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## TV series examines freedom of expression

Show will air  
on channel 8  
Sunday morning

Staff Reports

Word on Words, a series sponsored by the John Seigenthaler Chair of Excellence at MTSU and filmed on campus, will air on Nashville Public Television the next two Sunday mornings at 10:30 a.m.

Seigenthaler's guests will include David Halberstam, Bill Kovach, Winston Groom and Alice Randall. The program centers on Freedom of Expression.

Halberstam is a veteran journalist and social commentator whose books frequently top *The New York Times* best-seller list. Recipient of the Pulitzer Prize and 16 honorary degrees, Halberstam has written on such diverse subjects as the Vietnam War, the power of the modern media and Japanese automakers' challenge to Detroit.

His latest book, *War in a Time of Peace*, focuses on terrorism's threats and was written before Sept. 11, 2001. His 1998 *The Children* follows students whose lunch-counter protests in Nashville focused national attention on 1960s segregation. Halberstam was once a reporter for *The Tennessean*.

Kovach, also a former Tennessean reporter, spent two decades at *The New York Times*, during which time he served as the newspaper's Washington bureau chief. Christened by *Editor & Publisher* magazine as "the conscience of journalism," Kovach served two years as editor of the *Atlanta Journal-Constitution* before moving to Harvard University in 1989 as curator of the Nieman Foundation for Journalism.

Today, Kovach is chairman of the Committee of Concerned Journalists, a Washington-based consortium of journalists, publishers and academics focused on promoting quality in journalism in the United States.

Kovach co-wrote *The Elements of Journalism: What Newspeople Should Know and the Public Should Expect* and *Warp Speed: America in the Age of Mixed Media*, written after the Monica Lewinsky scandal of the Clinton administration.

Author of the 1986 novel *Forrest Gump*, Groom spent eight years as a reporter for *The Washington Star*. His experiences as an officer in Vietnam spawned his first novel, *Better Times Than These*. Since the phenomenal popularity of the *Forrest Gump* movie, Groom's novel is in its 15th paperback printing and was the catalyst for numerous spin-off books.

Randall's first novel, *The Wind Done Gone*, is a parody of Margaret Mitchell's *Gone With the Wind*. Randall's book, written from the perspective of Scarlett O'Hara's mulatto half-sister, made international news last year when Mitchell's estate sued to halt publication.

After Randall and her publishing company, Houghton Mifflin, won their court appeal in May 2001, Randall's book hit store shelves. Toni Morrison hailed *The Wind Done Gone* as

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## Feats of strength



File photo

A participant in last year's games competes in the shief toss. The Tennessee Highland Games begin Saturday. Over 60 Scottish clans will participate.

## Scottish culture celebrated at games

By Kyle Postlewaite  
Staff Writer

People of Scottish descent will celebrate the first weekend of October at the annual week-end long Tennessee Highland Games presented by the Heart of Tennessee Scottish Celebration, Inc.

The main attraction of this year's Scottish celebration will be the game day activities, held on the MTSU campus Saturday at the Tennessee Livestock Center. Amateur athletes will compete in the axe throw, weight toss, turning the caber and stone throw among other Scottish challenges.

Nearly 60 Scottish family clans will also participate in the Parade of Tartans, which will display their family history, genealogy and Scottish customs.

"Primarily what we try to do is to provide a cultural and historic event to let people know and get interested in their family history," said John Mauldin, president of Heart of Tennessee Scottish Celebration.

Other festivities that day will range from the Highland dance competition, whiskey barrel races, and pipe and drum bands and various Scottish sporting competitions. Saturday's celebration attendance is expected to be more than 10,000.

"We're trying to do a variety of things for everyone to watch and enjoy," Mauldin said.

Brown Foreman Beverage Company will feature a single malt scotch tasting session, at

the Double Tree Hotel on Old Fort Parkway.

Mauldin boasted that, "No one else in the world produces single malt whiskey."

The scotches being sampled are from the Scotch produces of Glenmorangie and Ardbeg. These two producers will feature a variety of their products. There will be three sessions of single malt sampling with the first starting at 6 p.m. The cost for admission to the sampling is \$20 per person on a first come first serve basis.

"[The sampling sessions] are very similar to a wine tasting, except its single malt whiskey," Mauldin said.

After the sampling sessions, participants are encouraged to return to the Livestock Center at 8:30 p.m. for a Scottish party.

Three Scottish music performances will be presented Saturday night.

"Three of the best entertainers in the Scottish arena," Mauldin said.

Alex Beaton, a traditional Celtic musician, Clann An Drumma, a tribal drum and pipe group from Glasgow, Scotland and Seven Nations, a bagpipe and fiddling rock band, will perform at 8:30 p.m. at the Livestock Center. Tickets will be \$10 and can be purchased at the door.

Saturday's celebration will open at 8:30 a.m. with the festivities getting underway at 9 a.m. Tickets for the games will be \$8 in advance. Tickets for children under 12 are \$3

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## Christian bands performing at tailgate event

Christian store  
sponsoring show  
before game

By Alicia Pickett  
Staff Writer

Before the MTSU/Temple football game, the Bell Street parking lot will be bustling with free hot dogs and hallelujahs to kick off tailgating with LifeWay Christian Stores Faith and Family Day.

"We want to rock out," said Wes Walters, MT senior and lead singer for Christian rock worship band Echosflow, one of bands performing at tailgating event.

"To bring people to God with passionate and genuine worship," said Walters whose band has taken part in the campus organization Alpha Omega.

Echosflow is made up of five men and one woman, all who attend MTSU.

Sponsored in part by radio station WFFI 93.7 and WFFH 94.1 'The One' along with LifeWay, the tailgating event is geared to showcase players of Christian music along with supporting Raiders football.

"The music is geared to college students," said Jeff Fellers, marketing executive for "The One."

Also included in the music mix, Fervent Records' By The Tree, 17-year-old artist Jessie Daniels and The Destination Band will be performing.

"By The Tree have a lot of



Photo provided

17-year-old recording artist  
Jessie Daniels will be performing before the game.

friends that go to MTSU," Fellers said. "For them, it's a great honor to come home."

"We want them to see our passion," said Luke Niedermeyer, Echosflow guitarist.

"If the music cuts through their hearts...we definitely want to touch lives," said Brad Weir, Echosflow bass player.

This pre-game event is free to all MT students. Parking is free on Tennessee Boulevard for attendees.

Music events will take place from 3-5:30 p.m. in the Bell Street parking lot.

Tickets are available at area LifeWay Christian stores for \$10 or through the MTSU Group Ticket Line at 898-2103.

For groups with 20 or more tickets are \$8. ♦

## CNN vice president discusses war coverage during Iraq invasion

Practice  
of embedding  
journalists  
questioned

Staff Reports

The practice of "embedding" journalists with a military fighting force gave reporters — and thus, their viewers, listeners and readers — a front-row seat during the Iraqi conflict.

Whether that practice could become the journalistic standard for war coverage will be the topic when CNN's Eric Ludgood appears on campus.

Vice president of international programming for Cable News Network International, Ludgood will lecture to a communication class from 3:30 to 4:45 p.m. Oct. 2, Room 221 of the Ned McWherter Learning Resources Center.

The lecture is free and open to the public.

His appearance is sponsored by MTSU's Seigenthaler Chair of Excellence in First Amendment Studies.

On Friday, Ludgood is the keynote speaker at the District II Fall Conference of the

Broadcast Education Association, meeting at MTSU Oct. 3 and 4. BEA's District II includes Alabama, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, Louisiana, Mississippi, North Carolina, South Carolina, Tennessee, the Caribbean and Africa.

As vice president of CNNI, Ludgood supervises "CNN World Report," the cable network's longest-running news program, which features news stories from more than 150 broadcasters around the globe.

Recruiting writers and producers to staff CNN's network for international bureaus is Ludgood's job.

A 1978 graduate of Auburn University, Ludgood began his broadcast career at WTVM-TV in Columbus, Ga., as a producer, photographer and reporter.

After producing Atlanta's top-rated morning newscast at WXIA-TV, he joined CNN as a producer and writer.

The Seigenthaler Chair was established in 1986 to honor John Seigenthaler, a leading national spokesman for First Amendment freedoms.

The Chair sponsors lectures, conferences and visits by distinguished professionals on free speech and journalism-related topics. ♦





## Crime Log

Compiled by Amanda Maynard

Thursday, Sept. 25 - 9:39 a.m.  
Stolen Vehicle

Baird Lane lot  
1977 blue Oldsmobile Delta with vinyl top was stolen from the lot. Car was parked on Sunday and student had not seen car since.

2:07 p.m.  
Leaving the scene of an accident  
Greenland Drive lot B

Kathleen Johnson called to report a hit and run on a red Honda Civic.

1:41 p.m.  
Theft  
Wiser-Patten Science Hall  
A calculator was stolen from Room 100.

4 p.m.  
Theft  
Recreation Center  
Wallet was stolen from weight room of Rec center.

