

EHT suit against FCC to be heard in January

Oral arguments in front of Court of Appeals to be livestreamed

The U.S. Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia is scheduled to hear the lawsuit against the Federal Communications Commission (FCC), filed jointly by the Environmental Health Trust (EHT) and Children's Health Defense (CHD). Oral arguments are set for January 25, 2021, and will be livestreamed in realtime.

An update from the Environmental Health Trust announced "You will be able to watch our attorneys live, as they make the case that the FCC must revise its 24 year old wireless radiation limits. The FCC can no longer ignore the science and ignore the people injured by wireless radiation. The FCC cannot rely on last century thinking to evaluate this century technology."

Previous reports such as "Captured Agency" from the Harvard Center of Ethics have revealed how the FCC has increasingly become a failed and corrupt regulatory agency. The joint lawsuit stems from the FCC's failure to update radiofrequency radiation regulatory guidelines, despite the vast majority of independent and peer-reviewed science showing significant biological harm at levels that are currently permitted by the FCC. The U.S. FCC guidelines are among the most permissive in the world.

Adobe to block Flash from running after January 12th

Flash support ends Thursday

Support for Adobe's long-lived Flash Player ends in less than two weeks, ending a long era of interactive web content that predates modern web standards like HTML5.

Adobe announced that it has been incorporating a kill switch into Flash Player for a while that will prevent the program from working after January 12, 2021. The kill switch operates by checking the system time and refusing to operate if it is greater than January 12, 2021.

Adobe has advised all users to uninstall Flash Player as soon as possible, although it will continue to provide security updates through the end of the year, at which point it will remove all downloads.

Adobe Flash Player 32.0.371, from May 2020, is the latest version of Flash that does not contain the kill switch, which is embedded in the program. Adobe strongly recommends against using outdated

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Christmas Day Explosion Disrupts Service in Nashville

NASHVILLE, TN – An explosion Friday that caused significant damage to an AT&T's Second Avenue building and surrounding areas disrupted telecommunications across the southeast, including local telecommunications services, 911 systems in multiple states, and Nashville International Airport, causing the FAA to temporarily ground planes. AT&T FirstNet services also went down, including those used by the Metro Nashville Police Department.

The primary suspect in the bombing responsible for the explosion, Anthony Q. Warner, 63, was killed in the explosion. Prior to the bomb going off, police and fire personnel responded to reports of a suspicious RV parked outside an AT&T building. A broadcast coming from the RV warned "Evacuate now. There is a bomb. A bomb is in this vehicle and will explode."

The affected facility was a telephone central office as well as a datacenter and mobile switching center. Services remained functioning on backup power for a few hours after the blast on Friday, but the backup generators eventually failed due to water and fire damage. More than three feet of water were pumped out of the building on Saturday and power was restored to four floors.

AT&T announced that it expected two dozen more disaster relief trailers to arrive by Sunday. As of 4:15pm Sunday, AT&T reported 96% of wireless services, 60% of business services, and 86% of consumer broadband and entertainment services had been restored. AT&T had also deployed over 25 temporary satellite cell towers and 24 additional trailers of disaster recovery equipment across the impacted area.

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AT&T discontinuing All Distance plan

Feature-rich plan meets the AT&T chopping block

AT&T announced in bill inserts this month that, effective February 1, 2021, Unlimited Nationwide Calling Plus 1 will no longer be available to new subscribers. Existing subscribers will be able to keep their plan until they move locations or make changes to their service.

Additionally, Unlimited Canada Calling Plus will no longer be available to new subscribers, also effective February 1, 2021.

This move comes as AT&T has begun a rapid phase out of services related to its analog telephony division. AT&T discontinued most new DSL subscriptions effective October 1, 2020 and discontinued all its dial-up Internet services nationwide in November 2020. Now, AT&T is also phasing out its All Distance Calling plan, which combines unlimited local, local toll, and long distance calling with calling features in one package. It's another blow to an industry that companies like AT&T and Verizon appear to be actively sabotaging.

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Second cell tower denied by village board

Landowner-hired lawyer succeeds in stopping tower

WAUKESHA, WI – The Village of Waukesha rejected Diamond Communications' permit request for a second large cellular tower at its regular board meeting on Thursday, December 10.

Village trustees voted 2-2 against the tower, with Michael Doerr, an AT&T employee, recusing himself from the vote. A tie meant that the conditional use permit could not be approved.

