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Tiger takes a trip, ends up in a tree

By Willoughby Mariano
The Orlando Sentinel

ORLANDO, Fla. — After five days of tabloid frenzy and speculation over Tiger Woods' early-morning crash outside his Isleworth mansion, Florida Highway Patrol troopers issued the findings of their investigation:

Woods was driving carelessly, they said Tuesday afternoon. He

gets a ticket.

The penalty? A fine of \$164, plus four points on his driving record.

The fine was paid Tuesday, according to court records.

Woods won't face a criminal investigation.

People involved in the incident made no claims of domestic violence, Williams said during a brief 3 p.m. EST news confer-

ence announcing the conclusion of their investigation.

"Mr. Wood's status (as a celebrity) impacted in no way" how troopers handled the investigation, FHP spokeswoman Sgt. Kim Montes said.

Woods' attorney Mark NeJame said the decision was good news.

"All I can say is that I'm pleased with the outcome. I have no further comment. It's over," NeJame said.

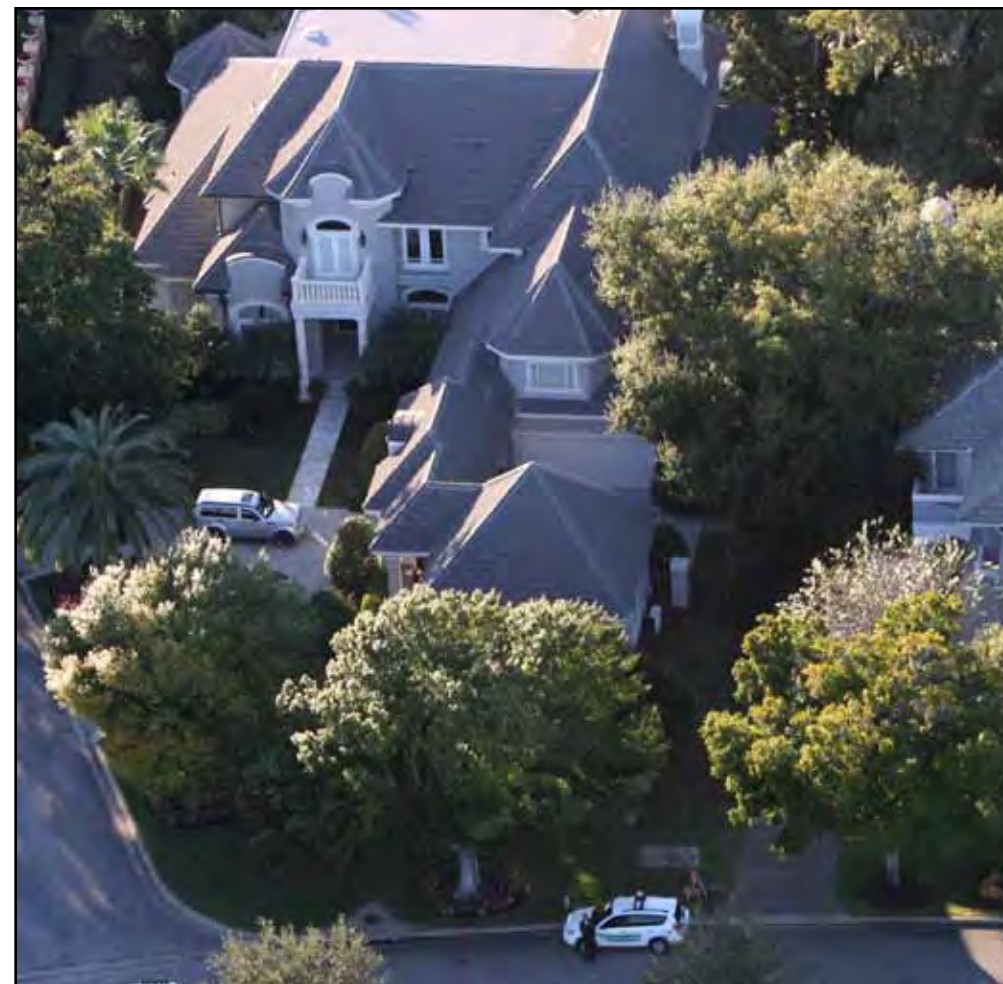
FHP is in charge of the investigation into the accident, which sent the world's top-ranked golfer to the hospital with facial lacerations and bruises. Woods' injuries forced him to withdraw from his charity golf tournament this week in California.

At 2:25 a.m. Friday, Orange County sheriff's deputies responded to a 911 call on Deacon Court in Isleworth.

There, they discovered Woods had driven his Cadillac Escalade over a fire hydrant and into a neighbor's tree.

Woods was on the ground being tended to by his wife, Elin Nordegren Woods. He had facial cuts, was bleeding in his mouth and was non-responsive.

Nordegren told police she



Gary W. Green, Orlando Sentinel / MCT Campus

A security officer guards the area in front of Tiger Woods house in Windermere, Fla., where he crashed into a fire hydrant and a neighbor's tree early in the morning of Friday, Nov. 27.

used a golf club to break out windows in the SUV to free her husband from the wreckage.

Woods was transported to a local hospital, and FHP called his injuries "serious," a designation used for all injuries requiring hospitalization. He was released from Health Central Hospital in

Ocoee less than 12 hours later.

Blood was not drawn from Woods the morning of the crash.

Woods released a statement on his website on Dec. 2, and apologized to his family for "transgressions" and the media speculation they've been exposed to.

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Suspect's wife divorces him

By Nikki Namdar
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Marcelo Alves' ex-wife, Ana Regina Myrrha, filed for dissolution of their marriage April 1, and it was finalized May 27.

In an exclusive Voice interview with Alves on Nov. 16, he said, "For the best interest of the kids, we decided to get a divorce. I don't know what's going to happen after that."

The Valencia Voice obtained the divorce records from the Orange County courthouse, which stated the divorce was for irreconcilable differences, marriage being irretrievably broken, and both parties have chosen to live apart from each other.

The records indicated that the Alves' were married "on or about" Nov. 7, 1992 in Belo Horizonte, Minas Gerais, Brazil. Six years later, on July 20, they had their son, Daniel Augusto Myrrha Alves, and on Oct. 12, 1999, they had Julia Myrrha Alves.