Friday, Sept. 26 - 11:46 p.m.  
Trespass Warning  
Sigma Chi - Greek Row  
Subject was issued a trespass warning and advised not to return to campus. Subject had a 24-pack of beer and was asked to pour the beer out.

Saturday, Sept. 27 - 2:17 a.m.  
Vandalism  
Nicks Hall  
Area coordinator advised that someone had

discharged a fire extinguisher under a resident's door.

4:23 a.m.  
Public Intoxication  
Cummings Hall  
Brandon J. Reece of Rossville, Ga., was charged with public intoxication and Chad L. Berryhill of Charlotte, N.C., was charged with underage consumption.

Monday, Sept. 29 - 4:54 p.m.  
Theft  
KUC  
A cell phone was stolen from the KUC.

4:45  
Theft  
Phillips Bookstore  
A book bag was stolen from outside bookstore.

5 p.m.  
Fire  
Nicks Hall lot  
A dumpster was on fire and Murfreesboro Fire Department said it was an accident.

9:14 p.m.  
Vandalism  
Corlew Hall  
Subject reporting something large being thrown at the hood of her silver Toyota FourRunner after pulling into a parking space. ♦

## Seigenthaler: Show guests include Pulitzer prize winning journalist

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as "evocative" and "wry," while Pat Conroy says the novel prompted him to "laugh out loud at its clever inversions and

insider jokes."

A Nashville resident, Randall is a country songwriter with more than 20 songs recorded. She's the only African-American woman to write a No. 1 country

hit; she co-wrote XXXs And OOOs (An American Girl), recorded by Trisha Yearwood. ♦

## Games: Scotch tasting to be held at hotel

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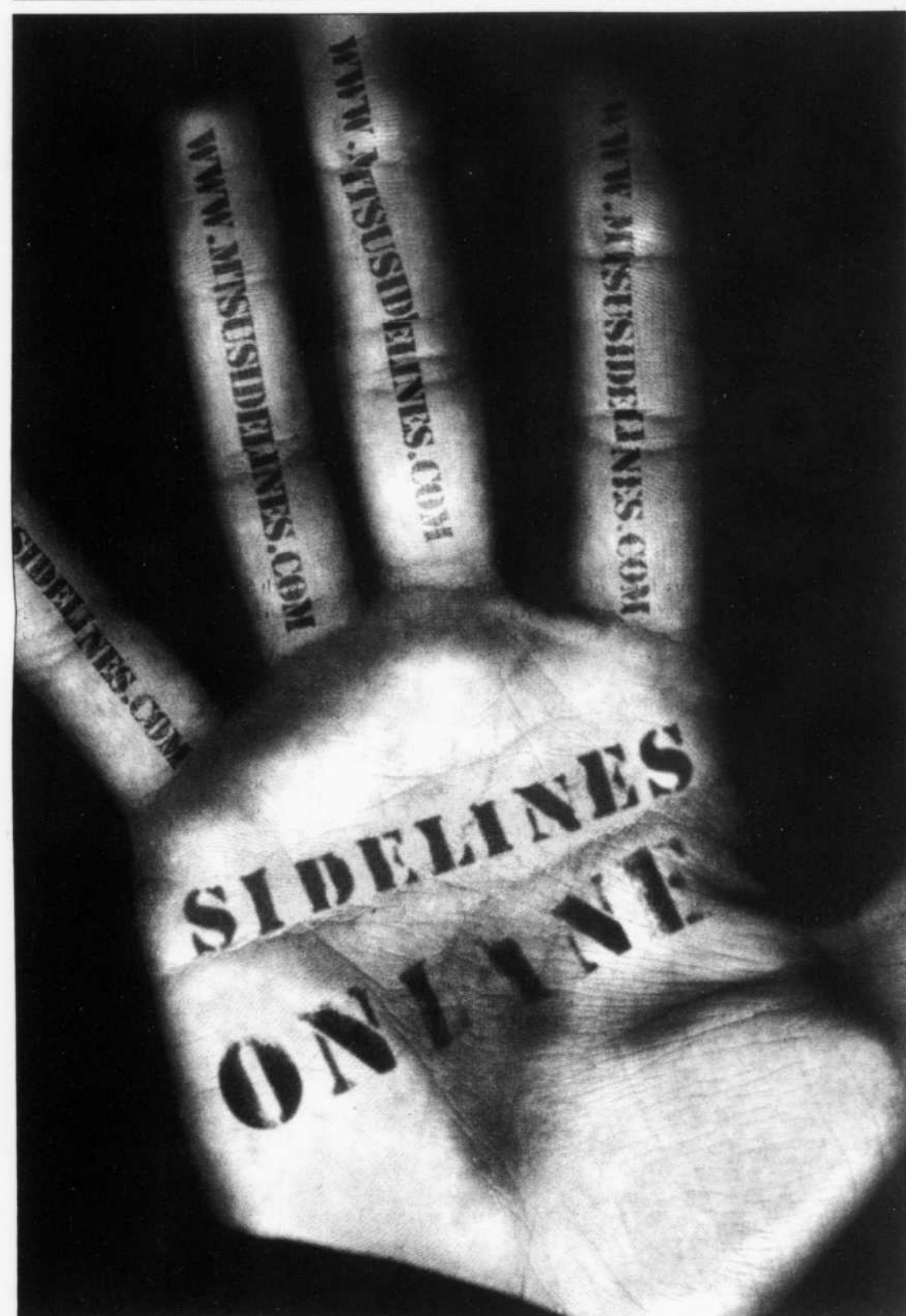
and MTSU students who bring their ID will have a \$5 admission.

Although Saturday is the

main attraction of the celebration, on Friday, a seminar will be held from noon to 4 p.m. at the Doubletree Hotel. On Sunday, a "Kirkin of the Tartan" religious service will be held at

First Cumberland Presbyterian Church on East Main Street at 10:30 a.m.

For more information on the Tennessee Highland Games, please visit [www.HOTSC.com](http://www.HOTSC.com). ♦



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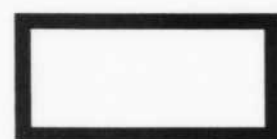
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# WORLD BRIEFS

Compiled by Kristin Hall - News Editor



## White House staffers sift through records

WASHINGTON (AP) - White House officials began combing telephone logs and other records Wednesday while the FBI assembled senior agents for the politically delicate task of questioning senior members of President George W. Bush's staff about the leak of a CIA undercover officer's identity.

The FBI's first task will be to determine how many government officials were privy to the officer's identity and knew it was classified, a number that could be in the hundreds.

## Republican Party logs 1 million new donors

WASHINGTON (AP) - The donations aren't all that big-most under \$30-but the number of people contributing to the Republican Party is a milestone: more than 1 million new donors since President Bush took office.

That beats the Republican National Committee's previous record of 853,595 first-time donors during President Reagan's two terms in the 1980s. The new contributors in Bush's tenure yielded \$55 million for the RNC, spokeswoman Christine Iverson said Wednesday.

In total numbers, California provided the most new donors to the party, 161,463, followed by Florida, governed by Bush's brother, Jeb, with 76,028; and Texas, the president's home state, with 61,487.

## China makes it easier for couples to say 'I do'

BEIJING (AP) - On Wednesday, China eliminated a much-resented requirement for couples to obtain their bosses' approval before tying the knot, prompting thousands of couples to wed in what, for some, was also a celebration of the retreat of outside interference in their private lives.

Couples lined up as early as 5 a.m. outside marriage registration offices. Couples said "I do" Wednesday at mass ceremonies in city squares, at tree planting ceremonies and even at a Beijing drive-in theater, which transported brides to the ceremony on horseback.

The new marriage rules are

among social reforms that increasingly are freeing private lives from unpopular government controls. Also beginning Wednesday, couples won't be required to get health checks to marry, and those wishing to divorce can do so without attending lengthy government mediation sessions.

## Malvo takes Fifth during hearing for fellow suspect

MANASSAS, Va. (AP) - Lee Boyd Malvo took the Fifth Amendment on Wednesday at a hearing for John Allen Muhammad that brought the sniper suspects together for the first time since their arrests 11 months ago.

It was the first time Malvo and Muhammad had seen each other since their arrests Oct. 24 at a Maryland rest stop.

Prince William County Commonwealth's Attorney Paul Ebert will now submit to the judge a list of questions he wants to ask Malvo. If they are deemed potentially incriminating, Malvo can again cite the Fifth Amendment guarantee against self-incrimination.

Circuit Judge LeRoy F. Millette Jr. will decide at an Oct. 7 hearing whether Malvo will be required to answer any of the questions.

## New Hampshire chosen for Liberterian state

CONCORD, N.H. (AP) - A group of libertarians announced a project Wednesday to get 20,000 Americans to move to New Hampshire and work to transform it into a "free state" with fewer laws, smaller government and greater liberty.

New Hampshire, whose motto is "Live Free or Die," beat out nine other finalists for the Free State Project.

