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BY DANA BALLESTERO

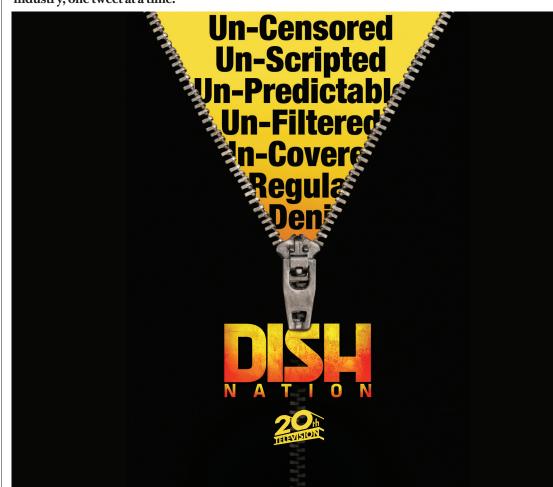
f you're a content producer, financier, distributor or marketer, NATPE is the opportunity to strategize on how to capture a piece of the ever-growing Hispanic market pie. A record number of Spanish-language content creators in the U.S. and Latin America, joined by a new wave of content conquistadors from Spain, are here in force at NATPE this week. They represent more than SEE SIZZLING, P.10

# **INDUSTRY HONORS LEGENDS**

▲ ■ ATPE will honor four content development leaders, all trailer-blazers in TV new digital platforms and feature films, tomorrow during the 11th Annual Brandon Tartikoff Legacy Award Ceremony. The 2014 four honorees include Grupo Televisa's Emilio Azcárraga Jean, Lionsgate's Jon Feltheimer, TV & film producer James L. Brooks, and former NBCUniversal SEE LEGENDS, P.2



Audiences who have their own audiences: That was the focus of the NATPE Opening Keynote address Monday when the executive team at Twitter-left to right, Jean-Philippe Maheu, managing director, global brand & agency strategy; Fred Graver, head of TV Twitter; and Mike Park, senior manager-took turns explaining how social media is transforming the content industry, one tweet at a time.



BY ROD COFFEE

Twitter #Content #Socialmedia #Industry-Transformation: Welcome to the keywords of the NATPE keynote session in 140 characters or less.

Three of Twitter's top executives took to the stage Monday to deliver a NATPE keynote focusing on the social media giant's global domination and its increasing impact upon the content creation

The executives-Fred Graver, Jean-Philippe Maheu SEE TWITTER, P.4



AgenceFrance-Presse

has selected Generation Technologies to be one of their premium North American content distribution partners for television news syndication. AFP will use GTC's flagship service, VIMychange to distribute breaking news video content from around the world directly to television newsrooms across the U.S....Unified Video Technologies has released its new IVE managed solution for creating and streaming 360° video experiences at NATPE.

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# AND THE ENVELOPE PLEASE... INDUSTRY LEGENDS RAISE STANDARD OF EXCELLENCE

ren Zalaznick. Tickets (\$175 each) for the event, which starts at 6:00 p.m., are available for purchase at the NATPE Registration Center.

### MAN OF OF ALL STEPS

Under the leadership of Emilio Azcárraga Jean, president, CEO and chairman of Grupo Televisa, the company has more than doubled its operating margin and consolidated its leadership in Mexico's broadcast business. Undisputed as a leader of Spanish-language content worldwide, the

company produces more than 90,000 hours of original programming annually-content that is exported to more than 130 countries, including an audience of 50 million Hispanics in the U.S.

Televisa has also become a major player in the Mexican telecommunications industry through its continued expansion into cable and satellite TV, as well as landline and mobile telephony services.

Azcárraga began Jon Feltheimer his career with the company in 1988 as Operations Director of Channel 12 in Tijuana, and

two years later, was appointed Grupo Televisa's corporate VP of programming. In 1996 he became COO, responsible for the overall operation of the company, and in 1997 he became CEO of the group after the death of his father, company founder Emilio Azcárraga Milmo.