According to the documents, Alves, 39, will not incur any obligation to child support while incarcerated. When released, he will pay per Florida's child support guidelines.

The order for supervised visitation was done on Aug. 20. If released from jail, three days after, Alves must contact the Family

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Jose M. Osorio, Chicago Tribune / MCT Campus

Following his accident Tiger Woods pulled out of the 2009 Chevron World Challenge, the tournament that he sponsors and that benefits his foundation.

Secret Service takes blame for party crashers

By Margaret Talev
McClatchy Newspapers

WASHINGTON — The director of the Secret Service took the blame Friday for security failures that allowed a publicity-hungry couple from Virginia who weren't on the guest list for President Barack Obama's first state dinner to slip through security and directly encounter the president.

White House officials confirmed Friday that Tareq and Michaela Salahi met the president in the receiving line at Nov. 24 state dinner for Indian prime minister Manmohan Singh, but with the investigation continuing, the officials didn't offer additional details.

Secret Service director Mark Sullivan said in a statement that his organization, which protects the president and processed 1.2 million entries last year alone to the White House complex, "is deeply concerned and embarrassed."

Established protocols at an initial checkpoint, including verifying whether the Salahis were on the guest list, weren't followed, according to a pre-



Samantha Appleton, The White House / MCT Campus

President Barack Obama greets gate crashers Michaela and Tareq Salahi during a receiving line in the Blue Room of the White House before the State Dinner.

liminary investigation, Sullivan said, adding, "That failing is ours."

The White House social office oversees guest lists and attendees, and in past administrations has staffed entrances for such events, but White House Social Secretary Desiree Rogers told the Associated Press earlier this week that no one from her staff was at the checkpoint at the time the Salahis entered.

The Salahis, who are being considered for the cast of the cable channel Bravo's "Real Housewives of D.C." reality show, went through magnetometers and other levels of

screening, Sullivan said, but "should have been prohibited from entering the event entirely."

"As our investigation continues, appropriate measures have been taken to ensure this is not repeated," Sullivan said.

On her Facebook page, where she posted photos of the night, Michaela Salahi wrote, "I was honored to be invited to attend the First State Dinner hosted by President Obama & the First Lady to honor India."

An attorney for the couple couldn't be reached Nov. 27 for comment

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Assault accusation leads to divorce

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Ties program to begin the scheduled visits with the kids. It is \$20 per visit; divided by each parent (\$10 each).

The division of assets and liabilities portion of the records, the wife will "assume full responsibility" for the mortgage on their residence.

If Alves is released from incarceration, Myrrha will transfer the interest of the condominium in St. Petersburg to Alves, and he will transfer his interest on the automobile, 2006 BMWi, to Myrrha.

Myrrha will be responsible for their credit card debt with Home Depot,

G.E. Credit and Rooms to Go.

Alves said he is unsure about his wife's emotions on the situation. "I don't know how she's feeling," Alves said, "if it's bad or good."

Attempts to contact Myrrha's representation were not immediately returned.

"For me that doesn't matter," Alves said, "because it's not going to change my past. Whatever happened happened. So we need to leave that behind and look forward."

Alves said he has accepted his mistakes, realizing it wasn't the "best thing" because he was married, but no longer feels any shame.

"I'm not dwelling on the past," Alves said. "I made bad decisions, whatever the consequences is going to be, ei-

ther paying or going free, I have to change my future now; not going back to the past."

He further explained how he wants to take his story and experience to influence other married man to not do what he did.

"I will try to help other couples and family men who get into the same trap of the online pornography," Alves said. "I've been looking at the future, how we decided to get divorced. I didn't want my family involved . . . It's been tough on them of course. I worked at Valencia, I had a business on the side, as well in the computer industry, so I know a lot of people. It's been bad already. I just need to fix my future."

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One muslim man wages jihad for peace

By Duke Helfand
Los Angeles Times

LOS ANGELES— Jihad Turk, clean-shaven and boyish, is telling an interfaith audience that the Prophet Muhammad traces his lineage to Abraham, the biblical patriarch.

Turk explains to the crowd of mostly Christians and Jews that Muslims also revere Moses and Jesus, and that Islam cherishes life.

But some in the Pepperdine University audience are skeptical. One man wants to know why so many Muslims are “willing with perfect ease to kill,” as he puts it, drawing brief applause.

A woman later needles Turk about what she views as Islam’s suppression of women.

“You guys really need a good PR firm,” she tells him.

Without missing a beat, Turk responds: “If you know of one, let me know.”

U.S. Muslims are struggling mightily these days to win over a wary public. In Los Angeles, part of that task falls to Turk, 38, director of religious affairs at the Islamic Center of Southern California, one of the region’s most influential mosques.

Earnest and doggedly optimistic, Turk is an unflappable ambassador for an often embattled faith — a man whose American upbringing gives him a foothold in two sometimes colliding worlds.

The son of an American Methodist mother and a Palestinian Muslim father, Turk was elected homecoming king at his Phoenix high school, then left college for a time to explore his Muslim roots in Saudi Arabia and Iran.

Now, as an emerging leader in local Muslim circles, he spends much of his time patiently trying to spread his message about Islam’s peaceful intentions, the importance of tolerance and the ancient thread shared by three monotheistic religions.

Some who encounter Turk commend him for breaking down walls of suspicion. Others question whether he represents mainstream Muslim belief. Turk acknowledges that it can be difficult to convince skeptics. The recent deadly rampage at Texas’ Fort Hood, allegedly by a Muslim Army major, has made the job even tougher.

“I’ve come to realize that there is a certain segment of the population that is impervious to what I have to say,” he said. “But there is ... usually a good number of people I will get through to.”



Christine Cotter, Los Angeles Times / LATWP

Jihad Turk, director of religious affairs at the Islamic Center of Southern California, defines “jihad” not as “holy war,” but as “the struggle to do good.”

Turk’s childhood helped blend his dual identities.

He attended public schools and played on youth soccer teams (his teammates called him “Jay”), even as he learned Arabic in Sunday school and attended summer camps for young Muslims.