The 5,000 members have already pledged to move to the selected state, Free State Project organizers said.

They hope to increase their numbers to 20,000 within two years and start transforming the state into a national model of liberty.

Some free-staters want to roll back restrictions on gambling, legalize medicinal marijuana and strengthen gun rights.

But McKinstry said members

also will work for charities and scholarship programs and help citizens get more involved in government.

## Fighting erupts in Liberian capital Wednesday

MONROVIA, Liberia (AP) - Gunfire and explosions erupted in Liberia's capital Wednesday even as a new U.N. peace mission took control, with insurgents and government forces opening fire as the top rebel leader tried to make his way into Monrovia.

Associated Press journalists saw three bodies-two civilians shot in the crossfire, and a rebel killed by civilians outraged at the return to fighting. Defense Minister Daniel Chea put the death toll at five.

The firefight, with AK-47s and grenade-launchers, marked the most serious clash in Monrovia since an interim West African peace force moved into the capital Aug. 4.

## Parents and students out-of-touch with college costs

College may be cheaper than many people think, a new study says.

A study released Wednesday by the National Center for Education Statistics, which analyzes educational data for the federal government, found that families often overestimated the cost of college tuition at four-year public institutions.

The NCES based its findings on a 1999 survey of 7,900 students and parents by the National Household Education Surveys Program, which provides statistical data on education to researchers and policymakers.

Asked to estimate the annual tuition at a four-year public college, students and parents' answers typically ranged from \$5,400 to \$5,800. In reality, the average tuition for in-state undergraduates for one year at public institutions in 1998-99 was approximately \$3,200.

## El Greco retrospective opens at museum

NEW YORK (AP) - When Domenikos Theotokopoulos, better known as El Greco, was creating his vibrant, brilliantly hued religious paintings in the late 16th and early 17th cen-

turies, his work was seen as extravagant, far from the more realistic style then in vogue.

It wasn't until generations later that El Greco was recognized for his originality and intensity. Since then, he has been considered a genius who found the spiritual essence of his subjects.

"El Greco" will be on view at the Met from Oct. 7 through Jan. 11 and is the first El Greco retrospective to appear in the United States in more than 20 years. The New York museum is its only U.S. stop.

Two of the works, "The Virgin of the Immaculate Conception" and a version of "The Adoration of the Shepherds," have never been shown outside Spain.

## Something's missing at NBA training camps-

There's a new rule in place at NBA training camps: No vets allowed.

Players with more than three years' experience are not reporting for the first three days of camp, their absence mandatory under terms of a deal struck in February between the league and the players' union.

Several coaches have voiced their displeasure with the rule, which came as part of a tradeoff in which the union agreed to extend the first round of the playoffs from best-of-five to best-of-seven. Many veterans loath the first few days of camp with their two-a-day practices, and the union wanted a concession from the league for the extra wear and tear from two extra playoff games.

## Israel's Cabinet approves extending barrier

JERUSALEM (AP) - Israel's Cabinet on Wednesday approved an extension of a security barrier that would swing around several Jewish settlements deep in the West Bank, but would have some gaps for now to address U.S. concerns, Israel Army Radio said.

A barrier would be built east of Ariel- with 18,000 residents the second largest settlement in the West Bank- but would not immediately be connected to the main security fence which runs further west, closer to Israel. Meanwhile, Israeli commandos arrested a leader of the

militant Islamic Jihad group, Bassam Saadi, who a witness said was hiding under a parked car when he was seized in a West Bank refugee camp.

Saadi was hiding under a car when he was caught, said Atef Abu Rub, a resident of the area. Residents of four nearby apartment buildings were ordered out of their homes during the operation, the witness said.

## Investigation into CIA leak rests with career officials

WASHINGTON (AP) - The investigation into the leak of a CIA undercover officer's identity is being run by a team of career Justice Department counterespionage lawyers and FBI agents that President Bush says makes appointment of a special counsel unnecessary.

Bush told reporters he was "absolutely confident" the Justice Department could handle it impartially. "I have told our administration, people in my administration to be fully cooperative," Bush said during a fund-raising stop Tuesday in Chicago. That did not satisfy Democratic leaders, who argued that Attorney General John Ashcroft was too close to the White House to run an independent investigation. "If there ever was a case for the appointment of a special counsel, this is it," said California Rep. Nancy Pelosi, the House Democratic leader.

## GOP senators may provide some Iraqi aid as loans

WASHINGTON (AP) - Senate Republicans pushing through President Bush's \$87 billion request for Iraq and Afghanistan may break with the administration on the key question of whether Iraqis should have to pay back some of the money. A handful of Republicans have joined Senate Democrats in urging that the United States count at least part of the \$20.3 billion Bush is seeking for Iraqi reconstruction as loans or loan guarantees. The loan issue is one of the few areas where Democrats could significantly change the \$87 billion proposal. The package was approved 29-0 by the Senate Appropriations Committee on Tuesday and the fight on the Senate floor was beginning Wednesday.

Debate was likely to last until after lawmakers return from a Columbus Day recess in mid-October.

## Justice investigates possible China business deals

WASHINGTON (AP) - The Justice Department inspector general is investigating whether FBI agents involved in espionage and terrorism cases improperly used informants and subjects of investigation to benefit private businesses they were running on the side, according to officials and documents.

The allegations, according to court documents reviewed by The Associated Press, include that agents' and intelligence assets' private companies were involved in business deals in China and the Middle East about the same time the FBI was investigating Chinese efforts to acquire sensitive technology.

"Any time there is a request by an inspector general, the FBI fully cooperates," the FBI said in a statement.

## Huffington quits as poll show support for recall

LOS ANGELES (AP) - Commentator-turned-politician Arianna Huffington pulled out of California's recall race even as a new poll shows strong support for ousting Gov. Gray Davis and installing Arnold Schwarzenegger to replace him.

Huffington, who was one of Davis's harshest critics on the campaign trail, on Tuesday dropped out of the campaign and urged her supporters to vote against the effort to remove Davis in order to block a potential Republican victory.

The exit of the only woman in a field that originally had six major candidates came as a second recent statewide poll showed voters were prepared to boot Davis and replace him with Schwarzenegger.

The Los Angeles Times poll showed the recall succeeding by a 56 percent to 42 percent margin.

That was a shift from a Sept. 12 Times poll that showed support for the recall stalling, with 50 percent of voters supporting it and 47 percent in opposition. ♦

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Best mixed drinks

Best happy hour

Best beer

Best atmosphere (restaurant)

Best atmosphere (bar)

Best breakfast

Best Mexican food

Best oriental food

Best sit-down meal in town

Best service (restaurant)

Best service (bar)

Best drunk/stoned food

Best grab-and-go lunch place

### ART & ENTERTAINMENT

Best place to spend a Friday night

Best place to spend a Saturday night

Best place to spend a weekend night

Best place to pick up a date

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Best place to rent videos

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Best place to see local art

Best place to sit, chill out and read

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# Immigrants and allies 'ride for freedom' to nation's capital

By Jennifer C. Kerr  
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — Hundreds of immigrant workers and their supporters rolled into the nation's capital Wednesday, bringing their "freedom ride" for better treatment to the halls of Congress.

They came on 18 buses from Seattle, San Francisco, Miami, Minneapolis and six other cities — with nearly 900 participants representing about 50 coun-

tries.

Inspired by the original freedom riders of the 1960s, who boarded buses to protest segregation, the immigrant riders used their bus tour to gain support for legalization of undocumented workers, better working conditions and reforms to hasten the reunification of families.

"This is to show that there are bad laws hurting good people," said Dave Glaser, national director of the Immigrant Workers Freedom Ride.

The immigrants stopped in about 100 cities and towns on their way to Washington, where they were greeted on a cool, fall afternoon with red-white-and-blue balloons, signs reading "Justice for all" and lots of food — hot dogs, hamburgers, popcorn and snow cones.

Organizers said they received mostly warm receptions along the way to Washington — a sharp contrast to the original freedom riders, who were met with angry mobs and mass arrests.

Araceli Zarate arrived on the bus from Minneapolis, and had tears streaming down her face as she talked about how she hasn't seen two of her children — who are still in Mexico — for six years.

"We work hard and all we want is to do is to find a future for our children," she said.

Muradieu Joseph, an immigrant who fled Haiti in 1991 and came on the bus from Boston, said he's living the American dream now with a job, a car and a place to live.

"Immigrants are not coming to bother anybody, they're coming to help build this country and make the nation greater," Joseph said.

The Federation for American Immigration Reform, which seeks to sharply reduce immigration, said the new freedom ride "created a whole new category of outrageousness."

Linking their freedom ride to the 1960s "is an insult to the intellect of the American public," said David Ray, a

spokesman for the federation. "First, illegal aliens thumb their noses at our immigration laws and then they try to paint themselves as victims."

Organizers declined to say how many participants were undocumented workers.

