

Embrace your inner network

Some time this summer, around 9:55 p.m. Sunday night, I was speaking on the phone with a friend, who recently moved to Florida. He was confronting the loneliness that comes with moving to a new place.

Sitting in my living room, waiting for a timer to go off and the HBO logo to appear on my TV, I knew exactly what would cheer him up.

"No matter how difficult it may be, no matter how lonely you may get," I said, "at least Ari Gold will still be there to tuck you in every Sunday night."

"Not anymore," he replied despondently. "I can only afford basic cable."

Shocked and, admittedly, somewhat disgusted that I knew someone whose love for the slimy Hollywood agent from "Entourage" did not justify sacrificing a few meals here and there, I hung up immediately and ran to give my cable box a reassuring hug.

As I stood there, clinging to what my roommate refers to as our Chapel Hill mom, I began to think — Are there others like my friend out there? People who only pay for basic cable?

I finished hugging it out with the cable box and did a little research. It turns out there are quite a few people who don't pay for HBO, and they've actually beaten the system.



JOHN COGGIN
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Who knew? It seems the greatest series on TV right now are coming not from the only premium channel cool enough to bring us a suburban gangster with a jones for ducks, but on — I never thought I'd say this — ABC.

"Lost" is ABC's "Sopranos." It is an intricately plotted drama that pays as much attention to character development as it does to its baffling mystery. For those who missed season two's premiere Wednesday, I suggest you sell your souls to the suits at ABC in exchange for a bootleg copy.

To sum up its awesomeness, when the episode ended and the title appeared on screen accompanied by the show's signature "boom," my roommate turned to me and said, "I'm pretty sure nothing that isn't porn is supposed to make me feel like I want to get intimate with my TV."

Though no viewing experience — not even porn — has yet to have that kind of effect on me, "Lost" is certainly the series that

comes the closest. I need to know what's going on in that hatch the way I need my parents to send extra cash so I can afford to buy the first season on DVD.

And "Lost" isn't ABC's only golden cash cow. Sundays at my house are reserved for "Desperate Housewives" and "Grey's Anatomy," two soapy — but smart — comedies starring people more beautiful than anyone you'll meet in your entire life. (Sorry.)

I've yet to get truly enthusiastic about "Housewives," mostly because Marcia Cross is scary, but the casting director for "Grey's Anatomy" should be canonized for putting together one of the most likeable ensembles on television.

For further proof that network is the new cable, check out Fox, which finally got a clue and brought back "Family Guy." It's still good, but those pesky meddlers at the Federal Communications Commission have kept the cartoon from achieving its past highs (or lows).

However, thanks to those frisky housewives on Wisteria Lane, one can daily feel the effects of Boogate wearing off the zeitgeist, and pretty soon, we can expect Stevie and company to start offending someone besides your conservative grandma.

Even CBS — for years, TV's equivalent to a Florida retirement community — is entering a market on which cable has long had a stranglehold: the funny sitcom that appeals to people under 50.

So, to the people like me who thought the basic cable types were some of the most misguided souls among us, I encourage you to try something new. Leave the dial turned to single-digit channels. You'll be amazed at how cool it is to watch network TV these days.

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Sack-happy front 4 runs wild against N.C. State

BY JACOB KARABELL
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According to Coach John Bunting, the North Carolina defense had two major coverage errors in Saturday's 31-24 victory at N.C. State.

The first came early in the third quarter, when Wolfpack tight end T.J. Williams isolated himself from the defense 35 yards downfield of the line of scrimmage, resulting in an easy touchdown.

The second came on N.C. State's penultimate drive, with the Tar Heels needing a stop to preserve their seven-point advantage.

The N.C. State tight end had gone undetected by the Tar Heels, and quarterback Jay Davis needed time to locate his target down the field.

Except he didn't have that chance. UNC linebacker Larry Edwards plowed through the offensive line on a blitz — essentially untouched — driving Davis into the ground before he had an opportunity to survey the field.

"That was a great play because it took the momentum away from them, any momentum they had going," said UNC defensive end Tommy Davis. "Any time you get a big sack like that, it can deflate an offense."

Edwards compiled one of the team's six sacks of the day, one more than the vaunted N.C. State defense that features star defensive ends Mario Williams and Manny Lawson. The Tar Heels have sacked opposing signal-callers 10 times in the season's first three games, while they had just one sack at the same juncture in 2004.

Credit the front four, which has six of those sacks, for pressing opposing offensive lines even when defensive coordinator Marvin



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Defensive end Hilee Taylor (33) and linebacker Tommy Richardson (8) take down N.C. State QB Jay Davis (10) for one of UNC's six sacks Saturday.

