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HDTV Technology Background

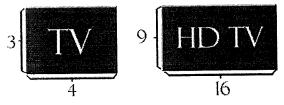
Overview

While much has changed in television over the last 25 years, the essential look and sound of the medium – referred to as analog – has largely remained the same. Digital television ("DTV") is a general reference to a new all-digital system where programming is produced, transmitted, and received digitally. DTV is also is an umbrella term given to TV sets and monitors that can receive and display the various digital formats.

High-Definition Television (HDTV) is the highest resolution format of digital television. *Standard-Definition* (SDTV) is a lower resolution digital television format.

How HDTV Differs from Analog TV

- 1) HDTV has higher resolution: The image on a digital television is made up of small elements called pixels. The pixels in HDTV are closely packed together to provide high-resolution detail. HDTV can have 1,280 or 1,920 active horizontal pixels by 720 or 1,080 active scanning lines respectively. The total number of pixels in a high-definition image can exceed two million.
- 2) HDTV has a widescreen format: In addition to providing improved picture quality with more visible detail, HDTV is transmitted in a widescreen display commonly referred to as a 16:9 format, meaning that the picture is 16 units wide by 9 units high. A conventional analog TV display is 4 units wide by 3 units high, or 4:3 (see diagram below). Thus, the 16:9 display provides a wider image area that more closely matches the relative dimensions, or aspect ratio, of cinema.



3) HDTV has better sound: Many HDTV programs also contain multi-channel (5.1) Dolby® Digital surround sound to complete the realism of the viewing experience within a home theater system.



Digital Television Sets & Monitors

Two tiers of DTVs – HDTV and SDTV – differ in the number of pixels they display on the screen. A high-definition display must be capable of displaying 1,080 active lines using interlaced scanning (1080i) or 720 active lines using progressive scanning (720p) on a screen with a 16:9 aspect ratio. By comparison, a standard-definition display must, at a minimum, be capable of displaying 480 active lines using interlaced scanning in at least one of two aspect ratios, 16:9 or 4:3.

Some digital television sets may provide the tuning and digital decoding functions built into the device to offer an integrated, one-product solution. Other sets are only capable of displaying the HDTV or SDTV programming and require a separate receiver/tuner or set-top box to receive the digital signal.

Digital television sets and monitors incorporate different display technologies, including direct-view (the cathode ray tube style most of us are familiar with), front or rear projection, and plasma.

How to get HDTV

There are several components required to watch a program in high-definition.

- 1) <u>The program must be transmitted in high-definition.</u> Viewers can receive HDTV signals through one of three ways: over-the-air broadcast, cable or direct broadcast satellite.
- At the consumer's home, the signal must first go through a receiver/tuner. Some HDTV sets now have receivers/tuners built-in, while other times the receiver/tuner is sold separately. Cable subscribers who receive HDTV programming do so by means of a special HDTV set-top box.
- <u>The program must be viewed on an HDTV set.</u> If consumers have a separate receiver/tuner – either over-the-air, cable or satellite – they can receive and view HDTV programming on an HDTV monitor. Some HDTVs incorporate an integrated receiver/tuner.

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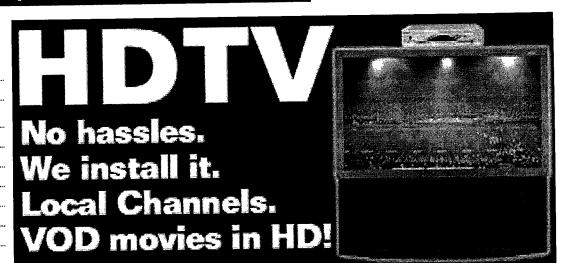
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(HOTV set required. HD and HD-DVR converter available in most areas. Product may vary.)

Ready to take the next step in your television viewing experience? Time Warner Cable is the easiest solution for getting HDTV (high definition television). You'll be blown away by the theater-like picture quality and sound that only HDTV can offer. Watch your favorite shows, movies, sports and events with a wider screen, life-like picture and crystal clear sound.

And now get Movies on Demand with IControl in full High Definition. Rent hit movies in true HD quality on channel 122.

* It's a theater-like experience - enjoy your favorite TV shows, movies, sports and events as if you were watching them in a theater. See more of the TV picture with a wider viewing area and feel the depth and clarity of Dolby® Surround technology.

* Get more primetime programming than satellite - Included with Digital Cable, see HDTV programs from local broadcast networks including ABC, CBS, NBC and PBS, PLUS favorites Discovery HD Theater and TNT HD. You can also get high definition movies, events and original programming from HBO and Showtime.*

* Want More HDTV Programming? - our HDTV Plus Tier includes even more for only \$6.95 a month. Enjoy movies, concerts, sports and more from ESPN HD, HD Net, HD Net Movies, INHD and INHD2. Or rent hit movies in HD with IControl functionality on VOD channel 122 starting at \$3.95. Click here for HD Programming Highlights

* No expensive equipment to buy - unlike satellite, you don't need an expensive receiver or dish. Just upgrade to a new digital HD-enabled set-top box for your HD television. There's no extra cost because you're a Time Warner Digital Cable customer.

* We'll install it for you - with our hassie-free professional installation, you don't have to install any bulky equipment on your roof. Everything you need is in our digital HD set-top box.

* HD-DVR - Click to learn more about how you can upgrade to a DVR that records HDTV.

HD-ready TV set and HDTV digital converter required to receive HDTV programming.

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Terms and Conditions	MONTHLY SERVICE RATES	Rate
Answers On Demand	Limited Basic Service (channels 2-22)	\$14.75
Rates and Payment	Cable Service (channels 23-79)	\$32.05
	Basic Service (channels 2-80)	\$46.80
Lincoln Rates >>	Digital Tier†(41 channels, 208-281)	\$6.95
Auburn Rates	Sports Tier†(9 channels, 300-313)	\$1.95
Columbus Rates	Latino Tier†(channels 350-365) w/Digital Tier	\$4.95
Crete Rates	HDTV Plus Tier†(channels 113-117) w/Digital Tier	\$6.95
David City Rates	Movie Tier†(channels 501-507)	\$3.00
Fairbury Rates	DIGIPiC 1000 Package	\$63.65
Falls City Rates	DIGIPiC 2000 Package	\$76.99
Fremont Rates	DIGIPiC 4000 Package	\$89.99
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Pawnee City Rates	The Movie Channel†(4 channels)	\$9.95 \$9.95
-	Cinemax†(12 channels)	\$9.95
Seward Rates	Starz!†(5 channels)	\$7.65
Superior Rates	Digital Converter or Digital Video Recorder (DVR)	\$4.95
Table Rock Rates	DVR Service with Digital Tier†	\$7.65
Tecumseh Rates	HD Converter	\$7.65
York Rates	HD Digital Video Recorder	\$0.69
How To Read Your Bill	Basic Converter	\$0.30
PayXpress Online Billpay		\$6.95
Stop Cable Theft	Video On Demand - (Most Movies)	\$3.95
Customer Service Form	Programming Additional Outlets	\$0.00
	Home Delivered Program Guide	\$2.00
	NEW INSTALLATION	Each
	Primary Outlet	\$40.54
	Additional Outlet (same trip)	\$18.29
	Additional Outlet (separate trip)	\$29.82
	RECONNECT INSTALLATION	Each
	Primary (up to two outlets)	\$27.03
	Additional Outlet (same trip, three and over)	\$15.03
	Additional Outlet (separate trip)	\$29.82
	OTHER SERVICES	Each
	Change of Service (trip required)	\$15.00
	Change of service (no trip required)	\$2.00
	Transfer of Service	\$10.00

