The problem of suicide on college campuses

Courtesy of Counseling Center

Though college can be an exciting time of anticipation, responsibility, and growth, new stresses can contribute to psychological disruption and increased risk for suicidal behavior. The Suicide Prevention Resource Center (2004) describes several factors that are psychologically disruptive and are associated with suicidality among students. For some the campus may be a new and unfamiliar environment where they have fewer supportive friends. There are academic and social pressures that can make a student question the adequacy of her scholastic performance. Very bright students may, for the first time, truly challenged and feel weaknesses and inadequacies. For all students, there are challenges adjusting to new life and work demands. The severity of the problem on college campuses is shocking. In a national study, suicide is the third leading cause of death among college-age youth (20-24 years) in the U.S. Several successive, large-sample studies have outlined the epidemiology of college suicide. These include The National College Health Risk Behavior Survey (1995, "NCHRS," the Big Ten Suicide Study (1997), and the American College Health Association’s "ACHA" National College Health Assessment (2000). Amongst the findings of these studies is the high prevalence (9.5%-10.5%) of serious suicidal thoughts among college students. As many as 7 in 12 college students surveyed reported having serious thoughts of attempting suicide. In a twelve month period, 1.5 percent of college students attempted suicide across all studies. The Big Ten Study quantified the rate of completed suicides at 7.5 per 100,000.

Not all students are at equal risk for suicide. Students who have a preexisting mental health condition or who develop one in college are at much greater risk for suicidal behavior. Of these students with mental health conditions, those who are black, Asian, or Hispanic are more likely to experience suicidal thoughts and to make suicide attempts. Depression, with its painful and helpless feelings, has long been associated with suicide. Suicidal behavior is also linked to substance abuse. The NCHRS study found that students who reported having seriously considered suicide were also more likely to use alcohol, tobacco, and illegal drugs.

According to the Big Ten study, students over the age of 25 had a significantly higher risk of suicide. Graduate students, particularly women, experience more stress than undergraduates. Many graduate students have increased financial burden, concerns about being away from the workforce, and uncertainty about future employment weigh heavily on graduate students.

What do these statistics say about the extent of potential suicidal behavior amongst IIT students? Applying the above results to the IIT population, the number of over 350 students will struggle with suicidal thoughts, 82 students may attempt to take their own lives, and one of our students may die by his own hand. In conjunction with the National Suicide Prevention Week, the Illinois Institute of Technology Counseling Center is presenting a Suicide Prevention Awareness Week on September 19 and 20 from 12:00 to 2:00. Events will be held to increase awareness of suicide amongst university students, including a tabling event in the MTCC on September 19 from 12:00 to 2:00. As suicide prevention experts emphasize,"the suicide crisis is temporary. Unbearable pain can be survived. Help is available. You are not alone." IIT students are struggling with unbearable pain, please seek help from the professionals at the Counseling Center (312-899-7132).
Simplicity is one of my favorite themes. For as long as I can remember, I have always viewed the world as if it, and everything in it, is simple, and it has treated me quite well. This is said in hindsight, because I probably wouldn’t have given you a spit about my philosophy of simplicity in elementary school. I probably didn’t even consciously consider it until the summer before I came to IIT, when I met a guy whose signature phrase was, “It’s simple.” He is definitely one of the smartest people that I have ever met, and probably one of the nicest and friendliest too. He didn’t say “it’s simple” because he was arrogant, he said it because he had a simple view of the world, and he wanted to help you understand. The funny thing about him was he said it whether he was directing you to the nearest restroom, or alluding to the super top secret classified rocket science research that he was conducting. It was all simple to him. And when he spoke to you, he somehow always conveyed the feeling that it was simple enough that you too could understand if only you were to open your mind and think about it for a bit.

I propose to you that such an attitude is beneficial in all walks of life. One example that I have observed from my own experiences and of those around me is that academics are much easier if one views them as simple. A student hardly has to take notes or study if they view the material simply. The best professors are not the ones that dish out loads of incoherent jumble, but rather the ones that break it down into simple concepts. Certainly one has to bog through the details to grasp the full meaning of a topic, but the point is, details are just that, details of larger centralized thing. A simple and completely understandable thing. It’s so easy to get caught up furiously taking notes, or lost while memorizing tiny tidbits, but it’s much better to take a deep breath, spend a minute to wrap your mind around the bigger picture. Scientists’ throughout history have revolutionized the world because they were able to see the world more simply than people around them. Long ago, people definitely didn’t see the world as we do now, to them it was chaotic, but then every once and a while, some genius like Newton comes along and tells us that it isn’t really that scary, it’s just gravity that makes it all go, and it’s quite simple actually. At current, no one really understands the subatomic world; nothing seems to have a rhyme or reason. But use of people are working really hard to find something, but the big day is going to be when someone takes one look at what we know and says, “wow, it’s really quite simple,” and explains in one sentence what appears to be completely random, and at the same time they will probably unite it with ‘ordered’ world.

Business men and innovators are doing this every day too. While to many people are doing everything they can to keep their own life in order, a select few have a simple view of society and the people in it, and they can create a system or product that passes on the simplicity.

Physicist Richard Feynman has said, you can recognize truth by its beauty and simplicity,” which was probably intended as a statement about truth, but it also tells us about simplicity. If it’s not simple, it’s probably not true, and there is probably a better way to see it, think it, do it...

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One killed, several injured in Montreal College shooting

By Shrawani Pasupneti

Dawson College, located in downtown Montreal, was the site of a shooting spree last Wednesday. The gunman, who was identified as Kimwever Gill, fatally wounded one woman and injured twenty Other men before taking his own life. Of the injured, six are in critical condition and two are in very critical condition. Officials are currently searching for a motive for the spree, which is reminiscent of the 1999 attack at Columbine High School.

Witnesses received hearing "sounds like firecrackers" before seeing the gunman clad in a black trenchcoat and carrying a one and a half foot long machine gun. The gunman opened fire on students without saying a word.

As police arrived, he entered the building and moved to the cafeteria, where he opened fire. Maxime LeBlanc remembers eating lunch with a friend when he heard the sound of gunshots. She said, "His face was calm and expressionless. He was looking forward at the school and walking slowly."

In the search for a motive, police officials publicized McGill's profile on a site called vcamperfiends.com last Thursday. In it, McGill referred to himself as the "Angel of Death" and said his favorite video game was the Internet-based Super Columbine Massacre. His last journal entry was on April 18 at 1:31 am on the day of the shooting, just two hours before the first 911 call. In addition to a blog, McGill uploaded almost fifty pictures of himself holding a machine gun.

