Ivan floods and blows apart Gulf Coast

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Twenty died and thousands begged for help. Countless buildings were crushed or damaged, many by a roaring swarm of tornadoes.

The Gulf of Mexico swept away beach-front homes and invaded downtown Pensacola.

Hurricane Ivan slowly loosened its grip Thursday on the Gulf Coast, revealing a vista of sprawling destruction. The storm’s core punched the coast in Alabama but delivered its worst blows to an already battered Florida.

Hundreds of homes in the Florida Panhandle were damaged by at least 12 tornadoes. Hundreds more were de-roofed by Ivan’s powerful winds, and many others along the coast were swamped by its 10- to 16-foot storm surge, topped by thunderous waves.

Power was knocked out to 345,000 homes and businesses in eight Florida counties and more than 1 million in other states. Most people in Pensacola and the rest of hardest-hit Escambia County also were without water, telephones or even reliable sewer service.

“It’s the worst thing I’ve ever seen in my life,” said Escambia County Sheriff David Pugh.

In the mid-1980s, McGovern conducted one-on-one daily briefings with the vice president, and the secretaries of State and Defense.

He retired in 1990 and last year co-founded Veteran Intelligence Professionals for Sanity, an organization of more than 35 former intelligence professionals.

The group has published 11 memorandums accusing the Bush administration of improperly using intelligence to justify the war in Iraq.

In addition, McGovern has published at least 20 opinion editorials over the past year and has made numerous TV, radio and lecture appearances throughout the United States and Europe, addressing what he considers a key concern: the corruption of intelligence efforts by politicians.

“Ther really should be a yellow sign around the Langley Headquaters of CIA: ‘Politicians may go no further,’” McGovern said recently. “If there is any key problem with intelligence over the past several years, it’s politicization.”

Last month, President Bush chose Republican U.S. Congressman Porter Goss as the next director of Central Intelligence, stirring up a heated debate.

McGovern has been openly critical of the Bush administration, will address “Intelligence and the War in Iraq” Monday, Sept. 20 at 3:30 p.m. in FIU’s Graham Center.

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CIA analyst’s lecture critical of politicians

By MARIA FUENTES
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Sen. John Kerry accused President Bush on Thursday of misleading U.S. troops and the country about the war in Iraq and said Bush was “in a fantasy world of spin” while Iraq was consumed by chaos.

Speaking to the National Guard Convention only two days after Bush appeared before the group, Kerry cited a bleak reality that the president has withheld unfavorable information about the war.

“I believe he failed the fundamental test of leadership: to tell the truth,” Kerry said, in what aides described as an effort to step up his criticism of Bush’s policy in Iraq. “You deserve better. The commander in chief must level with the troops and the nation. I intend to do that, on the good days and the bad days.”

John Kerry, Democratic Presidential Candidate
Candidates quarrel over war issues

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our national security with politics, who is not going to ignore his own intelligence ... who will give the American people the truth, not a fantasy world of spin, but a world where we challenge our brave men and women to be able to meet the test of our times,” Kerry said.

Though the 30-minute speech was one of Kerry’s toughest critiques of Bush’s Iraq policy, the Massachusetts senator offered no new ideas about how he would stabilize Iraq. As he’s said before, he argued that he’d be best equipped to seek assistance from foreign allies to reduce the burden on money and manpower that the war has placed on the United States.

For the second day in a row, Kerry spoke to a polite but hardly enthusi-

astic audience. The president, during his appearance, was interrupted 32 times by applause; Kerry 11 times. There was no applause during a 14-minute stretch devoted to criticism of Bush.

On Wednesday, Kerry addressed an audience of largely conservative businessmen at the Detroit Economic Club.

Speaking in Minnesota, the president ridiculed Kerry, saying his challenger’s views on Iraq are always changing.

“Now, during the course of this campaign, the fellow I’m running against has probably had about eight positions on Iraq,” Bush said. “For the war, but wouldn’t provide the funding; then he was the antia war candidate; then he said, knowing everything we know today; then he said, well, we’re spending too much money—that’s after he said we weren’t spending enough money.”

Vice President Dick Cheney also accused Kerry of shifting his views on the war for political reasons.

“Senator Kerry said today he would always be straight with the American people on the good days and the bad days. In Senator Kerry’s case, that means when the headlines are good he’s for the war, and when his poll numbers are bad, he’s against it,” Cheney said in remarks prepared for delivery in Reno, Nev.

The back and forth came as some national polls showed the race tightening.

A Pew Research Center poll found the race to be in a statistical dead heat, but said Kerry had lost the confidence of some voters that he could win the election.

The poll found that opinions on the president’s handling of Iraq had improved since early summer, but that 58 percent of voters said it still wasn’t clear what Bush would do about Iraq.

On Capitol Hill, Republicans also were raising questions in commit-

tee hearings and in comments to reporters.