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Stereo Kit	\$3.00
A/B Switch Kit	\$10.00
In-House Amp Charge	\$56.00
Hourly Service Charge	\$38.24

HIGH SPEED ONLINE

MONTHLY ROAD RUNNER SERVICE CHARGES	Each
Road Runner (with Cable)	\$44.95
Road Runner (without Cable)	\$49.95
Additional IP Addresses (max/4 additional) each	\$10.00
Additional Email Addresses (blocks of 5) each	\$5.00
Additional Home Page Storage (blocks of 5MB) ea	\$5.00
Road Runner Cable Outlet Installation	\$29.82
Self Installation Kit	\$9.95
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WIRELESS ROAD RUNNER INSTALLATION 1st PC or Laptop (includes labor & network card) 2nd PC or Laptop (labor only)	Each \$49.95 \$40.00
WIRELESS ROAD RUNNER INSTALLATION 1st PC or Laptop (includes labor & network card) 2nd PC or Laptop (labor only) USB - Wireless Card (card only)	Each \$49.95 \$40.00 \$42.00

Cable Service is only available with Basic Service. Prices do not include state or local taxes, franchise fees, federal regulatory or other fees. Rates and channel lineup are subject to change. Other restrictions may apply.

New rates effective January 2005.

*Price excludes monthly Internet access fee. †Digital, DVR or HD Receiver required.

Call 421-0300 or your local office for more information

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FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY

Dear Secretary Dortch

On January 20, 2004, Peter Brubaker, President and CEO, Susquehanna Media Co.; Joe Gans, President and CEO, Gans Multimedia Partnership; Gary Shorman, President and CEO, Eagle Communications; Richard Sjoberg, President and CEO, Sjoberg's, Inc., and Diane Burstein, Deputy General Counsel, NCTA, met with Jordan Goldstein, Senior Legal Advisor to Commissioner Copps, Catherine Bohigian, Legal Advisor to Commissioner Martin; Johanna Mikes Shelton, Legal Advisor to Commissioner Adelstein; Stacy Robinson Fuller, Legal Advisor to Commissioner Abernathy; and Jonathan Cody, Legal Advisor to Chairman Powell. During these meetings, the cable operators discussed the concerns of operators of smaller cable systems and systems located in smaller and rural markets with respect to a digital must carry requirement.

Cable operators explained their interest in providing a differentiated product that includes high definition ("HD") programming and described how cable carriage of digital broadcast signals is occurring without any FCC mandate. They described their roll-out of HD programming, which in many cases includes carriage of commercial and non-commercial HD broadcast signals. In several cases in the smaller and rural markets in which they operate, local HD digital broadcast programming is not available over the air because the stations are either transmitting in low power or are not yet transmitting high definition programming. Copies of the attached materials, which provide examples of the HD programming and promotional efforts of Susquehanna Media Co. and Eagle Communications, were distributed at these meetings.

In addition, the cable operators described how they provide local programming of interest to their community Operators explained how they produce local news and information programming on several of the systems they operate They also discussed how local television stations do not provide local news and information for many of the smaller and rural communities served by the cable systems they operate.

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Finally, the cable operators described how a dual or multicast must carry rule would burden their systems by using up valuable channel capacity and imposing additional costs. They urged the Commission to let the marketplace continue to work by not imposing a dual carriage or multicasting requirement.

Respectfully submitted,

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Attachments

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SUSQUEHANNA COMMUNICATIONS FACT SHEET ADVANCED SERVICES*

Company Statistics

- Eight systems serving 207,300 customers
- 89% rebuilt
- Acquisition of Carmel, NY pending with additional 30,000 subscribers
- Subsidiary of Susquehanna Media Co. (Comcast owns a passive minority interest.)

Digital Service

- Launched in November, 1999
- Available in all eight systems
- Penetration 21% of basic subscribers

High Speed Data

- Launched in July 1997
- Available in seven of eight systems
- Penetration 22% of two-way basic subscribers

High Definition

- Launched in February, 2003
- Available in two systems (63% of basic subscribers)
- Adding three more markets in first half of 2004
- Carrying all available local HD broadcast channels including Public Television
- Penetration less than 1% of basic subscribers

Telephony

- Not currently offering residential telephony
- Carmel system is offering local phone service over cable using circuit switched technology
- CLEC services to commercial customers available in York, PA
- Planning VOIP trial for later this year

*All statistics as of December 31, 2003.

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SusCom York Locally Originated Programming

SusCom 4 Viewer's Guide

Baltimore Orioles Baseball - SusCom 4 brings Orioles fans exclusive O's games throughout the season. 30 to 40 games air live from April to October.

Between the Lines -Sports talk show with interviews and updates of local and national sports. Airs 2 times/week. New show each month.

Beyond the Drawingboard – Home improvement program featuring the latest in home remodeling ideas from local contractors. Airs 2 times/week. Two shows each month.

Business Showcase - Local businesses serving the community are highlighted on this program. Usually 15 minutes in length, infomercial format. Air times vary with contracts.

Focus on York - Public service program hosted by York Mayor John Brenner highlighting the programs and services, history and people of the City of York. Airs 2 times/week. New show each month.

The Gary Sutton Show - WSBA-AM's Gary Sutton brings his radio show to TV live every Wednesday night with indepth interviews of local political and business leaders. New live show each week.

High School Sports - Local high school basketball and football games are presented live from local high schools. SusCom 4 also brings boys and girls high school volleyball games to fans across the viewing area.

