a backpack," SpaceX CEO Elon Musk said in a speech to employees on Friday. This comes after Starlink gained approval from the Federal Communications Commission for the dish, which was said to be about the size of an Apple MacBook — smaller than SpaceX's first-generation Starlink dish. In one FCC filing, the Starlink Mini measures about 10 inches by 12 inches. That's about half the size of the Starlink Standard dish, which measures about 23 inches by 15 inches.

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CORD CUTTERS NEWS: Local Governments Want to Tax Internet Services as They Do Cable TV & the FCC May Allow It

The decline of cable TV has also hit local governments in the pocketbook. As fewer Americans pay for cable TV, local governments are pulling in less tax money than they once did from local cable TV fees. According to the City of Baltimore, the loss of cable TV revenue has resulted in a \$1.3 million deficit in the first quarter of 2023. This comes as only 24% of households in the city are still paying for cable TV. To offset this, cities are pushing the FCC to roll back changes that happened under FCC Chair Ajit Pai that prevents them from taxing streaming services like they do cable TV companies.

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RADIO & TELEVISION BUSINESS REPORT: VPM Asks FCC For New Blue Ridge Channel

A principal NPR and PBS Member serving the Commonwealth of Virginia has petitioned the FCC to add a channel to its Table of Allotments for a city between the college town of Charlottesville and Staunton, along the busy I-81 corridor to the south of the home of James Madison University.

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RADIO & TELEVISION BUSINESS REPORT: ‘Good Faith’ Retrans Fail Yields Huge Proposed WPIX Fine (SUBSCRIPTION REQUIRED)

When it comes to retransmission consent disputes, a broadcast TV station ownership group founded 28 years ago by Chairwoman Nancie Smith and her late husband, David Smith, and led by President Dennis Thatcher has in recent years seen some of the thorniest of negotiations. This led Mission Broadcasting to engage in bitter fights over carriage fee agreements with direct broadcast satellite service provider DirecTV, and the parent of the Xfinity broadband and cable TV services arm of NBCUniversal parent Comcast Corp. Both DirecTV and Comcast went to the FCC to independently address their view that Mission’s retransmission consent discussions were unfairly being led by a company it enjoys a shared services agreement with — the nation’s No. 1 owner of broadcast television stations. [SUBSCRIPTION REQUIRED]

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RADIO & TELEVISION BUSINESS REPORT: A Fine Day For A CBS-Owned Property In San Francisco

It airs on Channel 44 for those with over-the-air digital antennas and enjoys Cable Channel 12 across many MVPDs serving the San Francisco Bay Area. It is a property formerly known as KBCW, with a call letter change coming in September 2023 to better align itself with its CBS-owned sibling. Now, CBS News & Stations faces a small financial penalty for failing to adhere to a FCC rule.

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RADIO & TELEVISION BUSINESS REPORT: Nexstar Nicked With Fine For Station’s Tardy Issues/Programs Filing (SUBSCRIPTION REQUIRED)

A broadcast television station owned by the company that owns the most over-the-air facilities in the U.S. has been handed a proposed fine for its failure to timely file its quarterly issues/programs lists with the FCC.

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YOUNG: How Americans feel about Trump’s proposed policies and the Republican primary candidates

Among Trump's proposals included in the poll, Americans are most likely to strongly or somewhat oppose cutting taxes on corporations (61%), giving the president control over regulatory agencies such as the Federal Communications Commission and the Federal

Trade Commission (59%), and abolishing the U.S. Department of Education (57%). A majority also oppose changing the law to allow presidents to fire civil service workers for any reason (56%).

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BROADBAND BREAKFAST: CES 2024: NTIA and House Commerce Weigh in on Spectrum Policy

The band was set aside in 2020 by the Federal Communications Commission for unlicensed use in the United States, but some countries like China wanted to see some of the band tapped for 5G mobile use, Murphy said.

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BROADBAND BREAKFAST: A Supreme Court Case About Fish Could Harpoon The FCC (Opinion)

On Wednesday, the Supreme Court will hear a case about federal regulation of the fishing industry. Anyone who thinks the case is about fish is going to need a bigger boat. In reality, this whale of a case could harpoon the Federal Communications Commission, which is clearly at risk of seeing its newly approved, highly controversial digital discrimination rules aimed at broadband Internet Service Providers get fed to the sharks.

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MHEALTHINTELLIGENCE: FCC Updates Funding Program to Boost Rural Telehealth Adoption

The Federal Communications Commission released the final rule updating the Rural Health Care Program to support virtual care access in rural America through funding efforts. Established in 1997, the Rural Health Care Program funds telecommunications and broadband services for healthcare delivery. Healthcare providers eligible for the funding include community health centers or health centers providing health care to migrants, local health departments or agencies, community mental health centers, nonprofit hospitals, and rural health clinics. As of funding year 2017, the Rural Health Care Program grant total is capped at \$571 million annually, adjusted for inflation.

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RADIO INSIGHT: FCC Report 1/14: AM & LPFM Station Counts Drop

The FCC has issued its quarterly station count list showing continued drops in the number of AM, commercial FM, and LPFM totals, while total radio licenses is up due to the growth of non-commercial FMs. 40 AM licenses were turned in over the course of 2023 with 175 lost in the last five years. Ahead of the recent filing window, the number of LPFMs dropped by 48 last year down to 1967 current licenses down from its peak of 2172 in December 2018.

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Elsewhere this week, the FCC has said that funding for the Affordable Connectivity Program is expected to dry up by May. The programme is described as 'the largest – and most successful – broadband affordability program in our nation's history.'

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INSIDE RADIO: Appeals Court Sides With FCC In Case Over Whether Kentucky AM License Should Be Canceled.

Kentucky broadcaster Gerard Parks has been dealt another setback in his effort to revive the license for "Gospel 710" WEKC, Williamsburg, KY. This time it comes in court. A federal appeals court in Washington says Parks "has not shown a clear and indisputable right" for it to overturn a Federal Communications Commission 2020 decision that cancelled the license after several years of annual regulatory fees went unpaid. The FCC also argued its move was justified because Parks failed to file the paperwork seeking a reconsideration of its decision for 18 months, which was well outside the 30-day response deadline.

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MODERN RETAIL: Unpacked: What brands should know about the FCC's new rules on lead generation

Brands will soon have to ensure that they secure express consent send marketing calls or

texts to customer, with federal rules changing to prevent companies from creating “a tsunami of unwanted robocalls.” The Federal Communications Commission in December put out an order regarding a change in how it will implement the Telephone Consumer Protection Act, the federal law that governs marketing calls and texts. The rule will require texters and callers that do robocalls or robotexts to have “express written consent” for a single seller at a time.

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AMERICAN THINKER: Can Elon Musk liberate our internet access? (Opinion)

In November 2023, the Biden FCC issued a Prevention and Elimination of Digital Discrimination (PEDD) order. This order forbids any internet access practices that “differentially impact consumers’ access to broadband internet access service based on their income level, race, ethnicity, color, religion or national origin, or are intended to have such differential impact.” The lawless test of differential impact (rather than differential treatment) became ordinary for such regulations. ...Commissioner Brendan Carr perfectly characterized this ruling in his excellent dissent: “The Biden Administration’s entire approach to the Internet ... can be boiled down to one word: control. ... You can see it in the Biden Administration’s campaign to pressure Internet companies into censoring Americans’ protected political speech — a coordinated effort that is now on appeal to the Supreme Court.” Also, “President Biden’s plan effectively hands the Administrative State veto power over every decision about the provision of Internet service in the country,” and “there is no path to complying with this standardless regime.”

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WASHINGTON EXAMINER : A government takeover of the internet would be disastrous (Opinion)

The size, scope, power, and control of the federal government have expanded dramatically since President Joe Biden was sworn into office. His administration has initiated and signed into law trillions of dollars in new spending and promulgated regulations that have made it more expensive and difficult to conduct business or raise a family. At the top of the list of Biden’s bad policies is the Federal Communications Commission’s proposed reimposition of net neutrality rules from the Obama era that reclassifies the internet as a telecommunications service under Title II of the Communications Act of 1934. This reclassification was adopted on Oct. 19, 2023, in a partisan 3-2 vote.

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COMMUNICATIONS DAILY: FCC Seen Having Very Busy Months in

Early 2024

Industry lawyers and analysts expect a busy start for the FCC in 2024, with the 3-2 Democratic majority able to approve items without the FCC's two Republicans, and Chairwoman Jessica Rosenworcel eager to address priorities before the usual freeze in the months before and after a presidential election.

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INSIDE CYBERSECURITY: White House establishes partnership with European Union for rolling out Internet of Things labeling program (SUBSCRIPTION REQUIRED)

The Biden administration is working on an agreement with the European Union to establish reciprocity between the FCC's Internet of Things cyber labeling program and the EU Cyber Resilience Act, according to National Security Council official Anne Neuberger, who made the announcement at the Consumer Electronics Show. [SUBSCRIPTION REQUIRED]

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KSNW-TV: Sedgwick County DA warns of scam calls

Talk to your phone company about call-blocking tools and check into apps that you can download to your mobile device. The FCC allows phone companies to block robocalls by default based on reasonable analytics. More information about robocall blocking is available at fcc.gov/robocalls.

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Public Safety & Cybersecurity & Privacy

NEXTGOV: EU signs on to IoT safety label plan

The Federal Communications Commission is taking the lead on obtaining input from stakeholders in an ongoing proceeding that has drawn interest from trade associations, consumer electronics companies and even the government of the People's Republic of China.

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THE KIM KOMANDO SHOW: Charging and travel: 5 malware mistakes most people make

The airports? Crazy. The weather? Unpredictable. Travel is tough enough ... and then your phone dies. Those charging kiosks in airports, hotels and malls can be big timesavers. Their owners promise they're safe, but the FBI disagrees — and so do I. Welcome to the newest phase of juice jacking. The phenomenon has been around for more than ten years. Hackers use public phone charging to upload malware to your devices. Then, they ransom your phone or steal your passwords. Have no fear. When your batteries hit the low point in your travels, follow these rules to keep you and your family malware-free.

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HAWAII NEWS NOW: 6 years ago, false missile alert rattled Hawaii's nerves — and showed more prep needed

Another change: The FCC issued new rules for how emergency alerts are sent.

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DOMINION POST: 511 — travel info for West Virginians on the go

Established by the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) in 1999, 511 is the designated nationwide three-digit telephone number for traveler information. 511 was implemented in West Virginia in 2012.

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DATA CENTER DYNAMICS: Dish Wireless seals \$50m grant for Open RAN center

In June of last year, Dish said it reached its 5G broadband coverage target set by the Federal Communications Commission (FCC), to more than 70 percent of the US population.

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WAMC-FM: New York state Assemblyman Phil Steck looks to improve cell service in Town of Colonie

"One of the difficulties that we've had over the years is we've got calls all the time, about the poor quality of cell coverage in Colonie, particularly in the part of Colonie where I live," said Steck. "And folks don't understand this is not really a state issue. This is a federal issue. But however, because it's such a persistent problem, we need to get active and get the federal government to help us out on these things. And that's what we're working on now. Would I like to be able to snap my fingers and fix the problem? Yes. Do I think it would be the same for our town supervisor? Yes. But what we have to do is enlist the federal

government because a lot of cell services regulated by the Federal Communications Commission, not by state agencies.”

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HEALTHCARE FINANCE NEWS: Elevance Health increasing access to smartphones in bid to tackle digital divide

The effort is a result of a collaboration between Elevance Health and Verizon, together with Samsung, AT&T and T-Mobile. It's supported by funding from the Federal Communications Commission's Affordable Connectivity Program. Elevance said its program is different from other ACP benefits because of its high-quality offerings, customization and healthcare focus.

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MLIVE: Fear of 5G exposure leads to shaky reception of proposed cell tower at school

District leaders said the tower would be built 200 feet from the school building, which is in accordance with federal guidelines. The Federal Communications Commission (FCC), which regulates cell towers and provides guidance on exposure to radiofrequency emissions, has deemed cell towers to be safe near schools and homes. Cottrell, who lives about 5 miles from Forest Hills Eastern, said she believes the district should not rely solely on FCC guidance, which she said is outdated and does not address research on the risks to children of long-term exposure to cell tower radiation.

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NORTH JERSEY: Simple ways to clean your smart watch, phone, AirPods and other electronics

The F.C.C. recommends that you give your smart device a cleaning everyday as a preventative measure. You can clean your device with a lint-free cloth "slightly dampened with soap and water." The F.C.C. warns to keep liquids and moistures away from the openings on your device. You should not spray cleaners directly on to your device and you should avoid using cleaning solutions that contain bleach or abrasives.

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LIGHT READING: Can Dish raise more cash?

Dish needs to finance the expansion of its nationwide 5G network to compete directly with behemoths like Verizon, T-Mobile and AT&T. Dish managed to reach its FCC-mandated network-buildout targets in the summer of 2023, but it has since put a halt on most

construction efforts as it works to raise more money.

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WIRELESS ESTIMATOR: Injured tower tech rescued after falling from a “rat’s nest” tower site outside of Chicago

The monopole is not lamped, which would suggest that the structure is under 200 feet in height at the top, nor is it registered in the FCC’s database.

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JACKSON COUNTY SENTINEL: Scottsboro City Council reports on Rebuild Alabama expenditures, McCamy provides update on DMA swap

During his report, Scottsboro Mayor Jim McCamy posted an update on the effort to get the Jackson County Designated Market Area (DMA) swapped from Chattanooga back to Huntsville. The county has filed a notice with satellite providers. The satellite companies have 45 days to respond to that notification. After that, the county can file with Federal Communications Commission (FCC). Given this date, McCamy states that the city, Scottsboro Electric Power Board and the county are looking to file together with the FCC around the beginning of February, after which they are expected to wait another six months.

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BROADBAND BREAKFAST: Look Overseas, America’s Prices for Broadband are Out of Control (Opinion)

The states must investigate the core issues as they impact almost every FCC, NTIA, FTC, Congressional and state current and future actions.

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THE COURIER: Residents begin to connect to Waterloo Fiber, excited to switch

Households using Lifeline can also receive a \$30 per month subsidy, ultimately making internet for these households free. Eligible households must apply for the program through the Federal Communications Commission and contact Waterloo Fiber.

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STATESCOOP: States meet initial deadline for BEAD proposals, prepare for next steps

"We prepared the data in accordance with the requirements of the BEAD [notice of funding opportunity] and our Initial Proposal Volume I and feel like we have as accurate data as possible at this point," Lauren Francis, a communications manager with Colorado's Office of Information Technology, wrote in an email to StateScoop. "The challenge process is still critical because it gives our stakeholders one more chance to make corrections to the [Federal Communications Commission] dataset and provides us with an even clearer picture of broadband availability and access in Colorado."

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Broadband Map

WBOY-TV: Perfect places to unplug in West Virginia with little or no cell service

If you're looking for a place to unplug, West Virginia is one of the best places on the East Coast. Almost all major cellphone providers' coverage maps have at least one big hole in West Virginia, which is perfect if you're looking for a place to truly unplug. Here are a few off-the-grid places in West Virginia that have no mobile broadband, based on the Federal Communications Commission National Broadband Map, and no cell phone service from major providers but still offer incredible adventure opportunities.

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DETROIT NEWS: FEC greenlights airing of 'The Good Doctor' during Harper's Senate campaign in Michigan

What's known as "equal time" regulations by the FCC would have permitted Oz's opponents to request equal opportunities to access the public airwaves, which broadcast stations generally don't want to have to do.

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BOSTON GLOBE: Will your next television be a NextGen TV?

This time the transition will be kinder and gentler. Consumers who don't want NextGen TV won't have to upgrade their sets anytime soon, and broadcasters don't have to offer the service. TV stations that offer NextGen TV will continue their old-school broadcasts as well. The Federal Communications Commission says stations can keep using the older system

until 2027, and it is open to extending the deadline even further.

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THE NEW YORK POST: Supreme Court poised to end ‘constitutional revolution’ that’s marred US governance for 40 years

For example, in his majority opinion in *West Virginia v. EPA*, Chief Justice John Roberts commented, “We presume that ‘Congress intends to make major policy decisions itself, not leave those decisions to agencies,’ ” citing *US Telecom Ass’n v. FCC*. And in his dissent in *City of Arlington (Texas) v. FCC*, joined by Justice Samuel Alito, he wrote that “The question [of] when an agency enjoys [interpretative authority] must be decided by a court, without deference to an agency.”

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DAILY CAMERA: How did we become so divided? (Opinion)

The change can be traced back to 1987 and the repeal of the Federal Communications Commission’s Fairness Doctrine. The Fairness Doctrine required broadcasters to provide opposing viewpoints to political or controversial public issues. The Supreme Court unanimously upheld this regulation in 1969 with Justice Byron White writing “without this doctrine, station owners would only have people on the air who agreed with their opinions.” Justice White argued that radio frequencies (and by extension television stations) should be used to educate the public about controversial issues in a way that is fair and non-biased so that they can create their own opinions.

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THE EPOCH TIMES: Haley Campaign Demands Iowa Station Stop Airing Attack Ad

The Epoch Times previously reported that Fight Right works in concert with Never Back Down Inc. Never Back Down is Mr. DeSantis’ main super PAC. Fight Right, according to Federal Communications Commission disclosures, has ordered about \$642,000 worth of ads with KCAU.

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DALLAS MORNING NEWS: Dallas DirecTV customers to see ABC affiliate WFAA return after companies strike deal

Tegna previously said in a statement that it hoped to reach the deal with DirecTV so football fans wouldn’t miss out on the closing weeks of the NFL season. DirecTV has claimed Tegna was denying the company permission to offer its 64 stations for DirecTV,

DirecTV Stream and U-verse homes in Texas. FCC regulations require cable systems to get consent from a TV station to carry its broadcast signal. Cable providers have to pay stations a retransmission fee for this right and contracts usually last a few years. They also negotiate, discussing fees, guidelines and other factors before a contract can be renewed.

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NEXSTAR: New WDEV owners say a change in leadership doesn't mean a change in service

Mermel and business partner Scott Milne have bought Radio Vermont Group and all of its assets from the Squier family, and with FCC approval expected in the next few months, the deal will soon become official. The sale comes less than two months after the death of longtime owner and Vermont Broadcasting Hall of Famer Ken Squier but had been in the works since early 2023.

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INSIDE RADIO: Audacy Sells Phoenix Real Estate For \$10.5 Million.

The Phoenix land sale will deliver some much-needed cash as it follows a move by Audacy this week that began prepackaged chapter 11 proceedings in U.S. Bankruptcy Court in Houston to restructure its balance sheet and reduce its total debt from \$1.9 billion to \$350 million. In a debt-for-equity swap, Audacy's debtholders will receive an ownership stake in the reorganized company. Audacy says it expects that the court will hold a hearing to consider the approval of the reorganization plan in February and to emerge from bankruptcy once the FCC has approved the transaction.

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INSIDE RADIO: News Bites: iHeartMedia/Weezer, Dan Patrick, '24,' 'Cincinnati Edition.'

The FCC has issued a warning to a New York real estate company that owns a building where a pirate station was allegedly based. It warns Matovu Realty that it could face fines of more than \$2.3 million for the unlicensed station operating at 99.3 FM from its building on Decatur Avenue in the Norwood section of the Bronx. FCC is asking the property owner to respond in ten days, providing evidence they no longer permit the pirate station on their property. They are also asked to identify the individuals behind the unlicensed broadcasts. The FCC will use that information to determine what, if any, enforcement action is required.

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BUSINESS INSIDER: Mike Katz leads into the curve

But the Federal Communications Commission and the US Justice Department moved to block the deal on antitrust grounds in 2011, and the bid was abandoned.

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DATA CENTER DYNAMICS: 150 more jobs to go at Dish, as company outlines spectrum rejig

The cuts follow Dish's merger with EchoStar, a deal that was approved by the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) last month.

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NATIONAL REVIEW: Trump's 'Mean Tweets' Weren't the Problem; His Deceptive Tweets Were (Opinion)

No one quite remembers why Trump was so angry at the retailer Nordstrom. They don't recall what came of that bizarre effort to goad law enforcement into investigating MSNBC host Joe Scarborough over the tragic death of one of his former congressional staffers. FCC chairman Ajit Pai's reputation remains intact despite his refusal to make NBC News suffer for some long-forgotten offense. For the most part, the tweets were ephemeral.

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International

SPACE.COM: Starlink close encounters decrease despite ever-growing number of satellites

Twice a year, SpaceX reports to the U.S. Federal Communications Commission (FCC) how many times its satellites had to change their paths to avoid possible collisions with other spacecraft and space debris. The rocket company submitted its latest "Semi-annual constellation status report" on Dec. 29, 2023, covering a period between June 1, 2023, and Nov. 30, 2023.

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UNITED PRESS INTERNATIONAL: SpaceX completes second launch Sunday, sends more satellites into orbit

The green light from the Federal Communications Commission was seen as a monumental

victory for the company as it sought to grow its broadband network amid increasing competition from major players like DISH and Amazon.

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In addition, the Federal Communications Commission is considering rule-making that would allow satellite-to-mobile on some terrestrial communication spectrum bands. This would open opportunities for satellite data to reach remote locations on Earth faster, as well as have widespread commercial applications.

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FEDERAL REGISTER: Ensuring the Reliability and Resiliency of the 988 Suicide & Crisis Lifeline; Rules Concerning Disruptions to Communications; Implementation of the National Suicide Hotline Improvement Act of 2018

In this document, the Federal Communications Commission (Commission) requires covered 988 service providers (a new category of service provider) and cable, satellite, wireless, wireline, and interconnected voice over internet protocol (VoIP) providers (originating service providers) to report outages that potentially affect the 988 Suicide and Crisis Lifeline in the Commission's Network Outage Reporting System (NORS).

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FEDERAL REGISTER: Rates for Interstate Inmate Calling Services; Correction

The Federal Communications Commission (Commission) published a document in the Federal Register of January 3, 2024, announcing that the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) had approved, for a period of three years, an information collection associated with the Commission's 2022 ICS Order, FCC 22–76 (September 30, 2022). The document incorrectly announced an effective date for an amendment published on December 9, 2022, which triggered its codification into the CFR on December 21, 2023. This document establishes the applicability of OMB's approval, published on January 3, 2024.

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Social Media Summary

From Jan. 12 to 16, there were around 7,000 social media posts mentioning the FCC. Most content was on Twitter (74%, or around 5,200 posts), followed by Reddit (16%), Forums (7%), Blogs (2%), Comments (1%), and Facebook (0%).

The social media post with the greatest reach came from the Twitter account of The Hill (4.4m reach), which publicized its article on the FCC questioning carmakers about stalking on their apps. The social media post with the second greatest reach came from the Twitter account of CNET (1.7m reach), which publicized its article on the Affordable Connectivity Program.

One trending topic on social media was the FCC's digital discrimination rule. The Twitter account of Washington Examiner (350k reach, 2 engagements) had the most popular social media post on that topic. Another trending topic on social media was the FCC's media ownership regulations. The Twitter account of Wall Street Journal Opinion (150k reach, 2 engagements) had the most popular social media post on that topic.

Commissioner Carr tweeted (51k reach, 179 engagements) to publicize the article he co-authored with Commissioner Simington arguing that the First Amendment does not prevent Congress from addressing Big Tech's censorship.

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ARS TECHNICA: FCC chair defends broadband discounts for poor people against Republican attack

FCC Chairwoman Jessica Rosenworcel defended a low-income discount program against attacks from GOP lawmakers, pointing out that Republicans criticized an aspect of the program that was decided by Congress, not the commission. In December, Sen. Ted Cruz (R-Texas) and several other Republican lawmakers blasted the Affordable Connectivity Program (ACP), which gives \$30 monthly broadband discounts to people with low incomes. The program is set to be discontinued in a few months because Congress hasn't added funding to continue it, though Democrats are pushing a bill that would keep it going.

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HOLLYWOOD REPORTER: Netflix Reenters Fight Over Open Internet Rules as Government Anticipates Restoring Net Neutrality

Netflix, in comments to the Federal Communications Commission filed Wednesday, backed proposals to bar internet service providers from imposing additional fees to avoid having their content blocked or throttled. Absent federal open internet protections, it argued that ISPs — many of which own or are affiliated with streaming services via special offers and bundles — will turn to degrading the quality of competitors' content or increasing their costs.

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PCMAG: Viasat Tries to Stop Citizen Effort to Revive FCC Funding for Starlink

A resident in Virginia has urged the Federal Communications Commission to reconsider canceling \$886 million in federal funding for SpaceX's Starlink system. But rival satellite company Viasat has gone out of its way to oppose the citizen-led petition. On Jan. 1, the FCC received a petition from the Virginia resident Greg Weisiger asking the commission to reconsider denying the \$886 million to SpaceX.

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LIGHT READING: T-Mobile warns of friction between net neutrality and network slicing

The Biden administration is working to reinstate net neutrality rules, but T-Mobile is signaling that new technologies like network slicing don't neatly fit into the FCC's plans. "Network slicing is a prime example of a cutting-edge technology that could be negatively affected by regulatory uncertainty," T-Mobile wrote in a new filing to the FCC.

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THE TENNESSEAN: The week in politics: Cothren pushes for another trial delay

Tennessee Attorney General Jonathan Skrmetti is asking the Federal Communications Commission to impose restrictions on the use of artificial intelligence for prerecorded robocalls. Skrmetti joined a coalition of 26 states in a letter to the FCC expressing concern over the potential harm of AI use by telemarketers, in response to a November request for input from the FCC. Skrmetti and others asked the FCC to require telemarketers wanting to use AI to impersonate a human voice to follow regulations outlined in the Telephone Consumer Protection Act — including obtaining prior written consent from consumer targets.

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LAW360: SD Sioux Tribe Vying For FCC Universal Service Recognition

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The Cheyenne River Sioux Tribe is asking the Federal Communications Commission to certify its telephone authority as an Eligible Telecommunications Carrier, saying the agency had no reason four years ago to dismiss its petition, which would have made it eligible for federal funding.

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LAW360: FCC Fines Cumulus \$26K Over Late Equal Employment Filings (SUBSCRIPTION REQUIRED)

The Federal Communications Commission is hitting a radio licensing company with fines for a nine-month delay in posting an Equal Employment Opportunity program report, the first such fines the agency has doled out since a 2016 rule change on EEO reporting.

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TVTECHNOLOGY: FCC Wants to Support Local Journalism by Speeding Up License Renewals

The Federal Communications Commission has adopted a proposal that the agency believes will support local journalism and incentivize the production of local programming by prioritizing the processing and review of applications from broadcast stations that invest in and prioritize local programming in communities across the country.

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STREAM TV INSIDER: FCC proposes rebates for cable, satellite TV customers hit by channel blackouts

The Federal Communications Commission is considering requiring cable and satellite operators to give customers refunds for TV services via rebates if they're impacted by channel blackouts. The FCC contend consumers aren't getting what they paid for in the face of more disputes between distributors and broadcasters or programmers that result in a loss of channels.

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RADIO WORLD: Sponsorship ID Omissions Cost Townsquare \$500,000

Townsquare Media will pay a \$500,000 penalty under a consent decree agreement with the FCC Media Bureau, for violating the FCC's rules for sponsorship identification and online political files. The case arose from broadcasts of a weekly program called "Red Wave Radio," later changed to "Keep Idaho Red," which aired on two Idaho AM stations, KLIX in Twin Falls and KIDO in Nampa, over a year and a half starting in late 2021.

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RCR WIRELESS: Lower Colorado River Authority to test private network via Anterix's 900 MHz

The Lower Colorado River Authority (LCRA) has been granted authorization by the Federal Communications Commission to test the use of a private cellular network relying on 900 MHz spectrum held by Anterix. LCRA operates six dams and produces hydroelectric power, providing wholesale electricity to 34 retail utilities in Texas that serve more than 1 million people in 55 counties. It provides regional management of the Colorado River in terms of water supply for more than 1 million people as well as recreational spaces, managing more than 30 parks, recreation areas and natural resources areas. It has an operating company that also owns and services 5,200 miles of transmission lines and nearly 400 power substations.

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MYSMARTPRICE: Realme 12+ 5G Spotted on NBTC, Appears on Multiple Certifications Before Launch

Realme will debut the upcoming Realme 12 Pro series smartphones globally on January 29. The Chinese smartphone also confirmed that it will debut in India on the same date. The upcoming Realme 12 Pro series smartphones will include the vanilla Realme 12 Pro and Realme 12 Pro+ smartphones. In a new development, we have spotted the upcoming Realme 12+ 5G smartphone with the model number RMX3867 in the NBTC certification and FCC listing.

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CEPRO: Consumer IoT Groups Feedback Urges FCC to Keep Cyber Trust Mark ‘Voluntary,’ Protected

In a recent filing with the FCC, the CTA, CSA, CTIA, National Electrical Manufacturers Association and US Telecom followed up a meeting with U.S. security officials by highlighting several factors they say are necessary to make the proposed program a success.

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THE DAKOTA SCOUT: South Dakota Attorney General wants tighter rules for telemarketers using AI

South Dakota's top law enforcement officer wants more regulations on the use of artificial intelligence (AI) in the telecommunications industry. South Dakota Attorney General Marty Jackley has joined 25 other Attorneys General in requesting the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) to restrict telemarketers that use AI for automated phone calls.

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BOISE DEV: FCC fines two Idaho stations over ‘misleading’ political shows from former GOP leaders

The Federal Communications Commission, which licenses TV and radio stations to use the public airwaves, launched an investigation into the show. Its findings largely matched BoiseDev's reporting.

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COMMUNICATIONS DAILY: Some Commenters Say E-rate Expansion May Violate Communications Act

While the FCC received support for moving forward on a November proposal permitting schools and libraries to get E-rate support for off-premises Wi-Fi hot spots and wireless internet services (see 2311090028) many commenters raised questions. Commissioners Brendan Carr and Nathan Simington dissented on an NPRM, questioning the proposal's legal underpinnings, and several comments agreed. The comments were filed the same week as the U.S. Supreme Court considered the Chevron doctrine's future and how strictly regulators must adhere to statutory language (see 2401170074).

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COMMUNICATIONS DAILY: EPIC Urges FCC to Go Further on SIM Swapping; Industry Disagrees

Groups representing wireless carriers and cable operators urged the FCC to take a cautious approach as it responds to a November Further NPRM on protecting consumers from SIM swapping and port-out fraud (see 2311150042). Additional rules beyond those approved in an accompanying order aren't warranted, industry groups said. However, the Electronic Privacy Information Center urged the agency to go further in protecting consumers. Comments were posted on Wednesday and Thursday in docket 21-341.

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URGENT COMMUNICATIONS: Cal OES expresses opposition to PSSA proposal of FirstNet Authority 4.9 GHz spectrum license

An official with the California Office of Emergency Services (Cal OES) this week submitted a letter to the FCC expressing opposition to a Public Safety Spectrum Alliance (PSSA) proposal asking the federal agency to award the FirstNet Authority with a nationwide license in the 4.9 GHz band.

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MYSMARTPRICE: Infinix Note 40, Note 40 Pro Listed on Google Play Console Database With MediaTek Helio G99 SoC

The power button and volume rockers can be seen on the right side of the device. The upcoming Infinix smartphones were also spotted in the FCC certification, revealing the rear design and fast charging details. The FCC certification confirms that Infinix will equip the smartphones with triple rear cameras similar to its predecessors.

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WLS-TV: Proposed state bill would give accredited media access to real-time police scanners

In response, State Representative LaShawn Ford has introduced a bill that would require accredited newspapers and FCC licensed broadcasters, like ABC7 Chicago, to have access to real-time scanners.

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INSIDE CYBERSECURITY: Presidential tech advisory council offers ways to boost cyber-physical resilience of critical infrastructure (SUBSCRIPTION REQUIRED)

The President's Council of Advisors on Science and Technology has approved a report offering recommendations for federal agencies on how to boost the cyber-physical resilience of critical infrastructure entities.

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LEHIGH VALLEY NEWS: After contentious hearing, decision on 125-foot cell tower in Steel City to continue

"The antennas will comply with all FCC standards governing human electromagnetic

radiation,” the project application reads.

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BROADBAND BREAKFAST: NTIA Must Outline Clear Spectrum Auction Targets for U.S. 5G Leadership: CTIA

Another objective of CTIA’s call to action includes assessing the 7/8 GHz band for more immediate commercial use. The plan also calls for Congress to restore the Federal Communications Commission’s spectrum auction authority, and ensure a spectrum pipeline for future auctions dedicated to 5G.

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LIGHT READING: America's 5G buildouts move into unknown territory

But when Verizon acquired midband C-band spectrum in an FCC auction in 2021, the company wasted little time. The operator said it would spend an extra \$10 billion on the project – above the \$50 billion it spent during the auction itself.

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STATESCOOP: Publicly owned broadband networks on the rise in U.S., research shows

“From the Midwest to the Deep South, East Coast to West, we’ve seen an incredible amount of new energy by cities over the last two years,” Ry Marcattilio, associate director for research with ILSR’s Community Broadband Networks Initiative, said in a press release. “Dozens of cities, ranging from five thousand and a hundred thousand residents alike have decided that enough is enough. Instead of pleading with or giving additional handouts to the monopoly ISPs, they’ve decided to invest in themselves. It’s exciting to see so much happening, especially since we know our numbers are not completely exhaustive as there are no doubt cities building networks that have not yet become active or reported service to the FCC.”

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WSAV-TV: What service Americans hate the most

Access to fast internet is not a reality for most Americans, with 66.1 million reported having at least 3 Mbps speed under 20 Mbps, according to the Federal Communications Commission, FCC.

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Broadband Map

FIERCE TELECOM: 6.4M locations will likely be eligible for BEAD funding – ACA Connects

New data from ACA Connects and consulting firm Cartesian indicates 6.4 million unserved and underserved locations will be eligible for Broadband Equity, Access and Deployment (BEAD) funding, once states and territories begin selecting broadband deployment projects. According to version four of ACA and Cartesian’s BEAD framework, the U.S. currently has 10.3 million unserved and underserved locations, but that number is poised to go down by June 2024, when states are likely to begin awarding BEAD money to subgrantees. Further, the 10.3 million locations, determined from the newest version of the Federal Communications Commission’s national broadband map, decreased from 12 million eligible BEAD locations found in mapping data from December 2022.

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MSNBC: Trump renews focus on targeting networks’ broadcast licenses

Nevertheless, the fact that the Republican keeps talking about this is disturbing. The former president is already including authoritarian principles in his comeback pitch, and he’s reportedly committed to imposing new political constraints on government agencies. A New York Times report added in July that Trump intends to bring independent agencies — including the Federal Communications Commission, “which makes and enforces rules for television and internet companies” — under “direct presidential control.”

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INSIDE RADIO: Audacy Lined Up \$60 Million In Asset Sales Before Filing For Bankruptcy.

The sales will deliver some much-needed cash as Audacy this week continues with prepackaged chapter 11 proceedings in U.S. Bankruptcy Court in Houston to restructure its balance sheet and reduce its total debt from \$1.9 billion to \$350 million. In a debt-for-equity swap, Audacy’s debtholders will receive an ownership stake in the reorganized company. Audacy says it expects that the court will hold a hearing to consider the approval of the reorganization plan in February and to emerge from bankruptcy once the FCC has approved the transaction.

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MADISON DAILY LEADER: Fire departments seek equipment funding assistance

A Wednesday Local Emergency Planning Committee meeting was dominated by talks of seeking grants and fundraising so rural fire departments can purchase additional Very High Frequency (VHF) radios, radio repeaters as well as a Federal Communications Commission license.

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COINDESK: Davos Debate: Should Tokenization Follow the 'Same Activity, Same Rules' Approach?

He used the early days of the Internet as an example. If this philosophy had been applied back then, he said, the world today would look very different. All websites would need to have registered with the Federal Communications Commission. If any were to stream audio, they'd need to get a radio license. For peer-to-peer communication, a platform would need to apply to become a telecom operator. With this maze of requirements, the Internet's main use would probably still be for exchanging research papers.

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TRIBLIVE: TV Talk: WQED-TV GM looks ahead, plans station move

Regarding the station's signal, which had to reduce power in August, Jedlinski said Bowe found a way to increase the station's power if a Christian broadcast station 125 miles west of Pittsburgh (at a 1.3% risk of interference) and the FCC sign off on a plan to boost the power of WQED's signal.

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POLITICO: The looming AI monopolies

Having said that, there are also clear analogues to some of the other things that we're talking about: For example, the FCC is moving on net neutrality now. Congress has talked about and thought about non-discrimination regimes, and favoritism and self-preferencing in a variety of contexts, and so given the attention that's being paid to those concerns I think there is a possibility to move on on that.

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WASHINGTON MONTHLY: Elon Musk’s War on the New Deal—and Democracy (Opinion)

In addition, many agencies have structured multimembered leadership, including the Federal Communications Commission, the Federal Election Commission, and the Federal Trade Commission. It’s done this way to ensure deliberation and bipartisanship because the members have staggered terms and are appointed by different presidents.

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SPACE INTEL REPORT: ITU chief: We probably need to adopt binding regulations on orbital debris, collision risk

The secretary-general of the International Telecommunication Union (ITU) said it’s probably necessary to establishing binding regulations to mitigate the threat of orbital debris and in-orbit collisions because voluntary commitments and guidelines will not do the job.

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FEDERAL REGISTER: Television Broadcasting Services Waynesboro, Virginia

The Video Division, Media Bureau (Bureau), has before it a petition for rulemaking filed January 9, 2024, by VPM Media Corporation (Petitioner). The Petitioner requests the allotment of reserved noncommercial educational (NCE) television channel *12 to Waynesboro, Virginia (Waynesboro), as the community's first local television service and its first NCE television service.

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From Jan. 18 to 19, there were around 2,500 social media posts mentioning the FCC. Most content was on Twitter (75%, or around 1,900 posts), followed by Reddit (19%), Forums (2%), Blogs (2%), Comments (1%), and Facebook (0%).

The social media post with the greatest reach came from the Twitter account of Ars Technica (1.2m reach), which publicized its article on Chairwoman Rosenworcel defending the Affordable Connectivity Program. The social media post with the second greatest reach

came from the Twitter account of WLS-TV (860k reach), which publicized its article on a bill to mandate that newspapers and FCC licensed broadcasters have access to real-time police scanners.

One trending topic on social media was President Reagan's FCC allowing companies to market to children. The Twitter account of Nerdist (460k reach, 7 engagements) had the most popular social media post on that topic. Another trending topic on social media was the Realme 12+ 5G appearing on the FCC website. The Twitter account of 91mobiles (140k reach, 20 engagements) had the most popular social media post on that topic.

There were no new tweets from Chairwoman Rosenworcel or any of the Commissioners.

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The push comes amid a wider crackdown on robocalls by states and agencies such as the Federal Communications Commission, which in 2022 moved to shut down one of the largest auto warranty scam call operations in history.

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CORD CUTTERS NEWS: Spectrum Wants To Scoop Up Another Small Cable TV Company

Last week, Spectrum took the next step towards buying another a small cable TV company. After reaching a purchase agreement with Astrea in November, Spectrum and its parent, Charter Communications, is now seeking federal approval to transfer certain assets and authorizations held by the smaller company. Through the transaction, Spectrum said it would acquire Astrea's assets related to telephone, cable TV, and internet services along with its customers, according to a filing with the Federal Communications Commission.

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LAW360: FCC Updates Rules For Ship, Aircraft Communications (SUBSCRIPTION REQUIRED)

The Federal Communications Commission is updating its spectrum rules to allow for additional broadband access on ships and aircraft.

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RADIO & TELEVISION BUSINESS REPORT: Audacy Puts A Lens On 'The Future of Audio'

That's how Audacy Inc., which last week formally filed FCC paperwork to become a debtor-in-possession of AM and FM radio stations, opens what the audio content creation and distribution company calls "a new series offering a bold look at the innovative shifts and

trends redefining how we experience and interact with audio content.”

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As Tom Johnson sees it, recent U.S. Supreme Court decisions could impact the FCC’s enforcement work — including potential reforms that the Commission could consider to its current processes. Johnson is particularly well-versed on the subject, as he served as General Counsel at the FCC from 2017 through 2021 and today serves as co-chair of the Issues & Appeals practice at key Washington, D.C., communications law firm Wiley Rein LLP.

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UTAH NEWS DISPATCH: Pandemic-era internet discount program may end this spring as funds run out

A COVID-era program allowed 22.5 million low-income households across the country to get discounts on internet services. But, the funds allocated for it are running out and if Congress doesn’t take action, the program may end this spring. The Affordable Connectivity Program, a high-speed internet initiative, provides discounts of \$30 to \$75 a month on internet bills. It also allows a one-time discount on the purchase of a laptop, desktop or tablet computer. Utah has received more than \$33 million for the program to fund the discount in almost 72,000 households, a White House fact sheet reads. Internet providers have already sent a notice to customers warning them about the potential end of the program at the request of the Federal Communications Commission, said Ariane Schaffer, government affairs and public policy manager at Google Fiber.

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BROADBAND BREAKFAST: FCC Chair Opposes Including Broadband Providers in Universal Service Fund

The head of the Federal Communications Commission wrote to lawmakers that tapping broadband providers for the Universal Service Fund would ultimately increase the burden

on consumers, despite making more money available. The USF spends roughly \$8 billion annually to subsidize internet payments for low-income households, schools, libraries, and healthcare centers, as well as infrastructure in hard-to-reach areas. The program, stood up in 1996, is funded by fees on voice providers. This “has led, and continues to lead, to a smaller and smaller contribution base,” as telephone revenues decrease, FCC Chairwoman Jessica Rosenworcel wrote to Sen. Ben Luján, D-New Mexico.

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BROADBAND BREAKFAST: FCC Enhances Broadband Access on Airplanes and Vessels with New Spectrum Rules

The Federal Communications Commission recently adopted new regulations for the 70/80/90 gigahertz spectrum bands in an effort to expand broadband access on-board airplanes and passenger ships. These regulations, adopted Wednesday, bring updates to existing rules for the 71–76 GHz, 81–86 GHz, 92–94 GHz, and 94.1–95 GHz bands. The changes authorize specific point-to-point connections to moving endpoints within the 70 and 80 GHz bands, aiming to enhance the use of these frequencies for in-flight and maritime broadband services. “Satellite operators see real potential for these bands to expand the capacity of our satellite broadband networks,” notes FCC Commissioner Geoffrey Starks in a statement. At the same time, “companies have been eyeing these bands to power faster and cheaper alternatives to satellite on planes, ships, and offshore platforms.”

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RADIO WORLD: A Call to Resolve Basic AM Allocation Problems

The FCC has simply been derelict in not moving forward with most of the allocation changes proposed in the AM improvement rulemaking. FM translators are nice, but they don’t solve the basic allocation problems of AM stations attempting to make improvements or lower operating costs by changing sites or antenna configurations.

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RADIO WORLD: The FCC Is Considering More Bilingual Upgrades for EAS

The FCC’s desire to make alerts issued over EAS available in more languages is raising some technical concerns about the capabilities of the current technical architecture in EAS devices. At its monthly meeting in February, the FCC will consider a draft proposal that, if eventually adopted, would create template alert scripts that would be pre-translated into the 13 most commonly spoken non-English languages in the United States — Spanish, Chinese, Tagalog, Vietnamese, Arabic, French, Korean, Russian, Haitian Creole, German,

Hindi, Portuguese and Italian — as well as in English.

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THE INDIANA GAZETTE: Three groups seek LPFM station on 94.9 in Indiana

Three groups have applied to the Federal Communications Commission for a license to operate a non-commercial low-power radio station on 94.9 megahertz in Indiana, beginning a process that could take several months to resolve, possibly with one company operating with elements of all three applicants. Indiana Broadcasting Corporation, Indiana Radio Syndicate and Worldwide Pants Incorporated made their applications during a window this past fall for new LPFM applications, the window of its kind since 2013.

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LA PROGRESSIVE: Why FCC Regulators Play Shell Games with Broadcasters?

In 1934, Congress passed the Communications Act (since updated by the Telecommunications Act of 1996). This Act established the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) to create and enforce rules for how broadcasters must operate under their licenses. The President appoints five Commissioners to head the FCC. They vote on which general rules are to be in place, while Bureaus within the FCC work directly with broadcasters on the details.

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CABLEFAX: How Should the FCC Approach Spectrum Auctions Today?

It has been 30 years since Congress first granted the FCC its spectrum auction authority. But rather than celebrating that milestone, spectrum stakeholders are stuck in a holding pattern as they continue pushing regulators to give the FCC back its power to run the highly successful auctions.

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COMMUNICATIONS DAILY: FCC High-Band Order Changed to Seek Comment on Aerostats

The FCC's 70/80/90 GHz order, approved by commissioners ahead of last week's open meeting (see 2401240077), saw a noteworthy change with the agency now seeking comment in a Further NPRM on the potential inclusion of ship-to-aerostat transmissions as part of maritime operations. The FNPRM also seeks comment on including fixed satellite service (FSS) earth stations in the light-licensing regime for the 70/80 GHz bands, though

that was in the draft.

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TECH BREW: As vehicles get smarter, tracking tools can benefit—or harm

When some people hit the road to flee an unsafe relationship, they don't realize their escape vehicle could actually be reporting their whereabouts. An investigation by The New York Times recently detailed how vehicle-connected smartphone apps can grant abusive partners access to a victim's movements. Now, FCC Chair Jessica Rosenworcel is seeking answers.

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COMMUNICATIONS DAILY: Ex-FCC General Counsel Urges Enforcement Changes to Make Agency Less 'Vulnerable'

The FCC Enforcement Bureau should change tactics to avoid the risk of targets making an end run around its processes by taking advantage of recent U.S. Supreme Court decisions to drag the agency into litigation, said former FCC General Counsel Tom Johnson in a white paper sponsored by CTIA and published Monday by Wiley, where he's a partner.

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COMMUNICATIONS LITIGATION TODAY: D.C. Circuit Questions Consumers' Research Over Challenge to FCC 'Rubber-Stamping' USF

A three-judge panel from the U.S. Court of Appeals for the D.C. Circuit pressed Consumers' Research Friday on its challenge of the FCC's Q2 2023 USF contribution factor (case 23-1091). During oral argument, judges also questioned the group and the FCC about Universal Service Administrative Co. calculations to determine quarterly factors and definition of universal service (see 2401100044).

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INSIDE CYBERSECURITY: Tech stakeholders call for expanding eligibility requirements for FCC K-12 education cyber pilot program (SUBSCRIPTION REQUIRED)

The Federal Communications Commission should make the requirements of its proposed

cyber pilot program for K-12 schools and libraries less restrictive and expand the number of risk management measures that are eligible for receiving funding, according to two technology groups weighing in on a notice of proposed rulemaking.

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NEXTGOV: ‘Relatively few’ agency policies met standards for IoT security, OMB reports

The Federal Communications Commission is taking the lead on a Cyber Trust Mark program that would provide information to consumers about the security of internet-connected devices. OMB, which is serving as a key player in the label development, argued in the letter that such a program would simplify government IoT procurement and reduce technology security risks within the government.

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SECURITY SALES & INTEGRATION: N.J. Officials Duped Into Using COVID Funds on Banned Dahua Surveillance Cameras

The FCC later said that Dahua cameras “pose an unacceptable risk to U.S. national security,” the report says. Dahua is not named in the federal complaint against Zacketalk, but 404 Media “was able to cross-reference details in the complaint with Dahua and was able to identify specific cameras sold by Packetalk to Dahua’s product.”

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NASDAQ: How Cybersecurity Drives Innovation in Critical Infrastructure

The Federal Communications Commission (FCC) regulates this sector and recently proposed a cybersecurity labeling program for smart devices that would mandate consumer-facing information on smart device security. In response to growing regulatory, privacy, and cybersecurity concerns, the majority of communications companies have implemented new cybersecurity capabilities including encryption, data protection, 5G security, and Internet of Things (IoT) security.

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LIGHT READING: Ligado undeterred in battle against feds

But Ligado is no stranger to such fights. The company initially launched in 2010 under the name LightSquared, and planned to build a 4G LTE network with its L-band spectrum holdings. That plan fell apart after the FCC ruled that the proposed network would interfere with GPS signals. Then, after Ligado arose from LightSquared's bankruptcy in 2015, it managed to score approvals from the FCC for its plan, this time focusing on 5G.

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ANDROID HEADLINES: Samsung's Galaxy A35 & Galaxy A55 inch closer to launch

The Galaxy A35 has also got an official support page on the Samsung UAE website with the same model number. While none of these listings give us more information, these are an indication of a nearing launch. The FCC recently certified the Galaxy A35 with the model numbers SM-A356U, SM-A356U1, SM-A356V, and SM-A356E. The units with "U1" and "V" suffixes in model numbers are unlocked and Verizon versions of the same phone for the US.

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CAPACITY MEDIA: Maxing out 5G on the path to 6G

"The Federal Communications Commission (FCC), for example, has created a new category of experimental 10-year licenses between 95GHz and 3THz for 6G. The FCC hopes companies will use them as a testbed for 6G technologies. The broad industry speculation is that 6G will start to emerge in 2030, which is around the same time that these experimental licenses expire."

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RADIO INK: Digital Synergy Is Key In Marketron's 2024 Radio Revenue Outlook

Unsurprisingly, political advertising is expected to dominate the local advertising scene this year, with significant revenues projected from the presidential campaign, particularly in swing states like Arizona, Georgia, Nevada, North Carolina, Pennsylvania, Michigan, and Wisconsin. The Federal Communications Commission's regulations on ad costs for candidates will influence pricing strategies, while a combined approach with digital ad tactics could maximize revenue.

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CAPACITY MEDIA: IEEE: Space junk to pose major risk to LEO satellite business in 2024

The Federal Communications Commission (FCC) said the out of use satellite posed a threat to active satellites. "As satellite operations become more prevalent and the space economy accelerates, we must be certain that operators comply with their commitments," FCC enforcement bureau chief Loyaan Egal said. "This is a breakthrough settlement, making very clear the FCC has strong enforcement authority and capability to enforce its vitally important space debris rules."

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From Jan. 29 to 30, there were around 2,300 social media posts mentioning the FCC. Most content was on Twitter (83%, or around 1,900 posts), followed by Reddit (11%), Forums (3%), Blogs (2%), Comments (1%), and Facebook (0%).

The social media post with the greatest reach came from the Twitter account of Evan Kirstel (360k reach), which publicized an article on the FCC approving new rules for spectrum. The social media post with the second greatest reach came from the Twitter account of Anthony (70k reach), which noted that the Galaxy A55 has not received FCC certification yet.

One trending topic on social media was the FCC approving new rules for spectrum. The Twitter account of Evan Kirstel (360k reach, 7 engagements) had the most popular social media post on that topic. Another trending topic on social media was a court case over the FCC's Universal Service Fund. The Twitter account of Consumers' Research (10k reach, 1 engagement) had the most popular social media post on that topic.

There were no new tweets from Chairwoman Rosenworcel or any of the Commissioners.

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REUTERS: US Chamber sues to block FCC digital discrimination rule

The U.S. Chamber of Commerce and two Texas business groups sued the Federal Communications Commission on Tuesday seeking to overturn the Biden administration's new digital discrimination rule. The FCC in November adopted final rules to prevent digital discrimination in access to broadband services under a directive from Congress. Under the new rules, the FCC can investigate broadband access discrimination complaints and issue

penalties to companies violating the rules.

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THE VERGE: AT&T launches branded calls to help filter out spam

To participate, businesses will need to sign up for “TruContact Branded Call Display” through credit reporting agency TransUnion. It uses the STIR/SHAKEN protocol to make sure a number hasn’t been illegally spoofed. It’s the same anti-spoofing protocol that the Federal Communications Commission mandated carriers implement.

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FOX NEWS CHANNEL: House Republicans to file resolution disapproving of Biden admin's 'totalitarian' digital equity rules

House Republicans are introducing a joint resolution disapproving of the Biden administration’s new "digital discrimination" rules package, which they describe as a power grab by the federal government over the internet. The Congressional Review Act (CRA) resolution of disapproval, which is led by Republican Reps. Andrew Clyde and Buddy Carter of Georgia and co-sponsored by 65 House Republicans, aims to nullify the Federal Communications Commission’s (FCC) new digital equity rules package that went into effect this month as part of President Biden's Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act.

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CNN: New robocalls, deepfakes energize stalled AI bill in Congress

The Do Not Disturb Act would additionally force phone providers to offer free robocall-blocking services to consumers and require the Federal Communications Commission to maintain a public list of the top 100 illegal robocall campaigns.

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AXIOS: Today is CD92.9 FM's last day on the air

In 2020, the station briefly shut down, but was able to switch signals and revive under a new three-year deal with the holders of its Federal Communications Commission license, Delmar Media and ICS Communications.

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CAROLINA PUBLIC PRESS: Challenging, piecemeal process to broaden internet and telehealth access in Western NC

While she now uses a signal booster so she can receive data throughout her home, the speeds are abysmal: usually around 600 kilobits per second, far below the Federal Communications Commission standard of 25 megabits per second (mbps) for downloading and 3 mbps for uploading.

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DAILY BEAST: Confider #95: Jason Whitlock Disappears a Controversial Interview, Ben Shapiro Tries and Fails to Rap

The effort to deny the broadcasting license of Fox Corporation's local Philadelphia station has heated up in recent days. A group of activists, led by former Fox executive Preston Padden, have requested that the FCC reject the license renewal of WTXF, citing Rupert and Lachlan Murdoch's willingness to allow Fox News to air baseless conspiracy theories about the 2020 election.

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LAW360: FCC Hits Telecom With \$14M Fine For COVID Subsidy Fraud (SUBSCRIPTION REQUIRED)

The Federal Communications Commission has slapped a Texas-based internet service provider with a \$14 million fine for using false information to collect millions in Affordable Connectivity Program funds from the federal government.

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MULTICHANNEL NEWS: FTC Should Let FCC Take Lead on Cable Consumer Protection (Opinion)

Congress first granted the Federal Communications Commission a mandate to regulate the cable industry nearly four decades ago. In the years since, Congress has repeatedly reinforced that authority — including via 1992's Cable and Television Consumer Act and 2019's Television Viewer Protection Act (TVPA) — to ensure the FCC has the power to regulate precisely the kind of business practices on which the FTC has now set its sights.

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TVTECHNOLOGY: XGN Applies for Two New Experimental 5G Broadcast Licenses in Connecticut

XGen Network (XGN), a tech startup focused on the emerging 5G Broadcast protocol, has filed for two new experimental 5G Broadcast licenses with the FCC. The company is working with two Connecticut low power stations—WXXX-LD, Channel 29, owned by HC2 in Hartford, and EGOT Media's WYJH-LD, Channel 27 in Danbury—to join Milachi Media's WWOO-LD in Boston for XGN's "Phase Two Proof of Concept for 5G Broadcasting," which it plans to start by March 2024.

