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Cable vs. Telco: Smart Home Battle Heats Up

Looks like both the wireless guy and the cable guy want to be your home automation and security guy. And they're busy making pitches as to why their particular suite of services is the best. For cable, its message focuses on the consistency and reliability that broadband offers. For example, viewing cameras remotely through a 3G connection, instead of cable broadband, could result in lower frame rate and resolution, said Bill Horrocks, vp, product mgmt at **Comcast**. The telcos, on the other hand, see LTE as the solution for smart home coverage. Verizon, which has been in the home biz since Oct, is targeting FiOS and DSL customers for initial deployment of LTE-based coverage, but could potentially expand to broader markets, said Hassane Bouhia, group manager, Verizon. Unlike cable rivals with both home automation and security offerings, VZ is only focused on home automation for now, Bouhia said. Part of the telco's approach is allowing the flexibility to support multiple wireless devices and partner with various vendors and utilities, he said. With smart homes seen as a lucrative market (a Juniper Research report says its \$25bln today and should rise to \$60bln by '17), everyone's looking at rapid expansion. Bright House continued to roll out its home security and automation service in its FL markets and expects to expand the service across its footprint within the coming year, a spokesperson said. The MSO is evaluating new features like remote access to pool pumps and sprinkler systems. Customers with phone. Internet and video service can add the smart home service for \$32 a month; no contract is required. Cox is still early in its home security product deployment. The operator, which launched a trial last summer in Tucson and extended it recently to Phoenix, has seen positive early results, a spokeswoman said. Time Warner Cable has been ramping up its IntelligentHome offering this year. Keith Burkley, svp, security and monitoring for TWC, sees 2 target markets: the existing home security customers and the new-tocategory market. "We think the lifestyle features [of the service] will also help. It's the whole package." AT&T has just started to branch out. The carrier will test its Digital Life home service this summer in Dallas and Atlanta with the potential for broader deployments, a spokeswoman said. The recently launched Digital Life home service offers faster security response times than current predominantly analog systems, she said. Because AT&T is a wireless company, its subscribers can integrate the smart home service into their devices, she said. Home service is "a natural

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extension" and "a sizeable opportunity" for AT&T, the spokeswoman said. Only 20% of households have monitored home security and only 1% have home automation, she said. It's not just the telcos and cable ops looking to get a foot in the door of homes. DISH, which has already expanded its in-home services across the country, is testing additional services like home and office automation, security and energy management.

<u>Googlisms</u>: Google bought Motorola Mobility (for \$12.5bln) "for the sum of patents, products and people," said *Eric Schmidt* at a shareholders meeting late Thurs. Motorola will remain a separate company for now and won't be integrated into Google anytime soon, added CFO *Patrick Pichette*. "It's important it stays on its own battlefield," Pichette said. Google shareholders approved the creation of a special class of non-voting shares at the meeting. CEO *Larry Page* sat out the meeting due to loss of voice.

<u>On the Hill</u>: On deck for Wed's House Telecom subcrite on the "Future of Video" are NCTA's Michael Powell, DISH's Charlie Ergen, Netflix gen counsel David Hyman, Sky Angel CEO Robert Johnson, Roku exec Jim Funk and Hearst pres/CEO David Barrett.

<u>3D</u>: DirecTV confirmed that it shifted 3D net n3D to a part-time channel earlier this month, a move 1st reported by *Consumer Reports*. DirecTV said more programming is being developed for the genre. "Our 3D customers will still enjoy a robust suite of 3D programming including 3D movies on DIRECTV Cinema 3D, sports programming from ESPN and entertainment programming on **3net**," DTV said. Indeed ESPN 3D assured us it had plenty of programming on tap, including 21 hours from the upcoming X Games and the last 5 days of matches from Centre Court at Wimbledon. n3D will be used for special events, such as the upcoming Summer Olympics, as well as original series "Guitar Center Sessions" and concerts. DirecTV also will continue to look for more programming for n3D.

Happy 40th: Much has changed for the better since the passage of Title IX, the law that leveled school playing fields for girls, but there is still a ways to go. That was the important message from the "40 For 40" event Thurs night in DC where WICT, in collaboration with espnW, Scripps Networks Interactive and the Women's Sports Foundation, honored 40 women who made a significant social impact after playing sports in high school or college. Professional women's sports should get more media coverage, said 40 honoree Dot Richardson, exec dir, National Training Center during a panel discussion. The media is powerful in creating role models, she said. Enter espnW, a broadband channel that aims to create more exposure for female sports. "The more you see women playing sports, the more fans you will build, the more young girls will be inspired to be athletes. It's a beautiful cycle," said espnW vp Laura Gentile. She described espnW's launch on ESPN3 as a first step. "We will get more ambitious," she said. ESPN has been a game changer, WICT pres Maria Brennan told us. "You know there's a market there" when a major player like **ESPN** is investing in a network focusing on women sports, she said. 2-time World Cup and Olympic gold medalist Julie Foudy told the crowd that Title IX is about so much more than sports. It's about being confident and acting rather than reacting, she said. EspnW has a new partnership with the State Department, creating the "Global Sports Mentoring Program" to support opening more doors for girls and women in sports. The goal is to identify women worldwide who are emerging leaders in sports and match them with American women who are leaders in sports. As for the night's 40 honorees, they encompassed a wide range of fields of accomplishment including power players in cable/media like Lifetime and History chief Nancy Dubuc (collegiate crew), actress/producer Tina Fey (high school tennis) and talk show host Ellen DeGeneres (high school tennis). A category of "Plus Four More" was created in addition to the "40 For 40," including coaching legend/espnW advisory panel member Sue Enquist, WICT chair and **Cox** vp, content acquisition Kathy Payne (high school tennis champion and team captain) and Scripps svp, corp comm Cindy McConkey (all-state high school track and basketball player).

Programming: Lifetime booked 13 eps of new drama "Devious Maids" from ABC Studios for a '13 launch. The series follow the lives of 5 maids while they work for the rich and famous in Beverly Hills.

People: Starz exec Shannon Sommers has joined NCTC is the new role of sr dir, programming analysis.

<u>On the Circuit</u>: Timely considering the upcoming conventions, **Fox News** anchor *Bret Baier* will be a keynote speaker at the **Independent Show** in Orlando July 23-25.



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NEWS CORP:	NWS	20.57	1.53%	13.15%
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LEVEL 3:	LVLT		(2.61%)	25.31%
MICROSOFT:	MSFT		2.27%	18.26%
RENTRAK:	RENT	19.05	4.16%	33.40%
SEACHANGE:	SEAC	8.08	(0.62%)	14.94%
SONY:	SNE	14.31	8.57%	(20.68%)
SPRINT NEXTEL:	S	3.29	6.47%	40.60%
TIVO:	TIVO	8.20	1.36%	(8.58%)
UNIVERSAL ELEC:	UEIC	11.77	(3.21%)	(30.23%)
VONAGE:	VG	1.88	3.87%	(23.27%)
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1. VALUEVISION:	2.02	. 16.09%
2. CROWN:	1.70	. 12.58%
3. BLNDER TONGUE:	1.14	. 10.68%
4. AVID TECH:	7.40	8.98%
5. SONY:	14.31	8.57%

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