Basketball - 11 games each winter, including playoff and championship games

Football - 10 games each fall from area high schools

Volleyball - 7 boys and 7 girls games each season

Other sports specials include the Linesman Challenge (strength competition among high school football players), Football and Basketball Preseason specials (preview of upcoming seasons), and LPGA Futures Golf specials (highlighting local segment of national golf tour). High School Sports has aired on SusCom 4 continuously for 20 years and has won numerous awards.

Holiday and Special Programming - York and Hanover Halloween Parades are presented live each year to local viewers. Santa Phone, a live call-in show in its tenth year, features Santa Claus taking requests from area children live nightly during the week preceding Christmas. SPCA Telethon, a new December tradition, has raised more than \$50,000 in the past three years.

Hope For Today – Local church offers uplifting spiritual messages on this weekly program. New show each week.

In and Around -- Viewers learn about the unique people and places in our own hometowns. Airs 2 times/week. New show each month.

Legal Lines - Local attorney discusses important legal topics with other York-area lawyers, sponsored by the York County Bar Foundation. Airs 2 times/week. New show every other month.

Medically Speaking - Local doctors host this weekly live call-in program where viewers can question physicians on a variety of medical topics. Specials air throughout the season on such topics as Cancer Care, Cardio-Wellness, and Breast Cancer Awareness. Airs 2 times/week. New live show each week. On the air for more than 10 years.

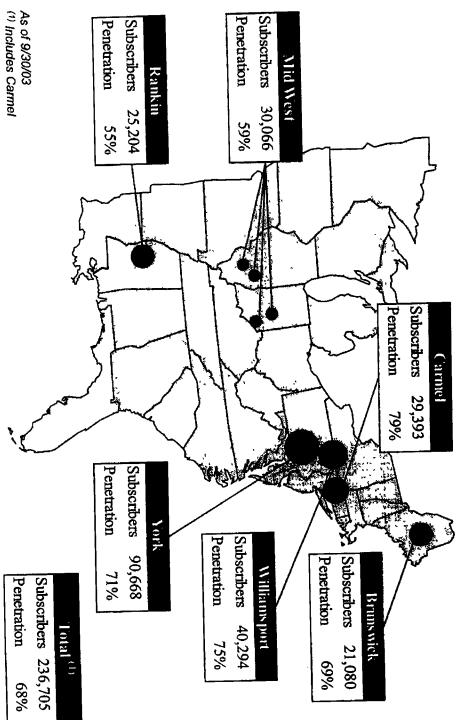
Meet The Pets - SusCom 4 visits the York County SPCA each week to give viewers their first look at animals lost or available for adoption. Airs 2 times/week. New show each week. On the air for 20 years.

Morgan Collins Real Estate Digest - Homes currently for sale through Morgan Collins Realty are presented every weekend. Paid programming. Airs 2 times/week. New show every other week.

Now We're Cooking - Deb Bixler, local culinary instructor, takes the fear out of cooking healthy and delicious meals. Airs two times/week. New show each week.

Penn College & You - Travel tips, craft ideas, computer lessons and other topics are discussed on this monthly program presented by Penn State's Pennsylvania College of Technology. Airs 1 time each week. New show each month.





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13 WLYH/15-UPN*

14 WGN/Chicago*

17 WPHL/17-WB*

16 Community Access Television

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27 Comcast SportsNet*

31 Turner Network Television*

35 American Movie Classics*

36 Discovery Channel*

18 PIN (Product Information Network)

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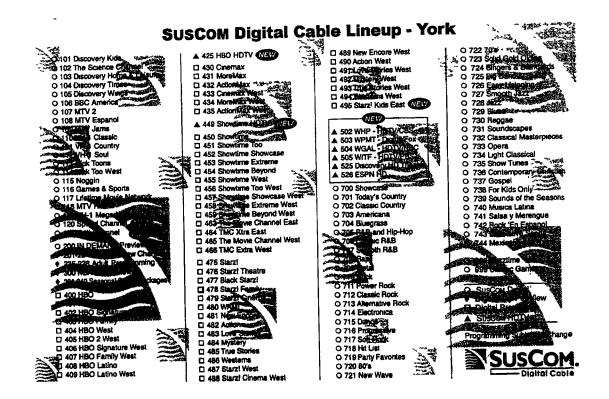
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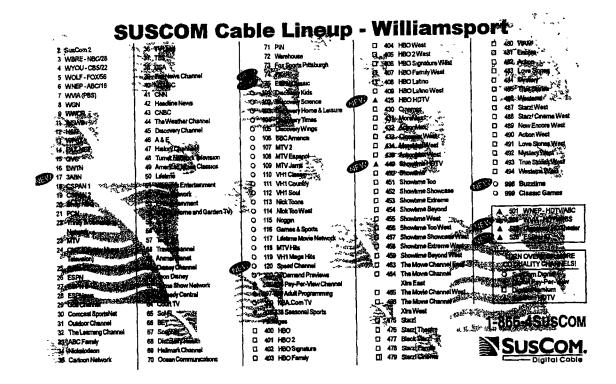
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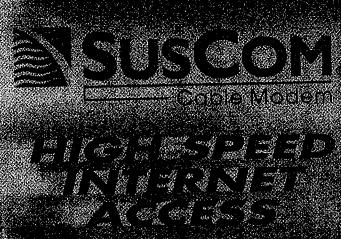
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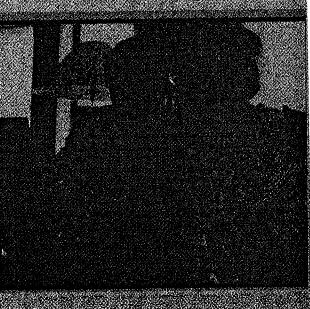
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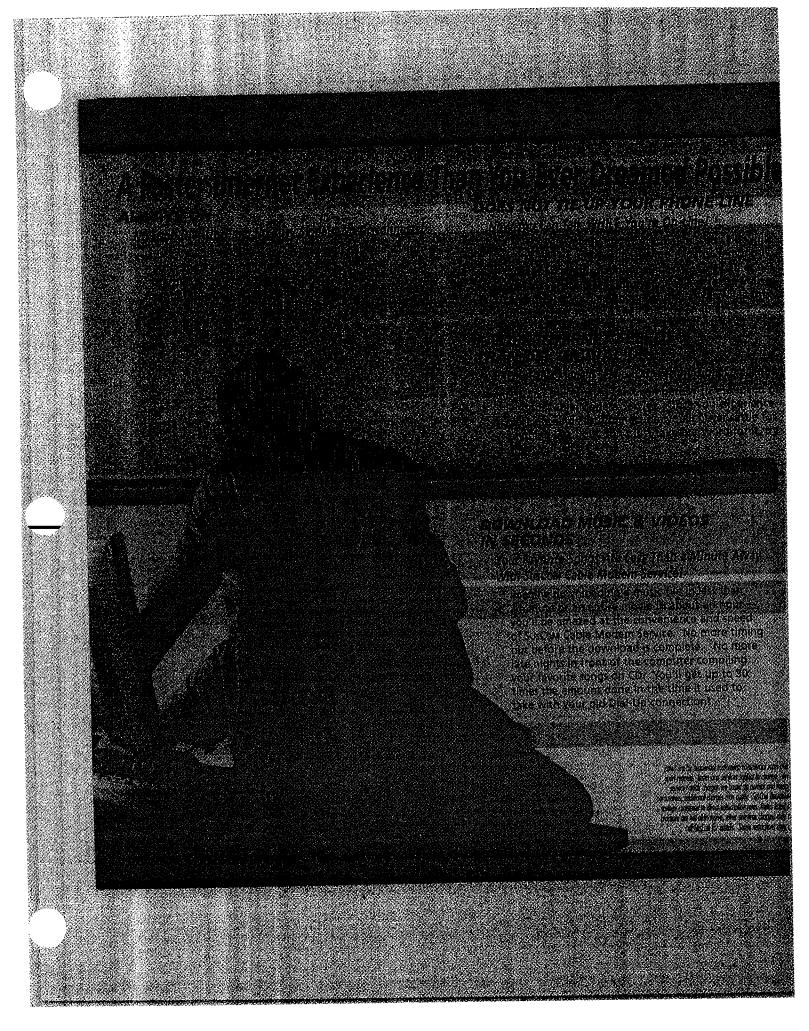