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FIERCE TELECOM: Breezeline finishes \$80M fiber expansion in West

Virginia and New Hampshire

Breezeline will also work to continue private/public partnerships, including a project to extend its fiber network to over 1,200 unserved homes and businesses in King William County, Virginia starting this year. The multi-year build is being jointly funded by Breezeline and a \$1.5 million subsidy from the Rural Digital Opportunity Fund (RDOF) administered by the Federal Communications Commission (FCC). CCG Consulting's Doug Dawson in a note this month said the FCC is "getting serious" about RDOF defaults, as it could be disruptive if providers back out of their commitments after the BEAD grant process is underway.

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FIERCE WIRELESS: DoJ asks court to dismiss Ligado's \$40B claim

The government's suit, filed January 25, 2024, in the U.S. Court of Federal Claims, said that for decades, Ligado sought approval from the FCC to obtain a modified license to operate a terrestrial network within L-band spectrum when the license previously allowed for only satellite use. For years, federal agencies, including the DoD and NTIA, objected to Ligado's proposed license modifications on the grounds it could cause harmful interference with GPS, which operates in nearby spectrum bands.

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BROADBAND BREAKFAST: FCC Commissioner Brendan Carr, Elon Musk Swipe Over Starlink at Biden, FCC

Federal Communications Commissioner Brendan Carr criticized a decision by the commission to turn down subsidies for SpaceX's Starlink broadband satellite constellation after the Joe Biden administration announced earlier this month funding for wireline broadband networks in North Carolina. The White House on January 18 outlined a plan by the U.S. Treasury Department to spend \$82 million from the Capital Projects Fund to link 16,000 homes throughout the tarheel state to broadband. The funds will be infused into the state's Broadband Stop Gap Solutions Program, an effort to expand broadband networks into areas that lack access.

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MASHABLE INDIA: Samsung Galaxy A35 5G Spotted On Bluetooth SIG And GCF Alongside Galaxy A55 5G Revealing Key Specifications

Having made an appearance on the US FCC certification website, the Galaxy A35 5G offers a glimpse into its anticipated features. The listing indicates the presence of an octa-core chipset, potentially the Exynos 1380. Expectations include a 25W charger, 6GB of RAM, and the device running Android 14 straight out of the box. Leaked renders suggest a design akin to the Galaxy S23 FE, featuring flat edges and a punch-hole display.

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INSIDE RADIO: Nebraska Owner Gets FCC Fine For Several Unauthorized Transfers Of Control.

It was not one, but three, unauthorized transfers of control that the Media Bureau discovered when it was recently processing another transfer request filed by the owners of “106 Kix Country” KQKX and “News Talk 780” WJAG in Norfolk, NE. The three occurred between 2017 and 2019 among William “W.H.” Huse, Karla Huse, and Eugene Huse. Under an agreement with the FCC, the Huse family’s WJAG Inc. agrees to pay an \$8,000 fine and sign a compliance plan that will see it file reports with the FCC for three years verifying it is following transfer of control rules. The company also agrees to appoint a compliance officer and create a compliance training program.

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THE RECORD: Feds say anti-robocall efforts appear to be working against foreign sources

The U.S. government said on Tuesday that telecom “gateway providers” appear to be doing a better job blocking scam-oriented international robocalls from reaching Americans. The Federal Communications Commission (FCC) said its efforts with the Federal Trade Commission (FTC) “reduced apparently illegal robocall traffic across multiple networks.” The two agencies reached out last year to seven major gateway providers — companies that serve as “on ramps” for international calls to the U.S. — urging them to do more to cut down potentially fraudulent voice-call spamming.

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DATA CENTER DYNAMICS: FCC updates service provider emergency reporting requirements during outages

The Federal Communications Commission (FCC) has voted to ensure that service providers have to meet emergency reporting requirements during disasters and outages. The regulator has voted to approve the Report and Order and Further Notice of Proposed Rulemaking to improve the usage of its Disaster Information Reporting System (DIRS).

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TECHBREW: New FCC rules aim to route 911 calls more accurately

When 31-year-old Shanell Anderson dialed 911 from her sinking SUV, it took dispatchers 20 minutes to locate her in a retention pond that straddled two Georgia county lines. By then, it was too late. New Federal Communications Commission rules aim to eliminate this sort of emergency-response confusion that wastes precious minutes and ultimately costs lives.

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RADIO WORLD: Remembering the FCC’s First Class Radiotelephone License (Opinion)

I graduated from high school in 1969 and ended up working for WCWA(AM/FM) — the FM eventually became WIOT while going to college. I was the “college kid” who filled in weekends and vacations but reported to the chief engineer who also happened to have a ham ticket as I did. We hit it off and I stayed almost to graduation, picking up the “First” phone license in 1971 — even passed the Ship Radar endorsement.

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RADIO INSIGHT: EMF Wins Battle Of Multiple KLUV’s

For the past six months the FCC licensed two stations on the same band with the same set of call letters. Educational Media Foundation had acquired the rights to the KLUV calls and its Dallas market “K-Love” trademark rights as part of its acquisition of Audacy’s stations in Buffalo and Memphis last year. Following 98.7 KLUV Dallas’ rebranding as “98.7 The Spot” KSPF in June, the call letters were parked on the Construction Permit for 89.7 KLHU Huron SD, which was granted by the FCC on June 26.

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VIA SATELLITE: FCC Adopts Guidance on Orbital Debris Mitigation Rules

The FCC adopted guidance during its January meeting on orbital debris mitigation rules to provide clarity and guidance to satellite operators. The FCC adopted an Order on Reconsideration on Jan. 25 to address issues raised by Boeing, EchoStar, Hughes Network Services, Planet Labs, Spire Global, Telesat, SpaceX, and Amazon in response to the Commission’s 2020 Orbital Debris Mitigation Report. The order addresses a number of concerns including the burden on applicants, maneuverability, and a case-by-case regulatory approach.

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THE SENTINEL: Help Protect Local News in Maryland with Modernized

Rules for the Streaming Era (Opinion)

Today, Americans trust local news more than any other source of information. Local TV stations like WUSA9 help to keep our communities informed with essential coverage of community news, public health announcements, local crime and more. Accordingly, the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) considers localism the “cornerstone of broadcast regulation” for its essential role in upholding the strength of U.S. communities and our democracy.

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COMMUNICATIONS DAILY: Comments Divided on FCC Proposal Funding Wi-Fi Hot Spots

CTIA broke with some trade associations in urging FCC approval of a November proposal permitting schools and libraries to use E-rate support for off-premises Wi-Fi hot spots and wireless internet services (see 2311090028). Other industry groups questioned whether the FCC has authority under the Communications Act to expand the E-rate program as proposed in November (see 2401180033). Commissioners Brendan Carr and Nathan Simington dissented on the NPRM. Replies were due Monday in docket 21-31.

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VOIP REVIEW: FCC Spectrum Updates: Innovations Broadband Access and 5G Backhaul Services

Last week, the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) approved amendments to its rules regarding the 70 GHz, 80 GHz, and 90 GHz spectrum bands. These updates aim to facilitate easier access to broadband for waterborne and airborne vehicles, as well as to provide backhaul service for 5G. These changes are expected to promote more efficient use of the spectrum and open doors for innovative broadband service options.

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IBERKSHIRES: Pittsfield Cable Committee Plans Outreach, Next Actions

Late last year, closed captions were restored on PCTV's cable programming after a letter to the Federal Communications Commission. The organization implemented closed captioning for certain programs about a year ago but came to a roadblock when the captioning was coming through on streaming but not through cable boxes.

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She said there is a list of phone carriers who are a part of the program that you can find on the Federal Communications Commission's (FCC) website.

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WPLG-TV: Cops warn South Florida seniors: It may not be your grandchild on the phone

The Better Business Bureau, the Federal Communications Commission and the FBI are all alerting locals to this big growing scam.

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ARS TECHNICA: SIM-swapping ring stole \$400M in crypto from a US company, officials allege

To protect consumers from SIM-swap attacks, the Federal Communications Commission announced new rules last year to "require wireless providers to adopt secure methods of authenticating a customer before redirecting a customer's phone number to a new device or provider. The new rules require wireless providers to immediately notify customers whenever a SIM change or port-out request is made on customers' accounts and take additional steps to protect customers from SIM swap and port-out fraud." But an Ars review found these new rules may be too vague to be effective.

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THE STAR: US prisons use new tech to dial down illegal cellphones

The Federal Communications Commission (FCC), which regulates communications technology in the US, has been wary of signing off on full-blown signal jamming but cleared the way within the last few years for states like South Carolina to implement so-called "contraband interdiction systems".

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TVTECHNOLOGY: Digital Alert Systems Releases New Digital Certificate Bundle

The company noted that this is a free update for all U.S. DASDEC and One-Net users. The new certificate is fully functional right now, so customers are advised to replace the existing certificate to ensure the required message authentication continues to operate correctly. Digital Alert Systems also reminded all EAS participants that the FCC requires

them to “configure their systems to reject all CAP-formatted EAS messages that include an invalid digital signature.”

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INSIDE CYBERSECURITY: IT sector identifies scoping issues in proposed incident reporting rule for federal contractors (SUBSCRIPTION REQUIRED)

Information technology stakeholders are asking for clarification on how the government will scope requirements for contractors on incident reporting and information sharing through a proposed rule for federal contractors mandated by the 2021 cyber executive order.

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NORTHWESTERN UNIVERSITY: Has Citizens United decision undermined democracy?

Appointed by President John F. Kennedy to the Federal Communications Commission in the early 1960s, Minow drafted legislation that expanded the broadcast spectrum and promoted the implementation of communication satellite technology in an effort to foster communication, democracy and innovation.

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FIERCE WIRELESS: AT&T launches branded calling with logos

AT&T’s service is part of a broader movement to improve caller ID that has been underway for years. The FCC in 2020 mandated voice service providers deploy the STIR/SHAKEN framework into their networks.

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WKRN-TV: Proposal would require new cell towers to be at least 1,500 feet away from schools in Williamson County

Davis cited that Vogue Towers is in compliance with FCC guidelines. A consultant also shared his findings after conducting studies on the tower back in October. “Inside that school, you’re going to find microwave ovens, mobile devices, the lights in the ceilings servers, routers, anything else putting up much more higher levels of maximum

permissible exposure levels,” said Jeffery Ebihara, Waterford Consultants. “His job was to show that the towers are in FCC guidelines and the FCC guidelines are outdated,” Bulan said.

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TENNESSEE LOOKOUT: State agency: Not possible to track impact of Tenn. broadband sales tax exemption

Overall, FCC data shows 94% of Tennessee households have access to higher internet speeds, ranking 31 among all states, the TACIR report found.

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MHEALTHINTELLIGENCE: Female, Urban Providers More Likely to Shift to Telemental Health

A recent study showed that counties where mental health resources are low tend to also lack broadband internet access, hampering telehealth use. The researchers used data from the Federal Communications Commission (FCC), the National Neighborhood Data Archive, the National Center for Health Statistics, and the US Census Bureau’s American Community Survey.

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While this speed is considered adequate according to current Federal Communications Commission standards, in November 2023 the commission announced an upcoming inquiry to review those standards, which FCC chairwoman Jessica Rosenworcel herself called “outdated.”

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From Jan. 30 to 31, there were around 2,200 social media posts mentioning the FCC. Most content was on Twitter (85%, or around 1,900 posts), followed by Reddit (9%), Forums (2%), Blogs (2%), Comments (1%), and Facebook (0%).

The social media post with the greatest reach came from the Twitter account of Reuters (25.8m reach), which publicized its article on the Chamber of Commerce suing to block the FCC's digital discrimination rule. The social media post with the second greatest reach came from the Twitter account of Money (420k reach), which publicized its article on the Affordable Connectivity Program.

One trending topic on social media was Chairwoman Rosenworcel's appearance at the Common Sense Media Summit. The Twitter account of Common Sense Media (110k reach, 7 engagements) had the most popular social media post on that topic. Another trending topic on social media was the FCC hitting a Texas company with a fine. The Twitter account of Law360 (55k reach, 10 engagements) had the most popular social media post on that topic.

Commissioner Carr tweeted (51k reach, 12 engagements) out a link to Wall Street Journal reporting indicating that TikTok continues to share protected data with ByteDance.

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CNET: A New FCC Rule Could Force Carriers to Unlock Phones After 60 Days

The Federal Communications Commission is considering a new rule that could make unlocking your phone a breeze. In a new proposal, FCC Chairwoman Jessica Rosenworcel is making a push that mobile providers will need to unlock phones "within 60 days of activation."

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PYMNTS: Global AI Regulation Heats Up: France Targets Nvidia, California Proposes Safety Rules and US Senators Challenge FCC on Political Ads

Wyoming Senators John Barrasso and Cynthia Lummis have introduced legislation to prevent the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) from regulating artificial intelligence use in political advertisements. Their "Ending FCC Meddling in Our Elections Act of 2024" aims to block the FCC's proposed rules requiring disclosure of AI-generated content in TV and radio campaign ads.

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RADIO & TELEVISION BUSINESS REPORT: Carr Joins Seven Former FCC Commissioners At MMTC Affair

Senior Republican-aligned FCC Commissioner Brendan Carr will join no less than three former Commissioners and four former agency Chairs at the sixth annual "Former FCC Chairs' Symposium" hosted by the Multicultural Media, Telecom & Internet Council.

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TVTECHNOLOGY: Incentive Auction 2.0: Here We Go Again (Opinion)

Last month, FCC Commissioner Brendan Carr suggested a new incentive auction of TV spectrum is coming at the annual gathering of ATSC members in Washington, D.C. I'm not surprised. In 2019 at a breakfast presentation during the NAB Show, then-FCC Commissioner Michael O'Reilly predicted another voluntary incentive auction would be on the way at some indefinite point in the future.

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LAW360: Top Groups Lobbying The FCC (SUBSCRIPTION REQUIRED)

The Federal Communications Commission heard from advocates nearly 150 times in June on issues including broadband map accuracy, next-generation 911, prison phone rates, a new missing-persons code and rules to restrict bulk billing in apartment buildings.

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LAW360: Captioning Providers Worried About FCC Rate Cuts (SUBSCRIPTION REQUIRED)

Companies that provide captioned telephone service for people with hearing and speech disabilities are criticizing a Federal Communications Commission proposal to reduce rates paid to providers, saying that successive rate cuts could jeopardize their credit lines and diminish their ability to raise capital if the agency doesn't change course.

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INSIDE RADIO: KBLA Secures New License, Clears Way For Smiley To Close Deal.

A window has opened for talk show host Tavis Smiley to buy “Talk 1580” KBLA Los Angeles. The Federal Communications Commission has rejected an attempt by the Ukrainian Congress Committee to block Multicultural Radio Broadcasting from obtaining a new license for the station. The FCC has granted KBLA permission to operate through December 2029. But Smiley, who has been operating the station since 2021, will get a bit more time to close his deal to buy KBLA outright.

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INSIDE RADIO: Alabama Stations Face License Revocation Over Unpaid Regulatory Fees.

Pay up — or face the loss of your license. That is the increasingly familiar message from the Federal Communications Commission to broadcasters who are delinquent on their annual fee payments. The latest to receive that warning is Alabama’s Pine City Radio, which the FCC says owes the government \$11,964.

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RADIO WORLD: FCC Denies Resurrection of Silent Kentucky AM

The FCC has denied a request by the silent 710 WEKC(AM) Williamsburg, Ky., to reinstate its license and resume broadcast operations. The back and forth spanning two license renewal cycles includes a case brought before the U.S. Court of Appeals last year.

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RADIO INK: FCC Oversight Hearing Coming on Tuesday

Leave it to the House Energy & Commerce Committee to give the five voting members of the FCC one week — including the Independence Day holiday — to prepare for a just-announced oversight hearing convened by outgoing Republican Chairwoman Cathy McMorris Rodgers.

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BROADBAND BREAKFAST: FCC Report Notes Internet Failures in Emergency Alert Test

A nationwide Emergency Alert Test last fall by the Federal Communications Commission found that a small percentage of alert system failures were the result of various problems attributable to Internet Service Providers and other internet network issues. The report, released in June by the FCC's Public Safety and Homeland Security Bureau, documented the Emergency Alert System's ability to send public safety alerts to as many people within the U.S. as possible.

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BROADBAND BREAKFAST: Construction Costs Cause Latest RDOF Defaults

Two more telecommunications providers defaulted on census blocks and service locations awarded under a federal broadband deployment subsidy program. Missouri-based broadband provider Co-Mo Connect and Texas-based telephone provider Coleman County Telephone Cooperative defaulted on five census blocks and three locations, respectively, citing high construction costs. Both companies received funding through a reverse auction from the Federal Communications Commission's Rural Digital Opportunity Fund. RDOF calls for spending \$20.4 billion over 10 years to bring fixed broadband and voice services to millions of unserved homes and small businesses in rural America.

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BROADBAND BREAKFAST: Rip-and-Replace Continues to Feel Funding Shortfall, FCC Says

Another nine companies have finished swapping out communications equipment from Huawei and ZTE since January, the Federal Communications Commission said in a new report to Congress, bringing the total to 14. The Secure and Trusted Communications Networks Act of 2019 authorized the agency to reimburse providers for replacing gear from the two Chinese companies, which are considered security risks by U.S. lawmakers.

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BROADBAND BREAKFAST: Latin America Speeds Forward With 5G Spectrum Auctions as U.S. Stalls

Auctions have a global history. In 1990, New Zealand repurposed broadcast TV airspace to auction rights for radio, television, and cellular service. In 1993, Australia auctioned two satellite TV service licenses. In 1994, U.S. spectrum auctions took off when the FCC held its first spectrum auction for digital cellular services, raising an incredible and unexpected \$20 billion. Over the subsequent 30 years, auctions have delivered successive generations of wireless technological innovation and hundreds of billions of dollars for the U.S. Treasury.

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1819 NEWS: Fake FCC ‘agents’ attempting to extort elderly in Alabama with fake child porn claims

The Atmore Police Department is warning citizens about scammers attempting to blackmail the elderly using false claims. The blackmailers contact potential victims and tell them they are agents of the U.S. Treasury/Federal Communications Commission (FCC). They say to the person they have proof they have downloaded child pornography. They tell them they will be penalized if they don't place a large sum of money into a box and seal it with duct tape to give to them.

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ADVANCED TELEVISION: FCC: “LEO constellations must cover everywhere”

The Federal Communications Commission (FCC) has issued a reality check to its fellow-regulators around the world saying that low Earth orbiting (LEO) satellites beaming broadband signals cannot switch their transmissions off when passing over an unfriendly nation. The FCC response followed a complaint from Iran’s Ministry of Information and Communications Technology about alleged illegal Starlink receivers operating within Iran.

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SOUTH CHINA MORNING POST: Philippines eyes Japan to build 5G network amid China's dominance, cyber fears

Washington began restricting the use of telecom equipment from Chinese companies such as Huawei and ZTE in 2017, citing security concerns. Its Federal Communications Commission later designated Huawei and ZTE as national security threats.

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WALA-TV: Atmore PD: Elderly targeted in extortion attempts

According to police, someone contacts potential victims and claims to be an agent with a federal agency such as the U.S. Treasury Department or the Federal Communications Commission. The fake agent claims to have proof that the victim has downloaded child pornography. Police say the swindler instructs the victim to withdraw a large sum of cash and to place it into a box and seal it with duct tape. The grifter then asks for the victim's home address and advises the victim that an FCC agent will be coming to pick up the duct taped box full of cash. Then, according to Atmore PD, the extortionist contacts the victim and changes the location to a public place as a drop-off point.

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INSIDE CYBERSECURITY: Tech sector finds upcoming CISA incident reporting rule raises questions on addressing product security (SUBSCRIPTION REQUIRED)

The technology sector raises several questions in its submission to the Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency on what constitutes a need for incident reporting under the upcoming mandatory regime, including how to address product security and potential reporting on vulnerabilities.

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LIGHT READING: Mission accelerated: AST SpaceMobile's CEO paints the big picture

SpaceX's "direct-to-cell" service with T-Mobile is expected to launch commercially in the US in just a few months. In its recent filings with the FCC, the company wrote: "SpaceX ...

looks forward to launching commercial direct-to-cellular service in the United States this fall," the company wrote.

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THE INDEPENDENT: Samsung Galaxy ring leaks reveal more about the health tracking features

At the end of May, the Galaxy ring cleared FCC certification, and the FCC filing gave us details about the ring's battery life. According to the filing, the ring's battery life will differ based on the ring size you opt for. The smallest Galaxy ring will have a 17mAh battery, while the biggest ring size will boast a 22.5mAh battery, though this shouldn't make too much of a difference in practice. But it will reportedly last up to nine days on a single charge.

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RCR WIRELESS: Nokia expands Industry 4.0 drone sales in Europe, Asia Pacific

Westcon, with a long-standing deal with Nokia already, will distribute the firm's 4G/5G drone solution, badged Nokia Drone Networks, via Nokia-certified resellers, integrators, and other service providers. The CE and FCC certified solution works with its private 4G/5G systems, geared towards industrial and public sector markets, as well as with public 4G/5G networks. It supports beyond visual line-of-sight (BVLOS) operations. It is being sold in the US, where it gained FCC approval at the end of last year, with its DAC and MPW private 4G/5G systems via the likes of Kyndryl, DXC Technology, Future Technologies Venture, Graybar, and Trilogy NextGen, plus via the enterprise solutions units of operators AT&T and Verizon.

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CNN: Bannon prison stint is a reminder of what another Trump term could mean (Opinion)

The president has said he would expand his executive authority to have more control over parts of the government that have historically been allowed significant independence, and his allies have outlined specific plans for some agencies — the Federal Reserve, for example. The outcome could be a president who can use these agencies to carry out his agenda, whether that's ordering the Fed to adjust rates to please the public in an election year even if they devastate the economy long-term, or using the powers of the DOJ to prosecute his political enemies, or ordering the FCC to pull licenses from or otherwise

constrain news networks that report critically on him.

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INSIDE RADIO: News Bites: KCRW, Cynthia Canty, KPET, South Carolina Public Radio.

KPET Lamesa, TX (690), which went silent after the death of station owner David Stewart, has returned to broadcasting after a year of being off the air. Fred Morton, who was the business partner of Stewart, succeeded in his goal of returning the station to the market. “We’re just getting the place back on the air. But, we had to beat an FCC deadline to get that done, and that’s why I’m here in the middle of summer,” he tells KCBD-TV. The station, which was also simulcast on the Lamesa-licensed FM translator K235CZ at 94.9, is back playing classic country music, along with local news and weather information.

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RADIO & TELEVISION BUSINESS REPORT: An ‘Awesome’ Buy, East of Phoenix

Drive on U.S. 60 or Loop 202 across Mesa, Chandler and rapidly growing Queen Creek, Ariz., to the southeast of downtown Phoenix, and you’ll likely scan up a unique and “Awesome” Classic Hits station at 96.5 MHz playing everything from Graham Nash’s “Sleep Song” to Betty Everett’s “Shoop Shoop Song.” Pending FCC approval, the FM signal covering these cities that’s tied to an FM translator atop Shaw Butte in Phoenix will be in the hands of a first-time husband-and-wife ownership team.

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RADIO & TELEVISION BUSINESS REPORT: Gray Successfully Completes A Marquee Deal

It is a move that could possibly lead to a thaw in regulatory policy when it comes to local broadcast television ownership limits. On June 19, the FCC’s Media Bureau, headed by Holly Saurer, gave its approval to a swap of stations between Brian and Patricia Lane’s Marquee Broadcasting and Gray Television.

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BROADCASTING AND CABLE: Stopping Newspapers From Going the Way of the Dinosaurs (B+C Guest Blog)

At the dawn of broadcasting, the public benefits of common ownership of newspapers and stations were acknowledged by the Federal Communications Commission. It encouraged newspapers to invest in radio and television to boost these technologies and expand media

availability. Newspapers were endowed with the financial resources and journalistic talent needed to operate radio and television stations, which accelerated the latter's growth and audience reach.

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INSIDE RADIO: Update To New York Law Governing AI's Use In Political Ads Welcomed By Broadcasters.

NYSBA says the new law makes it clear that federal law controls with respect to editing or adding labels to political campaign ads. Under federal law and Federal Communications Commission rules, broadcasters are prohibited from censoring any ads from candidates or their authorized committees. The New York update now makes it clear that the federal guidelines have priority. That means rather than a requirement that stations put labels on political ads that contain AI-generated voices and images, the new law requires a station to implement a policy regarding political AI.

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WFMY-TV: TV station applications swamp FCC

This year, WFMY News 2 turns 75. To celebrate, we're opening the News 2 Vault. TV was still in its beginning stages. WFMY News 2 had started, but other stations were trying to get off the ground. Hundreds sent applications to the Federal Communications Commission. The files had to be checked and photocopied before processing. Then a team of lawyers, engineers, and technicians checked the applications and submitted reports on each phase.

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THE WASHINGTON POST: Okay, Biden isn't popular. But his policies sure are. (Opinion)

Trump's most popular idea was phasing out imports of essential goods from China over the next four years, at 59 percent approval. The least popular was to give presidents control over independent regulatory agencies, such as the Federal Communications Commission and Federal Trade Commission. Only 19 percent supported the proposal, including just 27 percent of self-identified Trump supporters. (Gee, I wonder why voters might oppose that. Maybe it's because one candidate wants to be a "Day One" dictator?)

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ALBANY BUSINESS REVIEW: Audacy trims workforce since bankruptcy filing as Chapter 11 exit looms

Audacy filed for bankruptcy protection after being overwhelmed in recent years by almost \$2 billion in debt and declining advertising revenue. The company reached a restructuring deal with a “supermajority” of its debtholders that will reduce most of its debt, according to Audacy. The creditors, led by an investment firm headed by liberal billionaire George Soros, in turn, will take control of the company. Judge Christopher Lopez approved the plan on Feb. 20 and Audacy now awaits approval from the Federal Communications Commission before it can emerge from bankruptcy under the new ownership. The company expects to earn FCC approval sometime in the third quarter, which ends Sept. 30.

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PCMAG: Judy Garland, James Dean Return as AI Voices to Read You the News

Voice cloning and AI-generated deepfake robocalls have also been a growing concern more broadly as generative AI tools continue to develop. Last week, the FCC asked US telecom providers what they're doing to prevent and stop AI-powered deepfake voices from being used to conduct scam call campaigns in the country.

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NEWSNATION: What is Project 2025?

A main component is the firing of as many as 50,000 federal workers who conservative groups say will get in the way of his agenda. Under Project 2025, agencies such as the U.S. Department of Education would be “eliminated,” and others, like the Federal Trade Commission, Federal Communications Commission, and Justice Department, would be put under the president’s control.

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BLOOMBERG TAX: High Court Jarkesy Decision Will Change SEC Enforcement Process

The court’s decision to strike down the use of APs for certain enforcement and penalty cases is consequential for other administrative agencies such as the Commodity Futures Trading Commission, Consumer Financial Protection Bureau, and Federal Communications Commission. More than two dozen agencies may impose civil penalties in APs.

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FEDERAL REGISTER: Petition for Reconsideration of Action in a Rulemaking Proceeding; Correction

The Federal Communications Commission published a document in the Federal Register on June 7, 2024, containing the oppositions and replies to oppositions dates for a petition for reconsideration. While the date for oppositions was correct, the date for replies to oppositions requires a correction.

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FEDERAL REGISTER: Reinstatement of Radio Non-Duplication Rule for Commercial FM Stations

In this document, the Federal Communications Commission (Commission) adopted an Order on Reconsideration that responds to a petition requesting reinstatement of the prohibition on the duplication of commercial FM programming beyond a 25% threshold.

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Social Media Summary

From Jul. 2 to 3, there were around 1,800 social media posts mentioning the FCC. Most content was on Twitter (73%, or around 1,400 posts), followed by Reddit (19%), Forums (4%), Comments (2%), Blogs (1%), and Facebook (0%).

The social media post with the greatest reach came from the Twitter account of Bianca (60k reach), which publicized a Bloomberg article on ViaPath placing a deal on hold following an FCC proposal. The social media post with the second greatest reach came from the Twitter account of CyberScoop (20k reach), which publicized its article on the FCC's work on AI-generated robocalls.

One trending topic on social media was ViaPath placing a deal on hold following an FCC proposal. The Twitter account of Bianca (60k reach, 134 engagements) had the most popular social media post on that topic. Another trending topic on social media was the FCC listing for the Realme 13 Pro+. The Twitter account of Giz China (20k reach, 1 engagement) had the most popular social media post on that topic.

There were no new tweets from Chairwoman Rosenworcel or any of the Commissioners.

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REUTERS: U.N. aviation council launches audit of US air safety oversight

The U.N. aviation council this week will launch the first audit of the U.S. civil aviation safety oversight system since 2007, a U.S. Federal Aviation Administration official told reporters on Tuesday. The International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO) will conduct the two-week audit with 12 auditors from 10 countries, beginning on Wednesday. Results are due in January. It will review the FAA, the National Transportation Safety Board, the Defense Department, Federal Communications Commission and other U.S. agencies involved in aviation.

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THE WASHINGTON POST: Biden's tech and telecom enforcers to face a hostile House GOP

President Biden's tech and telecom enforcers are poised to come under fire from House

Republicans on Tuesday as the leaders of the Federal Trade Commission and Federal Communications Commission go to Capitol Hill to defend their requests for expanded budgets.

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ARS TECHNICA: FCC to block phone company over robocalls pushing scam “Tax Relief Program”

The Federal Communications Commission said it is preparing to block a phone company that carried illegal robocalls pushing fake programs that promised to wipe out consumers' tax debt. Veriwave Telco "has not complied with FCC call blocking rules for providers suspected of carrying illegal traffic" and now has two weeks to contest an order that would require all downstream voice providers to block all of the telco's call traffic, the FCC announced yesterday.

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BLOOMBERG LAW: NextNav Rises on US DOT Award to Test PNT Services (1) (SUBSCRIPTION REQUIRED)

NextNav shares climb as much as 8% in premarket trading on Tuesday after announcing a new award from US Department of Transportation to conduct real-world field tests of its 3D PNT technologies as complement and backup to GPS. NextNav is petitioning the FCC to

reconfigure the lower 900 MHz spectrum band (902-928 MHz) to optimize its use for a terrestrial complement and backup to GPS as well as additional spectrum for 5G broadband.

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CORD CUTTERS NEWS: The FCC Is Cracking Down on Radio Stations That ReAir the Same Programming; Should TV Stations Be Next?

On August 2, 2024, the FCC will reinstate a rule that says local FB commercial radio stations will not be able to duplicate the same programming for more than 25% of their schedule. That means if someone owns two radio stations in the same market, they cannot broadcast the same identical content for more than 25% of their broadcast week.

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LAW360: FCC Settles Call Caption Privacy Probe For \$34.6M (SUBSCRIPTION REQUIRED)

The Federal Communications Commission has secured a \$34.6 million settlement with phone call captioning provider CaptionCall for holding onto phone call content too long and other agency rule violations.

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BROADBAND BREAKFAST: ISP Inland Cellular Seeking Commnet's RDOF Obligation

The Federal Communications Commission's Wireline Competition Bureau is seeking public input on an application submitted by Commnet Wireless and Inland Cellular. The companies have requested approval for Inland Cellular to take over Commnet's Rural Digital Opportunity Fund support obligations for specific census blocks in Washington that include 1,391 locations and in Montana that include 896 locations.

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BROADBAND BREAKFAST: Tech Company Offers Spectrum-Sharing Plan to Help Public Safety

A wireless technology company is offering a spectrum-sharing compromise designed to provide law enforcement with new electronic tools to protect the public. Axon Enterprises – which requested waivers from the Federal Communications Commission for a few wireless surveillance devices to operate in the popular Wi-Fi band – laid out a plan to avoid occupying busy channels, following pushback by an industry group and a public policy think tank.

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TECH POLICY PRESS: What Fishing Boats and the Supreme Court Have to Do with Undermining the FCC (Opinion)

Late last month, the US Supreme Court reversed a bedrock principle of administrative law called the Chevron doctrine. The vehicle was an opinion for two cases, *Loper Bright Enterprises v. Raimondo* and *Relentless, Inc. v. Department of Commerce*. This opinion will have massive ramifications for administrative law, and will affect any area that federal agencies regulate, such as environmental issues and reproductive justice.

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RADIO & TELEVISION BUSINESS REPORT: Southern Oregon PBS Settles Issues/Programs Rule Violation

Two television stations up for license renewal from the FCC have agreed to enter into a Consent Decree with the Commission to resolve issues arising from non-compliance with agency regulations pertaining to the placement of quarterly issues/programs list on their respective online public inspection files.

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INSIDE RADIO: Hurricane Puts Four Houston Radio Signals Out Of Commission.

Hurricane Beryl has silenced three full-power stations and an FM translator in the Houston metro area, the Federal Communications Commission said Tuesday. The stations include Educational Media Foundation's "K-Love" affiliate KLTW (105.3), Audacy's sports "The Bet 650" KIKK and Relevant Radio's religious KTEK (1110). The FCC said that Conroe, TX-licensed translator K237FS at 95.3 is also offline. It relays EMF's KLTW.

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INSIDE RADIO: Debate Over Whether The FCC Should Police AI-Generated Political Ads Airs In Congress.

Federal Communications Commission Chair Jessica Rosenworcel defended her proposal to require political ads on radio and television to include artificial intelligence disclosures during a congressional hearing Tuesday. She said that while the issues surrounding AI remain complex and still undefined, a proposal she circulated in May with her colleagues will help get a conversation going on what limits should be adopted.

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RADIO WORLD: NAB Says EAS Modernization Requires a Software-Based Approach

A software-based solution for EAS operations would improve the alert system's readiness and cybersecurity while promoting the objectives of the FCC, so said the National Association of Broadcasters in a new ex parte filing with the commission.

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ADVANCED TELEVISION: AST SpaceMobile examines emergency call obligations

It is all very well for a satellite service to handle conventional calls to and from isolated locations, but the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) needed to clarify how true emergency calls would be directed.

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LINCOLN JOURNAL STAR: Nebraska 911 director seeks to penalize Windstream over string of outages

The repeated outages — there have been at least five disruptions to 911 services in Nebraska since late August — prompted lawmakers to pass a bill this year requiring telecommunications providers that submit outage reports to the Federal Communications Commission to provide duplicate copies to Nebraska's Public Service Commission.

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WBIR-TV: Reminder: East Tennessee's new '729' area code will go into effect soon, changing how local calls work

Once the new area code rules take effect, nearly all of East Tennessee will be required to use 10-digit dialing. In 2021, the Federal Communications Commission implemented mandatory 10-digit dialing for the 865 area code region, which includes Knox County and its neighboring counties.

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INSIDE CYBERSECURITY: American Hospital Assn. seeks reporting process changes to address burden on stakeholders under CISA proposed rule (SUBSCRIPTION REQUIRED)

The American Hospital Association offers several changes to the Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency's proposed rule for incident reporting to simplify requirements and address "compliance and operational burdens" on stakeholders for reporting.

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CNET: T-Mobile Home Internet Is Back Down to \$50 a Month -- Plus a \$200 Sign-Up Bonus

T-Mobile uses its 5G cellular network to send internet to homes wirelessly. Since the service's launch in 2021, T-Mobile has become one of the biggest internet service providers around -- covering 60% of homes in the US, according to the most recent data from the Federal Communications Commission. That's the fourth-largest footprint of any provider, behind only satellite internet providers, which are available virtually everywhere.

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THE VERGE: The Pixel Watch 3 could get ultra wideband and a brighter screen

Over the weekend, an FCC filing appeared to confirm a UWB chip for the Pixel Watch 3. (FCC documents shut down the notion for the Pixel Watch 2 last year.) UWB chips, which use short, high-frequency wireless bursts for pinpoint-accurate location sensing, mean the Watch 3 could be more easily findable on Google's recently upgraded Find My Device network. The tech is also showing up in other devices like smart locks and in cars, letting them react to you when you're nearby if you have a UWB device linked to them.

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QUALCOMM: Up, up, and away: Ensuring safe drone flights with Aircraft-to-Everything

The 5030 MHz band (5030-5091 MHz) can be a home for A2X applications. The band has been identified globally for aviation operations, it has sufficient spectrum to support a 20 MHz A2X channel, and, as mid-band spectrum, it strikes an appropriate balance of coverage and capacity for dense drone operations. The Federal Communications Commission is considering a Report and Order that, if adopted, would allocate a portion of the 5030 MHz band for control non-payload communications. While this allocation is separate from A2X detect and avoid communications, the two can coexist in separate portions of the 5030 MHz band. The FCC should therefore consider an allocation of a channel for A2X in the future.

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ANDROID AUTHORITY: Google Fi users now have a handy tool to fight illegal SIM swaps

The FCC announced new rules to protect consumers against illegal SIM swaps last year. Major US carriers have already adopted SIM protection features in line with these rules, and it's now Google Fi's turn to offer this functionality.

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THE CONCORD BRIDGE: Concord forging ahead with call for Umbrella cell tower proposals

Government sources, including the Federal Communications Commission, largely say living and working near cell antennas is safe. Critics of such assurances say the data they cite is — at the very least — outdated.

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LIGHT READING: Are utilities eyeing T-Mobile's 800MHz spectrum?

Fronted by longtime wireless executive Charlie Townsend, Bluewater was one of the biggest bidders in the FCC's 600MHz spectrum auction in 2017 with more than \$500 million in winning bids. Today, the company owns 600MHz spectrum in roughly two dozen of the biggest cities in the US.

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BROADBAND BREAKFAST: House Commerce Leaders Ask NTIA for BEAD Communications with States

Now Committee Chair Rep. Cathy McMorris Rodgers, R-Wash., and Communications and Technology Subcommittee chair Bob Latta, R-Ohio, are asking NTIA, the White House's chief telecom policy advisor, to turn over its communications with state broadband offices related to the evaluation of their BEAD plans, including written feedback and edits, by July 23. Neither mentioned the new investigation at an Federal Communications Commission budget hearing earlier today.

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WBNG-TV: Tioga County set to begin construction on radio tower project soon

"The radio project was started in 2010," Cornelius said. "Tioga County was notified by FCC that the low-band system that they were currently using as well as the VHF system at the sheriff's office, was going to be obsolete, so they had to upgrade it."

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SPIEGEL ONLINE: The Fight for the White House Sliding Toward a Trump Dictatorship?

Blair Levin believes it is possible that Trump could significantly limit press freedoms. "He has already said that he intends to do just that," says the lawyer, who spent many years working for the Federal Communications Commission (FCC), which is responsible for granting broadcast licenses, among other duties. It would likely be illegal to revoke the license of a broadcaster like NBC, says Levin. "But that doesn't mean that the FCC couldn't do it." The ultimate decision, he says, would ultimately lie with a federal judge, who may very well have been appointed by Trump.

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NEWSNATION: Trump disavowal of Project 2025 is campaign talk: Cuccinelli

Agencies including the U.S. Department of Education would be "eliminated," while the Federal Trade Commission, Federal Communications Commission and Justice Department would be placed under the presidential control.

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INSIDE RADIO: KUOW President/GM Caryn Mathes Announces Retirement.

“Caryn’s legacy of leadership excellence in the national public radio landscape is unprecedented,” VP/External Affairs and Licensee Director Randy Hodgins said in a release. “Her dedication to journalistic integrity and commitment to informing and engaging the public has set a new standard at KUOW that will endure. As the proud FCC license holder for the station since 1952, we are profoundly grateful for Caryn’s decade of service as President and General Manager.”

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INSIDE RADIO: Sold At Bankruptcy Auction, Rocking M Stations Pass To New Owner Kyle Bauer.

The closing comes after both the Federal Communications Commission and a federal bankruptcy judge approved the transaction. Bauer calls the sale a “new chapter” for the stations, expecting a seamless transition. In the announcement, his newly-created Kansas Broadcast Company says it aims to build on the strong foundation laid by Rocking M Media, ensuring that the stations remain a trusted source of information, entertainment, and community involvement.

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For instance, AI-generated audio clips mimicking public figures could spread false information quickly, influencing voter perceptions without their knowledge of the content’s artificial origin. Disclosure of AI use in political ads is a point of interest currently being debated by the FCC and the FEC when it comes to radio and TV.

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GEEKWIRE: Drone company looking for answers to loss of devices into

lake after major July 4 tech failure

The Times pointed at a March 20 NBC News story about radio frequency jammers that can be used as drone deterrence devices. Such equipment is outlawed by the Federal Communications Commission because it can pose risks to public safety communications. But NBC said that hasn't stopped some companies from marketing the devices online, including on Amazon.

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ORLANDO SENTINEL: Another new big rocket makes debut with launch of Ariane 6

Amazon is eagerly awaiting all three rockets to get up to speed as it awarded a massive launch contract back in 2022 to get the majority of 3,236 internet satellites that are part of the Project Kuiper constellation into space. That contract called for up to 83 launches among the three big rockets over five years, but half of them have to be in place by July 2026 as part of Amazon's license with the Federal Communications Commission.

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One trending topic on social media was the FCC's cybersecurity funding. The Twitter account of EdTech (190k reach, 4 engagements) had the most popular social media post on that topic. Another trending topic on social media was the passing of James Inhofe and

former FCC Chairman Ajit Pai's work with him. The Twitter account of Ajit Pai (80k reach, 36 engagements) had the most popular social media post on that topic.

Commissioner Carr tweeted (57k reach, 231 engagements) that it has been 967 days since President Biden signed into law his plan to connect Americans to the internet, but not a single person has been connected.

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The government has been stepping up its efforts to combat deepfakes. On May 22, Federal Communications Commission Chairwoman Jessica Rosenworcel proposed a new rule that

would require political TV, video and radio ads to disclose if they used AI-generated content. The FCC has been concerned about AI use in this election cycle's ads, with Rosenworcel pointing out potential issues with deep fakes and other manipulated content.

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BARRON'S: The U.S. Banned a Russian Tech Company. Why the Move Has Big Implications for China.

Regulations involving tech and national security are only growing. In 2020, the Federal Communications Commission designated Chinese telecoms Huawei and ZTE as national security risks. In 2022 it adopted rules prohibiting the companies, and a few others, from receiving licenses for sale in the U.S. This year, President Biden signed a bill aiming to force a divestment of TikTok or ban its use in the country, following years of D.C. debate about the app's owner, Chinese tech giant ByteDance.

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DETROIT FREE PRESS: New tax scams: Schemes use clean energy credits; robocalls say debt is 'noncollectible'

Illegal tax-related robocalling is drawing heat from the Federal Communications Commission. In some cases, the calls refer to a "Tax Dismissal Program" or a "National Tax Relief Program." Neither programs exists, the FCC notes. In April, the IRS and Federal Trade Commission joined the FCC in a "Spring Cleaning" initiative to hang up on the phony tax relief calls. YouMail, a software app company, had estimated that some 15.8 million such tax-relief calls were transmitted during the three months preceding the start of the 2024 tax filing season.

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LAW360: FCC Says Nearly Half 'Rip And Replace' Providers Can't Finish (SUBSCRIPTION REQUIRED)

The Federal Communications Commission said the agency is going to need another \$3 billion if it's to keep its promise to reimburse all the companies who agreed to rip out and replace their Chinese-made technology to alleviate security concerns.

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LAW360: Major Cable Group Opposes FirstNet Bid For 4.9 GHz Manager (SUBSCRIPTION REQUIRED)

Cable trade group NCTA is urging the Federal Communications Commission to listen to the chorus of public safety groups who have been pushing hard against the idea of making AT&T's FirstNet the national manager of the 4.9 gigahertz public safety band.

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INSIDE RADIO: FCC: Two Full-Power Stations, Four FM Translators Dark After Hurricane Beryl.

Some stations are back on the air, while the Federal Communications Commission said Wednesday that it has learned of a few other signals being down in the wake of Hurricane Beryl. The FCC says Educational Media Foundation's "K-Love" affiliate KLTW (105.3) and Relevant Radio's religious KTEK (1110) are still off the air, along with four FM translators in the region. They include the Houston-licensed K222CX at 92.3 FM; the Houston-licensed K241CM at 96.1 FM; the Houston-licensed K245CQ at 96.9 FM; and the Conroe, TX-licensed K237FS at 95.3 FM. One station the FCC said was off the air Tuesday — Audacy's sports "The Bet 650" KIKK — is back on the air.

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BROADBAND BREAKFAST: FirstNet Modified Contract to Help AT&T Meet Milestones, Says Report

In responding to the inspector general report, FirstNet justified the contractual changes and said its doing so "accounted for the evolution of technology and aligned adoption requirements with the build timeframes that supported it." The report is newly relevant because of increased scrutiny around the FCC's consideration of a proposal to provide an additional 50 megahertz of mid-band spectrum to FirstNet. The spectrum has been valued at more than \$14 billion.

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BROADBAND BREAKFAST: USTelecom Wants Big Tech to Fund Low-Income Broadband Plans

The Affordable Connectivity Program should be revived within the Universal Service Fund, and Big Tech should help pay to make it happen. That is what USTelecom, a trade association for major internet service providers, argued to the Federal Communications Commission in a July 8 filing.

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RADIO WORLD: Would My Station Be Able to Go to FM Class A10?

The FCC is taking comments until July 22 on whether it should establish an FM station class called A10. Mississippi broadcaster Carl Haynes believes this would allow hundreds of FM Class A stations to increase power, and that it would be easier than under the previously proposed Class C4. By reducing the required minimum distance separations, the proposal opens the ability for more stations to qualify.

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NEXTGOV: Lawmaker looks to update standards for AI-generated robocalls

The congressman's measure would also give the Federal Communications Commission the authority to apply the new standards to other emerging technologies "as appropriate."

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CIRCLEID: Net Neutrality: What Is Old Is New Again (Opinion)

On July 22, after considerable political and administrative machinations, the FCC's open Internet Order will take effect, bringing us back to the net neutrality regulatory regime that was in effect in 2015. At a very high level, net neutrality or open Internet is a regulatory question of to what degree the FCC should regulate the ability of Internet service providers to act as content neutral common carriers that must transport Internet traffic in a nondiscriminatory fashion, regardless of its origin or destination.

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In addition to people who worked directly for Trump, others who participated in Project 2025 were appointed by the former president to independent positions. For instance, Federal Communications Commissioner Brendan Carr authored an entire chapter of proposed changes to his agency, and Lisa Correnti, an anti-abortion advocate Trump appointed as a delegate to the United Nations Commission on the Status of Women, is among the contributors.

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K-12 DIVE: Cyberattack potentially exposes student, staff data in Alabama

The Federal Communications Commission also approved a \$200 million, three-year K-12 cybersecurity pilot program in June, and eligible schools and libraries can use those funds to help secure their networks. A CISA official also recently shared with K-12 Dive the latest cybersecurity resources schools can tap into through the agency, including a free service to scan and test local governments' vulnerabilities within their external networks or public web applications.

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FLORIDA POLITICS: Cuba's security tour at Miami airport was routine, TSA official tells dubious House panel

Lee noted that the Federal Communications Commission produced a similar report in November 2022. Harvey said she didn't know about that report either. She reiterated that the tours TSA gives to foreign officials, including those from Cuba, have a "very narrow focus" and are vital to ensure the security and safety of passengers.

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NEWS FROM THE STATES: Statewide South Dakota 911 outage caused by hurricane in southern US, provider says

The Federal Communications Commission announced after this year's earlier statewide outage it would investigate recent outages across the country. The FCC recently declined to provide an update on the investigation to South Dakota Searchlight. "As a general practice, we don't comment on investigations," an FCC spokesperson said in an email.

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DARK READING: Microsoft's Partnership With Middle East AI Firm Under Scrutiny

The concerns come as the US continues to restrict technology companies that have connections to the People's Republic of China and Russia. In 2020, the US Federal Communications Commission (FCC) designated network equipment manufacturers Huawei and ZTE as national security threats, preventing companies from purchasing the companies' products using government funds. Last month, the Biden administration formally banned security software maker Kaspersky from offering software or services in the US, over worries that the company could be forced to turn over data to the Russian government.

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AG FUNDER NEWS: Ray of hope for farmers using DJI ag spray drones following release of Senate version of defense spending bill

The House version of the bill sent shockwaves through the agricultural community last month as it included amendments from the Countering CCP Drones Act that would add equipment and services from DJI to the so-called 'covered list,' blocking DJI from getting FCC licenses for future drone models, and potentially leading to the revocation of existing FCC authorizations.

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INSIDE CYBERSECURITY: Electric sector group calls for harmonization of CISA incident reporting rule with other federal requirements (SUBSCRIPTION REQUIRED)

The Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency must harmonize its proposed incident reporting regime with other cyber regulations governing the electric sector and ensure that voluntary partnerships are not negatively impacted by the final rule, according

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Nearly 20 percent of cellphone sites in the Houston area were not working Wednesday, down from 29 percent on Tuesday when the Federal Communications Commission began tracking outages.

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TOM'S GUIDE: Google Pixel Watch 3 tipped for massive display upgrade — what you need to know

Google seems to lean toward adding ultra-wideband support to upcoming devices, such as the new Find My Device trackers. A recent FCC listing featuring the Pixel Watch 3 hinted at the watches getting UWB support and NFC and multi-Wi-Fi ranges.

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BROADBAND BREAKFAST: Cable Opposes Giving Prime Airwaves to FirstNet

The cable industry's main lobbying group has an opinion on who should control an important band of public safety spectrum: Not AT&T's FirstNet. At least not without giving other wireless carriers an opportunity to bid. "If the [Federal Communications Commission] determines that commercial use of 4.9 GHz spectrum is possible when public safety entities are not using specific channels, it should propose a competitive process for assigning such rights," NCTA wrote to the agency Tuesday, adding "there is no reason to endow a single commercial provider (here, AT&T) with a gatekeeper role" over the spectrum.

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KSL-TV: Get Gephardt: Roy man says mobile carrier has hiked his rate in spite of 'price-lock' guarantee

For some subscribers, the fight doesn't end there. T-Mobile's own online message boards are filled with comments from frustrated customers saying they feel like this is an illegal bait-and-switch. Others posts plead customers to register their complaints with the Federal Communications Commission. Other posts show some customers eager to sign on to a class action lawsuit, should one come along.

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LIGHT READING: Could drones call each other using 5G?

Qualcomm also urged regulators to set aside part of the 5GHz band for A2X communications among drones and other flying devices. As Light Reading previously reported, a new proceeding at the FCC seeks to allocate a relatively small slice of spectrum in the 5GHz band directly to unmanned aircraft systems (UAS), or drones. Thus, Qualcomm's A2X proposal essentially builds on the FCC's proceeding and dovetails with the company's efforts in the automotive connectivity sector.

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ZDNET: Google Fi's 'Number Lock' adds protection against SIM swaps - here's how to enable it

The US FCC has been pushing wireless carriers to better protect their customers against SIM swaps and port-out fraud. Based on new FCC rules issued last November, carriers must offer secure methods to authenticate a user before redirecting their phone number to a new device or provider. Furthermore, carriers must notify customers immediately whenever a SIM change or port-out request is made on their accounts.

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GOTHAMIST: NYC's massive Link5G towers aren't actually providing 5G (yet)

"[Carriers] pretty quickly discovered there wasn't much more revenue to be had," said computer engineer Henning Schulzrinne, a professor of engineering and computer science at Columbia University and a former top official at the Federal Communications

Commission. “The technology has taken a different turn for economic reasons than has been anticipated.”

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AVWEB: ICAO Launches Probe Of U.S. Aviation Safety Infrastructure

The two-week audit will involve 12 auditors from 10 countries and begin this week. The results are expected to be released in January. The FAA, National Transportation Safety Board (NTSB), the U.S. Department of Defense, and the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) will be under the microscope, along with other agencies involved in aviation matters in the U.S.

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CNET: Altafiber Internet Review: Plans, Pricing, Speed and Availability Compared

According to the latest data from the Federal Communications Commission, Altafiber's main coverage area is the Cincinnati metro region, which encompasses parts of Ohio, Kentucky, and Indiana. According to the company's website, over 60% of residents in this area are covered by its fiber-to-the-home connection. However, the FCC map does not paint the full story. A spokesperson from Altafiber tells CNET that as of last year, the company has begun expanding its multigig fiber network to over 400,000 homes beyond the greater Cincinnati area.

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LAKELAND LEDGER: Official says Fort Meade can no longer use \$5 million state grant for broadband

Before the vote, Mayor Petrina McCutchen said she was “perplexed” to learn that the Federal Communications Commission's maps showed Fort Meade having full broadband coverage, as she was unable to get service at her home. Acknowledging that he did not know how accurate the federal coverage maps are, Burke said the city could challenge the information, but that might bring further delays.

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BROADBAND BREAKFAST: Rosenworcel: FCC Data Collection Update Coming This Week

The country's top communications regulator is getting close to updating its broadband data collection methods and making a key decision about control of valuable spectrum for public safety organizations. FCC Chairwoman Jessica Rosenworcel said her agency is releasing an order this week aimed at improving data collection and verification for its broadband map, as well as planning to resolve an ongoing dispute over who should control the 4.9 gigahertz band "within the next several months."

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VARIETY: Can Skydance Move the Mountain? Team Ellison Needs a Bold Plan to Revive Paramount's Fortunes

If Ellison, Shell and Cardinale have radical new ideas, they're holding them close to the vest. In the short term, the group faces an arduous road of securing approvals for the transaction from the Justice Department and the Federal Communications Commission. And the deal includes a 45-day period during which Paramount Global can field other offers.

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HUFFPOST: Could Media Reparations Help Save The Black Press?

Those impacts reverberate today. Media 2070 lists some of the ways the government worked to suppress the Black press and how the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) issued the first broadcasting and TV licenses to white men and white-owned companies only during the Jim Crow era. Today, African Americans own less than 1% of the country's TV stations, according to a report by the FCC.

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INSIDE RADIO: Final Price For Neuhoff Media Sell-Off: \$11.6 Million.

The selloff of Neuhoff Media is nearly complete, with Woodward Communications emerging as the third and final buyer for the stations owned by the Midwest operator. The

deal's paperwork has now been filed with the Federal Communications Commission showing the Tom Woodward-led company will pay \$4.3 million to buy stations in two Illinois markets from Neuhoff Media. That brings the total from a series of sales to \$11.6 million.

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BANGOR DAILY NEWS: Jared Golden should be much more concerned about what Trump and his allies have planned (Opinion)

Of course, it is the job of Congress to write laws but what will Golden do if Donald Trump and his Republican backers take control of the Department of Justice, FBI, Department of Commerce, Federal Communications Commission, Federal Trade Commission, and Department of Homeland Security for the dedicated purpose of furthering the extremist-far right agenda?

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Critics argue that Jarkey "could render a simply astonishing array of federal laws unenforceable" and "could kneecap enforcement by the FCC, the FTC, the NLRB, the Department of Labor, and more."