In high school, he made the varsity football and track teams and spent his senior year reading books on Islam in his free time.

Although his parents came from different backgrounds, they reared their five children as Muslims.

“It was my personal opinion to raise them in one faith rather than throw mixed signals at them,” said his mother, Carol. “I had no objections to the Islamic religion.”

Hafez Turk chose what he believed would be a noble name for his son — Jihad — long before the word entered the U.S. lexicon as an expression for “holy war,” a meaning that Islamic scholars say has been distorted by extremists and the media.

“We do jihad every day in our life — the struggle to do good,” said the father, a refrain frequently repeated by his son.

Turk’s parents divorced when he was 17, driven apart to some degree by cultural differences, including disagreements about his mother’s work and activities outside the home, she and Turk recalled. The split had a lasting effect on Turk.

“I would listen and feel the pain and hear the point of view of each of my parents,” he said. “That experience highlighted to me the importance for cultures to communicate.”

The divorce also prompted Turk to explore his faith more deeply. An imam at a Phoenix mosque encouraged the young man to study Arabic and Islam at the Islamic University of Medina in Saudi Arabia.

Turk spent six months in Iran studying Farsi and Shiite Islam before returning to the U.S. to finish his bachelor’s degree in Arabic at the University of California, Berkeley, followed by a master’s degree in Islamic law and Arabic at the University of Texas. He started studying for a doctorate in Islamic studies at UCLA and four years ago began working at the Islamic center in Los Angeles. At the mosque, he runs youth programs, leads prayers, delivers sermons and officiates at weddings and funerals.

Turk is a relative newcomer to Muslim leadership circles in Los Angeles. Those interviewed said they welcome his interfaith work, but some objected to his use of the title “imam,” a designation they said should be reserved for the most learned Islamic scholars.

Turk is “not qualified to issue legal opinions or give legal advice,” said Khaled Abou El Fadl, a UCLA law school professor and Islamic law scholar who was once Turk’s graduate school adviser.

In March, he will help lead a mission to Israel and the West Bank with Jewish, Muslim and Christian representatives, his fourth such trip. The group will visit sites holy to all three faiths. And early next year, another group he co-founded, the Christian-Muslim Consultative Group of Southern California, will begin pairing local churches and mosques in a relationship-building exercise.

“Because he was born and reared in this country, I think it’s easier for people who are not Muslim to understand him,” Guibord said. “He is deeply American and yet he is Muslim.”

Yet bridging the two worlds remains a challenge.

“Muslims believe in the Torah, the New Testament, the Old Testament and the Quran,” Turk told the students.

Then he asked: “My name is Jihad. What does jihad mean?”

One boy answered: “It means to fight.”

Turk, responding with the calm tone of a teacher, offered an alternative.

“It means the inner struggle to do the right thing,” he said.

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Case for putting kibosh on texting while driving

Now for those of you with enough sense to put the cell phone down during daily commutes, the following does not apply to you.

But, if you happen to be like 99.9 percent of the rest of Americans, you cannot repress the urge to feverishly chat up your cohorts by typing phrases with your thumbs that would take you half the time and one hand to convey normally through a simple phone call while driving your car, keeping your eyes on the road and keeping yourself mildly distracted.

The Florida legislature should consider a ban on texting while driving, becoming the 14th state in the union to do so.

For those of you perturbed by this ban which will make it legal to charge a \$30 fine in penalty for texting while driving, perhaps it might be time to give up the free ride you had before endangering the lives of fellow motorists and abstain from the phone altogether.

According to a study conducted by Virginia Tech Transportation Institute, drivers who text behind the wheel are 23 times more likely to be

in an accident.

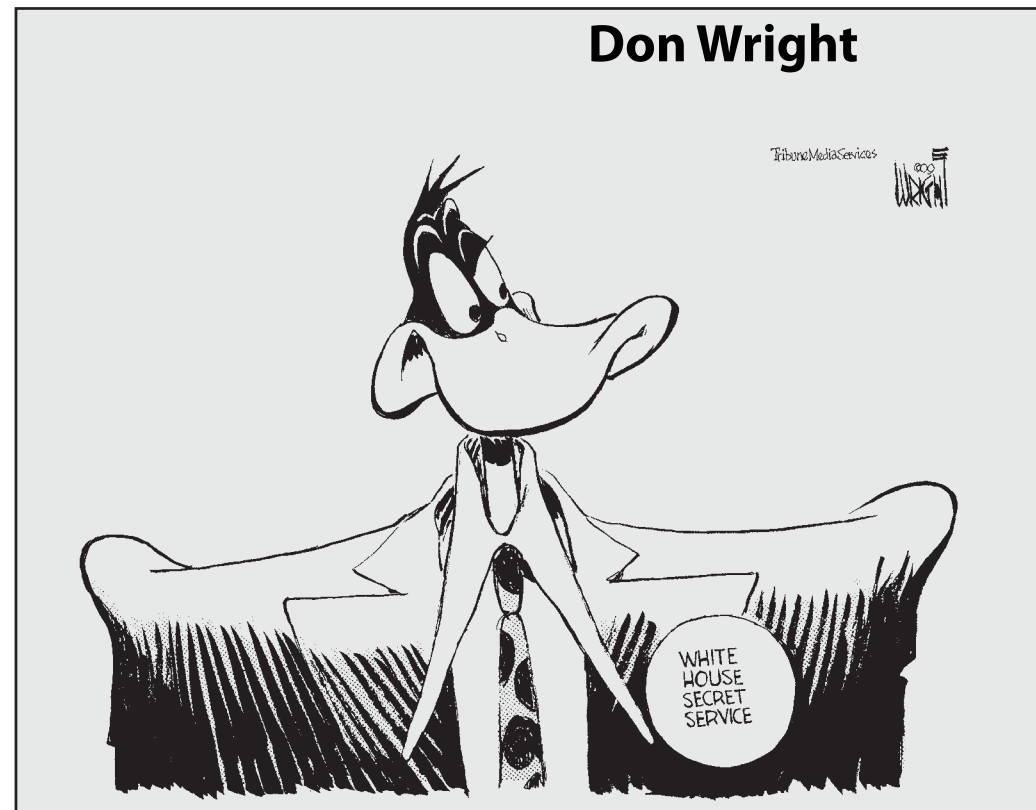
In a separate study, researchers concluded that texting took drivers focus off the road for an average of nearly five seconds, the amount of time it takes to travel a football field at 55 mph, compared to just talking on your cell phone which distracted drivers for an average of only 1.3 seconds at a time.