The immigrants plan to lobby Congress on Thursday before getting back on their buses and heading to a rally planned for Saturday in New York. ♦

# Gay fraternity at Florida offers acceptance for all

By Claudia Adrien  
Independent Florida Alligator

(U-WIRE) GAINESVILLE, Fla. — Nate Barnes' fellow fraternity members didn't care he was gay.

But three years ago, everything changed when the now-senior at the University of Florida ran for president of Pride Student Union.

He said members of Kappa Sigma fraternity's executive board didn't want their fraternity to be associated with homosexuality and asked Barnes not to run. When he refused, Barnes says they removed him from the fraternity.

"At that point I was pissed," said Barnes, who later won the Pride election. "I knew I had a lot to offer to the fraternity."

Barnes didn't want his

removal to be the end of his involvement with UF's greek community. He attempted to establish a chapter of Delta Lambda Phi, a national fraternity for gay, bisexual and progressive gentlemen.

But there were rifts among those interested in chartering a Delta Lambda Phi fraternity chapter and the effort foundered. Barnes said he still wishes UF had a chapter.

He is not alone.

"There's a need for gay fraternities as there is for any other," said Doug Case, coordinator for fraternity and sorority life at San Diego State University.

Case interviewed more than 500 gay and lesbian members of Greek chapters nationwide in his study, "A Glimpse of the Invisible Membership: A

National Survey of Lesbian Gay Greek Members."

In the study conducted more than 10 years ago, he concluded that it's "hard for gay students to be themselves" in traditional fraternities.

Florida International University senior Jorge Casas agrees. He is president of the nation's largest chapter of Delta Lambda Phi fraternity at FIU.

"We can just break away and be ourselves in an environment where you're not the minority," Casas said.

Established in 1986, the group provides an alternative organization whose members do not discriminate based on a pledge's sexual orientation. The fraternity now has more than 17 chapters nationally.

Casas helped establish a chapter at FIU one year ago.

This year's recruitment class doubled the chapter's size to 23 — making it the largest in the country.

Although Casas said he was nervous about the campus reaction, it hasn't been as bad as he expected — most of the time.

But that's to be expected, said Karen Katz, FIU's greek adviser.

"Of course there's a bias to anyone homosexual," she said.

Katz said she worries that the Delta Lambda Phi chapter may experience some intolerance when they attempt to join the Interfraternity Council this fall.

"The gay thing will be an issue," Casas said. "If we don't get in, it will be questionable, especially if we meet all the requirements."

But Case argues that fraternities and sororities have been

limiting membership since their existence.

"Predominately black Greek chapters were established in direct response to the discrimination practiced by other groups," he said.

Terri Porter, president of UF's Panhellenic Council, said homosexuality shouldn't be an issue when it comes to establishing fraternities and sororities.

"The Greek community typically isn't receptive to any group who wants to limit their membership to certain types of people," she said.

But Porter said that the National Panhellenic Conference should encourage more discussion on sexuality.

"Women need more education about acceptance," Porter said.

UF sorority member Tara Port said she doesn't know how effective the NPC's message has been.

A memo posted in sorority houses discussed sexuality awareness, but "lumped" the discussion of homosexuality with rape and STDs, Port said.

"I don't think Panhellenic found the right outlet to discuss homosexuality," she said, adding students may view homosexuality with the same negativity surrounding rape and STDs.

But Case made out that greek life has made progress in tolerance in recent years.

"This discussion, this action, would never have taken place in the '60s," he said. "All of this reflects our changing times." ♦

# Texas A&M delays journalism decision

By Sarah Walch  
The Battalion

(U-WIRE) COLLEGE STATION, Texas — Next fall, Texas A&M University will no longer offer students the chance to earn a degree in journalism.

Earlier this year, College of Liberal Arts Dean Charles Johnson recommended the Department of Journalism be cut due to budget constraints. Johnson has been delayed in finalizing his decision to cut the journalism department by his impending trip to Qatar the week of Oct. 6-12 to help A&M's newest branch get its feet off the ground, says Leanne South, director of college relations.

Johnson has received a preliminary report from the committee he appointed in August to look into "alternative pathways" for student journalists attending A&M, but that information is not yet available for release, South says.

Senior journalism major Bernhard Hall says he was surprised when Johnson announced his recommendation to cut the journalism department.

"I never thought they would actually do it," he says. Though Johnson has said the student

newspaper and yearbook, *The Aggiegland*, could serve as an outlet for aspiring student journalists, Hall says a lot of journalism majors are not interested in newspaper writing.

"Newspaper writing is just a small part of the department," he says. "(Students in journalism) also want to do public relations or broadcast journalism."

Senior journalism major Cheryl Kempe agrees. Students interested in magazine, news or broadcast journalism need a background education, she says, and can apply what they learn at A&M to any type of job.

Loren Steffy, Dallas bureau chief for Bloomberg News and president of the Former Journalism Students' Association, says the A&M journalism department has always been a diamond in the rough.

Over time, the biggest impact of the journalism's departure will be on laboratory settings such as *The Battalion*, he says.

The University will have a significant decline in student journalists because most potential journalists would rather go to a school offering a journalism degree, he believes.

Johnson says all current journalism faculty members will retain a position some-

where in the College of Liberal Arts.

But Steffy says after the current journalism professors retire in about 10 years, new professors will be unwilling to come to A&M to join a program that doesn't exist.

Without the full educational experience to provide a framework, "the quality (of *The Battalion*) is definitely going to deteriorate," he adds.

Directly following the announcement of Johnson's recommendation in July, Steffy, the FJSA and the summer editing staff of *The Battalion* organized a letter-writing campaign and online petition, using the Web site [www.savejournalism.com](http://www.savejournalism.com), to illustrate to the administration and the regents how many students and professional journalists are opposed to limiting journalism education.

Hall says once the journalism department is gone, *The Battalion* could be forced to hold its own newspaper writing classes for non-journalism majors unfamiliar with the style required for reporting.

Johnson says he believes a degree from A&M will maintain its value despite the closure of the department.

South says there has been a

nation-wide movement away from journalism education, started by the president of Columbia University.

Four of six schools that A&M is striving to emulate in the Vision 2020 plan do not have journalism programs, Johnson says. Overall, Johnson says a budget reduction on \$400,000 led him to the decision to cut the department.

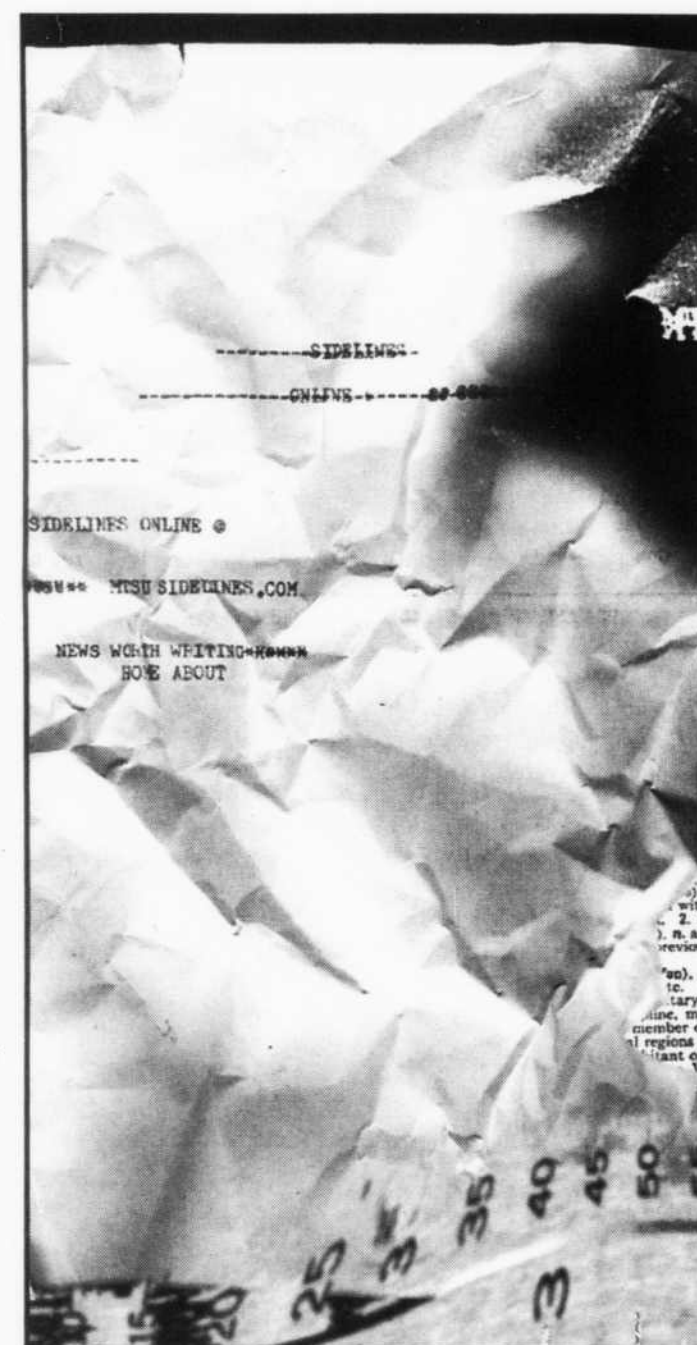
"If I wouldn't have cut it from journalism, I would have had to cut from political science, psychology or English," he says. However, the College of Liberal Arts Web site also cites "University priorities" as a factor in the decision.

