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## CARTOON NETWORK OFFERS \$\$60 BILLION

### TRIGUN AND HIS GIANT BOUNTY HEADED FOR ADULT SWIM

**N**eed some extra cash? Just catch the man with the \$\$60 billion (that's double-dollars to you) bounty on his head on Cartoon Network starting in March. The smash hit anime series *Trigun* joins the Adult Swim lineup Monday through Friday.

*Trigun* is the story of Vash the Stampede, the most wanted man in a post-apocalyptic Western frontier world after single-handedly destroying the city of July. He evades capture with his amazing sharp-shooting skills and his phenomenal luck. He's caused countless billions of property damage but has not caused a single death. In addition to the myriad bounty hunters after him, Vash also has to contend with Meryl Stryfe and Milly Thompson, two insurance investigators dispatched by the Bernadelli Insurance Agency to try and minimize the damage Vash causes. But more often than not, it's Meryl and Milly that get unwillingly pulled into Vash's escapades. To complicate things, far from being the cruel, ruthless killer most people think he is, Vash is a total goofball. Soon they're



joined by Nicholas Wolfwood, a gun-toting minister that carries a small arsenal concealed inside a cross, and all four are drawn into Vash's own quest of stopping the lethal killer Knives and his gang, the Gung-Ho Guns.

Many fans thought *Trigun* would never be aired because the great deal of gun violence in the series, but C.N. says not to worry about extensive editing. "We're excited about having *Trigun* join our Adult Swim lineup," says Terry Kalagian, VP of Programming at Cartoon Network. "When the tapes arrive to our library, we make the necessary adjustments so that it fits our standards for broadcast. But fans can be assured that we will be careful to preserve the elements of the story that have made it such a popular series."

Plus, Toonami's turning five! March marks the fifth anniversary of this stellar programming block, which Cartoon Network plans to celebrate with a special event. Stay tuned for more details!

■ Caitlin Moriarity

**TRY & TRIGUN** Left to right, Milly, Meryl and Vash the Stampede are set for a TV showdown.

## TUNE IN TOKYO

BE A FAN OF A SHOW ONLY ON THE AIR IN JAPAN

### DETECTIVE CONAN

Poor Shinichi Kudo. Once a celebrated teen detective, all that changed one night when he was captured by the criminals he was investigating. They forced him to imbibe an experimental drug—but instead of killing Shinichi, the drug turns him into a little kid! To add insult to injury, Ran Mouri, the girl he dated in high school, adopts him! Undaunted, Shinichi adopts the name Conan after Sir Arthur Conan Doyle—author of his favorite

stories, the *Sherlock Holmes* mysteries—and keeps solving crimes. But since no one will listen to a little kid, Conan has to allow Ran's dimwitted detective father to receive credit for his genius. Conan's on a mission now—with the help of Professor Agasa, the only one who knows Conan and Shinichi are one and the same, Conan will find the criminals who did this to him and bring them to justice. ■ CM



# DON'T TOUCH THAT DIAL

## TECHTV AND ANIME NETWORK PROVIDE MORE REASONS TO STAY HOME

It's never been a better time to be an otaku—more and more channels are dedicating whole blocks of time to anime due to its mad crazy popularity in the U.S. One of the latest offerings is TechTV's new Anime Unleashed block, which launched in late December. Viewers can check out stellar series such as *Crest of the Stars*, *Betterman*, *Serial Experiments Lain*, *Dual* and *Silent Mobius*, Monday through Friday. Anime Unleashed will also feature great anime movies like *Ghost in the Shell* and *Macross Plus* on Friday nights.

"There are any number of anime series and movies that explore the conflict and/or cooperation between humans and machines," says Laura Civiello, Director of Acquisitions and Commissions at TechTV. "That kind of content works for us."

And if that isn't enough anime goodness to feed your need, no fear! ADV Films recently launched Phase One of the Anime Network, a premium cable channel showing anime 24 hours a day. Phase One, a video-on-demand service, was launched in mid-December by Comcast in Philadelphia, allowing viewers to select programs to watch when they want to watch them.

"For our audience, a video-on-demand-based launch is quite perfect," says John Ledford, President and CEO of A.D. Vision, Inc., parent company of The Anime Network and ADV Films. "Anime fans are really the ultimate early-adopters—they're very tech-savvy, and will be quick to appreciate the benefits of on-demand functionality."

The Anime Network divides its content by genre into four blocks—Action Zone, Comedy, Martial Arts and Sci-Fi. ADV plans to extend beyond Philadelphia soon; call your local cable provider for information. ■ CM



**FEELIN' WIRED** TechTV's new anime block has *Lain* fans swooning.



**PRIVACY PARTS** Now they're on Anime Network, the *Nadesico* crew doesn't have a moment to themselves.

## ON THE AIR

### UPDATING AND INFORMING ON BOOB-TUBE GOINGS-ON

#### ABC FAMILY

**Beyblade:** Weekdays 7:30 a.m.; Sat. & Sun. 7:30 & 9 a.m.

**Medabots:** Weekdays 7 a.m.; Sat. & Sun. 7 & 9:30 a.m.

**Tokyo Pig:** Sat. & Sun. 11 a.m.

#### ACTION MOVIE CHANNEL

Well worth getting the premium cable package for, the Action Movie Channel gives viewers Animidnight, uncut, commercial free anime every Friday night. See [www.actionmoviechannel.com](http://www.actionmoviechannel.com) for the most recent listings.

#### ANIME NETWORK

All anime, all the time...in Philly. See the story opposite for the juicy details.

#### CARTOON NETWORK

**Toonami:** Weekdays Mon.-Fri., *Zoids* 4 p.m., *G Gundam* 4:30, *Dragon Ball* 5 p.m. and *Dragon Ball Z* at 5:30.

**Adult Swim:** Cartoon Network's late-night mature programming block expands to weeknights Mon-Thurs, showing *Reign* at 12 a.m., *Lupin III* 12:30, *Yu Yu Hakusho* 1 a.m. and *Cowboy Bebop* at 1:30.

**Super Saturday:** *Dragon Ball Z* 2 p.m., *Dragon Ball* 2:30 p.m., *.hack/SIGN* 3 p.m. and *G Gundam* 3:30 p.m.

**Hamtaro:** Weekdays 10:30 a.m., Sun. 6 p.m.

**Pokémon:** Mon-Thurs. 9 p.m.

#### FOX BOX

**Fighting Foodons:** Sat. 8:30 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.

**Kirby:** Sat. 9 & 11 a.m.

**Ultimate Muscle:** Sat. 9:30 a.m.

**Ultraman Tiga:** Sat. 11:30 a.m.

#### INTERNATIONAL CHANNEL

**Dragonball GT:** Sat. 10:30 p.m.

**El Hazard:** Wed. 11 p.m.

**Fushigi Yugi:** Tues. 11 p.m.

**Slayers:** Fri. 11 p.m., Sat. 11 p.m.

**Soul Hunter:** Mon. 11 p.m.

#### KIDS WB!

*Yu-Gi-Oh!* and *Pokémon* continue to amaze and delight the children six days a week!

**Pokémon:** Weekdays 4 p.m.; Sat. 10 a.m.

**Yu-Gi-Oh!:** Weekdays 4:30 p.m., Sat. 8 & 11 a.m.

#### TECHTV

TechTV's Anime Unleashed serves up tasty anime offerings Monday through Friday, 1 to 1:30 a.m., and Friday 11 p.m. to 1 a.m. See the story on the left for more information. ■ CM



**BEYBLADE**



**G GUNDAM**



**FUSHIGI YUGI**



**YU-GI-OH!**