Azcárraga is also president of Fundación Televisa, Mexico's most prominent foundation, whose mission is to generate opportunities for ing and cultural projects, and a key supporter of Teletón, a nationwide event to assist handicapped children and fight childhood cancer.

**LEADER OF A PACK** 

A 30-year entertainment

TV programming guru Lau- | industry veteran, Lionsgate | the critically acclaimed break-CEO Jon Feltheimer has been responsible for tens of thousands of hours of television programming and hundreds of films, including the global blockbuster Hunger Games franchise and Academy Award winners Crash, Monster's Ball and Precious.

Under his leadership, Lionsgate has grown into a next-generation global content leader whose market capitalization has

grown from

\$80 million in 2000

to nearly \$5 billion

today. Feltheimer also

has grown Lionsgate's

global television busi-

ness to encompass

more than 1,000 epi-

sodes of television con-

tent worldwide and

has increased its reve-

nue from \$8 million in

2000 to a projected half

billion dollars this year.

out Orange Is the New Black.

Prior to Lionsgate, Fel-

theimer spent nine years at

as head of the Columbia

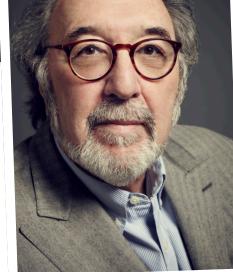
Television.

Sony Pictures Entertainment

TriStar Television Group and

head of Sony Entertainment

Lauren Zalaznick



James L. Brooks

### **FILM & TV ICON**

Lionsgate's television busi-Having brought to life ness includes a roster of hit some of the most indelible series for cable networks, intelevision and film characters improvement in education, | cluding the multiple Emmy | and stories in history, James values nutrition, health, hous- Award-winning Mad Men, L. Brooks has had his mark Nicholson. Nurse Jackie and Weeds, a on such smash iconic hits as broadcast network series, five The Simpsons, a worldwide shows in national syndication, cultural phenomenon that is about to celebrate its 25th anseveral television series utilizniversary. He created and proing the 10+90 model that Liduced ground-breaking hit onsgate pioneered and a growing slate of original content for shows such as Room 222, one digital platforms, including of the first shows to feature an

African-American lead character; The Mary Tyler Moore Show, which showed the world an independent working woman; Taxi, an ensemble comedy that explored the work experiences of a group of blue-collar taxi drivers; Lou Grant, which focused on issues for media and society; and The Tracey

Ullman Show, a brilliant platform for sketch comedy.

Over the course of a nearly 50-year career, Brooks, the winner of three Academy Awards and 20 Emmys, has also garnered huge success



Emilio Azcárraga Jean

on the big screen, including Terms of Endear*ment*, starring Shirley MacLaine, Jack Nicholson and Debra Winger which earned him three Oscars; Broadcast News, starring Holly Hunter, William Hurt and Albert Brooks; As Good As It Gets, starring Nicholson, Helen Hunt and Greg Kinnear;

Spanglish, starring Adam Sandler, Tea Leoni and Paz Vega: and How Do You Know. with Reese Witherspoon,

### **BRANCHING OUT**

The industry was shocked last September when 12-year NBCUniversal TV programming veteran Lauren Zalaznick, credited with the ratings rise of the conglomerate's

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Bravo channel as a destination for upper-income female viewers including reality show franchises The Real Housewives and Top Chef, decided to call it quits. Instead of joining another big media outfit she decided to hang her own shingle and, with her finger on the pulse of the media world, this month launched a passion project: LZ Sunday Paper, an electronic newsletter

> for women navigating the media and content busi-

ness worlds. At NBCUniversal, Zalaznick most recently served as executive VP of media innovation & cross company initiatives, in charge of digital operations and the formation of the NBCU Digital Council which tracks emerging trends. She also oversaw new business development and a newly formed consumer products group for NBCUniversal.

She began her career in media as an independent feature film producer, and today is widely recognized as an industry pioneer. Considered to be the first to recognize and harness the power of NBCUniversal's media portfolio, she formed the Integrated Media group in 2007. She previously chaired the advisory board of industry luminaries, Women at NBCU.