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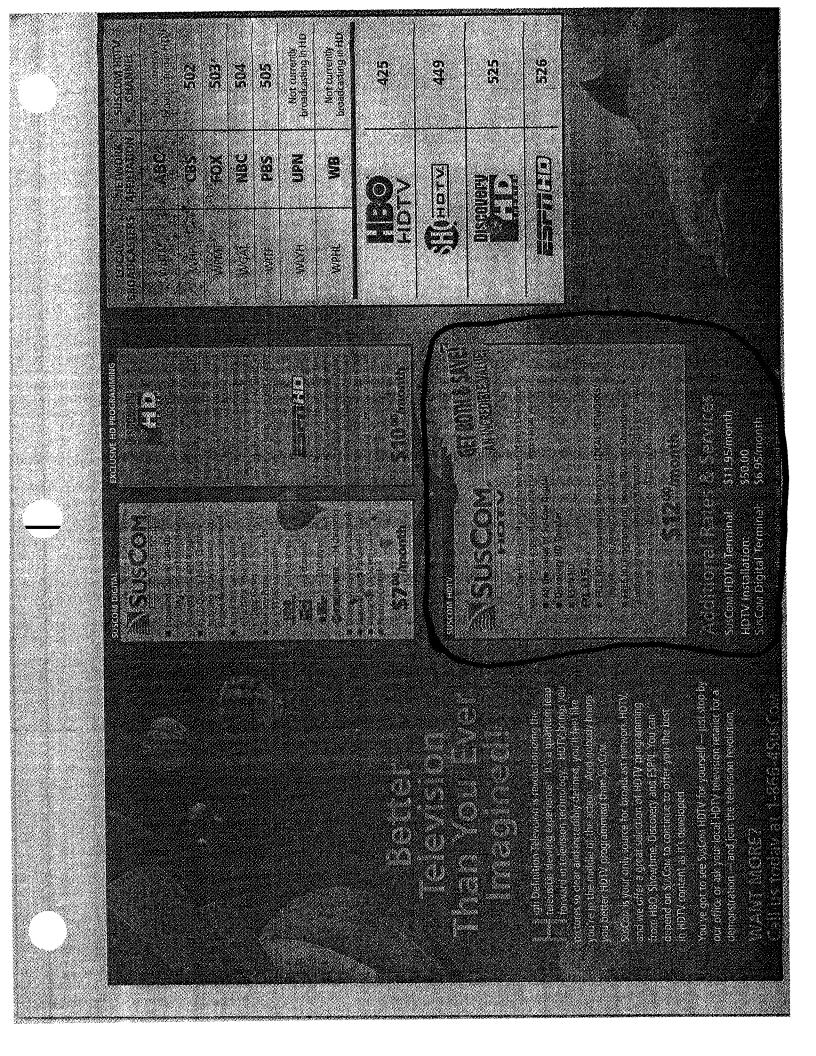
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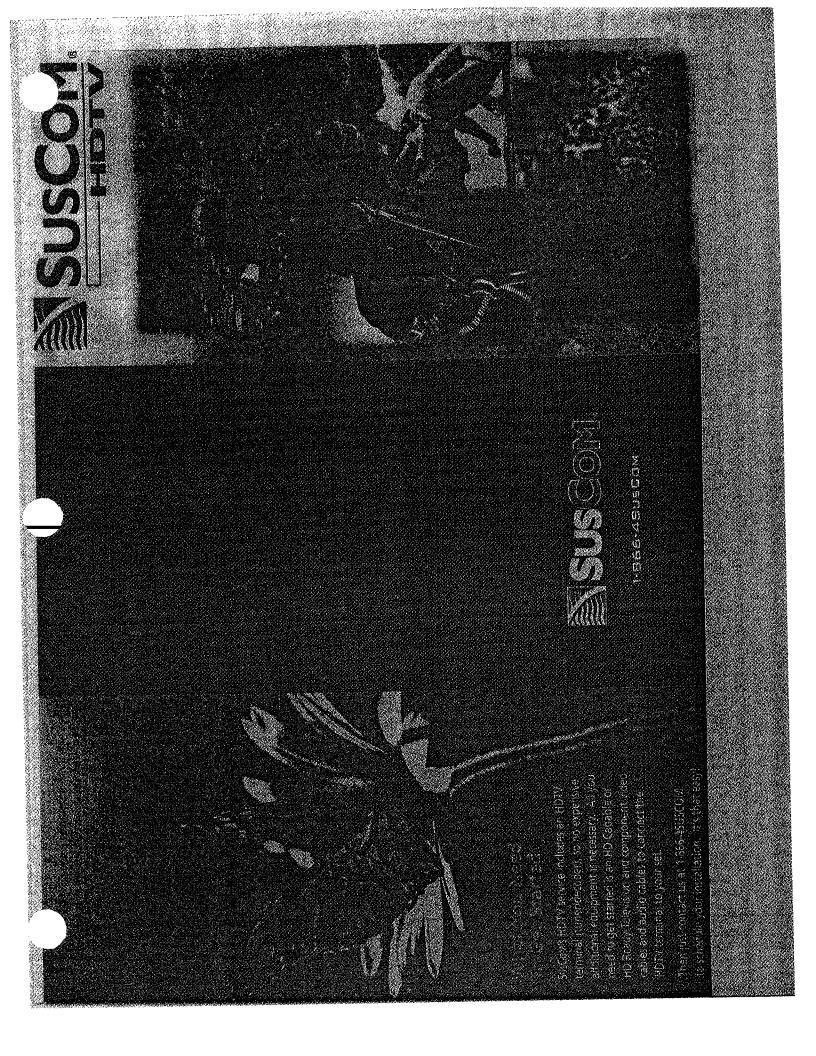