It's only common sense to put some restrictions on cell use behind the wheel and this could mark a new era of common sense policy for Florida, now's the time to catch up with the rest of the country and put time and money into practical policies that make sense and save lives.

The last piece legislation that provided a simple solution for a large, troubling issue that Florida faced was the government seizure of farmland from U.S. Sugar that was used for Everglades conservation.

Plus, if this initiative goes forward, the added income to the state budget could help to ease some of the state's monetary woes and could inspire similar legislation that is designed to save lives and make money.

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“U.S. Secret Service will not comment as to if anyone at last week’s White House state dinner was screened for radiological or biological weapons.”

— *Associated Press*

“While the Secret Service and the White House bear a lot of the blame for allowing these glory-grabbing thieves to slip through the cracks, there should be no reward for exposing the security rifts”

— *Michael Yaki, San Francisco Chronicle*

“The Secret Service director and the couple who crashed the Obama administration’s first state dinner have been called to testify before Congress on Thursday.”

— *Washington Post*

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North Carolina bans texting while driving

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The Sun News

Starting Dec. 1, it is illegal in North Carolina to text message while driving. A citation for doing so won't put points on your driver's license or insurance policy, but it potentially will set you back \$230 when you add up the fine and court costs. You're OK to text message while parked or even stopped at a light. But your fingers need to be gripped around the steering wheel once your foot hits the gas pedal.

Text messaging while driving is not the same kind of distraction as drinking and driving, says a spokesman for the N.C. Department of Crime Control and Public Safety, but it can be deadly.

"You're doing one function and trying to control a 4,000-pound vehicle going down the road," said Sgt. Jeff Gordon.

In most cases, said Gordon and 1st Sgt. Al Morris of the State Highway Patrol's Wilmington, N.C., office, a trooper is going to have to see someone driving while text messaging to issue a citation. But it's not the only way to get caught, they said. You could accidentally spill the information when a trooper is questioning you about what caused a wreck or witnesses to the text messaging and the wreck could rat you out. Morris said he doesn't think text messaging while driving is a major problem. Troopers see people talking on their cell phones while driving all the time, he said.

But text messaging usually requires both hands, meaning you're steering the vehicle with your wrists or knees while you're tapping out that message.

It's a distraction that's not needed considering the risk to the driver, passengers and those in other vehicles, officials said.

Should texting while driving be banned?

Photos by Kenny Wagner



>> I've seen drivers darting in front of me on their cell phones almost causing a crash. That should be banned.

— Vanessa Garcia



>> They should ban texting while driving, it's dangerous to other drivers.

— Victoria Hoag



>> I don't think somebody should be pulled over for texting in their car, that's their business.

— Sedrick Johnson



>> I talk on an earpiece, I've been accidents, I know what can happen when you're distracted.

— Tisha Smith



>> Texting while driving is bad, even though I do it. Talking on your phone is okay.

— Jen Kilgore



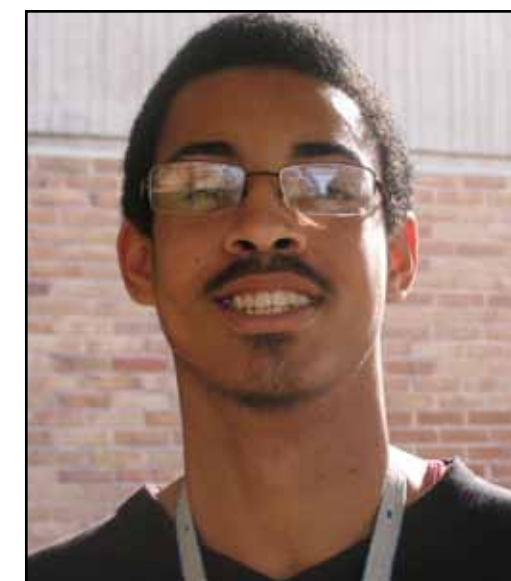
>> I do it, I've seen myself getting pretty close to getting into a wreck. Should it be banned? I don't think so.

— Michael Morales



>> You can talk on your phone but I don't think you should be able to text while driving.

— Kimonia Levy



>> Banning texting on your cell phone while driving? No.

— Branddon Gilliam

Environmentalists want prohibition on use of great apes in invasive research

By Kathy Guillermo
People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals

We already know what Chimpanzees would say if they could speak, thanks to the work of people such as Roger Fouts, a professor at Central Washington University who is famous for teaching chimpanzees American Sign Language. Fouts' most famous pupil is Washoe, who was the first nonhuman animal to learn ASL and who, in turn, taught it to her adopted son, Loulis. Washoe spontaneously combined words to describe her experiences and desires, using expressions such as "you me hide" and "listen dog." She also invented names for her possessions, referring to her doll, for instance, as "Baby Mine." She was even known to fib and tell jokes.

Perhaps Fouts' second most famous pupil is Booe, a chimpanzee who was taught ASL while he was "on loan" to Fouts. More than a decade later, after Booe had been reclaimed and sent to a laboratory where he was subjected to hepatitis experiments, the TV show "20/20" approached Fouts about reuniting with Booe on camera.

I will never forget the footage of Roger entering the laboratory and signing, "Hi, Booe. You remember?" Booe, who had been sitting despondently in his small cage a moment earlier, jumped up and down in excitement, signing his name, "Booe, Booe, Booe," over and over



Judith Calson, San Jose Mercury News / MCT Campus
Cindy got hooked on cigarettes after her former owner taught her to smoke.

again. Remembering that Fouts always carried treats, Booe asked for them, even using an old nickname that he had invented for Roger, a flick of his ear with his finger. He and Fouts spent the next several minutes playing games of "chase" and "tickle" like they used to do all those years ago.

