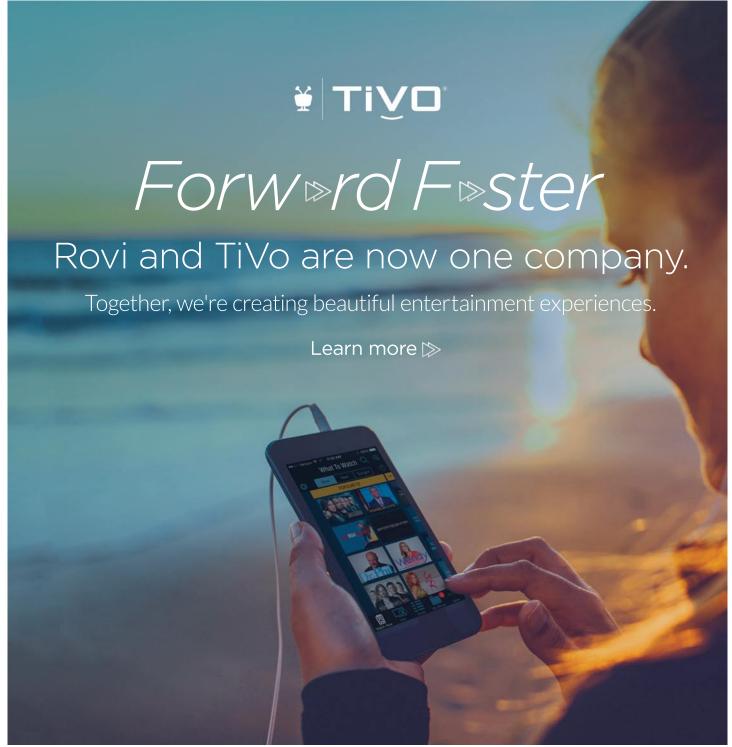
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Still Burning: TheBlaze's Levinson Teases Revamp, Talks Independent Life

With the FCC set to vote on an NPRM later this month intended to help promote distribution of independent and diverse programming to consumers, it seems like a good time to check in with someone on the frontlines. As vp, content distribution for TheBlaze, Bruce Levinson is the chief negotiator for the news and entertainment channel, which is unique in that it's the 1st mainstream channel to have launched on the Internet first. We're keeping a close eve for a new incarnation of TheBlaze, which founder Glenn Beck has been teasing on air. Most recently, Levinson reached a deal for distribution through Vubiquity, making it easier for Vubiquity's affiliates to add the channel to their lineups. We picked his brain on the temperature at the negotiating table and TheBlaze's planned transformation. We've seen two independent networks announce they are shuttering this year (Al Jazeera America and Pivot). The FCC is looking into the issue of diversity of independent programming voices. The Blaze recently lost a distributor in Optimum. MVPDs are making a lot of noise about cutting costs. Can independent networks thrive in this marketplace? We're seeing a fundamental shift to digital that is putting more power in the hands of the consumer. While business models are changing, there will always be demand for great content. In the past 12 months, TheBlaze has launched with CenturyLink, Frontier and Verizon FiOS. We have renewed our DISH agreement, and we completed our NCTC and NRTC agreements. We also received expanded basic carriage from Suddenlink. To date, we have over 120 cable, satellite and telco partners. How have distribution talks shifted over the past couple years? Content has become easier to create and market, creating headwinds for operators. They can no longer command the type of cost increases for channel additions that they have in the past. This is trickling down to content creators and independent networks, forcing innovation at all levels. Several independent nets, including TheBlaze, are urging the FCC to step in and regulate MFNs. They've been a part of contracts for years. Why this focus now? MFNs no longer serve their purpose but instead create unfair competitive practices that hurt independent networks. We believe that pricing should be market driven, not enforced by old paradigms. How will TheBlaze step things up on a programming level as we head into the final months before a presidential election? We're looking way beyond the elections. The Blaze is morphing into an entirely new network that will deliver compelling and engaging content to an entirely new generation. TheBlaze is dedicating significant resources and has formed a new business unit to produce and deliver compelling new content and programming aimed at growing our loyal audience. How involved is Glenn Beck in the network? Glenn is not involved in day-to-day operations or editorial decisions. The Blaze is its own entity, an independent media network that was founded by Glenn with a unique, powerful and ground-breaking vision. We wouldn't be here today without his support and personal sacrifice. There have been a lot of changes among the management and staff at TheBlaze in the past year, including a new CEO in Stewart Padveen. What does this mean for the network? Is it moving in a new direction? The Blaze is undergoing a complete transformation that reimagines Glenn's original vision. Later this year, we will be launching our new cutting edge digital platform, TheBlaze 2.0,