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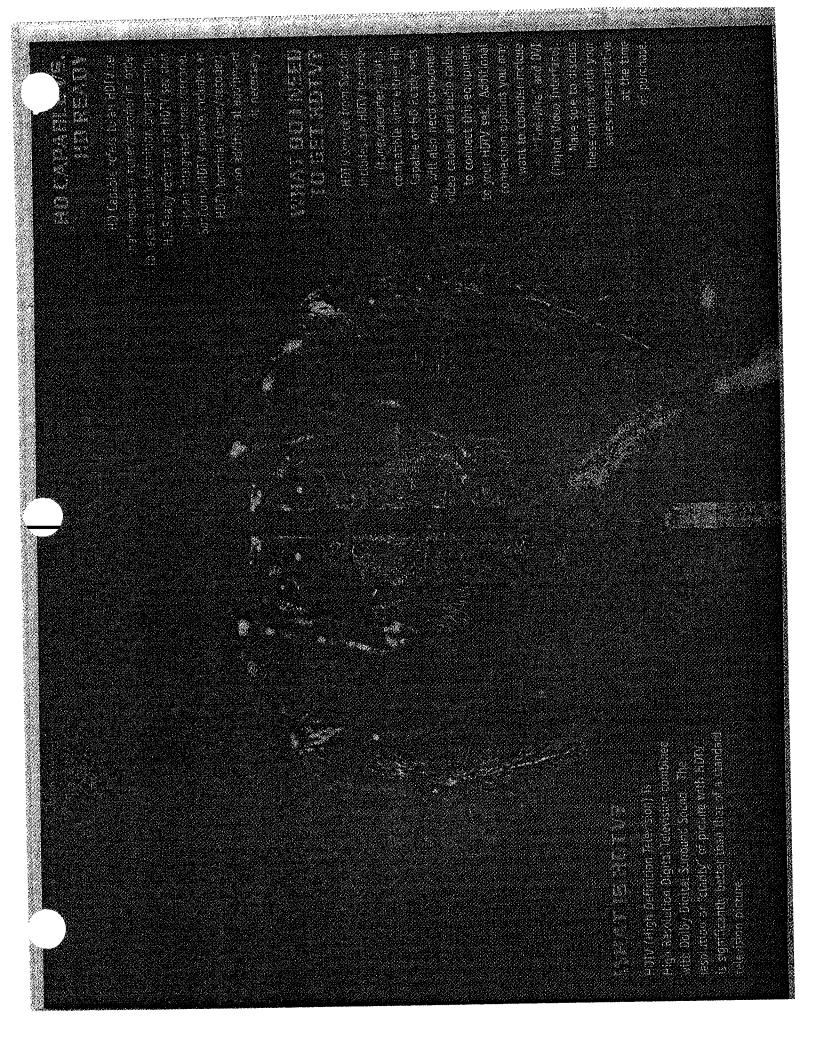
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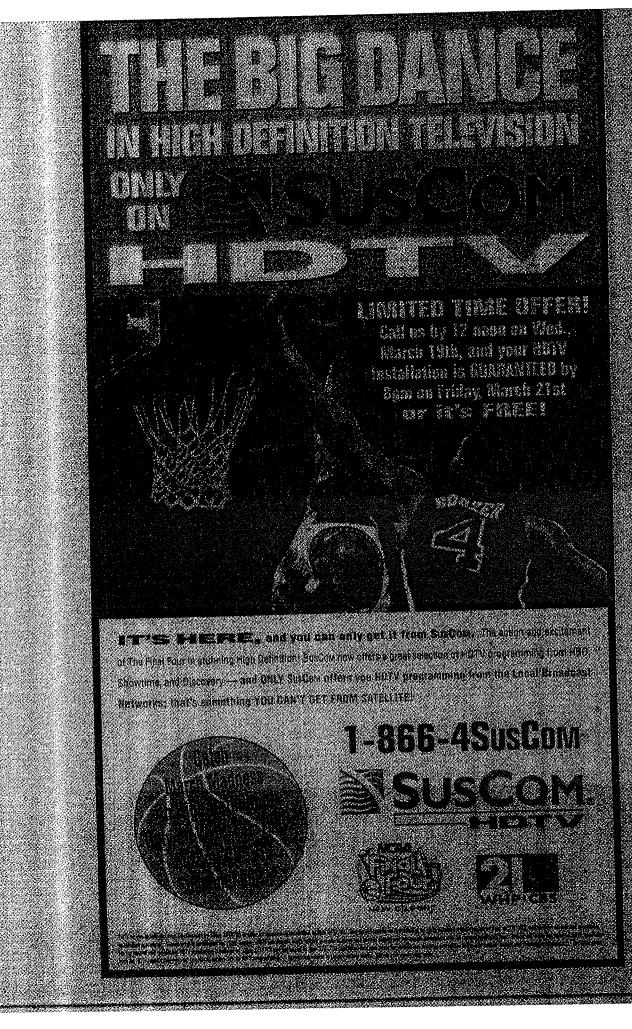