Kempe and Hall question why A&M has focused on eliminating journalism.

"I don't know why they're centering on journalism," Kempe says. "Other departments like mathematics and psychology are not as well-known either."

Hall says the recommendation seems to point to a train of thought detrimental to the field of journalism.

"(They must be thinking) 'let's give up on having journalists,'" he says, "and just make engineers." ♦



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## From the Editorial Board

### Immigrant road ride noble, necessary cause

A busload of immigrants held a rally in Nashville on Monday to promote their rights and the implementation of new laws securing those rights. The reception was warm, but other parts of the country have not been hospitable.

In the Associated Press story on page 3, David Ray, spokesperson for the Federation for American Immigration Reform, is quoted as saying, "First illegal aliens thumb their noses at our immigration laws and then they try to present themselves as victims."

This is a logical fallacy.

"Sometimes people confuse the fact that immigrants don't do it [obtain work visas] with the fact that they can't do it," Mario Ramos, a local coordinator for Monday's stop, said in a *Tennessean* article yesterday.

Immigrants, both legal and illegal, are victims of rights abuses – unsafe work conditions, work hour laws and discrimination to name a few. Meanwhile, they're doing their best to fill essential labor positions that many whites feel it beneath them to take.

Ask an economics professor how important immigrant labor is to the American economy. Illegal immigrants typically take lower-paying jobs, like those in the construction and agricultural sectors, while legal immigrants often receive visa because they have skills that are needed in the workplace (although, yes, there are always some exceptions).

There is little competition for these job from those in the middle class and upper middle class, so it's interesting that those xenophobes as the ones mostly loudly proclaiming immigration as a threat to the country.

Regardless of their legal status, the human rights of immigrants must be maintained. People are people whether or not they hold green cards or temporary visas. It's a cardinal sin for Ray to think because a person enters the country illegally, he has given up his rights to life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness.

That's a point that immigrant protesters would do well to remember.

Also in yesterday's *Tennessean*, Sylvia Carranza of Los Angeles said, "[Immigrants] should have rights." They do.

If this road rally is going to be an effective voice, its speakers must become assertive and claim what is rightfully theirs.

Like the Civil Rights rides of the 1960s, these people have a just cause. They just need to find their voice. ♦

## Second-rate 'Sex' will cause viewer impotence

### Said My Muse to Me



Amber Bryant  
Staff Columnist

In the 1800s, women were declared temporarily insane each month because premenstrual syndrome had yet to be discovered. In the 1920s, women wore dresses instead of pants for fear of "crotch rot." Thirty-something women in the '60s faced either sexless marriage or dried up spinsterhood, with the only option in between involving fishnet tights and city intersections. Never has the vagina been so misunderstood. That is, until television and feminism united at a New York lunch table, where four women eloquently discussed the importance of threesomes and one-night stands.

But then, just like that,

the people at Home Box Office sold out.

According to an Associated Press article, the HBO hit series *Sex and the City* will be syndicated on Turner Broadcasting System beginning next summer. The series will be edited for basic cable audiences and shortened to allow for commercials, joining the prime time ranks alongside *Seinfeld* and *Friends* reruns.

Friends? Just us.

In other words, HBO is going to allow an original, monumental series to be butchered by the Federal Communications Commission and TBS censors.

Any rabid *Sex* fan knows that the meat and potatoes of the show is its unique approach to female sexuality, from the racy language to the spirited sex scenes. *Sex* will go down in history for eradicating the age-old belief that men want sex and women just allow sex to happen – it's

honesty at its very best.

As a young woman who has watched each episode religiously (and a bit obsessively, according to, well, everyone), I consider myself a bona fide *Sex* expert. It's against the laws of physics for the show to be edited for a prudish television audience and not lose the majority of its colossal social impact. It would be like editing the paranoia out of *Catcher in the Rye* or painting over *the Mona Lisa* or Leonardo Da Vinci painting.

TBS chief operating officer Steve Koonin defended the show's new syndication schedule, claiming, "There is an enormous, untapped audience out there that has never seen *Sex and the City*, which makes it completely new to more than half our audience."

Sure, many a poor viewer could benefit from watching the series, but only in its entirety. Editing *Sex* will reduce it to nothing more than a soap

opera/fashion show set in New York City. How will Big and Carrie's witty sexual banter come across when smothered with words like "fudge" and "pootie coo?" How will the sultry Samantha address the nuances of "tea bagging," the bodily functions involved in lesbian sex, funky spunk, fake nipples and the infamous Jack Rabbit? How will Miranda Lambert over Marathons Man's inclination to, um, wash her bumper?

The women on *Sex and the City* introduced a new bold genre of untapped conversation among females of all ages, and censoring them can only lead to a boring reversion back to the days when *The Golden Girls* was considered a revolutionary egalitarian medium.

Not only is this move an insult to artistic television, it appears to be a mediocre maneuver to stuff the pockets of a few network

executives as well. If reruns will be airing on TBS, HBO is likely to lose a lot of subscriptions. The only reason I have HBO is to watch the series and its unedited reruns, and I doubt I'm the only one. Also, the series is almost completely available on DVD, unedited and fabulous.

Worthy *Sex* viewers know the show can't be fully valued when it's dumbed down, and the actors can't be appreciated with tape over their mouths.

If you've never seen the show and are looking forward to watching it free of charge next summer, do yourself a favor: Head to your local DVD retailer and buy the original episodes. Nobody enjoys sloppy seconds. ♦

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## U.S. should cultivate friendly neighbors

### Wit and Wonder



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Although the government assures Americans that most Middle Easterners don't hate the United States or its people, its actions reveal otherwise, as the administration has mounted a counteroffensive to growing anti-American sentiments.

The Bush administration funded a number of media-based campaigns to get a little love in the Middle East. This is the government's idea of a proactive approach to stunting the brewing hatred toward Americans that continues to grow in this region. And one key target of this media messaging is the younger generation.

In July, the House of Representatives supported allocating funds for a new radio and television network. Also created was a magazine called *Hi* that aims to show its 18-35-year-old readers what American life consists of. The magazine, created by the privately owned Magazine Group, is funded by the U.S. State Department and circulates throughout the Middle East.

The magazine's goal, along with the other American happy media, is to spread understanding between nations and breed greater comprehension of American life, according to supporters.

However, it's blatantly obvious that there are much deeper reasons behind this work, aside from wanting to give a 21-year-old Iranian woman a warm feeling about the people across the Atlantic Ocean. Bush and his administration realize that many of their actions have furthered hate and thus furthered the threat of terrorist activity.

So, instead of acting responsibly and doing something that would really help the Middle East – which would obviously require compassion versus an interest in fossil fuels pumping in the ground below – the administration chooses to print up some magazines, blab on the radio, chat about the goodness of America on television, and hope that maybe, just maybe, the Arabs will set aside their hate and not send planes through our nation's tallest buildings.

Meanwhile, as our tax dollars get flushed into this "let's cover our tushies" campaign, we loving Americans are told by our always truthful president that the Iraqis and other Middle Eastern nations love us, minus a few terrorists who have a liking for architectural destruction.

This is where our money is going, folks.

It's time to start constructing real foreign relations with people outside our borders. We need friends for neighbors. Friendly neighbors don't attempt to destroy your home. And it's time for an image makeover. Not media-based makeup to hide the damage, but cosmetic surgery on the face of America that is presented to the Middle East. Changes must be made in the way the administration "helps" and "aids" other countries.

It takes more than a magazine or a television show to present a positive image of this country. It takes a model. Bush should, instead, devote himself honestly to the welfare of the people in the Middle East and not pursue only his governmental agenda. Move past monetary interests and the furthering of power. If the United States is to be the peacekeeper and the aid to countries in need, let's start acting like it. ♦

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## Fighting terrorism begins at home

### Human, All Too Human



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It's ironic that the U.S. government portrays itself as an opponent of terrorism. In reality, the power in Washington is the chief cause of terrorism.

The media, and other forms of social indoctrination, have led Americans to believe that terrorism is something committed by private organizations that want power or have other political goals.

Theoretically, this de facto definition of terrorism makes our government incapable of committing it, and thus hides the most significant forms of terrorism.

Who is capable of committing greater acts of terror: a private organization funded by a few individuals or a government with an army and citizens to tax for funding?

The 98th U.S. Congress defined terrorism as activity that "involves a violent act or an act dangerous to human life that is a violation of the criminal laws of the United States or any State ... and appears to be intended ... to influence the policy of a government by intimidation or coercion."