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PLATINUM CATEGORIES

Best Program

- **★** Game of Thrones HBO
 - ► Fargo FX Networks
 - ► Mr. Robot USA Network
 - ► Outlander Starz
 - ► Outsiders WGN America

Best New Program

- **★** Underground WGN America
 - ▶ Blindspot NBC
 - ► Full Frontal with Samantha Bee TBS
 - Jessica Jones Netflix
 - ► Outsiders WGN America
 - ► The People V. O.J. Simpson: American Crime Story — FX Networks

Best Actor

- ★ Cuba Gooding Jr, The People V. O.J. Simpson: American Crime Story – I FX Networks
 - ► Kit Harington, Game of Thrones HB0
 - ► Aldis Hodge, Underground WGN America
 - **▶ David Morse, Outsiders** WGN America
 - ▶ Jesse Plemmons, Fargo FX Networks
 - ► Kevin Spacey, House of Cards Netflix

Best Actress

- **★** Keri Russell, The Americans FX Networks
 - ► Caitriona Balfe, Outlander Starz
 - ▶ Sharon Horgan, Catastrophe Amazon
 - ► Sarah Paulson, The People vs. O.J. Simpson: American Crime Story – FX Networks
 - Jurnee Smollett-Bell, Underground WGN America
 - ► Sissy Spacek, Bloodline Netflix

Best Host

- ★ Josh Gates, Expedition Unknown Travel Channel
 - ► Tarek & Christina El Moussa, Flip or Flop — HGTV
 - ► Chip & Joanna Gaines, Fixer Upper HGTV
 - ► Matt Leblanc, Top Gear BBC America
 - Drew & Jonathan Scott, Property Brothers
 HGTV
 - ► Andrew Zimmern, Bizarre Foods with Andrew Zimmern – Travel Channel

Best Ensemble Cast

★ The Wiz Live! – NBC Entertainment

Best Showrunner

- ★ Misha Green and Joe Pokaski, Underground – WGN America
 - ▶ David Benioff and D.B. Weiss, Game of Thrones – HBO
 - ► Noah Hawley, Fargo FX Networks
 - ► Ryan Murphy, The People vs. O.J. Simpson: American Crime Story — FX Networks
 - ▶ Justin Spitzer, Superstore Universal Television

ACTOR/ACTRESS/HOST CATEGORIES

Best Actor/Actress | Comedy

- ★ Eugene Levy, Schitt's Creek Pop
- ► Louie Anderson, Baskets FX Networks
- ► Aziz Ansari. Master of None Netflix
- America Ferrera, Superstore Universal Television
- ► Zach Galifianakis, Baskets FX Networks
- ► Catherine O'Hara, Schitt's Creek Pop

Best Actor/Actress | Drama

- **★ Idris Elba, Luther BBC America**
 - ► Kyle Chandler, Bloodline Netflix
 - ► Claire Danes. Homeland Showtime
 - ► Kirsten Dunst, Fargo FX Networks
 - ► Tatiana Maslany, Orphan Black BBC America
 - ► Courtney B. Vance, The People vs. O.J.
 Simpson: American Crime Story FX Networks