She also oversaw the highly effective "Symphony" initiative across NBCUniversal and Comcast Corporation properties, which coordinates promo-Owen Wilson, Paul Rudd and | tional efforts around the portfolio's biggest events including Universal Pictures' biggest film releases of the year, as well as NBC Entertainment Group's highest priorities such as NBC Entertainment Network's fall 2013 season and the 2014 Winter Olympics.

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## TWITTER INTEGRAL TV TOOL

and Mike Park—generated an audible buzz as they dissected the realities of servicing a mar-TV viewers now access a second screen-cell phone, tablet, laptop-to amplify their viewing experience.

Of those viewers, 40 percent are tweeting about their favorite shows as they are watching them-and that trend represents an "overwhelming transformation of viewer behavior in a short period of time," explained Fred Graver, head of Twitter TV.

One-by-one, the panelists provided a litany of anecdotes illustrating how the emerging technology is used to pursue, capture and increase audiences, study demographic and psychographic information and create monetization opportunities.

More and more viewers are multi-tasking during their entertainment time, Graver explained, watching TV and simultaneously tweeting about what's happening on screen to share their experience with their followers, which, in turn, alike through new partnerhe said advances the storytelling dynamic and a show's Fuse and The Weather Chanaudience reach.

Jean-Philippe Maheu, Twit- as a crucial platform for mea- audience. ter's managing director of suring media activity that global brand and strategy, de- companies can use to target a because one of the responsiketplace where 80 percent of lighted in the idea that of the social media's status as a "live key words. platform" that creates a "social

zip code, state or city based on

The television industry is



At the Twitter keynote, Lauren Zalaznick, founder of LZ Sunday Paper, moderated the panel's discussions of Twitter's past, present and future. From left, Zalaznick, Jean-Philippe Maheu, Mike Park and Fred Graver

soundtrack" for users.

For Mike Park, senior manager of Twitter's new corporate partnership's arm, Amplify, the company is creating an instant two-screen viewing experience for sports enthusiasts and feature programming ships with BBC America, FOX, nel. Twitter has also emerged real life reactions from the

among the growing number of enthusiastic adopters. Twitter amps up viewers' interest in real time.

The Good Wife is among the many programs whose writers and producers tweet backstage photos and storylines to tease viewers into participation and hype the ineteraction.

The Twitter talk sparked

"I think it helps content bilities of content creators is to help it seek its own level and that's basically what the audience is doing and they are giving it another outlet," observed Michael Hayes, senior VP and group head of Hearst Television, reflecting on the subject and the session. "I thought The Good Wife example was fantastic. It has not detracted from the show—it has added

Damien Pierre, CEO of ourgeoning content provider Cycamel Productions, sees social media as a plus to the TV experience, as well. "I think it makes the whole television market more responsive as opposed to long ago," he said.

Timothy Olague, a producer with The Coronado Company, has experience marketing content in both music and film industries. But his vision for the future of Twitter is through the eyes of his young relatives. "I have nieces and nephews, and I see how they use Twitter, and social media is the new hanging out in the



An exclusive group of broadcast CEOs convened over cocktails Monday. The Hearst Television team, from left, president Jordan Wertlieb; Emerson Coleman, VP of programming; and Mike Hayes, senior VP, New York took advantage of the happy hour atmosphere to reconnoiter about programming, market research and technology developments. Hearst owns 29 stations, including 13 ABC affiliates, 10 NBC affiliates and two CBS affiliates—with a total reach of about 18 percent of U.S.

Hearst also is a leader in the convergence of local broadcast television and the internet through its partnership with Internet Broadcasting. They are also leaders in the application of digital broadcast spectrum for new local informational services. Wertlieb was a featured speaker in the session on Executive Perspective: Broadcasting CEOs and the Mobile Makeover.

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Visitors experience an engaging, immersive virtual reality experience created by combining IVE surround video with Oculus Rift, a next-generation headset for three-dimensional gaming...**UniMás**, a Univision network, has acquired the exclusive rights for the dramatic series El Varón de la Droga (The Drug Baron). Inspired by the true-life exploits of Joaquín 'El Chapo Guzmán,' who Forbes Magazine dubbed the "world's most powerful drug dealer," the series takes viewers deep in to the inner workings of the drug trafficking underworld..

