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Riding the Waves: Rau Taking SeaChange to Pure-Play Software Company

With Raghu Rau now permanent CEO vs interim CEO (Cfax, 5/1), SeaChange continues to move forward with its plan to exit the hardware business to focus on software. Insert joke about a "sea change" here. In Jan, with Rau at the helm, SeaChange announced more than \$5mln in cost reductions, primarily through layoffs related to the streamlining of operations. After such a move, how do you address employee morale and get everyone on board with the new focus? Rau thinks it was important to do the cost-cutting moves right up front and then move forward. "Morale has improved because we brought in new talent," he said. "Employees know the mission, they've seen the sense of purpose and they're all marching forward." Why is it so important for SeaChange to exit the hardware business? It just doesn't have the margin and growth profile as software does for the company. "One very important reason in the cable industry is that the value is migrating from hardware to software," Rau said. "The price of the set-top keeps declining. The big issue cable operators have had with the box is they need to have multiple manufacturers to keep prices down [but that means different user interfaces, etc]. The way to resolve these problems is through software." That's why you're seeing Cisco acquire NDS for \$5bln. Rau describes SeaChange's mission as providing a personalized video experience in the home and everywhere, any time and on any device. As a pure-play software company, SeaChange is focusing on 3 products: "Adrenalin," a multiscreen video back office solution (rollouts underway in US, but significant ramp up expected in 3Q & 4Q); its "Nucleus Soft Box," which supports ops' transition from QAM to IP video as they offer up multi-screen media sharing, whole home, DVR, OTT content, etc; and its "Infusion" advanced ad platform, which can take note of what a user is viewing on an iPad and send a related, target commercial to the TV. "[Cable] is facing competition from over-the-top players. They need to have the same kind of user experiences. They need to support multiple applications and they need to leverage that they're bringing the broadband pipe into the home," Rau said. "I think this has almost become an imperative for them to have a multiscreen, so what we're trying to do is rush and meet their deployment schedule." All of this will be on display at the Cable Show this month in Boston, just 23 miles from SeaChange's Acton, MA, HQ. The close proximity hasn't gone unnoticed. "We're going to be busing all of the employees [to the show] and have them share some of the excitement," Rau said.

<u>Chartervision</u>: Tom Rutledge's transformation of Charter continues, with the announcement that John Bickham has joined the company as COO. Charter pres/CEO Rutledge said he's confident in Bickham's ability to help the organization achieve its full potential. Last month, Rutledge tapped former Cablevision exec Jonathan Hargis as CMO. Bickham was pres of cable & comm at Cablevision when Rutledge was COO. Both left last year, and a host of execs have followed. Most recently, evp, advance platform sales Barry Frey. Our running tally of Cablevision departures also include: CFO Mike Huseby; evp, product mgmt John Trierweiler; evp, consumer ops Kip Mayo, evp corp engineering, tech James Blackley; media sales head David Kline; and IR svp Pat Armstrong. Let us know if we forgot someone.



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- Comcast Spotlight Comcast Spotlight Eye-Con Campaign
- Time Warner Cable Media 2011 New York International Auto Show / Automotive On Demand

Ad/Series of Ads - Programmer

- ▶ A&E The Glades Season 2 Axe Unit
- Starz Entertainment, LLC Spartacus: Gods of the Arena Digital Online Campaign
- Turner Sports NBA.com/ESPN Fantasy Basketball
- ► Turner Sports NBA TV "Bobble Heads"

Best Overall Website - Cable Network - Large

- AMC AMCtv.com
- ► CNBC CNBC.com
- ► E! Entertainment E! Online
- ▶ G4 G4tv.com

Best Overall Website - Cable Network - Small and MidSize

- ► FEARnet FEARnet.com
- MSG Varsity MSGVarsity.com
- ▶ nuvoTV mynuvotv.com
- Outdoor Channel OutdoorChannel.com

Best Overall Website - Cable Operator

- Comcast Cable Comcast.com
- Cox Communications Inc Customer Centered Online Experiences
- Time Warner Cable TimeWarnerCable.com

Best Overall Website - Regional/Local **Programmers**

- ▶ BayNews 9 baynews9.com
- Central Florida News 13 cfnews13.com
- Comcast SportsNet Mid-Atlantic -CSNWashington.com
- Comcast SportsNet Philadelphia CSNPhilly. com (online home of Comcast SportsNet Philadelphia)
- YES Network YESNetwork.com

Best TV Everywhere App

- ► AT&T U-verse AT&T U-verse App
- ► CNN The CNN App
- Comcast Corporation The XFINITYTV app
- MSG Varsity MSG Varsity

Blog or Series of Blogs

- ► AMC HanksBlog
- ▶ BBC Worldwide Limited Anglophenia
- CNBC NetNet with John Carney
- RLTV Good Food, Good Deeds