Best Host | Family Friendly

- **★ Jill Wagner, Handcrafted America INSP**
 - ▶ Gil and Kelly Jo Bates, Bringing Up Bates – Up TV
 - Beth Stern, John Sterling, Mary Carillo and Boomer Esiason, Kitten Bowl – Crown Media Family Networks

Best Host | Food

- ★ Giada De Laurentiis, Giada in Italy Food Network
 - Guy Fieri, Diners, Drive-Ins and Dives Food Network
 - ► Andrew Zimmern , Bizarre Foods with Andrew Zimmern – Travel Channel

Best Host | Music

- ★ Mick Rock, On The Record With Mick Rock - Ovation TV
 - ► Katie Daryl, The World's Greatest Tribute Bands – AXS TV
 - Arsenio Hall and Kelsea Ballerini, Greatest Hits – ABC

Best Host | Reality Competition/Game Show

- ★ RuPaul Charles, RuPaul's Drag Race Logo
 - ► Alton Brown, Cutthroat Kitchen Food Network
 - ► Bobby Flay, Beat Bobby Flay Food Network

Best Host | Regional

★ Markette Sheppard, Great Day Washington - WUSA 9

Best Host | Sports

- ★ Matt Vasgersian, MLB Central & Hot Stove - MLB Network
 - David Cone, New York Yankees Analyst YES Network
 - ► Hannah Storm, SportsCenter ESPN

Best Host | Talk Show

★ Reza Aslan, Rough Draft with Reza Aslan – Ovation TV

BEST SHOW OR SERIES CATEGORIES

Best Show or Series | Animals/Nature

- ★ Explorer: Warlords of Ivory National Geographic Channel
 - ► Angry Planet Pivot
 - ► River Monsters Animal Planet
 - ► WILD Yellowstone Nat Geo WILD

Best Show or Series | Animated

- **★** Talking Tom and Friends: The Animated Series Outfit7, Limited
 - ► Game of Zones Bleacher Report
 - ► Star Wars Rebels Cartoon Network

Best Show or Series | Children's

★ Counterfeit Cat – Tricon Kids & Family

Best Show or Series | Comedy

- **★** Baskets FX Networks
- **★ Full Frontal with Samantha Bee TBS**
 - ► Please Like Me Pivot
 - ► Schitt's Creek Pop TV
 - ► **Superstore** Universal Television
 - ► You're The Worst FX Networks

Best Show or Series | Documentary

- ★ The Colorful Montreal Expos MLB Network
- ★ How to Change the World Met Film, Daniel Film, Insight Production Company
 - ► Belief OWN: Oprah Winfrey Network
 - ► The Method: Kuma Films Ovation TV
- ► Pokerography Poker Central

Best Show or Series | Drama

- **★ Better Call Saul AMC Networks**The Americans FX Networks
 - ► Good Witch Hallmark Channel
 - Orphan Black BBC America
 Rectify Sundance Channel
 - ► Shades of Blue Universal Television

Best Show or Series | Education/ Instructional

- **★** Expedition Unknown Travel Channel
 - ▶ Brain Games National Geographic Channels
 - ► Handcrafted America INSP
 - ► MvthBusters Discovery Channel

Best Show or Series | Faith Based/ Religious

- ★ When Calls the Heart Hallmark Channel
 - Story of God with Morgan Freeman National Geographic Channel



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Best Show or Series | Family Friendly

- ★ Kitten Bowl Crown Media Family Networks
 - ► Chopped Junior Food Network
 - ► Kids Baking Championship Food Network
 - ► Bringing Up Bates UP tv

Best Show or Series | Food: Celebrity Cooking

- **★** Dinner at Tiffani's Cooking Channel
 - ▶ Patricia Heaton Parties Food Network
 - ► Valerie's Home Cooking Food Network

Best Show or Series | Food: Competition

- ★ Chopped Junior Food Network
 - ► Cutthroat Kitchen Food Network
 - ► Guy's Grocery Games Food Network
 - ► Kids Baking Championship Food Network
 - ► Top Chef, "Big Gay Wedding" (Supersized)

