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Verizon CEO: Potential Yahoo Deal Helps Gain Scale

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With reports pegging Verizon as the front-runner to purchase Yahoo, both companies' execs attended the JP Morgan Technology, Media and Telecom conference Tues. And while they were cautious with comments on the bidding process, both signaled continued interest in pursuing a deal. "We can't talk about Yahoo. But that's a possibility to gain greater scale," McAdam said. Verizon's reported bid for Yahoo aims to further beef up the telco's digital platform following its \$4.4bln AOL acquisition. And getting Yahoo assets could be especially helpful as Verizon expands its mobile video offering such as the **go90** service. "If you believe that mobile is going to be the viewing choice for the millennials as they go through the Internet and video, then having those platforms that would help drive traffic on the network are critical," McAdam said, predicting that mobile video traffic will grow 50% YOY. Verizon has partnered with content companies like DreamWorks, NBA and NFL to provide premium video content to qo90. It also recently purchased a stake in AwesomenessTV and teamed with Hearst to jointly acquire Complex Media, a video-focused firm that caters to young male audiences. Is the telco interested in entering the content business? "We're not doing that. I don't think we need to do that," McAdam said. Content isn't exactly Verizon's strong suit, he said. At Yahoo, management is focused on a potential sale of the company, according to CFO Ken Goldman. Calling the auction "a very robust process," he said "this clearly composes the majority of our time. It is our collective goal that we find a way that wherever this ends up that ultimately Yahoo will do better with the benefit of wherever it goes than staying independent." Without commenting on how long the sale process might be, Goldman said the auction process is "well along the way" and "is going very, very well." Back to Verizon. Commenting on cable's frustration (voiced at INTX last week) with regulatory interventions, McAdam said "welcome to the pool. We've been swimming in this pool for a long, long time and, look, our view is when you overregulate an industry, there's so many unintended consequences that it's usually worse than better. But if you're going to regulate, then our view is you got to have a level playing field." In April, the FCC voted to approve a business broadband proposal that could potentially regulate rates for cable's special access service. "I don't think that's the kind of regulation that should only be AT&T and Verizon and CenturyLink and Frontier and the traditional telcos," McAdam said. "If you're a broadband provider then you need to be over those, you need to be governed by those rules." When it comes to the telco's ongoing contract dispute with its wireline workers, McAdam said "we won't be

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- ▶ **HBO** Game of Thrones Season 5
- ► HISTORY The Curse of Oak Island Season 3
- NBCUniversal TV Everywhere
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- **TLC** Leah Remini: It's All Relative

► Turner Entertainment Networks -AT&T and CONAN 360 Virtual Reality at Comic Con

Marketing Campaign

- ► BET Networks Zoe Ever After Marketing Campaign
- ► Big Ten Network (BTN) Fall Football Coaches Campaign
- ► Hallmark Channel Countdown to Christmas 2015
- OWN: Oprah Winfrey Network Belief
- ► Mediacom Business National Flight Academy

Marketing of a Continuing Series

- ►A+E Television Networks Bates Motel Season 3
- ► AMC Better Call Saul Season 2 Promo: "Yo Soy Saul"
- ▶ HBO Game of Thrones Season 5
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 HBO Latino - Yandel
- Investigation Discovery A Crime to Remember S3
- VH1 The Breaks

Media Event

► A+E Television Networks - Damien Comic-Con

 National Geographic Channels -Jackson Hole Wildlife Film Festival
 Pop TV - Winter TCA 2016-Pop's First Birthday Party

Media Relations Campaign

- Animal Planet Puppy Bowl XII
 Lifetime UnREAL
- ► National Geographic Channel -Breakthrough
- **>OWN: Oprah Winfrey Network** Belief
- Showtime Networks Inc. BIL-LIONS PR Campaign

Multicultural Marketing

- ► Burrell Communications NBC The Wonderful World of XFINITY
- ESPN Deportes & ESPN International
- Virtual Reality Press Mailer

► Gravity Media - Relationship Campaign: Asian

► Grupo Gallegos - XFINITY Language Choice

► HBO Multicultural Marketing -Bessie 81 Theater Tour

Non-Profit Partnerships

 HBO Multicultural Marketing - Every Story Every One Partnership
 HISTORY & DAV (Disabled
 American Veterans) Partnership
 National Geographic Channel -Feeding America
 TLC - Give A Little

PR Stunt

►A+E Television Networks - Bates Motel SXSW

► HISTORY - Vikings San Diego Comic Con 2015

Syfy - #ThankyouKarellen Stunt

► VH1 - Dating Naked Interactive Billboard

Press Kit

- ► National Geographic Channel -The Story of God
- ▶ Pop TV Schitt's Creek Season 2
- ►Syfy The Magicians
- WGN America Underground