“The worst thing we can do is hold ourselves hostage to some grand illusion that we’re winning,” Sen. Chuck Hagel, R-Neb., told reporters. “Right now we’re not winning, things are getting worse. Measure that by any measurement you want—more casualties, more deaths, oil pipeline sabotage—you pick the measurement standard and it’s worse than where it was six months ago or 12 months ago. ... We may have to start looking at some shifts in policy, some more creative ways to do this.”

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Hurricane Ivan devastates Gulf shores

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Ron McNesby. “It’s not as bad as Andrew, but it’s a bad hurricane.”

Damage assessments were inhibited by the storm’s slow retreat and blocked roads, but some insurance experts issued estimates of $3 billion to $10 billion.

A 30-foot section of a bridge along Interstate 10 in Florida crumbled and fell into Escambia Bay, delaying desperately needed aid. Said Florida Gov. Jeb Bush: “Sadly, I think there will be more loss of life.”

He said 2,000 National Guard troops were on route to Pensacola, as were search and rescue teams. “Help is on the way,” Bush said.

Authorities said the storm killed at least 13 people in the Florida Panhandle, including four who died when a twister ripped into a mobile home park in Blountstown, 40 miles northeast of Panama City. The tornado lifted several trailers, driving them 40 yards across a field and smashing them into a stand of trees.

Florida authorities said six of the 13 died in or near Pensacola; at least two of them apparently drowned. Louisiana reported four hurricane-related deaths, Mississippi two and Georgia one.

Ivan’s toll in the United States and the Caribbean stood at 99, and the storm’s remnants cruised slowly over the Southeast, dropping as much as 20 inches of rain and arousing concern about deadly floods. Inland flooding is the largest cause of hurricane-related deaths.

“I hate to think about what’s going to happen inland,” said Max Mayfield, the director of the National Hurricane Center in West Miami-Dade County. The situation in Alabama and farther west along the coast was considerably better than in Florida, but far from ideal.

A National Guard convoy of more than 50 trucks headed to Mobile, Ala., with water and gas line. Downed pine trees blocked portions of I-65 through most of southern and central Alabama.

President Bush signed disaster declarations for Florida, Alabama, Mississippi and Louisiana, which opens the way for federal aid.

It was Florida’s third hurricane in five weeks. Hurricane Charley struck Southwest Florida on Aug. 13, then Hurricane Frances struck the Atlantic Coast on Sept. 5. Together, they caused dozens of deaths and billions of dollars in damage.

Then came Ivan. Forecasters said the hurricane’s destructive eye ended its long, deadly voyage through the Caribbean and the Gulf of Mexico and made landfall at 2:57 a.m. near Gulf Shores, Ala., as a major Category 3 storm with 130-mph wind.

That placed it 33 miles west of Pensacola and the rest of the Florida Panhandle, which took a terrible beating from the storm’s most severe eastern quadrant.

In Pensacola and throughout Escambia County, police received hundreds of calls for help, mostly from people whose roofs had collapsed. All four hospitals in the county and five emergency shelters reported damage.

Authorities in and near Pensacola spent much of the day looking for more victims.

With a stretch of east-bound I-10 completely washed out and the west-bound section damaged, relief convoys from Tallahassee had to navigate a debris-strewn 45-mile detour through the northern end of the county.

In Mobile, targeted by the hurricane’s core, the worst of the storm arrived between 1 a.m. and 2 a.m., sounding as though a jet plane hovered overhead. As the storm receded, Mobile residents reported many streets blocked by tree limbs and roofing material, but they said it appeared that the city had been spared the catastrophe they feared.

“We lost a few shingles, but everything else looks great,” said David Dobson, 45, who lived in the coastal community of Coden, south of Mobile.

“When I saw it jogging off to the east, I knew we were going to be on the good side of the storm.”

Farther west in New Orleans, residents expressed even deeper relief.

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‘Soft’ system proves weak, tired, but mostly hellish

BY JOHN COLLAGORDA JR. Guest Columnnist

Panthersoft is soft. There, I said it.

This has been one of the strangest starts to a semester, with the hurricanes and all, but the new student information system FIU implemented only contributes to the bizarre beginning.

Note: the term soft here is not to mean plush-like, overbearing, submissive, sentimental, lenient, or delicate. Soft means weak. It’s slang. “Yo, that’s soft.”

This is the new student information system at FIU. We’ve been using it for the first week of classes. Can I possibly be the only one who encountered problems with Panthersoft? Impossible. Almost every person I spoke to hit stress with the system.

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Students find solace in free time and recreation

By JULIA MARCHESE
LIFE! Editor

After hectic class schedules, studying and work, students can find a variety of ways on campus to relax and unwind.

Some students choose to release the tension of their day by reading a favorite book or magazine while sipping Starbucks coffee at the Bookstore Café.

Others option to catch their favorite television programs on the big screen near by.

Downstairs from the café, students walk the halls of the Graham Center, pausing to view the abundant artwork, most notably in the Piano Room. The Piano Room is where many students can enjoy making music or listening to it.

Many students take naps on the comfortable couches while the music lulls them to sleep.

Other students take a more active approach to loosening up on campus.