The actions of the U.S. government in Iraq and Afghanistan clearly qualify as terrorism under this

definition. Washington disregarded international law and opinion while paradoxically claiming to be fighting for democracy, and went much further than influencing a government by coercion.

When you ask Americans about the victims of terrorism, most mention the 3,000 killed on Sept. 11, 2001. This was a significant and tragic act of terror, but the only thing unique about it was the target. Washington is usually behind terrorism.

On the other hand, due to Washington's actions since Sept. 11, 2001, more than 3,000 civilians were killed in Afghanistan and 6,000 to 9,000 civilians have been killed in Iraq. Most Americans don't concern themselves with these victims of terrorism, or even consider them victims of terrorism.

A common justification given for the invasion of Iraq is that Saddam Hussein, that monster, has his own people. What people fail to mention is that he gassed his own people with our support.

The U.S. government supported Saddam through his worst atrocities in the 1980s and did not remove any support until he stopped following orders.

We supported him as he killed probably over 100,000 Kurds, who likely don't consider themselves his own people, but this is far from the worst act of terrorism back by

Washington.

The worst act of terrorism in recent history was the invasion of East Timor by Indonesia. Hundreds of thousands of civilians were killed from the mid 1970s to the late 1990s in what has been called the worst genocide since the Holocaust, but many Americans have not even heard of East Timor. Try getting someone to find it on a map.

The reason you probably haven't heard of this atrocity is that the United States supported this action and even trained and supplied the military of Indonesia.

Try thinking about our reaction to Osama bin Laden from a different point of view. If you were living in Afghanistan, would you think the United States was justified in bombing your country to go after a criminal, killing thousands of innocents in the process?

What if someone living in Cincinnati masterminded a terrorist attack on Tokyo? Would that justify a Japanese bombing of Ohio?

Americans need to unlearn their self-centered mindsets and really examine how their government functions. ♦

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## Letter to the Editor

### Columnist's views nothing but liberal propaganda

To the editor:

Ordinarily I skip over the *Sidelines*' usual leftist, liberal editorial rantings. For those of us on the other side of the aisle, these editorials provide considerable entertainment. Unfortunately, Shana Hammaker's recent column is so silly that no responsible conservative would let it go unchallenged.

Hammaker characterizes our involvement in Iraq as "imperialistic," as though the liberation of the Iraqi people from the murderous regime of Saddam Hussein was conceived in arrogance. There's nothing arrogant about being free.

She later decries the lack of health insurance for 41 million Americans and suggests health care nationalization as a solution. That figure fluctuates depending on whom you ask. It also includes a sizeable number of people with the means to purchase health insurance yet they neglect to do so, as well as those between jobs or temporarily unemployed. Is government takeover of the health care sector an appropriate response for this constituency?

While we're at it, why are you asking Rep. Dennis Kucinich (D-Ohio) his opinion on health care management? The last time I checked, even the kookiest of liberals stopped paying attention to his campaign months ago. As mayor of Cleveland he presided over such financial mismanagement that the city went bankrupt.

Finally, Hammaker equates the president's support of oil exploration in the Alaskan National Wildlife Refuge with unbridled pollution and environmental destruction. If successful, ANWR's oil production would amount to a fraction of our total demand.

Shana, your disdain for the current administration and your socialist views make for good reading. Keep fighting the good fight. Unfortunately, no amount of class envy or fearmongering will ever make your views more mainstream, practical or credible.

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# A question: Can men and women just be friends?

By Hannah Lodwick  
The Lariat

(U-WIRE) WACO, Texas - Nine times out of 10, men and women can't have purely platonic relationships. Period.

Now before you get in a huff, I readily admit exceptions to this rule. My sister's past boyfriends and my boyfriend's best buddies definitely qualify as people with whom I have entertaining, quality and even (to quote my mother) "whole-some" friendships. And of

course I have a healthy familiarity with guys from class, work and church. It's the deeper liaisons, though, that get you (almost) every time.

A 2002 survey by American Demographics/Synovate found that among adults ages 25 to 34, only about 10 percent said their best friend is a member of the opposite sex - and that doesn't tell us how many of these people have unacted-upon or denied romantic feelings for their friend.

We've all seen it a thousand

times: "best" friends who are actually two people with two different ideas about their accord.

One party sees the friendship as just that, while the other person silently pines for something more.

Granted, after a couple ends a romance, they sometimes become close friends; however, this event comes only after the aforementioned romance, therefore negating my premise about affection.

The "oh, we're just friends"

trick? I've seen that too. Used it myself, actually. At any rate, the facade usually doesn't last long. My sympathy to the deluded person who uses this line and actually believes it, but idyllic friendships inevitably deepen into emotional time bombs. Don't call me cynical, just call me right.

Plus, most people won't put a large effort into cultivating a relationship with someone of the opposite sex if it isn't for romantic reasons.

In the same vein, "significant

others" worldwide will agree with me when I say non-physical relationships don't denote unromantic associations.

Just because you and your other-sex friend aren't making out on a regular basis doesn't mean the potential for attachment isn't there.

It's just like what Harry said in the movie *When Harry Met Sally*, "The person you're involved with can't understand why you need to be friends with the person you're just friends with. Like it means something is

missing from the relationship and why do you have to go outside to get it?

"And when you say 'No, no, no it's not true, nothing is missing from the relationship,' the person you're involved with then accuses you of being secretly attracted to the person you're just friends with, which you probably are. I mean, come on, who are we kidding, let's face it ... men and women can't be friends."

I couldn't have said it better myself. ♦

# NASA still relevant

By Sarah Eskreis-Winkler  
Daily Pennsylvanian

(U-WIRE) PHILADELPHIA - Forty-five years ago yesterday, a star was born. NASA's founding on Oct. 1, 1958 - a direct result of the Sputnik crisis - ushered in a space race which prompted human space flight and lunar landings, momentous achievements inconceivable to the human mind just years before. I always found it striking that until relatively recently, a map of the world consisted of known unknowns - unfilled empty spaces, like the heart of Africa - and unknown unknowns - like substantial islands yet to be uncovered. Over time, these white spaces and tropical places were filled in, yielding our present world map. Explorers like Christopher Columbus and Ferdinand Magellan discovered new worlds and waterways, spurring colonization and catalyzing human progress itself.

Today's astronauts, the explorers of our new frontier, are driven by the same motivations and inspired by the same forces that have propelled such expeditions for centuries. A thrill of discovery and endless curiosity are defining characteristics of human nature.

Since NASA began operations, grand endeavors have been pursued under its auspices. At the same time that exploring the universe is paving the way into our future, it aims to answer the most fundamental questions about our past. Space exploration could elucidate the origin of the universe.

Space missions are also instrumental in the search for extraterrestrial life. Is it really possible that we're alone in the universe?

NASA is engaged in fascinat-

ing stuff. For thousands of years, we've been confined to this planet. Only in the past half century have we stepped off Earth, cultivating an entirely new perspective on our place in the universe.

But in the absence of a Cold War threat, the exorbitant costs of the space program are difficult to justify in a strict cost/benefit analysis. Not surprisingly, funding for NASA has slipped to less than 1 percent of the federal budget. NASA must secure its future by presenting itself as an investment in our future.

I'm not asking the government to divert education spending to fund adventures in the sky. But maybe NASA could work at attracting more money from private sources. Perhaps a greater effort to court citizen donors is in order. My willing contribution wouldn't make a dent, but I've never even been asked.

Even if you're not one to gaze at the night sky and wonder, there's still something in it for you: the unforeseen benefits of the space program. Serendipitous discoveries made through astronomical exploration have led to numerous practical applications. Many companies stand a chance to make considerable gains due to spinoffs of space technology.

Communication satellites - an outgrowth of the space program - provide an efficient way to transmit signals and messages over long distances. The satellites have revolutionized our daily lives, airing live television footage from Baghdad and facilitating the incessant ringing of cell phones during our classes. This multibillion dollar industry paved the way to globalization and the information revolution.

Satellite images are integral in weather forecasting. Crucial information on approaching hurricanes and other natural disasters is obtained by watching cloud formations and collecting wind data, as well as monitoring temperature and humidity. Severe weather warnings save lives.

All sorts of inventions developed to serve the space program - smoke detectors, fire resistant suits, bar code scanners, water filters - have been modified to serve as everyday gadgets. Even medical imaging technology is based on methods used to send images from space.