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SPACE NEWS: The end of Chevron deference and what Loper Bright means for the space industry (Opinion)

As a result, space industry regulators like the NOAA, FCC and FAA, supported by their teams of space policy experts, have enjoyed fundamental and expanding roles in regulating ever greater swathes of their orbital domains.

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LIGHT READING: Apple could eclipse wireless operators' satellite plans

First, regulators must sign off on many such plans. For example, Globalstar's CEO recently

petitioned top FCC officials to approve the company's spectrum-usage plans in the US. But companies including SpaceX oppose those efforts.

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Social Media Summary

From Jul. 10 to 11, there were around 2,200 social media posts mentioning the FCC. Most content was on Twitter (76%, or around 1,700 posts), followed by Reddit (18%), Forums (3%), Blogs (1%), Comments (1%), and Facebook (0%).

The social media post with the greatest reach came from the Twitter account of the Color of Change (230k reach), which urged the FCC to lower prison call rates. The social media post with the second greatest reach came from the Twitter account of Common Sense Media (110k reach), which publicized Commissioner's Starks' recent testimony in which he urged additional funding for the Affordable Connectivity Program.

One trending topic on social media was the FCC being urged to lower prison call rates. The Twitter account of Color of Change (230k reach, 13 engagements) had the most popular social media post on that topic. Another trending topic on social media was the FCC's denial of SpaceX's broadband subsidies. The Twitter account of Natalie F Danelishen (90k reach, 88 engagements) had the most popular social media post on that topic.

Commissioner Carr tweeted (57k reach, 45 engagements) out his support for an effort by Representative Steve Scalise to reduce overregulation in the wake of the Supreme Court's *Loper* decision.

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The Federal Communications Commission said it also has an ongoing investigation.

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THE WASHINGTON POST: 911 faces its own emergency

In Congress, lawmakers have looked at ways to pay to modernize 911 systems by using revenue from the Federal Communications Commission — specifically, revenue that comes from the FCC’s auctioning of the rights to transmit signals over specific bands of the electromagnetic spectrum. There’s a catch: The Senate in March 2023 let the FCC’s authority to auction spectrum bands lapse.

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THE HILL: FCC chair proposes rule requiring AI disclosures on robocalls

Federal Communications Commission (FCC) Chair Jessica Rosenworcel proposed a rule that would require callers to disclose the use of artificial intelligence (AI) on robocalls, the agency said Tuesday. The proposal would require callers to obtain prior express consent to disclose that the caller intends to use AI-generated calls, and to disclose to consumers on each call when they receive an AI-generated call.

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INSIDE RADIO: New Sponsorship ID Rules Kick In Aug. 15, FCC Says.

Beginning Aug. 15, broadcasters will need to comply with newly adopted rules concerning airtime leases. They require a public disclosure be made at the time of broadcast identifying any foreign source of the programming. Under rules adopted by the Federal Communications Commission last month, stations will have two options for demonstrating

that they have met their duty of inquiry in seeking to obtain the information needed to determine whether programming is sponsored, paid for, or furnished by a foreign governmental entity. The order was published in the Federal Register on Tuesday, which means the new requirements will kick in Aug. 15.

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INSIDE RADIO: Votes Secured for Expanding EAS Alerts for Missing Persons.

The Federal Communications Commission is going forward with its plan to create a new Emergency Alert System code for missing and endangered persons. Chair Jessica Rosenworcel says she will bring to the floor for a vote at the Commission's August meeting a plan that would use radio and television to alert the public about missing and endangered persons.

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LAW360: FCC Says Call Routing Protocols Need Better Security (SUBSCRIPTION REQUIRED)

The Federal Communications Commission says its stepping up its efforts to better secure the signaling protocols mobile telecom providers use to place and maintain calls, telling concerned lawmakers that carriers nationwide have implemented the commission's best practices for network security.

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RADIO & TELEVISION BUSINESS REPORT: A Consolidated Challenge To FCC Radio/TV Rules Is On

Well, that didn't take long. Just 18 days after the Supreme Court's 6-3 decision to end the "Chevron deference," the National Association of Broadcasters has filed an initial brief in

its challenge to the Federal Communications Commission's local radio and television ownership restrictions.

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LAW360: FCC's Media Ownership Rules Are 'Relics,' 8th Circ. Told (SUBSCRIPTION REQUIRED)

Broadcasters are pressing the Eight Circuit to unravel the Federal Communications Commission's latest local media ownership rules, saying they are based on views of the industry that are long outdated.

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Mexican mobile operator America Movil has admitted to the Federal Communications Commission that it broke the rules by transferring control of certain FCC licenses and authorizations to a quartet of subsidiaries without informing the agency.

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LAW360: SpaceX Loses Bid To Block Rival's Earth Station Renewals (SUBSCRIPTION REQUIRED)

The Federal Communications Commission denied SpaceX's request to reconsider the agency's renewal of licenses for three earth stations from satellite communications company DBSD Corp., saying in a new order that SpaceX showed little to support its claim that DBSD was using "obstructionist" tactics to interfere with SpaceX operations.

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BROADBAND BREAKFAST: Blair Levin's Big Call: FCC Loses Digital Discrimination Case

Blair Levin has made a bold prediction: The Federal Communications Commission will lose the court case challenging the agency's new digital discrimination rules. Levin, a former FCC official during the time of the Clinton and Obama administrations, went a step further by predicting that in case he's wrong, the FCC will never take enforcement action against Internet Service Providers, regardless of the party in power at the agency.

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GRAHAM LEADER: YCSO seeking individual causing scanner interference

YCSO filed a complaint with the Federal Communications Commission (FCC), and the two organizations will be working together to locate the source of these problems.

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RADIO ONLINE: NAB Challenges FCC Ownership Restrictions

The National Association of Broadcasters (NAB) has taken a significant step in its ongoing challenge to the Federal Communications Commission's (FCC) local radio and television ownership rules by filing an initial brief in the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Eighth Circuit. The NAB argues that the current ownership restrictions, which have remained largely unchanged for decades, are outdated and fail to reflect the realities of today's highly competitive media landscape.

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Although broadband internet access is a functional prerequisite for modern civic and economic life, significant inequities in broadband access remain. Commercial, government, and healthcare services are all offered online — but accessing these offerings requires reliable and affordable broadband access. The Federal Communications Commission’s most recent report on the state of broadband in America finds that millions of Americans lack access to reliable broadband service, and that millions more must procure broadband service from a local monopolist.

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ESCHOOL NEWS: Demystifying mobile and broadband speeds

This article aims to clarify key terms, discuss the Federal Communications Commission’s (FCC) recent changes to minimum speed requirements, and explore how school districts can use this information to address the digital divide.

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CNN: Behind the numbers: 988 crisis lifeline answers over 10 million contacts since its debut

This year, HHS expects to roll out georouting technology to route 988 callers and texters based on their physical location versus their area code, the agency says. The move, which would follow an April proposal from the Federal Communications Commission, is expected to improve cell phone users’ connectivity to local services and maintain additional privacy.

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POLITICO: Trump’s FDA commissioner on regulating AI

Also, callers are routed to crisis centers based on their area code, which is not always indicative of where a person is located, rather than their geolocation. The Federal Communications Commission recently proposed a rule that would change that.

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WIRED: The US Supreme Court Kneecapped US Cyber Strategy

Lawsuits could also target other regulations—including data breach reporting requirements from the Federal Trade Commission, the Federal Communications Commission, and financial regulators—that rely on laws written long before policymakers were thinking about cybersecurity.

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ELECTRONIC FRONTIER FOUNDATION: Modern Cars Can Be Tracking Nightmares. Abuse Survivors Need Real Solutions.

The changes to these bills are intended to make it easier for people in desperate situations to get away quickly. Yet, for most people, we believe the risks of A.B. 3139's approach outweigh the benefits. EFF's experience working with victims of tech-enabled abuse instead suggests that these changes are bad for survivors—something we've already said in official comments to the Federal Communications Commission.

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AG FUNDER NEWS: Ag drone distributors form coalition to fight moves to block DJI drones in US market

Members of the new coalition— Pegasus Robotics, Rantizo, Bestway Ag, Drone Nerds, HSE-UAV, and Agri Spray Drones, who all supply DJI drones—are direct competitors. However, they felt compelled to team up after a defense spending bill that passed in the House of Representatives last month included amendments that would add equipment and services from DJI to the so-called 'covered list.' This would block DJI from getting FCC licenses for future drone models and potentially lead to the revocation of existing FCC authorizations.

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INSIDE CYBERSECURITY: Defense groups encourage CISA to work with Pentagon in establishing mandatory reporting requirements for covered entities (SUBSCRIPTION REQUIRED)

The Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency should consider current reporting requirements for defense contractors as it continues work to implement a mandatory incident reporting regime that goes across critical infrastructure sectors, according to

defense groups who filed comments on CISA's upcoming regulation.

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PCMAG: Boost Mobile Unwraps New Plans As 5G Network Buildout Chugs Along

The firm that was once one of Sprint's prepaid brands has been on this journey since its acquisition by T-Mobile in 2020 included a pledge to divest Sprint and sell wireless spectrum to Dish. The FCC and the Justice Department required that to make up for T-Mobile removing one nationwide carrier from the market, and Boost has since been on an FCC clock to deploy a 5G network from scratch.

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SALON.COM: Nutrition Facts labels have a complicated legacy

This led to imitators in other policy arenas: first "Drug Facts" for over-the-counter medicines, then consumer protection initiatives in various tech industries, such as Federal Communications Commission "Broadband Facts" and "AI Nutrition Facts."

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SCHOOL TRANSPORTATION NEWS: Benefits of School Bus Wi-Fi Discussed at STN EXPO

Krueger explained that the Federal Communication Commission estimates that between 8.5 to 16 million school children nationwide lack broadband internet at home. This, he said, was extremely prevalent during the COVID-19 pandemic, which exacerbated the homework gap when transitioning to remote, virtual learning.

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LIGHT READING: Trump's VP pick might champion broadband affordability policies

J.D. Vance, the Ohio GOP senator announced Monday as Donald Trump's running mate for the presidency, isn't expected to have a broad impact on US telecommunications policies. But he could have something to say about how the country helps consumers afford access to critical broadband services. That's the early assessment from Blair Levin, a former FCC chief of staff who currently serves as a policy analyst for New Street Research.

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Broadband Map

MINNPOST: Minnesota prepares to challenge FCC broadband coverage maps

Later this month, Minnesota will begin challenging the maps made by the Federal Communications Commission that will help determine what areas and projects would be eligible for funding through the federal Broadband Equity Access and Deployment (BEAD) dollars.

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THE WALL STREET JOURNAL: Free Speech, Social Media and the Supreme Court (Opinion)

It hasn't always been like this. Even in the eras of radio and television people were willing to debate their disagreements. What separates the mass communication mediums of the 20th century from that of the 21st? Regulation. The Federal Communications Commission established the Fairness Doctrine in 1949, mandating that broadcasters present different viewpoints on important issues to their audiences. The rule was scrapped in 1987 and polarization has intensified with social media as its vehicle. States should enforce viewpoint diversity in the algorithms of digital platforms the way the Fairness Doctrine did. Anything more imperils free speech and new ideas, but anything less promotes bitter gridlock and prevents us from benefiting from new ideas.

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U.S. NEWS & WORLD REPORT: The Only Way to End Violent Rhetoric Is to Stop Rewarding it at the Ballot Box

But with the elimination in 1987 of the Federal Communications Commission's "fairness doctrine," which had required broadcasters to provide balanced coverage of controversial

issues, the 1990s gave rise to one-sided cable TV and talk radio. The advent of the internet and social media over the last couple of decades has enabled almost anyone to present themselves as a “journalist.” Multiple, reliable sources and fact-checking are rare outside of traditional media. The result is a proliferation of sources – many unreliable, the explosion of wild conspiracy theories and the creation of echo chambers in distinct news bubbles.

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RHODE ISLAND CURRENT: New president announced to lead merged PBS, The Public’s Radio organization

The two Rhode Island media organizations first announced plans to merge as a single entity in November, citing the benefits of combined talent and resources. The merger received requisite approvals from the Federal Communications Commission and the Rhode Island Office of the Attorney General in January and April, respectively.

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INSIDE RADIO: Audacy Reaches Deal To Settle With Philadelphia Suburb Over Unpaid Taxes.

Final FCC approval is expected to take months. If given the green light, Audacy would emerge from bankruptcy reportedly cutting away more than \$1.6 billion from its debt load.

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RADIO & TELEVISION BUSINESS REPORT: Nexstar Shares Return To Year-To-Date Highs

On a day that saw Nexstar Media Group join the NAB, ABC affiliates group members and two three radio station licensees in a legal challenge to the FCC’s local ownership rules, Nexstar shares soared to their highest levels since the end of January, closing just cents below its year-to-date high.

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ASSOCIATED PRESS: Biden and Trump offer worlds-apart contrasts on issues in 2024's rare contest between two presidents

The former president vows an overhaul of the federal bureaucracy, which he has long blamed for stymying his first term agenda: "I will totally obliterate the deep state." He plans to reissue the Schedule F order stripping civil service protections. He'd then move to fire "rogue bureaucrats," including those who "weaponized our justice system," and the "warmongers and America-Last globalists in the Deep State, the Pentagon, the State Department, and the national security industrial complex." He's pledged to terminate the Education Department and wants to curtail the independence of regulatory agencies like the Federal Communications Commission.

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REASON: Trump Promises To Get Rid of Bad Regulations. Can He Deliver? (Opinion)

Trump's Federal Communications Commission repealed former President Barack Obama's "net neutrality" rules, which slowed the growth of internet options by limiting providers' freedom to charge different prices.

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FEDERAL REGISTER: Amendments to Rules for Direct Broadcast Satellite, Satellite Services, and 17 GHz; Updates to Forms 312 and 312-R for the International Communications Filing System; Corrections to 17 GHz Report and Order

In this document, the Federal Communications Commission (Commission) announces that the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) has approved, for a period of three years, the information collections associated with the rules adopted in three rulemakings and with updates to the Form 312, including Schedules A, B, and S, and Form 312-R.

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FEDERAL REGISTER: Open Commission Meeting Thursday, July 18, 2024

The Federal Communications Commission will hold an Open Meeting on the subjects listed below on Thursday, July 18, 2024, which is scheduled to commence at 10:30 a.m. in the Commission Meeting Room of the Federal Communications Commission, 45 L Street NE, Washington, DC.

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One trending topic on social media was Chairwoman Rosenworcel proposing a rule mandating AI disclosures on robocalls. The Twitter account of The Hill (4.4m reach, 48 engagements) had the most popular social media post on that topic. Another trending topic on social media was Minnesota preparing to challenge the FCC's broadband maps. The Twitter account of MinnPost (100k reach) had the most popular social media post on that topic.

Commissioner Carr tweeted (60k reach, 76 engagements) his criticism of President Biden's attempt to take credit for the 988 hotline, noting that the FCC proposal was from 2019.

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THE HILL: Democrats question FCC commissioner’s role in Project 2025

More than a dozen House Democrats sent a letter to the inspector general of the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) on Wednesday, questioning Commissioner Brendan Carr’s role in helping craft Project 2025, a conservative policy document. The letter, led by Rep. Jared Huffman (D-Calif.), claims Carr violated ethics rules and may have misused his office.

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LAWFARE: Self-Regulation Won't Prevent Problematic Political Uses of Generative AI

After the now-infamous fake Biden robocalls in New Hampshire, the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) imposed a limited ban on similar AI-calling efforts. Our interviewees emphasized how easy it is now to create robocallers that do not sound like robots anymore, but uncannily like real people. While the Ashley robocaller (used in New Hampshire) was intentionally created to sound like a robot for transparency purposes, Ilya, a political AI creator working for political campaigns, noted, “[AI-generated voice] already sounds almost exactly the same [as a human]. It will sound absolutely exactly the same.” And about such AI chatbots, he said, “There will be more, there will be many more, some of them will have robotic voices and some of them probably won’t.”

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LAW360: Feds Uphold Tech Co.'s Fine For Auction Talks With AT&T (SUBSCRIPTION REQUIRED)

The Federal Communications Commission upheld its \$100,000 fine against service provider AMG Technology Investment Group for discussing bidding strategy during an infrastructure funding auction with AT&T, saying it has no basis to reconsider the penalty Wednesday.

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INSIDE RADIO: Congressman Pushes FCC To Adopt Class A10 Proposal.

Supporters of a proposal that would create a Class A10 of FM that would allow a maximum of 10,000 watts of power have picked up some support from Capitol Hill. Rep. Bennie Thompson (D-MS) is urging the Federal Communications Commission to go forward with a proposal first floated in June.

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INSIDE RADIO: Court Rejects FCC Attempt To Speed Up Broadcasters' Challenge To New Employee Data Rules.

Another radio group is pressing to roll back new rules adopted by the Federal Communications Commission to collect data about the race, ethnicity and gender of broadcast employees. At the same time, the FCC is pushing full steam ahead, asking a federal appeals court in New Orleans to reject efforts by broadcasters to secure more time to brief their cases. “Given the importance of the case, respondents believe that it should be briefed and argued without delay, and that the current schedule allows ample time for the parties to present their arguments to the Court,” FCC attorneys said in a filing with the Fifth Circuit.

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INSIDE RADIO: Here’s A Switch: Broadcasters Are (Almost) Happy About FCC’s Annual Fees This Year.

There is little doubt that station owners would rather pay no annual regulatory fee to the Federal Communications Commission. But as for what the FCC is requiring operators to pay this year, the numbers look much better than in years past. The radio industry is poised to pay less in annual regulatory fees this year, with the agency’s proposed rollback of 6% across most classes of AMs and FMs. If adopted, it would be the second consecutive year of a cut, following an average 5% cut last year.

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MERITALK: FCC Tees Up Vote on AI Robocall Consumer Protections

The Federal Communications Commission (FCC) is set to vote next month on a proposal that could lead to the adoption of new rules to protect consumers against receiving robocalls whose content is generated by artificial intelligence technologies. The proposal is backed by FCC Chairwoman Jessica Rosenworcel, who leads the Democratic majority on the five-member commission.

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RADIO & TELEVISION BUSINESS REPORT: FCC to Vote on Auto Safety

Spectrum Rules

FCC Chairwoman Jessica Rosenworcel on Wednesday confirmed that the Commission will vote on final rules that she believes will improve transportation safety and mobility by integrating advanced communications technologies into vehicles and infrastructure.

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TVTECHNOLOGY: NAB Asks Court to Toss Ownership Rules

The National Association of Broadcasters (NAB) has filed its initial brief in its challenge to the Federal Communications Commission's (FCC) local radio and television ownership restrictions. The NAB is challenging a FCC Order from December of 2023 that retained most existing ownership rules and tightened some others as part of the ownership rules in the FCC's quadrennial review of ownership rules for 2018. The FCC is required to justify the ownership rules every four years. The 2022 review is ongoing.

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BROADBAND BREAKFAST: FCC's Carr: Loper Bright 'Directionally a Really Good Thing'

The Federal Communications Commission's senior Republican said on Wednesday he supported the Supreme Court's latest move to reign in the authority of federal agencies. The Supreme Court's June decision in *Loper Bright Enterprises v. Raimondo* overruled the Chevron Doctrine, reversing a four-decade-old precedent that required federal courts to defer to federal agencies' interpretations of ambiguous laws, so long as they were reasonable.

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RADIO INK: FCC To Vote On EAS Code To Protect Indigenous Persons

FCC Chairwoman Jessica Rosenworcel announced plans to introduce a new Missing and Endangered Persons event code in the Emergency Alert System to enhance public alerts for missing individuals who do not qualify for AMBER Alerts.

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RADIO INK: FCC's Simington Addresses Telecom's Rhetoric After Trump Attack

As US politicians and world leaders press for peace following the assassination attempt on former President Donald Trump at a rally in Butler, PA, Republican FCC Commissioner Nathan Simington is seeking to change how those in telecommunications address the GOP.

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THE FEDERALIST SOCIETY: Jarquesy & the FCC's ALJ Process

By all accounts, the closing days of the U.S. Supreme Court's 2023 term resulted in a flurry of landmark decisions that will shake the U.S. regulatory status quo—including communications policymaking—for decades to come. While most attention is rightly being focused on *Loper Bright Enterprises v. Raimondo*, the Court's ruling in *Securities And Exchange Commission v. Jarquesy* should not be overlooked. If logically extended, the Jarquesy ruling could influence the use of Administrative Law Judges (ALJs) at the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) or spur a new Congress to demand reforms. For anyone caught in the FCC's ALJ vortex, or who believes in fair processes from a federal agency, this is good news.

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RADIO & TELEVISION BUSINESS REPORT: Improper Transfer of Control Resolved By FCC

In September 2023, a 50/50 partner in a Colorado radio station ownership group agreed to sell his interest in the company. There's just one problem — FCC paperwork noting the change in ownership didn't arrive in Washington until one month later. That's a no-no, and a consent decree resolves the issue — as does a civil penalty payable to the U.S. Treasury.

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RADIO & TELEVISION BUSINESS REPORT: From Media Ownership To AI, Former FCC Chairs Share Their Views

For the sixth year in a row, the Multicultural Media, Telecom & Internet Council (MMTC) gathered — thanks to the power of Zoom — a collection of former FCC Chairs for a symposium that tackled tough topics but, as heard in the pre-event chatter ahead of the virtual affair, was delivered in a cordial, welcoming environment.

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CABLEFAX: Joined Hands: FCC Alumni on Cooling Political Tensions

Tension over political ideologies is peaking ahead of the 2024 presidential election, and a number of FCC alumni believe the agency can be a positive example of unity despite party lines and differences.

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THE WELLS: Revamped Mental Health Crisis Hotline Fields 10M Calls in First Two Years

Earlier this year, the FCC issued a Notice of Proposed Rulemaking to require 988 georouting to be implemented for all wireless calls to the 988 Lifeline.

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THE HEALTHY INDIAN PROJECT: Fact Check: Can AirPods cause brain cancer?

Non-ionizing radiation, which includes the EMF from wireless devices like AirPods, is generally not harmful. The energy levels are too low to cause the ionisation of atoms and damage DNA, which is the primary concern with ionising radiation. Regulatory bodies, such as the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) and the World Health Organization (WHO), have set safety limits for EMF exposure from consumer electronics that are well below harmful levels.

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ESCHOOL NEWS: Why federal-education partnerships are critical for cybersecurity

The Federal Communications Commission (FCC) recently voted to adopt a three-year, \$200 million Schools and Libraries Cybersecurity Pilot Program. The pilot program will provide schools and libraries with cybersecurity services and equipment. It will also allow the FCC to gather and analyze data on which cybersecurity services and equipment would best help K-12 schools and libraries address growing cyber threats and attacks against their broadband networks.

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MANILA STANDARD: Kaspersky to officially begin “winding down” operations after US ban

This is not the first time Kaspersky has faced scrutiny from U.S. authorities. In 2017, the U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) issued a directive banning the use of Kaspersky products in government agencies. More recently, in 2022, the U.S. Federal Communications Commission (FCC) added Kaspersky to its “List of Communications Equipment and Services that Pose a Threat to National Security.”

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IMPERIAL VALLEY PRESS: San Diego congressman introduces tsunami alert bill

The legislation also requires relevant agencies, including the Federal Emergency

Management Agency (FEMA) and the Federal Communications Commission (FCC), to define their responsibilities and harmonize the protocol for using Integrated Public Alert & Warning System (IPAWS) to efficiently and rapidly deliver tsunami alerts to vulnerable populations during emergencies.

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INSIDE CYBERSECURITY: ITI urges CISA to address reciprocity as part of info-sharing on cyber incidents covered under upcoming mandatory reporting regime (SUBSCRIPTION REQUIRED)

The Information Technology Industry Council is asking the Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency to ensure “real value” is provided to industry based on information shared on cyber incidents, as part of the upcoming mandatory reporting regime for critical infrastructure established by Congress.

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FORBES: Your Best Look Yet At Google’s New Pixel 9 Pro Fold

The details come from Taiwan’s NCC—a consumer electronics regulatory authority similar to the United States FCC. Listings for all four of Google’s upcoming smartphones can be found, along with their model numbers: the Pixel 9 (GUR25), Pixel 9 Pro (GEC77), Pixel 9 Pro XL (GZC4K), and Pixel 9 Pro Fold (GGH2X).

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- [ZDNET: Google Pixel Watch 3 could fix the Pixel Watch 2's key flaws, but the XL won't come cheap](#)

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THRILLIST: Am I Dooming My Whole Flight by Not Using Airplane Mode?

"A few decades ago, the FCC banned using cell phones on planes as a precautionary method so as not to interfere with the plane's communication to ground networks," Katy

Nastro, travel expert at Going.com told Thrillist. "But technology has come a long way since and the threat of interference is not likely. It is more of a common courtesy for everyone on the plane not to allow phone calls."

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COINDESK: Without High Switching Costs, Telecom Looks Vulnerable to DeWi (Opinion)

The last vestige of the high switching cost model, customer lock-in, is under attack by the FCC today. The FCC Chair is advocating for a policy that would stop carriers from blocking phones from using other eSIMs after six months. This change means that after six months, anybody can switch carriers easily without any restrictions, regardless of the original terms and price promotions associated with the contract.

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BLOOMBERG: Subway-Style Map Visualizes the Global Network of Submarine Cables

Maintaining the map requires a fair amount of sleuthing, says TeleGeography research analyst Lane Burdette. That's because there's no global authority that keeps track of all of the cables. While the Federal Communications Commission publicly lists the ones that land in the US, many countries have no equivalent registry. That means some cables exist outside of public knowledge — perhaps for security or competition reasons, or perhaps just because nobody ever thought to disclose their existence.

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ROLL CALL: Vance has diverse record on tax, spending

Along with the conservative priorities, Vance has pushed for funding for key programs for his home state. He supports a bill that Vermont Sen. Peter Welch, D-Vt., has pushed that would appropriate \$7 billion for a Federal Communications Commission program that helps lower-income and rural households afford high-speed internet. That program ran out of funding last month.

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HANFORD SENTINEL: Kings County seeks public input for broadband study

"We have gone through round one of identifying project areas based on the State of California's last-mile program," Hayes said in a telephone interview with The Hanford Sentinel. "During the challenge phase, you are actually challenging the existing FCC broadband map to either confirm or deny that the service that is represented on the map is accurate. The maps are flawed, so this is a very important step."

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ORLANDO SENTINEL: Republican candidate in Central Florida attacked for 'Chinese donors.' His attacker? The GOP.

In addition to the mail pieces, the GOP's Senate campaign arm has spent more than \$100,000 on TV ads slamming Kou, Federal Communications Commission records show. A 30-second ad claims Kou took \$6 million in "government-funded bailouts" and hired "foreign workers to increase profits."

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NEW STATESMAN: The long shadow of JFK (Opinion)

It is too early to say how the shooting might intersect with Trump's conspiracist thinking if he wins again in November. That may depend in part on what emerges about the shooter and his motives. We do know that Trump and those around him have sketched out a range of moves to concentrate power in the White House to the point of authoritarianism, from mass deportations of undocumented migrants to the politicisation of the Department of Justice and broadcast regulator the Federal Communications Commission, and to the right-wing think tank the Heritage Foundation's "Project 2025" – its plan for a purge of the civil service. It is possible that a narrative emerges about the shooter which provides a pretext to intensify some of this, perhaps allowing for the demonisation of a given group of Americans.

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THE NEW YORK POST: Here is who's worried about JD Vance in business – from Wall Street to Silicon Valley

One source — a lawyer at a major Washington DC based firm — said it won't be just trade wars. He will look to rein in the power of Big Tech. You can see a Trump-Vance FCC rethinking Section 230 of the Communications Decency Act, the legal shield that allows all of social media to operate without fear of liability for its published content.

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THE PHILADELPHIA INQUIRER: Audacy and Lower Merion finalize \$2 million settlement over unpaid taxes

Audacy is grappling with almost \$2 billion in debt amid a substantial advertising slump. A reorganization plan for the company was approved in February, and an investment fund owned by progressive philanthropist George Soros is set to become its largest shareholder, should the deal be approved by the Federal Communications Commission.

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FEDERAL REGISTER: Public Safety and Homeland Security Bureau Requests Comment on Implementation of the Cybersecurity Labeling for Internet of Things Program

In this document, the Federal Communications Commission (Commission or FCC) seeks comment on additional items to further the efficient and timely rollout of the IoT Labeling program. These items include the format of Cybersecurity Label Administrator (CLA) and Lead Administrator applications; filing fees for CLA applications; criteria for selecting CLAs and the Lead Administrator; CLA sharing of Lead Administrator expenses; Lead Administrator neutrality; processes for withdrawal of CLA and Lead Administrator approvals; recognition of CyberLABs outside the United States; complaint processes; confidentiality and security requirements; and the IoT registry.

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REUTERS: FCC wants change of US court hearing challenges to net neutrality rules

The Federal Communications Commission on Friday asked the U.S. 6th Circuit Court of Appeals in Cincinnati, Ohio to transfer a series of industry legal challenges to its decision to reinstate landmark net neutrality rules to a federal court in Washington. Net neutrality rules require internet service providers (ISPs) to treat internet data and users equally rather than restricting access, slowing speeds or blocking content for certain users. The rules also forbid special arrangements in which ISPs give improved network speeds or access to favored users.

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REUTERS: US election officials split on AI disclosure rules for political ads

The two top officials of the Federal Election Commission are split over whether broadcast radio and television political advertisements should be required to disclose whether content is generated by artificial intelligence (AI). FEC vice chair Ellen Weintraub on Thursday supported the May proposal by U.S. Federal Communications Commission (FCC)

Chairwoman Jessica Rosenworcel, who asked the commission to advance a proposed rule that would require disclosure of AI content in both candidate and issue advertisements. FEC Chair Sean Cooksey criticized the plan.

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THE NEW YORK TIMES: Does New York City Really Need These Giant 5G Towers?

The fate of the West 12th Street tower is still under review by the Federal Communications Commission. But plenty of 5G “smartpoles” are on the way.

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THE WALL STREET JOURNAL: Who Has Biden’s Ear? All the President’s Donors (Opinion)

Or consider how Federal Communications Commission Chair Jessica Rosenworcel and allies in Congress appear to have killed a media deal at the bidding of a major Democratic donor.

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THE WALL STREET JOURNAL: Your Government at Work (Opinion)

I’ll take the private sector every time. The Biden administration throws money and mandates at electric vehicles, and now we have a glut. The Commerce Department delivers semiconductor money from the Chips+ Act to swing states Ohio and Arizona and blue New York, albeit upstate. You could die waiting on hold to talk to the Internal Revenue Service. Mr. Biden’s Federal Communications Commission reinstated net neutrality after Donald Trump’s FCC had killed it, even though the U.S., unlike Europe, enjoyed bandwidth-a-plenty during the pandemic for Zoom and Netflix.

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THE WASHINGTON POST: Trump loyalist pushes ‘post-Constitutional’ vision for second term

Vought favors boosting White House control over other federal agencies that operate somewhat independently, such as the Federal Trade Commission, which enforces consumer protection laws, and the Federal Communications Commission, which regulates television and internet companies. Trump’s never-implemented order from his first term making it easier to fire government employees would allow the White House to excise policymakers who resist the will of the elected chief executive.

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CNBC: Amazon, Best Buy, Google may soon sell home smart devices with 'hacker-safe' label

Consumers have become accustomed to all sorts of labels and seals of approval on products in the shopping process, from the Energy Star to sustainability standards. Next up, shoppers should prepare for a hacking-safe seal of approval in the works for home gadgets and appliances coming from the federal government. Last July, the Biden administration and the Federal Communications Commission proposed the creation of the U.S. Cyber Trust Mark program, a voluntary cybersecurity product-labeling initiative to help consumers choose internet-connected devices that are certified by manufacturers as safe from hackers, scammers and other cyber criminals.

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CNET: Internet Hunting for Your Apartment? Tricks for Getting the Best Service

The newest FCC ruling, passed in February 2022, prohibits revenue sharing between owners and ISPs and requires owners to disclose the existence of exclusive marketing arrangements to "promote tenant choice and competition in the provision of communications services" for tenants.

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SPACE NEWS: Tools for space sustainability watchdogs

The fine the United States issued Dish Network in October for failing to move an old satellite out of harm's way before running out of fuel was the first and, so far, only enforcement action of this kind. While \$150,000 equates to a slap on the wrist for the TV broadcaster now owned by EchoStar — together, they made \$17 billion in revenue in 2023 — the FCC's penalty also included multiple debris safety orders, such as developing ways to track propellant reserves.

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THE 74: L.A. Schools Investigates Data Breach as FCC Approves \$200M Cybersecurity Pilot

On the same day that millions of sensitive records purportedly stolen from the Los Angeles school district were posted for sale on the dark web, the Federal Communications

Commission approved a \$200 million pilot program to help K-12 schools and libraries nationwide fight an onslaught of cyberattacks.

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BLOOMBERG LAW: DOJ Says Motion to End Dish Network Fraud Suit Not ‘Political’ (SUBSCRIPTION REQUIRED)

The Justice Department told a federal court that its bid to end a whistleblower suit against Dish Network Inc. and others isn’t a “political favor” for allies of the Biden administration. Whistleblower National Telephone Telephone Co. hasn’t identified facts “remotely” suggesting that Dish has influenced the government’s handling of the False Claims Act case, the DOJ told the US District Court for the District of Columbia in a Thursday filing. Vermont National Telephone Co. alleges that Dish defrauded the Federal Communications Commission out of \$3.3 billion by preventing it from fairly competing in a 2014 FCC auction for spectrum licenses.

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TVTECHNOLOGY: FCC Proposes Revisions To LPTV Service Rules

The Federal Communications Commission has announced that it has launched a proceeding to update its rules relating to the Low Power Television Service, which includes Class A television, low power television (LPTV), and TV translator stations. As previously reported the FCC announced in May its intention to initiate a proceeding to update the rules and reported that it would consider the matter at its June 6 open meeting. That item was, however, removed from the agenda at the last minute.

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LAW360: Cities, Cable Cos. Seek Reg Changes As FCC Studies Markets (SUBSCRIPTION REQUIRED)

Cities want the Federal Communications Commission to jettison rules that they say unduly restrict cable franchise fees, while the cable business says the FCC needs to back off on regulation, as the agency scrutinizes the competitive landscape across multiple industries.

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RADIO & TELEVISION BUSINESS REPORT: ACA Connects Members: Harmed Most By ‘Broken Video Market’

It's hardly a secret to broadcast television station owners that when it comes to retransmission consent and carriage negotiations that are particularly tough and result in an impasse, the MVPD — companies that offer cable TV services — is quick to blame over-the-air station owners for asking too much in the way of compensation. With “blackouts” and carriage agreements now a FCC concern, the nation's chief advocacy group on Capitol Hill for small and rural cable TV service providers has taken a moment to share how its members are “disproportionally” harmed by “the broken video market.”

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RADIO & TELEVISION BUSINESS REPORT: ‘DIRS’ Exercise Coming Early Next Week From FCC

In preparation for the 2024 hurricane season, the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) will conduct an exercise of the Disaster Information Reporting System (DIRS) from June 10-12, 2024.

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RADIO & TELEVISION BUSINESS REPORT: Winemiller Spins Two Groups Of LPTVs

It's been a busy start to June for Jeff Winemiller, who this week has been actively trading low-power television stations. Now, two more deals have been filed with the FCC for its approval. Both involve asset sales.

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RADIO WORLD: FCC Turns Down LPFM Application for Page, Ariz.

The Federal Communications Commission has rejected an application for a low-power FM station in Page, Ariz. A group called Lake Powell Community Radio applied in last year's LPFM window, saying it wanted to serve Page as well as parts of the Lake Powell area and a Navajo Nation community at Lechee.

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RADIO WORLD: NAB Asks FCC to Reconsider Public Release of Station

EEO Data

The National Association of Broadcasters seems resigned to the fact that broadcasters will be required to begin reporting employment data to the FCC this fall, but it's what the commission plans to do with that information that concerns the advocacy group. The NAB has filed a Petition for Partial Reconsideration with the FCC saying the public disclosure of the employee demographic data on a station-specific basis violates both the Free Speech Clause of the First Amendment and the equal protection component of the Fifth Amendment.

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- [INSIDE RADIO: NAB: FCC Mandates, Paperwork 'Infatuation' Putting Local Radio At Risk.](#)

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TELECOMPETITOR: FCC Considers Relaxing USF Letter of Credit Requirements

The FCC has released a Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (NPRM) that addresses issues related to the letters of credit that providers must carry in order to gain Universal Service Fund (USF) support in deployment of broadband services to high-cost rural areas. Currently, the letters of credit, which are required of "certain broadband providers," come from a qualifying bank and carry a certain value, the FCC said. At issue is that during the past two years, a "significant number" of banks have fallen below the FCC's standards. This creates the possibility that providers whose letters of credit no longer pass muster would be required to obtain new letters from banks that do qualify. This could impact deployment.

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BROADBAND BREAKFAST: Portland, Ore: FCC Policy Denying Cities \$3.75 Billion a Year

A federal communications policy is costing America's cities about \$3.75 billion a year – money that struggling communities could use to fund first responders, maintain parks, and prepare for disasters, according to the city of Portland, Ore. Portland pointed this out in a June 6 filing with the Federal Communications Commission and called on the agency to void a rule that shields cable broadband internet providers from having to pay fees on revenue collected from subscribers.

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BROADBAND BREAKFAST: FCC Looking to Alter Financial Rules to Spur Rural Broadband

Federal regulators are planning to review financial policies that could be hindering the rollout of broadband in rural America. At the same time, regulators want to be sure that a different approach will not expose taxpayers to losses. The Federal Communications Commission voted unanimously last Thursday to consider new rules sought by financial institutions and broadband Internet Service Providers that claimed current policy is frustrating the effort to close the digital divide.

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STATESCOOP: Conflicting federal policies threaten future of broadband competition, paper finds

The Federal Communications Commission's Affordable Connectivity Program ran out of funding for the popular pandemic-era internet subsidy program at the end of May after Congress was unable to extend its funding. Fruits said he anticipates some indirect influence in that some internet service providers may not find it financially viable to deploy connections to certain areas due to low demand.

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GOVERNMENT EXECUTIVE: Proposed federal AI roadmap would fund local election offices

Meanwhile, the Federal Communications Commission is considering implementing rules on the use of AI in elections. FCC Chairwoman Jessica Rosenworcel last month unveiled a proposed requirement for on-air and written disclosures in broadcasters' political files when there is AI-generated content in political ads, and that the requirement apply both to candidates and issue ads.

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- [INSIDE RADIO: Senate Republicans To FCC: Scrap AI Disclosure Proposal For Radio, TV Political Ads.](#)

- [NEWSNATION: Voters concerned about AI influencing the election: Survey](#)

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SECURITY BOULEVARD: FCC Pushes Ahead with Internet Routing Security Requirements

The Federal Communications Commission is considering requiring broadband providers to improve the cybersecurity of the networks that route traffic around the internet, an issue the FCC and other government agencies have been working on for more than a year.

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RADIO INSIGHT: FCC Report 6/9: Salt Lake City AM Proposes Array Mod

The FCC has approved its own proposed rulemaking to downgrade the vacant allotment on 96.9 in Mattoon IL from a Class B to B1. The proposal found the Class B allocation was short-spaced to Champaign Multimedia Group's 97.5 WHMS-FM Champaign by ten kilometers and this downgrade keep the allotment consistent with the minimum distance separation requirements with a site restriction 7.6 miles southeast of the city. The allotment was made available by the cancellation of Mattoon Broadcasting Company's WLBH-FM in April 2018.

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BROADBAND COMMUNITIES: FCC moves forward with process to reform letter of credit rules

The FCC is seeking input as the agency prepares to loosen standards for letters of credit requirements. Letters of credit for broadband providers seeking to utilize public money have been a hurdle for some providers. The letters, which must be from qualifying banks, are required for all providers seeking to access Universal Service Fund dollars.

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CNET: How to Block People From Texting and Calling Your iPhone

While you can try to stop these mass spam calls from hitting your phone by signing up for the FCC's Do Not Call registry, that's no guarantee that spammers won't just call you anyway. Unfortunately, there's no way to mass-prevent every unwanted call, but you can use a combination of specific number bans and tools to keep them at bay.

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CBC: Sask. urging federal government to ban AI voice cloning ahead of elections

The call comes after an AI-generated voice of U.S. President Joe Biden was sent to people in New Hampshire earlier this year. The U.S. Federal Communications Commission ruled that robocalls using AI-generated voices were illegal and proposed a \$6-million fine.

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SASKATOON: Sask. government calls on Ottawa to restrict AI voice cloning

On February 8, the United States Federal Communications Commission (FCC) ruled that robocalls using AI-generated voices were illegal and Saskatchewan is calling on the federal government to create similar restrictions in Canada.

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MAD IN AMERICA: “Confidential” 988 Conversation Records Shared with Corporations

In 2022, Politico exposed that the nonprofit Crisis Text Line (CTL) had created Loris, a for-profit arm developing commercial customer-service software, and had shared with Loris millions of transcripts of conversations with people in crises. An FCC Commissioner urged the Federal Trade Commission to investigate whether CTL had obtained proper informed consent from texters.

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INSIDE CYBERSECURITY: U.S. Chamber advocates for legislation requiring independent regulatory agencies to be part of cyber

harmonization effort (SUBSCRIPTION REQUIRED)

The U.S. Chamber of Commerce is pushing for upcoming legislation from Senate Homeland Security Chairman Gary Peters (D-MI) to create a White House-level body that would be responsible for convening federal stakeholders, including independent regulatory agencies, to work on harmonizing cyber requirements across the government.

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POLITICO: Playbook: Kamala Harris sizes up her competition

Flynn Rico-Johnson is now policy adviser for FCC Commissioner Geoffrey Starks covering spectrum, space and AI. He previously was deputy chief of staff for Rep. Doris Matsui (D-Calif.).

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WASHINGTON EXAMINER: Congress weighs spending cap on nuclear testing victims bill

In the past, expansion advocates have floated pay-fors including the idea of extending the Federal Communications Commission's authority to auction licenses for commercial use of the electromagnetic spectrum, according to two sources familiar with the matter.

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FORBES: Wireless Electricity Is Real – So Why Isn't It Everywhere?

The Wi-Charge devices in the market in the US and Canada all received FDA, FCC and IEC approval without difficulty, says Mor.

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THE CENTER SQUARE: Audit finds some rural broadband providers might not meet federal deadlines

Under Federal Communications Commission regulations, a federally-funded broadband project must provide broadband service to 40% of their awarded locations within three years.

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THE MOTLEY FOOL: You Can Save \$45.97 Per Month by Making This Change

U.S. News & World Report says that the average cost of basic cable service was \$25.40 as of 2018, which was the last time the Federal Communications Commission put out data along these lines. The cost of expanded basic service, meanwhile, was \$71.37 per month on average. That brings the difference between the cost of expanded cable service and basic cable to \$45.97 per month, or roughly \$550 a year.

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SCHOOL TRANSPORTATION NEWS: Directors Discuss Navigating Wi-Fi Purchases, E-Rate Funding at STN EXPO Indy

As discussed during a June 3 panel discussion at STN EXPO East, Wi-Fi on school buses has been gaining steam, especially after Emergency Connectivity Funds made purchasing the equipment affordable during COVID-19. Congress decided not to renew the program, but school districts seemingly have a long-term opportunity with E-Rate, approved by the FCC last fall, to outfit their fleets with the equipment.

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THE SPOKESMAN-REVIEW: Officials say new broadband system in Spokane County will be a boost to rural communities

When word spread about the imminent funding, the Spokane County Commission began considering what could be done to bring broadband to the county's underserved areas referred to as "digital deserts." The county ranks fifth in the nation for the most unserved locations, according to the Federal Communications Commission.

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KANSAS CITY STAR: Ahead of NPR host's visit to KC, readers of his new book find great storytelling

KCUR Program Director Ron Jones walked from studio to studio. In one, he explained where "Up To Date" guests sit, how they're instructed to use the cough button, and the slight broadcast delay that helps the host comply with Federal Communications Commission laws concerning profanities.

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SAN DIEGO UNION TRIBUNE: Ham on Wry: Warning: This column may cause a case of the giggles (Opinion)

But what got to me was the added alerts about the side effects associated with those medications. Apparently, those warnings are declarations required by the Federal Communications Commission.

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THE NEW REPUBLIC: Trump + Murdoch = Another Racially Toxic Presidential Campaign (Opinion)

To accomplish this, President Reagan fast-tracked citizenship for Australian billionaire Rupert Murdoch (the son of media mogul and notorious racist Sir Keith Murdoch) in 1985 so he could legally purchase U.S. media properties: Fox “News” was launched here the following year, as Reagan ordered the Federal Communications Commission to stop enforcing the Fairness Doctrine, and Republicans in Congress later gutted the “equal time rule.”

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DESERET NEWS: Big ad buys come to Utah statewide races. Here’s what we know

Records available from the Federal Communications Commission show ads running on KSL-TV for both Lyman and Cox. Filings show Lyman purchased a number of ads through June 11. Cox has ads purchased through the primary election on June 25.

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COURTHOUSE NEWS SERVICE: DC Circuit affirms plan to speed up visa processing for Iraqi and Afghan allies

In reviewing Chutkan’s decision, the panel applied a multi-factor test created in the 1984 case Telecommunications Research & Action Center v. FCC, which governs allegations of unreasonable delays in agency actions.

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ALBANY BUSINESS REVIEW: Audacy and Lower Merion Township settle long-standing tax dispute

Audacy filed for bankruptcy protection after being overwhelmed in recent years by almost \$2 billion in debt and declining advertising revenue. The company reached a restructuring deal with a “supermajority” of its debtholders that will reduce most of its debt, according

to Audacy. The creditors, led by an investment firm headed by liberal billionaire George Soros, in turn, will take control of the company. Lopez approved the plan on Feb. 20 and Audacy now awaits approval from the Federal Communications Commission before it can emerge from bankruptcy under the new ownership.

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CKOM-FM: Sask. Gov't calls for federal restrictions on AI voice cloning

The United States Federal Communications Commission ruled that robocalls made using AI-generated voices were illegal back in February, and the provincial government wants the Trudeau Government to do the same thing in Canada.

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FARM PROGRESS: Prepare for space weather

Was your precision planter affected by the recent geomagnetic solar storm? If so, the Federal Communications Commission would like to hear about your experience.

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FEDERAL REGISTER: Open Commission Meeting Thursday, June 6, 2024

The Federal Communications Commission will hold an Open Meeting on the subjects listed below on Thursday, June 6, 2024, which is scheduled to commence at 10:30 a.m. in the Commission Meeting Room of the Federal Communications Commission, 45 L Street NE, Washington, DC.

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From Jun. 7 to 10, there were around 4,700 social media posts mentioning the FCC. Most

content was on Twitter (76%, or around 3,600 posts), followed by Reddit (18%), Forums (4%), Blogs (1%), Comments (1%), and Facebook (0%).

The social media post with the greatest reach came from the Twitter account of Reuters (25.7m reach), which publicized its article on the FCC asking for net neutrality legal challenges to be transferred. The social media post with the second greatest reach came from the Twitter account of Mario Nawfal (1.5m reach), which publicized a Washington Post article on the FCC's efforts to regulate AI in elections.

One trending topic on social media was the FCC's Cyber Trust Mark program. The Twitter account of KNBC-TV (600k reach, 4 engagements) had the most popular social media post on that topic. Another trending topic on social media was the FCC taking action on the Border Gateway Protocol. The Twitter account of Evan Kirstel (360k reach, 4 engagements) had the most popular social media post on that topic.

Commissioner Carr tweeted (54k reach, 15 engagements) out a screenshot of a Law360 article covering Catholic broadcasters' challenge to the FCC's diversity reporting mandates.

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ARS TECHNICA: ISPs ask FCC for tax on Big Tech to fund broadband networks and discounts

Internet service providers are again urging the Federal Communications Commission to impose new fees on Big Tech firms and use the money to subsidize broadband network deployment and affordability programs. If approved, the request would force Big Tech firms to pay into the FCC's Universal Service Fund (USF), which in turn distributes money to broadband providers. The request was made on June 6 by USTelecom, a lobby group for AT&T, Verizon, CenturyLink/Lumen, and smaller telcos. USTelecom has made similar arguments before, but its latest request to the FCC argues that the recent death of a broadband discount program should spur the FCC to start extracting money from Big Tech.

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ALBANY BUSINESS REVIEW: Best Buy joins federal 'Cyber Trust' label program to raise alerts against hackers

Best Buy Co. Inc. is joining a federal push for the Cyber Trust Mark, a label from the Federal Communications Commission meant to help protect consumers from future hacking attempts on their consumer electronics devices. CNBC has a report on the program, which could do for cybersecurity what the now-familiar Energy Star labels did for environmental issues: Give consumers guidance on which devices meet standards on data protection, software patches and passwords.

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NEWS IS MY BUSINESS: FCC adopts \$200M cybersecurity pilot program for schools and libraries

The Federal Communications Commission last week adopted a three-year, \$200 million Schools and Libraries Cybersecurity Pilot Program, through which it seeks to obtain “actionable data” about which cybersecurity services and equipment would best help K-12 schools and libraries address the growing cyber threats and attacks against their broadband networks.

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AEI: Securing the Web with Route Origin Authorizations (with Grace Abuhamad and Robert Cannon)

In tandem with this effort, on June 6, the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) advanced a Notice of Proposed Rulemaking aimed at strengthening internet security through the implementation of border gateway protocols (BGPs) for internet service providers (ISPs). While the National Telecommunications and Information Administration (NTIA) already encourages federal agencies to embrace these routing security protocols, the FCC's proposed rule would mandate broadband providers to submit confidential reports on their BGP usage.

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LAW360: FCC Urged To Add Missing Persons Code For Tribes (SUBSCRIPTION REQUIRED)

Tribal leaders urged the Federal Communications Commission to consider adding a missing persons code specific to Indigenous people as it upgrades the Emergency Alert System.

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TVTECHNOLOGY: FCC Amends Foreign Sponsorship ID Rules

The FCC has issued a Second Report and Order clarifying its rules regarding the disclosure of foreign sponsorship of programming on broadcast stations. Worried about the influence of Russian, Chinese and foreign government disinformation on recent U.S. elections, the FCC implemented new rules in 2022 imposing additional requirements on how stations investigate the sources of their programming and determine whether the programming was sponsored by foreign governments.

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INSIDE RADIO: FCC Adopts New Rules For Leased Airtime, Giving Stations Two Options, Disclosure Templates.

The Federal Communications Commission has approved new rules that will require stations to secure documentation when leasing airtime that a programmer does not have foreign government connections. In a 3-2 vote along party lines, the Commission says it is taking a “new approach” to replace the regulations struck down by a federal appeals court in July 2022.

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RADIO & TELEVISION BUSINESS REPORT: Mater Dei Dishes FM Translator In The Dalles

The license is “a Catholic broadcasting apostolate dedicated to bringing souls to Jesus through the Blessed Virgin Mary.” Its main broadcast facilities include KBVM-FM in Portland, Ore., and KMME-FM in the Eugene-Springfield market. Now, the FCC has given its approval to the sale by Mater Dei Radio of a dark FM radio translator in The Dalles.

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ADVANCED TELEVISION: Intelsat bankruptcy: “Case closed”

Intelsat emerged from its Chapter 11 bankruptcy in February 2022. However, there were many smaller matters that its bankruptcy court still had outstanding, not least a dispute between Intelsat and SES over how the FCC’s C-band incentive payments were to be divided.

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RADIO & TELEVISION BUSINESS REPORT: NAB To FCC: Relaxed Rules Will Prevent Digital Dollar Drain

The NAB’s top legal team, led by Chief Legal Officer and EVP/Legal and Regulatory Affairs Rick Kaplan, has told the FCC in a 55-page filing that the agency “has failed to reckon” with how “robust competition” from unregulated platforms dominated by “Big Tech” impacts broadcast stations and their ability to offer over-the-air services at no charge to the public.

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BROADBAND BREAKFAST: Carolina West Wireless Wants More USF Support

A small regional wireless carrier is telling the Federal Communications Commission it may have to decommission cell towers in western North Carolina without more subsidy support from the agency. Carolina West Wireless serves rural areas of the western portion of the state with mobile service and fixed wireless home broadband. In parts of its network, the company does so at a loss, according to its request.

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BROADBAND BREAKFAST: Charter Looking to Surrender More Than 1,400 Additional RDOF Locations

Charter Communications is looking to hand back more than 1,400 more locations it had committed to serve as part of a federal rural broadband subsidy program. The company surrendered in April another 23,000 homes and businesses it had been assigned through the Federal Communications Commission's Rural Digital Opportunity Fund, citing the high cost of replacing utility poles and repeated disagreements with the companies that own them. Charter tacked on another 59 census block groups – without specifying how many locations they included – in late May.

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BROADBAND BREAKFAST: INCOMPAS: Deployment Barriers Hurting Effort to Close the Digital Divide

Federal officials need to know that broadband internet providers continue to face deployment barriers standing in the way of closing the digital divide, especially with billions in financial support in the works. The trade group INCOMPAS raised this issue last week in detailed comments with the Federal Communications Commission to help the agency prepare its annual State of Competition report for lawmakers on Capitol Hill.

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RADIO INK: NAB: FCC's 'Asymmetric Burdens' May Suffocate Free Radio

While the NAB's call for increased deregulation across radio is nothing new, it did get a substantial update in a new filing with the FCC. The 55-page document lays out how outdated regulatory framework stifles broadcasters' competitiveness against Big Tech.

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RADIO INK: FCC Takes Radio Regulation U-Turn; Restores Duplication Rule

The Federal Communications Commission has taken a step back in time, voting to reinstate a portion of the radio duplication rule originally repealed in 2020. The reversal comes at the petition of the musicFIRST Coalition, the Future of Music Coalition, and REC Networks.

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KQED-FM: How to Find Free and Low-Cost Wi-Fi Options as Affordable Connectivity Program Ends

Close to 3 million California households are losing access to free or discounted broadband internet due to the recent expiration of the White House's Affordable Connectivity Program. ACP was the federal government's \$14.2 billion measure from the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) to provide discounted broadband internet to eligible households. ACP offered a discount of \$30 per month on broadband plans or a discount of \$75 for people living on Tribal lands — but as of May 31, the program has ended.

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THE NEW YORK SUN: Catholic Broadcasters Push Back Against FCC's 'Race and Gender Scorecard' Mandate

Catholic radio groups are pushing back against the Federal Communications Commission's new workforce rules requiring broadcasters to report data on non-binary employees, arguing that forcing them to affirm a "non-binary" status violates their Catholic faith.

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RADIO INSIGHT: FCC Reinstates FM Duplication Rule For Commercial FMs

In July 2020, the FCC stated its intent to vote on eliminating the duplication rule for AMs to allow AM stations with over 50 percent of overlapping signals to simulcast. When the proposal came up for vote the following month, a last minute change was made to change the rule for all radio services including FM with the approval being made upon party lines.