Blogger/Tweeter/Social Networking Facilitator

- ► Central Florida News 13 Jennifer Cook
- CNBC John Carney
- Turner Sports John Kim
- Time Warner Cable Jeff Simmermon

Community/Social Networking

- ▶ 360i USA Network Bruce Campbell/The Fall of Sam Axe Ask Me Anything Reddit
- Scripps Networks Interactive Food Network's Communal Table: Thanksgiving Edition
- The Weather Channel The Weather Channel Social

Contest / Online Games

- ► AMC Breaking Bad Games
- Charter Communications Charter Center Stage
- A&E Breakout Kings' Catch a Con Sweepstakes
- National Geographic Channel Expedition Week's MISSION EXPEDITION
- IFC Rhett & Link: Commercial Kings Loco Awards
- ▶ WE tv Cake Staker Game

Digital Marketing Campaign - Distributor

- ► Charter Communications Charter Center Stage
- Comcast Spotlight Comcast Spotlight Take Five for Your Future 2011
- ▶ Time Warner Cable Media Summertime is Cabletime
- Time Warner Cable Media Domino's/ClickedIn

Digital Marketing Campaign - Programmer

- EPIX The Long Khan, an interactive promotion for EPIX Pictures Presentation: The Captains
- Starz Entertainment, LLC Scandalous Dirt, political aggregator site for the STARZ Original series Boss
- ► Turner Sports RaceView Launch

Digital Team of the Year

- AMC Networks
- Comcast NBCU
- ► Discovery Communications
- ESPN
- Time Warner Cable
- **Turner Sports**

Editorial Excellence

- ► AMC AMCtv.com
- Central Florida News 13 cfnews13.com
- ► History CIVIL WAR 150 interactive
- The Weather Channel The Weather Channel - Hurricane Irene coverage

Official Show Website

- BBC Worldwide Limited Doctor Who www. bbcamerica.com/doctorwho
- nuvoTV Model Latina Las Vegas Website: mynuvotv.com/model-latina-las-vegas
- Oxygen Media, LLC The Glee Project Digital Campaign
- ► WE tv Braxton Family Values Show Section

Original Content

- ► AMC The Trivial Pursuits of Arthur Banks
- ► E! Entertainment E! News Now
- FEARnet FEARnet's Jobs of the Damned
- ► G4 G4 Films Epictober Fil Festival
- ► History CIVIL WAR 150 interactive
- Scripps Networks Interactive HGTVRemodels' Bathroom Planning Guide

Podcast or Videocast

- Comcast SportsNet Mid-Atlantic Football Friday - CSNWashington.com
- Turner Sports NCAA March Madness On Demand
- Turner Sports PGA Championship LIVE Streaming Player
- YES Network Off the Wall

Smartphone App

- ► AMC AMC iPhone App
- Bravo Media Bravo Now App
- CNBC CNBC PRO
- ESPN WatchESPN
- Turner Sports 93rd PGA Championship iPhone Mobile App

Social Media Campaign

- > 360i Bravo Top Chef Just Desserts: Surprise & Delight
- Central Florida News 13 The Case Against Casey Anthony
- Crown Media Networks Hallmark Channel's Countdown to Christmas
- Discovery Communications Science's An Idiot Abroad Social Media Campaign
- ▶ IN DEMAND Movies On Demand Facebook App
- Oxygen Media, LLC The Glee Project Social Media Campaign

Supplemental Web Campaign

- ► AMC The Walking Dead
- ▶ Bravo Media Bravo Digital Media
- RLTV Making Medicine Work for You

Tablet App

- Comcast Spotlight 1 + iPad App
- ▶ E! Entertainment Live from the Red Carpet App
- ESPN WatchESPN
- National Geographic Channel Locked Up
- The Weather Channel The Weather Channel App for iPad redesign

Use of Facebook

- ► E! Entertainment E! Royal Wedding
- ▶ IN DEMAND Movies On Demand Facebook App
- National Geographic Channel 9/11 Facebook **Application**
- TLC TLC's Cake Boss Facebook Page

Use of Twitter

- Discovery Communications Discovery Channel's @SharkWeek
- ► E! Entertainment E! Celebri-tweet
- Oxygen Media, LLC The Glee Project Social Media Campaign
- Turner Sports NCAA March Madness On Demand Social Arena
- WICT @WICT

Use of Video/Moving Image

- ► AMC Video Inside Breaking Bad
- CNBC CNBC Explains
- Starz Entertainment, LLC Camelot NY Post Animated Rich Media Interstitial & Takeover
- Turner Sports NASCAR.COM RaceBuddy
- Turner Sports NASCAR.COM's Garage Cam

- Video Editor/Producer Discovery Communications - James Williams
- ► Travel Channel Jim Morley
- YES Network Joe Auriemma