Sanders doesn't call for a blitz.

"We have a good rotation going right now," Bunting said. "They are fresh when they're out there. They're getting 30-35 snaps, and it's significant because they're good players. That's really helping us a lot."

At the tackle spot, even though Chase Page and Kyndraus Guy started Saturday's game, reserves Shelton Bynum and Khalif Mitchell saw extensive playing time as well, the latter pouncing on a Jay Davis fumble late in the first quarter.

"There's no doubt in my mind that the front four is playing the best it's played since 2001 — by far," Bunting said.

The Tar Heel defensive ends also held up their end of that bargain.

Brian Rackley and Kentwan Balmer each registered a sack, while

Tommy Davis played what Bunting said was his career-best game. The senior tallied three quarterback hurries and two sacks, one of which came at a pivotal point.

The Tar Heels had just scored to cut the N.C. State lead to three, and Tommy Davis's sack on third-and-7 gave UNC quarterback Matt Baker a chance to continue that momentum.

"We had fresh legs and great technique," Tommy Davis said. "Coach (Jeff) Connors got our strength right so we can hold our own on the front four, and we have Coach (Brad) Lawing and Coach (Ken) Browning teaching us good technique on the pass rush."

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Area artists tune into hurricane victim needs

BY WILLIAM FONVILLE
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While some will be spending this evening watching TV, area resident Vickie Smith plans to be grooving to music at the ArtsCenter.

A member of the Association of Community Organizations for Reform Now, Smith will be attending a hurricane benefit concert at the Carrboro music venue.

Called DeltaAid: A Hurricane Relief Concert, the concert will raise money for the victims of Hurricane Katrina through Smith's organization.

"I'm hoping to meet the \$500 neighborhood," said Tess Mangum Ocana, concerts and facility director for the ArtsCenter, of the concert's financial goal.

The concert is being organized in cooperation with ACORN, an organization with the mission statement to give a voice to the poor and powerless. With offices across the nation, the group houses members who work on grassroots campaigns to provide aid to households of low and moderate income families.

Money raised from tonight's benefit will be sent to ACORN's Hurricane Recovery and Rebuilding Fund.

Jerimee Richir, organizer of ACORN's Raleigh office, said the organization offers recipients options in how they use the funds.

"The money will be used for community outreach so Katrina victims will have their own say as far as where the money goes," he said.

Meghan Foulke, legislative and political director for ACORN North Carolina, said the association will provide aid for the people who need it most, regardless of income.

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TESS MANGUM OCANA, DIRECTOR

does best by going door to door, tracking down people who need aid," Foulke said.

The concert's line-up boasts names such as Barefoot Manner, Malian kora svengali Mamadou Diabate, Mosadi Music, Alex Weiss & Different Drum, and Shamrockers.

Some acts who have made their names known at festivals were contacted by the ArtsCenter, while others personally volunteered to provide their talents.

All of the acts, however, will be donating their services free of charge.

"Bands were unabashedly, unashamedly into it," said Ocana. "They were ready, willing, able."

Other local venues also have hosted benefit concerts this month. One at Cat's Cradle on Saturday raised more than \$3,000 and the Local 506 concert Friday earned about \$800.

Tickets for the ArtsCenter concert are \$7 for the general public and \$6 for members of the ArtsCenter.

Smith stressed the importance of the DeltaAid show when it is placed in the grand scheme.

"First, the money will go toward housing," said Smith. "But the money will go toward people in general."

Contact the A&E editor at artsdesk@unc.edu.

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■ **MEN'S SOCCER**
vs. UNC-Greensboro,
7p.m.
Fetzer Field

■ **MEN'S GOLF**
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All day
Newport, R.I.

THURSDAY, SEPT. 29

■ **VOLLEYBALL**
at Duke, 7 p.m.
Durham

FRIDAY SEPT. 30

■ **VOLLEYBALL**
at Wake Forest, 7 p.m.
Winston-Salem

■ **WOMEN'S SOCCER**
vs. Clemson, 7 p.m.

Fetzer Field

■ **WOMEN'S TENNIS**
at Cal/Nike Berkeley
Invitational,
All Day
Berkeley, Calif.

■ **WOMEN'S TENNIS**
at Furman Invitational,
All Day
Greenville, S.C.

SATURDAY, OCT. 1

■ **FOOTBALL**
vs. Utah, 1:30 p.m.
Kenan Stadium

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TUESDAY TRIVIA

The UNC defense held N.C. State to only 13 yards rushing Saturday. When was the last time this happened? go to: <http://apps.dailytarheel.com/blogs/pressbox.php>

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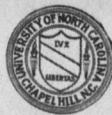
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