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KIRO-TV: FCC proposal aims to increase transparency over AI-generated political ads

From deepfakes to misinformation campaigns, officials warn artificial intelligence is expected to play a major role in political ads this year. The Federal Communications Commission (FCC) proposed a \$6 million fine for the robocalls spoofing President Joe Biden's voice earlier this year. Now, the agency is trying to get ahead of future uses of artificial intelligence in political ads. If adopted, a new proposal would review whether the FCC should require candidates and issue advertisements to disclose whenever AI-generated content appears in TV and radio ads. But it wouldn't apply to political ads shared on social media.

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INSIDE CYBERSECURITY: FCC announces members for security advisory body to focus on 6G, artificial intelligence (SUBSCRIPTION REQUIRED)

The Federal Communications Commission has announced the members who will make up the latest iteration of its security advisory council, with a focus on preparing for secure sixth generation networks and using artificial intelligence to secure the nation's communications infrastructure. The ninth Communications Security, Reliability, and Interoperability Council will be co-chaired by CISA's Billy Bob Brown and Todd Piatt of Motorola. This is Brown's second term as co-chair of CSRIC after leading CSRIC VIII with Nasrin Rezai of Verizon.

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ENTREPRENEUR: 5 SMS Marketing Best Practices to Help You Sell More Stuff Texting creates faster engagement than any other channel. Used well, it will bring you an incredible ROI while creating better customer experiences. Here's how.

Rule #1 of the Telephone Consumer Protection Act (TCPA) and clarifications made by the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) over the years is this: Contacts must opt into receiving communications from your business. You need to follow rule #1 — but doing so also creates better customer experiences and leads to more profit for your business.

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VOX: Biden's overlooked campaign to protect Americans from Big Business

The Federal Communications Commission (FCC) implemented a rule that requires satellite and cable providers to more clearly disclose the “all-in” cost of their packages in their promotional materials and on subscribers’ bills.

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POLITICO: House Republicans map out an ambitious and risky week

Flynn Rico-Johnson is now policy adviser for FCC Commissioner Geoffrey Starks covering spectrum, space and AI. He previously was deputy chief of staff for Rep. Doris Matsui (D-Calif.).

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PHILADELPHIA INQUIRER: Audacy and Lower Merion reach \$1.4 million settlement in unpaid taxes claim

Final approval by the Federal Communications Commission is expected to take months. If approved, Audacy would emerge from bankruptcy reportedly shedding more than \$1.6 billion in debt.

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GIZMODO: The Mythical Promise of Tin Foil Hats

Open your kitchen drawer and take out some tin foil. Twirl it into a cone – maybe even double-wrap it – and put it on your noggin. Do you feel safer yet? The tin foil hat is perhaps the most iconic headgear for conspiracy theorists. Wearing one signals to others that you’re unhinged, have a deep distrust of the government, or that you’re really worried about aliens. To some, it’s a way to block a centralized power’s electromagnetic waves from entering your brain. Where does this myth come from, and is there any actual science to it?

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RCR WIRELESS: France-based Kinéis set to launch 25 IoT satellites in the eight months

The June 18 launch will be broadcast live, [here](#). The Rocket Lab mission Control Centre is located in Auckland, 500 kilometres from the launch base. Toulouse-based Kinéis has “subsidiaries” in the US, Brazil, and Singapore. It set up in Maryland, in the US, in 2022; the

company has approval from the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) to operate in the US market. In May, it announced a deal with Semtech to offer native satellite support in the California firm's LR1110 and LR1120 LoRa Edge chips – "without the need for any additional hardware".

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TRIBLIVE: Drone to give Latrobe eye in the sky for police, firefighters

Police Chief Richard Bosco said the drone will be purchased promptly and will be available for deployment once designated officers have completed training in its use and FCC licensing requirements are met. Bosco said he'd like to begin by having four officers trained to control the drone but ultimately would like to have two more versed in directing it.

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LIGHT READING: Will Trump pause BEAD?

Other prominent Republicans have also taken issue with some contours of the Biden administration's BEAD program. "The Commerce Department's rules governing the expenditure of \$42.5 billion in broadband grants will undoubtedly waste taxpayer dollars and leave families waiting on the wrong side of the digital divide," wrote FCC Commissioner Brendan Carr in 2022.

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FIERCE NETWORK: Alaska broadband company MTA says FTTH costs \$9,000 per passing

Alaska received \$1 billion in Broadband Equity, Access & Deployment (BEAD) funds. The Alaska Broadband Office is currently in the middle of its FCC map challenge process as part of BEAD. As of June 5, the in-state mapping challenge portal has closed, and as of June 6, the rebuttal portal is open until July 5.

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CNET: The Internet Can Be as Good for Your Mental Health as a Walk

in Nature, Says New Study

Because the internet touches so many parts of our lives, organizations like the Federal Communications Commission and SAMHSA have even called broadband a "super-determinant" of health because of its influence on education, employment and health care access.

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THE WRAP: Shari Redstone Receives Fewest Votes in Paramount Board Election

In addition to Skydance, Sony Pictures Entertainment and Apollo Global Management, who submitted a joint \$26 billion all-cash offer in May that would see the former take a majority stake and operational control and the latter take a minority stake. The New York Times reported that they have signed NDAs to conduct due diligence, but have since backed away from the original offer. Creatives in Hollywood have expressed a preference for the Skydance deal over the joint bid, which could also face regulatory scrutiny from the FCC related to limitations on foreign ownership and national television ownership.

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THE CONVERSATION: Eminem's new single, Houdini, is a self-referential reminder of his unstoppable anti-hero appeal

In 2002's Without Me, for example, Eminem embraced his status as an anti-hero. Despite the best efforts of MTV and the Federal Communications Commission to "shut him down", he tells us he remains a "rebel" who refuses to be silenced. He describes himself as "obscene", a "monster" and a "nuisance" – but also a "visionary" and the "centre of attention", who can't be ignored.

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UPI: UPI Almanac for Tuesday, June 11, 2024

In 2018, the Federal Communications Commission allowed net neutrality rules enacted under the Obama administration to expire. The rules had required Internet service providers to enable access of all content and applications regardless of the source and without favoring or blocking particular products or websites.

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Social Media Summary

From Jun. 10 to 11, there were around 1,800 social media posts mentioning the FCC. Most content was on Twitter (69%, or around 1,300 posts), followed by Reddit (26%), Forums (3%), Blogs (1%), Comments (1%), and Facebook (0%).

The social media post with the greatest reach came from the Twitter account of Ars Technica (1.2m reach), which publicized its article on ISPs asking the FCC for a tax on Big Tech to fund the Universal Service Fund. The social media post with the second greatest reach came from the Twitter account of Elise Stefanik (550k reach), which noted that the House will vote on the Countering CCP Drones Act, which would add DJI to the covered list.

One trending topic on social media was the Supreme Court declining to question the FCC's Universal Service Fund. The Twitter account of Techmeme (430k reach, 2 engagements) had the most popular social media post on that topic. Another trending topic on social media was the FCC trying to increase transparency for AI-generated political ads. The Twitter account of WHIO-TV (160k reach, 1 engagement) had the most popular social media post on that topic.

There were no new tweets from Chairwoman Rosenworcel or any of the Commissioners.

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The senior Republican on the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) is blaming the Biden administration for a lack of high-speed internet projects that were approved under the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act, comparing the situation to the dearth of electric vehicle charging stations that were also supposed to be built with the funds.

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ASSOCIATED PRESS: North Dakota US House candidate files complaints over misleading text messages in primary election

An attorney for the Republican primary winner for North Dakota's only U.S. House seat has filed complaints with federal authorities regarding text messages that falsely stated she had dropped out of the heated GOP primary contest on the day of the June 11 election. Her attorney said the messages might be a test for a wider effort this fall. Julie Fedorchak, a longtime public utilities regulator, was the subject of the messages. Attorney Shane Goettle said Tuesday he recently filed complaints on her campaign's behalf with the Federal Election Commission and the Federal Communications Commission and alerted the U.S. Attorney's Office. He alleged election interference and fraudulent use of texting to deceive voters.

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THE VERGE: An effort to fund an internet subsidy program just got thwarted again

Don't hold your breath for a resurgence of government internet subsidies. Republicans and Democrats can't seem to agree on a way forward to fund the program, and passing such bills will only get more difficult as Election Day inches closer. Democrats and Republicans have introduced dueling bills to reauthorize the Federal Communications Commission's spectrum auctions, where the agency doles out access to frequencies that can be used to carry wireless signals. But the Democratic bill that has been repeatedly delayed in committee specifically seeks to fund a now-defunct internet subsidy program, while the Republican version does not. While some Republicans supported earlier efforts to extend the subsidy program, those efforts did not go through in time to keep it from ending.

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The Federal Communications Commission set up the Schools and Libraries Universal Service Support program, also known as the E-rate program, shortly after the establishment of the Telecommunications Act of 1996, which calls for universal access to telecommunications services.

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POLITIFACT: Ronald Reagan's Federal Communications Commission abolished the Fairness Doctrine and gave rise to Fox News.

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A consumer advocacy group and others have agreed to drop their challenge to the Federal Communications Commission's scheme for subsidizing phone and broadband access in rural areas. Lawyers for both sides alerted the US Court of Appeals for the D.C. Circuit on Monday that they had both agreed to voluntarily dismiss the case, less than six months after the court heard oral arguments.

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Waiver With Gray/Marquee Swap OK

In a move that could possibly lead to a thaw in regulatory policy when it comes to local broadcast television ownership limits, the FCC's Media Bureau, headed by Holly Saurer, has given its approval to a swap of stations between Brian and Patricia Lane's Marquee Broadcasting and Gray Television.

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THE DAILY YONDER: With Funding for ACP Up, Supporters Push for New Money, Better Access for Low-Income Families

Now that the federal Affordable Connectivity Program has run out of money, advocates for it are calling on the passage of a new funding bill — and some changes to the program. The Affordable Connectivity Program, also known as ACP, was part of the landmark 2021 Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act. It earmarked \$14.2 billion to help lower the costs of broadband. The program offered \$30 per month to eligible families to pay for low-cost broadband connections. Participants on tribal lands were eligible for \$75 a month. About 14% of participants (3.2 million households) were rural, according to a Daily Yonder analysis of Federal Communications Commission data.

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DATA CENTER DYNAMICS: Verizon urges FCC to not gift 4.9GHz spectrum to AT&T via FirstNet

Verizon has asked the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) to withhold 50MHz of spectrum in the 4.9 GHz band from FirstNet, claiming that handing it over would effectively be a \$14 billion gift to rival telco AT&T.

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BROADCASTING AND CABLE: Mission Broadcasting Demands Adell Return \$250,000 Deposit From Terminated WADL Deal

The Federal Communications Commission approved the sale of WADL to Mission, but imposed conditions. Those conditions would have prevented Mission from letting Nexstar run the station under local marketing and management agreements as Mission and Nexstar had planned. The FCC had previously ordered Mission to sell WPIX, New York, which Nexstar runs and programs under management and marketing agreements.

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INSIDE RADIO: Phoenix Operator Tries To Convince FCC To Rethink Decision To Cancel Licenses.

Radio Hogar is fighting for the life of regional Mexican “La Indiscreta” KASA (1540) Phoenix and its companion FM translator, the Phoenix-licensed K294CW at 106.7 FM. It is asking the Federal Communications Commission to reverse the decision to cancel the licenses for the two signals, arguing the rationale used by the Audio Division was “flawed.”

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INSIDE RADIO: FCC News Bites: One Broadcaster To Pay A Fine, Another Avoids The Penalty.

The Federal Communications Commission has upheld a \$25,000 fine levied two years ago against a Florida low-power FM which it said not only failed to comply with LPFM technical rules and did not have working Emergency Alert System equipment, but refused immediate entry to the building when field agents came to inspect the station. Jupiter Community Radio did not deny the allegations brought against WJUP-LP Jupiter, FL (103.9). But in an effort to reduce the fine, it disputed how the forfeiture was calculated.

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BROADBAND BREAKFAST: Expanded CBRS Service Areas Expected End-of-Summer

New rules for the Federal Communications Commission’s spectrum sharing system should be fully implemented by the end of the summer, a director of the organization that promotes the framework said on Tuesday. The FCC, along with the Defense Department and National Telecommunications and Information Administration, announced on June 12 new rules for the Citizens Broadband Radio Service that open up large swathes of the country to uninterrupted service from the system.

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MINNESOTA LAWYER: Net neutrality is back: A legal perspective on its return (Opinion)

The Federal Communications Commission's recent decision to reinstate net neutrality rules marks a pivotal moment in the ongoing battle for an "open" internet. The FCC's vote to restore regulations that prevent broadband providers from blocking or throttling internet traffic (or offering "fast lanes") is seen as a win for small companies (and consumers).

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DRONE DJ: DJI ban update: Current status and future implications for drone pilots

Here is what's happening with the potential ban of DJI drones in the US, and what drone pilots can expect in the weeks to come...The Countering CCP Drones Act aims to restrict the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) from issuing new licenses to Chinese drone manufacturer DJI and its affiliates. It is part of the National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA) FY2025, a complex legislative package addressing various aspects of defense and security policy.

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THE FEDERALIST: Pope Francis' Feel-Good Gospel Fans The Flame Of Radical Gender Ideology (Opinion)

In February, the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) reinstated a dormant requirement that radio stations must file Form 395-B. The document requires radio stations and their affiliates to list the race and "gender" of their employees. It has gone

unused since 2004, following a 2001 ruling by the U.S. Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit.

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THE VILLAGES DAILY SUN: Villager lobbies Congress for support for suicide helpline

The Lifeline came to fruition through the collaboration of several government agencies like the Federal Communications Commission and Department of Veterans Affairs, as well as mental health organizations like the AFSP and mental health advocates like Townsend, who recently returned from a weeklong ambassadorial trip to Washington, D.C.

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INSIDE CYBERSECURITY: Space ISAC leader cites software security benefits based on use of SBOM, supply chain engagement (SUBSCRIPTION REQUIRED)

Use of Software Bill of Materials to improve transparency into software assets is already reaping benefits for the space sector, according to Space Information Sharing and Analysis Center executive director Erin Miller, who cited related supply chain risks as a top concern for the ISAC.

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RCR WIRELESS: Expanded 'CBRS 2.0' access expected by late this summer

The CBRS 2.0 changes to the aggregate interference model reduce the Dynamic Protection Areas (DPAs) where access to the spectrum can be suspended for non-incumbents, decrease the number of grants for Citizens Broadband Radio Service Devices (CBSDs) that have to be suspended when a DPA is activated and enable more accurate propagation modeling "due to higher confidence through experience," according to an NTIA letter to the FCC requesting the changes to the CBRS framework.

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PCMAG: Wi-Fi at Warp Speed: Where to Find the Fastest Airport Internet Before You Fly

Wondering if a city's airport Wi-Fi will be enough for your traveling needs? It'll vary from person to person and depend on an airport's Wi-Fi setup and total number of connections, but the FCC generally considers 25Mbps to be an appropriate minimum broadband speed for most web-based activities. Downloading large files could prove difficult, however, so it might be best to download your favorite movies and music before you start your journey.

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PCMAG: SpaceX's Starlink Mini Dish Features a Built-In Wi-Fi Router

The built-in modem promises to make the Starlink Mini dish more portable. However, the downside is that the hardware only supports Wi-Fi 5 speeds, even though FCC documents suggested it was capable of Wi-Fi 6 speeds.

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CHEBOYGAN DAILY TRIBUNE: Spectrum expands broadband internet service in Cheboygan County

The company's expansion is part of a \$5 billion investment in underserved rural communities, partially offset by \$1.2 billion from the Rural Digital Opportunity Fund auction from the Federal Communications Commission.

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LOUISIANA ILLUMINATOR: Federal broadband expansion projects see mixed progress in Louisiana

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CNN: From Disney Mouseketeer to DWI arrest: The highs and lows of Justin Timberlake's career

After the incident, hundreds of thousands of complaints flooded into the Federal Communications Commission, CBS (which aired the Super Bowl) was fined and Jackson's career suffered. Timberlake, then 23, was criticized for not doing more to publicly support Jackson in the aftermath.

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VANITY FAIR: RFK Jr. Is Running Out of Time to Join Biden and Trump on the CNN Debate Stage

The campaign called on the FCC to take action before the Thursday deadline, according to a June 18 press release, and claimed that "CNN, and every member of CNN who is participating in planning, executing, and holding this debate, is at risk of prosecution. "This risk," the release continues, "is now acute given that any further violation would be knowing and willful, and thus could carry with it serious jail time."

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PEOPLE: Biggest Revelations About Donald Trump and More in The Apprentice Tell-All Book

Aiken said there "probably should have been" rules against a reality TV show judge helping out a contestant with whom they're secretly romantically involved, indicating that

American Idol — the show he came in second place on in 2003 — had "very strict FCC-regulated rules."

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Sinclair even came up with a way of getting around FCC rules that barred ownership of two competing stations in one market through so-called local marketing agreements, under which Sinclair could operate a second station in a given market by selling it to a corporation that would eventually come under Sinclair's control if and when FCC rules are relaxed. Next came so-called shared services agreements, which allowed Sinclair to control a third station in Columbus, Ohio, where Sinclair already operated two stations.

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AL JAZEERA: 'A lack of trust': How deepfakes and AI could rattle the US elections

The Federal Communications Commission (FCC), for instance, ruled earlier this year that voice-mimicking software falls under the 1991 Telephone Consumer Protection Act — and is therefore illegal in most circumstances.

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SPECTRUM NEWS: The Big Stories: Citizens insurance plans rate hike and Trump joins TikTok

Both the FBI and the Federal Communications Commission have warned that ByteDance could share user data such as browsing history, location and biometric identifiers with China's government. TikTok said it has never done that and would not, if asked.

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SPACE NEWS: Doubling Down: Actions to Progress on Both Space Debris Mitigation and Remediation

In the United States, in early May, the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) stated its intent to refresh the record concerning orbital debris mitigation requirements for large constellations, ultimately seeking "to improve and clarify its rules" on this topic. The FCC's

Chairwoman, Jessica Rosenworcel, also issued a statement on May 29, 2024, noting, “Our orbital debris mitigation efforts will help preserve the orbital environment to protect services we rely on and allow new services to be launched.”

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This is corroborated by an FCC filing last year, stating that SpaceX’s Starlink satellites had made more than 50,000 collision avoidance maneuvers since they were first launched into space in 2019. The filing showed that collision avoidance maneuvers are doubling roughly every six months.

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From Jun. 18 to 20, there were around 23,900 social media posts mentioning the FCC. Most content was on Twitter (94%, or around 22,500 posts), followed by Reddit (4%), Forums (1%), Comments (0%), Blogs (0%), and Facebook (0%).

The social media post with the greatest reach came from the Twitter account of the New York Post (3.1m reach), which publicized its article on the FCC’s involvement in George Soros’ takeover of Audacy. The social media post with the second greatest reach came from the Twitter account of the Daily Caller (1.1m reach), which publicized its article on Republicans accusing the FCC of interfering in elections.

One trending topic on social media was the FCC’s involvement in George Soros’ takeover of Audacy. The Twitter account of the New York Post (3.1m reach, 1.2k engagements) had the most popular social media post on that topic. Another trending topic on social media was Commissioner Carr criticizing Biden for a lack of internet projects. The Twitter account of Fox Business (880k reach, 36 engagements) had the most popular social media post on that topic.

Commissioner Carr tweeted (55k reach, 192 engagements) out a reiteration of his claim that BEAD “has not connected even one person since its 2021 enactment.”

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In recent comments to the Federal Communications Commission, USTelecom, which is a trade organization representing many major American telecommunication companies including AT&T and Verizon, urged the agency to require major technology companies to contribute to the Universal Service Fund.

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NEWSMAX: FCC's Carr to Newsmax: Sound Alarm on Soros Radio Takeover Bid (Video)

Brendan Carr, one of two Republican members of the five-member Federal Communications Commission (FCC), warned Thursday on Newsmax about an effort by a foreign company founded by liberal billionaire George Soros that is seeking to fast-track the purchase of more than 200 radio stations in the U.S.

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INSIDE RADIO: FCC Considers Petition To Allow Some Class A FMs To Raise Power To 10,000 Watts.

The Federal Communications Commission is taking a closer look at a proposal first floated by Commander Communication this month to create a new class of FM stations that the broadcaster says would “benefit thousands of listeners” by creating more dependable signals that could prove critical in times of severe weather and natural disasters.

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LAW360: EchoStar Says Customers Can Skip Junk Fees With Right Info (SUBSCRIPTION REQUIRED)

Dish Network parent company EchoStar is defending early termination fees to the Federal Communications Commission, telling the agency that Dish's 2009 settlement agreement over deceptive charges can serve as a model for FCC billing guidelines.

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LAW360: FCC Allows Top-4 Exception So Gray Can Sell Station

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The Federal Communications Commission has granted an exception to its rule prohibiting ownership of stations carrying more than one top-four network in a local market, allowing Gray Television to sell a Cheyenne, Wyoming, station as part of a larger deal.

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LAW360: Caltrans Tells FCC It's Against FirstNet Control Of 4.9 GHz (SUBSCRIPTION REQUIRED)

California's Department of Transportation is adding its name to the list of public service entities lining up to tell the Federal Communications Commission that making AT&T's FirstNet the national manager of the 4.9 gigahertz safety band is a bad idea.

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LAW360: FCC Slams Bid In 6th Circ. To Put Net Neutrality On Hold (SUBSCRIPTION REQUIRED)

The Federal Communications Commission told the Sixth Circuit on Tuesday it should pay no heed to a collection of net neutrality challengers arguing that "dire consequences" will ensue if the appellate court doesn't stop the agency from reinstating open internet regulations while the two sides argue the matter out in court.

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LIGHT READING: No end in sight for 5G spectrum squabbling

It looks like Congress will remain deadlocked over how to release spectrum for 5G. And that situation could push industry players to other, secondary spectrum sources. "This is a case where nobody really wins and everyone is unhappy," wrote Blair Levin, a policy adviser to New Street Research and a former high-level FCC official, in a note to investors Tuesday regarding ongoing spectrum negotiations in Congress.

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RADIO & TELEVISION BUSINESS REPORT: FCC Considering A New FM Broadcast Station Class

In response to a Petition for Rulemaking submitted by a radio station owner just one week

ago, the Media Bureau is now seeking comment on a proposal that would create a new FM station class.

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BROADBAND BREAKFAST: Louisiana State Watchdog Wants More RDOF Oversight

Louisiana’s legislative auditor wants the state’s public service commission to take a more active role in monitoring Internet provider compliance with a Federal Communications Commission broadband subsidy program. “Based on their updates, it is unclear whether all [Rural Digital Opportunity Fund] providers will meet the service milestones set by the FCC,” Legislative Auditor Michael Maguespack wrote in a May report. “As of December 2023, three of the 12 providers were still in planning, and approximately 14,500 (9.9 percent) of the 146,203 RDOF-funded locations have broadband access.”

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BROADBAND BREAKFAST: Property Owners Could Evade Bulk Billing Ban, ISPs say

A potential federal ban on bulk billing contracts between internet providers and landlords could be exploited by property owners. That was the warning issued by ACA Connects, a trade association for smaller Internet Service Providers, as described in a recent letter to the Federal Communications Commission.

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BROADBAND BREAKFAST: Supreme Court will Review E-Rate False Claims Act Case

The Supreme Court has agreed to weigh in on how much E-Rate participants can be forced to pay as a penalty for submitting inflated reimbursement requests. At issue was whether reimbursement requests under the Federal Communications Commission program count as “claims” under the False Claims Act, which mandates higher financial penalties against entities that allegedly cheat to obtain government money. The act calls for damages triple the amount of the improperly obtained payments, plus mandatory civil penalties.

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FIERCE NETWORK: Elon Musk joins Washington Times in dinging the BEAD program

As far as the dinging goes, those in the industry who have been following BEAD from the beginning are well aware that fiber networks don't get deployed overnight. And it's been a process to approve the BEAD project, get state broadband offices in place, develop systems at the National Telecommunications and Information Administration (NTIA) to distribute the funds, work with the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) to determine unserved broadband locations, and on and on.

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ELECTRO PAGES: Cyber Trust Mark: New Certification for IoT Security

In less than a decade, the number of IoT devices has exponentially grown, and they are found in almost all places, including homes, offices, and factories. But while these simple internet-enabled devices have proven themselves to be extraordinarily useful, they have also brought about numerous challenges, including cybersecurity issues, data privacy, and e-waste. As a result of these challenges, the FCC is now introducing new safety stickers that only safe and certified devices can bear, indicating the relative security strength to customers. What challenges do IoT devices present with regard to cybersecurity, what exactly has the FCC announced, and how will such cybersecurity-certified safety stickers on IoT products help improve customer experiences with regard to data protection and privacy?

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MEDIA VILLAGE: Annual Conference Interview: An FCC Update From Washington Experts (VIDEO)

In an informative and economically constructed interview, our guests cover key developments at the FCC and on Capitol Hill. As they explain, despite some ominous

regulatory clouds for broadcasters, the industry has also brought lawmakers from both sides of the aisle together in surprisingly productive and encouraging ways.

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COMPETITIVE ENTERPRISE INSTITUTE: Wi-Fi: A freedom and innovation success story (Opinion)

There's been a lot of bad news on the regulatory front lately with the FCC darkening broadband's success with burdensome regulation. But let's celebrate an innovation success story that is based on freedom and openness – Wi-Fi. In 1985, the FCC tried something it had not done before. It opened three spectrum bands for unlicensed use, allowing anyone who followed the rules to use them. So little was thought of these spectrum bands that they were considered “junk bands.” But out of those junk bands emerged many productive uses, including Wi-Fi.

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BROADBAND COMMUNITIES: Solutions provider offers free online broadband label generator for ISPs

A cloud-based solutions provider named Sonar Software has announced it is offering a free generator for broadband labels. The announcement comes several months after the FCC required the implementation of Broadband Consumer Labels, known as ‘nutrition labels,’ among telecoms.

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ESCHOOL NEWS: FCC adopts \$200M cybersecurity pilot program

The Federal Communications Commission (FCC) on June 6 adopted a three-year, \$200 million Schools and Libraries Cybersecurity Pilot Program, which will allow the FCC to obtain and analyze actionable data about which cybersecurity services and equipment would best help K-12 schools and libraries address growing cyberthreats and attacks against their broadband networks.

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Other restriction steps followed, including a related ban on Kaspersky products for use in U.S. government contracts and a later move from the Federal Communications Commission that added the company to its national security threat list in the wake of Russia's 2022 invasion of Ukraine. The Thursday move is a first-of-its-kind decision that prevents the American private sector from buying Kaspersky offerings altogether.

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DRONE DJ: DJI ban loophole? Meet the SPECTA and SPECTA Mini

Approved by the FCC, Hong Kong-based Cogito Tech Company Limited's SPECTA and SPECTA Mini, show signs that they are just copies of DJI's most popular consumer drones. The Hill states drone experts say the two "are nearly identical to products produced by DJI." We spend the weekend looking through each product's FCC filing. While we didn't find a smoking gun that proves The Hill is correct in claiming these are DJI clones, I would say we found a gun loading and ready to fire.

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DIGITAL CAMERA WORLD: DJI tells us impending drone ban "is very worrying" for US customers in wide-ranging and open interview

Welsh continues "So it's unclear if it would be covered, but our drone products, enterprise

and consumer, would be added to what's called the FCC covered list, and that would make it impossible for us to get the certifications we need to release new products into the US."

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INSIDE CYBERSECURITY: NIST releases 'concept papers' on plans for joint frameworks profile, privacy document update (SUBSCRIPTION REQUIRED)

The National Institute of Standards and Technology has released two documents outlining its approach to a joint profile mapping how three foundational NIST frameworks can work together in addressing cyber, privacy and artificial intelligence risk management, and on its process for updating the NIST privacy framework, in advance of a major workshop on June 25.

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GIZMOCHINA: Redmi 12 5G Crosses 4 Million Users in India!

In related news, Redmi is working on the Redmi Pad SE 8.7 4G tablet, which will likely be launched in multiple regions, including India. The device has already cleared Bureau of Indian Standards certification, as well as Federal Communications Commission certification, which means that we can expect the launch in the coming weeks.

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BROADBAND BREAKFAST: Ziplly Launches New Montana Fiber Network

Internet service provider Ziplly Fiber announced on Monday its new fiber-optic network to serve a total of 29,000 addresses in Billings and Great Falls, Montana. Billings, with 19,000 addresses, and Great Falls, with 10,000 addresses, now have access to high-speed internet ranging from 100 megabits per second to 50 gigabits per second through Ziplly Fiber plans. These plans surpass the Federal Communications Commission's minimum residential broadband speed requirements, providing high-speed download and upload capabilities.

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STATESCOOP: Pennsylvania opens grant applications for laptop giveaways

The digital divide is shrinking. A 2023 Pew Research Center survey found that 90% of adults in the U.S. have a smartphone and 80% subscribe to high-speed internet at home. Some credit rising access numbers to programs like the Federal Communications Commission's Affordable Connectivity Program, which, until it expired last month, provided low-income households with devices and discounts on their internet bills.

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TELECOMPETITOR: A Sure Bet to Boost ARPU: Bundling Internet and TV Services

Let's face it: the playing field is growing. More of the bigger wireless carriers are offering more home internet. Starlink is just starting to ramp up. Even Amazon is entering the marketplace after garnering FCC approval to launch 3,000 satellites into space in order to start offering home internet services.

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CNET: Why Does My Internet Price Keep Going Up? Here's What You Can Do

This is likely your last resort. It's a hassle to switch internet providers. You'll likely have to return equipment, schedule a new installation and potentially even go without internet for a period of time. But you could save hundreds of dollars a year by getting back onto promotional pricing from another provider. Enter your address on the FCC's broadband map and see what other options are available to you.

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TALLAHASSEE DEMOCRAT: Going over-the-air with Tallahassee Amateur Radio Society for National Field Day

Stan Zawrotny is a senior ham with the Tallahassee club, who was first introduced to amateur radio on a bus ride from school after hearing that people were using their wooden radios at home to hear Sputnik, the first artificial satellite sent to orbit Earth in 1957. At 15 years old, he earned his amateur radio license from the Federal Communications Commission (FCC), after a series of tests required for all ham operators.

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NEWS BULLETIN: “Tune in” to local HAM radio club’s field day celebration this weekend

The Valencia County Amateur Radio Association invites the public to its upcoming field day this weekend to see why HAM radio has persevered throughout the decades and continues to fascinate people all around the world. HAM radio, also known as amateur radio, is an officially-licensed hobby through the Federal Communications Commission. “We are allowed to design and build our own radios that operate within the rules of the FCC,” said VCARA president John Schaaf. “We can modify them within those rules, and we have set frequencies that we’re allowed to transmit on. We communicate locally and around the world.”

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TVTECHNOLOGY: NextGen TV: A Brighter Future Beckons, But a Clear Sunset is Needed

ATSC 3.0, (aka "NextGen TV") offers immersive experiences, enhanced accessibility, and societal benefits. However, a clear and well-defined sunset date for ATSC 1.0 simulcasting is crucial to truly unlock this potential. At the 2024 NextGen Broadcast Conference, NAB CEO Curtis LeGeyt opened the discussion, with FCC Commissioner Brendan Carr’s support for a related proceeding. Industry leaders and attendees applauded, highlighting a widespread consensus for moving forward.

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NEW JERSEY GLOBE: ELEC will hold hearing to determine if Spadea radio show counts against spending cap

Townsquare appears to have taken the view that the Federal Communication Commission’s equal time regulations don’t kick in until after Spadea files his petitions to become a candidate. “We have taken steps and imposed guidelines to ensure that Bill’s on-air presence over the coming months and until he becomes a legally qualified candidate are in accordance with New Jersey election law, applicable FCC guidance, and industry standards and best practices for such circumstances,” Townsquare said in a statement on Monday.

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AMERICAN ENTERPRISE INSTITUTE: Overregulation Threatens the Digital Economy (Opinion)

The administration's approach is at best a misguided attempt to retrofit the digital age with antiquated regulatory ideas. One glaring example is the push to make broadband a government-directed public utility. The National Telecommunications and Information Administration (NTIA), overseeing the \$42.5 billion Broadband Equity, Access, and Deployment program (BEAD), seeks to control broadband providers' technology choices, labor practices, and pricing — exactly the opposite of what is needed for growth and innovation. A parallel effort is seen in the Federal Communications Commission's (FCC) re-adoption of net neutrality rules, applying to modern broadband services a regulatory paradigm designed for monopoly telephone utilities. If successful, these efforts will create a stagnant, uninspired broadband market.

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BENZINGA: Justice Department To Prioritize Children's Privacy Violation In TikTok Lawsuit, Drops Claim Chinese Platform Misled US Customers

Earlier this month, ByteDance appointed a new global general counsel, John Rogovin, who previously served as the top lawyer at Warner Bros. Discovery Inc. and held positions at the U.S. Federal Communications Commission and the Justice Department.

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The social media post with the greatest reach came from the Twitter account of Laura Ingraham (4.8m reach), which publicized Commissioner Carr's appearance on Fox Business in which he raised concerns about the Soros takeover of Audacy. The social media post with the second greatest reach came from the Twitter account of PolitiFact (640k reach), which publicized its article on Ronald Reagan's FCC abolishing the Fairness Doctrine.

One trending topic on social media was Commissioner Carr's appearance on Fox Business in which he raised concerns about the Soros takeover of Audacy. The Twitter account of Laura Ingraham (4.8m reach, 275 engagements) had the most popular social media post on that topic. Another trending topic on social media was Commissioner Carr criticizing Biden for a lack of internet projects. The Twitter account of Wayne Dunlap (220k reach,

292 engagements) had the most popular social media post on that topic.

Commissioner Carr tweeted (55k reach, 120 engagements) that in the 948 days since President Biden signed into law a plan to connect Americans to the internet, no one has been connected with those dollars.

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China Telecom, China Mobile and China Unicom have long been in Washington's crosshairs. The FCC denied China Mobile's application to provide telephone service in 2019 and revoked China Telecom and China Unicom's licenses to do the same in 2021 and 2022 respectively. In April, the FCC went further and barred the companies from providing broadband service. A spokesman for the FCC said the agency stands by its concerns.

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REUTERS: AT&T wants Big Tech firms to pay into telecom and broadband subsidy fund

AT&T (T.N), opens new tab CEO John Stankey said on Monday that Congress should give the Federal Communications Commission the power to require Big Tech firms to contribute to a government fund that subsidizes access to telecom and broadband services.

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Regulators are slowly taking note of the unanswered questions that come with increasing space hardware. In 2019, the United Nations Committee on the Peaceful Uses of Outer Space published long-term sustainability guidelines that recommended regulating the environmental effects of space activities on the planet. In 2022, the Federal Communications Commission, which licenses most satellites, approved 7,500 of SpaceX's requested batch of nearly 30,000 satellites.

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Loudoun County Public Schools filed a bizarre complaint with the Federal Communication Commission (FCC) asking the federal agency to punish the D.C. market's ABC affiliate for its Emmy-winning coverage of the district's corruption, calling the reporting "misinformation and disinformation" that amounted to "bullying and harassing behavior."

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Artificial intelligence (AI) skeptics often predicate regulatory proposals on the unserious claim that no agency possesses effective authority to regulate the technology. Once scrutinized, these claims have withered. Recognizing this, technocrats across the government have rushed to deploy their power to mold AI development and use — even absent firm statutory authority. The cooks are piling into the kitchen, and the broth is in danger. The Federal Communications Commission (FCC) late last month joined the regulatory fray, announcing a forthcoming disclosure regime for AI-generated political campaign advertisements. Precisely what legitimate interest the FCC — a communications regulator — has in involving itself in political speech remains unclear.

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INSIDE RADIO: Townsquare Relinquishes FM License In Washington State Market.

Following Townsquare Media's January 2024 decision to take its classic hits "97.5 Kool FM" KOLW Basin City, WA silent, citing "economic conditions," the company's Tri-Cities Divestiture Trust has now surrendered the station's license to the FCC. KOLW, which was part of Townsquare's eight-station cluster in the Yakima-Pasco-Richland-Kennewick DMA in Washington state, was placed into the Tri-Cities trust created in 2022 when it acquired Cherry Creek Broadcasting's properties for \$18.7 million.

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As a result of this crucial legislation, the Federal Communications Commission ultimately banned the sale and import of equipment from Chinese-owned telecommunications companies such as Huawei and ZTE, which U.S. law enforcement and intelligence agencies deem national security threats. As we speak, U.S. companies continue to rip and replace Chinese-made software and communications equipment.

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TVTECHNOLOGY: Jerry Fritz, the Self-Described 'Forrest Gump' of the Industry, Prepares For Retirement

For more than a half century, Jerry Fritz has been at some of the most momentous turning points in the broadcast and telecommunications industries—much as the fictional character Forrest Gump was an up-close part of and witness to major events in U.S. history. As a broadcaster, lawyer, FCC Chairman chief of staff and most recently a key

player at the vanguard of NextGen TV during his tenure with ONE Media, Fritz has witnessed and influenced a lot.

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FIERCE NETWORK: AT&T says its not getting 'windfall' from 4.9 GHz spectrum

Verizon recently told the FCC that providing FirstNet with access to 50 megahertz of 4.9 GHz spectrum would result in a “substantial windfall” to AT&T worth more than \$14 billion.

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ANDROID HEADLINES: Motorola's Moto Tag ready for launch with FCC's sign of approval

In 2017, Motorola launched a smart object tracker called the Moto Tag. Seven years later, the company is gearing up to introduce an upgraded version, seemingly with the same name. The new model has already received a few regulatory certifications, hinting at an imminent launch. The FCC also recently certified it, further supporting the theory.

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BROADBAND BREAKFAST: NTCA CEO Dings Cable for RDOF Defaults

The head of a rural broadband trade group chided the cable industry last week for defaulting on commitments made as part of a Federal Communications Commission subsidy program. “Right now, there is a great deal of noise from the cable industry on how they are going to be the ones who bring connectivity to these markets,” NTCA CEO Shirley Bloomfield wrote in a blog post on Friday. “That said, looking at their track record on Rural Digital Opportunity Fund or even American Rescue Plan funding, pardon me if I remain skeptical on their actual commitment to serving these markets beyond the enterprise customers who might be attractive. The farm at the end of the road? Likely not so much.”

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BROADBAND BREAKFAST: DOJ and FCC Defend Digital Discrimination Rules to Eighth Circuit

The Justice Department and the Federal Communications Commission defended the agency’s digital discrimination rules in a Friday filing with the Eighth Circuit Court of Appeals in St. Louis. As mandated by the Infrastructure Act of 2021, the FCC adopted in November rules aimed at preventing gaps in broadband access based on race, ethnicity, income level, and other characteristics – known as digital discrimination. Equal access was defined in the statute as the ability to subscribe to comparable service at comparable rates

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BROADBAND BREAKFAST: GOP-Run Washington in 2025 Could Void Pending FCC Regulations

A 1996 law gives Congress and the President the power to overturn federal regulations issued within 60 legislative days prior to final adjournment each year. The Congressional Review Act, passed to give Congress more oversight over administrative agencies, could potentially endanger newly adopted regulations under FCC Chairwoman Jessica Rosenworcel.

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TELECOMPETITOR: Industry Presses the FCC to Keep Funding Broadband Growth

Despite problems with the wider U.S. economy, demand for broadband and consumer take rates for increasing speeds has not slowed. In a recent round of comments that will inform an FCC broadband report, industry organizations urged policies that will encourage continued investment in broadband networks to improve the competitive environment.

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ZACKS: Cambium's (CMBM) PMP 450v Receives Full FCC Certification

Cambium Network Corporation (CMBM Quick QuoteCMBM - Free Report) recently announced that it had received FCC and ISED certification for its PMP 450v Fixed Wireless Access Point and Subscriber Module. The accreditation is likely to strengthen the platform's reliability and durability in meeting the diverse demands of telecommunications sector worldwide.

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The Countering CCP Drones Act (HR 2864) would add equipment and services from DJI to the co-called the 'covered list,' blocking DJI from getting FCC licenses for future drone models, and potentially leading to the revocation of existing FCC authorizations.

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MYSMARTPRICE: Possible OnePlus Watch 2R Global Variant Spotted

on FCC Database; Could Launch Soon

OnePlus could soon launch a smartwatch in global markets, including India. Today, we have spotted an upcoming OnePlus smartwatch in the FCC, which could debut under the OnePlus Watch 2R moniker.

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DRONE DJ: New DJI Air 3S leaks amid looming US drone ban

Now, the potential US ban on DJI drones could limit consumer access to new models. But if the so-called Air 3S is already in the process of gaining certification from the Federal Communications Commission (FCC), it would likely not be affected.

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DIGITAL TRENDS: Why does my iPhone say SOS? What it means and how to get rid of it

The Federal Communications Commission (FCC) requires all wireless service providers to handle 911 calls regardless of whether the caller subscribes to that carrier. This means you can call 911 even on an iPhone without a SIM card installed, and you can reach 911 on another carrier's network if your provider isn't reachable.

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The agency has previously put Chinese firms Quectel and Fibocom in its crosshairs, asking officials to assess if the FCC should add the companies to its list of technologies that pose national security risks because they produce cellular modules for IoT devices.

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INSIDE CYBERSECURITY: SEC issues draft taxonomy for comment on establishing machine readable format for submitting cyber incident disclosure filings (SUBSCRIPTION REQUIRED)

The Securities and Exchange Commission has published a draft taxonomy for public comment to enable publicly traded companies to submit required information for cyber incident disclosures through a machine-readable format. "The Commission adopted rules requiring registrants to periodically disclose material cybersecurity incidents they experience and to disclose on an annual basis material information regarding their

cybersecurity risk management, strategy, and governance,” the SEC said in a Monday notice on the controversial 2023 rulemaking.

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CNET: Samsung Galaxy Buds 3 May Look Like Apple AirPods, Report Says

The leaks have become so pervasive that when the US Federal Communications Commission published testing records in May, they mostly confirmed details that had already been circulating about increased battery capacity and the Galaxy Ring's finger-size options.

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KIPLINGER: Congress Spends Big on Closing the Digital Divide

Local, small providers will be relied on in many rural spots. Many will understand the location, workforce and demands of building a local network. However, a risk is that smaller providers overpromise to gain funding and then fail to deliver over the long haul. One federal pandemic broadband program for rural areas now has over \$2 billion in default, out of a total pool of \$9 billion, after some providers realized the proposed business models wouldn't work. The Federal Communications Commission is still figuring out what to do about the failed projects.

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LIGHT READING: California says AT&T can't shut down copper DSL network

Blair Levin, a policy adviser to New Street Research and a former high-level FCC official, wrote earlier this month that the US government's \$42.45 billion Broadband Equity Access and Deployment (BEAD) program ought to eventually resolve AT&T's copper troubles in California. The program is slated to funnel billions of dollars into the rural areas where carriers like AT&T want to shutter their copper networks.

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"We did have an outage back in February of this year. We immediately stood up a task force," Wassel said. "That task force has come up with recommendations that have been briefed to the [FirstNet Authority] board, it's been briefed to NTIA and most recently briefed to the FCC.

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THE DESK: Jamie Kellner, TV executive who launched Fox & WB, dies at 77

Kellner kept a relatively low profile after retiring from the broadcast industry. Last year, he joined a growing roster of former Fox executives who called for the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) to block the broadcast license of the network's Philadelphia owned-and-operated station, WTXF, following the company's \$787.5 million settlement over election-related misinformation aired on two of its cable networks.

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In its announcement of the \$100,000 "innovation prize," the Heritage Foundation said the award would support AAF researchers as they work to "alert Congress, a conservative administration, and the American people to the presence of anti-American bad actors burrowed into the administrative state and ensure appropriate action is taken." Heritage proudly noted that AAF contributed to the smear campaign that derailed Gigi Sohn, President Joe Biden's erstwhile nominee to serve on the Federal Communications Commission.

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RADIO & TELEVISION BUSINESS REPORT: 'Georgia's Greatest Hits' Secures an Atlanta Broadcast Home

Christopher L. Murray, as Managing Member of Georgia's Greatest Hits LLC, has signed an Asset Purchase Agreement that, pending FCC regulatory approval, will give it ownership of an 80-watt FM translator serving Atlanta's East Side. This will ensure that a "Fox" owns the facility it has been operating via a lease agreement with the seller.

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Two FMs with 6kw serving a rural area of Georgia that includes the tiny towns of Jacksonville and Axson have been sold. Pending FCC approval, it will become a station licensed to Journey Church of Tifton.

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It describes itself as a generative AI-powered company that "helps your news team get more done, faster," by generating artificial news anchors for an AM or FM based on a local news source of a station's choosing. The company has just been acquired by a broadcast radio technology company led by Ricki Lee, one of the first non-U.S. citizens to hold a FCC license.

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"In the Reagan years, when he pulled much of the support for the FCC, they decided that in order to save money at the government level, they decided to let the ARRL, the organization that I represent, self-manage all the ham radio stuff," Hook explained. "So we do all the testing and educating and everything that used to be... tightly regulated by the government. I had to take my first license test in front of an FCC examiner in a government building. And today we do all that ourselves."

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HUNTINGDON DAILY NEWS: [Huntingdon radio station permit approved](#)

Huntingdon could once again have its own radio station. And it would indeed be Huntingdon's radio station. Huntingdon Borough council member Robert Jackson, who serves on the community development committee and is one of those leading the local

radio effort, announced at the June council meeting Tuesday evening that the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) has approved a construction permit for Huntingdon Borough to build a Low Power FM (LPFM) radio station.

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BROADCASTING AND CABLE: Jerald Fritz Set To Retire as EVP of Sinclair's One Media Unit

Sinclair said Jerald Fritz, executive VP for strategic and legal affairs at Sinclair's One Media Technologies unit, has announced plans to retire effective July 1. Fritz joined One Media from Allbritton Communications and Politico, where he served as general counsel and director of strategic affairs for nearly 30 years. Previously, he served as chief of staff to Federal Communications Commission chairman Mark Fowler.

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There are, however, two large hurdles that will be difficult for any potential owner to overcome — an activist FCC and an equally defiant Justice Department, both of whom seem to have an aversion to any business merger that might make a profit. It's also difficult to even know what the rules are these days because the FCC has been inventing new ones as it goes.

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WXMI-TV: Whoever wins presidential election tasked with implementation of infrastructure law

Commissioner Brendan Carr, the senior Republican on the Federal Communications Commission, recently posted on social media, "In 2021, the Biden Administration got \$42.45 billion from Congress to deploy high-speed Internet to millions of Americans. Years later, it has not connected even 1 person with those funds."

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USA TODAY NETWORK: A house in Florida, a trail in North Carolina: What to do if you find SpaceX debris

Last year the Federal Communications Commission fined the Dish Network \$150,000 for failing to bring an old satellite to a safe orbit where they said they would, as part of a crackdown on space debris.

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AVIATION WEEK: Early Reviews Are Rave For New Satcom System

SpaceX engineers have provisioned Starlink for plenty of growth potential. While the system currently uses mainly KU-, K- and KA-band for up and down links, SpaceX has secured U.S. Federal Communications Commission approval for at least 10 spectrum slices, ranging from 10.7 GHz up to 86 GHz. Its current-generation, digitally tuned phased array antennae on aircraft, satellites and gateway ground stations will support 10 GHz to 100 GHz radio communications, providing ample room to expand.

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THE REGISTER: NASA ought to pay up after space debris punched a hole in my roof, homeowner says

If NASA does end up settling with the Oteros, it could establish precedence that government organizations have to be responsible for their space debris. Precedence for this might have already been established, at least partly, when the Federal Communications Commission fined Dish for not moving one of its old satellites far enough from Earth, which the FCC said "could pose orbital debris concerns."

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From Jun. 24 to 25, there were around 3,000 social media posts mentioning the FCC. Most content was on Twitter (85%, or around 2,600 posts), followed by Reddit (12%), Forums (2%), Blogs (1%), Comments (0%), and Facebook (0%).

The social media post with the greatest reach came from the Twitter account of Android Headlines (460k reach), which publicized its article on Motorola's Moto Tag being approved by the FCC. The social media post with the second greatest reach came from the Twitter account of the Rep. Chip Roy Press Office (230k reach), which publicized a quote from Roy calling for strong FCC oversight regarding George Soros' takeover of Audacy.

One trending topic on social media was Motorola's Moto Tag being approved by the FCC. The Twitter account of Android Headlines (460k reach, 2 engagements) had the most popular social media post on that topic. Another trending topic on social media was Commissioner Simington speaking at a Consumer Tech Association event. The Twitter

account of the Consumer Tech Association (90k reach, 8 engagements) had the most popular social media post on that topic.

Commissioner Carr tweeted (55k reach, 316 engagements) out his agreement with Congressman Chip Roy that the FCC should not “create a special Soros shortcut” for the takeover of Audacy.

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The era of telecom providers charging high rates to incarcerated people and their families may soon be over, according to the Federal Communications Commission, with the regulatory agency saying it is set to "end exorbitant" call charges next month. The FCC's proposed rules would significantly lower existing per-minute rate caps for out-of-state and international audio calls from correctional facilities, and apply those rate caps to in-state audio calls, the agency announced Wednesday.

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ENGADGET: Verizon will pay a \$1 million fine to settle a 911 outage investigation

Verizon has agreed to pay a \$1.05 million penalty to settle a Federal Communications Commission investigation into whether the company broke the agency's rules after a 911 outage. Over a period of one hour and 44 minutes in December 2022, the outage prevented hundreds of emergency calls from going through in Alabama, Florida, Georgia, North Carolina, South Carolina and Tennessee, the FCC said.

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Alas, the U.S. has failed this test before. In the long-running error that allowed the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) to regulate broadcast TV and radio content under policies like the Fairness Doctrine, rules were not explicitly stated and the public was rarely informed. Instead, the commission engaged in what was known as "regulation by raised eyebrow." If a broadcaster did not refrain from engaging in controversial programming, as determined by FCC bureaucrats (perhaps acting on congressional or White House requests), it would risk costly challenges to its operating license. The raised eyebrow threatened free speech by transmitting political demands without a paper trail.

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LAW360: FCC To Finalize Funding For School Wi-Fi Hot Spots (SUBSCRIPTION REQUIRED)

The Federal Communications Commission plans to vote in July on final rules to help schools pay for Wi-Fi hot spots, part of a Democratic effort to address off-campus connectivity gaps through federal aid.

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LAW360: FCC Threatens To Yank Texas AM Station License Over Fees (SUBSCRIPTION REQUIRED)

A Spanish-language Christian radio station is about to have its license snatched away by the Federal Communications Commission if it doesn't do something about its delinquent regulatory fees, according to new proceedings initiated by the agency.

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RADIO & TELEVISION BUSINESS REPORT: Mr. Antenna Owner Violates FCC Sunshine Agenda Period

Karlo Maalouf, owner and founder of Mr. Antenna, has been singled out by the FCC's Office of General Counsel for submitting a prohibited written presentation during a Commission "Sunshine Agenda Period."

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BROADBAND BREAKFAST: State Utility Commissions Looking to Defend Net Neutrality Rules

A group of state utility regulators wants to intervene on the Federal Communications Commission's behalf in the industry challenge to the agency's net neutrality rules.

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BROADBAND BREAKFAST: AT&T CEO: Big Tech Should Pay Its Fair Share

In 2023, the USF spent \$4.3 billion to subsidize broadband in high-cost rural areas, \$2.4 billion to connect schools and libraries, and \$869.8 million to assist 7.3 million low-income participants in the Lifeline broadband program, according to that year's annual report by the Universal Service Administrative Company, which runs the USF for the FCC.

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91 MOBILES: OnePlus Watch 2R with 500mAh battery surfaces on FCC, launch imminent

OnePlus is expected to launch a new smartwatch, but there is no official confirmation yet. However, a new smartwatch, potentially the OnePlus Watch 2R, has been spotted on the US Federal Communications Commission (FCC) certification website. Alongside that, a tipster has hinted at the launch of the OnePlus Watch 2R. Here are the expected details of the upcoming OnePlus smartwatch.

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LOUDOUN NOW: Loudoun County Public Schools Files FCC Complaint Against DC News Station

Loudoun County Public Schools' Department of Communications and Community Engagement on June 13 filed a complaint with the Federal Communications Commission against Arlington-based WJLA-TV alleging the station is producing intentionally misleading reports about the division.

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PROPMODO: Will Regulation Limit Real Estate's Use of Mobile Location Data?

With the rapid rise in the use of mobile location data came increased regulatory scrutiny. In 2018, U.S. Senator Ron Wyden of Oregon wrote an open letter to the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) regarding what he believed to be an abuse of power by Securus Technology. As a provider of correctional facility telephony services, Securus was providing data purchased from wireless carriers "to conduct activities wholly unrelated to correctional facility telephone services."

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REVIEWS.ORG: Is Your ISP Ripping You Off? 41% of Americans Say Yes

Earlier this year, the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) ordered internet service providers to post broadband fact labels that provide quick, easy to read, and digestible information about their plans and prices. But are customers going to take the labels seriously, or will the new information go ignored like nutrition labels at fast food joints?

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BROOKINGS INSTITUTION: What role is AI playing in election

disinformation?

We've seen a little bit of enforcement, so I think really promising actually was, the FCC immediately stepped up in the aftermath of that Joe Biden robocall. They said, no, this is illegal. This is a spoofing violation. We are going to find you and we are going to prosecute, and I think recently they proposed something like a \$6 million fine for the person who was responsible for the call. So definitely those kinds of enforcements, I think are critical. But there's been in recent weeks, some reporting around kind of competition between the FCC and the FEC, the Federal Election Commission, around who, who is in charge, like, whose domain is this? Which I think is a little bit unfortunate.

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POLITICO: What Trump's tariffs would mean for the Fed

While advisers to the former president have floated strategies that would drastically change the central bank's mission, including eliminating its dual mandate to ensure price stability and maximum employment, Trump has not proposed direct challenges to the Fed's independence. That is not the case for other independent agencies like the Federal Trade Commission or Federal Communications Commission.

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SOUTH CHINA MORNING POST: MWC Shanghai: AI in focus as China's telecoms operators and gear makers seek new growth

Like Huawei, ZTE faces scrutiny in the US. The Federal Communications Commission is moving to prevent Huawei, ZTE and other foreign tech companies from certifying wireless equipment over concerns that they pose a threat to national security, according to a Reuters report last month.

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K-12 DIVE: Summer Reading: School cybersecurity threats on the rise

Government agencies including the Federal Communications Commission and the Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency have developed or proposed resources and strategies to address these concerns, with several announced in recent months.

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DATA CENTER DYNAMICS: US to investigate Chinese telcos amid cloud data concerns

In 2022, the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) revoked China Unicom Americas' permit to provide telco services in the US due to national security fears.

