

# Cable Chat



## What's On TV?

### **MyNetwork—WEPX...Channel 11**

*This network tends to skew toward the male audience and will be the new home to WWE, premiering October 3.*

### **G4...Channel 263**

*The only 24/7 television network dedicated to video games, airing all-original programming covering every aspect of the video game culture.*

### **HBO Comedy...Channel 338**

*The source for original comedy series, big hit movies and outrageous stand-up specials.*

### **Lifetime...Channel 30**

*Dedicated to offering the highest quality entertainment and information programming and advocating a wide range of issues affecting women and their families.*

### **Noggin...Channel 214**

*Preschool on TV—a place where preschoolers gain key curricular knowledge in thematic blocks through interactivity and narrative on TV and online.*

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## TriCounty Telecom Cable TV Going “All Digital”

Exciting upgrades are going on at TriCounty Cable TV. With the broadcast digital transition coming on February 17, 2009, and the demand for more channels and High Definition (HD) TV, 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 carry up to 12 standard definition channels on one analog channel or 3 high definition channels on one analog channel. This equates to more channels with clearer pictures and stereo or Dolby Surround Sound when available for you to enjoy. Many of you have called us with suggestions on channels you would like to see added to the line-up. We are in the process of talking with programmers about contracts for several new channels, including more pay-per-view movie channels, more family-oriented channels and HD channels. 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 and in the August issue of *Dial Tones*. If you are not a TriCounty Telecom telephone customer, the article in *Dial Tones* regarding antenna reception of digital signals can be found at [www.goTriCounty.biz/localtelephone-dialtones.htm](http://www.goTriCounty.biz/localtelephone-dialtones.htm).

As always, feel free to call the TriCounty Telecom business office at 252-964-8000 or 252-927-8000 if you have questions.

## The Games of the XXIX Olympiad

The 2008 Summer Olympics will get underway on August 8, 2008, (08-08-08) at 8:08:08 p.m. The games will be centered in Beijing, People's Republic of China. The slogan for the international sporting event is “One World, One Dream”.

Approximately 205 nations with 10,500 athletes will participate in 302 events in 28 sports. An estimated 550 athletes will represent Team USA at the Summer Games. NBC paid \$5.7 billion for exclusive United States broadcasting rights to the Summer and Winter Games from 2000-2012. More than 4 billion TV viewers are expected to watch the sporting event which will be held from August 8 - 24.

WITN will present coverage throughout the more than two weeks, with the Opening Ceremony airing August 8 from 8 p.m. - Midnight and the final night coverage on August 24, including the Closing Ceremony, airing from 7:00 p.m. - 11:30 p.m..



**The TriCounty Telecom business office will be closed for Labor Day on Monday, September 1.**

## TV Trivia

1. What sitcom was a US version of Johnny Speight's hit UK TV series "Till Death Us Do Part"?
2. What two stars of "Star Trek: Deep Space Nine" were married in real life in 1997?
3. What phone number do you dial to order TriCounty Telecom Pay-Per-View movies or events?
4. In seasons eight and nine who replaced Mulder and Scully as primary investigators on the "X-Files"?

See answers below

## Feature Presentation

**Flip Bar** allows you to see program information as you change channels. Information includes program name, start and end time, channel, current time and brief program description.

- Press any **arrow key** around the **OK** button to see the **Flip Bar** on screen.
- When you find a program you like, press **OK** to make the **Flip Bar** disappear or press **INFO** for more details.
- To see the **Flip Bar** for the program you are watching, press the **INFO** button.

The **Mini Guide** allows you to watch TV and view program listings without leaving the program you are watching or going to the full screen guide. **Mini Guide** is seen on the lower 1/3 of your screen and displays two channels and 90 minutes of listings. Press **OK** and use the **up-down arrow keys** to see listings on other channels and the **left-right arrow keys** to see listings at other times.

## What's the Answer?

1. "All In The Family"
2. Alexander Siddig (Dr. Bashir) & Nana Visitor (Maj. Kira Neyrs)
3. 964-PPV8 (7788)
4. Doggett and Reyes

## Broadcast Digital Transition Reminder

As a customer of TriCounty Telecom 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).

## Discovery Home Goes Green

Discovery Home (channel 254) is now Planet Green (PG). From gear to gourmet, renovation to innovation, PG is the first 24 hour eco-lifestyle television network with a focus on green lifestyle programming. Dedicated to exploring what it means to be green, PG features an authoritative and diverse group of celebrities and personalities who will share their passion for the planet through a host of entertaining series and specials. Find out what's cool, what's hot and what's next.



## New and Returning TV Fare Coming Soon

**Lifetime Movie Network (LMN)** (channel 242) celebrated its 10th Anniversary in June. Their new programming strategy will include more made-for-TV movies based on true stories. LMN has increased its production slate to 18 new movies for the 2008-09 season. Premiering in August, *Little Girl Lost: The Delimar Vera Story*, is based on the true story of a mother's reunion with a young daughter who was believed to have been killed in a fire six years earlier.

**Golf Channel** (channel 286) will debut a new show, *School of Golf*, on September 3.

**Bio Channel** (channel 200) will premier on August 19 *Shatner's Raw Nerve*, an edgy and off-beat celebrity interview series hosted by William Shatner. Shatner will unearth his guests' strange and unknown stories that are most surprising, revealing, funny, touching or bizarre.

*Instant Beauty Pageant* returns to **style.** (channel 217) on August 16 at 9:00 p.m. to transform everyday women into pageant queens.

September sees the return of **G4** (channel 263) hit series *Heroes* along with the award-winning series *The Lost Ones*.

And for you political junkies, the coverage will be extensive on both broadcast and cable news outlets for the **Democratic Convention** to be held August 25-27 in Denver, Colorado, and the **Republican Convention** to be held September 1-4 in Saint Paul, Minnesota.