

Cable Chat



What's On TV?

Bravo...Channel 52

Bravo's original programming delivers the best in food, fashion, beauty, design and pop culture to the most engaged, upscale and educated audience in cable.

Fox Business...Channel 202

Every news story has a business angle. Whether it's a natural disaster, domestic crisis, or an international event, Fox Business Network provides you with the business news behind the story and how it affects your life.

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Catering to the Gen-Y audience, Showtime Next offers a unique viewing experience for the "next" generation of movie lovers.

WNCT-CBS...Channel 9

Features top stories, local weather and community news.

Alternative Rock...Channel 904

Encapsulating the latest in music trends, Alternative has its pulse on all that is happening today with its aim to the future.

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Solar Interference Affects TV Signals

Each spring and fall during the equinoxes, cable companies experience a technical phenomenon called "sun outages". For a period of about two weeks, the sun causes "solar interference" to all geostationary satellite signals. As the sun's path across the sky gets lower each day, there are times when it is in a direct line behind a communication satellite that is sending signals to a receiving satellite dish here on earth. When the dish antenna is looking into the sun, the interference from the sun overrides the signals from the satellite. This is when a sun outage occurs.

Sun outages typically occur during the months of February/March and September/October and can last as long as 15 minutes a day and take place over a period of 15 days. The effects of a sun outage vary in degree from minimal to total outage throughout the 15-day period. At first, the effects of a sun outage are minimal, beginning as "sparkles" in the picture during the first days. Gradually, it worsens to the point of total outage. Some channels will experience "blocks" or "freeze frames" in the picture before and after the peak times. These are the channels we receive digitally from the satellite. Once it reaches its peak, the interference will gradually decrease becoming less noticeable each day thereafter.

There is technically nothing we can do to prevent sun outages. Each satellite service we receive signals from will experience this interference. The fall equinox occurs on September 22 with sun outages following during the latter part of September and early October.

Several Channels Change Name/Branding

You may have noticed Sci-Fi (channel 37) has a new spelling—**Syfy**—and new logo. Syfy embraces a more diverse range of imagination-based entertainment, including fantasy, paranormal, reality, mystery, action and adventure, as well as science fiction.



On September 28, The N (channel 213) will change its name to **TeenNick** and Noggin (channel 214) will be renamed **Nick Jr.** TeenNick will continue to offer cutting edge, creative original programming for teens and continue to feature their current staple of TeenNick programming currently found on The N during the day. Nick Jr. will continue to offer the same innovative and educational children's programming for preschoolers throughout the day that NOGGIN does now and will remain commercial free. Nick Jr. is like preschool on TV, offering programs and services children love and parents trust to foster development and a love of learning.

Bet J (channel 230) will be renamed **Centric** on September 28. Centric will feature more original programming—news, documentaries, entertainment and lifestyle programming—related to the genres featured on Bet J of interest to the African-American audience.

Trivia

1. What was on the ceiling of the Sistine Chapel before Michelangelo began painting?
2. What two men in the Bible never died?
3. Legendary businessman and Hollywood producer Samuel Goldwyn was born with what name?
4. What athlete was stripped of his 1988 Olympic medal after testing positive for steroids?
5. What was the first state to secede from the Union?

See answers below

Feature Presentation

To access TV Listings, press the **Guide** button on your remote. TV Listings appear in a grid format with channel numbers and network call letters down the left side and times along the top. Listings are color coded to help you identify different types of programs.

- Black—Regular programs
- Purple—Movies
- Green—Sports
- Light Blue—Children's programs

The grid shows 1½ hours of programming at a glance. Use the right arrow to advance in time and the up and down arrows to scroll through the channel line-up one channel at a time or use the **Page** up and down arrows to scroll a page at a time.

To see information about a particular program, use the arrow keys to highlight the program. Title, time, program description and rating will appear at the top of the screen.

What's the Answer?

1. Fresco of starry sky
2. Enoch and Elijah
3. Samuel Goldfisz
4. Ben Johnson
5. South Carolina; it was also the first state to ratify the original Constitution



Pay-Per-Views Coming In September

- > **WWE Presents: Randy Savage Collection**
- > **Race To Witch Mountain** > **TNA: No Surrender**
- > **UFC 103: Franklin vs. Belfort** > **The Soloist**
- > **WWE: Breaking Point** > **Coraline** > **17 Again**
- > **Boxing: Mayweather vs. Marquez** > **Obsessed**

Are You Ready For Some Football?

The most intense rivalries. The biggest upsets. The most devoted fans. Football season is here!

ESPN's (channel 31) popular Thursday night series—*ESPN College Football Primetime*—will kick off September 3 at 7 p.m. with South Carolina at N.C. State. ACC teams will be involved in six of ESPN's Thursday night telecasts, including the first-ever Thursday night game from North Carolina (vs. Florida State, October 22 at 8 p.m.). North Carolina vs. Virginia Tech will air Thursday, October 29, at 7:30 p.m. On Thursday, November 5, at 7:30 p.m. East Carolina will take on Virginia Tech in Pirate country.

East Carolina Pirates can be seen on **ESPN/ESPNHD** (channel 31/731), **ESPN2/ESPN2HD** (channel 32/732), **MASN** (channel 58), **WITN/WITNHD** (channel 7/707) and **CBS College Sports** (channel 282) throughout the season. The Pirates host Appalachian State on September 5 at Noon on MASN/WITN. The ECU/UNC game will air on either ESPN or ESPN2 on Saturday, September 19, also at noon. CBS College Sports will carry the ECU vs. Marshall game at noon on Saturday, October 3. Visit www.ecupirates.com for a complete schedule.

VERSUS (channel 288) has a lineup of Pac-10, Big 12 and Mountain West games you won't want to miss.

The 40th season of *Monday Night Football* will kick off on ESPN with a doubleheader Monday, September 14, at 7 p.m. with the Buffalo Bills at New England Patriots and San Diego Chargers at Oakland Raiders and will continue with a total of 17 primetime games.

The new state-of-the-art Dallas Cowboys Stadium will host its first *MNF* game when the NFC South champion Carolina Panthers face the Dallas Cowboys, September 28, on ESPN/ESPNHD at 8:30 p.m.. Carolina Panthers can be seen throughout the season on **FOX/FOXHD** (channel 8/708), **CBS/CBSHD** (channel 9/709) and **NBC/NBCHD** (channel 7/707). For a complete Panthers schedule, visit www.panthers.com/schedule.

For schedules of all your favorite teams, visit them on the web using TriCounty Telecom Broadband or Dial-Up Internet access.

Coming This Fall

A documentary about legendary British comedy troupe Monty Python, celebrating its 40th anniversary, will debut on **IFC** (channel 241) this fall. The six-part series titled *Monty Python: Almost the Truth (The Lawyer's Cut)* will air October 4-10 as part of IFC's "Python Week".

VERSUS (channel 288) premieres its new Friday night primetime line-up September 4: *Remington's The Buck Stops Here with Mike Hanback*; *Winchester Whitetail Revolution*; *The Best and Worst of Tred Barta*; *Federal Premium Dangerous Game*; and *Realtree's Monster Bulls*.

History/History HD (channel 34/734) premieres two new series—*Nostradamus Effect* (September 9, 12 episodes) and *MysteryQuest* (September 16, 10 episodes).