**Blueprint**, an original generator for multiple platforms, has signed an agreement with PAXTV for more than 500 new episodes about action sports, as well as with Comarex to be the international distributor of its content...

**HISTORY** has launched in the Ukraine via DTH platform, Lybid, and has increased distribution in Russia with its launch on Beeline. The network has broken new ground in this market through its partnership and is looking forward to further expanding its reach across Russia in 2014. HISTORY offers viewers original program franchises, including Ice Road Truckers, Pawn Stars, American Pickers, American Restoration, Counting Cars and Mountain Men.

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■ ATPE 2014 scored high marks with exhibitors and attendees—as much for its content as for its stellar networking opportunities to meet and mingle with industry honchos at the top of the executive food chain. There were plenty of educational sessions, too, but the real fun was in the celebrity sightings: New Girl star Zooey Deschanel, daytime talk show hosts Meredith Vieira and John Tesh, Celebrity Name Game host Craig Ferguson and soap star-turned-reality show handyman Antonio Sabato Jr. of Fix It & Finish It. —Dana Ballestero



Andy Kaplan, Sony Pictures TV's president of worldwide networks and a member of NATPE's board of directors



The Twentieth Television team at their cabana beach party



Celebrity Name Game host Craig Ferguson (center) with Debmar-Mercury Co-Presidents **Mort Marcus and Ira Bernstein** 



Meredith Vieira promoting her new, self-titled daytime talk show for NBCUniversal



Octapixx's Stacey Blake, worldwide sales manager



Chef Jeff Henderson, host of Flip My Food; Raycom Media's Paul McTear, president & CEO; Antonio Sabato Jr., host of Fix It & Finish It; and Bellum Entertainment's Boots Walker, VP, at Gotham Steak



MGM's John Bryan, president of domestic TV distribution



Content Media's executive team: From left, Diana Zakis, VP of sales for Latin America & Asia; Jennifer Brinkworth, VP of marketing & communications; Jonathan Ford, executive VP of content television & digital, London; Saralo MacGregor, executive VP of content television & digital, Los Angeles; Greg Phillips, president; and Melissa Wohl, senior VP of worldwide distribution



Mastodon Films co-founder and **CEO James Wallace** 



Alicia Somarriba, director of acquisitions for Telemundo International



Judge Faith Jenkins, star of Judge Faith, and Trifecta CEO Hank Cohen



Brian Bedol, founder and CEO of **Bedrocket Media Ventures** 



A+E Networks' NATPE team: Mark Apter, SVP of scheduling and acquisitions; Mayra Bracer, Latin American TV distribution consultant; Ellen Lovejoy, VP of international content sales; and Sean Cohan, EVP of international sales



Azteca's marketing team: Raul Mendoza, Ernesto Ramirez and Jose Anton



Lionsgate's Peter Iacono, managing director of international television and digital



Starz Worldwide Distribution's Alecia Dixon, VP of domestic TV sales; Gene George, EVP of worldwide distribution; and



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The Television Syndication Company's team: Brooke Smith, programming manager; Cassie Yde, president; and syndication sales executives Lisa Romine and Mary Joyce



international sales and production

Entertainment One's executive

president; Carrie Stein, EVP of Global Productions; and John Morayniss, CEO) announced

a multi-year distribution deal with El Rey Network.

team (Peter Emerson,

**Univision Networks' Alberto** Ciurana, president of programming and content

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# SIZZLING SPANISH MARKETPLACE EXPLODES AT NATPE

try giants – including U.S.'s Univision, Mexico's Televisa and Venezuela's Cisneros — to small upstarts, such as Spain's GoldBee, a children's TV programmer.

The blitz is not surprising considering that even at only 17 percent of the total U.S. population, the consumer buying power of the nation's 53 million Hispanics tops \$1.2 trillion. That trend translates into the fact that Hispanics' buying power is more than the entire economies of all but 13 countries in the world, according to a 2012 study conducted by the University of Georgia and the latest U.S. Census Bureau figures.

