

# Cable Chat



## What's On TV?

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## Parents And Kids Watching TV Together

Kids like spending time with their parents. A Nickelodeon study reveals the top three family activities considered valuable by kids and parents are hanging out and talking (83%), watching TV (79%) and listening to music (63%). Statistics show Americans spend over 150 hours a month watching TV, so why not spend some of those hours watching TV together.

With the tremendous success at the box office of animated movies like *Toy Story 3*, many cable networks, such as **Disney** (channel 35) and **Nickelodeon** (channel 25), are seeing a surge in parents enjoying kid shows with their children.

One of the hottest animated kid shows today is *Phineas and Ferb* on **Disney XD** (channel 211) and Disney Channel. Over 47% of adults 18-plus watched new episodes of *Phineas and Ferb* with a kid 2-14 years old. An upcoming Disney Channel original movie based on the two boys is scheduled for release in June 2011. Other kid-oriented shows drawing large adult audiences include *Good Luck Charlie*, *iCarly*, *SpongeBob SquarePants*, *American Idol*, *Survivor* and *Huge*.

The top cable networks catering to co-viewing are Nickelodeon, Disney XD, Disney Channel, **Cartoon Network** (channel 36) and **Nicktoons** (channel 215). So grab some popcorn, sit back, relax and spend some of those viewing hours with your children.

## Friday Night SmackDown Moves To Syfy

**Syfy** (channel 37) will air *Friday Night SmackDown*, which leaves **MyWeather/MyTV** (channel 10), beginning October 1 during the 8 to 10 p.m. slot. The program, which debuted more than 10 years ago, is one of the longest-running weekly episodic shows on television and is the second most popular WWE franchise behind **USA Network's** (channel 27) *WWE Monday Night Raw*.

To make room for *SmackDown*, Syfy will move *Caprica* and *Sanctuary* to Tuesday nights. They replace wrestling series *WWE NXT*, which will leave Syfy's schedule in October. Future carriage of *WWE NXT* is currently in negotiations with other distributors.

## Stand Up To Cancer

FOX, ABC, CBS, NBC and several cable networks will air a live, commercial-free fund-raising event, Stand Up to Cancer (SU2C), on September 10 at 8 p.m. Cable networks signing up for the telecast from Los Angeles are VH1, HBO, G4, Discovery Health, E!, MLB Network and style.

Cancer claims one person every minute of every day in the United States. In 2010 it is estimated it will take the lives of more than half a million people in this country and almost eight million people worldwide. The 2008 SU2C telecast was viewed in more than 170 countries and helped raise over \$100 million.

## Trivia

1. What happy homemaker chirps on TV, "It's a good thing"?
2. What Dallas quarterback fumbled a record five times in four Super Bowl games?
3. What was the occupation of Laura Palmer of *Twin Peaks* fame?
4. In Norway, a fjord is made up largely of what?
5. How many flowers are in the design stamped on each side of an Oreo cookie?

See answers below

## Feature Presentation

When looking for kid friendly programming, your on-screen TV guide (**i-Guide**) puts you in control. **i-Guide** displays 90 minutes of program listings with children's programming designated by **Light Blue** coloring. TriCounty Cable TV carries eleven networks dedicated to children and teen programming.

There are two ways to access listings. Use the **Quick Menu** by pressing **Menu** on the cable TV remote once. Arrow down to the bottom of the screen, highlight the button labeled **KIDS**, press **OK**. Or, press **Menu** twice, arrow to the **Search** option, select **Kids**, press **OK**. Options for children's programming are sorted by category: **All Kids, Comedy, Educational, Cartoons, Drama**. Using the arrow keys, select the preferred category, press **OK**.

To view information about a particular program, highlight the program title, press **Info**. To view the program, simply press **OK** twice.

## What's the Answer?

1. Martha Stewart
2. Roger Staubach
3. High School Student
4. Water
5. Twelve w/four petals each



## Pay-Per-Views Coming In September

- > **WWE: Night of Champions** > **The Last Song**
- > **Diary of a Wimpy Kid** > **The Ghost Writer**
- > **UFC 119: Mir vs. Nogueira 2** > **Marmaduke**
- > **Furry Vengeance** > **The Bounty Hunter** > **Killers**
- > **King of the Cage: Sniper** > **Date Night**

## What's New On TV In September

Martha Stewart will make her first primetime appearance on **Hallmark Channel** (channel 244) when she hosts a September 19 special, *Martha Stewart Presents: The Women Who Dress America*. The one-hour interview special will celebrate several fashion icons. A second special is set for November. In October, *The Martha Stewart Show* will move to Hallmark weekdays at 10 a.m. A Hallmark original movie, *Fairfield Road*, premieres September 11 at 9 p.m. starring Jesse Metcalfe.



**HBO/HBO HD** (channel 330/331) will premiere *Boardwalk Empire*, a 12-episode drama series on September 19. The show, based on actual events, takes place in the 1920s and uses Atlantic City as a microcosm of how profoundly the United States was changed by Prohibition.

Coming to **Fuse** (channel 233) in September, *A Different Spin With Mark Hoppus* takes a humorous and entertaining spin on the music industry, through interviews with artists and other celebrities.

Coinciding with the anniversary of the September 11 terrorist attacks, **Investigation Discovery** (channel 252) will air a new documentary, *ID Investigates: Why is Bin Laden Alive?*, which looks at how it is possible that no one has been able to capture or kill the al-Qaeda leader. Premiere date is September 12 at 10 p.m.



**BET** (channel 67) debuts an eight-episode reality competition series, *Changing Lanes*, on September 1 at 8 p.m. The search is on for the next generation of minority and female racecar drivers who will vie for a spot on Max Siegel's NASCAR Revolution Racing team.

Martin Bashir is leaving his post at ABC's *Nightline* to be an anchor on a daily afternoon program on **MSNBC** (channel 79) and a contributor to *Dateline NBC*.



## Happy Birthday Sprout

**Sprout** (channel 53) celebrates its fifth birthday this month. As part of the celebration, the network will premiere its first long-form original series, *Noodle and Doodle*, September 25. The series features arts, crafts and recipes inspired by real preschoolers' experiences. Noodle is a lovable puppet who likes to help in the kitchen and Doodle is a virtual, electronic friend. *Noodle and Doodle* will air during Sprout's new weekend edition of the live *Sunny Side Up Show* from 9 a.m. to noon.

During *Noodle and Doodle*, you will meet *Doggity's*. This culinary canine takes you into an imaginary animated world where he and his other four-legged friends use teamwork to solve problems and cook up treats in their own kitchen.



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