 Bravo Media

Best Show or Series | Food: On Location

- **★** Diners, Drive-Ins and Dives Food Network
 - Bizarre Foods with Andrew Zimmern Travel Channel
 - ► Giada in Italy Food Network
 - ► Man Fire Food Cooking Channel

Best Show or Series | Historical

- **★ Underground WGN America**
 - ► The Eighties CNN
 - ► Legends & Lies: The Patriots Fox News
 - ► Outlander Starz
 - ► Turn: Washington's Spies AMC

Best Show or Series | Monster Horror

- **★** Ash vs. Evil Dead Starz
- ► From Dusk till Dawn El Rey Network
- ► Penny Dreadful Showtime
- ► The Strain FX

Best Show or Series | Music

- ★ Rock & Roll Road Trip with Sammy Hagar AXS TV
 - ► The JUNO Awards Insight Production Company Ltd.
 - ▶ On the Record with Mick Rock Ovation TV

Best Show or Series | News

- ★ News One Now TV One
 - ► Meg Tirrell Genome Sequencing CNBC
 - ► Market Day Report RFD-TV

Best Show or Series | Public Affairs

- * Rural Town Hall RFD-TV & Mediacom
 - ► Race to Rebuild CNBC

Best Show or Series | Reality

- **★** Naked and Afraid XL Discovery Channel
 - ► Cuban Chrome Pilgrim Media Group
 - ► Property Brothers HGTV
 - ► Rock This Boat Pop TV
 - ► **Top Gear** BBC America

Best Show or Series | Reality Competition/Game Show

- ★ The Amazing Race Canada Insight Production Company Ltd.
 - ► Cutthroat Kitchen Food Network
 - ► Guy's Grocery Games Food Network
 - ► RuPaul's Drag Race Logo
 - ► Top Chef, "Big Gay Wedding" (Supersized)

 Bravo Media

Best Show or Series | Reality | Professions

- ★ Million Dollar Listing New York Bravo Media
 - Art Breakers Ovation TV
- ▶ Deadliest Catch Discovery Channel
- ► Fixer Upper HGTV
- ► Flip or Flop HGTV

Best Show or Series | Regional Program

- ★ Yankeeography: Moments of Glory YES Network
 - ▶ Backstage: On Your Feet Comcast CN100 – Chicago
 - Chicago Cubs: Out of the Park Comcast CN100 – Chicago
 - ► Sabadazo Televisa

Best Show or Series | Sci Fi

- **★** Orphan Black BBC America
 - ► Black Mirror Netflix
 - ► Doctor Who BBC America
 - ► The Expanse Syfy
 - ► The Man in the High Castle Amazon

Best Show or Series | Short

★ Change Agents - TV One

Best Show or Series | Sports

- **★ NCAA.com Feature Series NCAA Digital**
 - ► CenterStage YES Network
 - ► Lucha Underground El Rey Network
 - ► MLB Central MLB Network
 - ► Outlook: Icons Revealed Outside Television

Best Show or Series | Talk Shows

- ★ The Big Interview with Dan Rather AXS TV
 - ► The Director's Chair El Rey Network
 - ► Rough Draft with Reza Aslan Ovation TV
 - Watch What Happens Live with guests
 Julianne Moore & Kristen Wiig Bravo Media

Best Show or Series | Other

- **★** Brush of Honor INSP
 - ► Fatal Attraction TV One

Best Mini-Series

- ★ The People V. O.J. Simpson: American Crime Story – FX Networks
 - ▶ Jonathan Strange & Mr Norrell BBC America
 - ► London Spy BBC America
 - ➤ Saints & Strangers National Geographic Channel

TV Movies

- ★ All the Way HBO
 - ► Confirmation HBO
- Luther BBC America
- Runaway Island TV One

SPECIAL CATEGORIES

Best Branded Content

- **★ Dodge Real Fittest Athlete Outside Television**
 - ► Best International Content
 - Janet King Series 1: The Enemy Within Acorn TV
 - ► Resilient Cities Pivot