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STANDARD-EXAMINER: Tech Matters: Kaspersky antivirus to be banned for good. Now what?

Kaspersky is a Russian company best known for its Bitdefender antivirus software. In 2017, its software was deemed an unacceptable risk to national security and was banned for use by federal agencies in 2018. Four years later, the U.S. Federal Communications Commission added Kasperky to its blacklist. Still, the public could use the software. However, this will begin to change next month.

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GLOBES: Israel Police deploying US blacklisted Chinese speed cameras

Dahua and Hikvision were blacklisted in 2021 by the US Federal Communications Commission (FCC) together with Huawei, China Telecom and ZTE, as companies endangering US national security. US Congress also enacted special legislation prohibiting import and sale of the Chinese companies' products, including the Dahua and Hikvision surveillance cameras, by government companies or any organization that relies on a federal budget.

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WASHINGTON BLADE: Sen. Padilla and wife Angela talk LGBTQ mental health

The first bill backed by the caucus was Padilla and Tillis's Local 9-8-8 Response Act of 2023, which "was to require the FCC to move to implement the geolocation technology to the 988 system."

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INSIDE CYBERSECURITY: House cyber leader aims to bolster workforce needs in upcoming legislation (SUBSCRIPTION REQUIRED)

House Homeland Security Chairman Mark Green (R-TN) is moving toward introducing legislation on cyber talent development and workforce expansion, following a hearing on bridging a shortage of over half a million unfilled cybersecurity jobs across the nation.

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THE VERGE: Samsung is offering a \$50 credit when you reserve the next Galaxy Z Flip or Z Fold

If the rumors, leaks, and the FCC are to be trusted, then it seems the yet-to-be-announced Galaxy Z Flip 6 and Galaxy Z Fold 6 will offer mostly incremental updates. The pricier Z Fold might be getting a more squared-off design that makes it look a little more boxy, but it's likely to keep its tall remote-like posture, which unfolds for a small tablet experience. The Flip 6 may be getting a bigger battery, which I'm pretty sure is welcome in just about any device.

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TECHRADAR: If Google's rumored and mysterious new home device isn't a new Nest Hub, I quit

However, with recent news of a new FCC filing hinting towards a new Google Home device, there could finally be some Nest Hub-shaped light at the end of the tunnel... or a new, iteratively updated Nest Thermostat, given our biggest clue is the Soli radar tech included in the filing.

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THE CHRONICLE: South Amherst Village Council fires Fire Chief John Crawford after 6 months on the job

The reapplication process for the FCC license appeared to be a series of errors because the village's application kept getting "kicked back" — multiple times, Crawford said — to the fire chief and also to a village police officer tasked with helping send in the application, Crawford said.

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ALBANY BUSINESS REVIEW: Red-hot tech firm signs long-term lease in Hixson building near downtown

CostQuest has worked with the Federal Communications Commission for 15 years providing economic cost information to help the agency distribute money for broadband buildout across the country. It won a large contract with the FCC in 2021, beating out several firms much larger in size, to create and maintain a national broadband map. More

recently, it won a separate contract with the Commerce Department to help it distribute \$42 billion from the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law for broadband expansion.

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CALIX: Why Tribal Communities Should Embrace Broadband

Connectivity is important—and across many tribal communities, high-speed internet access is still limited or unavailable. According to the Federal Communications Commission (FCC), almost 28 percent of tribal land residents lack high-speed broadband, compared to 1.5 percent of urban residents. With more federal and private funding available than ever, the opportunity to positively impact your community's future is now.

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GRAND FORKS HERALD: Rural America deserves better on broadband buildout (Opinion)

Former Federal Communications Commission Commissioner Michael O’Rielly testified last year that “inefficient and costly permitting and pole fee requirements extend build timelines, raise overall costs, reduce willingness to participate in state and federal programs, alter bids submitted, and waste broadband company resources.” By one study , delayed broadband expansion due to what the researchers call “pole owner hold up” costs as much as \$1.86 billion a month!

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ORLANDO SENTINEL: The necessary end of copper telecommunication landlines (Opinion)

The FCC has finally given telecommunications companies the green light to retire the copper landlines that power everything from house phones to security alarm systems. In April of this year, AT&T Florida filed a public notice of retiring their copper network in the state. This affected several areas, including a wire center here in Orlando, where the copper facility locations were impacted and AT&T must migrate customers to a digital interface. In other states, the pushback has been passionate, with concerns that the elderly and rural populations will be stranded, or that critical analog systems will be less resilient in an emergency.

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PCMAG: Your TV Probably Has a 'NextGen' Perk You've Never Heard

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The Federal Communications Commission's rule requiring stations to simulcast in both formats runs through July 17, 2027, four years later than first planned. NAB's LeGeyt said the FCC should not grant further extensions: "I believe that setting a date to end mandatory simulcasting is a necessary step to completing the transition to NextGen TV."

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COURTHOUSE NEWS SERVICE: NFL ridicules Sunday Ticket subscribers' conspiracy claims as case goes to jury

Moreover, she noted, NFL Commissioner Roger Goodell openly told the Federal Communications Commission that the league designed the Sunday Ticket package as an add-on, premium offering so as not to undermine the free, over-the-air broadcasts of local games by CBS and Fox on Sunday afternoons.

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RADIO INK: Radio Stays Steadfast Against AMFA Assault In US House Hearing

The musicFIRST Coalition, which is the main driver behind AMFA, has been working in silence with its new co-Chairmen – former Arkansas Senator Mark Pryor and DC strategist Will Moschella – to not only sign new names to the Act, but to push the FCC to reinstate the Main Studio Rule, tighten ownership caps, and bring back the FM duplication rule.

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RADIO & TELEVISION BUSINESS REPORT: JVC Agrees To Acquire A Silent College Radio Operation

It was described as "a professional full-service college radio station operated, programmed and engineered by students and staff featuring music, talk, sports, news, information, and remote broadcasts." Pending FCC approval, this dark broadcast facility will become the property of the radio broadcasting company owned by John Caracciolo.

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INSIDE RADIO: Deal Digest: Murray Communications Adds Second Atlanta Signal.

Steve Kingston's Cortona Media has closed a deal to buy WYRE, Annapolis, MD (810) from Richard Dent. Kingston will only pay any outstanding property taxes, regulatory fees, and other government charges due by the station. The FCC filing did not indicate what those fees total. Cortona Media has operated the station under a local marketing agreement

since July 2023, simulcasting the online version of the former WRNR Annapolis, the adult alternative station Kingston's Empire Broadcasting recently sold for \$1.54 million to religious broadcaster The Peter and John Fellowship. Kingston retained the WRNR call letters and the intellectual property of the former adult alternative outlet.

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Business & Tech

JUST SECURITY: Government Use of AI is Expanding: We Should Hope for the Best but Safeguard Against the Worst (Opinion)

Across the U.S. public sector, the AI revolution has already begun. At the Patent and Trademark Office AI-based programs have become a critical research tool for assessing applications. The Securities and Exchange Commission and the Internal Revenue Service use AI to search for suspicious or illegal behavior. AI is routinely employed as part of post-market surveillance efforts by the Food and Drug Administration. And if you submitted a comment to the Federal Communications Commission lately, there's a good possibility it was processed using AI

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ORLANDO SENTINEL: Dream Chaser dropped from next Vulcan launch as ULA targets national security certification

Amazon bought nine of ULA's remaining Atlas V rockets and so far has only flown up two test versions in late 2023. Amazon is also awaiting Vulcan rockets, on which it bought an additional 38 launches as part of flights on Blue Origin's New Glenn and Arianespace's new Ariane 6 in an effort to send up half of the constellation by July 31, 2026 as part of its license from the Federal Communications Commission.

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RCR WIRELESS: Sateliot schedules SpaceX ride, fixes ground support for NB-IoT constellation

Kinéis will launch 25 new satellites in five batches of five, over eight months through early 2025. Three further launches are scheduled for before the end of 2024; a final launch will take place in the first quarter of 2025. Each LEO satellite weighs 30 kilograms, and is set to operate at an altitude of 650 kilometres. Preliminary tests will be carried out through the end of 2024; Kineis wants a commercial service in 2025, it said. It has approval from the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) to operate in the US market.

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RCR WIRELESS: Dryad picks Kinéis to add satellite IoT to LoRaWAN fire detection system

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TECHSPOT: Death from above? Satellites could deplete ozone levels, research finds

For now, the regulatory bodies that oversee the space industry are only just starting to wrap their heads around these potential environmental impacts. The United Nations Committee on the Peaceful Uses of Outer Space published sustainability guidelines calling for regulation in 2019. And the FCC only approved 7,500 of SpaceX's planned satellites in 2022, out of the planned 30,000.

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FEDERAL REGISTER: Political Programming and Online Public File Requirements for Low Power Television Stations; Rules To Advance the Low Power Television, TV Translator and Class A Television Service

In this document, the Federal Communications Commission (Commission) seeks comment on revisions to our rules relating to the Low Power Television service (LPTV Service). The LPTV Service includes low power television (LPTV) stations as well as television translator (TV translator) stations and Class A TV stations (Class A).

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Social Media Summary

From Jun. 26 to 27, there were around 2,200 social media posts mentioning the FCC. Most content was on Twitter (77%, or around 1,700 posts), followed by Reddit (18%), Forums (2%), Blogs (1%), Comments (1%), and Facebook (0%).

The social media post with the greatest reach came from the Twitter account of CBS News (9m reach), which publicized its article on the FCC planning to reduce prison phone call rates. The social media post with the second greatest reach came from the Twitter account of Dana Loesch (1.3m reach), which publicized her discussion with Commissioner Carr on Soros' acquisition of Audacy.

One trending topic on social media was the FCC planning to reduce prison phone call rates. The Twitter account of CBS News (9m reach, 210 engagements) had the most popular social media post on that topic. Another trending topic on social media was Starlink users experiencing little disruption during the May solar storm. The Twitter account of Sawyer Merritt (700k reach, 670 engagements) had the most popular social media post on that topic.

There were no new tweets from Chairwoman Rosenworcel or any of the Commissioners.

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PCMAG: Amazon Will Soon Start Testing Hundreds of Prototype Dishes for Project Kuiper

Amazon's Starlink rival, Project Kuiper, is going to start testing hundreds of prototype dishes to connect to the company's satellite internet network. The FCC today granted Amazon subsidiary Kuiper Systems special temporary authority to operate "up to 1,000" dish prototypes in various locations across the US. The company filed for the license last month "to validate the over-the-air performance" of the prototype dishes "prior to commencing product manufacturing," Kuiper Systems said in its application to the FCC. Kuiper System plans conduct the tests over a six-month period, starting in April. "Amazon will operate no more than 200 of the CTs [customer terminals] at the same time," the company added.

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MEN'S JOURNAL: Popular Doorbell Cameras Sold at Amazon and Other Online Retailers Found to Have Major Security Flaws

The investigators also found that the doorbell cameras don't have a registration code required by the Federal Communications Commission (FCC), making them illegal to distribute in the U.S. They believe there could possibly even be additional flaws, such as poor security on the company servers where videos are being stored.

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BLOOMBERG LAW: ClearCaptions Defeats Director's False Claims Retaliation Suit (SUBSCRIPTION REQUIRED)

Telecommunications services provider ClearCaptions LLC stopped a former director's suit alleging that the company fired him in retaliation for calling attention to the company's improper billing of the Federal Communications Commission. Scott Swift, the company's former senior director of customer service, failed to adequately allege that he was engaged in protected conduct, which is required for a False Claims Act retaliation claim, Judge Morrison C. England Jr. of the US District Court for the Eastern District of California said in a Thursday order. He has 20 days to amend his complaint, the court said.

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LAW360: Gov't Wants Spectrum Fraud Case Against Dish Dismissed (SUBSCRIPTION REQUIRED)

The Justice Department has decided to intervene in a suit accusing Dish Network of using sham companies to buy spectrum from the Federal Communications Commission at a \$3.3 billion discount, but not to take over litigation of the matter — it wants to end the whole thing.

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KRWG-FM: Internet subsidy helping 68K homes across Southern NM winds down

In New Mexico's 2nd Congressional District, which covers much of Southern New Mexico, 42% of eligible homes – about 68,400 – are receiving the subsidy, according to a dashboard compiled by the Institute for Local Self Reliance. Nationwide, some 27 million households are enrolled in the program, which provides up to \$30 per month (or \$75 per month on tribal lands) toward qualifying families' internet subscriptions, according to the Federal Communications Commission.

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BROADBAND BREAKFAST: Wireless Trade Groups File Suit Against FCC Digital Discrimination Order

A group of wireless trade associations filed Tuesday for judicial review of the Federal Communications Commission's recent digital discrimination order, arguing that the order is contrary to law and exceeds the FCC's statutory authority. Led by the Wireless Infrastructure Association, the suit filed with the United States Court of Appeals for the Eighth Circuit marks the third legal case to target the FCC's digital discrimination rules since being adopted in November.

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FIERCE WIRELESS: FCC will vote on proposed D2D rules at March meeting

The Federal Communications Commission (FCC) will vote at its March 14 Open Meeting on whether to approve a Report and Order and Further Notice of Proposed Rulemaking that provides a framework for how satellite and terrestrial networks should work together to provide connectivity for consumers. The FCC calls this type of cellular-to-satellite communications, which is often referred to as direct-to-device (D2D), "supplemental coverage from space."

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NEXTGOV: FCC staff targeted in phishing attack that cloned agency login site

The Federal Communications Commission on Friday confirmed it was the subject of a phishing operation that deployed a fake login page used by staff to authenticate their credentials. The cloned site, known as a phishing kit, was constructed by hackers who duplicated a legitimate login webpage from identity management vendor Okta, aiming to deceive users into entering in their private account information. It was discovered by cloud security firm Lookout, who announced the findings on Thursday.

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RADIO & TELEVISION BUSINESS REPORT: Portland, Ore. LPFM Gets FCC Fine Cancellation

The Media Bureau has cancelled a proposed fine handed to the licensee of a low-powered FM station serving the Oregon metropolis that is “dedicated to playing under-heard Rock music from around the globe.” KVRN-LPFM 101.5, and sibling facility KYQT-LPFM, are known across the Portland, Ore., market as “Cavern.FM.”

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RADIO & TELEVISION BUSINESS REPORT: Jesse Jackson Asks Rosenworcel For WADL Sale Update

On May 18, 2023, RBR+TVBR first reported on an agreement between the son of a former automotive parts supplier company and Mission Broadcasting that, pending FCC approval, would bring the Nancie Smith-owned and Dennis Thatcher-led company WADL-38 in Detroit. Today, the proposed \$75 million transaction has yet to win Commission approval. That’s led the Rev. Jesse Jackson and the Rainbow Coalition to press FCC Chairwoman Jessica Rosenworcel for answers.

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KSDK-TV: A million Missouri and Illinois low-income families at risk of no longer affording Internet as federal program expires in April

Yes, the FCC anticipates that the ACP will be discontinued. The last fully funded month for the benefit is April 2024.

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COMMUNICATIONS DAILY: Questions Remain About FCC’s Enhanced Competition Incentive Program

It’s unclear how much the FCC’s enhanced competition incentive program (ECIP) will influence the way industry does business, experts said. Commissioners approved ECIP in the summer of 2022. It’s officially live as of last month (see 2402150043).

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THE NATIONAL DESK: US gov't to investigate Chinese-made smart cars as potential national security risk

The Federal Communications Commission will vote on a voluntary cybersecurity labeling program this month. The FCC said the labeling program would help consumers make better decisions and encourage companies to meet higher cybersecurity standards.

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CURRENT: With help from ATSC 3.0, public media answers FCC's call for partners in wireless emergency alerts initiative

When the FCC announced last fall that it was seeking partners for a wireless emergency alerts initiative, PBS North Carolina's technologists immediately knew that the station's ATSC 3.0 technology could be perfect for the program.

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MILWAUKEE INDEPENDENT: FCC makes it illegal to use AI-generated voices in robocalls that can deceive American voters

The unanimous ruling targets robocalls made with AI voice-cloning tools under the Telephone Consumer Protection Act, a 1991 law restricting junk calls that use artificial and prerecorded voice messages. The announcement comes as New Hampshire authorities are advancing their investigation into AI-generated robocalls that mimicked President Joe Biden's voice to discourage people from voting in the state's first-in-the-nation primary last month. Effective immediately, the regulation empowers the FCC to fine companies that use AI voices in their calls or block the service providers that carry them. It also opens the door for call recipients to file lawsuits and gives state attorneys general a new mechanism to crack down on violators, according to the FCC.

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DALLAS MORNING NEWS: Today's pitiful scammers: Outsmarting scammers takes time and effort

Follow the tips on the FCC.gov website to block unwanted callers. Let unknown callers go to voice mail. (I did not do that because I was expecting a phone call from an opposing counsel.)

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CYBERGUY REPORT: Don't fall for these sneaky tax scams that are out to steal your identity and money

If you receive a phone call or email asking for important tax information, hang up immediately. Report the call first to the IRS. Next, you should make a report to the Federal Communications Commission. Finally, head to the Better Business Bureau and report the scam to their scam tracker.

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SAN JOSE MERCURY NEWS: Silicon Valley's new AI generates election-meddling worries

Less than three weeks after news of the fake-Biden robocalls broke in January, the U.S. Federal Communications Commission made it illegal to use AI-generated voices for unsolicited robocalls, with agency chairwoman Jessica Rosenworcel citing use of the technology by “bad actors” to “misinform voters” as well as to commit extortion and imitate celebrities.

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THE WASHINGTON POST: Health-care hack spreads pain across hospitals and doctors nationwide

The fallout from the hack of a little-known but pivotal health-care company is inflicting pain on hospitals, doctor offices, pharmacies and millions of patients across the nation, with government and industry officials calling it one of the most serious attacks on the health-care system in U.S. history.

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DRONELIFE: Controversy Surrounding Data Security of Chinese-made Drones Sparks Intense Debate

In addition, an even more comprehensive ban – this time targeting DJI specifically – is being proposed in the Countering CCP Drones Act, currently pending in Congress. Should this bill become law, it would include DJI on the Federal Communications Commission list of companies prevented from accessing any FCC-regulated communications network. This legislation could affect all users of DJI products, including public service, commercial or consumer operators.

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WCBD-TV: SC Department of Corrections cracks down on contraband devices

The South Carolina Department of Corrections has effectively been working on identifying contraband devices in prisons. This follows a recently released video of an inmate calling his cellphone service because his contraband device no longer had service. The Department of Corrections has been working with the Federal Communications Commission to identify contraband devices and jam the signals. In the video, you can hear the cell provider say, “T-Mobile has been ordered to disable service to the account because it has been associated with a contraband device.” The inmate then asks “What can I do to get it cut back on?”

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INSIDE CYBERSECURITY: NIST seeks input on guide to create community cybersecurity framework profiles (SUBSCRIPTION REQUIRED)

The National Institute of Standards and Technology has released a draft guide to help communities develop their own profiles based on the final “CSF 2.0” publication, the agency’s update to the cybersecurity framework.

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INTERESTING ENGINEERING: Starlink achieves peak download speed of 17Mb/s from satellite to cellphone: Elon Musk

With the DTC feature, voice, text, and data services can be provided to remote areas without ground infrastructure. The Federal Communications Commission (FCC) has approved this project as a pilot program, and SpaceX aims to provide internet access to smartphones in the US using T-Mobile’s spectrum.

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LIGHT READING: EchoStar exploring 'many avenues' to bridge financial gap – CEO

If Dish fails at building a successful wireless business, New Street Research estimates that EchoStar has about \$58 billion in potential spectrum value, but acknowledges that the company would need FCC and DoJ approval to sell it to the likes of AT&T, Verizon and T-Mobile.

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FIERCE WIRELESS: Dish's hopes for a 2024 turnaround look bleak

However, when asked about meeting the FCC-imposed deadline of building its 5G network to reach 75% of the U.S. population by mid-June 2025, Swieringa said that the company is on track to do that but that the remaining sites left to build are more rural and will cover a smaller number of people and therefore will depend upon the company's funding requirements.

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ANDROID HEADLINES: Samsung Galaxy M15 leaked render reveals a familiar design

The Samsung Galaxy M15 has passed multiple certification sites including FCC, BIS, SafetyKorea, and Dekra certifications. It carries a model number SM-M156B. The FCC listing revealed support for 5G band n66, dual-band WiFi, and Bluetooth. It also mentions a battery with model number EB-BM156ABY suggesting support for 25W charging and a 5,880mAh cell which could be advertised as 6,000mAh. This is in line with the previous leak.

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TVTECHNOLOGY: Public Broadcasters Discuss Tech Strategies

One of those ideas is the concept of "flash-cutting," which would mean shutting down ATSC 1.0 before a deadline for is determined by the FCC but not before also providing 3.0 auxiliary devices to consumers. Franz Joachim, GM and CEO of New Mexico PBS pointed to the unique circumstances surrounding a particular market in his state.

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CHARLESTON CITY PAPER: Another roll on the pole?

As outlined in an August story, the 113-foot 5G wireless communications tower slithered

into existence without anyone being able to do much about it, thanks to the Federal Communications Commission.

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NEVADA APPEAL: Planning commissioners OK industrial development near golf course

“As has been mentioned, the cell tower and communications industry is heavily federally regulated,” he said. “There are many things that the local jurisdictions cannot either stand in the way of or look into. Among those things is the emissions, the radiation — that is federally regulated. If the equipment has been approved by the FCC, Carson City, as a jurisdiction, has no authority to object to the equipment.”

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PCMAG: How to Check Your Internet Speed

There are plenty of other tests you can try, like Fireprobe, SpeedSmart, SpeedCheck, and Ubiquiti's WiFiman. The FCC also offers some tests, but only in the form of mobile apps. If you have a favorite, let us know in the comments.

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THE PHILADELPHIA TRIBUNE: \$20M from White House to help close Pa.'s digital divide

With the Federal Communications Commission's Affordable Connectivity Program that helped low-income residents pay for devices and internet service no longer accepting applications, these competitive grants will bring devices to community locations.

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WEST ORLANDO NEWS: Millions to Expand Rural Broadband Access in Florida

This funding comes as the Federal Communications Commission recently enacted new rules relating to private companies' broadband expansion efforts, aimed at preventing “digital discrimination of access to broadband services based on income level, race, ethnicity, color, religion or national origin.” Through rules like this, the Biden administration is directly disincentivizing private companies from providing services like broadband internet to rural communities because they don't meet certain diversity quotas. Florida will not enforce these discriminatory strings attached to federal funding

that drive investment away from small and rural communities that are already underserved.

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KOTV-TV: New Program To Provide High-Speed Internet To Osage Nation Residents

The White House says over \$40 billion will go to states and tribal territories with the goal of getting every U.S. household and business access to a reliable broadband internet connection. According to the FCC, more than 8.3 million U.S. homes and businesses lack access to high-speed broadband.

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DEADLINE: Steve Garvey Rises To Top Of A Senate Poll Despite Running No TV Ads — And He May Have Adam Schiff To Thank For It

Over the weekend, viewers will see a blizzard of spots, as both campaigns have been buying up time during local newscasts and other day parts. Schiff's campaign, for example, put in an order for nearly \$300,000 worth of spots on KCBS 2 in Los Angeles alone, while Porter's campaign is spending about \$60,000, according to records filed with the FCC.

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TOM'S GUIDE: I'd love a Peacock merger with Paramount Plus — here's why it probably won't happen

And this makes it virtually impossible to merge the two companies as they're currently constructed. According to the Federal Communications Commission (FCC), "FCC rules effectively prohibit a merger between any two of the big four broadcast television networks: ABC, CBS, Fox, and NBC."

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INSIDE RADIO: News Bites: 'X93.7,' 'Bella 105,' DCist, Jim Donovan, FCC, David Gow.

The FCC has set April 1 as the date for when comments are due in its rulemaking that is looking at whether digital FMs should be given additional power. Reply comments will be April 15. The FCC last month announced it would reopen the proceeding after the National Association of Broadcasters and digital radio developer Xperi alerted the FCC that the rulemaking launched last August has an "important ambiguity" that they believe needs

clarification before any decision can be made about allowing a power hike. First released last August, the FCC proposal (MB Docket No. 22-405) would, if adopted, allow digital FMs to increase up to 10% of their analog power and operate with asymmetric sideband power levels.

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BREITBART: Democrats Need to ‘Scare the Sh*t Out of People’ About Trump

Deutsch said, “Do you remember when you had a guy like Milley would not take orders from Trump and start to put troops on Americans? That will change. So, there is no independent military or independent judiciary. We’re seeing what that would look like. Guess what, you can’t depend on the rule of law anymore, and independent Federal Communications Commission, you can’t depend on that and certainly not on an independent Justice Department. Freedom will end. Things like women, birth control, that will go away.”

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INSIDE RADIO: Following Bankruptcy Auction, Trustee Sought To Oversee Liquidation Of Stolz Assets.

In November, the court approved the sale of the Royce radio portfolio and during the past few months the Federal Communications Commission has been reviewing applications filed by each of the buyers. Friends of KXEP filed a notice with the FCC in mid-February saying that it had completed its \$3.75 million purchase of KREV (92.7) in San Francisco. The nonprofit, which owns Seattle’s noncommercial adult alternative KEXP (90.3), has said it plans to originate KREV programming at KEXP’s Seattle Center facility. Funding for the purchase came from a \$10 million bequest from an anonymous listener, identified only as Suzanne, made in 2018.

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INSIDE RADIO: What’s Next For Audacy? Seeding New Board, Deciding Future Leadership.

After getting a fast-tracked approval for its financial reorganization plan on Feb. 20, Audacy is waiting for the Bankruptcy Court judge to sign off on the plan and for the Federal Communications Commission to greenlight the transaction. After that, the next critical milestone will be the seeding of a new board of directors, which in turn will decide the future leadership of the recapitalized company.

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WCLU-FM: “HAMfest” in Cave City makes waves through the community

Testing is necessary to use amateur radio and comes with three different levels of advancement. The Federal Communications Commission (FCC) currently issues three Amateur Radio Service licenses: Technician, General, and Extra licenses. Technician is considered the “entry level” license, while Extra is the top-level license.

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BUSINESS INSIDER: A dead Russian spacecraft almost collided with a NASA satellite. The crash could have sent 7,500 bits of debris rocketing around Earth.

Last year, the FCC — the US agency that regulates most communications satellites — took its first-ever enforcement action related to space debris when it fined Dish Network \$150,000 for failing to properly dispose of a retired satellite.

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FEDERAL REGISTER: Radio Broadcasting Services; Koloa and Waimea, Hawaii

This document amends the Table of FM Allotments, of the Federal Communications Commission's (Commission) rules, by allotting FM Channels 264A at Koloa, Hawaii, and 224C3 at Waimea, Hawaii, as the communities' first local service. The staff engineering analysis indicates that Channel 264A at Koloa can be allotted consistent with the minimum distance separation requirements of the Commission's rules with a site restriction of 8.3 kilometers (5.2 miles) northwest of the community at reference coordinates are 21–58–24 NL and 159–29–45 WL and Channel 224C3 at Waimea can be allotted consistent with the minimum distance separation requirements of the Commission's rules with no site restriction at reference coordinates are 22–02–00 NL and 159–38–00 WL.

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FEDERAL REGISTER: Advanced Methods To Target and Eliminate Unlawful Robocalls, Call Authentication Trust Anchor; Correction

The Federal Communications Commission published a document in the Federal Register of January 25, 2024, announcing the effective dates of amendments to its non-internet Protocol call authentication and robocall mitigation database rules. The document contained an incorrect Federal Register citation and an incorrect compliance date.

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Social Media Summary

From Mar. 1 to 4, there were around 6,300 social media posts mentioning the FCC. Most content was on Twitter (80%, or around 5,000 posts), followed by Reddit (15%), Forums (2%), Blogs (1%), Comments (1%), and Facebook (0%).

The social media post with the greatest reach came from the Twitter account of Fox Business (880k reach), which publicized its article on Commissioner Carr criticizing the political bias of Silicon Valley. The social media post with the second greatest reach came from the Twitter account of Axios (660k reach), which publicized its article on Chairwoman Rosenworcel's proposal to apply a law on domestic abuse to carmakers.

One trending topic on social media was Commissioner Carr criticizing the political bias of Silicon Valley. The Twitter account of Fox Business (880k reach, 11 engagements) had the

most popular social media post on that topic. Another trending topic on social media was a group calling on the FCC to let internet companies withdraw from the Rural Digital Opportunity Fund. The Twitter account of PCMag (410k reach, 9 engagements) had the most popular social media post on that topic.

Commissioner Carr tweeted (53k reach, 3 engagements) that he met with Secretary Shri Krishnan at India's Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology to discuss priorities for internet policy.

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REUTERS: US unveils roadmap to study, shift government spectrum

for wireless use

The Biden administration on Tuesday released a detailed timeline for studying significant government-owned spectrum with the aim of helping to expand wireless and other technology uses...Congress in March 2023 let the Federal Communications Commission's authority to auction spectrum lapse for the first time in three decades amid debate about what spectrum used by the Defense Department could be repurposed or shared.

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FOX BUSINESS: FCC commissioner says TikTok is a 'clear and present danger' to US national security

The Federal Communications Commission (FCC) commissioner claimed that TikTok poses a "serious threat" to U.S. national security that is distinct from other social media companies.

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The voluntary program, overseen by the Federal Communications Commission, is still under formation; the White House said last year it expected it to be in place in 2024. Under the proposal, device makers seeking to use the label would need to certify that their products meet certain standards by having them tested by an accredited lab. Agarwal says he has provided input to the government effort based on a Carnegie Mellon program to devise a similar label for smart products.

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PEOPLE: Jimmy Kimmel Describes 'Intense Discussions About the Size of the Envelope' to Cover John Cena at Oscars 2024

Per the executive, “a bulge cannot be showing, and you can’t show crack” when it comes to the Federal Communications Commission’s rules about what can be shown on live television.

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THE DAILY CALLER: FCC's 'Race And Gender Scorecard' Will Lead To Hiring Discrimination (Opinion)

The third time’s the charm, according to the Federal Communications Commission (FCC). Having twice failed to sneak inducements to racial discrimination past courts, the agency has chosen a subtler (though nearly as pernicious) ploy for pushing ideologically driven social activism.

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LAW360: ISPs, Public Advocates Debate Need For FCC's Equity Rule (SUBSCRIPTION REQUIRED)

Two major broadband providers on Tuesday disputed the need for the federal government's new, far-reaching rule barring discrimination in broadband deployment, even as public and consumer advocates argued that equitable rollout of high-speed internet remains a national priority.

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LAW360: 5 Questions For Former FCC Member Michael O'Rielly **(SUBSCRIPTION REQUIRED)**

It's been just over three years since Republican Michael O'Rielly left his seat on the Federal Communications Commission, but a lot of ground has shifted in the telecom space since he left for the private sector.

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LIGHT READING: Rural broadband group wants 'specific conditions' on RDOF waivers

If the FCC decides to grant certain winners of federal broadband funding the opportunity to surrender their awarded locations, it should "at the very least impose two specific conditions," according to NTCA—The Rural Broadband Association. Essentially, those conditions include ensuring that defaulting providers still pay a proper penalty, and that they be prevented from re-bidding on defaulted locations in other broadband programs.

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INSIDE RADIO: Audacy Surrenders Two AMs In Las Vegas Market After Selling Their Tower Site.

In recent months Audacy had been looking for an engineering fix after it told the FCC last February that it expected to power down talk KDWN (720) and sports "The Bet 1140" KXST after the land on which their tower sat was sold by Audacy for \$40 million in the fast-growing Las Vegas market. As Inside Radio reported in September, engineers had devised a way that might keep KDWN and KXST on the air after all, in a vote of confidence for the AM dial. That is when Audacy filed paperwork with the Federal Communications Commission to relocate their transmission facilities to the four-tower array used by sister "News Talk 840" KXNT, where the signal will be collocated and diplexed onto the KXNT antennas. The FCC approved the plan but it had given Audacy until March 2 to make the changes otherwise the licenses for the stations, off the air for a full year, would expire.

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BROADBAND BREAKFAST: House Subcommittee Advances Bills Countering Chinese Threats to Communications

This bill, H.R. 2864 - Countering CCP Drones Act, targets DJI Technologies, a company with ties to the CCP, by adding its equipment to the Federal Communications Commission's covered list, effectively banning it from the United States due to national security concerns. To ensure a comprehensive approach, an amendment was introduced by Representative August Pfluger, R-Texas, to ban not only hardware but also software and technology associated with DJI and other adversarial entities.

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BROADBAND BREAKFAST: Cruz Wants Congressional Appropriations to Fund Universal Service

Senate Commerce Committee Ranking Member Ted Cruz, R-Texas, called last week for Congress to take over the Federal Communications Commission's broadband subsidy. The FCC's Universal Service Fund spends roughly \$8 billion per year on broadband subsidy programs. These go to low-income households, schools, libraries, and healthcare centers, as well as infrastructure in hard-to-reach areas.

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RADIO & TELEVISION BUSINESS REPORT: Biden's Federal Budget Proposal Gives Significant Raises To FCC, CPB

On Monday, President Joe Biden outlined his \$7.3 trillion federal budget plan for the 2025 fiscal year. Included in that plan is a substantial increase in funds for the Federal Communications Commission and a future raise for the Corporation for Public Broadcasting.

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RADIO & TELEVISION BUSINESS REPORT: FCC Lends Leniency To A CBS-Owned Station In The Bay Area

The weight is off San Francisco's KPYX-TV, formerly known as KBCW, which had been facing a small monetary forfeiture from the FCC's Media Bureau. The CBS News & Stations channel, which is available over-the-air in the Bay Area on Channel 44 and on Cable Channel 12, faced a proposed fine of \$3,000 for delayed uploads of its issues/programs lists to the FCC's online public inspection file.

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DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION: Bridging the digital divide with more Wi-Fi and tighter security

The government has helped narrow the K-12 digital divide for nearly two decades through the Federal Communications Commission's E-rate program. E-rate provides up to \$4.768 billion annually in discounts on essential broadband services for schools and libraries nationwide.

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TVTECHNOLOGY: FCC Requests 14.8% Increase in Regulatory Fee Authority

The FCC has released a budgetary request for Fiscal Year (FY) 2025 that asks for \$448,075,000 in budget authority from regulatory fee offsetting collections. This request represents an increase of \$57,883,000 or 14.8 percent from the FY 2024 Annualized Continuing Appropriations Act level of \$390,192,000.

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CORD CUTTERS NEWS: The FCC Could Help Cord Cutting Grow Even Faster with a Vote Later This Week

This Thursday the FCC will vote on a rule to ban cable TV from using what it calls a "misleading practice" of hiding fees to keep the advertised price of cable TV down. For years now cable TV companies have been advertising inexpensive TV plans but then add fees that easily add \$30 or more to the bill each month. Now the FCC will vote on banning that practice, requiring cable TV companies to include all fees in the listed price of the service.

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WRTV-TV: Is your privacy really protected with your fitness tracker? A

new proposed label could tell you that

The Federal Communications Commission is now considering labeling these products so you know the ones you can trust. The commission will be voting on this on March 14. We don't know a lot yet about what would be on the label if this is approved. So far, the FCC is saying accredited labs would test smart products.

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CFO DIVE: AI deepfakes targeted in Biden's State of the Union speech

"As to one misuse of AI he highlighted (perhaps because it happened to him), the Federal Communications Commission ruled last month that robocalls using AI-generated voice impersonations are illegal," Oxman said. "It's an important reminder that targeting illegal behavior — not AI itself — is the right approach."

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The bill would also renew the Federal Communications Commission's congressional authority to run spectrum auctions and require that at least 1,250 megahertz of spectrum be auctioned for full-power use, including 5G, within six years of the bill's passing. Under the bill, the FCC would also allocate at least 125 megahertz of additional spectrum for unlicensed services.

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ADVANCED TELEVISION: Kuiper, SpaceX battle over deployment

Amazon's Project Kuiper has written to the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) complaining about SpaceX's planned 7,500 satellites and that the FCC has authorised their placement at altitudes of 525, 530 and 535 kms and SpaceX's request for a speedy decision. Project Kuiper is planning its own mega-constellation and has already raised concerns about SpaceX's proposed occupation of the 604 and 614 kms orbits.

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GIZMOCHINA: Tecno POVA 6 spotted on FCC & Google Play Console with key features

At MWC 2024, Tecno unveiled the POVA 6 Pro, a Dimensity 6080-powered 5G smartphone that offers a 120Hz FHD+ display. It looks like the brand is now gearing up to launch a vanilla Pova 6 model, as it has been spotted on the Google Play Console, as well as the FCC certification database.

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IN PROFILE DAILY: Challenges and Hope for Affordable Internet Access in America

The Federal Communications Commission also known as the FCC stopped taking new applications in February. If they don't get more money, April will be the last full month their program can work. This means people who use it might have to pay a lot of money each month to keep their service.

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COMMUNICATIONS DAILY: FCC Local Content Proposal Insufficient and Will Have Modest Impact, Commenters Say

An FCC proposal prioritizing processing of applications from broadcasters that offer local programming (see 2401180074) won't have much of an effect and doesn't do enough, according to a wide swath of comments filed to docket 24-14 by Monday's deadline.

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COMMUNICATIONS DAILY: House Communications Advances Future Networks Act, 3 China Security Bills

The House Communications Subcommittee unanimously advanced the Foreign Adversary Communications Transparency Act (HR-820), Future Uses of Technology Upholding

Reliable and Enhancing Networks Act (HR-1513) and two other anti-China communications security bills Tuesday. House China Committee Chairman Mike Gallagher, R-Wis., meanwhile, is pressing the FCC on whether it will act on reports that mobile devices in the U.S. are still processing signals from China's BeiDou and Russia's global navigation satellite systems (GNSS).

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SECURITY BOULEVARD: Romance and Investment Scams: Ways to Stop Them

In the U.S., the FCC and telco providers (mobile carriers and vendors that deliver text messages in bulk) have tried to reduce scam messages, but progress has been slow. Some of the best improvement has been in Australia. Since 2022, the Australian Communications and Media Authority (ACMA) has required "telcos to identify, trace and block SMS scams." In fourth quarter 2023, telcos reported "blocking over 106 million scam SMS in the quarter." It looks like the Australian regulator, ACMA, and the telco vendors are working together to make a difference. And the ACMA is fining telco providers that fail to stop scam messages.

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THE WASHINGTON POST: Trump and Biden are muddling the politics of a TikTok ban

The Federal Communications Commission holds its March open meeting on cybersecurity labels for smart products; cable and satellite TV pricing; and how to define "high-speed" internet on Thursday at 10:30 a.m.

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THE DAILY CALLER: Intel Skirts Attempt To Stop China Chip Sales Despite Biden Admin Sanctions: REPORT

The Federal Communications Commission has also banned telecommunications devices and video surveillance equipment manufactured by Huawei as well as four other Chinese companies amid national security concerns.

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In his State of the Union address delivered March 7, President Joe Biden asked Congress to "ban voice impersonation using AI." That call came after scammers created fake, AI-generated recordings of Biden encouraging Democratic voters not to cast a ballot in the New Hampshire presidential primary earlier this year. The move also led the Federal Communications Commission to ban robocalls using AI-generated voices.

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FLORIDA POLITICS: Delegation for 3.12.24: Dealer's choice — private eyes — clock block — IVF — hecklers

Rubio said he doesn't want China spying on Americans at every doorstep. As doorbells with surveillance technology grow in popularity, Florida's senior Senator has sounded alarms on products from Eken, a Chinese company whose products do not thoroughly encrypt video and sound transmitted from the device. He sent a letter to Federal Communications Commission (FCC) Chair Jessica Rosenworcel urging a federal investigation of the company and retailers selling the devices to consumers. "Eken devices are not only unsafe — they may be illegal," the Miami Republican wrote.

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INSIDE CYBERSECURITY: CISA requests \$115.9 million in fiscal 2025 budget to support mandatory incident reporting regime (SUBSCRIPTION REQUIRED)

The Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency asks for \$115.9 million in fiscal 2025 to implement its upcoming mandatory incident reporting regime, as part of the agency's total \$3 billion request in funding for the upcoming fiscal year.

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FIERCE WIRELESS: Industry Voices: Jostling for more spectrum is stepping into high gear

The bill would require the National Telecommunications and Information Administration (NTIA) to identify at least 2,500 MHz of mid-band spectrum that can be made available for use in the next five years, including 1,250 MHz for commercial use in the next two years. It

renews the FCC's spectrum authority and requires the agency to auction at least 1,250 MHz for full-power commercial wireless service, with 600 MHz of this to be auctioned in three years. It would allocate another 125 MHz to unlicensed use, with the remaining 1,125 MHz to be allocated for either licensed or unlicensed use.

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DOOR COUNTY PULSE: Door County Getting \$3.9 million for Communications Project Upgrade

The project will be broken into three phases: land acquisition/site testing; civil/shelter/site work and tower construction; and FCC licensing acquisition and tower/radio equipment purchasing and implementation.

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DIGITAL TRENDS: The Golden Age of TV isn't just over — it's imploding

When the consolidation happens, it will be led and controlled by the legacy media giants, which are already a blend of studios and distribution platforms like Comcast/NBC/Universal; they make the content and own the streaming services that content goes to. In this case, they also own the internet pipeline it travels down to get to your TV. Yes, this is problematic, but apparently, the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) is cool with it, so that's that.

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INSIDE RADIO: Some Broadcasters Will Need To Provide Data To Feds As Part Of Financial Crime Crackdown.

Fighting tax fraud, money laundering, organized crime, and the financing of terrorism is behind a new law that requires broadcasters and other small and medium-sized companies to file a new report with the federal government. Enacted by Congress in 2021, the Corporate Transparency Act requires companies to disclose information that stations are already providing to the Federal Communications Commission. The Department of Treasury will store the sensitive information in a secure, confidential database and it will not be released to the public. Only law enforcement agencies will have access to it.

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WWD: Simon's Affordable Luxury Outlet Is Becoming Its Own Retail Ad Network

The notable distinction with Mirak Ads is the emphasis on direct or first-party data, as opposed to typical third-party data scenarios. The latter has become fraught in the face of a recent Federal Communications Commission ruling requiring brands to obtain “one-to-one” written consent for lead generation. In other words, companies that collect data are prohibited from reselling it for marketing without explicit permission from each individual.

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SAN FRANCISCO CHRONICLE: KEXP sets date for first Bay Area radio broadcast. Here's what to know

CEO Ethan Raup had previously said that the station was awaiting FCC approval to transfer the broadcast license to KEXP, allowing them to assume full ownership and operation of the signal. But he told the Chronicle in an exclusive interview last week that getting on the local airwaves was a priority, even though the station already enjoys a substantial global digital presence.

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FEDERAL REGISTER: Open Commission Meeting Thursday, March 14, 2024

The Federal Communications Commission will hold an Open Meeting on the subjects listed below on Thursday, March 14, 2024, which is scheduled to commence at 10:30 a.m. in the Commission Meeting Room of the Federal Communications Commission, 45 L Street NE, Washington, DC.

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FCC letting SpaceX use E-Band for Starlink.

One trending topic on social media was the FCC's data breach reporting rules. The Twitter account of Bloomberg Law (150k reach, 5 engagements) had the most popular social media post on that topic. Another trending topic on social media was the FCC voting on a ban on junk fees. The Twitter account of Cord Cutters News (50k reach, 19 engagements) had the most popular social media post on that topic.

Commissioner Carr tweeted (54k reach, 760 engagements) to clarify the substance of new legislation related to TikTok, noting that it only applies to apps controlled by American adversaries.

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REUTERS: Verizon names new top Washington executive

Verizon Communications Inc has named Kathleen Grillo to head its federal regulatory team, with responsibility for its dealings on policy issues with the Federal Communications Commission, the company said on Thursday. Verizon has a range of issues before the commission, including efforts to influence the Obama administrations revamp of policies to speed demand of high-speed Internet to more customers.

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THE WASHINGTON POST: Lawmakers are wrestling with how to regulate deepfakes

The Federal Communications Commission holds its March open meeting on cybersecurity labels for smart products; cable and satellite TV pricing; and how to define “high-speed” internet on Thursday at 10:30 a.m.

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SPACE NEWS: Omnispace to test direct-to-smartphone LEO plans with Africa’s biggest telco

The FCC is due to vote on a regulatory framework March 14 for allowing satellites to use radio waves from terrestrial mobile operators to keep their smartphone users connected. Ground rules for Supplemental Coverage From Space (SCS) could inspire similar action in other countries, marking an important milestone for constellation developers SpaceX, Lynk Global, and AST SpaceMobile as they rack up spectrum partnerships with terrestrial telcos worldwide.

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SAN FRANCISCO CHRONICLE: Could AI disrupt the fall election? California lawmakers float bills to cut the risk

The Federal Communications Commission has also sought to crack down on phone calls using AI to simulate real human voices. A bill in the state Legislature authored by Assembly Member Jim Patterson, R-Fresno, would rein in some automated calls, including those using AI.

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THE MOTLEY FOOL: Why AST SpaceMobile Stock Keeps Rocketing Higher

The stock of AST SpaceMobile (ASTS 4.03%) popped again on Wednesday, after the satellite communications company announced on Tuesday that it has updated its filings with the International Telecommunication Union (ITU) for its V-band application with the Federal Communications Commission (FCC).

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LAW360: FCC Waives Bank Rating Rule For Rural Auctions For 1 Year (SUBSCRIPTION REQUIRED)

Internet service providers that received letters of credit from banks that took a plunge in the ratings will have an extra year to find a suitably rated financial institution to back them so they can get their rural broadband auction funding, the Federal Communications Commission has declared.

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LAW360: FCC Seeks \$58M Budget Bump Next Fiscal Year (SUBSCRIPTION REQUIRED)

The Federal Communications Commission has sought a roughly \$58 million boost in its operating budget for next year, an increase of about 15%, offset by fees levied on regulated industries.

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LAW360: FCC Waives Rules So Tribes Can Access Midband Spectrum (SUBSCRIPTION REQUIRED)

The Federal Communications Commission is waiving rules for spectrum over tribal lands, allowing six Native American tribes to obtain licenses for unassigned 2.5 gigahertz spectrum over off-reservation lands in an effort to boost their wireless connectivity.

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CORD CUTTERS NEWS: SpaceX's Starlink Internet Is about to Get

Faster & More Reliable Thanks to The FCC

Last week the FCC approved a request from Starlink to use the so-called “E-band” for its second-generation network. This move will allow SpaceX’s Starlink home Internet service to offer faster speeds and improved performance. This comes from a 2022 approved FCC filing that allows SpaceX to launch 7,500 second-generation Starlink satellites.

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FIERCE WIRELESS: NTIA’s spectrum implementation plan elicits mostly praise

Some of the harshest words about the Spectrum Implementation Plan came from Republican FCC Commissioner Brendan Carr. He said the Biden Administration’s plan amounts to “kicking the can down the road” when the U.S. sorely needs more licensed mid-band spectrum for commercial use to keep pace with consumer demand and geopolitical rivals.

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LOOPER: John Cena's Nude Oscars 2024 Moment Had To Follow Two Specific & Explicit Rules

John Cena bared it all during a moment from the 2024 Oscars we'll never forget – and according to people behind the scenes, it was a complicated sequence to pull off. In an interview with Variety that delved into some of the secrets of this year's Oscars telecast, producer Molly McNearney (who also happens to be host Jimmy Kimmel's wife and an executive producer on the show) and Disney executive Rob Mills revealed that John Cena's revealing presentation for best costume design had two very simple rules set by the FCC (the Federal Communications Commission) and S&P (standards and practices).

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INSIDE RADIO: Broadcasters Predict Small Results And Big Headaches From FCC Plan To Reward Local Stations.

The offer made by the Federal Communications Commission to speed application processing for stations that provide local programming is not one being embraced by broadcasters. The proposal has received uncharacteristically little response from the industry and those operators that did weigh in on the idea have primarily come out against

it.

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IEEE SPECTRUM: FCC Denies Starlink Low-Orbit Bid for Lower Latency

The FCC has once again rejected a Starlink plan to deploy thousands of internet satellites in very low earth orbits (VLEO) ranging from 340 to 360 kilometers. In an order published last week, the FCC wrote: “SpaceX may not deploy any satellites designed for operational altitudes below the International Space Station,” whose orbit can range as low as 370 kilometers.

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RADIO & TELEVISION BUSINESS REPORT: musicFIRST: No Evidence ‘Main Studio’ Savings Increased Localism

It caused a stir when Chairwoman Rosenworcel and the Democratic side of the Federal Communications Commission used a Notice of Proposed Rulemaking about prioritizing applications from broadcast stations with more local content to publicly question the efficacy of the FCC’s 2017 Main Studio Elimination Order.

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RADIO & TELEVISION BUSINESS REPORT: Sinclair To FCC: To Best Promote Localism, Promote ATSC 3.0

As the Federal Communications Commission seeks new ways to reward locally originating content, Sinclair Inc. is using the focus to try and speed the transition to and swift adoption of the ATSC 3.0 broadcasting standard.

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RADIO INK: NPR Calls On FCC To Also Incentivize Localism For Public Radio

National Public Radio is seeking more from the FCC in support of increasing local content from public radio stations. NPR is speaking out in response to a recent NPRM aimed at encouraging broadcasters to offer more locally originated programming.

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DATACENTER DYNAMICS: Two US Senators announce plan to help restore FCC's spectrum authority

Two US politicians have proposed a plan to restore the US Federal Communications Commission's (FCC) authority to hold spectrum auctions, around a year after the US Senate allowed it to lapse for the first time ever.

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ADVANCED TELEVISION: Bank downgrades SES

Investment bank Berenberg has downgraded satellite operator SES from 'Buy' to 'Hold'. The bank has also reduced its share price target from €7.20 to €6.80. The bank's report says that it believes that the operator's cash warchest, made up of the receipts of the \$3 billion from the FCC as compensation for releasing certain C-band satellite frequencies for reuse in the US for 5G will likely be reinvested rather than partly returned to shareholders.

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RHINO TIMES: Commissioner Alan Perdue Appointed To Federal Committee

Guilford County Commissioner Alan Perdue, who led the county's Emergency Services Department for over a decade before becoming a county commissioner, is a highly sought after speaker who travels around the country giving presentations on various safety and communications matters. That extensive knowledge and experience apparently caught the eye of the federal government. Perdue has just been selected to serve in a prestigious federal position – on the board of the Intergovernmental Advisory Committee of the Federal Communications Commission (FCC).

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TOTAL TELECOM: White House calls for ACP renewal at Connected America

Despite only around half of eligible households taking advantage of the programme, funding is running out. Currently, the ACP's last fully funded month is set to be April, with the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) issuing advice to affected households about finding alternative means of connectivity. Exactly where this newfound connectivity might come from, however, is unclear. New survey data from FCC showed that nearly half of ACP households had no broadband service or relied wholly on mobile connectivity prior to receiving ACP support.

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RICHMOND REGISTER: Berea College Radio awarded low-power FM license

Berea College Radio will soon be available on FM 91.7, thanks to a low-power FM license recently awarded by the Federal Communications Commission (FCC). The license will allow Berea College to build an FM radio station by constructing an antenna and connecting it to a transmitter to broadcast. The new antenna will likely be built on top of the Computer Science, Digital Media and Information Technologies building, which will house the radio station as well.

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MYSMARTPRICE: Realme C65 Gets FCC Certified; Reveals Battery Capacity, Dimensions Before Launch

Realme is prepping up for the launch of the Realme C65 smartphone in the international markets. Today, we have spotted the upcoming Realme C-series smartphone on the FCC listing.

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TALKERS: Audacy Issues Performance Update as it Awaits FCC Approval

Audacy awaits FCC approval to complete its restructuring and plans to file its 2023 10-K later this month.

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KARK-TV: Poyen residents getting access to reliable broadband internet thanks to expansion, FCC funding

Windstream's Kinetic Fiber Internet Gigabit Expansion is aiming to change that, servicing more than 2,000 locations in Grant County, using \$8.2 million from the FCC's Rural Digital Opportunity Fund. "We are investing in our own private capital as well as partnering with the state of Arkansas, the state broadband office and the federal government," Windstream Vice President of Government Affairs David Avery said.

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WTVJ-TV: First Latina-American FCC Commissioner in 20 years talks representation

Anna Gomez is the first Latin-American woman to be confirmed into the FCC in two decades.

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COMMUNICATIONS DAILY: Some Changes Appear Likely in Proposed Cyber Mark Program

Industry officials expect changes in the cyber mark rules, set for a vote Thursday, though the extent is still evolving, said lawyers in the proceeding. One wildcard is whether the FCC will attach a further notice, asking questions about issues including the country of origin of security updates under the program. The item is expected to be approved 5-0, with Commissioner Nathan Simington getting some edits to reflect his initial concerns, officials said.

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COMMUNICATIONS DAILY: Industry Calls for More Data in the FCC's 'Limited' Analysis of the State of Broadband

Proposed conclusions in the draft of the FCC's annual report to Congress about the state of broadband deployment and competition raised eyebrows among industry groups, with some calling for the commission to consider additional data. The FCC also defended proposing higher broadband speed goals in the draft report. Commissioners will consider the item, required by Section 706 of the Telecom Act, Thursday during their open meeting (see 2402220059).

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NEWSMAX: Robocalls: A Digital Chorus Out of Tune (Opinion)

Report the incident to the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) and your local authorities. The FCC has taken a major step in combating phone scams by banning robocalls that use voices generated by artificial intelligence (AI) voice-cloning tools. This new ruling strengthens the Telephone Consumer Protection Act (TCPA), a 1991 law designed to limit unwanted calls, by specifically addressing the growing threat of deceptive AI-generated voices used in scam robocalls.

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INSIDE CYBERSECURITY: Easterly highlights how CISA focus on ‘systemically important entities’ can boost cyber-physical resilience (SUBSCRIPTION REQUIRED)

Promoting cyber-physical resilience for critical infrastructure systems is a key piece of the Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency’s work to define and protect “systemically important entities”, according to Director Jen Easterly. “We have to have an understanding of global supply chains and where impacts can be felt most seriously to the American people,” Easterly said at a Wednesday event hosted by the Foundation for Defense of Democracies.

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TECHRADAR: Looking back at the Motorola DynaTAC 8000X — the first mobile phone that was ever sold 40 years ago today

This family of devices was called Dynamic Adaptive Total Area Coverage – or DynaTAC – and the 8000X became the first approved by the Federal Communications Commission (FCC).

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WDAM-TV: MS bill would require true broadband service for providers to get tax exemptions

Under Tullos' bill, providers would be required to provide 25 megabits per second for download speeds and 3 megabits per second for upload speeds. Those speeds meet the FCC's minimum to be considered broadband internet.

