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COMMUNITY RADIO AT ITS FINEST ANOTHER LAW VIOLATION BY YOU THE FCC AGAINST  
THE COMMUNICATIONS ACT OF 1927-1934

CAPSTAR BUYS UP TRIATHLON  
full story online at Wichita Business Journal

Triathlon Broadcasting Co., owner of six Wichita radio stations, has agreed to an acquisition by Capstar Broadcasting Corp. in a deal valued at \$190 million.

"This is the most frustrating thing I think has ever happened to the radio industry," said Bonnie Copp, owner of Copp Media Services, a Wichita media buying firm. "You've got one company that literally controls the business." What Copp fears most are higher advertising rates. She said those rates have already risen dramatically -- specifically at Triathlon stations -- within the past few years and she believes they could further increase. "I don't think it's good for anybody," she said.

ANTITRUST STORM CLOUDS OVER CUMULUS  
full story online at Milwaukee Business Journal

Cumulus Media is rolling into Grand Junction, Colo., and station owners there don't think it's fair.

The problem, as they see it, is that the mammoth Milwaukee radio group plans to operate six radio stations in this western Colorado market of about 100,000. The six stations Cumulus has agreed to buy attract an estimated 58 percent of the radio audience in Grand Junction and an estimated 61 percent of the advertising dollars.

"They'll definitely control the market," said Brad Leggett, owner, general manager and morning show host at classic rock station KSTR-FM.

Leggett also worries that Cumulus' takeover of the six stations, as with group takeovers of markets across the country, will mean a loss of "localism." He predicts the cornerstones of small to medium-market radio -- local announcers, community involvement and charity events -- will be eliminated.

"It's really screwing up the radio business," said Leggett.

In at least two of the 34 markets where Cumulus has agreements to buy stations -- Grand Junction and Dubuque, Iowa -- competitors have filed antitrust complaints with the U.S. Justice Department.

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