EXTRA EXTRA's español primer of the latest industry news and trends can help you navigate the Spanish-language landscape at NATPE this week:

According to a variety of news reports, new TV networks and channels launched in 2013, with more to come in 2014, include the Miamibased ABC News-Univision experiment Fusion which got off to a shaky start last October. It is doing some content tweaking after focus groups discovered that Hispanic viewers under 35 don't want to feel ghettoized; plus the channel isn't available yet on Comcast or Time Warner cable systems, which dominate Hispanic population centers in Florida, Texas, New York and

California. Comcast and Time Warner agreed to carry another Hispanic TV upstart, Austinbased El Rey Network, the brainchild of Mexican-American film director Robert Rodriguez (*El Mariachi*), who plans to produce six original TV series targeting U.S. Hispanic audiences that will provide a showcase for Hispanic talent in front of and behind the cameras; production is currently underway on season one of the small screen version of the George | only licensing to financing | Entertainment company. And | Circus), about a group of five | with MTV's The Real World, Clooney-Quentin Tarantino | and production," said Televisa | now that pilot season is under- | Mexican brothers who run a | recently wrapped production, vampire cult classic From USA's Chief Creative Officer | way, TV networks have an- | circus, and is expected to air a | also in Miami, on 10 episodes Dusk Till Dawn, which is | Michael Garcia, a veteran of | nounced in industry press in slated to premiere this spring | HBO dramas *The Sopranos*, | recent weeks a slew of new orand stars Wilmer Valderrama | True Blood and Boardwalk | ders. NBC wants The Mysteries (That 70s Show). And industry | Empire. "We found if you rewatchers are anxiously wait- tain [story] elements from Spanish female detective proing to hear if Mexican billion- | Latin America, you can ap- | cedural of the same title pro-

30 companies from indus- | owner of Grupo Televisa, the | [English-only] markets. There | TV. ABC wants the 2004 world's largest creator and supplier of Spanish-language TV programming to Univision, Telemundo and other networks, will announce during his Global Navigators kevnote address at NATPE on Wednesday if 2014 is the year he will launch a U.S. channel to compete with his biggest customers.

Colorful adaptations are the new black: U.S. networks are buying and producing English-language adaptations of Latin American and | based on the popular Argen-

is definitely an audience here that can be rapt with the right kind of story-telling." Garcia will discuss Televisa's next project, family drama Chasing Life (adapted from the Mexican series Terminales), with Lionsgate TV for ABC Family, during the seminar "Televisa USA: Latin Feel, American Appeal" today at 9:15 a.m. in the Glitter Meeting Room.

Earlier this month, ABC premiered Killer Women, get back in the Eva Longoria business and has given a pilot order for the former Desperate Housewives star's adaptation of the Colombian telenovela Pura Sangre. At the same time, reality shows are all the rage: "Once we saw the 50 million Latino threshold in the U.S., we knew they would deserve their own specific voice on television," explained Jim Berger, CEO of High Noon Entertainment, which produces real-

Argentine family comedy

Los Roldan, and will part-

ner with the original Ar-

gentine producer, Telefe, to

make it. And, given the rat-

ings success of her *Devious* 

Maids for Lifetime, ABC

apparently also wants to

dition, and that's our sweet spot as storytellers."



**Michael Garcia** 

Spanish TV telenovelas, dramas and comedies like never before.

Televisa USA is riding a wave of success with dramedy Devious Maids starring Roselyn Sanchez (based on the Mexican telenovela Ellas son la alegria del hogar), from Desperate Housewives executive producer Marc Cherry and star Eva Longoria, which averaged 3 million viewers its first season on Lifetime and returns in April, when Longoria makes her directorial debut. Devious Maids "facilitated a huge shift in our [business] model in the U.S., from

series that is produced by of Laura, based on the TVE

Jim Berger

tine female bounty hunter | recently aired High Noon's first Spanish-language series, Modern Family actress Sofia | the 13-episode first season Vergara and her Latin World | of Familia de Circo (Family (Sugar Divas), about a Miami mother-daughter pair who run a Cuban bakery, sometime this spring.