Viewers were touched by the joyful reunion, and they were heartbroken when they watched Booe move dejectedly to the back of his cage when the time came to say goodbye. Because of the subsequent outcry, Booe was sent to a sanctu-

ary months later, where he still lives.

Unfortunately, more than 1,000 other chimpanzees remain caged, lonely and miserable in laboratories, despite overwhelming evidence that they are highly intelligent, sensitive animals. They are injected with drugs, infected with diseases that they would never normally contract and subjected to traumatic psychological experiments. When they're not strapped to a table, they languish in cages, often in windowless rooms, that bear no resemblance to their natural forest and jungle homes. Their spirits are broken from years of needles, scalpels, toxins, pain, solitude, fear and the overwhelming nothingness of waking up, day after day, in a cold metal box.

The U.K., Japan, Austria, New Zealand and the Netherlands have prohibited the use of great apes for invasive research and testing. The U.S. is the only country in the world that continues large-scale use of chimpanzees in experiments. That may change if The Great Ape Protection Act, a bill that would phase out the use of chimpanzees in invasive research and retire federally owned chimpanzees to sanctuaries, ever becomes law.

If chimpanzees could talk, they would almost certainly say, "Let me out," as one of Booe's fellow inmates signed. Yes, it's time to let them out. They are not test tubes with fur. They have thoughts, feelings and desires.

—MCT Campus

Time to correct wrongs in arctic oil drilling

By Buck Parker
Earth Justice

Environmental groups had high hopes for the Obama administration. They had spent eight years fighting off relentless efforts by the previous administration to eviscerate laws and regulations aimed at protecting our natural heritage and opening nearly all public resources to private exploitation.

The report card, nearly a year into the Obama era, is mixed but mostly admirable. The Environmental Protection Agency has overturned or withdrawn many onerous Bush initiatives. The Forest Service is doing pretty well by the national forests.

The Park Service is working to protect Yellowstone from the annual onslaught of snowmobiles. The president will attend the Copenhagen climate talks.

Now, the Interior Department is faced with one of its biggest decisions so far: whether to allow oil companies to lease and drill in the Arctic Ocean.

The upcoming Arctic decisions dwarf everything else

Interior Secretary Ken Salazar has done so far. Interior's Minerals Management Service took a step in the wrong direction in October, approving a plan by Shell Oil to drill just offshore from the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge in Alaska next year, without a full environmental analysis.

It is not too late for Salazar's Interior Department to correct course and protect the Arctic Ocean.

The recent leak of an oil well in the ocean off Australia that took 10 weeks to plug reminds us all of how difficult it can be to cap a blown well, never mind the dark and sub-freezing temperatures of the Arctic out on the ice.

President Barack Obama's Ocean Policy Task Force has also warned Salazar of the need to tread lightly in the Arctic.

Salazar should follow the advice of NOAA and hold off permitting new oil and gas activity in the Arctic until we have a better idea of how to respond when oil inevitably leaks and until we know a lot more about Arctic wildlife.

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'Road' flickers with humanity

Mortensen stars in film adaptation of McCarthy's novel

By Ashley McBride
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Viggo Mortensen strives for an Oscar nomination in the latest post-apocalyptic film, "The Road" based on Cormac McCarthy's novel of the same name.

The film is set after the apocalyptic event has raked the Earth, killing most of the humans and all of the plant and animal life.

Like the book, we are never given an answer as to what destroyed everything.

Mortensen ("History of Violence") plays a tortured man, desperate to keep his young son alive.

The man's wife is played by Charlize Theron ("Monster") and she gets a little more of a backstory in the film.

One major difference was that the audience is led to believe the wife decided to end her life by walking out into the cold to freeze to death.

In the book she takes a sharp piece of obsidian and walks into the darkness to slit her own wrists.

Much of the film stays true to the book, the bleakness shadowing over everything.

The novel seems to drag on with the repetitiveness of the road. The film manages to portray their dependence upon the road without dragging on and on about it.

The scene where the boy and father find the boat just off the beach is barely given screen time, and where the boy runs a fever was barely a hiccup in the film.

It is never really said in the film, whether or not the boy recovers from the fever.

The boy and father have rare moments of happiness, one of which involves bathing in a pool of water.

My biggest pet peeve with the film was that when the father and son were at the man's childhood home, the child was coloring. Crayons are non-toxic and the child was starving to death. Eat the crayons.

Near the end of the film, (spoiler alert), the father dies, leaving his son to fend for him-



Javier Aguirresarobe, The Weinstein Company / MCT Campus

Viggo Mortenson and Kodi Smit-McPhee star in "The Road." The father had just given his son a haircut and was showing him with the mirror.

self. He tells him to look for the good guys; the ones who are carrying the fire.

The boy finds a man, (played by Guy Pearce, "Bedtime Stories") who tells him that he is carrying the fire.

In the film, the boy with Guy Pearce's character is the same one that McPhee's character saw.

Pearce says that he had been following him.

In the novel, it never tells reader if the two boys that the

main child sees are one in the same.

And like the novel, it never says whether McPhee's character turns to cannibalism, or whether he survives to adulthood.

Overall, the movie adaptation was a fair interpretation of McCarthy's novel. The fact that it is yet another post-apocalyptic movie like the recent "2012" and the 2011 film, "The Hunger Games" may hurt the film's potential revenue.

OTHER VIEWS

"I've never read 'The Road,' but the movie of the book will probably go down as the best motion picture I see this year."

— Todd Hill, Staten Island Advance

"At its best, 'The Road' offers a profound portrait of parental devotion and a child's instinctive love of mercy and justice and gratitude, but McCarthy's fatal sense of cruelty and hyperbole make the trip a bummer."

— Ann Hornaday, Washington Post

"There's enough foreboding in America right now to make sitting through a movie such as 'The Road' seem like one more heavy burden that, frankly, no one needs."

— Owen Gleiberman, Entertainment Weekly

"For a movie set in a post-apocalyptic, dying world full of coldness and cruelty, 'The Road,' to me, is one of the most optimistic, inspirational films of the year."