This is not the first time that Montreal has witnessed such an event. Rather, there have been two similar events in the past twenty years. In 1989, a gunman named Marc Laprise opened fire in the Ecole Polytechnique and killed fourteen women. He separated the women and men before shooting into a classroom of female engineering students while shouting, "I hate feminists." In 1999, a former Concordia University professor opened fire and killed four other professors. He is currently serving a twenty-five year jail sentence without parole.

These events forced the Quebec police force to develop a new protocol to disarm such situations. Police Chief Yvon Delorme said at a press conference, "Until 1999, police would stay on the perimter and wait for the SWAT team. Because of the Polytechnique, they are trained to act fast. Their job was to save people's lives." Police were on the scene a few minutes after receiving the first call, along with SWAT teams and canine units.

After entering the building, they opened fire on the gunman and left him with multiple fa tal gunshot wounds. Following this, officials found the gunman had a total of three firearms with him.

Dawson College is currently rethinking its security measures to prevent such situations from arising again. Richard Filion, Director General of the College, said they may reopen the school in a few days. He said, "We'll make a thorough assessment to make sure this will not happen again. I don't want to have to lock our doors or make Dawson look like a fortress. We are about education. First we have to understand why this is happening in society."

Ford Motor Corp to offer buyouts to US Employees

By Abhishek Gundugurti

The American number 2 auto manufacturer, Ford motor Co., has announced last week that after its huge restructuring plan, there is a possibility of a buyout of the entire U.S. hourly work force. This was a move to slash the labor costs during slumping sales by a huge percentage. Due to this, about 30,000 hourly jobs are being cut to less by the beginning of 2013. This news was announced by the Ford Board of Directors and CEO Alan Mulally, who recently took over from Bill Ford, after the end of a two-day meeting. Mulally, who was lured away from Boeing Co., just last week, had attended the board meeting and was part of Friday's announcements also. The United Auto Workers was involved in negotiating the announcement.

The UAW's statement was anxiously awaited by many workers in Ford plants and offices across North America as further job cuts might have been announced on Friday morning. An auto industry analyst from Global Insight Inc., Catherine Madden, commented that not all the 70000 workers would take these packages, but it illustrates the trouble the number two auto company in America is going through.

The UAW President, Ron Gettelfinger, said their members had to make hard choices in difficult circumstances. The buyout and early retirement plans gave eight package options to its workers and offers from $31,000 to $140,000 depending on their years of service, age, and how close they are to retirement age. Depending on the plan is chosen, workers may have to give up health benefits. These offers were similar to those made earlier to the workers of General Motors Corp., in which 35000 people left the company. Ford lost $1.4 billion during the first half of this year and is under pressure from Wall Street to make further cuts and roll out new cars and trucks more quickly. In the New York stock market, Ford shares dropped 10 cents to close at $9.09 on Thursday.

Its shares have traded in a 52-week range of $6.06 to $10.09.

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Apple
iTunes for the future

By Kevin Henry
TECHNOLOGY EDITOR

After introducing the new iPods at MacWorld Paris, Steve Jobs went on to announce the latest update to the popular iTunes software, iTunes 7. Although at first glance the new iTunes looks similar to the previous version, the basic resemblances end there.

iTunes 7 sports several great new features. To start, the library source list on the left side has been completely redesigned. The list is now separated into sections. Library contains the main music, movie, TV show and iPod Games libraries. Store has links to the iTunes Store, purchased music and a built-in iTunes download manager. Devices show connected iPods or CDs. Shared will show any shared libraries within range. Playlist lists all your smart playlists, playlist, Party Shuffle and a new feature, folders, which can organize your playlists into collapsible lists.

A really cool feature of iTunes 7 is the new view options. There is still the standard list view, and two brand new views. The second view option is an album view, which splits the library up by albums and displays the cover art next to each album list. Since music from the iTunes Store already comes with album art, that artwork is displayed, but what about all the CDs you've imported?

Apple has solved that problem by giving free downloads for album art for albums that are sold on the iTunes Store. The third view option, and perhaps the coolest option, is called Cover Flow. Bought from Steel Skies and adapted for iTunes, Cover Flow displays all album artwork over a glossy black background with a reflection of the artwork on what would be the "floor." The selected album artwork is displayed prominently in the middle while other artwork is displayed off to the sides. In this black box, you can scroll through the album artwork, organized by artist or album, the artwork flips by displaying the artwork for the current album scrolling by. As with the album view, iTunes will also download needed artwork from the iTunes store.

One of the larger changes in iTunes 7 is a new iPod management display. After plugging in an iPod, instead of displaying just the songs and video files in a single list, the new Summary display starts with an overall view of the iPod, giving basic information about the space used by songs, movie and photos in a color coded bar. There is also an option for updating the iPod software built into the page. At the top of the display are more tabs to manage music, movies, TV shows, podcasts, photos, contacts and games. Each section gives an easy way to manage the content on your iPod. Lastly, for the first time ever, iTunes allows content to be easily transferred from an iPod to a computer. The content that can be transferred is limited to only content bought from the iTunes Store, and will only work with computers authorized to play the content. However, this new feature does allow for more portability of the content bought from the iTunes Store.

The largest change in iTunes 7 is actually the introduction of the new iTunes Store. You may have noticed me referring to it as the iTunes Store and not the iTunes Music Store as it was called before. The new iTunes Store does more than music now. This store now sports a movie section. That's right, feature movies are now available on iTunes. Currently only Disney, Pixar, Touchstone and Miramax films are available, and the selection is currently limited to 75 movies. More movies and more studios will be added as time goes on, but the selections already include some older movies such as Enemy of the State, Good Will Hunting, Bambi and newer movies such as National Treasure, Pirates of the Caribbean: Curse of the Black Pearl. There is also an option to preorder unreleased films, like Cars. Trailers and summaries are also available for each movie, which are available for various prices. Older movies will be priced at $9.99, newer movies at $14.99, and pre-order movies will be available for $12.99 until the week after the release. New movies will also be available on iTunes the day they are released on DVD, so no waiting.

Another change to the iTunes store is the availability of higher resolution video content. Before, TV shows and music videos were available at a resolution of 320x240, but now, not only movies, but TV shows and music videos will be in a DVD quality 640x480 resolution. Movies even include surround sound ability. With these additions and a change to the overall look of the music store and the addition of a games store as well, the iTunes Store has definitely moved beyond the image of just a music store. Rounding off the changes in iTunes 7 are a few other smaller but quite significant upgrades. A download manager gives you control over the downloads from the iTunes Store, allowing you to reorder the downloads as you please. Video playback also includes onscreen video controls, giving you more control over how you view your movies and TV shows. iTunes 7 also allows the use of multiple libraries, allowing you to build a collection and manage several libraries at once in separate locations or hard drives. Gapless playback allows you to listen to songs meant to be seamless, seamlessly. A new backup tool has also been added to give an easy way to back up your entire library to CD or DVD. Parental controls now also include the ability to control the movie content based on MPAA ratings.

