

Friday, October 17, 2003

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Washington, DC 20554

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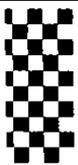
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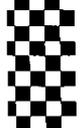
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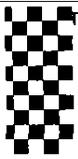
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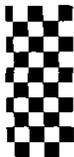
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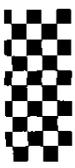
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It's also worth pointing out that the technology as proposed would be nearly useless in preventing infringement by any dedicated content pirate. A system that limits my fair use rights but fails to prevent systematic underground redistribution would be, in my view, worse than useless.

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Eric Swanson
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If the FCC issues a broadcast flag mandate, I would actually be *less* likely to make an investment in DTV-capable receivers and other equipment. I will not pay more for devices that limit my rights at the behest of Hollywood. Please do not mandate broadcast flag technology for digital television. Thank you for your time.

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