— Allan Dart, Fangoria

"Theron, who is pregnant when the cataclysm occurs, appears here as an enigmatic figure both weak and strong, a realist who would prefer that the family save themselves from starvation by committing suicide, as many others have done."

— Deborah Young, The Hollywood Reporter

"By degree, the trudging pair realizes that the task is not so much one of survival, but of proving that even in the midst of the most terrible of conditions, humanity and love must prevail."

— Peter Howell, Toronto Star

Korean singer could be next Jet Li

Rain takes marital arts to the next heights in 'Ninja Assassin'

By Roger Moore
Orlando Sentinel

The Korean pop-star-turned-actor Rain (real name Jeong Ji-hoon) is ready for Hollywood stardom. He's willing to put in the work. He's patient.

"It's still not easy to make your mark, as an Asian actor or singer in America," Rain says. "If I do my best, Americans will love me, too. I want to challenge myself to see where my limit is. If I do my best, over and over again, I will succeed. I know it."

So what if "Speed Racer," the first big Hollywood film the 27-year-old appeared in, wasn't a smash? He's back, pounding at the door with "Ninja Assassin." He plays —wait for it— a ninja assassin, or rather an anti-assassin, a former ninja who defends those targeted by ninjas from the ninjas. And he has suffered for his art.

"I had to make my body fit, like Bruce Lee," he says. "I trained for eight months, five days a week, eight hours a day. I ate only chicken breast and vegetables; no sugar, no salt, none of my favorite foods. It was horrible."

It took some doing to sculpt the singer into a lean, mean ninja machine, the loner Raizo, who left that old world of discipline and murder behind.

"I learned a bit of many different types of martial arts — kung fu, taekwondo, tai chi, kick boxing, karate, karate with swords, chains, shuriken (throwing stars), kusarigama (dagger-chains), ninja tactics.

The stunt men on the set, they looked out for me. But with those sharp weapons, I could hurt myself even more easily than they could hurt me."



Juliana Malucelli, Warner Bros. Pictures / MCT Campus

Rain stars as Raizo in the film, "Ninja Assassin."

The script gets away with a "He looks more like a boy band singer" than a ninja wisecrack only because Rain is so ripped. But that training regimen, those muscles, don't mean he's giving up the day job.

"I should be able to do both. I plan to concentrate on both singing and acting," he says. Always good to have a plan B, with the chance of trade publications like Variety ("Rain conjures only a mild drizzle as Raizo") panning the film and his work in it.

But Rain plans to stick with his game plan, pursuing Hollywood work with a vengeance. He hopes, too, that this work might even attract the attention of the most famous director back home. The filmmaker he'd most like to work with?

"Oh, Park Chan-wook" (the director of "Old Boy"), he says.

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Movie picks

★ Outstanding
 ■ Worthy effort
 ▼ So-so
 ● A bomb

New review

	Local critic	Chicago Tribune	Miami Herald	Newsday	Philadelphia Inquirer	Minneapolis Star Tribune	Seattle Times
The Blind Side	PG 13	-	▼	-	▼	■	▼
A Christmas Carol	PG	-	▼	■	▼	▼	■
Men Who Stare at Goats	R	-	-	▼	▼	■	●
Pirate Radio	R	-	■	■	▼	▼	●
Planet 51	PG	-	-	▼	▼	-	-
Precious	R	-	★	■	★	■	★
2012	PG 13	-	■	▼	▼	■	▼
Twilight: New Moon	PG 13	-	■	▼	▼	■	▼

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Necklaces spark up winter trends with new styles

By Bonnie Bing
McClatchy Newspapers

Want to punch up a fall outfit that seems drab?
Or add something to your wardrobe that will not only provide color, but will also start a conversation? Go for the neck.

Necklaces this season are big and bold, colorful, rich in texture, and made with a wide variety of materials.

This isn't a season to go with one dainty chain.
It's the season to go big or with multiple necklaces.



Fernando Salazar, Wichita Eagle / MCT Campus

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Fun, colorful pieces, like the one shown above, add a splash to your wardrobe

"Layers are hot, whether it's pearls, chains, beads—layers are the way to go," said Brooke Greene at The Pink Saloon in Wichita, Kan.

Accessories in general seem to be more important this season than in recent years, Greene said.

"It really is a season of bold, layered jewelry," agreed Lisa Marvin at Aspen Boutique.

"You'll see everything from bright colors to every type of metal."

Retailers who sell jewelry in the \$10 to \$300 range say unusual or one-of-a-kind pieces are selling well.

Bracelets and rings are also bold.

Those who typically wear fine jewelry of precious metals and genuine gems are giving in to the fun, colorful pieces that add a splash without spending much cash.

Pointing at a big bowl of colorful, sparkling rings, Greene said, "We can't keep those in. People are loving them." The rings are flashy and have stretch bands so you can wear them on any finger.

Colorful jewelry complements the berry colors that are popular this fall, and will also brighten up a gray, black or brown outfit.

"Just remember that if you're going bold on accessories, keep your outfit a bit more subdued," Marvin said.

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NECKLACE TRENDS

1. Bold and chunky
2. Layers of metal chains
3. 'Bib' Necklaces
4. Pearls, pearls, pearls!

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ADVERTISING CLASS TAKES ON LAW FIRM AS CLIENT

A local college advertising class is taking on the law. In fact, it's an entire law firm! The creative class is spending their semester trying to help that get more business.

"We just don't get it," said Fats. "We really need some help around here. Although we look forward to seeing all of our work, then crushing it with legal speak and jargon, we want to change things that don't work, basically trying to water it down. It's either not funny, not creative, or not interesting in any way."

After submitting their first batch of ideas, the class has been drowning in edits and changes, while deadlines loomed and advertising opportunities were missed. As Senior Cliff commented, "It's like they are afraid about getting sued or something. They're paranoid about paranoia."

Cliff is currently being sued for libel.

Danny Rivers and his friends realized that the Italian restaurant that they had chosen for lunch... was completely Italian-speaking.

Looking for something more authentic than local favorite Pizza Barn, the group had decided to venture out and try a new place.

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Fortunately for the group, Danny Rivers did.

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MONEY MASCOT FOUND BEATING THE CRAP OUT OF BOOK MASCOT

Sad news in local affairs today: officials seized a "money" mascot to promote low prices at an off-campus bookstore after an incident involving counterparty "book" mascot.