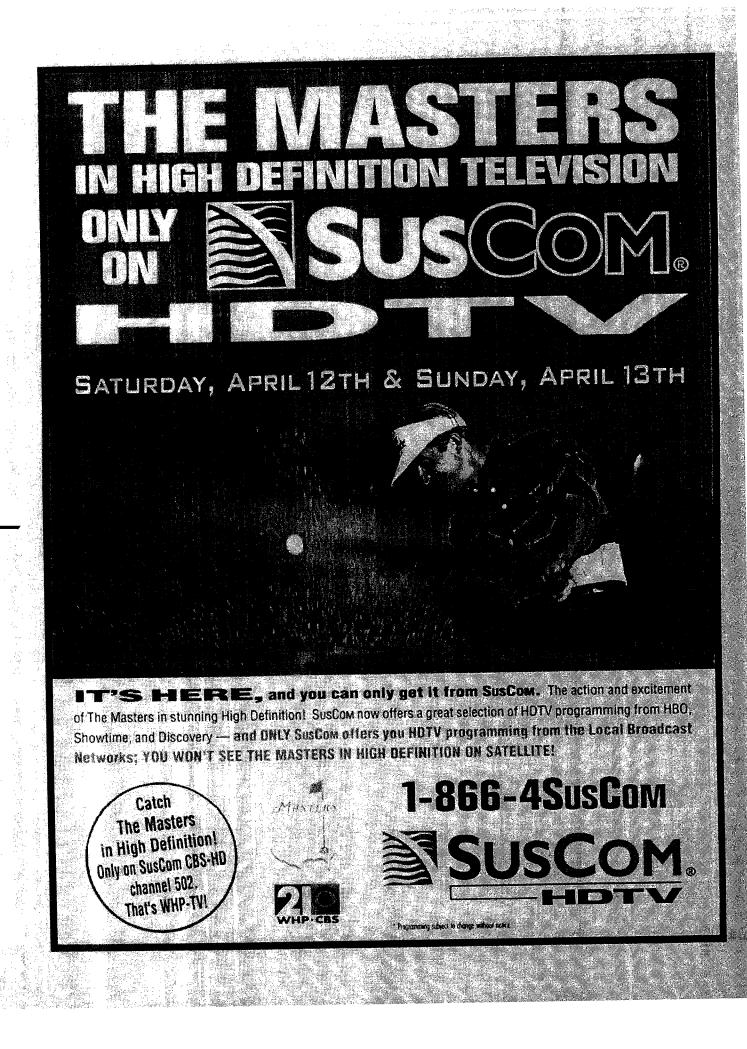












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NEWBERRY TOWNSHIP	PA
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OXFORD TOWNSHIP	PA
PARADISE TOWNSHIP	PA
PENN TOWNSHIP	PA
RED LION BOROUGH	PA
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IGAL NAME OF OWNER OF CABLE SYSTEM

COMCAST CABLEVISION OF POTOMAC, LLC

SECONDARY TRANSMISSION SERVICE: SUBSCRIBERS AND RATES

In General: The information in space E should cover all categories of "secondary transmission service" of the cable system: that is, the retransmission of television and radio broadcasts by your system to subscribers. Give information about other services (including pay cable) in space F, not here. All the facts you state must be those existing on the last day of the accounting period (June 30 or December 31, as the case may be).

Number of Supscribers: Both blocks in space E call for the number of subscribers to the cable system, broken down by categories of secondary transmission service. In general, you can compute the number of "subscribers" in each category by counting the number of billings in that category (the number of persons or organizations charged separately for the particular service at the rate indicated not the number of sets receiving service).

Rate: Give the standard rate charged for each category of service. Include both the amount of the charge and the unit in which it is generally billed. (Example: "\$8/mth"). Summarize any standard rate variations within a particular rate category, but do not include discounts allowed for advance payment.

Block 1 in the lett-hand block in space E, the form lists the categories of secondary transmission service that cable systems most commonly provide to their subscribers. Give the number of subscribers and rate for each listed category that applies to your system. Note: Where an individual or organization is receiving service that talk under different categories, that person or entry should be counted as a "subscriber" in each applicable category. Example: a residential who pays extra for cable service to additional sets would be included in the count under "Service to the First

BLOCK 1 NO. OF ATEGORY OF SERVICE SUBSCRIBERS R/	ATE	CATEGORY OF SERVICE	NO. OF SUBSCRIBERS	
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SERVICES OTHER THAN SECONDARY TRANSMISSIONS: RATES

in General: Space F calls for rate (not subscriber) information with respect to all your cable system's services that were not covered in space E. That is, those services that are not offered in combination with any secondary transmission service for a single fee. There are two exceptions you do not need to give rate information concerning: (1) services furnished at cost; and (2) services or facilities furnished to nonsubscribers. Rate information should include both the amount of the charge and the unit in which it is usually billed. If any rates are charged on a variable per-program basis, enter only the letters "PP" in the rate column.

Block 1: Give the standard rate charged by the cable system for each of the applicable services listed.

Block 2: List any services that your cable system turnished or offered during the accounting period that were not listed In block 1 and for which a separate charge was made or established. List these other services in the form of a brief (two or three word) description, and include the rate for each.

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CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE SECOND AND D STREETS, S.W. WASHINGTON, D.C. 20515 Thus, for parties other than the federal government, the FCC determines how the spectrum can be used and grants licenses, typically for use of specific frequencies over a limited geographic area. The portion of the radio spectrum allocated to television broadcasting is licensed in that fashion. In choosing among competing applicants for the same license, the FCC has increasingly used auctions. Legally, all spectrum is owned by the public (auction receipts thus go into the public coffers), and licensees have only a limited right to use the band of spectrum assigned to them. Again, unlike most other resources, a licensee of a band of spectrum is not generally free to change how it uses those frequencies without the government's approval.

TELEVISION BROADCASTING

Currently, television signals are broadcast in an analog format. In analog TV—also called NTSC for the National Television System Committee, which developed the technical standard for it-the electrical pulses that make up the video and audio programming are converted directly to radio waves for transmission over the airways. Each analog television station is licensed to use a frequency band of 6 megahertz (MHz). The very high frequency (VHF) stations use three blocks of spectrum: 54 to 72 MHz (channels 2, 3, and 4), 76 to 88 MHz (channels 5 and 6), and 174 to 216 MHz (channels 7 to 13; see Figure 1). The ultrahigh frequency (UHF) stations occupy two blocks: 470 to 608 MHz (channels 14 to 36-channel 37 is reserved for radio astronomy) and 614 to 806 MHz (channels 38 to 69). To keep one station's signals from interfering with another's, the FCC requires stations using the same frequencies and stations on adjoining frequency bands to maintain a certain minimum geographic distance from one another.⁵ In the UHF bands, the commission also controls the spacing of some combinations of channels whose signals would otherwise interfere with each other because of physical relationships between their frequencies.

As of October 1998, on the eve of the first commercial digital broadcasts (see below), analog televison was widespread: 1,215 advertiser-supported commercial stations and 368 public stations were broadcasting in the United States. In addition to those 1,583 full-power stations, 7,319 low-power and translator stations were operating.⁶ (Low-power stations broadcast programming with a weaker signal and to smaller areas than the full-powered stations; translator stations retransmit the signals of other stations to unserved areas.) In 1997, the average home received just

^{5.} As Figure 1 shows, sequentially numbered channels may not necessarily occupy adjoining frequencies and thus are not subject to the spacing requirements. For example, stations operate on both channels 4 and 5 in Washington, D.C.