Berger will discuss aire Emilio Azcarraga Jean, | peal to the U.S. Hispanic and | duced by Spain's Boomerang | the trends in reality show

# **EXECUTIVE CHATS**

**TODAY** Glitter Meeting Room

9:15-9:45 a.m. Televisa USA: Latin Feel. American Appeal.

> The Power of Digital Content in Creating Global Brands Speaker: GOTV's Jorge Granier, CEO

WEDNESDAY Fontaine Ballroom

10-10:30 a.m. **Global Navigators** Keynote<sup>\*</sup> Speaker: Grupo Televisa's Emilio Azcárraga Jean, president & CEO

10:45-11:30 a.m. What's Next in U.S. Hispanic TV?

11:45 a.m.-12:15 p.m. Found in Translation. A conversation with Ben Silverman and Luis Balaguer

development for U.S. Hispanic audiences during the seminar "What's Next in U.S. Hispanic Television?" on Wednesday.

Other reality show producers are following: FremantleMedia's Latin America division discovered another ratings juggernaut for the X Factor franchise with the launch of the first Spanish-language reality show talent competition for kids, El Factor X, on MundoFox, and recently wrapped production on season two in Miami. Bunim/Murray, which created the reality genre back in the 1980s second series, *Divas de Azucar* of *Combate Americas*, the first Spanish-language mixedmartial arts sports competition, which will debut later this year on Mun2.

# HISPANIC- INFUSED **CONTENT STARS**

BY DANA BALLESTERO

To hear Luis Balaguer, founder of Latin World Entertainment (Latin WE) talent agency with Modern Family star Sofia Vergara, describe his 20-year rise as a Spanishlanguage TV and entertainment promoter and producer who is now creating Hispanic-infused content for the Englishdominant mainstream, it's surprising to hear that he's less about the "me" and is all about the "we."

The self-made, multiplatform multi-hyphenate (talent agent, celebrity | show. And later this year,

marketing guru, product licensing expert, TV producer, YouTube channel curator and soon-to-be feature film producer) and his multi-national, multilingual team

of 40 at Latin Vergara and Balaguer

WE's Miamibased headquarters have | are in addition to mainenjoyed a robust 2013 and are poised for an even busier 2014.

They adapted the popular Argentine female bounty hunter series Mujeres Asesinas and sold it to ABC (via a partnership with Ben Silverman's Electus) as Killer Women (now airing in its fourth week), about a female, Anglo Texas Ranger, who reports to a Hispanic lieutenant (actor Alex Fernandez) "to give a fair shot to the image of Latinos in the U.S.," the Madrid-born Balaguer explains. They also are developing two comedies: Raising Mom, also for ABC, and Speak America for FOX, which will offer ad- for Hispanic [TV] talent ditional opportunities for Hispanics both in front of | commissions were almost and behind the cameras.

"We are fairly new TV producers in English; we have a lot to learn," Balaguer said. "We are | platform for Vergara.

just incredibly humbled that the market has given a company like ours the opportunity."

This month, the company's two-year-old YouTube experiment with Electus and Google, NuevOn, targeting bilingual millenials, reached 300,000 subscribers and 89 million views. By April, Balaguer hopes to announce a deal to turn client Giselle Blondet, of Univision's popular Despierta America (Wake Up, America), into a Spanishlanguage Ellen DeGeneres with a new daytime talk

> Latin WE will launch a feature film division and begin production on "an Englishlanguage comedy with a big, Latino flavor," he

These projects

non-existent." And three

years ago they launched a

licensing division, a lucra-

tive product endorsement

taining Latin WE's stature as the top talent agency for Spanish-language TV news personalities and telenovela stars he started in 1994 with Colombian bombshell Vergara, his long-time client from her early days as the weather girl on Univision's Miami affiliate, because "nobody was doing this back then for Hispanic talent. ... We had to do it ourselves. Sofia and I jump in first, we learn, we take the hit and we keep applying new formulas for success," he said. They quickly expanded into movie marketing and musical act promotion, he laughs, because "salaries on their terms," he said.

more and more content on ture, a new partnership with 40 countries on five continents the move, shifting their eyes | advertising giant Momentum from traditional, stationary TV screens to smaller, portable ones (laptops, tablets, cell | bring Young Hollywood to | to market their brands and phones and now Samsung's Rio de Janeiro's Hotel for five content on a global scale. Dick Tracy-style wristwatches) | weeks of World Cup coverage.