Best Online/Mobile Extras for a Linear Show

- **★** The Expanse: Enter the Future Syfy
 - ► Better Call Saul: The Origins of Squat Cobbler AMC
 - ► Chopped After Hours Food Network
 - ► Facebook Live for NBA Playoffs NBA TV
 - ► The Magicians: Welcome to Brakebills Syfy

Best Online-Only/Mobile-Only Show

- **★ Tiny House Arrest HGTV**
 - ► The Cooking Basics Food.com
 - ► **DIY Intervention** DIY Network
 - ► Goo Ru Style WE tv
 - ► REAL Travel Channel
 - ► Tree Hunters HGTV

Best Opening Sequence

- **★** The Unreal world Outside Television
 - ► Intentional Talk MLB Network

Best Video on Demand Program/Special

- ★ Canada's Walk of Fame Insight Production Company Ltd.
 - ▶ Kobe Bryant Farewell Feature Series NBA Digital
 - McDonald's All-American Games Comcast
 CN100 Chicago
 - ► NFL Draft 2015 Comcast CN100 Chicago
 - ► The Wiz Live! NBC Entertainment

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which is designed to deliver a great user experience though a vastly improved product and incredibly engaging content. We will provide a unique platform for content creators who want to reach our audience. We are building a top-notch leadership team to support our mission, attracting some of the best and brightest in the industry who are excited about innovating.

Set-Top Squabble: With the FCC weeks away from voting on FCC chmn Tom Wheeler's revised set-top plan, the battle lines have been drawn. While outlets like *The Consumerist* focus on favorite punching bag **Comcast** opposing the plan, it's important to remember that content owners have been raising copyright concerns at the Commission for months. That's not abating. On Thurs, reps from Disney, Time Warner, A+E Networks, Scripps Networks, CBS, Viacom, Fox and Univision spoke with Commissioner Jessica Rosenworcel by phone, according to an ex parte. Recall she has previously expressed concerns over Wheeler's set-top plan, garnering hope she might be the swing vote at the Sept 29 meeting. The programmers reiterated in that call that they are opposed to any licensing construct in which the FCC or anyone besides the MVPD and programmer could alter the terms and conditions that would be contained in any license permitting a device manufacturer to distribute copyrighted video.

Tivo Talk: The new Tivo didn't waste any time making news, using IBC to unveil its next-gen user interface built for TVs as well as mobile screens. The new UX goes beyond traditional recommendations with TiVo's new predictions technology and requires fewer clicks to get to content. Also new are customizable shortcuts, letting viewers favorite the apps they visit most frequently. Meanwhile, TiVo also released findings from a sponsored survey of pay TV and OTT subs in the US, Europe and Asia—a follow-up from **Rovi's** 2015 study—which found that 37% of global viewers have stopped watching a show they previously enjoyed because it became too difficult to access the content. The most frequent victims of show dumping are programs that generally require a premium pay TV package, are only available through paid OTT and/or are unavailable on OTT services that aggregate content. The research findings were the result of an online survey of 5,500 pay-TV and OTT subscribers across seven countries worldwide.

Ratings: Hallmark Channel seems to have picked a winner with latest original series "Chesapeake Shores." The most recent ep is the net's most-watched 1-hour ep of any original series ever on Hallmark for women 25-54, averaging 588K in the demo. The ep averaged a 2.6 HH rating and 2.9mln total viewers on a Live+3 basis.