Go to iTunes.com today and download your free copy of iTunes 7 for Mac or for Windows. And check out next week's TechNews for an indepth review of the new iTunes 7 as well as a better look at the new iPods and...
New iPods for all

By Kevin Henry
TECHNOLOGY EDITOR

Apple Computer, famous for making the popular iPod, which has become a definition of the word "cool" for many. The popularity of the iPod has grown so much, you'd be hard pressed to go anywhere and not find at least one person with those famous white earbuds dangling from their ears.

In Paris, last Tuesday, Steve Jobs, CEO and cofounder of Apple, made another one of his landmark announcements at the MacWorld Expo taking place there. Even a week after the release of the upgraded lineup of their iMac computers to include a 24 inch model and faster machines all around, Steve did not fail to disappoint with his latest announcements.

Apple has also created something called Gapless playback, which does exactly as it sounds. Some songs, such as classical pieces or music by Pink Floyd, seamlessly flow from one song into the next. Before now, a short gap usually occurs between songs, or if cross-fading is enabled, songs will overlap, but this does not work well for pieces that are meant to be played seamlessly back to back. Gapless playback fixes this. iTunes goes through the entire music library and determines which songs should use Gapless playback.

The iPod has included games from day one. In the early days, the basic brick-out game was found hidden in the About menu, but you can now find its way out into a menu of its own to join with other preset games. The new iPod takes this a step further and allows the user to download special games designed for the iPod from the iTunes Store. For just $4.99, you can download games like “Bejeweled” and “Texas Hold’em.”

With a brighter screen than previous models, and a longer battery life, you can now enjoy your iPod longer and in more places to listen to music, watch movies and TV shows, view your pictures or play games. Apple has also spent the last 18 months developing all new ear buds for their players. After a complete redesign from the ground up, the new ear buds should be more comfortable and produce great sound.

The iPod updates don’t stop there. In the past year, the iPod nano has gained much momentum, becoming one of the most popular music players ever. Apple has stepped it up again and completely redesigned the iPod nano, in a fashion reminiscent of the nano’s predecessor, the iPod mini. The new nano now sport all aluminum cases with 5 different colors. The new mini-like rounded bodies include silver, pink, green, blue and black models. Starting with a 2GB silver model for just $149.

The 4GB model comes in silver, blue, green and pink, and sells for $199. Rounding off the top of the list is the 8GB black model which is available for $249. The new iPod nanos include the new ear buds included with the iPod, and also sport a display that is 40% brighter. In addition to the ear buds and screen, the nano got a boost in battery life from 2 hours to 24 hours. Gapless playback, Quick Scroll and the new Search features are also included, and it works with many of the first iPod nano’s accessories, including the popular “iPod shoe” made by Nike.

When the iPod shuffle was introduced last year, many did not believe it would do well, but those people have been proven wrong. The iPod shuffle is just as popular as the other iPod models. It’s small, gum pack-sized form and low price have been a big draw to many. Now it’s even smaller. Completely redesigned as well, the new shuffle also sports a silver oxidized aluminum case, and has shrunk to become one of the smallest MP3 players ever. Measuring just over an inch tall, an inch and a half wide and less than a half an inch thick, including the new clip, the shuffle can go everywhere and fit almost anywhere.

The iPod shuffle only comes in one size, 1GB, but only sells for $79. Included with the half-inch player are the same great new ear buds and a special mini dock for the shuffle. Already for sale, the new iPod lineup, with the iPod, iPod nano and the iPod shuffle, are another great step forward for Apple. With the new iPodab the popularity of the iPod is sure to continue with more advancements and upgrades in the future. Check out iPod.com
Career Fair

By Paul Spears
COPY EDITOR

If you are like most people I know, you are here with one ultimate goal in mind: a high paying job that you actually enjoy waking up to each morning. If you haven’t begun your search yet, this Thursday would be as good a time as any. That’s right, career fair has come again. On September 21st, employers from companies such as Siemens Medical Solutions, Microsoft, Lybros, Orbitz and Caterpillar, to name a few, will be at IIT to select a large number of students to further interview for open job positions.

The HUB ball room will host this year’s career fair from noon till 5 pm. Students can expect to get about 3-5 minutes to talk with each of the employers about the positions available and make a good impression. So be prepared, look nice, and bring plenty of copies of your resume. The employers that are coming to the school are here for one reason—to hire us, all you have to do is make them want YOU.

In addition to career fair, on campus interviews will be starting this Friday. Employers sign up with the CDC and students can connect them and send their resumes through the e-recruiting website. The employers then choose from students to receive one-on-one interviews that last anywhere from 30 minutes to an hour. There will be plenty of opportunities over the next couple of months to get your foot in the door with some big name companies. So get out there make some contacts, represent the school, these companies have come to this school because it has shown such great potential in the past, and more importantly...GET A JOB!

To set up an account with e-recruiting go to iit.recruiting.com.

To contact the CDC for help with resumes and more visit their website at www.cdc.iit.edu.

You say! How would you describe IIT’s social life?

By Babajide Oke
I-TECH EDITOR

“Everything is divided into cliques; MSV, commuter, the Quad, grad students, etc. If we had more common events, things would be better.” - Yagna Pathak

Yagna Pathak
Biomedical Engineering

“I’m pretty ok but sometimes it’s lifeless and all people want to do is study and do homework. I think there should be more activities that provide for student participation. It just comes down to getting people more involved in stuff.” - Kaye Palomo

Kaye Palomo
Architectural Engineering

“The social life here is slowly improving. The freshmen are immersing themselves into the IIT community and the community benefits as a whole as a result of the interactions that occur.” - Sean Craig

Sean Craig
Mechanical Engineering

“I think that people at IIT tend to mix around their own kind. They should interact with others and have a more diverse experience which I feel can improve the social life at IIT.” - Savina Jose

Savina Jose
Business Administration

“Once you get to know people, it’s actually quite good. Initially, it’s hard but as a senior, I’ve come to know many people and that helps. Having more social events would definitely improve it.” - Emad Allam

Emad Allam
Electrical and Computer Engineering

“There is enough for people who actually want to get involved” - Steven Stanger

Steven Stanger
Architecture

“Compared with my high school, I think it’s awesome and that’s because of the cool people I’ve met here.” - Joseph Kergro

Joseph Kergro
Architecture Engineering

Photos by Babajide Oke
On the Cheap: Lawrence’s Fisheries

By Colin Emch-Wei

I am from the West Coast. Along with the obvious low tide-tolerance (I’m the guy sitting in a park in 60 degree weather), I get intense urges for seafood. I understood that this fix is sometimes difficult to find and even a little expensive in Chicago, so my frequent urges have had to take a backseat to the constraints of my wallet. Sorry, shrimp. I just can’t afford it.

