

successfully argued that the rules were obsolete and that because people had access to the Web, there were still plenty of choices out there. Of course, that's only true if you can afford a computer and a connection-and if you know where to find the voices (and news sites) not owned by AOL Time-Warner, Microsoft, Gannett and Fox.

Even with the Internet, Jemming says "there are fewer and fewer places where the media is free ... and fewer and fewer places exist where you can receive free ideas."

The Utah IMC is one of them, although it's not even an asteroid in the media universe. It receives about 2,000 hits per day-remarkable, Jemming says, for a group with no resources-and relies on word of mouth to attract new readers and authors.

Perhaps the best publicity will come from the coverage of the FCC changes. Given that independent media is all the buzz these days, it's likely that IMC sites will see a traffic increase. And besides, every day and every Michael Savage on-air harangue creates a new cadre of people pissed off and dissatisfied with mainstream media.

"I think everybody gets to a point where you have to question the media, or as some people say, hate the media, before you really get turned on to it [independent media]," Jemming says, "and I think America is really close."

& ull; Call it selective diversity. On its June 8, 10 p.m. newscast, KSL 5 spent a good five minutes blabbing about the 25th anniversary of the LDS Church's decision to grant non-whiteys the priesthood and how wonderful it is that everybody belongs now. But apparently the diversity gushing stays inside Temple Square, since KSL didn't mention the Utah Pride Day parade during its June 8 newscast, despite the fact that it attracted an estimated 30,000 people. While neither KUTV 2 or KTVX 4 hit a home run with their coverage of the gay-rights celebration, at least they gave the event a few words and some quick shots. KSL says it planned to run the story but ran out of time. Here's just guessing that the church-owned station could have made space by cutting that bullshit wire story about the girl who named the Mars missions.

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Greetings to you ALL,

I'll take a round-about route and get right to the point. With names like Powell, Abernathy, Copps, Martin and Adelstein you all are bound to have good sense. I beg of you to use these gifts and NOT relax the broadcast ownership rules that protect us from media monopolies. The importance of the American people knowing both sides of an issue is self evident so please continue the broadcast ownership protections that will ensure a healthy political debate in our almost free country.

With confidence that you will do the right thing, I THANK YOU ALL in advance.

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**Subject:** FCC prevent media centralized control

Dear Commissioner Copps:

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Commissioner Copps we are already at a crisis point in this regard. Five giants own 90% of the media, and this has resulted in biased reporting and poor news coverage. Independence of view and analysis has suffered.

The FCC must take steps to encourage independent reporting and analysis and freer access to government news sources. Don't allow the American media to become monotonous and biased!

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**From:** Ken Fellman  
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**Subject:** Comments to the Commissioner

Ken Fellman (kfellman@kandf.com) writes:

Commissioner Adelstein:

Nice to see you in Chicago. I'm glad Libby spoke to you about the NATOA conference in Denver. It would be great if you could attend, and of course, we will certainly understand if you cannot. It's certainly an exciting time (I'm sending my oldest to college this fall -- at GWU -- and I miss those younger years!).

Anyway, here is the parody of the news story we spoke about. Enjoy!

Ken

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WASHINGTON (AP)--The Federal Communications Commission (FCC) announced today that it has agreed to be acquired by Clear Channel Communications (CCU) of San Antonio, Texas.

In announcing the deal, FCC Chairman Michael Powell said, "This transaction will greatly expedite the demise of the antiquated concept of local ownership of media outlets. Critics of deals such as this need to understand that Clear Channel embodies all that is good and decent in the broadcast industry, and anyone that believes otherwise clearly isn't listening to the news."

In a statement issued today, Clear Channel CEO Lowry Mays said "This acquisition is a perfect strategic fit for Clear Channel. The FCC has been a wonderful business partner for the past several years, and has carried out our directions with great enthusiasm. We are proud to welcome the FCC into the Clear Channel family of companies."

Although terms of the deal were not immediately available, It is said that the acquisition will include all components, operating units and assets of the FCC, except for its soul, which was sold in a prior transaction to Satan, Inc. in 1996.

Clear Channel, which owns broadcast facilities, shopping malls, billboard advertising, and concert promotion units all across North America, had been on an acquisition binge for the past several years, and has recently broadened the scope of its acquisitions to include government entities. In a recent deal, CCU purchased a 50% interest in the U.S. Congress, and is reportedly close to striking a deal to purchase The White House. Clear Channel already has been integrally running the George Bush presidency. Clear Channel's Stock stood at \$42.09 at the close of Monday's trading, up \$1.39, or 3.42% --

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