**UPSTARTS POISED TO REIGN** and back again, advertisers | "We create content programs have struggled to follow. LIN around tentpole events, like Media is the latest conglom- | SXSW, the Super Bowl and erate to help address this | Comic-Con, and we couldn't growing digital divide, and is think of a better way to do that unveiling the newest media on a global scale than to start measurement tool, the Video with the World Cup," Williams Insights Platform (VIP). LIN owns and operates 43 local TV Thinking globally is parastations from Austin to Buffalo mount for all content generaand creates more than 11,000 tors now because consumer hours of original programviewing habits in markets in ming annually, so the comthe U.S. and around the world pany decided to create its own are changing so rapidly there's formula for tracking consumhardly any time to keep up ers' media consumption. The VIP, which was ranked this month by comScore among

MEDIA EMPIRES MADE HERE: VETS,

with them. Want to know what the Next Big Thing in marketing the top 20 such tools in the inand audience and consumer dustry, allows advertisers to do outreach is going to be? Well, what Elden calls a "deep digital dive" on video viewership: Monitor content, how many people watched it, and shared it with others via social media, including Facebook and Twitter, to gauge "exactly how far

Dustin Garis, self-described "chief troublemaker" of new global marketing think tank LifeProfit and long-time Proctor & Gamble marketing guru, has the answer, and plans to unveil it exclusively at NATPE today during the "360 Degrees of Possibilities" seminar. The traditional approaches of reaching consumers just



[the content] is being seen."

industry veterans, like LIN

Jamie Elden

ith streamers Netflix,

Hulu and Amazon feeding consumers' in-

satiable appetites for new pro-

gramming when they want it

and how they want to view it,

original video content-avail-

able across all platforms—is

poised to be king in 2014. Now

it's just a matter of figuring out

how to produce it, market it to

the right target audiences and

aggregate it for advertisers and

vendors-before millions of

Top creative executives with

dollars turn to digital dust.

Digital, and millennial generation upstarts, like Young Hollywood, are doing just that and will share their recent success stories and unveil new strategies to reach consumers today in two Masters of Marketing seminars: "360 Degrees of Possibilities: Brands, Innovation and Entertainment" and "Leveraging Major Brands to

Build Industry Empires." "Video on multiple devices is the buzz in the industry," explains Jamie Elden, LIN Digital's senior VP of sales and head of entertainment, a panelist on the Leveraging Major Brands seminar. He cites Netflix's streaming original series House of Cards starring Kevin Spacey and Robin Wright, the first of its kind to earn multiple Emmy and Golden Globes nominations. The show "was available to watch on every device, and it wasn't syndicated by a TV network. It's the consumers who are driving this change. They want the content



**Dustin Garis** 

Content creators also would be smart to develop plans for global expansion of their domestic brands and services in 2014—and it's not too late to reach the billions of eyes that will be watching the FIFA World Cup this summer in

Just ask RJ Williams, founder & CEO of Young Hollywood, a leading celebrity-interview video content provider for Yahoo!, MTV and Subway, with a production studio inside the Four Seasons Hotel in Beverly Hills.

don't work anymore, Garis said. "When you have two products that are essentially the same, Colgate [made by Colgate-Palmolive] and Crest [made by Proctor & Gamble],



RJ Williams

they both eliminate gingivitis the same, you can't create TV commercials now, still yelling at consumers to 'buy our product."

Through the upstart LifeProfit, a joint venture backed by the likes of Southwest Airlines and Expedia, Williams, another panel- | Garis oversaw a worldwide ist on the Leveraging Major | marketing research study of Brands seminar, will discuss | consumer viewing, spending With consumers digesting | his company's first global ven- | and technology usage habits in . He discovered what he calls Worldwide's digital enter- "the next big disruption" in tainment division, which will the way companies will need

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