Thank god there are some enterprising restaurateurs in this world. Laurence’s Fisheries offers a beautiful selection of seafood and seafood products at a price that didn’t doom me to eating Ramen noodles for the next three months. Shrimp, crab, even frog legs are at the ready for the eating.

Upon initial inspection, the menu was noticed that Lawrence’s offers complete dinner combinations, which are effective for an abbreviated menu served with French fries, coleslaw, cornbread, a dinner roll. They are offered in (2 pound and portion portions. Many dining companions and I (strangely) ordered the fried shrimp dinners. They don’t deliver, so it’s inevitable to drive to your get your food. I didn’t see any CTA stop of any kind near there, so make whores who are lucky enough to have cars. And buy them shrimp. It’s not too far away, merely a trip down Canal Street. The food was prepared and packaged by the time we arrived, and they said it only took about 10 minutes to prepare.

One pitfall: the shrimp was good...the rest of it, not so much. The French fries were average, stale-tasting, and unseasoned. The coleslaw was of the packaged and processed variety, and felt altogether too watery. The dinner roll was a simple dinner roll, short of burning it. I’m not sure how you could screw it up. I’m looking at you, Sodero.

The Joint is cheap. The half-pound fried shrimp meals were $5.45 each, with a full pound meal was $7.80. Not a bad deal.

On the whole, Lawrence’s isn’t a bad place to find yourself some good grub of the sea-living variety. Be careful with the sides, and I guarantee you’ll be in for a treat. Act.

Lawrence’s Fisheries
2130 S. Canal St.
312.222.5113

Beauty Unlimited!!

By Disha Doshi

If you are looking for some fun this weekend that’s not as loud as a night club and not as extravagant as a restaurant and most importantly doesn’t cost a lot of money this day then The Chicago Botanic Garden is the place you really want to go! Spread across 385 acres of land and home to 23 gardens, 9 islands, 6 miles of shoreline and 258 bird species - it has breathtaking views and remarks moments to offer at all times and in all seasons. The Chicago Botanic garden is a perfect destination to take a day off from your busy schedule and go along and contemplate or just lounge with your friends and family. Each corner of the garden is a piece of magic. Amongst the gardens that you must see are the Rose gardens that has a range of rose bushes, and amongst the best of shrubs and colors, the Japanese garden which is a perfect blend of great gardening style with the whimsical style. The Waterfall garden which is the perfect romantic destination for the winding small ways with pine trees dotting the scenery, completely unmolding the beautiful sight that lay hidden behind it. And when the waterfall is running, then it adds another sense of the most magnificent nature of man, the magic of the Japanese garden.

Now the best way to explore the garden is by walking or biking around it with music that gives you a feeling of intimacy with nature. But if so much of walking is not your cup of tea, then Garden Tram Tours are also available that give you a panoramic overview of the ornamental and beautifully laid gardens, water side views and their native beauty.

Now for some Do’s and Don’ts:

Don’t forget to wear your shoes since walking is the only way to explore the place to its fullest. And an effective insect repellent would be a good idea to take along. Also, if you have a bunch of friends or family members with you, it would be best to carry your own food, sit down on the lake side under a tree and enjoy your food while nature is its best.

And the best part of the trip - you actually get to carry home a small plant with you. Indeed a perfect gift to keep with the memory of this place that is so full of beauty, peace and ever-lasting ecstasy.

The Chicago Botanic Garden is definitely any artist’s dream. It will remain etched in my memory not only for the beauty the place has to offer but also for giving me such beautiful moments with my friends. So go just pack your bags, get your cameras and get into action this weekend! A word of caution- Your camera is sure to go insane and just not stop!

City Lights: Response

By J. R. Brilla III

What is all this uproar about the changing of a sign? I am referring to the change of Marshall Field’s, a Chicago-born company, to Macy’s. I have been asked to share my thoughts on this subject with you, although I do not think that there is much to talk about, I think that with why I do not think that there is much of consequence in this change.

I have always known Marshall Field’s, and have stopped there. No, I have never been anywhere near a Macy’s, and was originally upset with this change. However, I have learned that even though we have lost a Chicago icon, it is being historically preserved in a number of different ways.

The first way in which the Macy’s Corporation is planning on maintaining the historic presence of the Marshall Field’s name is as follows: Macy’s has promised the exact same service as has always been known to the Marshall Field’s client base. They have promised to keep the local feel always known to us, promised the same service to the community, same marketing techniques.

Secondly, an example that I would like to relate more directly to the flagship store on State Street, here in downtown Chicago. People have been worried that the Macy’s Corporation was going to completely ravage the facade of this presence, and create something unknown to its former occupants.

In the original plans for the takeover of this store in particular, the Macy’s Corporation was planning on some sort of façade make-over that, I believe, included a glass façade that hung in front. I believe that it also included some sort of lighting effect as well as a number of Macy’s graphics. But, that original scheme was never adopted, as can be seen by the flagship store today.

The Macy’s Corporation listened to the faithful followers of Marshall Field’s. They respected the corner wall clock, the metal symbol of the Marshall Field’s name. They respected the façade and I believe that they have also agreed to keep the Marshall Field’s name plaque on the corner of the building.

They have reduced the branding of the store to a very simple “Less is More” sort of representation. The Macy’s Corporation has simply decided to put up a number of window signs branded with the Macy’s name and logo, and have also decided to brand the upper portion of the building with the usual sign. These modifications seem to be so simplistic as to say that they are subject to corporate tides, easily altered if Macy’s should decide to leave. They also seem to say that they are respecting the boundaries of this term.

For all of these reasons, I believe that there is no reason for all of the fuss that has been made over this matter. We must be open to the changing cityscape and must be willing to fight for compromise, but we cannot never be opposed entirely. I believe that a sufficient compromise has been reached and that there is no benefit in constant opposition. You see, if you are willing to compromise, compromise can be made, if not, neither side is willing!
Nouvelle Vague seduces the crowd at The Metro

