

# Cable Chat



## What's On TV?

### USA...Channel 27

USA Network's on-air programming offers an in-depth and behind-the-scenes look at its original series, movies and miniseries, sporting events and special events.

### VERSUS...Channel 288

VERSUS focuses on competition on the playing field and in the field and the challenges athletes and sportsmen face.

### Thriller Max...Channel 305

Stay on the edge of your seat with a nonstop selection of mystery, suspense and thriller movies.

### INDEMAND...Channels 401-404

Watch the latest in movies, sports and events through pay-per-view. Visit [www.indemand.com](http://www.indemand.com) to see what will be coming soon.

### The CW...Channel 2

The CW is America's fifth broadcast network and the only network targeting young adults 18-34. Shows include "Smallville", "Beauty and the Geek" and "Friday Night Smackdown".

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## Call Ahead Pay-Per-View Now Available

In last month's **Cable Chat**, we noted the way you order Call Ahead Pay-Per-View (CAPPV) movies and events would be changing. We are excited to tell you the changes are complete! It's simple . . . just pick up your phone, dial **964-PPV8** (7788) and follow the voice prompts. Then sit back, relax and enjoy the show!

One of the voice prompts will ask you to enter your 16 digit unit ID. You will be guided through the process of finding the unit ID using your cable TV receiver remote control. The TV set and cable receiver on which you want to watch the PPV must be turned on. *Note: If you have more than one receiver in your home, you will enter the unit ID of the receiver on which you want to watch the PPV.* Each time you order a PPV you will be asked for the unit ID. To save time when ordering, we suggest you jot down the 16 digit unit ID and keep it handy for future purchases. A letter with instructions on how to find the unit ID number and other CAPPV information was mailed to each cable TV customer on May 21. If you did not receive your letter, please call our office at 964-8000, and we will be glad to send you a copy.

Movies and events can be ordered in advance and up to 15 minutes after the start of the program. If you start ordering a PPV and change your mind, you will be given opportunities during the voice prompts to stop. However, once the purchase is confirmed, you will be billed for the PPV.

Customers who would rather use Impulse Pay-Per-View (IPPV) can connect a phone line to the receiver and contact our business office to activate the IPPV feature. Once this feature is activated, you can use your remote control to order your selection without having to place a phone call. (IPPV is not available on all types of cable receivers.)

Remember . . . You must have a cable TV receiver provided by TriCounty Telecom to order pay-per-view movies and events. PPV offerings are found on channels 401—404, 408 and 409.



## National Geographic Launches New Website

National Geographic has launched a redesigned website featuring more than 800 hours of video, 2,000 photos from its most popular shows and a state-of-the-art interactive TV scheduling tool. The TV scheduling tool has a "drag-and-drop" programming schedule that allows you to navigate air dates, show descriptions and video links to customize your Nat Geo viewing schedule. Every episode from Nat Geo's schedule has its own web page, letting viewers dig deeper into shows through games, interviews and show-specific blogs. Visit [www.natgeotv.com](http://www.natgeotv.com), plan your viewing schedule and tune to channel 95.

## TV Trivia

1. What actor is best known as the voice of Bugs Bunny?
2. What was the first soap opera to change networks?
3. What TriCounty service lets you record, play back and store programs?
4. What were the two dogs names on "Magnum PI"?
5. What phone number do you dial to purchase PPVs?
6. What are the names of the three boys on "Home Improvement"?

See answers below

## Feature Presentation

Last month we discussed **Parental Locks** and how you can restrict viewing of TV programming based on your viewing preferences. After setting locks, there may be occasions when you want to view locked programs or channels.

To view programs and channels you have locked, tune to the program or select it from the listings on the Guide. When prompted, enter the 4-digit **PIN** you set up previously. You can temporarily open or clear all **Locks** for easier viewing. Select **Master Locks** from the **Locks Setup** screen and change the option from **No** to **Yes**.

**Locks** may be restored in any of the following ways:

1. Press the **Lock** button any-time and enter your 4-digit **PIN**.
2. Select **Locks Setup** from the **Setup Menu**, then select **Yes** to turn **Locks** back on.
3. Turn the set-top box off and back on.

## What's the Answer?

1. Mel Blanc
2. The Edge of Night
3. DVR for \$9.95/month
4. Apollo and Zeus
5. 964-PPV8
6. Mark, Randy & Bradley

## Is Digital TV The Same As HDTV?

There are many quality levels of digital television (DTV) programming. When you hear people talking about digital television, they are not necessarily talking about high definition television (HDTV).

High Definition TV (HDTV) in widescreen provides the highest resolution and picture quality of all DTV formats. A current analog TV picture is made up of 480 horizontal lines. An HDTV picture can have up to 1080 lines, allowing for sharp picture detail. The most common formats are 720p ("p" stands for progressive scan) and 1080i ("i" stands for interlaced) with either 720 progressively (non-interlaced) scanned lines or 1080 interlaced lines. Combined with digitally-enhanced sound technology, HDTV achieves a new benchmark for sound and picture quality in television.

Standard Definition TV (SDTV) is the baseline display and resolution for both analog and digital. Transmission of SDTV is usually in the traditional 4x3 aspect ratio, but may be widescreen 16x9 format. SDTV and analog TV can deliver up to 480 interlaced (480i) resolution, though it's often much lower.

## What The Digital Transition Means To You...

On February 17, 2009, TV stations will cease broadcasting in analog and switch to all-digital signals. Analog TV sets not connected to cable, satellite or other pay-TV service (in other words, TVs that use an antenna or rabbit ears for over-the-air TV) will need a digital converter box after February 17.

Analog-only TVs connected to TriCounty Telecom's cable television service should continue to work after the transition. In the event additional equipment is needed, TriCounty Telecom will have that equipment available. Analog-only TVs also should continue to work as before to receive low-power, Class A or translator TV stations and with gaming consoles, VCRs, DVD players and similar products.

The federal government is offering discount coupons for viewers who need to purchase converter boxes for analog TV sets connected to antennas or rabbit ears. More information on the DTV transition is available at [www.DTV.gov](http://www.DTV.gov) or by contacting TriCounty Telecom at 252.964.8000 or [www.gotricounty.biz/cabletv-hdtv.htm](http://www.gotricounty.biz/cabletv-hdtv.htm). For discount coupons, visit [www.dtv2009.gov](http://www.dtv2009.gov) or call 1.888.DTV.2009 (1.888.388.2009).

## TCM Expands Originals Slate

Turner Classic Movies has a new interview series premiering in July, a fresh installment of *Private Screenings* in September and a special featuring the late animated genius Chuck Jones in October as part of a slate of original programming coming over the balance of 2008.

In June, TCM will take a month-long, in-depth look at Asian ethnicity in Tinseltown. Sunday nights at 8 p.m. in June, the network will showcase "TCM Essentials Jr.," an opportunity for parents to introduce their children to classic movies. TCM is found on channel 245.



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