Programming Stunt

- Investigation Discovery -A Very Kenda Christmas
- ► ION Television Bond-a-Thon
- ► ION Television Wicked Week
- ▶ Logo The Golden Girls 30th
- Anniversary "30 Isn't a Drag" with RuPaul's Drag Race

► Pop TV - #StillAwesome Campaign

btruTV - Impractical Jokers
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Public Affairs Campaign

- Lifetime Broad Focus
- Pivot Ollie the Pangolin

Shoestring Marketing

► BET Networks - BET Thanks You Campaign

Big Ten Network (BTN) -

#BTNWinningShotContest

- Boingo Wireless 29 Dive In Movie Campaign
- ▶ Logo Aspen Gay Ski Week

Social Media During a Program

► Burrell Communications -NBC The Wonderful World of XFINITY

► Turner Classic Movies - Summer of Darkness and Into the Darkness: Investigating Film Noir

WE tv - Gif in a JIF

Social Media Marketing

► BET Networks - BET Celebration of Hollywood

- **BET Networks** Zoe Ever After Beauty Bar YouTube Channel
 Cox Communications - Meta Millennials
- ▶ Logo Aspen Gay Ski Week
- ► National Geographic Channel -He Named Me Malala
- truTV Impractical Jokers
- #LivePunishment Special

VH1 - Candidly Nicole: Candid Moments

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Comcast Cable - The XFINITY 1989 Lip Sync Sessions

► Hallmark Channel - Unmask the Magic Sweepstakes & Digital Experience

- ► Investigation Discovery A Very Kenda Christmas
- Mediacom Communications
- Corporation Xtream Sweepstakes
- ▶WE tv #LAHairDO Contest
- ► WE tv THE ULTIMATE #BRAXSTAN CONTEST

Tchotchke

► BET Networks - The Game: Custom Jerseys {BET Studios}

- Big Ten Network (BTN) BTNmoji Keyboard
- ▶ Logo Aspen Gay Ski Week
- Oxygen Media Fall/Scatter Premium
 WE tv Lie Detector

Trade Show Marketing/PR

- ▶ HBO Game of Thrones at SDCC
- ► Mediacom Business Iowa Events Center Gigabit Cafe
- **SCTE** Cable's Power Innovators

Virtual Reality/Augmented Reality Marketing

- Bright Spot Creative Virtual Ride Along
 Comcast Cable -
- NASCAR VR Experience
- HBO SXSWesteros
- Nat Geo WILD Wild Yellowstone
- ► Turner Entertainment Networks -AT&T and CONAN 360 Virtual Reality at Comic Con
- Viacom Velocity International,
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Congratulations to all the finalists! We are looking forward to a fun filled June 14 breakfast, including team photos, and networking with friends and colleagues. Tables will be positioned on a first come basis. **Reserve your table today at www.TheFAXIES.com**

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driving similar numbers in second quarter that we would in first from an installation perspective. So the overall impact just depends on how we come out of the contract because we will get some concessions and then how long it goes."

In the Courts: Following reports that the DOJ is looking into Comcast's practices in spot cable ad sales (CFX, 11/25), Viamedia filed an antitrust lawsuit against the MSO. The firm claims Comcast now controls and excludes competing 3rd party sales reps from interconnects in 15 of the 25 most populous DMAs, including Chicago and Detroit. In its complaint, Viamedia said Comcast and Comcast Spotlight's conduct prompted overbuilders WOW! and RCN to terminate some or all of their business with Viamedia and that the company has tried to recruit various Viamedia execs to join Comcast "and thereby obtain confidential proprietary information of Viamedia." The company is seeking treble damages, therefore at least \$225mln. Comcast said it's reviewing the suit and doesn't generally comment on pending litigation, but it did say the ad market is robustly competitive. "Local cable advertising competes with local broadcast TV, radio, newspapers, outdoor display, and the rapidly growing digital marketplace," read its statement. "All multichannel-video providers—or MVPDs—account for only about 7% of local advertising sales. In the top 50 DMAs, nearly half of the interconnects, including those in the country's two largest markets, New York and Los Angeles, for local cable advertising are not run by Comcast."

<u>Playoffs Dominate Ratings</u>: TNT was the #1 cable net in prime last week (2.8mln viewers), followed closely by ESPN 2.6mln. Both are the benefactors of NBA playoffs coverage, with Mon's OK City-Golden State game the most-watched cable program of the week, averaging 8.7mln viewers. Nestled in between the Thunder-Warriors series was HBO's "Game of Thrones," which was the 3rd most-watched cable program of the week (7.9mln). AMC's "Fear the Walking Dead" (4.4mln viewers) was the next most-watched drama, coming in behind ESPN's Toronto-Cleveland coverage. Third place in prime went to Fox News, which continues to be on a tear with election coverage. "The O'Reilly Factor" was the news net's best performer last week, with the most-watched ep averaging 3.1mln viewers. Viewers were less excited about NHL Conference Finals than basketball, with the best performer NBCSN's coverage of Tampa Bay-Pittsburgh on Sun (1.9mln viewers).