Andres De La Hoz

Bands with a gimmick, while easy to love, are also easy to dismiss. The greater the gimmick, it seems, the more people are willing to complain. From having over a dozen members in robes, to parodying every genre imaginable, to having a parrot as a lead singer, there's no end for the crazy ideas people will conceive of. Lately, it seems, critics and audiences have put down the pitchforks and embraced the more fan aspects of music. Ween has slowly lost the image of being a 'joke' band (about as far away from the truth as anything could be), acts like Electric Six and The Darkness get their share of love, and someone like Brazilian Sea Jorge gets acclaim for his cover of early 70s Bowie in Wes Anderson's "Life Aquatic". Of course, it helps if the music is good, regardless of whatever else is going on. And for two albums, Nouvelle Vague have been producing extremely enjoyable music. A project started by Marc Collin and Olivier Libaux, this French band does covers of songs spanning from the late 70s to the mid 80s, some of them obscure, but most being staples of punk, new wave, and rock. Here's the kick, though: The songs are arranged in breezy, bossanova-styled arrangements and sung by a rotating cast of girls. This kind of idea generally sounds better than the actual execution, but Nouvelle Vague are capable of creating entertaining arrangements that are close to the original songs without being a simple rehash, and keeping each song varied enough. The impression one gets from listening to their songs isn't 'someone's singing 'Blue Monday over a generic tropical beat', but rather that some talented composers and instrumentalists have successfully taken music that obviously means a lot to them and turned it into something very different that still captures its spirit. Some would prefer to accuse the band of being too cute for their own good, and point out that their concept can only be stretched for an album or two more. But their two releases (Nouvelle Vague and Bande A Part) showcase a group of people talented enough to keep playing around with this formula, twisting and turning it into new directions. While no one can be blamed for reading a description of the band and thinking of them as a mere curiosity, they'd be doing a disservice to the music recorded by these men and women. Questions of cuteness aside, Nouvelle Vague successfully translate the fun, giddy feeling of their albums to the stage. Playing at The Metro last Wednesday, the band was impressive, putting on an energetic show that turned the venue, if only for a few hours, into a far more exotic place than what its typically rock oriented shows generally allows for. The instrumentalists never missed a beat, playing each song with precision and adding far more character than what the album allows for. While the recorded versions give the album a relaxed vibe, the live renditions added a sense of urgency even to the calmer arrangements like their low-key rendition of "The Killing Moon". The band kept themselves in the background, for the most part, providing effective backing and ample breathing space for singers Melanie and Phoebe to take the stage and run wild. And so they did. Either in a duet or solo, both of them had the audience eating off the palm of their hand. Addressing the audience through thick yet enticing accents, they twirled, shook, got offstage to play and dance with audience members, lead singalongs of their version of Dead Kennedys' infamous 'Too Drunk To F**k', threw glitter on each other, and about a dozen other little amusing details. While bands can too often get lost in replicating studio sounds and end up sounding lifeless, Nouvelle Vague do the opposite and deliver a live show far more exciting than what you might expect. The band has said that one of the images they had in mind while conceiving the new album was a girl singing a song at the Parisian Metro and being ignored, and some of the band's arrangements reflect that, seeming tailor-made for coffeehouses and other easy-going venues. Their live show, on the other hand, is a party and they're definitely someone whose tour dates should be marked on your calendar.

Put aside any silly idea that music must be serious, moody, and overwrought. If you're looking for a band to put a grin on your face for a couple of hours, check into these talented French artists. Their latest has recently been released in the USA by David Byrne's Luaka Bop label.

Upcoming September Shows

Interested in getting away from numbers and studio for something a little more entertaining? There's always shows to watch in Chicago.

- Legendary Canadian punk band NoMeansNo play the Subterranean on Wednesday, September 20. Tickets are $10, 21+

- Man Man, known for their bizarre, carnivalesque live shows, play the Logan Square Auditorium on Thursday, September 21. $14, all ages.

- The Mars Volta, fresh off the release of Amputechture, play at the Aragon Ballroom on Friday, September 22. $35, all ages.

- Gigantour, including such metal powerhouses as Megadeth, Overkill, and Opeth, takes place at the Congress Theatre on Friday, September 22. $38.

- Junior Varsity (who as some of you might recall, played outside the MTCC a year ago) take the Metro on Saturday, September 23 along with Madina Lake, 2Sweet, Powerspace, and Night Kills The Day. All ages, $11.
Opinion

The new Facebook sucks? Really?

By Abhishek Gunduguri
TECHNEWS WRITER

So I heard from a zillion people that the new Facebook is bad. It’s stalkerish; it’s taking away my privacy, its doing this, its doing that. Honestly though, I was really happy with the new Facebook; it gave me the news feeds easing my job of knowing what other people are doing. Instead of spending 15 clicks to find out who my friend is now dating and who is now available, I just simply see the news feed on the homepage. I just love the way every small detail shows up. I saw a friend go from single to ‘it’s complicated’ to ‘engaged’ to ‘married’. I wouldn’t have known this through any other means. And it’s so easy to see what the ‘cool’ groups are now. You just can the group that 27 of your friends joined on the same day. And events, you get to see which of your friends are ‘really cool’ by seeing what events they are attending.

The ‘old’ Facebook was much un-cooler. I had to click on each friend to see what they were writing on other people’s walls. I had to be invited to an event to see which people were going to which event. I had to click on various things to find a friend that was not on my list yet. I had to do way too much work to see what gossip was circulating that seemed interesting. Now, it is all so simple. Whoever thought of newsfeeds is genius. He reduced all that work for me. I can see who are all in my classes and bug them for homework or lab reports. It’s so easy to find what people are doing nowadays. You don’t have to call them. You just see your newsfeed and it says ‘John Doe is working on CS 228 homework’. It even lets me see what people are saying in group that they are part of. It has never been easier to see what other people are saying about you.

I can go on and on about how the new Facebook is much better. But if you didn’t get the point of this article yet, I will reveal the secret to you. I was being sarcastic about it. Everyone is screaming ‘privacy privacy’; and I bet you don’t read the complete ‘Terms of Agreement’ when you are signing up for something. Especially in this digital age of light-speed technology improvements and when what you used yesterday is ancient technology today, there is always going to be a lack of respect for your privacy. All these companies which want to sell their products to people see only the real thing, the MONEY. They don’t care if you think your privacy is being invaded or if you think it’s against your beliefs/values/likings, they just want the money and they are out of it. All I am saying is be careful what you get yourself into. Don’t blame the company because you didn’t read the ToS or ToA. It’s your fault if you didn’t, and don’t let it be your fault just because a friend says it’s ok to agree to the terms without reading them.

Observations On... wasting time

By Philip Haywood
TECHNEWS WRITER

How many times have you thought about what a waste of time school is? How many times have you thought that there are much better ways to learn? I find it hard to imagine anyone who hasn’t thought these things – it’s understandable. I certainly don’t blame you. It is tiring – going to class, doing homework, living in a dorm, not having an income, moving away from friends – it’s all a trial.

Why can’t I just go out and get a job? I’ve discovered that many students already have the skills they will need in whatever profession they choose, but chances are that you’re not quite sure what you want to do. School is as much about buying time as it is about buying knowledge. Time is something that can’t be bought, right? It’s the one thing we never have enough of and the one thing that we’ll never get any more of. So is it too much to pay $30,000 per year just to get a couple more years before entering the work force? Many people would give anything for more time. College students often say that without realizing that they are buying time. It’s a freedom that very few people ever get to experience.