Police reports indicate Money became agitated when confronted by Book on who was worth more. Altercation ensued that involved several blows to the head of Book and according to some witnesses, a fist dropkick off the ropes. While Book took the first swing, it was Money who finished it.

Apparently, Money is always better than books.

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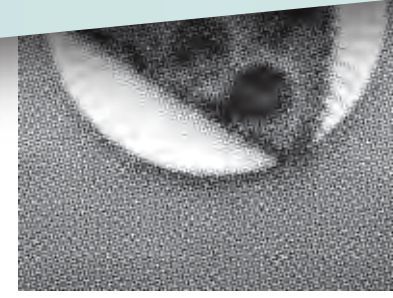
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Bye bye Bobby

Legendary football coach retires with little fanfare and much grace

By Ira Schoffel
The Miami Herald

TALLAHASSEE, Fla. — An emotional Bobby Bowden told his players on Dec. 1 he will not return after coaching them in a bowl game.

An official statement issued by Florida State University did not specifically use the words “retire” or “resign,” but the 80-year-old coaching legend announced he will lead the Seminoles onto the field just one more time.

“It’s been a great 34 seasons,” Bowden said. “Nothing lasts forever, does it? But I’ve had some wonderful years here at Florida State. Hadn’t done as good lately as I wish I could have, but I’ve had wonderful years. No regrets.”

According to a report out of Jacksonville, Gator Bowl officials likely will choose the Seminoles to represent the Atlantic Coast Conference despite the team’s 6-6 record. If that happens, they could face West Virginia — the school Bowden coached for six seasons before coming to Florida State in 1976.

Bowden did not meet with the media Tuesday. Instead, the university released a transcript of an interview conducted by an FSU official. In it, Bowden said his recent meetings with university president T.K. Wetherell have been “amiable.”

“You know something like this is going to happen,” said Bowden, who ranks second among major-college coaches with 388 career victories. “If it didn’t happen now, it would be happening this time next year. But it’s happening now. As long as my family is happy, that’s the main thing.”

FSU captains Christian Ponder and Dekoda Watson were the only athletic department representatives to address the media. They both said Bowden told the team it was his decision to step down, even though the coach told the media two days earlier he hoped to return for the 2010 season.

“He was a little bit [emotional], but not too bad,” Ponder said. “Some other people got emotional about it. But he’s Coach Bowden. He’s strong-willed, and he’s the strength of this program.”

FSU’s other players were instructed not to speak with the media Tuesday, but two Seminoles spoke with The Herald under the condition they not be identified.

They both said Bowden appeared visibly upset during the team meeting but that he tried to maintain his composure.

“It all happened so quick,” one player said. “I didn’t like seeing him like that. I hope he doesn’t stay like that for long.”

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Clem Murray, The Philadelphia Inquirer / MCT Campus

Two Legends: Bobby Bowden shakes hands postgame with Penn State’s Joe Paterno. Bowden retired second to only Paterno in number of wins.



Stephen M. Dowell, Orlando Sentinel / MCT Campus

The New Guard: Bowden and long time Defensive Coordinator Mickey Andrews (right) shares a laugh with new head coach Jimbo Fisher (left).



Stephen M. Dowell / Orlando Sentinel / MCT Campus

Tiger woods, seen here taking in a Magic game downtown during happier times. Since his crash, he has become the target of nearly constant media and Internet conjecture.

Premature e-speculation

By Reese Wallace
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Another celebrity has fallen victim to America's obsession with destroying our own heroes. Tiger Woods' early morning accident this past Saturday was minor; he has some facial abrasions, soreness, and probably a severely bruised ego.

The first signs were easy to read; overreaction, over-coverage and over-analysis.

Overreaction & over-coverage: The lower third on my television informed me of the "facts" pertaining to Tiger's untimely demise. Tiger was in serious condition. Tiger was deathly injured. Tiger was mauled . . . by a tiger.

The news that Tiger had been

to the hospital was reported for what seemed like an hour before we were informed that he had already been released.

Over-analysis: Woods' trip over the hydrant and through the tree became stale fairly quickly to the national media. Once it was clear he wasn't dead or dismembered they handed it off to the Internet, and the Internet saw that it was good.

Twitter and Facebook exploded with theorizing and bloviating as to why he was out and about at 2am. From mistress mischief to drunken debauchery, nothing was beyond belief to the masses.

This was a symptom of a greater American epidemic.

We worship our idols fiercely, we raise them to new levels of

fame with each passing year, and when they slip, we devour them.

Nothing in Wood's public history suggests he's an adulterer, or an alcoholic, but we're always ready to assume he is. We're taught to believe the worst of people, and that goes triple for celebrities.