Set-Top Saga: The **FCC** got an earful from both sides on its #UnlocktheBox set-top NPRM, with reply comments due Mon. **Comcast** declared that the "complex, costly and backward-looking technology mandate envisioned" by the notice threatens innovation and strips consumers of privacy protections. Several programmers also weighed in, including **AMC Nets**, which said the proposed rules could force it to violate contract with content owners. "Under the Commission's proposed scheme, a 3rd-party device manufacturer could repackage and present this content in a manner that could force AMCN to violate the terms of its licensing agreement," it said, adding that the rules could also interfere with how it funds content through advertising. **Writers Guild of America, West** however said the proposed rules strike "a balance between promoting competition and protecting content." **TiVo** urged the FCC to ignore objectors' complaints, arguing that the proposal doesn't allow 3rd parties to appropriate MVPD content but simply lets consumers choose to use a 3rd party navigation device. "If TiVo or any other third-party navigation device maker were to distribute or publicly perform the copyrighted work in an unlawful fashion, it would be found liable under copyright law," it said. **CCIA** threw water on the apps argument, saying that apps aren't as widely available on 3rd-party devices as opponents claim, nor do they provide the same functionality as set-tops.

NBCU Nets Going for Gold: Bravo, CNBC, MSNBC and USA will offer 325.5 hours of Rio Olympics programming this Aug. Bravo will be the home for tennis again, with 94.5 hours of coverage Aug 6-14. USA sat out the 2012 Games but is back big time for Rio with 110.5 hours of programming. The net's coverage includes women's soccer on Aug 3 (2 days before the Opening Ceremony. CNBC's coverage will take place from 5-8pm ET on weekdays. MSNBC will carry roughly 78 hours, including men's basketball and water polo. Ten of the net's 15 days of coverage take place between noon-5pm.

<u>IoT Inspection</u>: The **House Commerce** cmte has created a bipartisan working group to examine the Internet of Things, with goals including identification of issues affecting deployment and the examination of the possible role of the federal govt. At the end of the 114th Congress, members will release a report summarizing the group's activity.

<u>Binge On Expansion</u>: T-Mobile expanded its Binge On partners last week to include **Univision**, **Univision Noticias**, and **TIDAL**, a streaming net owned by *Jay Z*. The program now has some 80 streaming content providers. The move was praised by the **Rainbow PUSH Coalition**. "T-Mobile's Binge On program draws relevant attention to the importance of zero-rating and other free data practices that offer direct access to popular online content, while helping consumers balance the expense and penalties associated with normal and heavy data use," the group said in a statement Mon.

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Happy 30th C-SPAN2: June 2 marks the 30th anniversary of C-SPAN2. now available in more than 95mln homes. The folks are C-SPAN are marking the milestone with a dedicated website featuring video of the first day of televised Senate floor coverage (www.c-span.org/senate30years). There are plenty of folks you'll recognize-Strom Thurmond. Bob Dole. Robert Bvrd. Al Gore. Some fun numbers, courtesy of C-SPAN: 5 senators serving in '86 are still in the Senate; 8 on camera that first day either had been or would become presidential candidates and C-SPAN has televised 33.120 live hours of Senate debate.

Programming: VH1 hopes to re-invent late night with the "Amber Rose Show," debuting June 17, 11pm. Amber Rose, better known to her 18mln+ social media followers as Muva Rose, is a feminist, author, actor, entrepreneur.

-- INSP's feature-length theatrical motion picture "Savannah Sunrise" makes its TV debut June 26, 8pm ET. It's the latest from INSP Films, the production company created by the net last year.

People: Pamela Wolfe, most recently chief people officer for Eleventh Hour Ent, was hired as evp, HR for Starz. -- A couple prominent promotions at Univision News, with Maria Martinez-Guzmán named vp. exec producer of news gathering. Gabriela Tristán was tapped as vp, exec producer, news production. -- Kristi Wasmer was upped to svp, retail sales for Nickelodeon consumer products.

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LIBERTY GLOBAL:	36.30	0.40
SHAW COMM:	18.98	0.37
SHENTEL:	30.47	0.88

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AMC NETWORKS:	62.33	(2.22)
CBS:	53.37	0.93
DISCOVERY:	26.53	0.29
DISNEY:	99.51	0.33
GRUPO TELEVISA:	26.90	0.31
HSN:	50.10	1.08
LIONSGATE:	19.72	0.13
MSG NETWORKS:	16.82	0.07
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STARZ:	26.49	0.26
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