^{6. &}quot;By the Numbers," Broadcasting & Cable, November 9, 1998, p. 72.

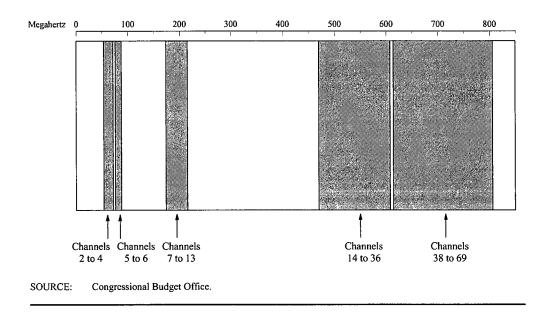


FIGURE 1. PORTION OF THE ELECTROMAGNETIC SPECTRUM ALLOCATED TO BROADCAST TELEVISION

over 13 full-power, over-the-air channels, up from about nine in 1981.⁷ Moreover, in 1998, 98 percent of U.S. households had color television sets. (By contrast, 94 percent of households had telephone service.)⁸

During the transition to DTV service, each analog station will broadcast a digital signal on a second 6-MHz channel simultaneously with its analog signal. In contrast to analog TV, digital TV first converts the information contained in programming to a digital format—a series of zeros and ones—and then translates the digital information into a radio wave for transmission. Thus, both analog and digital television signals are transmitted over the air by modulating a radio wave. However, converting a television broadcast to a digital format allows much more information—whether in the form of better picture and sound quality, multiple programs, or supplementary data—to be broadcast over a single channel. In addition, digital signals are more tolerant of interference, which allows stations to broadcast on adjacent channels. Those and other features are among the incentives that spurred the transition to digital television.

Nielsen Media Research, 1992-1993 Report on Television (New York: Nielsen Media Research, 1993), p. 7; and personal communications to the Congressional Budget Office by Nielsen Media Research staff, December 9, 1998.

^{8.} Data provided by the Consumer Electronics Manufacturers Association and Federal Communications Commission, "FCC Releases New Telephone Subscriber Report," *News Release*, February 18, 1999.



Local stations multicast multishows

By Paul Davidson, USA TODAY

Three hundred TV channels not enough for you? How about a few dozen more, courtesy of the likes of NBC, ABC, CBS and their affiliates?



At the same time WRAL-TV airs Dr. Phil, it shows other programming on its HDTV station.

With high-definition TV sales and broadcasts taking off, a growing number of local TV stations that broadcast in digital are also multicasting — or chopping those digital streams into two, three or four separate channels.

Typically, they can transmit a high-definition channel and one or two lower-resolution standard-definition channels in prime time, or four to six standard-definition channels during the day.

Carrier tion's 1,700 broadcast stations, 213 are multicasting, up from 72 in 2001, says Decisionmark, which tracks digital TV. About half are public TV stations.

They churn out such fare as 24-hour local news and weather. There is live coverage of political debates, trials and area sports. And the major networks and their affiliates are plotting bolder offerings, such as local versions of entertainment news shows and a Headline News-style screen for local palates.

To see the channels, viewers generally need a digital set or must subscribe to their cable provider's digital tier. "Affiliates are committed to carrying a fairly high percentage of (network) programming, and that's squeezing out local" shows, says Bob Lee, general manager of multicaster WDBJ-TV, the CBS affiliate in Roanoke, Va. "We've put the choice in viewers' hands."

As cable channels siphon more viewers, broadcasters say multicasting helps them fight back and partly recoup their multimillion-dollar investment in digital TV. But a lobbying war between broadcasters and cable systems threatens to limit rollout. Broadcasters say a federal law that requires systems to carry their main channels also mandates carriage of their multicast offspring.

"We're free, over-the-air television. As long as it's free, cable should carry it," says Jim Goodmon, CEO of Capitol Broadcasting, which multicasts on its two stations in Raleigh, N.C.

The multiple channels, broadcasters say, occupy no more space on high-capacity digital cable systems than single analog channels. But cable companies say the law requiring transmission of a broadcaster's "primary video" refers only to the main channel. Besides, they argue, why should they carry what they call tepid offerings when a gaggle of cable channels are clamoring for space on their dials?

"It violates the First Amendment for the government to make the choice of what's going to be on cable," says Dan Brenner, counsel for the National Cable & Telecommunications Association. Air great channels, and systems will voluntarily carry them, he says.

Broadcasters retort that cable providers fear competition to cable channels, which supply their ad revenue; many are also partly owned by the cable giants. In a filing with the Federal Communications Commission, David Barrett, chief of Hearst-Argyle Television, says some cable systems have told his firm "they will not carry multicast programming ... competitive with cable programs they offer." He was not available for comment.

"This is a huge threat to The Weather Channel," says Forrester Research media analyst Josh Bernoff, noting multicasts offer more frequent local weather updates. Many cable systems also offer all-news channels that face fresh competition from multicasts.

68% of U.S. homes served by cable, many broadcasters say they will scrap or scale back their multicasting plans if the FCC doesn't mandate cable carnage.

The FCC has been deadlocked on the issue, but the tide might be turning. A majority of the five commissioners recently voiced support for a "must-carry" rule, though some say that hinges on a separate proposal to require some public-affairs and children's shows on the multicast channels.

A must-carry rule likely would not take effect for at least three years or when 85% of homes can get digital signals. But it would provide leverage in talks with cable systems today.

Meanwhile, stations are forging ahead. In Raleigh, Capitol's CBS affiliate, WRAL, is broadcasting a 24-hour news channel in addition to its high-definition channel. Besides recycling WRAL newscasts, the channel brims with local coverage, televising the murder trial of a former city councilman last year while CBS aired its c schedule. During the NCAA basketball tournament, it showed four games the same night on four channels.

When CBS switched to golf the day of the space shuttle Columbia disaster last year, WRAL stuck with coverage on one ancillary channel and showed ACC basketball on another.

"We're losing money," Capitol's Goodmon says, noting the company invested \$1 million in multicasting, and only sports shows have ads. "But I'm building a local news brand, and there's no doubt" revenue will outpace costs. The channels are on area Time Warner and Cox cable systems, but not on Adelphia and Charter.

Like WRAL, Roanoke's WDBJ repackages its weather and news, so costs are low. "It's leveraging assets," Lee says. He expects multicasts to turn a profit next year.