Certainly, you could get a job, get married, have a family, and everything would probably be ok. It may be a little difficult financially, but I assume that any student at IIT probably has enough intelligence to survive in the world. But is it worth wondering the rest of your life about what you could have been had you had more time to find your passion and pursue it with all of your heart. That’s the greatest benefit of school. No one is asking to do anything other than learn about your passion. What an amazing world we live in where we get to take four or more years to discover and pursue what we love. College isn’t about the slip of paper you get upon graduation, it’s about all the time in between. No matter how difficult or how fun. As much value as society puts on a degree, it’s just that – a piece of paper. It does prove, however, that you had the opportunity to explore your options and act as you wish. I encourage everyone to think of school as a choice – because it is. It’s a choice and an opportunity that will change our lives forever, but it may not have anything to do with your degree or major.

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Defaced: living after the Facebook “Privacy Debacle”

By Joe Kaiser

I unlike you, I read the entirety of TechNews every day and think I’m the only one who has ever read every ad and spelled every name correctly. So it comes as no surprise that I caught Cohn-Finch’s little pitch in TechNews. News about Facebook, the hot new feature on everyone’s mind. Here are some of the first entries from my News Feed, which I've checked in the last two weeks:

12:25 pm: 7 of your friends joined Facebook. News Feed is Now Officially Way Too Stalkish.

13:00 pm: Ask friends added "Unsentenced Barebacking Boxer" to his favorite activities.

2:00pm: 10 of your friends joined the group "Post Secrets Against Facebook News Feed (Official Petition to Facebook)."

4:32pm: Updated: 17 of your friends joined the group Hate the new facebook, please change it back.

5:03pm: Kathryn Schmidt is wishing everyone would hang up the soda from Fresh News Feed.

And my personal favorite, sometime yesterday evening:

"Guthi is wondering what the hell the makers of Facebook were smoking?"

Okay, maybe I'm sounding a bit paranoid, didn't I? One thing’s for certain, you can’t accuse them of censorship.

For the sake of all of y'all who don’t know, I'm a web designer by trade. I work for a company whose clients include some fairly high-profile sports teams, and I've done a lot of work on the side for personal projects. I'm kind of a sucker for fine typefaces and slick minimalist designs, so I dig Facebook’s general style. One of the best parts is that it's definitely more accessible than MySpace (aka my Facebook group describes it.)

With that in mind, I’m invading all of you to my Facebook group: "Not Bad For A First Draft". Doesn’t really have the ring of “I’m not hungry, don’t FEED me!” now, does it?

The News Feed.

Hold on, that’s entirely too many 58 for a feature of such magnitude. I’m renaming it after the "parents"

The Death Feed is full of cool stuff. It has some neat features — when a relationship is terminated, it shows a photograph of the two involved parties, available, potentially in an awe-struck position. That’s a neat thing. They added the ability to collapse individual sections on personal pages, so that you can play Guess Who’s This Person Has A Job Based On Their Personal Photograph without cheating. And so far, it manages to accomplish the primary objective of my social networks — it keeps you out of my business.

I’ve seen groups open up that I wouldn’t otherwise know about, read notes from friends who I wouldn’t otherwise be thinking about. It’s the kind of thing that people are interested in. "If I don’t think that they’re interested in this fertilizer scam, a more detailed discussion of the advantages of this fertilizer for the world’s arable land..."

Not the kind of thing I’d post, but I like the idea of having a place to post it. It’s probably not even close to a decent in the realm of Myspace.

No, the problem with the Death Feed is not that it lacks a touch of privacy and "publishability" behavior. It’s that it’s new and scary. It’s bold and in your face. It takes over your personal page.

Unlike the previous status updates page, which was tucked off behind a link, this demands to be seen, or else. It would function better if it were an afterthought, on the side, offering perhaps the last few updates, rather than trumpeting your arrival with globs of data upon your return to the site. Facebook would have done well to phase it in more slowly — I guarantee you if the feature had been there from the start and they suddenly removed it, there would be a similar revolt.

You have the option not to update the feed if, say, you don’t want to broadcast to all that you’ve broken up with your girlfriend, or that you’re transferring schools. There’s not all that much you’ll be putting on Facebook that ought to be private anyway (if it needed to be private, why are you putting it on Facebook?) But if you’re adding "Dear [Fiancée]" to your list of favorite music, well, there’s no harm done for that (unless you’re really concerned that your image will take a hit once people find out you like hal-fla-fla-country about deposition and eating chicken.)

So, not bad for a first draft. The Death Feed is a great idea — it makes the site more dynamic and far more interesting, and gives you a reason to bust out over your screen tapping F5 on a dull Thursday (I HATE Thursday). To me, it’s not destroying the tirelessly labored hooky of blowing into Facebook to see what’s new in the world of your network, it’s helping to provide me with a small sample of relevant data, rather than realizing I missed an event by two hours. Facebook should have rethought their design decisions, I’d admit. But it’s not going to lead to a serial stalker following you to your room and killing you, it’s not going to ruin your friendships, and it’s certainly no more harmful to your professional life than, say, posting pictures of yourself holding a Red Plastic Cup (tm). It might bring a few old friends out of the cracks. But hey, if that leads you giving confidential information on your passport at a person you don’t even know, well, as Facebook might say, “Then why are you friends with them?”

Movie Review: Jackass Two

By Jessica Schmit

TCHENEWS WRITER

I am a tough girl. I navigate completely in the winter time, defying gravity and sometimes trying to beat the much bigger, stronger boys. I am certainly not a wimp, yet Jackass Two made me close my eyes at least three times, squirming like a little girl in my seat, trying to fight back severe waves of nausea. When latches are placed on Steve-O’s (best known for his talent of genital stapling) naked body, I thought I just might loooost it.

Jackass Two is like watching a train wreck — albeit a hilarious one. If you’re looking for a pink piece on petrochemicals or a documentation of Parisian prostitutes that will motivate the year of America to be concerned citizens, then don’t see it. If you want to see a bit of self-satisfied penis and fart jokes, this is the movie for you. It{}’s a good film for degenerate and a youth in America (even Johnny Knoxville, the leader of the pack at age 35, is not exactly a spring chicken), but so outrageously idiotic, it does not detract from the film.

Essentially, Johnny Knoxville and his crew of pushy, middle-aged hooligans mix the physical comedic genius of the Three Stooges, the Farrelly brothers, and the violent, sadistic, delusional world of the cross-country traveling group, The Dirtbags. David Blaine’s, who performs insane stunts, involving a variety of props from a golden dodo to a plastic mouse puppet, adding in some genitals and toilet, and then filming it for good measure.