Programming: IFC launched its own app on Apple TV, offering a collection of original series, comedy shorts and movies. It's free to download with IFC cable subs getting full access. -- GSN debuts skill-based competition series "Window Warriors" Nov 15. Each week, window merchandising designers compete to build elaborate displays and avoid elimination. -- ONE World Sports will add National Pro GRID League to its lineup beginning Tues at 10pm ET. Billed as the 1st professional co-ed team sports league, teams race to complete a series of weightlifting, body-weight and other athletic elements

WICT Touchstones Luncheon: Danai Gurira will deliver the keynote at the WICT Touchstones Luncheon on Sept 19 at the Marriott Marquis in NY. While Gurira is famously known for her role on AMC's "The Walking Dead," she is also a Tony-nominated playwright and heavily involved activist. WICT board member Ellen Kroner, evp and CCO at AMC **Networks**, will serve as the luncheon's honorary chair. The 2016 Touchstone Honorees are: *Kathleen Finch*, chief programming, content and brand officer for Scripps Networks Interactive; Laura Gentile, svp of espnW and women's initiatives for ESPN; and Mary McLaughlin, svp of the beltway region for Comcast Cable.

Cablefax TV Innovation Summit

Featured Session:

The Seven Year Itch: Satisfying Consumers in a World of Temptation In this session, the experts will discuss the latest trends on:

- Using Big Data, machine learning and other personalization tools to change the game.
- Communicating the latest bells & whistles to consumers and cutting through the noise.
- How the latest search technology is helping consumers navigate an unprecedented sea of content.
- Identifying the navigation features that will drive innovation in the future.

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Cablefax Week in Review

Company	Ticker	9/9	1-Week	YTD		
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BROADCASTERS/DBS/MMDS						
DISH:		49.69	(4.04%)	(13.1%)		
ENTRAVISION:	EVC	7.38	(5.75%)	(4.28%)		
GRAY TELEVISION:	GTN	10.69	(5.23%)	(34.42%)		
MEDIA GENERAL:	MEG	17.76	(1.61%)	9.97%		
NEXSTAR:	NXST	52.74	(2.73%)	(10.15%)		
SINCLAIR:	SBGI	28.42	(3.1%)	(12.66%)		
TEGNA:	TGNA	21.12	2.23%	(17.24%)		
MSOS						
CABLE ONE:			,,			
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LIBERTY GLOBAL:						
SHAW COMM:						
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21ST CENTURY FOX:			. ,	,		
AMC NETWORKS:			. ,	,		
CBS:						
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COMMSCOPE:			,			
CONCURRENT:						
CONCORRENT:						
CSG SYSTEMS:						
ECHOSTAR:	CDGD	42.82	(3.97%)	19.01%		
GOOGLE:	3A13		(1.50%)	(1.07%)		
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SONY:	SNE	32.45	(0.58%)	31.86%
SPRINT NEXTEL:				
SYNACOR:	SYNC	2.77	(2.12%)	58.29%
UNIVERSAL ELEC:	UEIC	73.17	(4.06%)	42.49%
VONAGE:				
YAHOO:	YHOO	42.92	(0.83%)	29.04%
TELCOC				
TELCOS	-	20.71	(2.020/)	15 400/
AT&T:				
CENTURYLINK:				
FRONTIER :	FTR	4.56	0.00%	(2.36%)
TDS:	TDS	27.04	(3.91%)	4.44%
VERIZON:	VZ	51.82	(2%)	12.12%
MARKET INDICES				
DOW:	DJI	18085.45	(2.2%)	3.79%
NASDAQ:	IXIC	5125.91	(2.36%)	2.37%
S&P 500:				

WINNERS & LOSERS THIS WEEK'S STOCK PRICE WINNERS

THIS WEEK'S STOCK PRICE LOSERS

COMPANY	CLOSE	1-WK CH
1. BLNDER TONGUE:	0.59	5.36%
2. SPRINT NEXTEL:	6.65	3.58%
3. TEGNA:	21.12	2.23%
4. CONCURRENT:	5.52	0.73%
5. MSG NETWORKS:	17.59	0.63%

CUMPANY	CLUSE	1-WK G
1. AVID TECH:	7.76	. (14.91%)
2. GRUPO TELEVISA:	25.34	(8.42%)
3. VIACOM:	41.67	(6.78%)
4. ARRIS GROUP:	26.73	(6.05%)
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