The proposed tower was 12 stories tall, slightly smaller than a 14-story tower from the same applicant that the board unanimously approved less than two months prior.

Claude Krawczyk, Diamond's attorneys, said "Diamond believes that the Village Board's denial of the application was in violation of Wisconsin law."

The previous tower was objected to by a local resident under health and disability concerns. At the October 29th meeting, Paul Beard, an attorney representing owners of a 15-acre agricultural parcel to the west of the proposed site, addressed the Plan Commission and Village Board and stated that the board did indeed have the legal authority to vote against a permit, citing a 2019 ruling of the state Court of Appeals

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Verizon Wireless launches 988 short code

Satellite launched into space

Verizon Wireless announced that its customers can now call the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline and Mental Crisis Hotline by dialing either 1-800-273-TALK or by dialing the new 988 short code.

The company joins T-Mobile for having implemented access to 988. T-Mobile implemented access to 988 more than one month ago.

Following an order by the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) dating to July 16, 2020, any area codes that have a 988 prefix (or telephone exchange) currently in use will be required to adopt 10-digit dialing in order to allow for universal access to the National Suicide Lifeline by dialing 988, a new short-code that will route to the Lifeline, which can be reached directly at 1-800-273-TALK.

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versions of Flash, as they could contain security vulnerabilities.

Just how widespread is Adobe Flash currently? Research suggests that potentially millions of websites are still using the outdated technology. According to the Web Technology Surveys site, as of December 2020, Flash is used by approximately 2.2% of the world's top 10 million websites – more widely used than Java or Microsoft Silverlight, but less widely used than JavaScript, the most popular client-side programming language.

Although Adobe does not offer old versions of Flash on its website anymore, they can be downloaded from website archives available through the Internet Archive's Wayback Machine.

New Studies Link Cell Phones to Breast and Thyroid Cancer Risk

LOS ANGELES, CA – Two new studies link the risk of breast and thyroid cancer to the use of mobile devices.

One study from Taiwan concluded radiofrequency radiation exposure significantly increased the risk of breast cancer, especially in women 50 and older who use cell phones and laptop computers. Orange County breast cancer surgeon Dr. John West said he's not surprised because he's treated multiple teen girls who developed breast cancer after constantly tucking a smart phone into their bras.

"And in the one very spectacular case, this unusual pattern of non-invasive breast cancer, almost in the shape of the cell phone," West said.

West said he's also seen a similar case in a man who kept his phone in his breast pocket. And he said men who carry it in their front pants pocket can develop temporary infertility.

The Federal Communications Commission and the cell phone industry say their testing indicates radiation is minimal and cell phones are safe.

A second study out of Sweden links cell-phone use to increasing rates of thyroid cancer in Nordic countries. West said he thinks the government and the mobile industry are ignoring the science.

"It's just so frustrating that nobody is listening," he said. "I worry about the women and the men who are unaware of just how risky this behavior could be."

Hidden deep within most cell-phone manuals, you'll find guidance that recommends storing phones away from your body.

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Long Distance

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According to AT&T's website, its All Distance Plan is \$68 per month or less. It also offers an Unlimited Nationwide Calling One plan for \$2699 per month, which includes unlimited domestic long distance and local toll calling, as well as an AT&T One Rate Nationwide Advantage plan for \$7.99 per month, which allows subscribers to make domestic long distance calls for 7 cents per minute.

No Carrier reached out to AT&T for comment and clarification but did not hear back before the print deadline.

Explosion

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As part of its service restoration efforts, AT&T said that it planned to set up around 40 portable cell sites in a parking lot at Nissan Stadium.

AT&T announced in its Sunday statement that the impacted facility includes connection points for regional internet services as well as local wireless, internet and video.

The location of the explosion harkens back to the February 27, 1975 fire at a New York Telephone exchange fire, which became known as the "Miracle on Second Avenue" after AT&T commissioned a documentary film about the restoration process, currently available for viewing through AT&T Archives.

At the peak of the disaster, service was disrupted to 300,000 phone lines, making the Second Avenue disaster the largest loss of telephone service from fire in U.S. history. The main distribution frame was destroyed, disconnecting 175,000 customers.