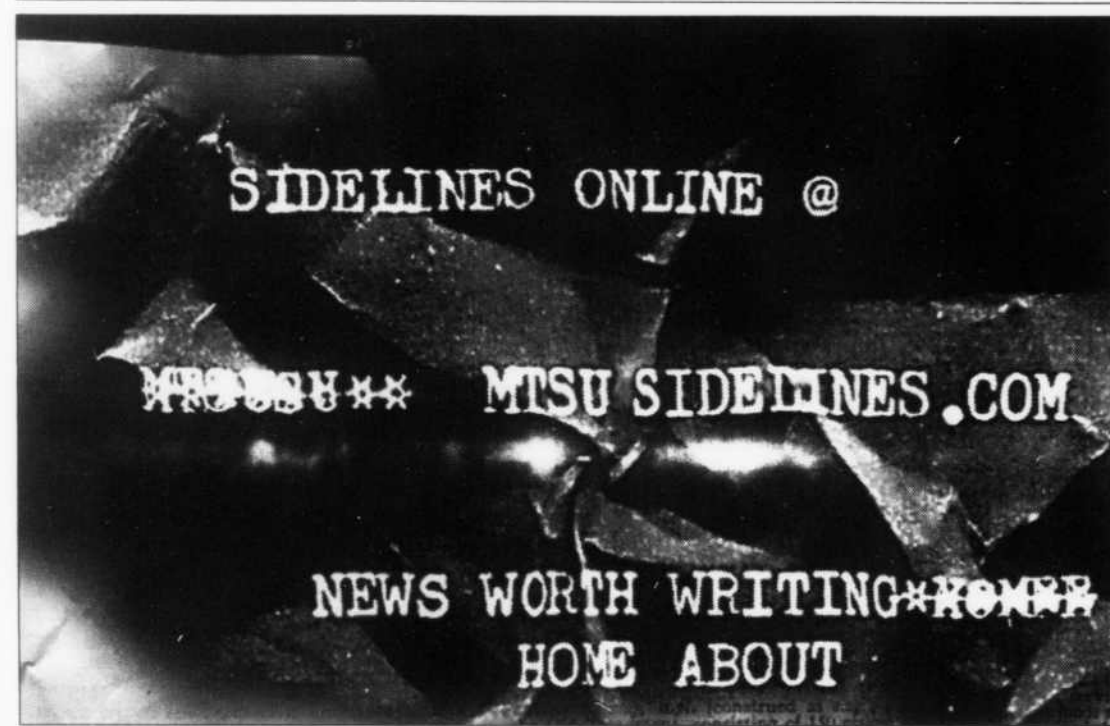
Furthermore, developments have led to advances in our military capabilities, instrumental to national security. Satellite data collection permits accurate information on battlefield conditions, dissolving much of the fog of war.

But ultimately, the true purpose of the space program is not to serve as a hotbed of new ideas that can be transformed and put to practical uses. It is to find out what is beyond the horizon. NASA's mission is to explore the universe and to prepare for eventual human expansion past planet Earth.

We must continue the legacy of exploration, excited about the practical applications derived, but proceeding for the sake of human progress.

Perhaps the secret of time travel or signs of intelligent life lay around the corner. Unimaginable today. But, as we have seen, reality has done an incredible job keeping up with our imagination.

The boundaries between the cosmos and us are daunting. Then again, try to comprehend a New World as you gaze west, in 1492, at the edge of a flat earth. ♦



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# COLLEGE FOOTBALL ROUNDUP

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Murfreesboro, Tenn.

## Kansas State, Texas face must-win game

By Josh Dubow  
AP Football Writer

Coming into the season, Kansas State's trip to Texas was supposed to be one of the big games to decide who would play in the Sugar Bowl.

Now after disappointing nonconference losses, the Wildcats and Longhorns know they can't afford any more slip-ups if they want to stay in contention for the national title

game.

No. 13 Texas ran into its early season problem against old rival Arkansas on Sept. 13. The Razorbacks came into Austin and won 38-28, snapping the Longhorns' 20-game winning streak at Royal Memorial Stadium.

The Longhorns responded to their loss by outscoring Rice and Tulane 111-25. But they haven't been tested by a team as talented as Kansas State.

"We are pleased with their response," Longhorns coach Mack Brown said. "When you lose a ballgame, you are never sure why. In this case, we have to give all the credit to Arkansas because they played nearly perfect. From this game, we learned to take advantage of opportunities when given them."

No. 16 Kansas State ran into its trouble a week later at home against Marshall, losing 27-20 to snap a 41-game home win-

ning streak against nonconference teams.

After a week off, the Wildcats can't wait to get back on the field.

"We have a lot to prove after the Marshall game and we have had a good week of practice," defensive lineman Jermaine Berry said. "Playing Texas this weekend is an opportunity for us to go out and correct the things we have been doing wrong against a great team."

The Wildcats will get a boost with the return of quarterback Ell Roberson, who missed two games with an injury to his left, non-throwing hand.

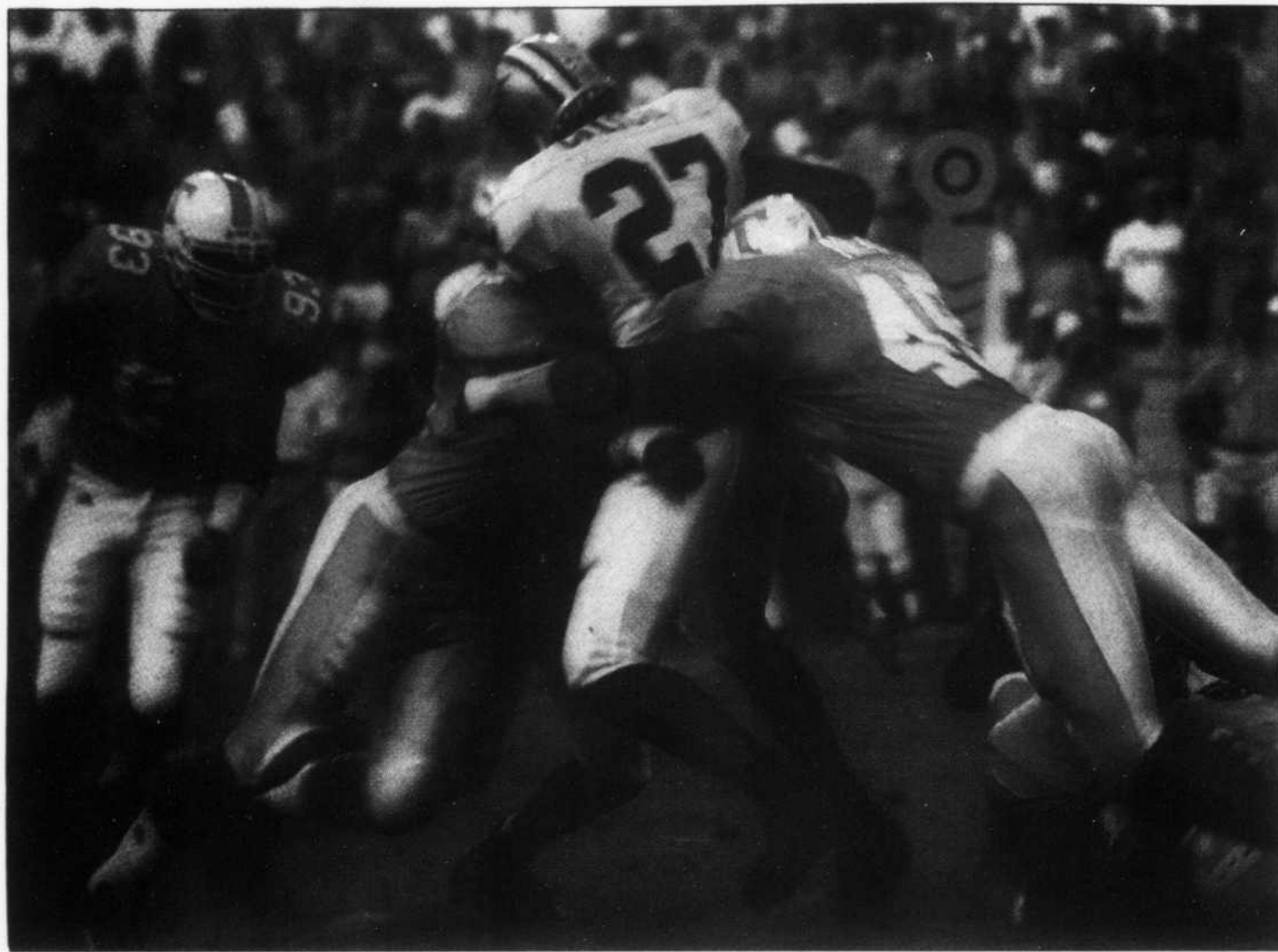
Roberson provides an added dimension to Kansas State's attack and makes it that much more difficult to stop running back Darren Sproles.

"Those two are really something," Brown said. "We are expecting them to be at full-speed. They had this past week

off, so they have had two weeks to prepare for us. They have probably been preparing for us since last year at this time. They'll be fresh and ready to play."

Texas has its own two-pronged attack with quarterbacks Chance Mock and Vince Young. Mock threw three touchdowns and Young ran for another and Young ran and passed for two scores last week against Tulane. ◆

## Vols, Tigers face off Saturday



File photo

Despite the confidence of Las Vegas oddsmakers, Auburn head football coach Tommy Tuberville knows his Tigers have their hands full with the unbeaten Tennessee Volunteers.

