

# Cable Chat



## What's On TV?

### Showtime...Channel 350

Features original series, Hollywood Hits No One Else Has®, Championship Boxing, and mixed martial arts with EliteXC.

### Big Band/Swing...Channel 925

A blend of the nostalgic sounds of Big Band orchestras and vocalists and the swing music that began during World War II.

### ESPN...Channel 32

ESPN presents a mix of event programming, special events/series and sports news.

### CATCH13...Channel 13

Offers civic interests, area church services, community events, governmental meetings, etc. Call 964-8000 and find out how you can broadcast your local event or church service.

### Biography...Channel 200

Episodes of Biography, documentaries and original short features are woven together into rich themes and tapestries, creating a unique, multidimensional view of the people who fascinate us.

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## TriCounty Telecom Cable TV Going "All Digital"

As mentioned in the August issue of *Cable Chat*, TriCounty Telecom is planning to move to an all digital network on or around December 1, 2008.

This conversion to an all digital format will allow us to provide you more channels, clearer pictures and stereo or Dolby Surround Sound when available for you to enjoy. The upgrade will also get us ready for the digital broadcast transition taking place February 17, 2009. We are still in the process of contract negotiations and do not have a final list of new channels ready for release yet. As contracts are finalized, we will let you know via this newsletter what channels will be added and where they will be placed in the line-up.

As part of this upgrade, all subscribers will need a digital receiver connected to each TV on which you want to watch cable programming. If you have TVs on which you only care to watch broadcast networks using a roof-top antenna or rabbit ears, please see the information provided on the back of this newsletter. For information on what type of antenna you may need to receive digital broadcast signals, please visit [www.goTriCounty.biz/localtelephone-dialtones.htm](http://www.goTriCounty.biz/localtelephone-dialtones.htm).

## Fall Line-up Says Hello And Goodbye

**FX** (channel 50) will debut the first episode of the seventh, and final, season of *The Shield* on September 2 with *Sons of Anarchy* premiering the next day and *It's Always Sunny in Philadelphia* beginning its fourth season September 18.

**History Channel** (channel 34) debuts its new series, *Sandhogs*, in September. The 11-episode series reveals the down-and-dirty, dangerous life of the urban miners who work underground to build tunnels beneath New York City.

**ABC Family** (channel 20) will return its original scripted police drama *Lincoln Heights* for a third season. The show will premiere September 16 at 8:00 p.m. Follow the exploits of an African-American police officer who moves his family back into the rough Los Angeles neighborhood where he grew up.

**IFC** (channel 241) will launch the "Automat" block of genre-targeted original series, specials, movies and short-form content on September 30. IFC is targeting young male viewers with its new Tuesday night primetime block.

**WITN's** (channel 8) *Divorce Court* turns 10 this fall and will be adding two new segments. "Before the Vows" features Judge Toler counseling couples before they head down the aisle and "Save My Marriage" takes a look at couples who don't want to get divorced but who are having serious problems. Premiering in September is *Family Court*, where conflicts will be brought to resolution and reconciliation.

**HBO** (channel 330) debuts *True Blood*, a drama series based on the Southern Vampire Mysteries by Charlaine Harris.

## TV Trivia

1. What famous TV actor was born with the name Alphonso D'Abruzzo?
2. What singer is known as the "Empress of the Blues"?
3. What organization is responsible for the Academy Awards?
4. In "The Lord of the Rings", what is the name of the Ent who carries Pippin and Merry through Fangorn Forest?
5. What golfer coined the term "caddy"?

See answers below

## Feature Presentation

**Digital Music** is continuous, commercial-free music in a variety of formats. TriCounty Telecom Cable TV offers 30 channels of music from Instrumentals to Hard Rock located in the 900 range of the channel line-up. To quickly access the available genres of music:

- Select Digital Music from the **Main Menu** by pressing the **Menu** button twice or
- Press the **Menu** button once and arrow over to the **Music Notes** icon on the **Quick Menu** at the bottom of the screen and press **OK**

You can press **INFO** for more information on each category.

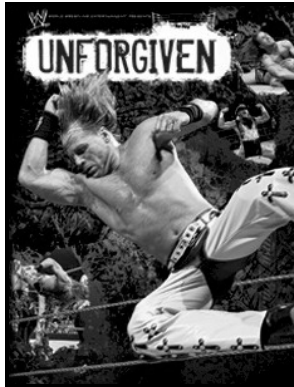
Then select a music format and enjoy the music.

At the beginning of each song, information on the title, track and artist will be displayed.

Digital Music channels may also be set as **Favorites** so you can quickly navigate through your favorite music channels.

## What's the Answer?

1. Alan Alda
2. Bessie Smith
3. The Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences
4. Treebeard
5. Mary Queen of Scots



**WWE: Unforgiven**  
**Premieres Sept. 7 • 7:30 p.m.**  
**TriCounty Telecom PPV**  
**Channel 401**  
**\$39.99**  
**Call 964-PPV8 (7788) to order**  
**Replay Sept. 8 • 10:00 am & 4:00 pm**

## Game Shows Add New Twists, More Money

A half-hour daytime version of *Deal or No Deal*, premiering September 8, will give 22 case-holding contestants a chance to win \$500,000. At-home fans can play along for a chance to win \$10,000 by going to the shows' website at [www.DealorNoDealTV.com](http://www.DealorNoDealTV.com) or to the local affiliate's website and playing an interactive game.

*Wheel of Fortune* will premiere a new feature this fall, giving players a chance to win \$1 million. A \$1 million wedge will be added to the wheel. If a contestant lands on that wedge and then goes on to solve the puzzle, he (she) will win the big cash if he (she) lands on \$1 million a second time.

A new game show, *Trivial Pursuit: America Plays*, will premiere September 22 on Fox. A half-hour game show with a twist, viewers will send in videos of themselves posing trivia questions to contestants. Those who want to submit a video question can do so online. Viewers whose questions are selected get to play along with the game, winning cash if the on-air contestant loses the round. Christopher Knight, known to millions of aging TV viewers as Peter Brady, of *The Brady Bunch*, will host the new game show.

## Are You Ready For The Broadcast Digital Transition On February 17, 2009?

As a customer of TriCounty Telecom Cable TV you should not have to do anything when broadcast TV stations go to their new digital format on February 17, 2009. That's because TriCounty Telecom is already investing in the technology to deliver local TV stations' digital pictures to your current TV sets. (See story on front page.)

**As long as your TV sets are connected to cable, they should display local television stations.**

Analog-only TVs in your home not currently connected to cable service will need to be connected to cable service or may require additional equipment such as a DTV converter box. Analog-only TVs should continue to work as before with cable TV services, gaming consoles, VCRs, DVD players and similar products.

After February 17, 2009, a television receiver with only an analog broadcast tuner will require a converter box to receive over-the-air broadcasts through an antenna because of the nation's transition to digital broadcasting. Information about how to obtain coupons for DTV converter boxes or more information on the DTV transition is available from [www.DTV.gov](http://www.DTV.gov) and from [www.dtv2009.gov](http://www.dtv2009.gov) or 1-888-DTV-2009.

If you have questions, please contact the TriCounty Telecom office at 252-964-8000 or 252-927-8000 or visit [www.goTriCounty.biz/dtv](http://www.goTriCounty.biz/dtv).

*TriCounty Telecom is required by the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) to provide this notice to our customers every month until March 2009.*