The incident drew a rapid response from the Bell System. A new main distribution frame, which normally took six months to manufacture and install, was installed in only four days. Five thousand employees collaborated to restore service, which was fully restored in twenty-three days.

The company stated that "Given its importance to customers and first responders, we prioritized restoration of wireless service." AT&T also announced that wireless data overage charges would be waived. AT&T is also committed to restoring wireline services, and announced afterwards that domestic long-distance overage charges would be waived from December 25 through January 1. As of Tuesday, December 29 at 9:10am, some wireline equipment remains offline and additional damage recently discovered near where the power comes into the building has delayed it being connected to a generator.

Lifeline

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The FCC's plan directs that permissive dialing begin on April 24, 2021 in the area codes that will need to move to ten-digit dialing. Permissive dialing will end on October 24, 2021. Implementation enforcement will end on July 15, 2022, and on July 26, 2022, all calls to 988 will be directed to 1-800-273-8255 (TALK).

Cell Tower

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In which justices found the Town of Cedarburg had the right to reject a permit for a cellular tower proposed by Eco-Site, LLC.

Krawczyk countered that different factors applied in that ruling and also disputed that property values would decrease, despite significant evidence showing cell towers reduce property values by up to 20%.

The Plan Commission ultimately voted 5-0 to approve the permit, but the Village Board's 2-2 vote means that the permit is not approved.

Bob Stigler, who voted to approve both this tower and the last one, has a personal connection to the issue. He has a cellphone tower on a farm he owns and said "I voted 'yes' because I couldn't see any reason to vote 'no'."

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OPINION

Letters to the Editor

<p style="text-align: center;"><i>“Our lives begin to end the day we become silent about things that matter.” — Martin Luther King, Jr.</i></p>	<p>We want to hear from you! Send in your letters to the editor at https://nocarrier.interlinked.us – include your full name, city and state, and email and telephone number (for verification only).</p> <p>Views expressed in letters to the editor do not reflect those of this publication or its general readership.</p> <p>Topics are not restricted strictly to the focus of this newspaper, but we may prioritize more relevant letters over less relevant ones if there are space constraints. Well-articulated and thought-provoking letters are encouraged. All political viewpoints are welcome, but we reserve the right to refuse to publish material that is primarily hateful, inciteful, misleading, nonfactual, or inflammatory.</p>	
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The NTP came out with the preliminary findings early so that our agencies that protect the health, safety and welfare of the public could take appropriate measure to insure public safety.</p> <p>With this information it is important for parents to monitor all wireless products that your children are using because of the following:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Wi-fi is on 24/7 at home, and you can get radiated from neighbors 24/7 2. Smartmeters, electric, gas & water radiate 24/7 3. Smart appliances radiate 24/7 4. Children have wi-fi in their classroom, radiating 6 hours/day 5 days/week 5. Children have computers in their classrooms, for homework, & social media, six to ten hours a day 6. Gaming, watching TV programs, movies, and sporting events on their cellphones, tablets, and computers, several hours a day 7. Many neighborhoods have cellular antenna towers radiating 24/7, with different zones: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. deadly zone 150-meter (492') radius from the tower b. dark zone 500-meters (1640') radius c. They're minor adverse effects as far out as 1000-meters. These effects would normally not be considered except when you're adding up exposures for the total effect on your body <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 8. Many children have a 4G phones, which they carry next to their bodies (very unsafe) irradiating them continually while it's in their possession, whether it's being use or not 9. Printers, baby monitors, and bluetooth 10. Remote controlled: toys, TV remote, key remote, remote lights, fans, alarm systems 11. All the new wireless devices they're advertising for Christmas <p>Radiation exposure is accumulative and when you add up all the exposure your child is getting it gets scary. Microwave radiation penetrates deeper within smaller bodies. The earlier children are exposed to heavy eradiation the sooner the clock starts ticking for higher risk of getting cancer and other adverse health conditions. If you start exposing young children early, they could be at high risk before they graduate form high school or college. If you expose your toddler, high cancer risk can start before grade school graduation.</p> <p>After the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) received this information they rolled out 5G as a National priority and bared any comment on the NTP study. 5 G increases ambient cell tower radiation; 5G operates at higher frequencies that have a short range and can't penetrate solid objects very well so they will be on practically every telephone pole. Your Government is not going to protect you. The telecom industry has too much influence over the agencies that are supposed to protect you. You need to take responsibility and create safe situations to live in.</p> </div> <div style="width: 30%; padding-left: 20px;"> <p>The FCC stated that they wanted to be the first to have 5G. South Korea is ahead of them and that's a good thing. They are one of the worlds most technologically advanced countries. They're experiencing repercussions that go with advancement without safety trials and precautions. South Korea has an epidemic called “digital dementia” with children more at risk than adults because their brains are still growing. “The situation is worsening, doctors report, with the percentage of people between 10 and 19, who use their Smartphones for more than seven hours a day, leaping from 7% to 18.4%, in one year.” Doctors have warned that these deficits in brain development are irreversible.</p> <p>Studies by independent scientists have connected wireless radiation to cancer and a multitude of adverse health conditions. In 2011 the World Health Orginazation listed cellphone radiation a Possible Carcinogen. In 2012 an Italian Supreme court ruling said, “Brain cancer was connected to heavy cell phone use”. In February 27, 2016 an Italian study linked cellphone radiation to cancer. May 26, 2016 the NTP linked cellphone use to cancer. And, in March 22, 2018, that study was duplicated by the Ramazzini institute.</p> <p>Wireless radiation causes cancer and many adverse health conditions. You need to protect your children and yourselves by reducing your exposure, not buying wireless products until they are proven safe, reducing use, and eliminating the ones that are not necessary. Have a Merry Wired Christmas.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Richard Cristdahl Nevada City, CA</p> </div> </div>	