Web Content Director

- MSG Varsity Jonathan McCarthy
- ► WE tv Andrea Macey YES Network - Kevin Sullivan

Web Site Design/Redesign

- FEARnet FEARnet's Trick 'r Treat Campaign
- ► MSG Varsity MSGVarsity.com
- ► WE tv WEtv.com

ANNOUNCED: The TV Everywhere Leadership Awards: Comcast & Turner Broadcasting System

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SVP, Digital Media and Business Strategy, Sundance Channel

Nomi Bergman

President, Bright House

Mike Biard

EVP, Distribution, Fox Networks

Michael Bonner

EVP, NBCUniversal Digital Distribution, NBCU

Eric Bruno

SVP, Consumer Product Management, Verizon FiOS

Greg Calvert

Director of Video Product Management, Time Warner Cable

Albert Cheng

EVP, Digital Media, Disney/ABC **Television Group**

Cameron Clayton

EVP, Digital Product, The Weather Channel Companies

Rich DiGeronimo

SVP, Product & Strategy, Charter

Scott Drake

VP, CNBC Digital, CNBC

KC Estenson

SVP, CNN Digital, CNN

Andy Forssell

SVP, Content, Hulu

Mark Garner

SVP, Distribution, Marketing and Business Development, AETN

Robert Gessner

President, Massillon Cable TV

Rebecca Glashow

SVP, Digital Media Distribution, **Discovery Communications**

Marc Goldberg

CTO, Epix

Greg Hickman

Director of Interactive Media, WICT

Sarah Hofstetter

SVP, Brand Strategy and Emerging Media, 360i

Rhonda Holt

SVP, Audience Multi-Platform Technologies, TBS

Matthew Hong

SVP/GM, Sports Operations for Turner Sports, Turner Sports

EVP, Digital Media, Bravo Media

Neil Hunt

Chief Product Officer, Netflix

Jeff Husvar

EVP/GM, Fox Sports Interactive

Marcien Jenckes

SVP & General Manager of Video Services, Comcast

Yvette Kanouff

EVP, Engineering & Software Design, Cablevision

Jennifer Kavanagh

VP, Digital and New Media, Oxygen

Eric Kessler

Co-President, HBO

Robert King SVP, Editorial for Digital and Print Media, ESPN

Patrick Knorr

CEO, Knorr Solutions

John Kosner

EVP, Digital and Print Media, ESPN

Ron Lamprecht

EVP, Sales Business Development, NBCUniversal Digital Distribution, **NBCU**

Jeremy Legg

SVP of Business Development and Multi-Platform Distribution, Turner **Broadcasting System**

Tara Maitra

VP and GM, Content Service and Ad Sales, TiVo

Dermot McCormack

EVP of Digital Media, MTV Music & Logo at MTV Networks, MTVN Music & Logo

Mac McKean

SVP, Digital Media, AMC

Stephanie Mitchko

VP, Interactive Platform **Development, Cablevision Systems**

Adam Naide

Executive Director of Marketing – Social Media, Cox

John Najarian

EVP/GM, Digital and Business Development, E! Entertainment

Lisa Choi Owens

GM, Scripps Networks Digital, Scripps Networks

JB Perrette

Chief Digital Officer, Discovery Communications

Drew Pisarra

VP, Digital Media, AMC

Jennifer Robertson

SVP, Digital Media and Business Development, WE tv

Jeff Simmermon

Director of Digital Communications, Time Warner Čable

Michael Spirito

VP, Business Development and Digital Media, YES Network

Meredith Stark

VP/Executive Producer, CNBC.com, **CNBC**

Matt Strauss

SVP and GM, Comcast Interactive Media

Dan Suratt

EVP, Digital, AETN

Brooks Tobey

SVP, Sales Solutions, Multi-Screen Development & Delivery, TBS

Julia Veale

SVP, Business/Product Development & Management, Showtime

Steve Youngwood

EVP of Digital, Nickelodeon Kids and Family Group, MTVN Kids & Family

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At the Portals: The FCC extended the self-imposed 180-day shot clock for reviewing Verizon Wireless and cable's spectrum deals by 21 days given the "untimely productions" of documents. It's a lot to sift through, with more than 50K docs already in the record. On Mon, the parties outlined additional steps to facilitate 3rd-party review of the record materials. The FCC said it doesn't anticipate further extending the review period assuming the adequacy of the current productions in response to info requests.