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Broadband Map

FIERCE TELECOM: Questions emerge about Mercury Broadband's coverage in Michigan

A broadband consultant claims that Mercury Broadband has overstated its ability to provide fixed wireless access (FWA) in 12 Michigan counties on the FCC's broadband map. And he says this is deterring other providers from competing for Broadband Equity, Access and Deployment (BEAD) grants.

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BROADBAND BREAKFAST: FCC's New Era in Broadband Mapping and Transparency

This marks a significant departure from the commission's decades-long approach of gathering broadband data at the census block level. Prior to implementing these new data standards, the FCC's national broadband map indicated 8.1 million census blocks lacking adequate broadband access, but was void of location-specific data.

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BROADBAND BREAKFAST: Vermont to Start BEAD Challenge Process

That's a mandatory first step states and territories must take before awarding grants under the program. The Federal Communications Commission's coverage map, which has an ongoing challenge process of its own, was used to determine relative need and allocate program funds, but is not considered accurate enough to determine which individual homes and businesses lack broadband for the purposes of BEAD. States and territories will have the chance to incorporate updates from the latest version of the FCC map both before and after their processes.

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TVTECHNOLOGY: Digital Alert Systems, Masterplay Announce Tech Partnership

"We use EAS-Net to link our DASDEC EAS devices in the field with our Masterplay On-Air playout servers in one single centralcast location," said Matthew Davidge, CEO of Roseland Broadcasting. "With broadcast stations in Texas, Florida, and the Midwest, we use a hub-and-spoke model, and EAS-Net helps us better accomplish the alerting mission with less equipment. It saves us time and money and reduces the amount of wiring and support required to maintain FCC compliance."

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THE NEW YORK POST: Here is why NYC's iconic East Village Radio is coming back from the dead after a decade

When it first started, it was a pirate radio station on 88.1 FM until the FCC shut it down after two months. It was then reopened as a Live365 Internet station, according to the pair.

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DAILY MAIL: Jenna Bush Hager claims George W. 'laughed off' brutal SNL impressions

'Like an advertisement without consequences. Same with Late Night Shows. Should Federal Election Commission and/or FCC look into this?'

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SFGATE: Radio station nabs San Francisco's last unclaimed FM frequency

In December, after a decadelong freeze, the Federal Communications Commission opened applications for low-power FM radio licenses. San Francisco had only one available FM frequency remaining: 104.9 FM. Now, local nonprofit internet radio station BFF.fm — short for "Best Frequencies Forever" — has claimed it after submitting a successful application to the FCC, leaving the city with no more unclaimed FM frequencies.

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INSIDE HIGHER ED: Scaled Online Learning as Higher Ed's 'Pandora's Box'

Paid cable TV drove better television because of the difference in business models. HBO (when it was cable-only) made its money through subscriptions, not advertising. The network did not have to create shows for a mass audience and did not have to navigate

FCC content rules. The best shows on cable, such as *The Wire* and *The Americans*, were more like visual novels or long-form films than network TV shows. The best cable TV shows were writer-driven rather than star-driven.

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BROADCASTING AND CABLE: Adsmovil Inks Deal To Sell Content for Nuestra Vision

With original productions from Mexico, the channel provides audiences with nostalgia, representation, and a sense of belonging. Nuestra Vision offers a wide range of family-friendly content, including one of the largest and most prestigious libraries of Mexican movies, TV series, live news, live sports, sports news, music, children's content, educational series approved by the FCC and targeted special events.

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WKMG-TV: Starlink says it now has over 2.6M customers. Will the SpaceX rocket launches ever stop?

For SpaceX's part, not really. We're only about halfway to the number of satellites that the company has been approved to launch, with the U.S. Federal Communications Commission in 2018 giving SpaceX clearance for a 12,000-unit satellite constellation.

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FEDERAL REGISTER: Video Relay Service Compensation

The Federal Communications Commission (FCC or Commission) seeks comment on amending its rules on compensation from the Telecommunications Relay Services (TRS) Fund for providers of Video Relay Service (VRS) to address a number of special situations.

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USA TODAY: Cable TV providers must offer clear pricing totals for video subscriptions, FCC rules

Cable and satellite-TV providers will need to show the total costs for video subscriptions as part of a Federal Communications Commission effort to improve pricing transparency. In a news release Thursday, the FCC said total costs include extraneous fees that can often unexpectedly accumulate for users. Under new guidelines, consumers will have the ability to compare provider and programming costs with other competitors like streaming services.

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TECHRADAR: US government probing security risks of mobile devices

using Russian or Chinese satellites

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CNET: How Fast Is Broadband Internet? The FCC Just Quadrupled the Answer

The Federal Communications Commission voted on Thursday to raise the benchmark for broadband internet to 100Mbps download speed and 20Mbps upload speed. This is the first time the agency has raised the speed requirement in nearly a decade, and it's something FCC Chairwoman Jessica Rosenworcel has been pushing for years.

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Trump's campaign has publicly endorsed a plan pushed by outside conservative groups to eliminate or weaken the independence of key federal agencies, including the Federal Trade Commission and the Federal Communications Commission. But Trump and his campaign aides have largely avoided taking a clear position in public on whether the Fed's independence should be similarly eroded.

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NEWSMAX: FCC Commissioner Carr to Newsmax: TikTok Ban About Conduct, Not Content

TikTok, with its links to China through its parent company, ByteDance, remains a "clear and present danger to America's national security" and the proposed legislation that could ban its use in the United States is based on its "malign conduct, not its content," Brendan Carr, the senior Republican commissioner on the Federal Communications Commission, said on Newsmax Sunday.

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want to change that.

The Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration, or SAMHSA, has been working with the Federal Communications Commission and cellphone carriers like Verizon to test routing calls based on where a person in crisis is generally located. To protect their privacy, their exact location is not being given to call centers.

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TVTECHNOLOGY: Sinclair Says FCC Deregulation Needed for Local Journalism to Thrive

In response to a FCC proposal to encourage local news by streamlining some regulations, Sinclair has filed comments with the FCC arguing that the FCC needs to address the economics of broadcast television by deregulating the industry in a number of key areas, including station ownership, the transition to ATSC 3.0 and rules governing vMVPDs.

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RADIO & TELEVISION BUSINESS REPORT: Fourteen FMs Return To FCC Table of Allotments

Some 14 FM allotments were removed from the FCC's FM Table by the Commission in the recent past because a construction permit and/or license was granted. Now, they've returned to the Table of Allotments, as these MHz-based signals are considered vacant because of the cancellation of the associated authorizations or the dismissal of longform auction applications.

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RADIO & TELEVISION BUSINESS REPORT: After Laying Dormant, 'God's Country' To Change Hands In Alabama

An Alabama FM known as God's Country is going to the non-commercial arm of Frank Lee Perryman's Marble City Media LLC. Licensed to Goodwater, AL, Classic Country and Southern Gospel formatted WFAZ is being sold by The First Assembly of God and Lead Pastor Keith Jones. WFAZ has been silent under an FCC Special Temporary Authority, and RadioAlabama Foundation is entering into a Local Marketing Agreement with the church to be terminated on the sale's close.

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RADIO & TELEVISION BUSINESS REPORT: Consent Decree Settles LPTV Station's Captioning Rule Flub

With FCC Enforcement Bureau Chief Loyaan Egal signing off on the plan, a Consent Decree

has been entered into between the Commission and the owner of a low-power television station in Maine to settle an investigation into whether the licensee ran afoul of closed-captioning rules.

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ARIZONA DAILY SUN: FCC seeking public input on proposed event code for missing and endangered adults

On March 14, the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) voted to propose a Missing and Endangered Event Code to enhance public safety efforts. The decision, made in response to the growing concern regarding missing adult person cases and the need for expedited alerts, stands as a significant development in the United States' emergency response infrastructure.

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INSIDE RADIO: Family Stations Takes New York AM Dark, But WFME Is Not Dead Yet.

Family Radio's New York AM may be silent, but it's not yet ready to give up on finding a new home for WFME (1560). Despite reports the station is gone for good, Family Radio this week told the Federal Communications Commission that it "continues its concerted efforts" to find a new, permanent tower site for the station where it can return to full power. The religious broadcaster says it has identified six or seven possible sites in suburban New Jersey and it is now evaluating them.

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FIERCE TELECOM: RDOF defaulters hinder state BEAD programs

On December 20, 2023, the FCC said that it had completed all the RDOF long-form application reviews, and it published a final list of 379 recipients with winning bids totaling more than \$6 billion to be paid over 10 years. The FCC published this list after a lengthy process in which several high-profile recipients such as SpaceX's Starlink were denied funds and in which numerous companies defaulted on their RDOF bids in certain locations.

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FIERCE WIRELESS: Dish marks 5G drive test milestone, validating its

network speeds

Dish Network might be floundering when it comes to the number of customers actually using its network, but it's winning accolades for building the world's first commercial-grade open RAN 5G network in record time. The latest development in Dish's 5G journey is a letter its parent EchoStar (NASDAQ: SATS) filed with the FCC this week certifying that its nationwide 5G network provides download speeds of 35 Mbps or greater to over 70% of the U.S. population.

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RADIO WORLD: FCC Announces 109 MX Groups From 2023 LPFM Window

The FCC's Media Bureau has announced the mutually exclusive applications from the December 2023 LPFM window. Out of the original 1,336 applications filed, there are 109 MX groups involving 264 applications. The groups are within 30 states and Puerto Rico.

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RADIO WORLD: FCC Dismisses LPFM Application in R.I. After Objection

An application for an LPFM station in Rhode Island has been derailed because the applicant had listed a mailbox at an office supply store as its operating address. Bump FM, a Providence non-profit that has been streaming gospel-formatted hip hop and rap from its website since 2018, sought to broadcast on 95.1 FM from Glocester. It applied for a CP during the December LPFM window. But Bump FM listed a Smithfield address on Putnam Pike as where it would be operating from. The only problem? The address came back to a mailbox at a Staples office supply store. Aaron Read, chief engineer at The Public's Radio network, filed an informal objection pointing this out. FCC rules require an operating address to be a "campus" or "physical headquarters" within 10 miles of a proposed transmitter site.

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SC MEDIA: Cyber Trust Mark labeling for IoT devices approved by FCC

Mounting cybersecurity vulnerabilities impacting consumer internet-of-things devices has prompted the Federal Communications Commission to approve the voluntary U.S. Cyber Trust Mark labeling program that seeks to ensure security standard adherence among IoT devices, according to CyberScoop.

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RADIO INK: FCC Wants \$16k Fine, Loss of FM Translator For One Georgia AM

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COMMUNICATIONS DAILY: Waiver Lets Gomez Vote on Enforcement Actions Against Clients of Former Firm

FCC Commissioner Anna Gomez received a waiver of her White House ethics pledge that will allow her to vote on agency enforcement items involving clients at her former employer, prominent telecom law firm Wiley.

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COMMUNICATIONS DAILY: Carriers Warn Against Excessive Limits on 24 GHz Band

Carriers need more spectrum and the 24 GHz band is important to deploying 5G, CTIA said in reply comments on a December NPRM examining changes to the rules. CTIA and other wireless industry commenters said the FCC should harmonize rules with decisions made during the World Radiocommunication Conference in 2019 but go no further.

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CYBERSECURITY DIVE: Stronger FCC data breach reporting rules for telecom go live

The updated Federal Communications Commission rules, which were adopted in mid-December, cover the exposure of all personally identifiable information that could create a security risk for customers.

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DRONE DJ: DJI FPV Remote Controller 3, RC Motion 3 hit the FCC database

New DJI drone products have just made their way to the US Federal Communications Commission (FCC) database. The DJI FPV Remote Controller 3 and RC Motion 3 are now listed with the FCC, indicating the imminent release of new first-person view offerings from the world's biggest consumer drone maker. DJI's FPV Remote Controller is built for racing and freestyle drone pilots. It supports immersive flights on both the DJI FPV drone and the palm-sized Avata. The current version — DJI FPV Remote Controller 2 — features an ergonomic design with Hall effect control sticks for a pleasant operating experience.

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SAT NEWS: FCC proposes framework to ease satellite-to-smartphone supplemental coverage from space

Numerous such collaborations have launched recently, and the FCC seeks to establish clear and transparent processes to support supplemental coverage from space. Connecting consumers to essential wireless services where no terrestrial mobile service is available can be life-saving in remote locations and can open up innovative opportunities for consumers

and businesses.

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MYSMARTPRICE: Realme 12x 5G Appears on FCC Certification Website; Launch Seems Imminent

Realme is setting the stage to unveil another smartphone to join its Realme 12 series. This time it's Realme 12x 5G. We have spotted this upcoming smartphone on the FCC certification website with the RMX3997 model number.

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RADIO INK: Audacy Restructure Ends FCC Grandfathering, Forces Divestment

As Audacy seeks the Federal Communications Commission's approval to exit from Chapter 11 bankruptcy, the broadcaster will be doing so with at least one fewer station. The broadcaster will be forced to divest a South Carolina station due to the restructuring.

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The House's move to overwhelmingly pass legislation on TikTok shows an increased interest from lawmakers in addressing national security threats from China, as the Biden administration also ramps up its efforts to address specific sectors in the U.S. supply chain. Threats from China have been an increased area of focus at the Federal Communications Commission for years with formal efforts starting in 2020 to ban Huawei and ZTE from U.S. networks.

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The Platform for Open Wireless Data-driven Research, or POWDER, testbed was established through funding from the National Science Foundation, with the Department of Defense also funding PAWR research. Last summer, the POWDER testbed also was officially designated as an O-Ran Alliance Open Testing and Integration Center, or OTIC. It has special spectrum access within its geographic footprint, granted by the Federal Communications Commission.

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FEDERAL NEWS NETWORK: Why DoD needs 5G private networks for training

And that's one of the biggest questions when it comes to laying the foundation for these private 5G networks at training bases, or really any base: What access to spectrum does the base already have, and what does it need to accomplish the mission? Voice communications, text, images and data require less throughput than things like AR/VR or unmanned vehicles, so they require access to different parts of the spectrum. But in recent years, the FCC has been selling off parts of the spectrum that the Defense Department used to own to the private sector, with more such sales planned for the future. That means bases may have look into leasing agreements, or reconsider what bits of spectrum they plan to sell with regards to potential future needs.

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CULVER CITY NEWS: Controversial telecom permit OK'd by council

Council Member Goran Eriksson said that, as the permit meets FCC guidelines, they can't deny it and approve the appeal for safety reasons. Council Member Albert Vera pointed out that there is no concrete finding that they can use to deny the application. He admitted that he was conflicted however, as he sympathizes with the residents.

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THE GUARDIAN: Internet providers have left rural Americans behind. One county is fighting back

Bits and bobs of funding for rural broadband have found their way into federal legislation before. The US agriculture department (USDA) has a program to provide internet service. Communities could use pandemic funding to provide internet service, particularly for children doing distance learning. But nothing has ever reached the scale of the Internet for

All initiative, which combines \$42.5bn in funding in the 2021 infrastructure act with FCC programs, grant programs from the commerce department and other sources.

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One of the more shocking roadblocks in Chisholm’s path is the networks’ efforts to stop her from participating in televised debates and her resulting lawsuit calling their obstruction a violation of an FCC mandate. That gives Hedges’ Gottlieb a chance to prove himself, foreshadowing the power trial and appellate attorney he was to become.

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“He’s made it very clear that anybody that he disagreed with or he has an adversarial relationship in the press, he wants to potentially threaten their [Federal Communications Commission] license. He said publicly he wants to persecute, using the Department of Justice, his political adversaries, and the list goes on and on,” Scaramucci added.

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MINING GAZETTE: Signing on: Radio Keweenaw looking for funding, feedback

A little more than a decade ago, he began thinking about starting a community radio station. Unfortunately, it came too late for the application window for low-power stations, which the FCC only opens every 10 years.

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From Mar. 15 to 18, there were around 21,300 social media posts mentioning the FCC. Most content was on Twitter (84%, or around 17,900 posts), followed by Reddit (13%), Forums (2%), Blogs (1%), Comments (0%), and Facebook (0%).

The social media post with the greatest reach came from the Twitter account of Mashable (9.1m reach), which publicized its article on the FCC redefining broadband. The social media post with the second greatest reach came from the Twitter account of CBS News (9m reach), which publicized its article on the FCC's rules on junk fees.

One trending topic on social media was the FCC redefining broadband. The Twitter account of Mashable (9.1m reach, 33 engagements) had the most popular social media post on that topic. Another trending topic on social media was Ted Cruz's criticism of funding for the FCC's broadband subsidy programs. The Twitter account of Ted Cruz (6.3m reach, 826 engagements) had the most popular social media post on that topic.

Commissioner Carr tweeted (54k reach, 26 engagements) that he was looking forward to being in Austin to speak at the Salem Center for Policy.

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In the Biden administration's latest effort to combat "junk fees," the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) voted March 14 to mandate "all-in pricing" for broadband and direct broadcast satellite (DBS) providers.

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INSIDE RADIO: FCC's Top Lawyer Clears Anna Gomez To Make Some Decisions Involving Clients At Former Firm.

The website for the law firm Wiley Rein says it is “wired into Washington” and with a telecom and media practice that is one of the biggest, a decision by FCC General Counsel P. Michele Ellison could have an impact on some broadcasters. She has issued a waiver that will allow FCC Commissioner Anna Gomez to cast a vote on any enforcement actions, including potential fines, that involve clients at the law firm where she previously worked.

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TELECOMPETITOR: Altice USA is the Latest RDOF Default

Altice USA has joined a growing list of companies that have told the FCC they will not deploy high-speed broadband to areas for which they won funding in the 2020 Rural Digital Opportunity Fund (RDOF) auction. The company said it will relinquish 18 census block groups in Louisiana. The rules of the program call for penalties for RDOF awardees

that make that choice. But Altice said it “reserves and retains its rights to seek relief from any penalties, including waiver of the commission’s rules, as well as seek other relief as may be necessary.”

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BROADBAND BREAKFAST: At Free State Event, Most Industry and Academics Dump on FCC Regulation

Industry officials and an academic at the Free State Foundation conference on Tuesday dumped on the Federal Communication Commission’s proposed net neutrality rules, while one public interest panelist defended the agency. The industry officials - from Comcast and AT&T - criticized the agency’s proposal to create more stringent regulations on broadband access, saying that to do so would stymie broadband deployment and investment.

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FLORIDA MORTGAGE PROFESSIONAL: FCC Adopts New Rules To Close The 'Lead Generator Loophole'

As of January 27, 2025, the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) will implement new rules to close the so-called lead generator loophole for companies using auto dialers and pre-recorded messages, which could completely overhaul the business model among lead providers and some mortgage lenders.

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ANDROID POLICE: The FCC is raising the bar for internet providers promising ‘broadband’ service

In 2023, the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) announced plans to open an additional 850MHz of spectrum within its 6GHz band. Specifically targeting low-power devices, the goal was to allow for fast transfer speeds between nearby devices. This spurred several companies into a frenzy under the assumption that it could greatly expand Wi-Fi capabilities. However, these types of changes often shed light on an existing problem — the lack of high-speed internet in certain areas of the country. Now, the FCC is updating its policies once again, and it’s doing so with these regions in mind.

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THE DESK: Clock is ticking for FCC to approve WADL sale to Mission, Adell says

The Federal Communications Commission (FCC) has been urged to approve the sale of a Detroit-area television station to a Nexstar Media Group-controlled company by this week.

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DRONE DJ: DJI Avata 2 drone hits FCC ahead of rumored April launch

New listings from DJI have just hit the US FCC database. It looks like the second generation of DJI's indoor-friendly first-person view (FPV) drone, Avata 2, is ready for release.

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ESCHOOL NEWS: E-rate insight protects school technology infrastructure

When the Federal Communications Commission's E-rate program first emerged in 1996, only 14 percent of the nation's K-12 classrooms were connected to the internet. Since then, the program has transformed to help schools and libraries connect to high-speed broadband. Today, nearly three-quarters of K-12 school districts provide internet bandwidth at a minimum rate of 1 megabit per second, according to the 2023 Report on School Connectivity.

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LIGHT READING: Comcast Business tees off private 5G network at The Players Championship

While the indoor MosoLabs radios at The Players Championship provided 5G coverage, the company's 5G outdoor radios haven't completed FCC certifications, so Comcast Business opted for 4G radios outdoors, said Cohen. 5G indoor coverage historically hasn't been highly reliable, but Cohen said they didn't experience any issues with the 5G radios at the event.

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Caldwell's technical analysis in contributions to development of spectrum policy have been utilized in regulatory matters, domestically at the FCC and internationally at the International Telecommunication Union.

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FIERCE WIRELESS: DirecTV lets customers opt out of local broadcast stations in TV package lineup

The FCC took up the issue of channel blackouts and contract disputes between distributors and broadcasters earlier this year when it proposed requiring satellite and cable pay TV providers to give customers affected by channel blackouts a rebate when they don't receive channels they pay for.

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Broadband Map

THE HERALD-TIMES: How fast is your internet? Monroe County wants to know

"The way that BEAD allocates their funds is by identifying locations not included on the Federal Communications Commission's (FCC) Broadband Access Map," Baeten said in the release. "Unfortunately, that map isn't necessarily accurate, and that's where Monroe County residents can help."

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NORTH IDAHO BUSINESS JOURNAL: Shoshone County eyes broadband

FCC broadband access mapping relies heavily on the larger internet providers to say where service is provided, which is why speed testing creates additional data showing the actual internet speeds.

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Gorshein Public Policy registered to lobby on behalf of the broadcast company Sinclair on issues related to media ownership, ownership caps, broadcast copyright, Federal Communications Commission (FCC) oversight, and competition and future of media.

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RADIO INK: Bentonville's KOBV Brings Community Radio to Walmart Country

The station started in 2015 in a way that Verrone describes as "Very small, pretty random." Co-founder Garrett Brewer had applied for and received an LPFM license from the FCC, along with two other applicants who dropped out of the project.

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WJLA-TV: Gov. Youngkin blasts LCPS Board for turning off cameras during public comment

"First, we can't control for what they [the public] wear, their signs. They could have all sorts of things that we could get in trouble with FCC on," said Mansfield. 7News asked LCPS last week, "Has LCPS ever been contacted by the FCC for possible violations from January 2021 – March 14, 2024?" LCPS did not respond to that question. 7News also asked the FCC if LCPS has been warned or fined in the past. The FCC responded immediately that they would look into the matter.

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VERMONT DIGGER: WDEV general manager Steve Cormier out as station prepares to change hands

The sale was first announced in January and is expected to be finalized in the coming months pending approval by the Federal Communications Commission, according to Squier. Her family has owned and operated WDEV for almost 90 years and had been trying to sell the station for several years.

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THE HILL: Biden's hyper-partisan implementation of the bipartisan infrastructure law (Opinion)

Price controls reflect the Biden administration's broader push for a government takeover of broadband companies. That scheme is even more obvious in the administration's newly unveiled "net neutrality" regulations. Late last year, the Biden-dominated Federal Communications Commission (FCC) initiated the process of subjecting broadband providers to a 1930s law intended for copper-wire phones and railroads, not the internet. Net neutrality amounts to de facto federal government control over broadband companies' every action.

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SpaceX has also applied to the FCC for its Starship #4 flight. The experimental communications licence begins on April 15th.

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From Mar. 18 to 19, there were around 2,900 social media posts mentioning the FCC. Most content was on Twitter (82%, or around 2,300 posts), followed by Reddit (11%), Forums (3%), Blogs (2%), Comments (1%), and Facebook (0%).

The social media post with the greatest reach came from the Twitter account of Mashable (9.1m reach), which publicized its article on the FCC redefining broadband. The social media post with the second greatest reach came from the Twitter account of Android Authority (1.2m reach), which publicized its article on the Google Pixel 8a appearing on the FCC website.

One trending topic on social media was Commissioner Carr visiting SpaceX's new Starlink factory in Texas. The Twitter account of Sawyer Merritt (640k reach, 453 engagements) had the most popular social media post on that topic. Another trending topic on social media was the FCC helping satellite providers to offer space-based cellular services. The Twitter account of PCMag (410k reach, 6 engagements) had the most popular social media post on that topic.

Commissioner Carr tweeted (54k reach, 621 engagements) that "LEO satellite systems are changing the game for Internet connectivity" after his visit to a Starlink factory. Commissioner Starks tweeted (4k reach, 20 engagements) that he met with Representative Yvette Clarke to advocate for the Affordable Connectivity Program.

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Participants will continue receiving full benefits through April, according to the Federal Communications Commission. In May, internet companies will have the option to provide them with partial discounts using the remaining federal funding. Based on provider claims

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ARS TECHNICA: Cable ISP fined \$10,000 for lying to FCC about where it offers broadband

An Internet service provider that admitted lying to the Federal Communications Commission about where it offers broadband will pay a \$10,000 fine and implement a

compliance plan to prevent future violations. Jefferson County Cable (JCC), a small ISP in Toronto, Ohio, admitted that it falsely claimed to offer fiber service in an area that it hadn't expanded to yet. A company executive also admitted that the firm submitted false coverage data to prevent other ISPs from obtaining government grants to serve the area. Ars helped expose the incident in a February 2023 article.

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PITTSBURGH POST-GAZETTE: Broadband rollout continues in southwest Pennsylvania

County officials across Pennsylvania are focusing on getting internet service to every resident in the wake of COVID-19 pandemic shutdowns four years ago that forced the need for remote learning, commerce and health care. The Beaver County milestone comes as a new report found that advanced telecommunications capability was not reaching people living in rural areas in a “reasonable and timely fashion,” according to the Federal Communications Commission.

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THE NEW YORK POST: DOJ moved to dismiss \$3.3B fraud suit against Dish after chairman donated \$113K to Biden

The dispute began in 2015, when Dish placed \$13.3 billion in wireless license bids as part of a Federal Communications Commission auction designed to help “very small businesses,” defined as those with revenues lower than \$15 million, according to FCC filings previously reported by the Wall Street Journal.

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HOODLINE: FCC Emboldens Intergovernmental Bonds with New Appointments Including Councilman Joseph Goldstein to Advisory Committee

In a significant move aiming to strengthen the relationship between various levels of government and the Federal Communications Commission (FCC), Councilman Joseph Goldstein has been appointed to the agency's Intergovernmental Advisory Committee (IAC). FCC Chairwoman Jessica Rosenworcel, spearheading the initiative, recently welcomed new members to the advisory panel, which plays a crucial role in advising the FCC on telecommunications concerns that impact local, county, state, and Tribal governments.

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HOODLINE: L.A. County's Kathryn Barger Cheers FCC Proposal for Localized 9-8-8 Crisis Response Routing

In a move aimed at bolstering the nation's crisis intervention efforts, L.A. County Supervisor Kathryn Barger applauded the Federal Communications Commission's latest proposal.

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THE TRIBUNE: Residents worry proposed SLO County cell tower could threaten their health. Is it safe?

In a statement to The Tribune, Verizon said their towers do not pose health risks to individuals who live near a project site. "Verizon takes very seriously the health and safety of our employees and customers, and of all residents in the communities we serve," the statement read. "All Verizon facilities, including the small cells that Verizon is deploying to provide 5G service, are required to comply with the FCC safety standards."

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CORD CUTTERS NEWS: Cord Cutting Is About to Become a Lot Easier for Millions of Americans Thanks to This New FCC Rule

Last week, the FCC approved raising the national Internet speed benchmark to 100 Mbps for download and 20 Mbps for upload. That's a significant increase to the current standard of 25 Mbps download and 3 Mbps upload. The FCC ruled that 5G services can be considered high speed if they offer 35 Mbps down and 3 Mbps up. This may not seem like a major move, but it should help millions of Americans cut the cord. Currently many Americans who only have 25 Mbps down or less struggle with cord cutting. You need about 20 Mbps down to watch one 4K stream on Netflix. To watch four 4K streams at once, you need 80 Mbps to 100 Mbps for most services. The FCC will be helping millions of Americans cut the Internet cord as it helps fund this speed increase.

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PHILADELPHIA BUSINESS REVIEW: Potential pitfalls remain as Audacy seeks FCC approval for new ownership group

While Audacy earned approval from a federal bankruptcy judge last month, its bid to emerge from Chapter 11 reorganization now faces its final, and perhaps its most perilous, challenge. The Philadelphia-based audio content provider needs regulatory approval for its reorganization plan and has filed with the Federal Communications Commission to get the nod for its new ownership group headlined by a George Soros-led investment firm, as well as permission to exceed the current foreign ownership limits. The company must also complete any radio station divestitures deemed necessary for FCC compliance.

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RADIO INK: Be Prepared: FCC Begins First Round Of 2024 Radio EEO Audits

The Federal Communications Commission's Enforcement Bureau has initiated the first round of Equal Employment Opportunity audits for 2024. The FCC targets approximately five percent of radio stations at random for compliance checks each year.

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LAW360: FCC Ready To Propose Local Georouting For 988 Calls (SUBSCRIPTION REQUIRED)

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A trade group has asked the Federal Communications Commission to hold off on a rule approved in December clamping down on robocalls and texts while the organization pursues an Eleventh Circuit challenge to the new regulations.

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MARKETSCALE: From Drones to Smart Grid Technology: How to Ensure FCC Compliance in the Telecom Industry

In an era where technological innovation is accelerating, the telecommunications industry faces a myriad of regulatory challenges, particularly in compliance with the Federal Communications Commission (FCC). The rise of smart grid technology and the increasing use of drones for utility monitoring are just a few examples of how the industry is evolving, making FCC compliance more complex. Just last year, the FCC proposed new rules, including a licensing process for drone operators to communicate with air traffic control. So as companies strive to modernize their operations and leverage new technologies, understanding the FCC's regulations becomes crucial.

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RADIO WORLD: Applicant Unable to Overturn Dismissal of New Hampshire LPFM

A New Hampshire non-profit was unable to convince the FCC to overturn the rejection of its application from the 2023 LPFM window. Latino Public Radio hoped to broadcast on 97.9 FM from an antenna site just south of Nashua. It wanted to air news, information, and educational content to the Latino community there.

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RADIO & TELEVISION BUSINESS REPORT: FCC Seeks Input In Future Illinois FM Power Tweak Ask

The Media Bureau of the FCC is moving forward with seeking public input on a proposal that would adjust the wattage of a future FM radio station licensed to Mattoon, Ill.

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WHEC-TV: Consumer Alert: New FCC mandate will make internet providers show all costs up-front

So the Federal Communications Commission has mandated that all major internet providers post broadband fact labels, similar to nutrition labels. Big providers must have them posted by April 10. Verizon has done it already. Their labels look very much like a nutrition label, and they're easy to read. At the top of the label you see the name of the service and its monthly price. Additional charges and terms come afterward, then installation costs, deposits, late fees, tax, and termination fees. At the bottom you get plan speeds including typical upload and download speeds.

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KBZK-TV: FCC investigating Amazon for reportedly selling illegal radio jammers

Equipment used to jam radio frequencies has long been banned by the Federal Communications Commission for public use and sale. The FCC now appears poised to investigate companies, including Amazon, for selling jamming devices.

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KBTX-TV: Focus at Four: FCC Proposed Missing Indigenous People Alert System

The FCC has proposed a new national alert for endangered and missing adults. The new alert would be similar to alerts already in place like Amber and Silver Alerts. The FCC hopes the national alert will raise awareness for missing native and indigenous peoples. Nita Batisse is the Vice-Chairman of the Tribal Council for the Alabama-Coushatta Tribe of Texas. She joined First News at Four Friday to speak about the proposal.

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KECI-TV: Federal court enters \$9.9M penalty and injunction against man found to have caused thousands of unlawful spoofed robocalls

On Tues, March 22, a Montana federal court entered a \$9.9 million penalty against a man from Libby, MT who had been found responsible for causing thousands of unlawful and malicious robocalls to consumers across the entire nation. The court also imposed an

injunction that prohibits any future violations of the Truth in Caller ID Act and Telephone Consumer Protection Act. The case arose out of FCC investigation into unlawful robocalls that had been received in states including Florida, Georgia, Idaho, Iowa, and Virginia in 2018. The calls displayed inaccurate caller ID that indicated they were local numbers in order to induce recipients to answer the calls and listen to recorded messages.

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Nexstar, a media conglomerate, is gearing up to dispute a recent ruling by the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) regarding the forced sale of New York TV channel WPIX-TV. The FCC's decision stems from what it deems as an "unauthorized transfer of control" in an agreement involving Nexstar and Mission Broadcasting, Nexstar's partner in The CW affiliate.

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RADIO INSIGHT: FCC Report 3/24: Pair Of Texas Licenses Surrendered

The FCC is opening up a comment period for a proposed rulemaking amending the FM Table of Allotments in Mattoon IL. The rulemaking proposes to downgrade the vacant allotment on 96.9 in Mattoon from a Class B to B1 as the commission's analysis found the allotment short-spaced to Champaign Multimedia Group's 97.5 WHMS-FM Champaign by ten kilometers. Their engineering analysis will keep the allotment consistent with the minimum distance separation requirements with a site restriction 7.6 miles southeast of the city. The allotment was made available by the cancellation of Mattoon Broadcasting Company's WLBH-FM in April 2018.

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VOIP REVIEW: FCC Revives \$9 Billion 5G Rural Expansion Plan

The Federal Communications Commission (FCC) has breathed new life into a stalled initiative aimed at extending 5G network coverage to America's rural areas. The rejuvenated program, named the 5G Fund for Rural America, seeks to allocate \$9 billion over the next decade to bring 5G connectivity to 14 million homes and businesses in regions currently overlooked by operators due to financial impracticalities.

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Sen. Steve Daines, R-Mont., led filing of the Supporting National Security with Spectrum Act Friday as an alternative vehicle for allocating an additional \$3.08 billion for the FCC's Secure and Trusted Communications Networks Reimbursement Program after congressional leaders didn't agree to include the funding in the Further Consolidated Appropriations Act FY 2024 minibuss spending bill (see 2403210067). Congress inched closer Friday to passing the minibuss, which also didn't include stopgap funding for the FCC's ailing affordable connectivity program despite a strong push by the initiative's backers (see 2402210073).

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HONOLULU CIVIL BEAT: The Strange, Slipshod Demise Of Hawaii's Pay Phones (Opinion)

Hawaii, for debatable reasons, hung on longer than most. Between 2008 and 2016, while the number of pay phones nationwide dropped 86%, the decrease was only 37% in Hawaii, according to the Federal Communications Commission. That's the year the FCC stopped counting — who cared anymore?

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INSIDE CYBERSECURITY: Easterly responds to September recommendations from CISA advisory committee (SUBSCRIPTION REQUIRED)

A recent memorandum from CISA Director Jen Easterly reviews September recommendations from the agency's Cybersecurity Advisory Committee and provides an update on progress when it comes to implementation.

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CASTLE ROCK NEWS-PRESS: Despite opposition, T-Mobile gets approval for cell tower in Butterfield Crossing Park

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Prior to these funds, parts of Wyoming may have had internet, but it would have been limited to the cheapest form of connection available. The treasury funds allow companies like Visionary to lay fiber to these underserved or unserved areas (places without internet access or places with internet access that are not up to Federal Communications Commission speed definitions). Fiber meets those standards and more, as fiber-optic cables are capable of transferring up to 10-GigaBytes a second. While towers and cables could provide internet access to more rural areas, only fiber would guarantee FCC speed standards.

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LONGVIEW NEWS-JOURNAL: High-speed internet access to increase in county

Alabama's Capital Projects Fund grants further expand Spectrum's rural construction initiative, the centerpiece of which is the company's approximately \$5 billion investment in unserved rural communities, which includes more than \$1 billion won in the Federal Communications Commission's (FCC) Rural Digital Opportunity Fund (RDOF) auction. The company's RDOF expansion will provide broadband access to 1.3 million customer locations across 24 states.

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WRAL-TV: 'Are we ready?': Elections experts ring alarm bells over AI, deepfakes as 2024 races heat up

The federal government hasn't passed any laws targeting election misinformation fueled by AI, although the Federal Communications Commission issued an agency rule cracking down on AI-assisted robocalls earlier this year, after the fake Biden voice made national news.

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Superintendent Josh Isaacson said 70 percent of that cost will be reimbursed by the federal E-rate program, which is designed to make internet connectivity and

telecommunication services more affordable for schools and libraries, according to the Federal Communications Commission.

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Broadband Map

THE VERGE: \$10,000 fine shows why you should report ISPs who lie about serving your address.

\$10,000 fine shows why you should report ISPs who lie about serving your address. When I suggested you should challenge the FCC's new broadband maps — which still let ISPs lie about coverage — some readers told me it was pointless. Well... a small ISP in Ohio is now getting fined \$10,000 after it was caught lying! Here's hoping we can make bigger lying ISPs feel the heat, too.

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Impacted federal bodies this time around would have included the departments of Defense, State, Homeland Security, Treasury, Labor, Education, Health and Human Services, the Small Business Administration, the Federal Trade Commission, the Federal Communications Commission, the Consumer Product Safety Commission, certain congressional offices, and the federal judiciary.

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KSDK-TV: Hamra likely to survive any potential ballot eligibility challenges over residency, expert election attorney says

Whether or not Hamra ever faces the eligibility question, he will undoubtedly face the electability question. While he worked as a political appointee under President Bill Clinton's administration in the Federal Communications Commission, his sporadic voting record shows a certain degree of disinterest in races of significant interest to Democrats.

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THE NEW YORK TIMES: The Online Degradation of Women and Girls That We Meet With a Shrug (Opinion)

Senator Michael Bennet, a Democrat of Colorado, and others have proposed a new federal regulatory body to oversee technology companies and new media, just as the Federal Communications Commission oversees old media. That makes sense to me.

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FOX NEWS: Loudoun County dad pardoned by Gov. Youngkin outraged after school board censors public comment: 'Let us down'

Loudoun County Chair Malinda Mansfield doubled down on the decision by arguing there could be Federal Communications Commission (FCC) concerns since the board cannot control what members of the public say or wear, according to the Washington Examiner.

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BUSINESS INSIDER: Billionaires going to space aim to industrialize the moon, asteroids, and Mars. It's time to set some ground rules.

As the industry plows forward, Congress is starting to consider the issue. In November, two Republican representatives introduced a bill that would create a certification process for commercial space missions, adding to the FAA's launch licensing and the Federal Communications Commission's regulation of satellite transmissions, SpaceNews reported.

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THE EPOCH TIMES: The CCP Uses TikTok to Target US Military (Opinion)

Furthermore, a cyber center located in Xinjiang collects and categorizes Uyghur language content from abroad. Brendan Carr, the senior Republican on the Federal Communications Commission, warned, "At its core, TikTok functions as a sophisticated surveillance tool that harvests extensive amounts of sensitive data from search and browsing history, keystroke patterns, location data, and biometrics including face prints and voice prints."

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THE EPOCH TIMES: IRS Faces Investigation Over Use of AI to Possibly

Spy on US Taxpayers

AI technology has become a point of contention in Washington, especially when it comes to elections. In February, the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) banned the use of AI in robo-calls, saying that they can be used to manipulate people---especially in light of robo-calls using the voices of former President Donald Trump and President Joe Biden were used in some states.

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THE WALL STREET JOURNAL: Senator, Meet Your New Fierce Lobbyist: Your Own TikTok-Watching Teen

Now the matter has moved over to the Senate—where lawmakers also have to contend with their in-house critics. “My kids are really tough bargainers, they’re not quick to accept my arguments,” says Sen. Todd Young (R., Ind.), who has four teenagers at home. (Young wants TikTok to separate from China, but doesn’t like that the House bill mentions TikTok by name.)

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REUTERS INSTITUTE: AI, lies and conspiracy theories: How Latinos become a key target for misinformation in the US election

“[Platforms] have a responsibility to their users and to the countries they operate in to uphold the governance systems that they’ve benefited from,” affirms Woolley. “So do the governments, and in particular groups in the United States like the Federal Elections Commission, the Federal Communications Commission, and the Securities and Exchange Commission, who have mandates to make sure the things they oversee are free and fair and actually democratic.”

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ZDNET NEWS: When deploying GenAI at scale, people must come first. Here's how

He has served in multiple leadership roles dealing with crisis situations and challenges, including bioterrorism preparedness and response, leading two bipartisan National Commissions on R&D, as well as work with the US intelligence community, the FCC, and the Department of Defense. David is co-chair for the Loomis Council and distinguished fellow at the Stimson Center.

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SPACE NEWS: Astronomers and megaconstellations learn to get along

There have been some small steps, such as the Federal Communications Commission requiring licensees of some constellations to enter into coordination agreements with the National Science Foundation on steps to mitigate interference with optical and radio astronomy. SpaceX completed a coordination agreement with the NSF last year, and Hofer said Amazon expects to finalize a similar agreement this year.

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SPACE NEWS: AT&T underlines support for realizing direct-to-smartphone satellite service

These efforts reached a major milestone March 14, when the Federal Communications Commission voted unanimously in favor of ground rules for allowing satellite operators to use radio waves from terrestrial mobile partners.

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The US Federal Communications Commission has said it's investigating whether US mobile phone use of foreign satellite systems could be a security risk.

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FEDERAL REGISTER: Assessment and Collection of Space and Earth Station Regulatory Fees for Fiscal Year 2024; Review of the Commission's Assessment and Collection of Regulatory Fees for Fiscal Year 2024

In this document, the Federal Communications Commission (Commission or FCC) adopted a Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (NPRM) that seeks comments on revising the regulatory fees for space and earth station payors for fiscal year (FY) 2024.

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FEDERAL REGISTER: Facilitating Shared Use in the 3100-3550 MHz Band

In this document, the Wireless Telecommunication Bureau and the Office of Engineering

and Technology (WTB/OET) make a non-substantive, editorial revision to the Table of Frequency Allocations in the Commission's Rules (Table 22), which identifies coordinates for Department of Defense Cooperative Planning Areas (CPAs) and Periodic Use Areas (PUAs), deleting as redundant, the Norfolk, Virginia Cooperative Planning Area (Norfolk CPA) from the list of CPAs and PUA's in Table 22.

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One trending topic on social media was Verizon rolling out broadband nutrition labels mandated by the FCC. The Twitter account of PCMag (410k reach, 3 engagements) had the most popular social media post on that topic. Another trending topic on social media was the FCC investigating Amazon over illegal radio jammers. The Twitter account of PCMag (410k reach, 37 engagements) had the most popular social media post on that topic.

Commissioner Starks tweeted (4k reach, 5 engagements) that he spoke “about our work to ensure that comms networks drive clean innovation,” favorably acknowledging remarks from Senator Whitehouse and Arati Prabhakar, the Director of the White House Office of Science and Technology Policy.

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SpaceX is pressing the FCC for even more clearance to orbit Starlink satellites closer to Earth, citing the performance benefits. A month ago, the company requested FCC clearance to orbit some second-generation Starlink satellites between 340 to 360 kilometers from Earth — or about 200 kilometers (124 miles) below their planned orbits.

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COMIC BOOK RESOURCES: Why the Government Forced All in the Family to Change Time Slots

It's difficult to quite grasp just HOW different the world of television was fifty years ago,

and as a result, how different the impact that the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) had on television. There were only three major national networks in the 1970s, and as a result, the FCC was constantly concerned about how much power that ABC, CBS and NBC wielded in the country.

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LAW360: Cable Biz Org. Seeks Delay Of Title II Regs On Small Providers (SUBSCRIPTION REQUIRED)

A cable industry group is pressing the Federal Communications Commission to defer by six months imposing "core" Title II rules on small internet service providers if it decides to move ahead with a net neutrality regime in the coming months.

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LAW360: Congress Urged To Renew FCC Auctions, Broadband Fund (SUBSCRIPTION REQUIRED)

Dozens of public interest groups want Congress to jump-start the Federal Communications Commission's spectrum auctions and use the proceeds to pour new funds into the Affordable Connectivity Program, fixing two problems confronting the FCC at once.]

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DAILY MONTANAN: DOJ imposes \$9.9M penalty for Montana man who targeted communities with robocalls

A federal court in Montana last week imposed a nearly \$10 million penalty against a Libby man who sent thousands of harassing and malicious spoofed robocalls that targeted people and communities in several states specifically following tragedies that included people's murders. Scott Rhodes, who lived in Libby and in Idaho, had the judgment imposed against him last Tuesday – three years after the Federal Communications Commission imposed the \$9.9 forfeiture penalty against Rhodes and after the Department of Justice sued him to collect the money.

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STATESCOOP: Ohio ISP fined \$10,000 for overstating broadband coverage to FCC

Jefferson County Cable, a small internet service provider in Ohio, was fined \$10,000 this month for making inaccurate claims to the Federal Communications Commission about fiber service to areas it hadn't expanded to yet. The FCC published a consent decree on March 15 stating it was settling with the Jefferson County Cable company of Toronto, Ohio, resolving the investigation into the company's violations of the Broadband Deployment Accuracy and Technology Availability Act. In addition to the fine, the ISP was ordered to implement a compliance plan to prevent future violations.

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INSIDE RADIO: Citing 'Macroeconomic Conditions,' Audacy Reports 7% Revenue Decline In 2023.

Full year 2023 revenue at Audacy declined 6.7% to \$1.17 billion from \$1.25 billion in 2022, the company reported Friday in a regulatory filing. Audacy is awaiting FCC approval for its financial reorganization plan and thus skipped the normal fourth quarter and full year 2023 earnings call, opting to release 2023 results in a form 10-K filing with the Securities & Exchange Commission.

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FIERCE TELECOM: FCC rule against broadband digital discrimination goes into effect

The 2021 Bipartisan Infrastructure Law required the FCC to adopt rules to prevent and eliminate digital discrimination in regard to access to broadband, and those rules went into effect on March 22. According to the FCC, the rules will "help to ameliorate a digital divide that has underpinnings in the country's historical segregation and redlining practices in housing."

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A lot of questions have been raised concerning the possible default of Rural Development Opportunity Fund (RDOF) participants and the corresponding impact of still penalties on these companies and subsequent Broadband Equity Access and Deployment (BEAD) funding (see full coverage of the letter sent last month to the FCC on the topic from Light Reading [here](#)). The logic is straightforward: Creating an incentive for winning bidders to default now (because of a lower penalty) will increase the probability that more homes will be served through BEAD.

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BROADBAND BREAKFAST: Senate Bill Proposes \$3 Billion for Rip-and-Replace Program

Amid growing concerns over funding shortages prompting small- and medium-sized carriers to weigh the possibility of cutting wireless services, a Senate bill introduced Friday aims to inject an additional \$3.08 billion into an initiative targeting the removal of Chinese equipment from U.S. communication networks. The Supporting National Security with Spectrum Act aims to fully fund the Secure and Trusted Networks Reimbursement Program, also known as rip-and-replace, effectively plugging the shortfall the FCC has warned about for months.

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KXLF-TV: 23 million Americans could soon pay more for home internet

The program stopped accepting new applicants on Feb. 7 as part of its wind-down. The Federal Communications Commission said that April 2024 is the last fully funded month of the program. The program runs out of money in May unless Congress renews its funding. The FCC has urged Congress to approve new funds for the program, but so far, it has been to no avail.

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WVIK-FM: Dubuque City Councilwoman appointed to FCC advisory

committee

The Federal Communications Commission, or the FCC, chose Susan Farber to serve on its Intergovernmental Advisory Committee. Farber has been on the Dubuque City Council for three years, representing the city's first ward. The committee will make recommendations to the FCC about telecommunications issues, like broadband access, that affect local, state and tribal governments. Farber will be one of 30 members, from 20 states. She is the only committee member from Iowa. Each member will serve a two-year term. The committee will hold its first meeting next month.

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ADWEEK: Nexstar CEO Perry Sook Responds to FCC Over Relationship to WPIX

Nexstar Media Group, Inc. chairman and chief executive officer, Perry Sook has responded to the FCC's action regarding the Company's relationship with WPIX in New York City.

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THE DESK: WADL sale termination date pushed to June at FCC's urging

The station, WADL (Channel 38), and prospective buyer Mission Broadcasting now say the shot clock for the deal to be consummated will run out on June 29, or about 90 days out from their prior termination date of March 31. The shot clock was extended after officials from Mission and WADL's current owner, Adell Broadcasting, held meetings with FCC officials on the matter. The sale, announced last May, has been pending approval at the FCC following objections levied by cable and satellite industry groups who argue that the transfer of WADL's license to Mission will benefit the much-larger broadcast operation Nexstar Media Group, who operates all Mission stations through shared services agreements.

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Phone and cable companies, meantime, now offer voice over internet phones as landline replacements, and the FCC requires them to give locations to 911.

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COMMUNICATIONS DAILY: NCTA Moves to Intervene to Defend FCC's Quadrennial Review Order

NCTA is seeking to intervene in support of the FCC and against four petitions for review consolidated in the 8th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals challenging the FCC's Dec. 26 quadrennial review order for allegedly violating Section 202(h) of the Telecommunications Act, said NCTA's unopposed motion Monday.

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THE VIRGIN ISLANDS CONSORTIUM: Federal Ramifications Loom for Liberty VI as Bill to Forward Complaints to FCC Passes Senate

Liberty VI could face federal ramifications over shoddy service in the territory, with local lawmakers voting in favor of a bill which directs the Public Services Commission to file an official complaint on behalf of the territory's citizens against Liberty Latin America, Liberty Mobile USVI, and Liberty Mobile Puerto Rico with the Federal Communications Commission.

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THE INDIANAPOLIS STAR: Will I have cell service during 2024 solar eclipse? What to know about effects in Indiana

Probably, but consider other alternatives. According to the Federal Communications Commission, "It is important for consumers to keep in mind that during an emergency, many more people are trying to use their wireless and wireline telephones at the same time when compared to normal calling activity. When more people try to call at the same time, the increased calling volume may create network congestion."

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PC GUIDE: DJI Avata 2 Speculation: Specs and Features We'd Like to See

Whilst we don't have any concrete DJI Avata 2 release date information at present, the product is expected imminently. DJI have filed the drone in the FCC database, all but confirming an upcoming announcement. Given standard production pipelines, we'd expect the Avata 2 to be ready approximately 3 months after an announcement – with a possible pre-order window for the most eager.

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ALASKA PUBLIC MEDIA: Senate passes fast-tracked rural school broadband bill, Dunleavy promises quick signature

The Federal Communications Commission lists satellite internet as an eligible service for the E-Rate program, along with more traditional connections like fiber optic and cable service.

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CONSUMER REPORTS: Using Starlink to (Finally) Get Fast Internet at Home in Rural Arizona

In an earlier time, she'd be listed among the millions of Americans without reliable broadband service, not because of the cost, but simply because of a lack of infrastructure. According to 2023 estimates from the Federal Communications Commission, 17.3 percent of Americans in rural areas and 20.9 percent on tribal lands lack high-speed coverage (25 Mbps downloads) from fixed terrestrial broadband.

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CAMDEN NEWS: Arkansas State Broadband Office releases new broadband map

The map, which shows a total of roughly 1.3 million locations across the state, is unique in the level at which information is reported. Previously, broadband maps were based on census block groups, Howie said. According to the director, that meant if a single location was reported as served by an internet service provider to the Federal Communications Commission, the entire block surrounding that location was marked as "served."

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Broadband Map

FIERCE TELECOM: NTIA ignites the path to permitting with new mapping tool

At a glance, the map looks a lot like the FCC's national broadband coverage map. But

instead of providing data on broadband serviceable locations, NTIA's map shows you which federal lands belong to which agency. It also displays rights of way, state lands data and tribal lands boundaries.

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ROLLING STONE: Three People Did Not Enjoy John Cena's Physical Perfection at Oscars

It turns out, three people who tuned in to the Academy Awards didn't like the shtick much more than Cena himself. So they complained to the FCC.

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LEAF CHRONICLE: As a therapist, here are tips I give parents to help their children work through trauma (Opinion)

Could the barrage of pictures and stories be causing secondary trauma? Yes. The Federal Communications Commission states, "The average American child will witness 12,000 violent acts on television each year, amounting to about 200,000 violent acts by the time he turns 18 years old."

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BROADCASTING AND CABLE: Chuck Scarborough Reflects on His Half-Century at WNBC New York

Like his father, Scarborough knew a bit about flying planes. He was in the Air Force in Biloxi, where he was involved in an attempt to launch a TV station at the base. He parlayed that to an operations manager position at WLOX Biloxi. The FCC pushed the station to do a better job in terms of community service to retain their license, so WLOX launched local news, and Scarborough began chasing down stories.

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TV NEWSCHECK: Not So Fast On Sidelining The News Anchor

The news operations of most local TV stations came into their own in the 1970s, when many owners discovered that aside from being a long-standing FCC requirement to keep the license, successful news operations could be very significant contributors to a station's bottom line. The cottage industry of news consulting and research quickly emerged, ready to assist in emulating whatever might have worked in any other television markets across the nation. On-air "talent" became very essential to a station's news success, and the

marketplace for talent quickly became as competitive as the free agency marketplace in any professional sports league.

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KATC-TV: Longtime KRVS host posthumously inducted into Hall of Fame

KRVS has broadcast from the University of Louisiana at Lafayette campus since 1963, when the Federal Communications Commission granted it an FM license as a student-run, 10-watt station. Its signal covered a radius of about six blocks.

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INC. AUSTRALIA: Actor's Union Contract Says Only Humans Can Be Voice Actors in Animations, Resisting AI Tech

But voice clones, sometimes called audio deepfake tech, are also controversial. Deepfaked voice tech was involved in a voter manipulation scandal in the New Hampshire primaries earlier this year when a phone call included a faked voice that sounded like President Joe Biden. A partly audio-deepfaked scam also recently saw a Hong Kong company swindled out of \$25.6 million. The FCC is so concerned about potential abuses of audio deepfake tech that it even recently outlawed digital voices from being used as part of telemarketing calls.

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ADVANCED TELEVISION: Analyst: EchoStar still under pressure

“Earlier this year EchoStar held discussions with a group of creditors regarding potential exchange offers that would have extended debt maturities and reduced the amount outstanding. However, the offers were rejected by debt holders. One rating agency considered the exchanges to be equivalent to a default. Management hopes to use unencumbered assets such as spectrum to raise funding. If EchoStar does not get the funding, it may not meet FCC requirements with regard to network coverage,” says Gimme Credit.

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NEXTGOV: Space operations likely to be shaped by sustainable emerging tech, report says

Governing bodies have taken some steps to establish “deorbiting guidelines” that call for satellites and other spacecraft to be decommissioned after a set period of time. The Federal Communications Commission, for example, adopted a new rule in 2022 “requiring satellite operators in low-Earth orbit to dispose of their satellites within 5 years of completing their missions.” But no set international policies exist, which means that future launches — as well as debris already in space — will pose a risk to new space missions.

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FEDERAL REGISTER: Joint Closed Captioning Display Settings Proposal

In this document, the Media Bureau of the Federal Communications Commission seeks comment on a joint proposal in the record of this proceeding addressing how the Commission should determine if specific closed captioning display settings are readily accessible.