As far as gross-out artists go, they are fairly successful, involving the stickering viewer to feel like one of the dandies participating in the cruder ones, just simply one of the gang. The frenzied energy emanating from this movie is overwhelming, as they encourage, sometimes forcibly to the point of tears, each other to do the things that fester inside our minds.

Maybe there’s something you want to do for everyone. It is a pointless, mindless excuse of a movie with the sole purpose of being disgusting and amusingly funny at the same time. There are naked midgets and a lot of very dirty tricks, albeit with the same amount of sophistication. It is rated R for good reason, so if you are squeamish or feel that the things done are of a lesser nature than what one would typically see in a movie, you should pass on this movie. The audience of younger viewers will find it slightly tedious, the grown-ups are generally inspired, reaping an entire group of casual, anti-social, unaffecting, and utterly revolting people from society. It’s a fun movie to watch on a rainy day, but don’t expect anything more.

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A Nigerian freshman
By Oladunni Adeola
Technology writer

It's a jungle of everything I ever wanted. The only difference is that the parties don't come to me; we have to go out to them. That being said, it's not that bad. But I handle it perfectly. I started at my secondary school at the age of 11 and didn't have a clue what I was getting into, as a result my foundation was shaky and it did not turn out the best for me. Here at IIT, I have a new chance of making a stance. It's like a new beginning. Every difference is that my grades from the imperfect secondary school experience carry over but I did well enough for it not to matter. I went to Loyola Jesuit College and I will always say that it is the best school in Nigeria. Probably because it was the one I went to or maybe it is because that's where I came into the realization of the person I am today.

I have never been homesick so much in my life before now, but adjusting to a new culture, will forever be a bit challenging. The campus is a new beginning is perfect, but the genesis of this beginning will be hard! I have my freedom and that is what a lot of people say they're fighting for. I have it now, at least to the extent at which I have always wanted. How much more can a student do? I could be a TG year old Nigerian boy wishing. Everything I want in life is available here. I have to do to work towards it.

When I left Nigeria, there were a lot of things I had to handle that had been accomplishing in the duration of my stay. This is the first time I have not had to do any of those things popped into my mind even once. It was such a relief of activity and even here I am probably the only one of those things that I am not even doing! I just lost track of what my aims were completely. A lot of those things that I was always doing before I came into school, I realized I was going in a direction that was not necessarily a bad one, but one that did not want to end up that way. I wanted my experience to be one of full adventure, and yet I want to keep my age and my own influence over every choice that is made. I do not want to just go with the flow or just do my own thing. I want to do my own thing in the flow. The flow here is different and although I know where I want to go, I have not been there before. The consequences are. Even though just an inordinately small portion of my stay on college has elapsed, the lessons received have been many. It has been an even greater realization point on a lot of fronts.

I was going to write about my life so far at IIT but that is not half as intriguing as my life so far at IIT. And besides that, the biggest challenge is whet I write about. Other people do, be different from other people and be me. I have goals, we all have, but here I don't really accomplish those. We could try but the outcome is not always as a result of the process.

Opposition
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By Abhishek Gunduguri
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Opinion
The thinnest TechNews yet
By Abhishek Gunduguri
Technology writer

Oh yeah, I had a front page article in TechNews last week. It was about a subject I love (cine ratings)! But I was hugely disappointed and at the point of slipping into chronic depression when I saw the last week's TechNews. Not because the paper had articles I did not read like. In fact, all the articles that were printed were as good as the good TechNews editions that came out in earlier years. It was disappointing that this is the thinnest I remember seeing from my freshman year (came in 2004). It is very disappointing for me to see that no organization (TechNews is one of the bigger organizations) I am part of, is doing so long on membership. Membership at TechNews matters writers. I know writing is like art, you have to be really good in English and stuff like that, and if you don't know how to write, you're not going to get into TechNews. You will learn a lot of things about journalism works. You need not have a lot of sentences, just small and fast. You just need to be able to write. You Do Even Have to write; you just type up the articles in MS Word (or whatever else), put your credits and submit it through email. There is so much going on in this world; I mean, all around the country and different parts of the planet, I think there is no dearth in a subject to write about. There is actually a lot going on at IIT itself. I am sure some of you expect TechNews to cover only IIT news, I agree with that. And TechNews also gives you a glimpse of the world outside of IIT.

What experience did I gain from writing?
First off, I developed the art of writing. I did not know of an AP format for newspaper articles; I learned it, I didn't know how to interview people, or how to approach people for a request for an interview. I knew it after I became a writer for TechNews.

You of course know how big an impact media can make on the world. Even a media site like TechNews can make a big difference in the community you live in. For me, every Tuesday is 'it's ritual. I write for TechNews. I cannot write for TechNews. I have to wait for the first TechNews I see. I hope some of you are as eager as me to read TechNews. If you're not, I will say 'thank you'. And I also suggest you read and send in your letter to the editor either I hate the way Abhishek writes or I am disgusted with Josh's opinion (Josh, that was just an example, nothing personal).

In ending this article I highly suggest you take the moral of this heart. Just like Michael Medley suggested last week, "If you are bored, inspired or something new, go ahead, start writing for TechNews."
Philadelphia 28 San Francisco 20

The Niners offense looked improved and explosive in week 3. The ability of sophomore quarterback Alex Smith, who threw for almost 300 yards in the first week, will have a lot to do with how many games San Fran is able to win; but unless their defense is able to stop other teams from scoring, they will struggle to win five games all year.

N.Y. Giants 20 Seattle 22

New York’s schedule has been brutal thus far, and it doesn’t get any easier with a trip to the west coast. Seattle is almost unbeatable at home, and NFL MVP Shaun Alexander seems to play better against offensively weak competition. Look for Alexander to rush for 100 yards and a pair of touchdowns.

Denver 24 New England 23

The Patriots struggled to beat a mediocre Buffalo team at home in week one, and will find beating a veteran Bronco roster much more difficult. With key personnel losses including WR Deion Branch, the Patriots aren’t as talented as they have been in past years, and the Bronco veterans should take advantage, upsetting the Patriots in Foxboro.

Atlanta 30 New Orleans 20

The city of New Orleans welcomes football back on Monday night, as the Superdome will host its first NFL game since hurricane

What to watch for: NFL week 3

By Matt Halland

Chicago 13 Minnesota 17

This is the first of two important divisional games between the Bears and Vikings, as the NFC North winner will likely be one of these two teams. Grossman will be able to find some space in the Minnesota secondary, but the Vikings will pound the ball with Chester Taylor and the left side of their offensive line, controlling the clock and the fourth quarter.

James 13-Buffalo 4

The Jets were impressive in their first road game of the year, scoring 23 points at Tennessee. However, the Bills defense, lead by Takeo Spikes, is far more intimidating than the Titans. Look for J.P. Losman and speedy receiver Lee Evans to look up deep, giving the Bills the offensive firepower needed to win this one.