Other multicasting programs and plans:

•Many public TV stations are providing adult and children's education, foreign-language programming and gavel-to-gavel coverage of state legislatures.

•NBC and its affiliates are planning a local weather/news service. It's also considering programs such as local versions of — or behind-the-scenes footage from — Access Hollywood and profiles of local reality show contestants.

"We see ourselves taking some of our brands and localizing them," says Brandon Burgess, head of NBC business development.

•ABC is multicasting news/public affairs and weather channels at its KFSN station in Fresno, Calif. It plans to replicate the model at the nine other stations it owns.

•WKMG, CBS affiliate in Orlando, plans to broadcast a Web-style screen with local news, weather maps, headlines and rotating live traffic views.

Some broadcasters say multicasting lets them better compete for advertisers by offering different channels to reach different audiences, just as cable systems do. NBC affiliates want to target local news to a town in a coverage area and sell more affordable ads to local businesses. "We get to play at that party," says Roger Oaden, head of the NBC affiliate board.

Others are skeptical. Sinclair Broadcast Group, which owns 62 stations, has no plans to multicast. "I'm not holding my breath that anyone's going to get rich putting weather up," company President David Smith says.

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and independent KRON San Francisco takes some programming from HDNet, Mark Cuban's all-highdefinition cable channel. Thy KELO in Sioux Falls, S.D., the 116th-largest TV market, carries a UPN feed 11 stations are testing the digital waters. Four have local weather channels, of Broadcasting, president Janice Huff on WNBC's Weather Plus

Broadcasters had hoped to force their digital channels onto cable systems by way of the FCC's "must-carry" guidelines, which compel cable operators to carry their commission ruled in favor of cable, saying operators are required to pick up only a single digital feed. Now local broadcast stations. In February, however, the broadcasters will have to negotiate distribution for any additional channels, the same as cable networks. on one digital channel and weather on another.

Secondary channels promise new venue for selling By Allison Romano

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want to miss out. Rather than sacrifice WCTV's popular early-moming news-cast, President/GM Nick Waller gave the funeral feed to its new sister UPN station. Such sharing is standard when stations have a common parent. But Waller's duopoly is different: coverage of Pope John Paul II's April 8 funeral, WCTV Tallahassee, Fla., didn't hen CBS News offered affiliates live

His UPN station in Tallahassee is broadcast on one of WCTV's secondary digital channels.

digital television. The new digital spectrum can handle up to four standard-definition channels, creating new revenue and programming WCTV is just one of dozens of stations that are pabilities to cut costs and build profits, however slim. ties to phase out analog equipment in order to deliver already using their government-mandated digital ca-IV stations have spent millions upgrading their facili-

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In an industry plagued by slow growth increased competition from local cable, fresh opportunities are few and opportunities for stations. and

far between. Secondary digital channels offer an attractive new revenue stream, a venue for selling more advertising and But, because Nielsen doesn't rate secsponsorships.

ondary channels yet, stations can't pro-vide hard data to advertisers. As a result, advertising on digital services is much cheaper than on the primary station.

Gray Television, which owns WCTV, exploits its digi-tal capabilities in Tallahassee and three other markets by carrying UPN stations on digital. WCTV-DT carries UPN's regular prime time fare and also takes WCTV programs, such as a second run of *The Oprah Wirdrey of there* and sports. "This allows us to have more control of our programming," says Waller. Startup costs are low—Gray estimates it takes just \$300,000 in capital to launch each UPN station—and the company says its UPN affiliates are already contributing to its coffers.

digital channels. Many are PBS stations that don't take advertising. cal broadcasters are programming their Of ad-supported ventures, 24/7 weather channels are the most common play. NBC's Weather Plus, co-owned by NBC and its affiliates, is the largest and best-known. Currently, 20 NBC stations offer the service, and another 33 are carry---extra games on specially designated channels. scheduled to launch. the 116th-largest Sioux Falls, S.D., digital channel carries a UPN **Tiny KELO in** and weather feed on one on another. TV market.

stations have signed up, but Accu-Weather plans to unveil the service at this week's NAB show. Weather is a hot field. Forecasting service AccuWeather, which already supplies data to 50 stations, is shopping a hyper-local channel. So far, no

tions already produce hours of news a day, along with documentaries and special-event coverage. An all-news channel would help amortize those costs. A handful of stations, like tech-savy WRAL Raleigh, N.C., and WFAA Dallas offer such channels. In Ra-leigh, Time Warner Cable carries WRAL's weather News channels are another attractive option. Sta-

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scription services. At last year's NAB, Emmis Com-munications Chairman Jeff Smulyan unvelled a plan to air the popular cable channels via digital broadcast. US-DTV CEO Steve Lindsley launched a similar business in Salt Lake City, Las Vegas and Albuquerque, N.M. Despite bullish projections, however, neither system has In the future, some local broadcasters hope to deliver more-entertaining fare, such as movies, classic TV shows or sports, on digital channels, possibly as subexpanded to other markets.

For now, many stations are on the sidelines, waiting to finalize their business models. For now, most simply

simulcast their analog feed on the digital channel.

To watch a digital channel, viewers need a TV with a built-in tuner or a digital cable box, and digital TV penetration is low: Only about 11 million sets have been sold, compared with hundreds of mil-lions of analog TVs. But digital-cable penetration is projected to hit more than 25 million subscribers this year.

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offering forecasts, ski reports, stock quotes and news headlines all set to soothing jazz music. It counts 250,000 subscribers on small area cable systems, but In Allentown, Pa., independent station WFMZ un-derstands the need for a big cable company all too well. The station launched a weather channel in 2001 the regional heavyweight Comcast does not carry it. GM Barry Fisher keeps pushing the cable giant. "The cable companies can use this as a tool to keep people away from satellite," he says.

The ruling, some local broadcasters say, will stymie development. "Without cable carriage, it makes it diffi-cult to invest heavily in new programming," says Alan

The FCC's ruling is not a roadblock, says NBC Exec-utive VP Brandon Burgess, an architect of the network's 24-hour digital channel, Weather Plus. "It comes down to the quality of the idea." NBC will launch a second

Frank, CEO of Post-Newsweek Stations.

multicast service in the next year or two, he says. CBS, which has, to date, focused its attention on high-definition, is also expected to get aggressive on In some cases, cable operators are eager to air the

door-related advertisers like Subaru and Gortex. Says Jay Ireland, president of NBC's station group, "This is focused programming and an alternative." NBC's Weather Plus has cracked 7 million cable homes in just four months on the air. That growth has allowed NBC to sell Weather Plus to brand-name out-

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