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FEDERAL REGISTER: Resilient Networks; Disruptions to Communications

The Federal Communications Commission (Commission or FCC) published a document in the Federal Register on January 26, 2024, concerning an Order on Reconsideration that addresses the Petition for Clarification and Partial Reconsideration (Petition) filed by CTIA and the Competitive Carriers Association (CCA) (collectively, Petitioners) of the Commission's Report and Order regarding the “Mandatory Disaster Response Initiative” (MDRI) by extending the compliance deadline to implement elements of the MDRI to May 1, 2024.

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There were no new tweets from Chairwoman Rosenworcel or any of the Commissioners.

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PCMAG: FCC Lets SpaceX Expand Testing of Cellular Starlink for Phones

The FCC has given SpaceX regulatory clearance to start expanding tests of its cellular Starlink system in the US. The FCC today issued an experimental license to SpaceX to test cellular Starlink in 10 more US locations; that comes after it granted licenses for two dozen other locations in December.

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The Federal Communications Commission last month banned AI-generated voices in unsolicited robocalls.

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LIGHT READING: 5G slices are a net neutrality loophole, critics argue

There are growing concerns among some lobbyists that 5G network operators will be able to use network slicing technology to evade the FCC's proposed net neutrality rules.

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NEXTGOV: 2 wireless protocols expose mobile users to spying — the FCC wants to fix that

The Federal Communications Commission is asking communications service providers to give the agency a progress update on how they are refurbishing their networks to prevent spies and cybercriminals from exploiting protocols that could let bad actors track targets.

The FCC has been working to reduce vulnerabilities in the Signaling System No. 7 — or SS7 — protocol, as well as the Diameter protocol, a pair of foundational wireless signal functionalities that enable phone calls, text messages and other communications to travel across different network layers uninterrupted.

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LAW360: FCC Urged To Reject T-Mobile Network 'Slicing' Proposal (SUBSCRIPTION REQUIRED)

The Federal Communications Commission shouldn't heed T-Mobile's call to craft network slicing rules that would essentially allow any mobile service provider to escape the agency's net neutrality rules against paid prioritization, according to one advocacy group.

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LAW360: FCC Lacks Legal Power To Collect Blackout Info, Stations Say (SUBSCRIPTION REQUIRED)

TV network affiliates and their national lobbying arm say the Federal Communications Commission lacks legal authority to collect data on impasses between broadcasters and cable and satellite providers that lead to programming "blackouts."

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LAW360: Advocates Push For More Hot Spot Options If E-Rate Expands (SUBSCRIPTION REQUIRED)

The Federal Communications Commission needs to consider a tech-neutral approach to funding wireless hot spots in schools to make sure that low-income and rural areas do not get left out if mobile carrier signals aren't adequate, an advocacy group said.

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DC JOURNAL: FCC's Digital-Discrimination Rules Could Delay Broadband (Opinion)

When Congress passed the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA) near the end of 2021, it included a short provision that required the Federal Communications Commission to adopt rules to prevent "digital discrimination." At the time, it was understood the law

intended to prohibit broadband providers from intentionally discriminating in their deployment decisions based on “income level, race, ethnicity, color, religion, or national origin.”

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INSIDE RADIO: Norsan Media To Acquire WSPA Greenville, SC From Audacy.

Ten days after placing “Magic 106.3” WSPA-FM Greenville-Spartanburg, SC into a divestiture trust, Audacy has found a buyer for the AC outlet. Hispanic broadcaster Norsan Media will purchase the station for \$700,000. Audacy agreed to spin off the station to gain FCC approval for its chapter 11 financial reorganization. Because Nielsen changed the market definition of the Greenville-Spartanburg market, Audacy currently owns one more grandfathered FM than would be permitted under current rules. As a result, it is spinning off WSPA-FM to bring its Greenville-Spartanburg cluster into compliance. In a market that size, Audacy is allowed to have up to seven full-power stations.

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- [RADIO & TELEVISION BUSINESS REPORT: Audacy Sells Non-Essential Upstate S.C. FM To Norsan](#)
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TVTECHNOLOGY: NAB Disputes FCC Contention That Retrans Blackouts Have ‘Increased Dramatically’

In response to the pay TV industry's support of an FCC proposal to require MVPDs to report blackouts resulting from impasses in retransmission consent negotiations, the National Association of Broadcasters has filed a brief with the FCC that disputes the notion that retransmission disputes are increasingly resulting in blackouts of broadcast signals for pay TV subscribers.

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BROADBAND BREAKFAST: Telecom Associations Challenge FCC Data Breach Rules

Major broadband trade groups are asking federal judges to block Federal Communications Commission data breach rules. NCTA, CTIA, and USTelecom, three of the largest telecommunications trade associations, jointly filed a petition for review in the D.C Circuit Court of Appeals on March 15, but the case was moved to the Sixth Circuit on March 20.

Two similar challenges to the same rules were consolidated in the circuit early this month.

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BROADBAND BREAKFAST: USDA's ReConnect Program Accepting Applications

Infrastructure funded by the program will have to provide speeds of at least 100 Mbps symmetric. Providers receiving funding from the Federal Communications Commission's E-ACAM cost model will only be eligible for loan awards. The Rural Utility Service, the USDA agency administering ReConnect, will review the eligibility of other FCC subsidy participants on a case-by-case basis. ReConnect participants will also have to participate in the Affordable Connectivity Program, or any successor program, according to the notice of funding opportunity.

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BROADBAND BREAKFAST: FCC Imposes \$10,000 Fine on ISP for False Broadband Claims

An internet service provider has been fined \$10,000 for lying to the Federal Communications Commission about where it offers broadband service in an effort to block its competitors from receiving government grants. Jefferson County Cable, based in Toronto, Ohio, admitted to making false claims of providing fiber service in locations that it had not yet expanded to. A company executive also confessed to submitting the inaccurate coverage data to prevent other ISPs from obtaining federal and state subsidies to serve the region.

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RADIO & TELEVISION BUSINESS REPORT: Family Flip Puts 'Ticket' Under MacDonald Garber Ownership

MacDonald Garber Broadcasting has established itself as one of the nation's top local broadcasters in a small market, with eight radio brands serving the Michigan communities of Cadillac, Gaylord, Traverse City and Petoskey. For one of these brands, it has leased a Class A FM just west of Cadillac for 12 years. Now, it is acquiring it in what is truly a within-the-family transfer requiring the FCC's blessing.

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FEDERAL TIMES: Adding to regulatory burdens doesn't necessarily improve cybersecurity (Opinion)

Efforts to restrict dangerous telecom network equipment from demonstrated malicious

providers in the U.S. and EU has been challenged vigorously in court (see Hikvision U.S.A v. FCC and Huawei v. Sweden). The Federal Communications Commission's Covered List notes just 10 Chinese and Russian companies whose products are restricted from licensure, when it should include hundreds, if not thousands, of firms. These delays have prompted U.S. regulators to look for alternative ways to "secure" networks, and too often they fall back on outdated regulations inapt for today's dynamic communications environment.

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DATA CENTER DYNAMICS: FCC rejects SpaceX's spectrum allocation bid

SpaceX has seen its bid for more spectrum knocked back by the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) this week. The FCC rejected SpaceX's application to use the 1.6GHz and 2GHz radio spectrums due to a technicality, it said.

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SOUND & VISION: FCC Endorses the 'U.S. Cyber Trust' Program. Whew...

On March 14th, the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) voted to approve the "U.S. Cyber Trust Mark" Program Ken examined and commented on. (Check out his post [here](#).) It's a voluntary labeling initiative intended to "help consumers make informed purchasing decisions and encourage manufacturers to meet higher cybersecurity standards." The program covers a broad range of "wireless IoT" (Internet of Things) products.

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DRONE DJ: DJI Avata 2: FPV drone retail box, videos leak before release

Ready to get your hands on DJI Avata 2? Several videos and photos of the indoor-friendly first-person view (FPV) drone have surfaced online, indicating an imminent release. We already know that Avata 2, Goggles 3, DJI FPV Remote Controller 3, and RC Motion 3 joystick controller have received the green signal from the US FCC (Federal Communications Commission), which is usually one of the last big leaks we see for a DJI drone before its official unveiling.

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MYSMARTPRICE: Realme GT 6 Spotted on FCC Certification, Battery Details Revealed Before Launch

Realme is prepping up for the launch of the Realme GT 6 smartphone in China and global markets, including India. Today, we have spotted the upcoming Realme smartphone in the FCC database with the RMX3851 model number. The moniker of the smartphone was recently revealed through the Indonesia Telecom listing.

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NEWSCAST STUDIO: ‘Big four’ group objects to proposed FCC blackout tracking database

A group of attorneys representing over 600 “big four”-affiliated stations have joined the NAB in objecting to a proposed FCC database of retransmission blackouts. Lawyers for a group informally known as the four affiliates associations, which represent the interests of ABC, CBS, NBC and Fox affiliates, filed a joint reply to the FCC March 26, 2024.

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COMMUNICATIONS DAILY: ACP, Rip-and-Replace Supporters Eye Other Funding Vehicles After FY24 Snub

Advocates of the FCC’s affordable connectivity program and Secure and Trusted Communications Networks Reimbursement Program believe funding for both priorities remains available this year, despite Congress having omitted funding in the Further Consolidated Appropriations Act FY 2024 minibuss spending package enacted last week (see 2403210067). Program backers acknowledge funding will be more difficult as the FY24 package was their best opportunity. They also admit appropriations politics will only prove trickier with Capitol Hill hunkering down for the 2024 election campaign.

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COMMUNICATIONS DAILY: FCC Fell ‘Woefully Short’ of APA

Compliance on Equipment NPRM: Petitioners

The FCC violated the Administrative Procedure Act when it amended rules incorporating four new equipment testing standards, and did so without the proper notice and comment protocol, alleged iFixit, Public Resource and Make Community in the opening brief Wednesday (23-1311) of their petition for review at the U.S. Court of Appeals for the D.C. Circuit. The opening brief asks that the court remand the rules to the FCC for what the three organizations contend should be a proper rulemaking (see 2311090002).

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COMMUNICATIONS DAILY: Wi-Fi Backers, Incumbents Hotly Contest

FCC's 6 GHz Proposed Changes

Wi-Fi advocates and 6 GHz incumbents clashed on an FCC proposal that would expand parts of the 6 GHz band where new very-low power (VLP) devices can operate without coordination, beyond the initial 850 MHz commissioners approved last year (see 2310190054). The VLP rules took effect March 9. 6 GHz incumbents have lined up in opposition to further changes (see 2403270055).

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KFDX-TV: New FCC policy will require price transparency from wireless companies

We’ve all experienced the difficulty of shopping for a new phone plan. Even shoppers going inside the store might have trouble understanding what they’re signing up for and how much they’ll be paying each month. The government now requires wireless companies to label their phone plans. “The FCC, a few years back came up with this idea of coming up with a way for consumers to more easily digest the information they’re hearing from broadband providers,” Verizon’s Steve Van Dinter said.

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WIRELESS ESTIMATOR: WTB grants exemption to Vertical Bridge and Drake Services for quarterly inspection requirements

The Wireless Telecommunications Bureau (WTB) of the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) on Tuesday granted Vertical Bridge REIT, LLC, and Drake Services, Inc., an exemption from the mandatory quarterly inspections of antenna structure lighting systems stipulated under existing regulations (see below).

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CNBC: Wire transfers allow you to move a lot of money quickly — here's how they work

Before you start the wire transfer process, you need to choose a provider to handle your transfer. You can go directly through your bank, according to the Federal Communications Commission (FTC), or use another money transfer service, like Western Union or Moneygram.

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HAMILTON COUNTY REPORTER: Attorney General Todd Rokita doubles-down on major robocaller after company violates permanent ban

Spiller used aliases and falsified business records filed in various states and with the Federal Communications Commission to continue doing this illegal business. Further, since the attorneys general sued him and his co-defendants, Spiller has set up at least three new businesses through which he engaged in telemarketing and facilitated robocalls.

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CYBERNEWS: Think tank urges US and EU to cooperate over cybersecurity labeling

The Federal Communications Commission (FCC) in the US recently introduced its new Cyber Trust Mark program to label with heightened standards, developed together with the National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST).

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INSIDE CYBERSECURITY: CISA outlines triggers for reporting cyber incidents in proposed rulemaking (SUBSCRIPTION REQUIRED)

The Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency goes into detail on the triggers for reporting cyber incidents, including “reasonable belief,” and the need for supplemental reports, in a notice of proposed rulemaking posted Wednesday to implement a major incident reporting law.

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FIERCE WIRELESS: Federated Wireless ups its CBRS game with PEGS launch

Federated Wireless made a name for itself as a SAS administrator for CBRS, and its business has expanded from there. Last month, the company announced FCC certification for its Automated Frequency Coordination (AFC) system in the 6 GHz band. It's already working with Cisco, HPE Aruba Networking, MediaTek and Airspan/Mimosa to make it available to customers.

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FIERCE WIRELESS: Industry Voices: Surveys show 5G FWA is clear winner

As of right now, Congress and the FCC have created meaningful competition through up to three new providers with up to four brands in the markets where mobile network operators have been able to launch their service. It is incredible that even though we have seen network speeds for some providers decrease from 200 and more Mbps to low 100s Mbps, cNPS scores have not declined. Mobile network operators (MNOs) still have enough capacity to provide their customers with sufficient bandwidth for what customers describe as a superior experience.

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THE SELMA TIMES-JOURNAL: Keith Middle/High School to get internet infrastructure upgrade

The project is being funded through the E-Rate program, which is managed by the Universal Service Administrative Company (USAC) under the direction of the Federal Communications Commission. According to the FCC's website, the program assists schools and libraries with obtaining discounts for installation of reliable broadband internet.

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The company expects to use FOCF remaining after shareholder returns for organic investments, bolt-on acquisitions, and preparing for future debt retirement (the company has \$550 million of notes due in March 2026). We believe the company could potentially make acquisitions to expand its digital offerings, similar to its recent acquisition of Octillion Media (a demand side platform focused on local connected TV and over the top advertising). The company's TV station portfolio still has 9% of available capacity (with the UHF discount) under the Federal Communications Commission's 39% national ownership cap, although management has said its focus is not on TV station M&A. We view material broadcast transactions as unlikely within the existing regulatory framework and view regulatory reform as unlikely over the next couple of years, even if there is a change in administration.

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LATENIGHTER: Once Verboten, Cursing Is Now a Staple of Late-Night TV

No bleeping, of course, because Comedy Central is a cable network and so not vulnerable to complaints that could threaten the broadcast license bestowed on television stations by the Federal Communications Commission. Those licenses still exist, though what sort of entity needs one is somewhat poorly understood, as Donald Trump demonstrates every time he rails at CNN or MSNBC for questioning his fitness to be president and demands that their licenses be revoked. (Like Comedy Central they are cable channels, and thus not subject to FCC oversight.)

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TVTECHNOLOGY: S&P: Media, Telecom M&A Plunges to 13-Month Low

Five of the month's top 10 transactions involved the purchase of radio stations, led by Saga Communications Inc.'s \$5.3 million purchase of the assets of radio stations WKOA, WKHY, WASK, WXXB and WASK, and FM translator station W269DJ from Neuhoff Communications. Kalil & Co. Inc. was the exclusive broker for the deal, which remains subject to the Federal Communications Commission's approval.

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COLORADO TIMES RECORDER: DAVIS: Project 2025 and its Colorado Connections (Opinion)

There is a plan to give the Federal Communications Commission a “national security” portfolio – and, doubtless, censorship powers soon after – and a plan to scale back the

Federal Election Commission's ability to regulate campaign finance. There is a plan for direct Presidential control of the Department of Justice, and a plan to use the DOJ's Civil Rights Division to crack down on the teaching of diversity, equity, and inclusion curriculum.

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RADIO INK: A Broader Path To Broadcasting (Opinion)

That can't happen as long as thousands are shut out by economic roadblocks. According to the FCC's most recent ownership report, which dates back to 2019 — in itself a problem — "persons belonging to racial minority groups held a majority ownership interest in 4% of commercial broadcast stations," while representing over 20% of the population.

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SONOMA INDEX-TRIBUNE: KSVY celebrates 20 years on air

KSVY was granted a license by the Federal Communications Commission, call letters (K Sonoma ValleyY) and frequency (91.3), all coalescing on April 1, 2004.

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NEXTGOV: Help wanted: Regulators worldwide need tech expertise

The Federal Communications Commission also announced ongoing initiatives to strengthen its law enforcement efforts with more tech expertise, noting that since establishing a task force in 2023, it has more than doubled the number of staff working on enforcement investigations into privacy and data protection.

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THE NATIONAL DESK: Artificial intelligence landscape is changing as 2024 election cycle heats up

The Federal Communications Commission has now banned deepfake robocalls and the Federal Trade Commission has proposed a ban on impersonation of individuals in government and business.

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THE HINDU: Exploring the #AIforGood formula

One, the Election Commission of India must implement strict guidelines for creation and distribution of such AI-enabled deepfakes in the run-up to the elections. Examples of such crackdowns exist around the world, including the U.S. Federal Communications

Commission's recent ruling of robocalls using AI-generated voices as illegal.

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SPACE NEWS: Vast Space hires former Voyager Space executive

In the complaint, Timperio said he warned company leadership that its plans to use certain X- and L-band spectrum would run afoul of Federal Communications Commission regulations. That came after meetings with FCC staff and a NASA spectrum manager, who noted the X-band spectrum had primary use by federal users for Earth observation.

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FEDERAL REGISTER: Review of the Commission's Broadcast and Cable Equal Employment Opportunity Rules and Policies

In this document, the Federal Communications Commission (Commission) refreshes the existing record regarding the statutorily mandated collection of workforce composition data for multichannel video programming distributors (MVPDs) on FCC Form 395-A.

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FEDERAL REGISTER: Radio Broadcasting Services; Mattoon, Illinois

This document requests comments on the proposal to substitute Channel 245B1 for vacant Channel 245B at Mattoon, Illinois. The existing vacant Channel 245B at Mattoon is not in compliance with the minimum distance separation requirements of the Federal Communications Commission's (Commission) rules. A staff engineering analysis indicates that Channel 245B1 can be allotted to Mattoon, Illinois, consistent with the minimum distance separation requirements of the Commission's rules, with a site restriction of 12.2 kilometers (7.6 miles) southeast of the community. The reference coordinates are 39-23-17 NL and 88-17-21 WL.

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FEDERAL REGISTER: Amendments to Resilient Networks Disruptions to Communications; New Considerations Concerning Disruptions to Communications

In this document, the Federal Communication Commission (FCC) proposes further examination of whether television broadcasters, radio broadcasters, and satellite providers

should be subject to mandatory reporting in the FCC's Disaster Information Reporting System (DIRS).

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Social Media Summary

From Mar. 28 to 29, there were around 2,300 social media posts mentioning the FCC. Most content was on Twitter (69%, or around 1,600 posts), followed by Reddit (26%), Forums (3%), Comments (1%), Blogs (1%), and Facebook (0%).

The social media post with the greatest reach came from the Twitter account of PCMag (400k reach), which publicized its article on the FCC allowing SpaceX to expand testing of cellular Starlink. The social media post with the second greatest reach came from the Twitter account of Representative Maxwell Alejandro Frost (290k reach), which advocated for the continuation of the FCC's Affordable Connectivity Program.

One trending topic on social media was the FCC considering a change that would make 988 more accessible. The Twitter account of KTNV-TV (210k reach, 11 engagements) had the most popular social media post on that topic. Another trending topic on social media was the FCC trying to fix wireless protocols that make mobile users vulnerable to spying. The Twitter account of The Cyber Security Hub (160k reach, 3 engagements) had the most popular social media post on that topic.

There were no new tweets from Chairwoman Rosenworcel or any of the Commissioners.

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ASSOCIATED PRESS: FCC fines wireless carriers for sharing user locations without consent

The Federal Communications Commission has leveraged nearly \$200 million in fines against wireless carriers AT&T, Sprint, T-Mobile and Verizon for illegally sharing customers' location data without their consent. "These carriers failed to protect the information entrusted to them. Here, we are talking about some of the most sensitive data in their possession: customers' real-time location information, revealing where they go and who they are," FCC Chairwoman Jessica Rosenworcel said in a statement released Monday.

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THE NEW YORK TIMES: ‘Smartphones on Wheels’ Draw Attention From Regulators

The Federal Communications Commission and California lawmakers want to prevent mobile car apps from being used for stalking and harassment. The F.C.C. has proposed regulating automakers under the Safe Connections Act — aimed, originally, at phone carriers — while California is likely to pass a law that would accomplish the same thing, requiring car companies to cut off abusers’ remote access to victims’ cars.

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ASSOCIATED PRESS: Lawmakers and advocates make last-ditch push to extend affordable internet subsidy

“The money has run out,” FCC Commissioner Geoffrey Starks said at the event hosted by a group called Public Knowledge, a nonprofit proponent of broadband access. “Many households will have to face a tough choice: confront that rising internet bill or disconnect them and their household from the internet.”

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COMPLETE MUSIC UPDATE: EU TikTok ban "is not excluded" says European Commission President, as FCC Commissioner says US ban won't be scuppered in the courts

A TikTok ban in the European Union could happen, according to Ursula von der Leyen, President of the European Commission. Her comments come as TikTok prepares to challenge the sell-or-be-banned law recently passed in the US through the courts. On that, FCC Commissioner Brendan Carr, a regular critic of TikTok, has said he's confident those legal challenges will fail.

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VIBE: Korean Mogul Accuses Bryon Allen Of Unfairly Securing Deal In Racial Discrimination Lawsuit

Byron Allen has been name-dropped in media mogul Soo Kim's racial discrimination lawsuit against the Federal Communications Commission (FCC). Filed on Wednesday (April 24), Kim accused the FCC of derailing an \$8.6 billion deal to purchase Tegna Inc. According to his claims, he wasn't the "right type of minority" to fulfill the FCC's diversity goals.

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ENQUIRER: Just Askin': How many pay phones are left in Ohio?

Gone are the days of phone booths on the sidewalk and most coin-operated telephones. Federal Communications Commission data will tell you the same thing.

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BROADBAND BREAKFAST: Justice Department Wants Lower Prices, More Competition in Prison Telecommunications

The Justice Department on Monday backed a Federal Communications Commission initiative to improve communications opportunities for incarcerated individuals. The Justice Department's comment letter came as the Federal Communications Commission is weighing how to implement the Martha Wright-Reed Act — legislation which mandates reasonable rates for phone calls from prisons.

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WRAL-TV: FCC policies on 'bulk billing' must keep broadband affordable (Opinion)

Policies on all levels of government should build on this progress until every American has the connection they need. But I have serious concerns that a recent Federal Communications Commission proposal to ban bulk billing agreements for broadband would severely hinder this effort - doing the opposite of its intended effect to lower broadband costs and boost competition in the broadband marketplace.

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So the Federal Communications Commission in January rejected the application for failing to meet its localism requirements.

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DATA CENTER DYNAMICS: FCC approves T-Mobile acquisition of Mint Mobile

The US Federal Communications Commission (FCC) has given its blessing to T-Mobile's proposed acquisition of MVNO Mint Mobile. T-Mobile announced last year that it had agreed to pay \$1.35 billion to acquire Ka'ena Corporation plus its subsidiaries and brands, which include Mint Mobile and Ultra Mobile, a wireless service offering international calling options to communities across the country, plus wholesaler Plum.

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URGENT COMMUNICATIONS: FCC proposes georouting rules for 988 calls to suicide, crisis lifeline - Urgent Comms

FCC commissioners last week voted unanimously to propose rules that would require carriers to provide a georouting solution for all wireless calls to 988 Suicide & Crisis Lifeline based on the caller's physical location rather than the current method of using the area code associated with the wireless device.

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COMMUNICATIONS DAILY: Lower 3 and 7/8 GHz Bands Present Major Complications: Ghosh

Developing rules for opening the lower 3 GHz band, a top focus of U.S. carriers (see 2404080063), won't be easy, Monisha Ghosh, engineering professor at the University of Notre Dame and former FCC chief technologist, said during an RCR Wireless virtual test and management forum Tuesday. Much discussion at the forum centered on the challenges of performance testing in evolving 5G networks.

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COMMUNICATIONS DAILY: GOP Split on Cantwell Spectrum Bill Seen Possible Ahead of Senate Commerce Markup

The Senate Commerce Committee will likely advance an amended version of the draft Spectrum and National Security Act during a Wednesday executive session with unanimous support from the panel's 14 Democratic members, but lobbyists will watch closely how many Republicans don't openly object to the measure as a means of determining its viability. The spectrum bill, led by Senate Commerce Chair Maria Cantwell, D-Wash., would restore the FCC's lapsed auction mandate through Sept. 30, 2029. The measure proposes using future license sales revenue to repay a proposed loan to the commission to fund the affordable connectivity program in FY 2024 and \$3.08 billion for the Secure and Trusted Communications Networks Reimbursement Program (see 2404250061).

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COMMUNICATIONS DAILY: ISAM Interests: FCC Should Consider Blanket Licensing for Nascent Industry

Rather than the FCC requiring reviews for each mission undertaken on an in-space servicing, assembly and manufacturing mission, numerous ISAM interests are pushing the agency to consider a blanket license approach. In docket 22-271 comments this week, numerous parties also questioned the FCC's authority over ISAM and whether it's drifting

far from its spectrum oversight role. Commissioners, on a 5-0 vote, approved an ISAM licensing NPRM in February (see 2402150053).

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THE NEWS-GAZETTE: FCC approves CIMG's acquisition of Decatur, Danville radio stations

Champaign Multimedia Group has completed its acquisition of eight downstate radio stations and is changing its name to Central Illinois Multimedia Group to mark the expansion. CIMG previously announced in February that it had reached a deal with Neuhoﬀ Communications to acquire three stations in Danville and five in Decatur. The FCC approved the deal Thursday, CIMG Vice President Grant Thompson said. “We’re going from three radio stations that are primarily Champaign-Urbana, Champaign County area, and we’re adding three in Vermilion County and five in Macon County,” he said.

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LEBTOWN: Reason for WADV radio silence unknown

The station was previously warned by the FCC in 2020 for failing to notify the commission of its silent status in a timely manner. After an 11-month absence which saw the replacement of a failed transmitter, it returned to the air.

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TECHRADAR: ‘A dangerous precedent’ – DJI furiously condemns its potential TikTok-style ban in the US

Whether or not these arguments are enough to stem a growing chorus in Washington calling for an FCC ban of DJI drones remains to be seen. The legislation will now progress to a floor vote in the House of Representatives over the next couple of months, and potentially then onto the Senate and US president.

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HONOLULU CIVIL BEAT: More Like Cops Than Clerks? 911 Dispatchers Push For Recognition As First Responders

The Enhancing First Response Act combines the 911 SAVES Act and the Emergency Reporting Act, which would require the Federal Communications Commission to report 911 outages after major disasters and recommend improvements to the system to prevent disruptions.

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INSIDE CYBERSECURITY: DHS receives duties to produce national risk management plan under critical infrastructure memo (SUBSCRIPTION REQUIRED)

The Department of Homeland Security will take a central role in President Biden's update to a decade-old policy directive outlining the government's new approach to addressing critical infrastructure resilience, including the development of a nationwide plan for risk management informed by work at the Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Agency and sector-specific agencies.

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CNET: Is 5G Home Internet Worth the Hassle? Your Questions Answered

Are you tired of being tied to internet service providers with cumbersome contracts, slow speeds, restrictive terms and rising fees? You're not alone. A 2023 customer survey tagged ISPs as the country's second-lowest-rated industry. Yes, internet providers are even lower than airlines, social media, health insurance companies and the US Postal Service. The Federal Communications Commission seems to agree and recently enacted new broadband nutrition labels to help consumers better decipher all those ISP hidden fees. Even so, all too often, we feel we have hardly any options. Could 5G be the answer?

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APPALACHIAN NEWS-EXPRESS: Fiscal court approves broadband committee appointments

Those results will be uploaded via a third-party source yet to be selected which will forward the data to the Federal Communications Commission. At that point, Pike County's broadband deficiencies will be added to the FCC's national map.

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ROUTE FIFTY: This state's 'unsexy' AI policy takes transparency to the next level

The effort to use nutrition labels for AI echoes the Federal Communications Commission's

initiative to use labels for broadband internet service that detail speed, price, fees, discounts and other information. Required under the 2021 infrastructure law, the intention is to provide clear, accurate information to consumers.

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ALBANY BUSINESS REVIEW: Houston Airport System's Wi-Fi upgrade just the beginning of technology overhaul

Strickland citing the University of Michigan and the Chase Center in San Francisco as early adopters. He predicted more large venues will continue the expansion, especially after the Federal Communications Commission laid down guidelines for outdoor venues to expand the network this year.

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MARKETWATCH: Mario Gabelli reveals his market-beating secrets and offers some favorite stock picks (Opinion)

An example of a company that will benefit is Tegna TGNA, -0.73%. Spending on television for presidential and political elections gives them a significant amount of cash flow, and that cash flow will be used to buy back more stock. They had a deal to be bought in a competitive bidding process for \$24 a share, and the Federal Communications Commission came up with the crazy idea of not allowing the deal to go through. They are for sale. They are well run. And we think you can make 50% on it in 12 months.

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THE TIMES-REPORTER: WDOG, Tuscarawas County's newest radio station, to go on air sometime this summer

The Federal Communications Commission authorized a construction permit for the station on March 19. The studio will be located at 1158 Miller Ave. NW in New Philadelphia, the home of Steve Slentz, the president of Bad Dog Educational Media, the non-profit organization that will run the station.

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HERALD REVIEW: Cochise Amateur Radio Association hosts annual 'Hamfest' Saturday in Sierra Vista

Morris said that a ham is important enough that the Federal Communications Commission shot down those who might thwart users for putting up antennas by enacting laws

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ALBANY BUSINESS REVIEW: KYW Newsradio employees included in Audacy layoffs

After years of dealing with ballooning debt and declining advertising revenue, Audacy filed for Chapter 11 bankruptcy protection in January. Its reorganization plan was approved by a federal judge in Texas in February and the company is now awaiting approval from the Federal Communications Commission for its new ownership group headlined by a George Soros-led investment firm before emerging from bankruptcy.

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ARS TECHNICA: Two giants in the satellite telecom industry join forces to counter Starlink

SES and Intelsat revealed last year there were in talks to combine. According to Al-Saleh, SES looked at multiple opportunities for mergers or acquisitions to make use of a multibillion-dollar windfall from the Federal Communications Commission tied to the auction of C-band satellite spectrum for cellular networks.

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From Apr. 30 to May 1, there were around 5,600 social media posts mentioning the FCC. Most content was on Twitter (79%, or around 4,400 posts), followed by Reddit (15%), Forums (5%), Blogs (1%), Comments (1%), and Facebook (0%).

The social media posts with the greatest reach came from the Twitter accounts of ABC News (17.8m reach), Marketwatch (4.6m reach), and the New York Post (3.1m reach), which publicized articles on the FCC fining wireless carriers for data privacy violations. The social media post with the next greatest reach came from the Twitter account of Fortune

(2.4m reach), which publicized a Tech Brew article on a Ukrainian advocacy group calling into question Elon Musk's FCC license.

One trending topic on social media was the Affordable Connectivity Program. The Twitter account of WCBV-TV (380k reach) had the most popular social media post on that topic. Another trending topic on social media was the FCC's restoration of net neutrality. The Twitter account of Tim Berners-Lee (350k reach, 83 engagements) had the most popular social media post on that topic.

Commissioner Carr tweeted (54k reach, 20 engagements) that he spent time in New York City with the FCC team at the agency field office, saying that the team plays "an important role in ensuring that public safety communications stay up and running around the Big Apple." Commissioner Starks tweeted (4k reach, 20 engagements) that he was "fired up" at a rally to extend the Affordable Connectivity Program.

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In a letter sent Thursday to Sen. Maria Cantwell (D-Wash.), chair of the Senate Commerce Committee, FCC Chairwoman Jessica Rosenworcel said 40 percent of local network operators cannot complete the removal of Huawei and ZTE equipment without more money and that some risk shutdown of their operations. "Several recipients have recently informed the Commission that they foresee significant consequences that could result from the lack of full funding, including having to shut down their networks or withdraw from the program," Rosenworcel wrote.

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Carr is the senior Republican on the Democrat-led Federal Communications Commission, an obscure post that he's animated through a combination of showmanship, hustle and firecracker rhetoric. The 45-year-old lawyer has visited more than 40 states and has a habit of climbing communications towers—including a 2,000-foot monster in South Dakota—to pay tribute to rank-and-file workers.

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THE WRAP: New FCC Rules Will Guard Against Internet Slow Lanes Impacting Streamers

The Federal Communications Commission (FCC) has adopted rules reinstating net neutrality, a move that will prevent broadband providers like Verizon or Comcast, owner of NBCUniversal, from blocking or slowing internet traffic and creating pay-to-play internet fast lanes that could negatively impact streamers like Netflix and Hulu. But trade groups representing internet service providers are expected to file lawsuits challenging the rule change as early as this summer when the rules are expected to be finalized, TheWrap has learned.

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But the companies believe they can overcome those concerns, according to two people familiar with their plans. Apollo, a U.S.-based firm, already owns the TV station group Cox Media Group, a deal that required approval from the Federal Communications Commission, which regulates U.S. broadcasters. The F.C.C., however, blocked a separate deal that involved Apollo, when the investment firm Standard General tried to buy Tegna, a TV station group, with financing from Apollo.

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The collision risk is real. In the latter half of 2023, SpaceX told the FCC that Starlink satellites successfully avoided over 24,000 crashes with other objects in Earth's orbit. That was down from the first of the year even with a spike in Starlink deployments, Space.com notes.

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ANDROID HEADLINES: FCC wants to ban Huawei from certifying its wireless equipment

The US has been imposing various regulations and trade sanctions on Huawei and even other companies known to be associated with it. In spite of losing access to Google's version of Android and the chip-building equipment and technologies, Huawei continues to manufacture and sell its products in the country. Currently, the Chinese giant is quickly regaining its lost position in the home country. The latest news is that the FCC will vote to ban Huawei and ZTE from certifying US wireless equipment.

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A whistleblower urged the US Supreme Court not to reconsider an appeals court decision allowing a False Claims Act suit against AT&T subsidiary Wisconsin Bell Inc. to proceed. The US Court of Appeals for the Seventh Circuit reinstated whistleblower Todd Heath's claims that Wisconsin Bell defrauded the Federal Communications Commission's E-rate program by submitting claims for subsidies, while falsely certifying compliance with a "lowest corresponding price" rule. The rule is violated if a provider charges E-rate customers a higher rate than it charged similarly situated customers for similar services.

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IPVM: Hikvision Unredacted FCC Compliance Plan Examined

For more than a year, and still ongoing, Hikvision has been banned by the FCC from authorizing new products, an increasing problem. After losing a lawsuit against the US government on this issue, Hikvision's best chance of obtaining new authorizations is for the FCC to approve its prohibited purposes plan. Now, Hikvision has submitted a public, unredacted proposal.

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BROADBAND BREAKFAST: Intervenor Accuse FCC of Exempting BEAD Recipients From Discrimination Rules

New federal digital discrimination rules need revision to remove an exemption excusing BEAD awardees from the regulations, creating imbalances never authorized by Congress, public interest groups allege. These groups, including the Benton Institute for Broadband Society and Media Alliance, say the Federal Communications Commission erred by including a last-minute safe harbor provision in the rules for recipients of the \$42.5 billion Broadband Equity, Access and Deployment program – without first seeking public input.

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THE REGISTER: Lights about to go out on US Affordable Connectivity

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The end is nigh for the US Affordable Connectivity Program (ACP) as funds finally run out after months of warnings. April was the final full month of the program. Some households might receive a partial discount in May if their provider is willing to participate, but that really is the end.

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INSIDE RADIO: Catholic Radio Operators Ask FCC To Rethink Employee Data Collections Over New Gender Option.

There is growing opposition to the Federal Communications Commission's recent order that requires stations to supply data about their employees. A group of 19 Catholic broadcasters is asking the FCC to reconsider its decision. They argue that the agency not only went beyond its legal authority, but the inclusion of a gender non-binary option on the required Form 395-B compels Catholic broadcasters to affirm and endorse gender categories other than the traditional "male" and "female" options.

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INSIDE RADIO: Judge Clears Path For Audacy To Spin Greenville-Spartanburg To Norsan Media.

A federal bankruptcy court judge has cleared Audacy to move forward with its proposed \$700,000 sale of WSPA-FM Greenville-Spartanburg, SC to Norsan Media. It is a critical step for Audacy as it seeks to get its pending reorganization approved by the Federal Communications Commission. Because Nielsen changed the market definition of the Greenville-Spartanburg market, Audacy currently owns one more grandfathered FM than would be permitted under current rules. As a result, it is spinning off WSPA-FM to bring its Greenville-Spartanburg cluster into FCC compliance.

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RADIO WORLD: When It Comes to Noise on the AM Dial, Where the Hell Is the FCC? (Opinion)

This one little story is still so real in many stations across the USA. Because of that issue, many people jump on the “Dump AM Bandwagon.” So this brings up the introduction of “what’s wrong with AM?” Where the hell is the FCC? When was the last time an inspector visited your station? All of those problems I mentioned about WMIN were violations. Next, the naysayers speak about the higher noise floor and how it affects AM. You’re right, but again, lay the blame in the right place.

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RADIO INK: FCC Commissioner Starks Fully Backs AM Radio In NAFB Address

In an address to the National Association of Farm Broadcasting’s Washington Watch event, FCC Commissioner Geoffrey Starks threw his full support behind the AM for Every Vehicle Act, saying the FCC will provide support and expertise as the legislation advances.

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THE DISPATCH: How a Bipartisan Group Overcame the Odds to Pass the TikTok Divestment Bill

“The bill just died on the vine, and then the energy to do anything about TikTok died,” Michael Sobolik, a senior fellow in Indo-Pacific studies at the American Foreign Policy Council, told The Dispatch. “From TikTok’s perspective, they thought that they had weathered the eye of the storm,” said FCC commissioner Carr.

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MEDIAITE: MSNBC Guest Claims Trump Will Have FCC ‘Report’ to Him to ‘Control’ Shows Like Morning Joe

Donny Deutsch claimed on Morning Joe on Thursday that Donald Trump will use the FCC to “control” news coverage that is unfavorable to him.

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COMMUNICATIONS DAILY: LEO Growth Raising Sustainability Concerns for Space and Earth

The low earth orbit (LEO) satellite boom is aping the consumer electronics model of cheap and standardized, meaning the industry must focus more on rapid replacements that are also environmentally sustainable, said Aaron Boley, University of British Columbia Outer Space Institute co-director, speaking at an IEEE event Thursday on LEO and sustainability. Darren McKnight, LeoLabs senior technical fellow, said the proliferation of spent rocket bodies left in orbit is an increasing concern. Among regulatory agencies, the FCC has "set a good example" in trying to tackle orbital debris, McKnight said. The commission has said it would refresh its space debris mitigation docket (see 2405020048).

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KTVQ-TV: Proposed changes seek to improve system for 988 callers

Last week, the Federal Communications Commission voted to keep moving forward with a proposal to change that. They are considering rules that would eventually require wireless phone companies to implement “georouting” – directing calls based on a caller’s general location, using information like what cell tower originated the call.

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The state was sued by various lobbying and trade groups, citing that the state can't regulate internet providers because the FCC is the only authority that could do so.

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Some expected President Biden to reverse Trump’s executive order when it expired in

2021, but he headed in the opposite direction. Not only does the order stand, but Biden signed a law that blocked Huawei from obtaining an FCC license and he banned American investments in China's high tech industries. We aren't cozying up to China anytime soon, so Huawei will continue to be persona non grata on this side of the pond (the company still does booming business in Europe.)

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WASHINGTON EXAMINER: Biden rushes to hedge his regulatory bets against GOP wins

With its new power, the unified Republican government went to work quickly repealing 16 regulations that were enacted by the Obama administration during its last few months in office. The nullified regulations included a pair of environmental rules from the Department of Interior, a Department of Education rule on teacher preparation, a Department of Labor rule on workplace injury reporting requirements, and a Federal Communications Commission rule that related to consumer privacy.

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WIRELESS ESTIMATOR: Maui Files lawsuit against Verizon, T-Mobile, AT&T and Spectrum Mobile over failed alerts during deadly fires

The FCC's criteria for outage reporting is typically based on factors such as the number of potentially affected users, the duration of the outage, and its impact on critical services like 911 or emergency alerts. If only a couple of cell sites go offline and the impact is minimal—meaning it doesn't significantly disrupt service to a large number of users or critical services—then the carriers might not be required to report that outage immediately to government officials.

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EDWEEK: Ed-Tech Companies Are Vulnerable to Cyberattacks. A New Federal Effort Wants to Help

Jessica Rosenworcel, the chair of the Federal Communications Commission, has proposed a pilot program that would provide up to \$200 million in competitive grants over three years to help schools and libraries guard against cyberthreats, which have become increasingly sophisticated in recent years.

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INSIDE CYBERSECURITY: Former ONCD official outlines evolving priorities for implementation of national cyber strategy (SUBSCRIPTION REQUIRED)

An updated version of the implementation plan for the national cybersecurity strategy should focus on near-term efforts to address supply chain issues with new authorities and build the cyber workforce, according to former Office of the National Cyber Director official Camille Stewart Gloster.

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MYSMARTPRICE: POCO F6 Pro Global Variant Spotted on Geekbench; Launch Expected Soon

The POCO F6 Pro earlier appeared on the FCC (Federal Communications Commission) certification. As per the FCC listing, the POCO F6 Pro will be equipped with a 4,880mAh battery and will run HyperOS 1.0 out of the box. The model number of the handset suggests that it is a rebranded Redmi K70 from the Chinese market. You may head over to [this link](#) to learn about the Redmi K70 in detail.

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CNN: Is 100 Mbps fast? Understanding internet speeds

The Federal Communications Commission (FCC) requires internet service providers (ISPs) to offer download speeds of at least 25 megabits per second or Mbps. However, there's a good chance you'd like a much faster connection.

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INC. AUSTRALIA: New Law for Old Tech: Congress Pushes Law Requiring New Cars to Receive AM Radio

Markey may or may not care about those talk shows and hyperlocal, amateur radio stations, but he definitely cares about the fact that FEMA's emergency alert system partly relies on AM radio to get its message out during times of national distress. The problem is when the FCC carried out a test of the system in late 2023, just 1 percent of people received the alerts specifically by AM radio—nearly everyone else got the warning via their phones.

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INDIAN EXPRESS: What's common between the delayed Chandrayaan-3 launch and a damaged Florida home? Space junk

There are no international space laws to clean up debris in space. But in October last year, the US Federal Communications Commission announced a settlement with Dish Network in the regulator's first penalty related to space debris, CNBC reported. Dish admitted it was liable for failing to properly dispose of the EchoStar-7 broadcast communications satellite.

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FEDERAL REGISTER: Television Broadcasting Services Missoula, Montana.

The Video Division, Media Bureau (Bureau), has before it a Notice of Proposed Rulemaking issued in response to a Petition for Rulemaking filed by Sinclair Media Licensee, LLC (Petitioner or Sinclair), the licensee of KECI-TV (Station or KECI-TV), channel 13, Missoula, Montana (Missoula). The Station is currently operating on channel 13, and in 2021, the Bureau granted Sinclair's request to substitute UHF channel 20 for VHF channel 13 at Missoula in the Table of TV Allotments (Table). Sinclair currently holds a construction permit to modify its facility to operate on channel 20 and has petitioned for the substitution of channel 21 for channel 20 at Missoula in the Table. Sinclair filed comments in support of the petition, as required by the Commission's rules (rules), reaffirming its present intention to apply for a construction permit to build the Station's facilities on channel 21 and to promptly construct such facilities.

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From May 2 to 3, there were around 3,700 social media posts mentioning the FCC. Most content was on Twitter (76%, or around 2,800 posts), followed by Reddit (21%), Forums (2%), Blogs (1%), Comments (1%), and Facebook (0%).

The three social media posts with the greatest reach came from the Twitter accounts of Reuters (25.7m reach), The Washington Post (20m reach), and The Verge (3.4m reach), which publicized their articles on the FCC asking for more money to help telecommunications providers replace Huawei gear. The social media post with the fourth greatest reach came from the Twitter account of FutureShift (610k reach), which publicized a Mashable article on the FCC fining carriers for data privacy violations.

One trending topic on social media was the FCC moving to bar Huawei and other telecommunications firms from certifying wireless equipment. The Twitter account of Android Headlines (460k reach, 1 engagement) had the most popular social media post on that topic. Another trending topic on social media was the Affordable Connectivity Program. The Twitter account of the National Review (360k reach, 5 engagements) had the most popular social media post on that topic.

Commissioner Carr tweeted (54k reach, 15 engagements) out a thanks to Bloomberg for including him in its “Ones to Watch in Tech” list.

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NPR's Scott Simon speaks with Gregory Rosston of Stanford University about the FCC's decision to reinstate net neutrality policies and what the last 6 years on the internet has been like without them.

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FORBES: TV Stations & Broadcast Networks At Odds Over Streaming Content Fees

The local TV station network affiliates groups have been petitioning the FCC to amend its regulation regarding the classification of virtual MVPDs which stream video content over the Internet instead via traditional cable to subscribers. At issue is whether vMVPD distributors such as YouTube TV, Hulu + Live TV, Sling TV and Fubo should be re-classified as a traditional cable operator (i.e., ComcastComcast 0.0%, Charter, DirecTV, etc.) by the FCC.

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PATCH: Internet Bills In PA Could Spike After Federal Program Ends

April was the last fully funded month of the Affordable Connectivity Program, a federal initiative created under the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law of 2021. The program provided a monthly discount on internet bills of up to \$30 for eligible households and up to \$75 for households on Native American tribal lands. As of February, more than 600,000 Pennsylvania households relied on the program to pay for high-speed internet service, according to the Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission. Nationwide, more than 23 million households were enrolled in the program. The program ended due to a lack of additional funding from Congress, according to the Federal Communications Commission.

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VERDICT: US needs \$3bn to replace Chinese telco infrastructure, says FCC

The US is around \$3bn short of replacing Chinese telecommunications infrastructure, according to the FCC. FCC Chair Jessica Rosenworcel wrote to US Congress today attempting to secure further funding for the FCC's "rip and replace" programme to remove telco infrastructure supplied by Huawei or ZTE Corporation.

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LAW360: Phone Carriers Still Want More Time On SIM Swap Deadline (SUBSCRIPTION REQUIRED)

Telecom trade groups have once again told the Federal Communications Commission that their members are going to struggle to meet the deadline for complying with the agency's new rules aimed at combating SIM card swapping fraud.

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INSIDE RADIO: Low-Power Group Says More ZoneCasting Safeguards Needed.

The low-power FM advocacy REC Networks says it has “deep concerns” about the potential for increased interference to co-channel stations from a proposal to allow FMs to create geo-targeted programming with FM boosters. It says not only are full-power FMs at risk, but so too are LFPMs, which are capped at 100 watts, as well as FM translators and other FM booster stations. So REC Networks is asking the Federal Communications Commission to reconsider its decision to allow the so-called ZoneCasting technology to be introduced without additional protections.

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TVTECHNOLOGY: FCC Unveils Agenda for May Open Meeting

Federal Communications Commission chairwoman Jessica Rosenworcel has announced a tentative agenda for the May Open Commission Meeting scheduled for Thursday, May 23, 2024 that include a Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (NPR) designed to strengthen national security by cracking down on tech labs certifying RF equipment with ties to countries like China and Russia.

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RADIO WORLD: FCC Commissioner Talks AM, Receiver Quality and Pre-Sunrise Authority

This week, FCC Commissioner Geoffrey Starks appeared at the National Association of Farm Broadcasters “Washington Watch” event to respond to ongoing efforts to keep AM radio receivers in newer vehicles. The annual event, this year held April 29 – May 1 in

Washington, D.C., offered broadcasters an opportunity to hear the latest policies and news coming out of the U.S. capitol.

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RADIO WORLD: No LPFM for Tacoma Hilltop Foundation

The FCC Media Bureau has denied another petition appealing its rejection of an application for a low-power FM station, this one in Tacoma, Wash. It has been issuing a string of such rulings as applicants appeal decisions the FCC made after the filing window for new LPFMs closed late last year.

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CYBERGUY REPORT: FCC slaps AT&T, Verizon and T-Mobile with mega fines for data deceit

The Federal Communications Commission (FCC) has taken decisive action against the nation's four largest mobile carriers, imposing a hefty fine of \$200 million for the unauthorized sharing of customers' location data. This move underscores the agency's commitment to consumer privacy and protecting sensitive information.

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RADIO & TELEVISION BUSINESS REPORT: Starks Commits To AM Radio In NAFB Address

FCC Commissioner Geoffrey Starks is throwing his full support behind the AM for Every Vehicle Act, saying the FCC will provide support and expertise as the legislation advances.

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BROADBAND BREAKFAST: Rosenworcel Urges Congress to Bolster 'Rip and Replace' With \$3 Billion

Federal Communications Commission Chairwoman Jessica Rowenworcel on Thursday urged Congress to authorize an additional \$3 billion in government money in order to assist U.S. operators in removing Huawei and ZTE equipment from their telecommunications networks. In a letter to Senate Commerce cSenate Commerce

Committee Chair Maria Cantwell D-Washington, Rosenworcel said that almost 40% of the rip and replace program participants claimed they couldn't finish the gear change out without further government assistance.

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WZZM-TV: Rules surrounding broadcast political ads

2024 is set to be another year where candidates for public office will look to fill the airwaves with their pitch to voters. But what if their ads contain misinformation? Do broadcast stations still have to run them? That answer lies not in the newsroom but in the rules of the Federal Communications Commission.

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THE FEDERALIST SOCIETY: Second Circuit Rejects Preemption Challenge to New York's Broadband Rate Regulation

On April 26, the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit issued its decision in *New York State Telecommunications Association, Inc. v. James*. The court's majority rejected conflict and field preemption claims raised by several broadband provider associations against the State of New York's Affordable Broadband Act. The decision in *James* recognized the authority of states to rate regulate interstate communications services, including broadband internet access services, while denying the FCC authority to preempt such regulation under Title I of the Communications Act.

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COMMUNICATIONS DAILY: Civil Rights Project: 8th Circuit Should 'Invalidate' FCC's Digital Discrimination Rule

The American Civil Rights Project supports the 20 industry petitioners arguing that the 8th U.S. Circuit Appeals Court should vacate the FCC's digital discrimination broadband rule since it runs afoul of the law and isn't based on clear congressional intent (see 2404230032), according to the nonprofit's amicus brief. It was filed Wednesday in docket 24-1179.

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COMMUNICATIONS DAILY: Reign in Current Enforcement Bureau, Carr Says, as He Blasts Wheeler's Bureau

The FCC should reign in its Enforcement Bureau to avoid conflicts with recent and expected U.S. Supreme Court decisions, though the current bureau doesn't "overreach" as frequently as it did under former Chairman Tom Wheeler, FCC Commissioner Brendan Carr

said Thursday during a Wiley panel discussion called “Opportunities to Reform FCC Enforcement.” Carr told us, “The jury is still out” on whether the EB under FCC Chairwoman Jessica Rosenworcel needs reform, he said in an interview after the panel discussion: “We’re not off the rails the way the agency was during the Wheeler tenure.”

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COMMUNICATIONS DAILY: Guard Band and Interference Issues Raised in 900 MHz Comments

A proposal that the FCC launch a rulemaking authorizing 5/5 MHz broadband deployments in the 900 MHz band received support in comments, which were due Thursday in docket 24-99. But commenters stressed that the relocation process must be voluntary, and that the rules must protect incumbents from harmful interference. The filings offer a snapshot of how 900 MHz is used today.

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RADIO INSIGHT: FCC Report 5/5: Boston Area AM Cancelled After Unauthorized Operation

Langer Broadcast Group’s 1410 WZBR Dedham/Boston and translator 98.1 W251CR Medford MA were cancelled as both were silent or operating with unauthorized facilities for more than a year. WZBR went silent on March 5, 2023 following the death of owner Alex Langer. The station filed a resumption of operation with the FCC noting that it was operating with 10 watts from a different location and then filed an STA to operate with those facilities a week later. WZBR then filed to go silent again on April 2.

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PCMAG: How to Block a Number on Your Smartphone

Just don't expect anything to end unwanted calls altogether. Robocalls remain rampant, even though the FCC has taken measures to reduce them. While you wait for real results, here are some other steps you can take to keep your phone from ringing off the hook.

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THE BERKSHIRE EDGE: Berkshire County District Attorney's Office investigating phone scams targeting seniors

The District Attorney's Office is investigating at least two phone scams targeting senior citizens in Berkshire County. According to an email from the District Attorney's Office, the FCC designates this type of fraud as a "grandparent scam."

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INSIDE CYBERSECURITY: The Week Ahead: Senate Commerce considers consumer data security; House appropriators examine FCC budget (SUBSCRIPTION REQUIRED)

A Senate Commerce subcommittee considers moves to enhance the security and privacy of consumer data this week, while House appropriators examine the Federal Communications Commission's budget request for fiscal 2025. The Senate Commerce subcommittee on consumer protection, product safety and data security holds the data privacy hearing on Wednesday. The subcommittee will hear from James Lee of the Identity Theft Resource Center, Sam Kaplan of Palo Alto Networks and New America's Prem Trivedi.

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SLASHGEAR: What's The Difference Between 2-Way & CB Radios?

As the FCC describes, CB radios operate on 40 shared channels on what's known as a "take-turns" basis. That means that it's open to the public and one should never assume that any conversation is completely private, as anyone within range can intentionally or accidentally overhear it. CB can be quite useful for up-to-date road conditions and police reports, with Channel 9 generally reserved for distress and emergency calls. Due to their

usefulness and ease of access, CBs are common among truckers, farmers, and numerous types of trade workers.

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ANDROID POLICE: What's the deal with airplane mode?

Part of the answer might lie in this tidbit in a statement I received from the Federal Aviation Authority: "The FAA requires airlines to show that any technology they introduce does not affect an airplane's safety or communications systems." On top of the FAA putting the burden of proof on the airlines, "the FCC prohibits cellular phone calls on airborne aircraft." That's right — there are actually two different agencies with rules governing the use of cellular devices on airplanes.

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THE DAILY JOURNAL: Cell facilities in San Mateo (Opinion)

As a neurosurgeon who operates on patients with brain cancer, I'm concerned with the well documented links between glioblastomas and radiation exposure. There is false reassurance given by the wireless industry that cell facilities operate within FCC radiation guidelines. I am deeply troubled by the small cell facility proliferation in San Mateo residential areas.