Green Bay 10 Detroit 17

The Packers looked horrible in week 1, getting shut out by the Bears defense. Unfortunately for Brett Favre, the Lions defense has looked impressive this year, only allowing three field goals to the high powered Seahawks in the opening week.

Washington 26 Houston 13

The Texans started strong with five rookies in week one, including three on offense. The Redskins defense should be able to take advantage of Houston’s youth, blitzing and confusing their young offensive line and tailback. On offense, Washington will try to get the passing game back on track, which should involve giving Santana Moss more looks.

Jacksonville 20 Indianapolis 27

The Jaguars are the only team that has figured out how to consistently stop Peyton Manning and the Colts high-powered offense. Unfortunately for Jacksonville, they haven’t been able to figure out how to score any points against the Colt defense. Expect a surprisingly low-scoring game, with Peyton once again leading a fourth quarter drive to win the game.

Tennessee 17 Miami 31

The Titans defense looked terrible in week one, when the Rams racked up over 300 yards passing. The Miami offense is far better than the Jets, especially with Chris Chambers and Randy McMichael controlling the passing game. Look for Culpepper to air it out in this one, slinging another 300 yards passing on the Titans.

Cincinnati 33 Pittsburgh 24

These division rivals meet in the playoffs last year, where Carson Palmer was injured during the opening drive of the game. Palmer and the Bengals will be looking for revenge, in what should be the most intense game of the season so far. The combo of Rush Johnson on the ground and Chad Johnson through the air will be enough to upset the defending champions in Pittsburgh.

Carolina 21 Tampa Bay 14

The Bucs have a brutal schedule this year, and every week seems to play an above-average defense. Chris Simms is going to have to step up his game if Tampa has any chance of repeating its success from a year ago. I don’t see Simms making any big plays against one of the league’s best defenses, as the Bucs will still fall 6-8 at home.

Baltimore 12 Cleveland 6

I wouldn’t be surprised if a touchdown wasn’t scored between these defensive-minded teams. Ray Lewis and the Ravens are facing one of the youngest and most inexperienced offenses in the NFL, running the Browns defense will have to cause some turnovers for the Browns to have any chance of winning.

St. Louis 23 Arizona 31

If you want a shootout, this is the game for you to watch in week 3. Both high-powered offenses will move the ball with ease, and make big plays after big play. The Rams inability to score touchdowns in the red zone will be the difference, giving the Cardinals a key division win.

This week in Chicago sports

By Sachin Jain

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Philadelphia 28 San Francisco 20

The Niners offense looked improved and explosive in week 3. The ability of sophomore quarterback Alex Smith, who threw for almost 300 yards in the first week, will have a lot to do with how many games San Fran is able to win; but unless their defense is able to stop other teams from scoring, they will struggle to win five games all year.

N.Y. Giants 20 Seattle 22

New York’s schedule has been brutal thus far, and it doesn’t get any easier with a trip to the west coast. Seattle is almost unbeatable at home, and NFL MVP Shaun Alexander seems to play better against offensively weak competition. Look for Alexander to rush for 100 yards and a pair of touchdowns.

Denver 24 New England 23

The Patriots struggled to beat a mediocre Buffalo team at home in week one, and will find beating a veteran Bronco roster much more difficult. With key personnel losses including WR Deion Branch, the Patriots aren’t as talented as they have been in past years, and the Bronco veterans should take advantage, upsetting the Patriots in Foxboro.

Atlanta 30 New Orleans 20

The city of New Orleans welcomes football back on Monday night, as the Superdome will host its first NFL game since hurricane

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SPORTS

What to watch for: NFL week 3

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Chicago 13 Minnesota 17

This is the first of two important divisional games between the Bears and Vikings, as the NFC North winner will likely be one of these two teams. Grossman will be able to find some space in the Minnesota secondary, but the Vikings will pound the ball with Chester Taylor and the left side of their offensive line, controlling the clock and the fourth quarter.

James 13-Buffalo 4

The Jets were impressive in their first road game of the year, scoring 23 points at Tennessee. However, the Bills defense, lead by Takeo Spikes, is far more intimidating than the Titans. Look for J.P. Losman and speedy receiver Lee Evans to look up deep, giving the Bills the offensive firepower needed to win this one.

Green Bay 10 Detroit 17

The Packers looked horrible in week 1, getting shut out by the Bears defense. Unfortunately for Brett Favre, the Lions defense has looked impressive this year, only allowing three field goals to the high powered Seahawks in the opening week.

Washington 26 Houston 13

The Texans started strong with five rookies in week one, including three on offense. The Redskins defense should be able to take advantage of Houston’s youth, blitzing and confusing their young offensive line and tailback. On offense, Washington will try to get the passing game back on track, which should involve giving Santana Moss more looks.

Jacksonville 20 Indianapolis 27

The Jaguars are the only team that has figured out how to consistently stop Peyton Manning and the Colts high-powered offense. Unfortunately for Jacksonville, they haven’t been able to figure out how to score any points against the Colt defense. Expect a surprisingly low-scoring game, with Peyton once again leading a fourth quarter drive to win the game.

Tennessee 17 Miami 31

The Titans defense looked terrible in week one, when the Rams racked up over 300 yards passing. The Miami offense is far better than the Jets, especially with Chris Chambers and Randy McMichael controlling the passing game. Look for Culpepper to air it out in this one, slinging another 300 yards passing on the Titans.

Cincinnati 33 Pittsburgh 24

These division rivals meet in the playoffs last year, where Carson Palmer was injured during the opening drive of the game. Palmer and the Bengals will be looking for revenge, in what should be the most intense game of the season so far. The combo of Rush Johnson on the ground and Chad Johnson through the air will be enough to upset the defending champions in Pittsburgh.

Carolina 21 Tampa Bay 14

The Bucs have a brutal schedule this year, and every week seems to play an above-average defense. Chris Simms is going to have to step up his game if Tampa has any chance of repeating its success from a year ago. I don’t see Simms making any big plays against one of the league’s best defenses, as the Bucs will still fall 6-8 at home.

Baltimore 12 Cleveland 6

I wouldn’t be surprised if a touchdown wasn’t scored between these defensive-minded teams. Ray Lewis and the Ravens are facing one of the youngest and most inexperienced offenses in the NFL, running the Browns defense will have to cause some turnovers for the Browns to have any chance of winning.

St. Louis 23 Arizona 31

If you want a shootout, this is the game for you to watch in week 3. Both high-powered offenses will move the ball with ease, and make big plays after big play. The Rams inability to score touchdowns in the red zone will be the difference, giving the Cardinals a key division win.