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New Proposal Announced to Combat Social Security Crisis

Ever since the Baby Boom, analysts down at the Social Security Administration have been feverously anticipating the massive decline in benefits available following the retirement of many Baby Boomers. Many Baby Boomers are currently retired or are retiring, and so unsurprisingly, Social Security raises are getting slimmer. In fact, it's projected the entire fund may even be wiped out in fifteen years.

This is why the Social Security Administration has been strategically collaborating with industry on looking at new ways to address the almost certain shortfalls.

"A large reason this is happening is decreasing birth rates following the Baby Boom," an anonymous source from SSA's Woodlawn office told us in a phone interview. "This is trend we're continuing to see, due to many factors, including mobile contraception. If you think it's bad now, just know, it's going to be a lot worse later. And so any short term fix is not going to work in the long run. What we've been working on recently is analyzing projected trends and seeing how we can take advantage of them in a way that will maximize the amount of benefits available on a per-person basis."

Just which trends are the most lucrative in the welfare industry?

"We've really strengthened our partnership with the FCC, largely because they're on of the most corrupt federal agencies and so it's very easy to do things behind Congress's back using that outlet. The solution is actually incredibly ingenious. Pretty much every young person today has a mobile, right? iPhone? Android? Exactly. There's two important things to note here. Over time, it leads to sterility, which means future generations that won't exist, which means fewer benefits that we'll have to pay out. And secondly, it has a decimating impact on the immune system, and in the long run, means people die sooner and of generally preventable causes. It's why we're seeing young people that are sicker than ever before now. The problem is senior citizens. Many of them have mobiles now, but not all of them. We've been encouraging telecom companies like Verizon to submit petitions for discontinuation for traditional copper phone service, so we can force them over to mobile service. The idea is if we can force senior citizens from landlines to mobiles, they're likely to die a little bit sooner, and that means fewer benefits to pay out to them. It's not perfect, but it's a good band-aid on what's really an enormous crisis right now.

Critics of the SSA's new plan of action pointed out that young people are the one paying into the system, and mobile usage currently adversely impacts the younger generations, who are most likely to have issues with infertility and premature death, meaning fewer people will be paying into the system in the future. But, the SSA says it doesn't matter.

"It really doesn't matter, and the reason why is that we are raising people today in a way that drastically reduces the chances they will even live to retirement. We get the best of both worlds in this manner. Senior citizens are already at the point where a mobile is not going to do much to his or her health, but it could be the tipping point that, say, causes a stroke, and leads to an early death. It could cause heart palpitations, and, eventually, say, a heart attack. On the flip side, young people are going to see a prolonged decrease in their quality of life until death. The nice thing is life expectancies are decreasing now, and this means sick young people will be paying into the system for a short time, but will never be paid any benefits. And so overall, we've effectively eliminating the problem, if we haven't solved it."

Although it is known to have a significant involvement in this new strategic alliance, the FCC declined to comment.

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