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RCR WIRELESS: What to watch in test and measurement in 2024

NTN is an area of growing interest with major operators engaging with satellite communications companies, specifically AT&T and AST SpaceMobile and T-Mobile US and SpaceX both working on satellite-enabled direct-to-device communications, and the U.S. Federal Communications Commission (FCC) taking up supplemental coverage from space (SCS) for extension of cellular coverage into rural areas. 3GPP standardization work on NTN began in 2017 with Release 15 and is ongoing.

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CNET: Internet Guide for Roommates: Choosing a Plan and Setting Up Wi-Fi

Your landlord or apartment leasing office can recommend but not force you to use a certain internet provider. A recent FCC ruling prohibits revenue sharing between property owners and ISPs and requires owners to disclose exclusive marketing arrangements to

"promote tenant choice and competition in the provision of communications services" for tenants.

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CNET: Find Free Wi-Fi Almost Anywhere Your Travels Take You. Here's How

In response to the pandemic, the Federal Communications Commission created the Keep Americans Connected initiative to help people keep their broadband and telephone connectivity in 2020. Additionally, providers like Comcast, Charter Communications and Altice USA extended free Wi-Fi to anyone (customers and noncustomers). Some of these programs are no longer active in these post-pandemic times, but it's still worthwhile to check with your local ISP.

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CNET: Moving? Do Not Wait to Set Up Your Internet Service. Here's How to Do It

When moving into a new apartment, check with the leasing office to see if the complex has a primary internet provider. While the Federal Communications Commission seeks to increase broadband competition in apartments, your apartment may be wired for a specific internet service type, such as cable, fiber or even fixed wireless. In such cases, your best option will likely be to go with whatever provider serves the complex, but you may be able to seek out other options. Again, speak with your leasing office about what's available before moving in.

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GOVTECH: A Fixed-Wireless Approach Helping Connect Wise County

Military users have priority access to it, but in 2020 the FCC auctioned licenses on a county-by-county basis. Nextlink secured one for Wise County. Nextlink's tech partner is Tarana, which had developed technology using the model employed by cellphone networks to deliver wireless service at speeds comparable to those achieved using cable. Investing a total of \$2.6 million, they built infrastructure that provides service at download speeds of 100 megabits per second and upload speeds of 20 megabits per second — the FCC's current definition of "broadband" — to more than 99% of the county. The buildout took seven months.

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COLORADO POLITICS: Bill to boost rural broadband, opposed by Polis

administration, dies in committee

Another witness pointed out a recent Federal Communications Commission decision that may put broadband into the same category as other telecommunications. Monica Aken of Viaero Wireless told the committee that, with the FCC decision last week on net neutrality, broadband is now under the same category as a common carrier. SB 91 will allow broadband and communications providers a more clear path forward on internet access, she said.

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MADISON COUNTY EAGLE: Firefly broadband project progressing

As part of the original VATI grant application for the RISE project, areas covered via an FCC grant to other companies were added, forcing those companies to either enter into agreements to build out their projects within three years (half the time required by the federal grant regulations) or give up the areas and funding allowing them to be taken over by Firefly.

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KJZZ-FM: Why the Navajo-dubbed 'Star Wars' film is celebrated on May 4

But streaming media content is still a widespread obstacle on the reservation, with only less than 4% of those living on the Navajo Nation having access to the most basic wireline broadband, according to the Federal Communications Commission and National Telecommunications and Information Administration.

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CNET: Internet Shopping Cheat Sheet: How to Find the Best Options Wherever You Live

You should always cast a wide net when you're fishing for internet providers in your neighborhood, and the best place to start is the Federal Communications Commission's website. Federal regulations require that ISPs disclose basic information like the addresses they cover and the speeds they offer. The FCC then displays this information in its Broadband Map.

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WCAX-TV: Communication Union Districts continue broadband rollout

“The state received \$229 million from the Broadband Equity Access and Deployment Act. This is about \$100,000 more than we expected to receive and much of that is thanks to organizations and Vermonters and staff here pulling out the stops to correct the FCC Broadband Map,” said Rob Fish of Vermont

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REUTERS: Paramount will let exclusive talks with Skydance lapse

A person familiar with the deal said they hope to mitigate concerns about foreign ownership of a U.S. broadcaster through its partnership with U.S.-based Apollo. The private equity firm acquired Cox Media Group's television stations in a 2019 deal that required approval of the Federal Communications Commission.

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LOS ANGELES TIMES: Deal or no deal for Paramount? Here are the options on the table

Because Sony Corp. is based in Tokyo, Apollo would probably have to assume control of Paramount’s CBS network in order to abide by Federal Communications Commission rules that restrict foreign ownership of broadcast TV stations — a technicality that could make the offer less attractive to a company reluctant to divvy up its assets, according to analysts at LightShed.

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THE DAILY CALLER: Democrats, Liberal Media Suddenly Discover Soros & Co. Are Funding Radical Left Causes Dragging Biden Down

Mega Democratic donors funding radical left causes though has been an obvious connection for many Republicans, who have repeatedly called out Soros and other donor ties for some time. In early April, the Daily Caller first obtained a copy of a letter from Republican New York Rep. Nick Langworthy to the Federal Communications Commission (FCC), which called on them to investigate Soros’ purchase of the nation’s second largest

radio company, Audacy Inc. — another venture Soros has embarked on prior to the 2024 elections.

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THE DAILY JOURNAL: In Gaza protests, Biden administration failed to protect civil rights on college campuses (Opinion)

I learned as a child that the price of liberty is eternal vigilance. Growing up as the grandson of a conservative radio host, freedom is in my DNA. My grandfather, Carl McIntire, was a minister in Collingswood, New Jersey, who hosted a syndicated radio show on over 600 stations in the 1960s. Before the days of Rush Limbaugh, Sean Hannity and Howard Stern, he had an audience of 20 million, a huge voice for his time. He spoke to the issues of the day and with his following, was not afraid to protest and call things out. And he upset some people in power. To silence him, political pressure was applied to the Federal Communications Commission to use the Fairness Doctrine to strip him of his radio license.

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DESERET NEWS: Texas can still enforce its law protecting children from pornography. What that could mean for the future

The dissent in the Texas case referred back to four different cases: Ginsberg: Sable Communications of California, Inc. v. FCC, Reno v. ACLU, United States v. Playboy Entertainment Group Inc. and Ashcroft v. ACLU.

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John Haeberle was thrilled as he listened to the new signal on his radio dial. It was May 1, 1984 and KRIC was broadcasting at 100.5 FM for the first time. Haeberle had a license from the Federal Communications Commission to operate a radio station on the second floor of the Spori building on the Ricks College campus. Thanks to a transmitter atop the Annis Butte about 13 miles southwest of Rexburg, the 25-year-old radio station had more reach than it ever had.

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KYUK-FM: GCI mobile customers in Bethel demand answers following weeks of issues receiving calls

“I actually issued a complaint to the FCC. Super, super easy. I put a link for people to do it on that Facebook page,” he said. “And they're required by law to follow up with me about

that within 30 days.”

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TOWNHALL FINANCE: House Speaker Mike Johnson Takes Agenda Directly to the American People via 'This Week On The Hill' (Opinion)

Until recently, American voters have headed into every weekend—when many of them finally have the time to research and contemplate issues facing our nation—only to confront what former Federal Communications Commission chairman Newton Minnow referred to as the “vast wasteland” of television.

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ASSOCIATED PRESS: Biden and Trump offer worlds-apart contrasts on issues in 2024’s rare contest between two presidents

The former president vows an overhaul of the federal bureaucracy, which he has long blamed for stymying his first term agenda: “I will totally obliterate the deep state.” He plans to reissue the Schedule F order stripping civil service protections. He’d then move to fire “rogue bureaucrats,” including those who “weaponized our justice system,” and the “warmongers and America-Last globalists in the Deep State, the Pentagon, the State Department, and the national security industrial complex.” He’s pledged to terminate the Education Department and wants to curtail the independence of regulatory agencies like the Federal Communications Commission.

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FOX NEWS: Laws protecting children from online porn are winning in some states as activists push nationwide solution

Schilling, who has been meeting with legislators across the country to create this policy, has the backing of Sen. Mike Lee, R-Utah. Lee introduced the Shielding Children's Retinas from Egregious Exposure on the Net (SCREEN) Act last year, which, if passed, would direct the FCC to create a rule requiring certain websites adopt age verification technology, establishing a "more likely than not" standard for verification.

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COMMON DREAMS: How AI Disinformation Poses New Risks to Southern Voters

Earlier this year, thousands of New Hampshire voters received robocalls with audio of what

sounded like President Joe Biden's voice telling them to stay home during the state's primary election. But the recording wasn't really Biden: It was a "deepfake" generated with AI technology. The state Attorney General's Office Election Law Unit ultimately identified the source of the false AI-generated recording as two Texas-based companies, Life Corporation and Lingo Telecom. In response to the incident, the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) banned robocalls with AI-generated voices.

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From May 3 to 6, there were around 5,900 social media posts mentioning the FCC. Most content was on Twitter (78%, or around 4,600 posts), followed by Reddit (17%), Forums (3%), Blogs (1%), Comments (1%), and Facebook (0%).

The social media post with the greatest reach came from the Twitter account of the CyberGuy Report (24.5m reach), which publicized its article on the FCC fining wireless carriers. The social media post with the second greatest reach came from the Twitter account of The Washington Post (20m reach), which publicized its article on the funding shortfall for the rip and replace program.

One trending topic on social media was the POCO F6 receiving FCC certification. The Twitter account of Mukul Sharma (440k reach, 1.1k engagements) had the most popular social media post on that topic. Another trending topic on social media was the Affordable Connectivity Program. The Twitter account of the National Review (360k reach, 5 engagements) had the most popular social media post on that topic.

There were no new tweets from Chairwoman Rosenworcel or any of the Commissioners.

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The US government has pressured telcos to rip out network gear made by Chinese companies Huawei and ZTE but has allocated only about 38 percent of the money needed to replace equipment with non-Chinese hardware, the Federal Communications Commission said. FCC Chairwoman Jessica Rosenworcel wrote to Congress Thursday, urging lawmakers to fully fund the program. Congress allocated \$1.9 billion for replacements of Chinese gear that must be removed as early as this month, but the needed reimbursements add up to nearly \$5 billion, Rosenworcel wrote.

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THE NEW YORK POST: Apollo-Sony bid for Paramount could face antitrust hurdles from feds: sources

Apollo Global Management and Sony's bid to buy Paramount Global faces significant hurdles to get the deal past Democratic-led federal regulators amid antitrust concerns, The Post has learned. Paramount – which ended exclusive merger talks with Skydance Media last Friday – owns the CBS network, its Hollywood studio and 28 local stations – including 17 CBS affiliates in markets like New York, Chicago and Los Angeles. Apollo, which teamed with Sony to make a \$26 billion all-cash bid for the Shari Redstone-controlled media conglomerate, faces an uphill fight to circumvent the FCC's 39% cap on the reach by local affiliates should the merger be approved by Paramount's board, multiple sources told The Post.

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NEWSMAX: NRB, American Family Association Sue FCC on Gender Requirements

The National Religious Broadcasters association and the American Family Association announced they are suing the Federal Communications Commission over the reinstatement of a workforce data collection order that would mandate employer reporting of staff race and gender.

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ORLANDO SENTINEL: Imposing net-neutrality regulations would be a step backward (Opinion)

Net neutrality is a sometimes well-intentioned, but always misguided attempt to regulate the internet under the guise of fairness and equality. Except for a brief moment during the Obama administration, the U.S. has always embraced light-handed regulation for the internet. This approach has served us well. Today 95% of American adults use the internet and U.S. broadband providers outperformed their more-regulated European peers during the pandemic. But now Joe Biden's Federal Communications Commission is poised to abandon this approach and impose its vision of how the internet should work. Given the

importance of the internet to American businesses and citizens' everyday lives, it's crucial to assess the implications of reversing the tried and true light-handed approach.

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THE STREET: Senators accuse Mercedes, Toyota, Hyundai and other automakers of putting privacy at risk

This is not the first time that automaker's handling of sensitive location data has been under scrutiny by lawmakers. Following a Dec. 31 report in The New York Times titled, "Your Car Is Tracking You. Abusive Partners May Be, Too.," Federal Communications Commission (FCC) Chairwoman Jessica Rosenworcel wrote a series of letters to leading automakers including Ford, Tesla and GM asking about their policies regarding "connected car" technology and its capabilities regarding domestic abuse.

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HOODLINE: House Subcommittee Delays Key Hearing on FCC Budget and Telecom Policy, Future Date Undisclosed

In a move that will delay congressional oversight, the House Energy and Commerce Subcommittee on Communications and Technology has announced the postponement of its hearing with the Federal Communications Commission (FCC). Being a highly anticipated event to discuss the Commission's budget, it was also seen as an opportunity to hold the Biden administration to account. This session, originally slated for May 7, was to bring focus to the FCC's financial planning and operations, as per the House Energy and Commerce.

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ROUTE FIFTY: With only three weeks to go, lawmakers weigh ways to save federal internet subsidy

Beginning May 1, the subsidy dropped from \$30 to \$14 a month for some households. The Federal Communications Commission has been in the process of winding down the Affordable Connectivity Program, or ACP, funded by the 2021 infrastructure law, for several months. In February, it stopped accepting applications to join the estimated 23 million people across the country that benefit from the subsidy.

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INSIDE RADIO: Court Deadlines Suggest Quadrennial Review Challenge Won't Be Fast.

A quick decision was unlikely, and a federal appeals court in Kansas City is confirming that a challenge brought by broadcasters to the latest quadrennial media ownership review will be a multiyear endeavor. The Eighth Circuit Court of Appeals has set a Nov. 18 deadline for final briefs in the cases brought by a half-dozen radio and television broadcasters against the Federal Communications Commission.

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LAW360: FCC Only Commits To Normal Review Of Soros-Audacy Deal (SUBSCRIPTION REQUIRED)

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The Federal Communications Commission has asked the U.S. Supreme court to forgo review in two constitutional challenges to the agency's Universal Services Fund brought by free-enterprise groups, arguing that the appeals were filed too early and are based on a speculative circuit split that hasn't formed yet.

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BROADCASTING AND CABLE: Owner of WADL Detroit Urges Mission To Close Station Purchase

The owner of Detroit station WADL is urging Mission Broadcasting to close its \$75 million acquisition of WADL before a June 30 deadline. In an earlier interview, Adell Broadcasting CEO Kevin Adell suggested that a local marketing agreement would enable Mission to operate WADL while appealing conditions put on the sale by the Federal Communications Commission. But Adell now says an LMA is of the table. The FCC approved the agreement to transfer WADL's license to Mission, but attached significant conditions to the approval.

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RCR WIRELESS: FCC requests more rip-and-replace funding

The Federal Communications Commission (FCC) last week asked for more funding to support communications providers' "rip-and-replace" projects for Huawei and ZTE equipment, which has been banned by Congress for use in U.S. networks. Chinese telecom equipment makers Huawei and ZTE were designated national security risks in 2020, and so telecom providers are now required to "rip-and-replace" any equipment in networks provided by the two companies.

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The FCC has received paperwork for a proposed transaction that would transfer control of 400-watt Class A FM serving Astoria, Ore., from a city in the state of Washington from the company run by Robert Meadows.

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BROADBAND COMMUNITIES: How the FCC misses the mark with bulk

billing and digital discrimination

The National Multifamily Housing Council (NMHC) argues the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) misses the mark on regulatory overreach that could stifle the broadband market for renters.

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BROADBAND BREAKFAST: Rosenworcel and Carr Circulate Proposal to Ban Covered Entity Labs from FCC Certification Program

The Federal Communications Commission is set to vote May 23 on a proposal to ban labs owned by companies deemed to be national security risks from its equipment authorization program. Companies on the agency's "covered list" are already barred from receiving FCC authorizations necessary to sell new wireless products, as well as from being vendors for federally funded projects. The proposal circulated Thursday would prohibit labs and facilities from conducting tests for the agency as part of that authorization program if they're at least 10 percent owned by a covered list entity.

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BROADBAND BREAKFAST: Nation Can't Afford to Wait for Spectrum Authority, Say Key House Lawmakers

House Commerce Subcommittee Chairman Bob Latta, R-Ohio, and Rep. Doris Matsui, D-California, used appearances at a 5G summit Monday to call for a restoration of the Federal Communications Commission's spectrum auction authority. The FCC lost the authority to conduct spectrum auctions on March 9, 2023. Matsui, ranking member of the Communications and Technology Subcommittee that Latta chairs, called the continued suspension a "failure" and reiterated the need for Congress to return the authority to the FCC.

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KOSU-FM: Oklahoma Tribal leaders advocate for new FCC code to aid in MMIP crisis

Leaders of the Chickasaw, Cherokee, Choctaw, Muscogee and Seminole nations are urging the FCC to establish a new event code to help locate missing and endangered adults — a crucial tool for tribal nations impacted by the MMIP crisis.

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MISSOULA CURRENT: Proposed changes seek to improve system for 988 callers

When someone calls 988, they're connected to one of more than 200 regional crisis centers across the country. Currently, which center their call goes to is based on the area code of their phone — but with the ubiquity of cell phones, that isn't necessarily the closest one to the caller. Last week, the Federal Communications Commission voted to keep moving forward with a proposal to change that.

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COMMUNICATIONS DAILY: 20 GOP AGs: FCC's Digital Discrimination Rule 'Flawed on Many Fronts'

Twenty Republican attorneys general support the 20 industry petitioners asking the 8th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals to vacate the FCC's digital discrimination order on grounds it exceeds agency authority and lacks clear congressional intent (see 2404230032). The AGs made their argument in an amicus brief Thursday (docket 24-1179).

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INSIDE CYBERSECURITY: The Week Ahead: Senate Commerce considers consumer data security; House appropriators examine FCC budget (SUBSCRIPTION REQUIRED)

A Senate Commerce subcommittee considers moves to enhance the security and privacy of consumer data this week, while House appropriators examine the Federal Communications Commission's budget request for fiscal 2025. The Senate Commerce subcommittee on consumer protection, product safety and data security holds the data privacy hearing on Wednesday. The subcommittee will hear from James Lee of the Identity Theft Resource Center, Sam Kaplan of Palo Alto Networks and New America's Prem Trivedi.

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WTKR-TV: How will AI impact elections in Virginia in 2024?

Earlier this year, someone created a robocall reportedly using AI to make it sound like Joe Biden was calling New Hampshire voters. Since then, the Federal Communications Commission has made using AI voices in robocalls illegal.

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1819 NEWS: U.S. Rep. Strong instrumental in Jackson County returning to Huntsville TV market

Jackson County, located in the extreme northeastern corner of Alabama, will soon return to the Huntsville TV market thanks in part to the efforts of U.S. Rep. Dale Strong (R-Monrovia). Strong was "elated" Monday when he announced that Jackson County will rejoin the Huntsville designated market area DMA this fall. The Federal Communications Commission had reassigned the county to the Chattanooga DMA based on Nielsen data. Strong requested the reversal for public safety reasons.

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CNET: Free AI Classes Are Coming Your Way, and More AI News

Well, I'm certainly listening. I hope the US Federal Communications Commission is too — in February, it banned the use of deepfake voices in robocalls, after fraudsters created a phony message from Biden and delivered it to voters in New Hampshire to disrupt the primary-vote process.

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BUSINESS INSIDER: Even Katy Perry's mom fell for an AI photo of the singer at the Met Gala

This is the year generative-AI-enabled deepfakes have hit the mainstream, including robocalls with imitations of President Joe Biden and fake explicit photos of Taylor Swift. No US federal law prohibits deepfakes — media such as photos, video, or audio showing people doing or saying things they did not. The Federal Communications Commission bans AI-generated voices in robocalls, and some states prohibit deepfake pornography.

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EPOCH TIMES: 24 Federal Agencies Purchased China-Made Surveillance Cameras Banned by US Over Security Concerns

Hikvision cameras were banned for use by the U.S. government in November 2022 by the Federal Communications Commission (FCC), which listed Hikvision among other Chinese companies included in the ban. The FCC deemed the companies and their technology posed a threat to national security.

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AVIATION BUSINESS NEWS: Comment: Why backup technologies are essential as GPS attacks on commercial aircraft increase

In 2013, a New Jersey truck driver used a GPS jamming system to block his employer's location tracking, resulting in disruptions at Newark airport and a \$31,875 fine from the Federal Communications Commission.

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INSIDE CYBERSECURITY: ONCD determines potential approaches to address software liability, launches work with manufacturers (SUBSCRIPTION REQUIRED)

The Office of the National Cyber Director wants to work with software manufacturers to get feedback on potential approaches the government can take to address software liability, according to ONCD's Nicholas Leiserson, who spoke at the RSA conference on what's next for a key component of the national cyber strategy.

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CNN: How to get internet without cable

While fiber internet is the fastest and most reliable option, availability is limited. According to the Federal Communications Commission (FCC), fiber internet is only available to roughly 36% of Americans. Costs for fiber are \$63 per month on average, comparable to other types of internet.

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CNN: Best landline phone services for 2024

Various discounts are available for landline services, including the Lifeline program by the FCC, which offers discounts of up to \$9.25 per month for qualifying low-income consumers. AT&T provides a senior discount for individuals aged 55 and over who qualify.

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WPIX-TV: NY moves forward law to provide discounted internet service

Telecom trade groups sued, arguing the law would cost them too much money and would wrongly supersede FCC governance of internet service.

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ORANGE COUNTY REGISTER: How tiny radio station KCLA is calling Los Angeles from its San Pedro transmitter

KCLA has been on the air since at least 2015 — I wrote about it right here that year, though at the time it was more of a placeholder ... a one-watt transmitter located somewhere on the Palos Verdes peninsula to make it legal for the FCC.

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WHNT-TV: Jackson County set to return to Huntsville TV market in the fall

The Federal Communications Commission (FCC) reassigned Jackson County to the Chattanooga DMA based on market analytics from Nielsen. However, Congressman Strong requested that the FCC reverse this decision in the interest of public safety. “As the member of Congress representing more than 52,000 Jackson County residents and a lifelong first responder, I view public safety as a top priority. I am hopeful that this reversal will give Jackson County resident’s the timely and relevant local news coverage their community deserves,” said Strong.

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THE NEW YORK POST: Ad execs tout TikTok’s benefits for businesses in cringeworthy video: ‘So oblivious’

“At a time where ad execs are falling over themselves to pull their contracts from social media platforms like X it seems rather hypocritical that they’re jumping at the opportunity to strengthen ties to TikTok,” said Nathan Leamer, a former FCC policy adviser and CEO of Fixed Gear Strategies.

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WRAL-TV: Democrats aim to ban 'deepfake' images in North Carolina

The federal government hasn't passed any laws targeting election misinformation fueled by AI, although the Federal Communications Commission issued an agency rule cracking down on AI-assisted robocalls after the fake Biden voice made national news.

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One trending topic on social media was the FCC being sued over its workforce data requirement. The Twitter account of Newsmax (2.7m reach, 63 engagements) had the most popular social media post on that topic. Another trending topic on social media was the FCC's privacy fines. The Twitter account of TWiT Tech Podcasts (80k reach, 13 engagements) had the most popular social media post on that topic.

Commissioner Carr tweeted (54k reach, 41 engagements) "Shameful" in response to Columbia University canceling its commencement ceremony amid protests.

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American companies have spent more than \$100 billion in recent years to secure airwaves to carry high-speed fifth-generation, or 5G, signals and are hunting for more. But the Federal Communications Commission has lacked the legal authority to auction new spectrum for more than a year. The drought has driven up the price of spectrum licenses at companies that already hold them.

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LOS ANGELES TIMES: LA Times Today: Is your smart device safe from hackers? New FCC program will label cybersecure technology (Video)

Smart home devices are supposed to make our lives easier – from fridges that automatically update grocery lists to baby monitors that ease parents' worried minds. But cyber hackers are tapping into these devices and stealing personal information from U.S. households. L.A. Times reporter Karen Garcia wrote about a new program that could help protect consumers.

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PCMAG: Comcast Now Offers No-Data-Cap, No-Contract Broadband Nationwide

Should Congress find a way to restore funding for the FCC's Affordable Connectivity Program, those monthly costs would drop to free and \$15 for qualifying lower-income households. The FCC-mandated broadband-facts labels for each Now Internet plan specify "typical" downloads above those touted numbers—115.59Mbps and 234.27Mbps—and uploads at 11.68Mbps.

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LIGHT READING: Foreign owners trigger review of Consolidated deal

The FCC is recommending a deeper review of a \$3.1 billion deal to take fiber network operator Consolidated Communications private. The agency said the move is due to the "foreign individuals and foreign-organized entities" involved in the transaction. Private equity firm Searchlight Capital Partners and British Columbia Investment (BCI), one of the largest institutional investors in Canada, announced in October their plan to take Consolidated private. Consolidated is one of the ten largest fiber network providers in the US, with operations across more than 20 states including California, Texas and Florida.

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LAW360: AT&T Appeals \$57M Fine For Selling Customer Location Data (SUBSCRIPTION REQUIRED)

AT&T is appealing a \$57 million fine from the Federal Communications Commission on allegations it failed to protect customer location data, calling the agency order an "abuse of discretion."

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BROADBAND BREAKFAST: Bulk Billing Ban Will Increase Consumer Costs, Say Providers

Consumer costs will "skyrocket" under a bulk billing ban, according to a variety of industry leaders speaking at Wednesday's Broadband Breakfast Live Online webcast about the Federal Communications Commission's proposal.

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BROADBAND BREAKFAST: Cybersecurity Leaders Express Reserved Support for American Privacy Rights Act

Trevedi also praised the acts enshrinement of strong Data Minimization principles. Data Minimization would prevent service providers from collecting user data beyond what the service requires. However, Trivedi expressed skepticism toward APRA for its transfer of preemption authority from the Federal Communications Commission to the Federal Trade Commission. The FTC, he believes, would not have the same specialized capability of regulating service providers as the FCC.

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MYSMARTPRICE: Vivo Y28 (4G) Spotted on FCC Certification; Key Specifications Revealed

Vivo is expected to introduce the Vivo Y28 (4G variant). Last month, the Vivo Y28, with the model number V2352, appeared on Bluetooth SIG and Indonesia Telecom certification websites. Now, we have spotted the upcoming Y-series smartphone on the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) certification website.

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RADIO WORLD: FCC Cancels “La Indiscreta” Licenses in Phoenix

The FCC has canceled the licenses of Radio Hogar’s 1540 KASA(AM) in Phoenix, Ariz., as well as its FM translator. KASA ran a Spanish-language classic regional Mexican format with brokered programming, using the moniker “La Indiscreta.”

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INSIDE CYBERSECURITY: Neuberger expects July publication of FCC rules to start internet of things labeling program due to paperwork requirements (SUBSCRIPTION REQUIRED)

Deputy National Security Advisor for Cyber Anne Neuberger says publication of the Federal Communications Commission’s rulemaking to establish an Internet of Things cyber labeling program is expected in July, following paperwork requirements that are in process.

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MERITALK: Cyber Experts See Urgent Need for Data Privacy Bill, Suggest Tweaks

Prem Trivedi, policy director for New America’s Open Technology Institute, expressed skepticism toward APRA for its proposed transfer of preemption authority from the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) to the Federal Trade Commission. “We would focus on this issue not to have overbroad preemption of the FCC’s ability to exercise long standing expertise in their domain on privacy,” Trivedi said.

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THE REGISTER: Dell customer order database of '49M records' stolen, now up for sale on dark web

Earlier this year, the US Federal Communications Commission expanded its data loss reporting requirements to cover telecommunications and voice-over-IP services.

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THE ILR SCHOOL: Broadband for All? Mapping and Discussing Progress and Remaining Challenges Across NYS

The matter was appealed to the Second Circuit court of appeals, who overturned the lower court and found that the New York Law is not preempted by the Federal Communications Act of 1934 and found that the NY ABA is not conflict-preempted by the Federal Communications Commission's 2018 order classifying broadband as an information service. What this means is that New York can put into effect its law which puts a price cap on charging for internet service for low income families.

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While USAC is designated to manage these federal funds, it does not make policy but is responsible for the collection and distribution of universal service funds under the FCC's direction. Its handling of the situation could lead to reevaluations of procedural and oversight mechanisms within the program.

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RADIO IOWA: Feenstra touts Medicare coverage of over-the-phone appointments with doctors

During the pandemic, Medicare began covering patient appointments conducted via video link and over the phone. Feenstra said many rural residents have no way to make a video connection. He cited a Federal Communications Commission report which found 45 million Americans cannot get broadband with high enough speeds capable of streaming video.

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The "layers" will consist of: Boundaries, Verticle Structures, Transportation, Broadband grant awards, Speed test ratings, FCC Broadband Coverage Maps, and Demographic and Economic Data.

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THE HILL: Scaramucci: ‘Nobody wants Biden to win more than me’

“He’s made it very clear that anybody that he disagreed with or he has an adversarial relationship in the press, he wants to potentially threaten their [Federal Communications Commission] license. He said publicly he wants to persecute, using the Department of Justice, his political adversaries, and the list goes on and on,” Scaramucci added.

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POLITICO: Why Stormy Daniels Isn’t Getting the Monica Lewinsky Treatment

Still, Tanenbaum cautions against claiming too much progress. There’s still a double standard, she contends, when it comes to women talking about sex: When Cardi B and Megan Thee Stallion performed their explicit song “WAP” at the 2021 Grammy Awards, the Federal Communications Commission received over 1,000 complaints. And Tanenbaum takes issue with the media for always identifying Daniels as a “porn star” or “adult film actress,” which she says conditions readers to think she can’t be taken seriously. “Her profession is not relevant at all to this criminal trial unless you believe that women who work in the sex industry are untrustworthy,” Tanenbaum says.

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MISSISSIPPI CLARION-LEDGER: WZZQ The Movie premiere will bring a special guest. What to know

A radio and music buff since childhood, he obtained his FCC broadcasting license at age 13 and teamed up with local musician Bert Wallace to perform on “Teen Tempos,” a former local “bandstand” type program that aired on Saturday afternoons on WLBT-TV.

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PITTSBURGH POST-GAZETTE: WQED is changing, but still aims to stay 'a vibrant contributor to our communities'

Jedlinski mentioned during a January Post-Gazette interview that he was working on a way to increase WQED’s broadcasting power. He said Wednesday that WQED finally has everything in place to officially petition the Federal Communications Commission for a stronger signal. The holdup was two-fold, he said. Ramping up WQED’s broadcasting capabilities would require a signal strength that exceeds the FCC’s current threshold and also risk signal interference with at least one other station. Jedlinski said that station recently gave WQED its blessing to file an FCC request that would “put our transmitter at

full power” for the first time in nearly a year.

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RADIO INK: Hispanic Radio Alliance To Present Multicultural Growth Blueprint

Celebrating 15 years, the Hispanic Radio Conference is an annual opportunity for in-person networking and sharing ideas in a multi-platform, multicultural world. This year will feature a keynote from FCC Commissioner Anna Gomez, a discussion with Cumulus Media Chief Insights Officer Pierre Bouvard and Nielsen’s Tony Hereau, and more. For more information about the conference, which takes place on June 12-13 in San Antonio, visit the Hispanic Radio Conference website.

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WASHINGTON EXAMINER: Digital privacy legislation gets a bipartisan push

The Federal Communications Commission recently fined AT&T, Sprint, T-Mobile, and Verizon nearly \$200 million for allegedly illegally sharing access to customers’ location data. Interestingly, under the APRA, the FCC would be stripped of that authority, instead empowering the Federal Trade Commission with oversight of data privacy matters.

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Field also addressed the bankruptcy proceedings, which have passed court approval, but have been slowed through the FCC by Republican-backed concerns about Soros Fund Management’s \$400 million Audacy debt acquisition. Field said, “As previously announced, we received court approval of our consensual pre-packaged Plan of Reorganization, which will reduce our debt by 80%, and are now awaiting FCC approval to complete the process. I want to salute our team for their excellent work in driving financial and operating progress while simultaneously executing our reorganization plan, all without disruption to customers, listeners, partners, vendors or our staff.”

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CORD CUTTERS NEWS: Dish’s CEO Talks About a Possible Merger With DIRECTV

The growth of cord cutting and AT&T spinning DIRECTV off into its own company creates conditions that could make the merger a reality. For years every attempt to merge the two TV services died over fears of it creating a monopoly. Now with cord cutting, there is real competition for your TV service, removing objections over competition fears as services like YouTube TV, Hulu, Philo, and fuboTV, to name a few, offer real options. This means fears over the FCC blocking a merger because of competition concerns have almost vanished.

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In other words, it does not call for bans on any specific conduct but instead gives broad authority to Brazil's National Telecommunications Agency (Anatel)—a regulator broadly comparable to the U.S. Federal Communications Commission—to impose regulatory measures based on a series of vague aspirational objectives, such as “promoting economic development” and improving “access to information.”

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SPACE.COM: 'I don't see any evidence of aliens.' SpaceX's Elon Musk says Starlink satellites have never dodged UFOs

Despite having never had to move out of the way of a UFO, Starlink satellites do, in fact, regularly make avoidance maneuvers to dodge debris or other spacecraft. Between June 1, 2023, and Nov. 30, 2023, Starlink satellites performed 24,410 collision avoidance maneuvers, equivalent to six maneuvers per spacecraft, according to data collected by SpaceX reported to the U.S. Federal Communications Commission (FCC).

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From May 9 to 10, there were around 2,200 social media posts mentioning the FCC. Most content was on Twitter (65%, or around 1,400 posts), followed by Reddit (23%), Forums (11%), Blogs (1%), Comments (0%), and Facebook (0%).

The social media post with the greatest reach came from the Twitter account of the Chicago Tribune (1.2m reach), which publicized an article on the AP voting to restore net

neutrality rules. The social media post with the second greatest reach came from the Twitter account of the Nieman Lab (300k reach), which publicized an article on some Catholics' opposition to the FCC's data collection requirements.

One trending topic on social media was the Vivo Y28 4G being certified by the FCC. The Twitter account of GSMArena (180k reach, 9 engagements) had the most popular social media post on that topic. Another trending topic on social media was Commissioner Carr's criticism of TikTok. The Twitter account of Free Speech America (120k reach, 1 engagement) had the most popular social media post on that topic.

Commissioner Carr tweeted (54k reach, 113 engagements) out a "Pupdate" with a picture of his dog.

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Just like a company that provides electricity cannot discriminate on the basis of what their customers use their electricity for, so should Internet Service Providers (ISPs) not discriminate on the basis of what websites and data its customers use. Allowing users to access all websites, apps and content on equal terms is what net neutrality is about. The Federal Communications Commission and Federal Trade Commission voted on April 25 to reinstate Obama-era net neutrality rules, after the Trump administration had rolled back oversight of ISP practices, thereby restoring the internet's classification as utility services under Title II of the Communications Act of 1934. This is good, but even better would be federal legislation that more permanently enshrines net neutrality in law.

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THE WASHINGTON POST: Paul Manafort, poised to rejoin Trump world, aided Chinese media deal

So pronounced are U.S. government security concerns about China Mobile and its state ownership that the Federal Communications Commission denied its application to provide cell service in the United States in 2019. At the time, the agency's Trump-appointed chairman, Ajit Pai, issued a statement opposing China Mobile's application, saying it raised "substantial and serious national security and law enforcement risks."

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Former FCC Chairman Ajit Pai explains how the TikTok bill is likely to transpire and how a change of political party control could influence the regulatory environment.

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THE NEW YORK POST: How TikTok's slick, 'tone-deaf' lobbyist in Washington miscalculated as Congress passed sale-or-ban bill

"TikTok's DC advocacy never addressed those concerns head-on," said Republican FCC Commissioner Brendan Carr, a vocal TikTok critic. "What they continued to do was to provide nonresponsive answers, to obfuscate and to focus on how popular they believed the app was."

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THE VERGE: Verizon, AT&T, and T-Mobile's 'unlimited' plans just got a \$10M slap on the wrist

This isn't the only scrutiny the three major carriers have faced as of late. Last week, the Federal Communications Commission fined Verizon, AT&T, and T-Mobile almost \$200 million over allegations they illegally shared customers' location data.

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A federal lawsuit in 2000 challenged the high phone call rates in prisons and jails, forcing the Federal Communications Commission to establish regulations that went into effect in 2014. Those regulations specifically govern out-of-state calls, but many state prisons moved to lower the costs of in-state-calls as well.

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ANDROID HEADLINES: AT&T appeals FCC fine for selling its customers' location data

In April, the FCC imposed a \$57 million fine on AT&T. It was not the only one, since the other two big carriers in the US such as Verizon (\$47 million) and T-Mobile (\$80 million, \$92 million including the fine to Sprint) were also punished. The cause was an investigation into the sale of its clients' location data without consent. Now, AT&T is appealing this FCC fine.

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In 2014 the U.S. Department of Interior stated in a letter to the Federal Communications Commission that a “significant issue associated with communication towers involves impacts from non-ionizing electromagnetic radiation emitted by these structures,” and advised that the commission “address cumulative impacts on those 241 species for which the incremental impact of tower mortality...is most likely significant.”

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LAW360: FCC Removes Two Providers From Broadband Program (SUBSCRIPTION REQUIRED)

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LEGAL NEWSLINE: FCC's 'name and shame' racial scorecard rule faces court challenge

A religious broadcasting group has sued to block a Federal Communications Commission rule requiring all broadcasters with five or more employees to publish information about the racial and ethnic makeup of their workforce. The FCC revived the rule in a 3-2 vote more than 20 years after a federal court had declared it an unconstitutional attempt to pressure broadcasters into hiring more minority employees, saying it needs the information to “support greater understanding of this important industry.”

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under the radar (Opinion)

What does this bill propose exactly? It would mandate that the Federal Communications Commission put DJI on its “Covered List.” DJI is a drone company in China with branches worldwide, including the United States. Should the bill pass, the FCC would cease approving new equipment or software authorizations for DJI products within the United States. Moreover, existing authorizations could face revocation, potentially grounding approved DJI drones. The act extends its reach to include any software compatible with DJI products, even if developed by American companies, subjecting them to the same constraints.

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Furthermore, the FCC has proposed a rule to prohibit early termination fees for cable and satellite services, with plans to vote on finalizing a rule mandating all-in pricing for such services later this month.

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So far, five states have followed suit. Last year, President Biden signed a major bill allowing the Federal Communications Commission to cap what the agency’s leadership has called “predatory” pricing in some prison and jail communications. But county jails across the country had long since filled their visitation rooms with digital kiosks run by Securus and GTL. “The word ‘visit’ for these calls is a joke,” Tylek said. “If I call my sister in Miami on FaceTime, I don’t tell her, ‘Hey, I’m visiting you in Miami!’ ”

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HOODLINE: Rep. Ruben Gallego Champions Measures to Combat Elder Fraud in Arizona, Calls on Tech Giants for Action During Older Americans Month

Building upon a legislative history of advocating for senior protections, earlier this year, Rep. Gallego backed the Financial Exploitation Prevention Act of 2023 to furnish the finance industry with the necessary tools to combat suspected financial abuse against seniors. Additionally, he has pressed the FCC on fraudulent robocalls and texts and called upon the Departments of Homeland Security and Justice to take action on gift card fraud, demonstrating a consistent commitment to the safeguarding of seniors' financial security as chronicled on his official congressional page.

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"This case does not involve technical or policy considerations outside the conventional experience of judges," the court document states. "There is no need to stay and refer this case to either the FCC or FTC. The Court denies the motion because this case does not involve any of the limited set of circumstances that have been reserved for administrative resolution under the primary jurisdiction doctrine."

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Stakeholders who participated in a panel here at the RSA conference emphasized the importance of CISA gaining visibility into cyber incidents through its upcoming mandatory

reporting regime, and noted how it will change the agency's voluntary work with critical infrastructure and the rest of the private sector.

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ARS TECHNICA: US Cellular is for sale, reportedly could be “carved up” by major carriers

Spectrum has become more valuable partly because Congress let the Federal Communications Commission's authority to auction spectrum expire in March 2023. FCC Chairwoman Jessica Rosenworcel has urged Congress to restore the spectrum authority the agency held for over 30 years, calling spectrum auctions "an indispensable tool for harnessing the promise of new wireless technologies."

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If you don't have a ringing sound running through your ears before taking a tour of the Telephone Museum of New Mexico, you might have one afterward. This little-known love temple to telephones, located in a former AT&T administration building in downtown Albuquerque, boasts more than 1,000 telephones. Some of them can still ring off the hook.

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Regardless, the FCC's "rip and replace" program is designed to finance the removal of Chinese equipment from US networks, and Gogo has so far received about \$132 million through the program. It's now using that money to upgrade some of its customers to a faster 4G LTE service.

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Wise had \$1.3 million in federal funds from the American Rescue Plan for broadband and

found a technology partner, Nextlink, an internet service provider focused on rural areas. Nextlink has a license to use the Citizens Broadband Radio Service, a 150 megahertz radio spectrum that was previously only available for military use. Since 2019, the Federal Communications Commission has allowed CBRS for commercial uses. Modern fixed wireless technology delivers large amounts of data at high speed, similar to fiber.

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The latest survey data from the University of Michigan shows consumer sentiment in the U.S. is at a six-month low. We'll unpack the numbers and get into what they can and can't tell us about what's really going on in the economy. And, a plan to split up U.S. Cellular between T-Mobile and Verizon is in the works. It's part of a larger fiasco brewing at the Federal Communications Commission.

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MASHABLE INDIA: Xiaomi Hints At POCO F6 Pro Being Redmi K70 Rebrand For Global Launch; What To Expect

The POCO F6 Pro is yet to make its official debut, but clues about its existence have surfaced on certification websites like the US's FCC, UAE's TDRA, and Thailand's NBTC. Speculation has arisen that the POCO F6 Pro might be a rebranded version of the Redmi K70, based on information gathered from these listings. However, Xiaomi has inadvertently disclosed the POCO F6 Pro's existence and confirmed its resemblance to the Redmi K70.

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SLASHGEAR: T-Mobile's Coverage Map: How It Compares To Other Cellular Providers

You may hear customers tout that their service works better than someone they know on another carrier. However, there's a surefire way to determine if you're at least in the market for decent coverage with a provider like T-Mobile. The FCC offers a color overlay map that shows just how much coverage each of the big three providers provides nationwide. Based on the FCC map, data from the last update in June 2023 shows that T-Mobile is trailing far behind with its 4G coverage. When put into a percentage, T-Mobile only covers about 35% of the nation with 4G LTE coverage.

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Foreign ownership of broadcast licenses has been illegal since the inception of the Federal Communications Commission. There is no regulated U.S. broadcast station with anywhere near an audience of 170 million.

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He added, "He wants to go after you, Jake Tapper, and CNN. He wants to take your FCC license away. He has told his lawyers, his defense counselors, many of which that have dropped him, that he'd like to use the FBI as the Gestapo, you know, and the only good thing about that is he doesn't understand history. So he doesn't even know what the word 'Gestapo' means. But this is a very dangerous guy. He shouldn't be anywhere near that White House again. And whatever shortcomings that President Biden may or may not have, I'll be supporting him. I'll be working for him in the fall."

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He added, "As previously announced, we received court approval of our consensual pre-packaged Plan of Reorganization, which will reduce our debt by 80%, and are now awaiting FCC approval to complete the process. I want to salute our team for their excellent work in driving financial and operating progress while simultaneously executing our reorganization plan, all without disruption to customers, listeners, partners, vendors or our staff."

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PCMAG: Analyst: SpaceX's Starlink Is Now a 'Self-Sustaining' Business

To make its projections, the analyst firm relied on public statements from SpaceX, filings made with the FCC, interviews with a dozen subject matter experts, and press reports. Quilty Space also notes it has experience in "building and maintaining financial models for more than a dozen space industry companies, including EchoStar, KVH, Iridium, and Viasat."

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FEDERAL REGISTER: Wireless Emergency Alerts; Regarding the Emergency Alert System

In this document, the Public Safety and Homeland Security Bureau (Bureau) seeks

comment on specific mechanisms to implement multilingual Wireless Emergency Alerts (WEA), as directed by the Federal Communications Commission. The Bureau proposes to require commercial mobile service providers participating in WEA (Participating CMS Providers) to support a set of pre-translated WEA messages in English, the 13 most commonly spoken languages in the United States, and American Sign Language (ASL), that would be pre-installed and stored on mobile devices. These messages—called templates—would be displayed at the option of the alert originator. The Bureau also seeks comment on support for form-fillable templates that would include information specific to the particular emergency. Finally, the Bureau seeks comment on whether Participating CMS Providers' device offerings should support templates in additional languages.

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FEDERAL REGISTER: Radio Broadcasting Services; Canadian, Texas

This document requests comments on a Petition for Rulemaking filed by Hispanic Target Media Inc., proposing to amend the Table of FM Allotments, by substituting Channel 285C1 for vacant Channel 235C1 at Canadian, Texas to accommodate the hybrid modification application for Station KPQP that proposes the substitution of Channel 235C3 for Channel 291C3 at Panhandle, Texas. A staff engineering analysis indicates that Channel 285C1 can be allotted to Canadian, Texas, consistent with the minimum distance separation requirements of the Federal Communications Commission's (Commission) rules, with a site restriction of 6.1 km (3.8 miles) north of the community. The reference coordinates are 35-57-35 NL and 100-24-24 WL.

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Social Media Summary

From May 10 to 13, there were around 4,700 social media posts mentioning the FCC. Most content was on Twitter (77%, or around 3,600 posts), followed by Reddit (18%), Forums (4%), Blogs (1%), Comments (1%), and Facebook (0%).

The social media post with the greatest reach came from the Twitter account of the FutureShift (610k reach), which publicized its article on wireless companies planning to appeal the FCC's fine. The social media post with the second greatest reach came from the Twitter account of the Neil Cavuto (600k reach), which publicized former FCC Chairman Ajit Pai's appearance on his program.

One trending topic on social media was former FCC Chairman Ajit Pai's appearance on Neil Cavuto's program. The Twitter account of Neil Cavuto (600k reach, 23 engagements) had the most popular social media post on that topic. Another trending topic on social media was Commissioner Carr's criticism of TikTok. The Twitter account of Free Speech America

(120k reach, 5 engagements) had the most popular social media post on that topic.

Commissioner Carr tweeted (54k reach, 8 engagements) out a link to Wall Street Journal article on the decline of television advertising.

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THE DISPATCH: What's Behind the Antitrust Ruling Against Google?

In the groundbreaking case U.S. v. Google, Judge Amit Mehta of the United States District Court for the District of Columbia ruled Monday that the tech giant has been using its agreements with Apple, Mozilla, and wireless companies to become the default search engine, which illegally harms competition. "Google is a monopolist, and it has acted as one [through exclusive deals] to maintain its monopoly," Mehta declared.

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TECH RADAR: The FCC wants the AI voice calling you to say it's a deepfake

AI can mimic a human voice well enough that deepfakes can fool many people into thinking they're hearing a person talk. Inevitably, AI voices have been exploited for automated phone calls. The US Federal Communications Commission (FCC) is trying to combat the more malicious versions of these attempts and has a proposal aimed at strengthening consumer protections against unwanted and illegal AI-generated robocalls.

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LAW360: FCC Adopts New Emergency Code For Missing Persons

The Federal Communications Commission has established a new alert code for missing and endangered persons that will deliver critical messages through television, radio and cellphones, a move the federal agency says will be of particular benefit to tribal communities that have a disproportionate risk of violence [...] [SUBSCRIPTION REQUIRED]

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- [KNAU NEWS TALK \(NPR\): FCC adopts new alert code for missing and endangered Indigenous persons](#)
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MINT (WSJ): Net neutrality goes down in US court

A Sixth Circuit Court of Appeals Panel last week blocked the Federal Communications

Commission's net neutrality rule, citing the Supreme Court's major questions doctrine.
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BROADBAND BREAKFAST: NACo Opposed to FCC's Bulk Billing Ban

The National Association of Counties – which represents 3.6 million county employees – has decided to oppose Federal Communications Commission Chairwoman Jessica Rosenworcel's plan to allow renters to opt-out of Internet access service included in their monthly rent without penalty.

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FEDSCOOP: New FCC rules would require AI disclosures from robocallers

The Federal Communications Commission ratcheted up its fight against AI-generated robocalls and robotexts Wednesday with the proposal of new disclosure rules for the people behind the unwanted calls and messages.

Similar Articles:

- [ITECHPOST: FCC Seeks to Require AI Disclosure in Robocalls, Text Alerts](#)
- [INSIDERADIO: It's Not Just Radio Ads. The FCC Is Now Also Considering AI Disclosures For Robocalls.](#)
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RECYCLING TODAY: Carbios, FCC Environment look to establish UK-based PET biorecycling plant

French firm Carbios, which uses biological technologies to recycle plastics and textiles, has signed a letter of intent with United Kingdom-based waste and recycling management company FCC Environment UK to jointly study the building of a UK-based plant that would license Carbios' polyethylene terephthalate (PET) biorecycling technology.

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Major Internet Service Providers want federal regulators to speed access to utility poles ahead of the release of billions of dollars to fund rural broadband projects.

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RADIO INSIGHT: FCC Report Extra: WBBM & WSCR On The Move

After placing the 25.72 acres in the middle of commercial development in their Audacy Atlas divestiture group in early 2023, Audacy has proposed relocating Sports “670 The Score” WSCR and News 780 WBBM Chicago.

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TV TECHNOLOGY: FCC Grants TNT, TBS a Limited Waiver of Audio Description Rules

The FCC has granted a petition by Warner Bros. Discovery’s TNT and TBS networks for a limited waiver of the FCC’s audio description rules. In making the decision, the FCC noted that the petition was not opposed and that the networks had committed to providing a large amount of programming with audio descriptions.

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BLOOMBERG LAW: FCC Election Deepfake Ads Proposal Sparks Turf Fight With FEC

Proposed rules for disclosing when AI-generated content appears in radio and television political ads have spurred debate over whether the Federal Communications Commission is the best government agency to regulate on the topic.

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HEALTH NEWS FLORIDA: Free nonemergency telehealth visits available for Floridians affected by Debby

Free telehealth care is being offered to Floridians living in areas affected by Hurricane Debby by the virtual health care company Teladoc Health. This service can assist for people who may not be able to get an appointment with their primary care physician due to home displacement or medical offices being temporarily closed due to the storm.

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TECH TARGET: Employing telehealth to boost maternal health equity

The new program at UC Davis Health aims to use telehealth to build more than just a sense of access to care -- its goal is true access to care for Black patients. The program will enable Black

patients to participate in postpartum visits through video-based telehealth, alleviating numerous barriers to care access.

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NEXGOV FCW: Lawmakers look to extend COVID-19 telehealth medication exemption for veterans

House lawmakers are hoping to expand veterans' access to prescription services by codifying a COVID-19 pandemic exemption that allows clinicians to prescribe medications through telehealth services.

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7NEWS (WWNY): A new telehealth technology in the North Country helps EMS communication

The Fort Drum Regional Health Planning Organization is bringing new telehealth technology to the North Country. It's an effort to improve patient care and communications. It's called Pulsara and helps EMS teams communicate with hospitals and other medical teams on helicopters.

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THE ECONOMIST: China's new plan for tracking people online

In China, users must register on platforms like Weibo and Pinduoduo with their national ID or phone number, enabling the government and services to monitor online activities. This helps combat cyber-bullying and track critics of Xi Jinping, while internet firms exploit the data for financial gain.

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LC RECORD: Remote vs. in-office: How cybersecurity threats compare

According to the Identity Theft Resource Center, 2023 was a record year for cyberattacks in the U.S., with over 3,200 data breaches reported, up from 1,800 in 2022. Training is key for companies to keep their data safe because employees are often the first targets and first line of defense for cyberattacks. Building awareness of how criminals phish for data and target corporate networks can cut down on the success rate of attacks.

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TECHNOLOGY RESELLER NEWS: Cloud-Based Networks to Account for 50% of All Cellular Traffic by 2028, Enabling More Dynamic 5G Networks

A new study by Juniper Research, the foremost experts in telecommunications markets, found the volume of cellular data serviced by the cloud will grow from 700,000 PB in 2024 to 2.8 million PB in 2028, as operators deploy cloud infrastructure to improve network efficiency.

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THE TECH OUTLOOK: Realme 13+ Global Variant Secures Multiple Certifications: BIS, TUV, FCC, EEC, and SDPPI

The Realme 13 series is likely the next lineup that Realme is preparing to launch in both global and Chinese markets. Recently, the Realme 13+ was spotted on the TENAA certification website with model number “RMX5002”, revealing some of its key specifications.

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MOBILE WORLDWIDE: Nokia first to self-certify fibre products for BEAD programme

Nokia announced that it is the first vendor to self-certify its fiber products for use in a U.S. government broadband accessibility program. This program is part of the \$42.5 billion Broadband Equity, Access, and Deployment (BEAD) initiative aimed at closing connectivity gaps across the U.S.

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CARDINAL NEWS: Residents in 3 Southside counties may soon get internet after a 5-year wait

Five years have passed since a North Carolina-based internet service provider placed the winning bid to install broadband in Mecklenburg, Halifax and Brunswick counties.

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TELECOMTALK: Deutsche Telekom's IoT Subsidiary Joins Bridge Alliance

Deutsche Telekom announced that its IoT subsidiary has joined Bridge Alliance, a business alliance of 35 mobile communications companies in Asia Pacific, the Middle East, Africa, and now

Europe.

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REUTERS: Disney to spend \$5 billion for films and TV production across UK, EMEA

Disney (DIS.N), opens new tab plans to spend at least \$1 billion every year in the UK, Europe, the Middle East and Africa over the next five years to produce movies and TV shows, a company spokesperson told Reuters on Friday. The company will commit the amount across films, Disney+, National Geographic and other TV productions, the spokesperson added in an emailed statement.

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E.W. Scripps said that it's closer to selling off its Bounce TV multicast network. [SUBSCRIPTION REQUIRED]

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BROADBAND BREAKFAST: SiFi Announces T-Mobile Fiber Partnership

Telecommunications company SiFi Networks and T-Mobile Fiber announced a partnership that will expand their fiber optic networks across Wisconsin, Illinois, California and Michigan. SiFi will supply telecommunications infrastructure to five cities across the four states and T-Mobile will operate as the internet service provider on the network.

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TRENDAHUNTER: Verizon Frontline Launches 'Verizon Frontline-Verified'

Verizon Frontline has introduced the 'Verizon Frontline-Verified' program, which aims to enhance partnerships within the public safety and mission-critical communications sectors. This initiative provides a special designation to vendors whose products have successfully met the stringent standards necessary for use in emergency situations on Verizon's network.

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SPACE DAILY: Sidus Space Introduces High-Speed Switch Card for Small Satellite Market

Sidus Space (NASDAQ: SIDU), a provider of precision space infrastructure solutions including satellite Data-as-a-Service, has announced the development of a high-speed switch card using the Frontgrade protocol-independent Crosspoint Switch. This multi-payload switch card, integrated into LizzieSat-2 (LS-2), is also available as a standalone product to support the small satellite supply chain.

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