News Views: Following a scathing report by a UK parliamentary committee that declared *Rupert Murdoch* unfit to lead an intl company, **News Corp** said some "hard truths" emerged from the report, but that some of the commentary was "unjustified and highly partisan." The report is from the committee investigating the News Corp hacking scandal. News said its goal as it moves forward is to make certain that the company acts in a manner of which its 50K employees and hundreds of thousands of shareholders can be proud. "Hard truths have emerged from the Select Committee Report: that there was serious wrongdoing at the News of the World; that our response to the wrongdoing was too slow and too defensive; and that some of our employees misled the Select Committee in 2009,"m News said, noting that it has already confronted and acted on failings documented in the report and instituted sweeping changes in internal controls on a worldwide basis.

Technology: Synacor has acquired Carbyn, the HTML5 Platform that delivers a unified experience for apps across Net-connected devices including smartphones, tablets, laptops, and connected TVs. Through the acquisition, Synacor will be able to offer MVPDs a branded platform where subs can enjoy a variety of content and HTML5 apps, including video games and music, by signing into their account on any device (regardless of operating system or device).

In the Courts: Calling it the largest single distribution to victims in DOJ history, the US atty for the Southern District of NY announced that more than \$728mln forfeited in connection with the office's investigation and prosecution of the Adelphia securities fraud is being distributed to victims who suffered financial losses as a direct result of the fraud. Adelphia founder and former CEO John Rigas and son Timothy were convicted in '04 for their role in the scheme.

Words With Friends: CableFAX honored the '12 winners of the CableFAXIES. Sales Executives of the Year and Sales Hall of Fame at the Grand Hyatt NY Tues morning. In the interest of time, CableFAX exec editor Michael Grebb challenged honorees to come up with 1-word acceptance speeches—an assignment that yielded interesting results. Fittingly, one of the first 1-word speeches was "winning," á la Charlie Sheen. AMC Nets' Allison Clarke, our Regional Sales Person of the Year, offered "listen," an underrated concept in her opinion, adding that listening to the marketplace and your clients is imperative. **NBCU's** Alyssa Corcoran, named our PR Exec of the Year, thanked her colleagues and the industry, who are, in a word, "fun." "Instagram, "Tumblr," "collaborate" and "trust" also earned mentions at the podium. Sales Hall of Famers were profusely thankful to their colleagues and the industry. **Comcast Spotlight**'s Kevin Smith said he really wished he had brought his wife with him—but unfortunately he took the advice of his son, who insisted that would be a very "uncool" thing to do. "I'm really pissed I didn't bring my wife! I am me because of her," he said. He also attributed his success to building relationships and advised others to cultivate theirs. His speech ran over the 1-word limit, but Smith's choice was "transmedia." Guest presenter **Time Warner Cable Media**'s *Joan Gillman* introduced AMC Nets' *Scott Collins*, another Sales Hall of Famer, reminding the crowd that the honoree had managed to convince **Dodge** to blow up its own product

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in an episode of "Breaking Bad." "Now that's persuasion," she said. Collins advised sales execs to "find some really good mentors... I've had that in [AMC Nets'] Arlene Manos." Working in this industry is "a gift," he added. Gillman also introduced TWC Media's own Chris Faw, who told the crowd, "you better bring your A game if you play for Joan Gillman." ESPN's Ed Erhardt accepted his Sales Hall of Fame honor. noting that his higher ups, like Sean Bratches, and those who work below him help him to succeed. Rounding out the morning was Bratches himself, whose best advice was taken from his high school chemistry teacher: "Be yourself—everyone else is taken."

People: Turner promoted *Michael* Wright to pres, head of programming for TNT, TBS and TCM.

Honors: NBC Sports Group took home the most Sports Emmy awards Mon night, with 9 statuettes. **ESPN** nets ended the night with 6 awards, while **Turner Sports** and **Fox** each took home 5. Other winners: CBS (4), **HBO Sports** (3). **MLB** (3) and NFL Net (2). NBC was the top net (8 wins), followed by Fox (4) and TNT (4). ESPN, HBO Sports, MLB and **Showtime** all received 3 Emmys each. -- C-SPAN and Brian Lamb, its founder and exec chmn, will be recognized with a special NCTA Vanguard award for their service to the cable industry. The awards will be presented May 23 during the Cable **Show** in Boston.

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INTERACTIVE CORP:			NASDAQ:3
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GOOGLE:	604.43	(0.42)			
HARMONIC:	4.71	(0.01)			
INTEL:					
JDSU:	12.28	0.11			
LEVEL 3:	23.23	0.17			
MICROSOFT:	32.01	(0.01)			
MOTOROLA MOBILITY:	38.76	(0.06)			
RENTRAK:					
SEACHANGE:	8.22	UNCH			
SONY:	15.99	(0.22)			
SPRINT NEXTEL:	2.55	0.07			
THOMAS & BETTS:	71.88	(0.03)			
TIVO:	10.95	0.16			
UNIVERSAL ELEC:	16.85	(0.07)			
VONAGE:					
YAHOO:	15.63	0.09			
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