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Comcast's Profit Doubles, Boosted by Tokyo Olympics, Theme Parks

Comcast Corp. said its third-quarter net profit doubled, boosted by strong revenue growth at its NBCUniversal media empire, which benefited from the Tokyo Olympics and [an influx of returning visitors](#) to its Universal Studios theme parks. The Philadelphia-based company reported third-quarter net profit of \$4.04 billion, or 86 cents a share, compared with \$2.02 billion, or 44 cents a share, a year earlier, surpassing FactSet analysts' estimates. Revenue rose 19% to \$30.3 billion. Comcast's results show how customer habits changed drastically during the height of the Covid-19 pandemic and how they are slowly reverting to normal. The company, which operates Xfinity-brand cable services, NBCUniversal and the U.K. pay-TV company Sky, saw its broadband-internet business slow down in the third quarter after experiencing strong user growth for several quarters, when many Americans were spending most of their time at home because of Covid-19 restrictions.

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Infrastructure Bill's Broadband Plan Shrouded From Scrutiny

Congress is poised to shield a \$42 billion broadband grant program from federal transparency and privacy laws, hampering oversight of money expected to flow mostly to telecommunications companies. In a bid to cut through red tape and speed delivery of the broadband funds, the Senate-passed Infrastructure Investment and JOBS Act includes a provision that suspends certain rules the federal government ordinarily has to follow in administering programs. But that wording, according to federal court precedent and the Commerce Department, could put the broadband program beyond the reach of the Freedom of Information Act, or FOIA, and the Privacy Act. The two landmark federal open-government laws give the public the right to demand documents or to know how information is being managed within the government.

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Chris Brennan's "Clout" column in *Philadelphia Daily News* As Sean Parnell tries to squelch negative TV ads, rivals make that an issue, too

Republican Senate candidate Sean Parnell is trying to fight off attacks [about temporary protective orders issued against](#) him — and his opponents are using that as more fodder to go after him. Parnell, endorsed by former President Donald Trump, has battled attempts by supporters of fellow Republican Jeff Bartos to air attack ads about the issue, threatening to sue them and TV stations, and recently [sought a gag order](#) to prevent his estranged wife from talking about the protective orders. The Bartos allies used the gag order request as part of a new ad this week and highlighted a failed attempt to nix that spot to reporters — saying Parnell's efforts show an attempt to hide a problem.

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