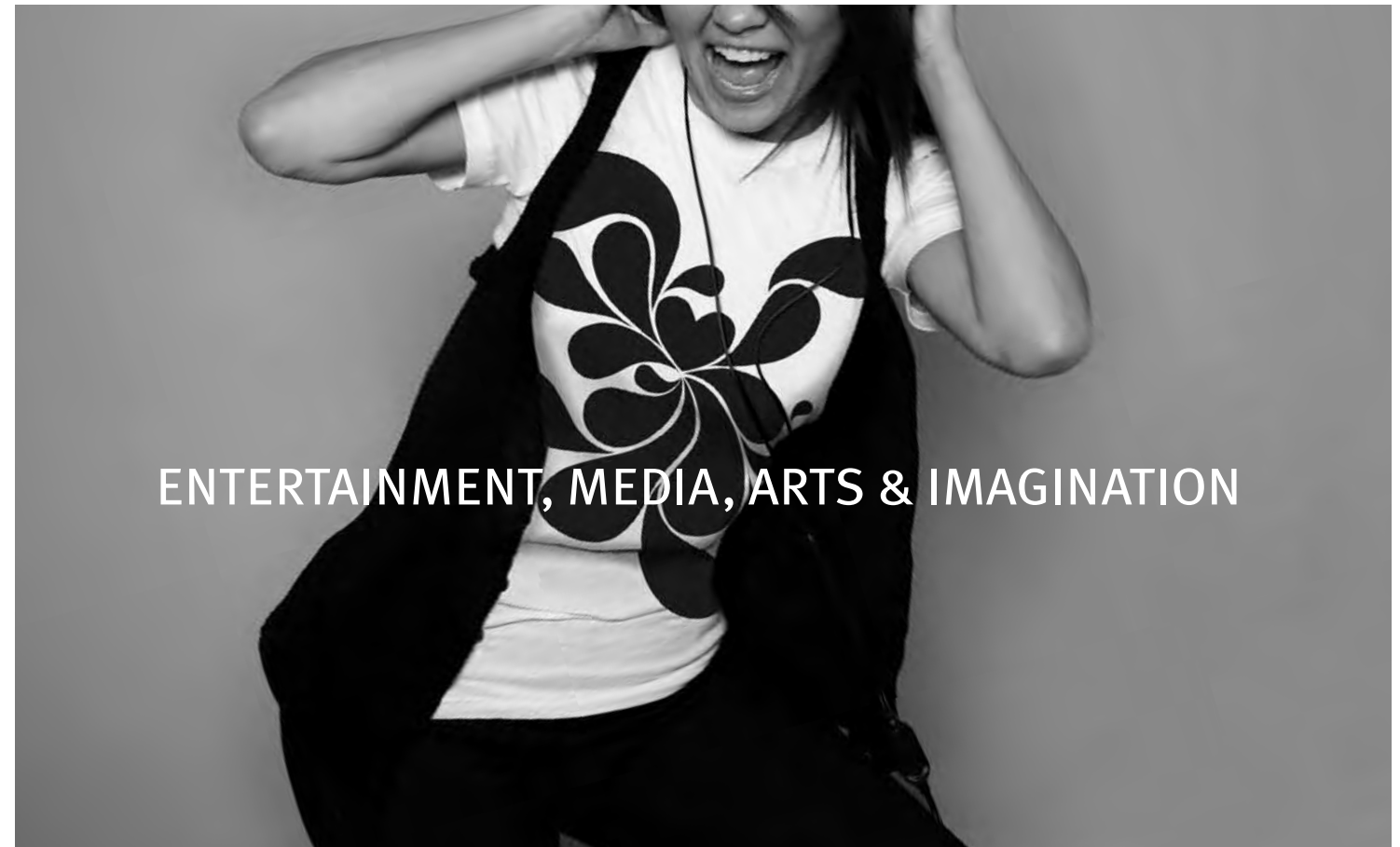
Tiger Wood's could have been outside his home for any number of reasons, from drunken cavorting to purchasing diapers for his baby.

The point of the matter is we may never know what brought Woods out that night for his fateful 100-yard drive into the rough, but that doesn't warrant us making up something that fills the gap for us. To paraphrase a great activist,

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Weis finished in Notre Dame

By Brian Hamilton
Chicago Tribune

In a widely expected move, Charlie Weis is out as Notre Dame's football coach, athletic director Jack Swarbrick announced Monday.

Swarbrick cut ties with Weis following a disappointing 6-6 season that ended Saturday with a 45-38 loss at Stanford. Weis has six years left on his contract.

"We have great expectations for our football program, and we have not been able to meet those expectations," Swarbrick said. "As an alumnus, Charlie understands those goals and expectations better than most, and he's as disappointed as anyone that we have not achieved the desired results."

Assistant coach Rob Ianello will assume responsibility for football operations until a new coach is hired, Swarbrick said. Ianello has spent the past five seasons on the Notre Dame staff.

Swarbrick recommended the dismissal Sunday night to Notre Dame's president, Rev. John Jenkins.

"We have established an evaluation process for all of our athletic programs that, in the end, results in a recommendation from Jack to me," Father Jenkins said. "I accepted Jack's decision and look forward to working with him on selecting a new head football coach who is the very best choice possible for the University and especially for our student-athletes."

The search for Weis' replacement officially begins now, but the rumor mill has churned for nearly a month. It has spit out potential successors ranging from big names such as Oklahoma's Bob Stoops and ex-NFL coach Jon Gruden to a list of perhaps more attainable candidates such

as Cincinnati's Brian Kelly and TCU's Gary Patterson.

The dismissal caps a tumultuous five-year run, with Notre Dame football now on the hunt for its fourth head coach since the end of the 2000 season.

In the last three years, Weis' teams went 16-21 with zero victories against ranked opponents. The continued failures against elite teams coupled with inexplicable, eviscerating defeats (two straight home losses to Navy, two straight Senior Day losses to sub-.500 teams) simply became too much to bear.



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Charlie Weis leaves the field after USC defeated Notre Dame 34-27 Oct. 17.

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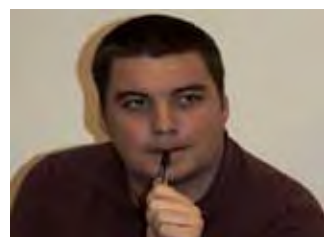


(Picks are winners, they do not take odds into account.)



Alex Barrett

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Reese Wallace

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Manny Colon

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DAL @ NYG			
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Not old enough

By Alex Barrett
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The Minnesota Vikings last season came close enough to their ultimate goal, but fell short in the playoffs.

Most of the horned faithful pointed fingers at talented yet inconsistent quarterback Tavaris Jackson as the reason they couldn't go all the way.

There's none of that talk this season.

Brett Favre brought his traveling circus to Minneapolis to give the Vikings a chance to win now, in this season, and his invigorated pla teamed with a very tough defense have the purple people eaters poised to make a run at the NFL Championship.

In a somewhat weak NFC conference, the Vikes have ridden the back of Favre as he has accumulated 2,874 yards with 24 touchdowns, and a very un-Favre like, miniscule three interceptions.

Favre has also done a tremendous service to the young Viking receiving corps, enhancing the careers of Sidney Rice and placing Percy Harvin in a great position to earn Rookie of the Year honors.

With a three game lead after Sunday on rival Green Bay, the Vikings have already begun to assemble the troops, hoping to sail into the Super Bowl with their new, (old) field general that clearly still has some left in the tank.



Brett Favre

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