### Davis goes from top to no-show

By Elizabeth A. Davis  
AP Sports Writer

KNOXVILLE, Tenn. (AP) — Tennessee tailback Jabari Davis went from star two weeks ago to virtual no-show last weekend against South Carolina.

Is Davis steamed? Demanding the ball more? Nope.

His parents and even neighbors asked him what happened, but not Jabari.

"I just feel out of character asking questions like that," he said.

The No. 7 Volunteers (4-0, 2-0 Southeastern Conference) travel to Auburn (2-2, 1-0) on Saturday in a game that features two strong backfields.

Davis ran 78 yards on 20 carries and scored twice in the 24-10 win at Florida after starter Cedric Houston left the game with a hip injury. Davis was named the SEC offensive player of the week.

Houston started again last week in the 23-20 South Carolina overtime victory and ran 86 yards on 24 carries. Davis touched the ball only four times for 12 yards.

"I don't think we ever got into the true flow of the game to rotate those guys like we wanted to," coach Phillip Fulmer said. "We got Jabari in early and probably didn't get him in enough."

Houston and Davis, both juniors and high school Parade All-Americans, are part of a crowded and talented Tennessee backfield. They are two of four running backs the

### Tigers have no wins over ranked teams this season

By Ed Shearer  
AP Sports Writer

ATLANTA (AP) — Tommy Tuberville may be wondering what on earth is going on with the oddsmakers in Las Vegas.

They made his Auburn Tigers a 4-point favorite over Southern California in the season opener. The Trojans won 23-0.

Next it was Georgia Tech, and the Tigers were a solid 8 1/2-point choice. That didn't work for Auburn either. Tech won 17-3.

Next came Vanderbilt, and the Tigers finally won as a favorite (12 points) by hammering the struggling Commodores 45-7.

Now the lads in Vegas are making Tuberville's team a 2-point favorite over unbeaten, seventh-ranked Tennessee. The trend suggests Auburn could be in trouble.

Vols signed in 2001.

Davis was nicknamed "J-Train" at Tucker High School in Georgia for his bruising running style.

Of the other signees, Derrick Tinsley moved to receiver, and Keldrick Williams transferred to Alabama State.

Then the Vols signed Gerald Riggs, another Parade All-American, in 2002.

Houston earned the starting spot last year after Travis Stephens graduated and held onto it this fall. Fulmer said he considers both Houston and Davis starters although Houston gets first crack.

"We wanted somebody to take the lead, and that's what Ced has done," running backs coach Woody McCorvey said. "Jabari knows that when he gets in there to get an opportunity he's going to have to make the most of it."

This season, Davis has done just that.

He has scored four touch-

downs so far, the first coming on a 44-yard run up the middle against Fresno State. Davis' specialty is punching in touchdowns at the goal line.

Houston scored his first touchdown of the season last week and leads the team with 432 yards on 81 rushes. Davis has 245 yards on 44 carries.

McCorvey said Houston and Davis have proven to be "team players" and work well together.

"After the game, everybody wanted to ask me that question, my parents, people in my apartment," Davis said. "Just talking to my mom and dad, they told me don't get upset or anything, just stay positive, have a good attitude, be blessed that you're healthy ... and (that) you got a victory, which I feel is the most important thing."

Davis doesn't question McCorvey, whose task during games is to determine which back goes in on which play, but

With Casey Clausen running the Tennessee attack, the Vols already have an important Southeastern Conference road victory — downing the Gators 24-10 at Florida Field — one of the toughest arenas for visitors in the SEC.

Although Auburn leads the series 22-21-3, Tennessee has won the last four meetings and posted a 6-2-2 mark against the Tigers in the last 10 games.

Auburn was expected to have perhaps the league's best rushing attack before the season began, but so far they rank 10th in the league in rushing.

Look for Tennessee to win the running game battle behind Cedric Houston, the SEC's third-leading rusher with 108 yards per game.

Another road victory is looming for the Vols. Tennessee 21-17. ◆

admits he's thought about it.

"Just getting four carries was really shocking to me, but I don't have control of that," he said.

Houston believes everyone will get more play time against Auburn.

"Jabari's been running good. I've been running good," Houston said.

So where does that leave Riggs and Corey Larkins, fourth on the depth chart?

Riggs, a sophomore, hasn't played since the opener because of a sprained right ankle. The coaches believe he's close to full speed.

Larkins, a junior kickoff returner, goes in on long downs. He doesn't have to ask about his lack of playing time.

"Playing behind Ced and Jabari," Larkins said, "they bust up there 4 or 5 yards a carry, you know (we) won't have many third-and-longs." ◆

### Vandy won't dwell on loss

By Colin Fly  
AP Writer

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (AP) — One team is finally going to get a much-needed conference win when Vanderbilt plays at Mississippi State on Saturday.

The Southeastern Conference's worst teams the last three seasons are both mired in long conference losing streaks. Mississippi State (0-4, 0-1) has lost nine in a row, while Vanderbilt (1-4, 0-2) has dropped 19.

Coach Bobby Johnson said his focus remains on improving his Commodores.

"We're trying to make ourselves better," Johnson said at his weekly news conference Monday. "We can't sit here and hope they're down."

"It's a situation where a lot of people probably think both teams are uninterested, unmotivated. But I think that's the opposite."

The Commodores saw another opportunity slip away against Georgia Tech.

The Yellow Jackets, down 17-10 with 2:12 to play, drove 89 yards to tie the game with 32 seconds left and blocked a field goal attempt on the final play of regulation.

In overtime, Georgia Tech quarterback Reggie Ball scored on a 25-yard run on the first play to make it 24-17. Vanderbilt's Jay Cutler threw an interception on the next play to end the game.

"We're mad because we should have won that game," Johnson said. "We had done enough, up to the two-minute mark, to win the game."

Johnson said the Commodores' defense was strong and still trying to make things happen in the closing minutes when Ball scrambled 45 yards on one play and accounted for 86 of the 89 yards on the game-tying drive.

He said if his team didn't try to pressure Ball, then they would have been accused of trying to play a prevent defense to preserve the win.

Cutler said he's ready to get back on the field against Mississippi State, which is giving up 39 points per game and is 11th in total defense in the conference.

"We don't do moral victories any more," he said. "It's either win or loss. We were the better team, I think we played good enough to win, we just didn't get the W." ◆

### College football Top 25 picks

By Josh Dubow  
AP Football Writer

No. 1 Oklahoma (minus 21) at Iowa State  
Sooners 35-1-1 vs. Cyclones since start of 1962 — Oklahoma 37-10.

West Virginia (plus 26 1/2) at No. 2 Miami  
Hurricanes can't look ahead to showdown with Florida State — Miami 34-10.

No. 4 Virginia Tech (minus 25 1/2) at Rutgers  
Hokies get easy one in first road game — Virginia Tech 34-10.

No. 7 Tennessee (pick 'em) at Auburn  
Tigers can make up for slow start with big SEC win — Auburn 24-20.

No. 9 Michigan (minus 3) at No. 23 Iowa  
Wolverines QB John Navarre is 0-5 on the road against ranked teams — Michigan 27-20.

No. 10 Southern California (minus 11 1/2) at Arizona State  
Trojans try to bounce back from loss to Cal — USC 27-10.

Alabama (plus 11) at No. 11 Georgia  
Bulldogs have had an extra week to get over loss at LSU — Georgia 27-20.

Troy State (plus 27 1/2) at No. 12 Nebraska  
Cornhuskers might not need to pass once to win — Nebraska 35-13.

No. 16 Kansas State (plus 6) at No. 13 Texas  
Neither team can afford another loss — Texas 27-24.  
Arizona (plus 27 1/2) at No. 14 Washington State

New Wildcats coach Mike Hankwitz gets tough first test — Washington State 38-7.

Ohio (plus 22) at No. 17 Northern Illinois  
Huskies open up conference after beating up on BCS teams — Northern Illinois 37-10.

No. 18 Washington (minus 1 1/2) at UCLA  
Huskies hit the road for first time since opening loss at Ohio State — Washington 23-17.

No. 19 Oregon (minus 2 1/2) at Utah (Friday)  
Ducks try to bounce back from blowout loss to Washington State — Utah 24-21.

Army (no line) at No. 20 TCU  
Horned Frogs look to improve to 5-0 — TCU 34-10.

No. 21 Minnesota (minus 11) at Northwestern  
Gophers look for first 6-0 start since 1960 — Minnesota 27-20.

Illinois (plus 14) at No. 22 Purdue  
Illini winless against I-A teams — Purdue 31-14.

Mississippi (plus 12 1/2) at No. 24 Florida

Eli Manning tries to do what Peyton couldn't: win at The Swamp — Mississippi 24-23.

Indiana (plus 15) at No. 25 Michigan State  
Spartans rolling after meltdown against Louisiana Tech — Michigan State 31-10.

Last week: 14-6 (straight); 8-11 (vs. points)  
Season: 75-24 (straight); 43-48 (vs. points) ◆



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