On sunny days they can be found around the pool doing anything from tanning by its side to engaging in chicken fights.

Not far away on the grass, others playfully toss around a football.

All this activity works up an appetite. Gracie’s Grill provides good food and a fun environment.

Students can be found entertaining their competitive sides over video games and boisterous conversations with friends.
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Precocious Miami designer shines at Fashion Week

NEW YORK – He is Miami’s favored couture son, a designer so precocious he was the youngest ever to battle the fashion giants at New York’s Fashion Week when he first showed in 2002.

Last week marked Esteban Cortazar’s third visit to the hallowed white tents in Bryant Park, where designers unveil their spring/summer 2005 collections, competing for the love of buyers, editors and celebrities.

Who could blame us for wanting 20-year-old Cortazar, who graduated from Miami’s Design & Architecture High School this year, to trump them all?

And when Naomi Campbell, one of Cortazar’s many celeb-friends, sashayed down the runway to “Let the Sunshine In,” it was definitely a Fashion Week moment. In an unusual outburst, the crowd clapped wildly.

Sunny days, foaming beach waves and suntans, her goop onto a waif’s pale face. Apparently, she didn’t appear. Cortazar took his customary bow at the end, but not the typical brief hello of more seasoned designers.

Instead, in a delightful display of enthusiasm, he walked the length of the runway, smiling at the dozens of well-wishers who gave him a standing ovation.

MIAMI FASHION: A model wearing a dress designed by Esteban Cortazar, a 20-year-old graduate of Miami’s Design & Architecture High School, during his spring 2005 show during Olympus Fashion Week in New York City.

CORTAZAR

By KATHRYN WEXLER
Knight Ridder Newspapers

The problem with nabbing Naomi, however, is that she always makes a bigger impression than the clothes she wears. But if anyone happened to look down on Cortazar, she would have seen one of Cortazar’s better pieces, a tight yellow suede and chiffon dress.

More yellow followed, in billowing blouses, a linen shirt dress and chiffon-tiered skirt.

The yellow was warm and bold, but Cortazar sometimes paired it with ho-hum white shirts of the variety that spell, “Target,” not “Barneys,” leaving us to wonder: Esteban, what were you thinking?

Apparently, he wasn’t thinking Miami, the adopted homeland of the Colombian-born prodigy.

“It’s more about sunshine in general,” said Cortazar, gracious and smiling despite the incessant demands of paparazzi clogging the dressing rooms backstage before the show: “Her walking in the sunshine, beautiful.”

His handsome peach-colored linen shirt dress and chiffon dress. More yellow followed, saucy, sexy and chiffon that hugged the body, bell-like at the hem with tulle, were head-turners as they bobbed down the runway.

He also played with a lovely floral motif in various accents, like red and blue, twisting them into skirts and dresses, one which crossed over the chest and dissolved into a fluttering blur at the knees, soft and girly.

And although Cortazar wasn’t trying to evoke Miami, MAC chief makeup artist, Gordon Espinet, was.

The models were made up to look sun-doused with wine-stained lips, he said.

“She has a tan, and she doesn’t like to wear a lot of makeup,” Espinet explained, dabbing brown goop onto a wall’s pale face.

Naomi Campbell was listed in the program as being the grand finale, but for some reason, she didn’t appear. Cortazar took his customary bow at the end, but not the typical brief hello of more seasoned designers.

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In an indigo button-down shirt, jeans and white flip-flops, Cortazar smiled broadly.

He seemed to skip a little. And he waved with both hands.

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R.Kelly: The best of both worlds

Gospel-like music meets club scene on new album

By EARLYNE LOUIS-CHARLES
Contributing Writer

R. Kelly, also known as the Pied Piper of R&B is one of the most controversial yet prolific and talented artists in the business.

The Chicago native songwriter, producer and singer consistently takes part in some of the hottest projects in the urban entertainment business.

Yet it seems as if he won’t stop stepping (a dance craze that became popular in the South).

With the release of his eighth album (and second two-disc album) “Happy People/U Saved Me,” he is both stepping in the name of love and in the name of God.

The “U Saved Me” album is mostly inspirational/gospel music that puts your spirit at ease with the peacefulness of prayer, while the “Happy People” album caters to the grown and sexy age group who love to step.

He would like the people of the world to just give each other a chance so that they may love. There is nothing but magnificence in this song.

On disc two, Kelly reaches out to the down and out, the young and old, the rich and poor, drug dealers, drunks and women in all aspects. The brilliance of “U Saved Me” gives powerful scenarios, each with an inspirational message.

Everyone has their view of the Pied Piper, but despite the negativity, Kelly manages to withstand the hate and make good music.

R. Kelly: Happy People/U Saved Me

Resident Evil: Zombie plagues

Hollywood diseased by dry, formulaic action flick

By AUTURO SANDE
Contributing Writer

Hollywood loves formulas. One of Hollywood’s favorites formulas is the very-little-plot, violence-packed, heavy effects-laden action film. It gets presented to the audience, and we in turn decide whether to spend our money and our time watching it. Sometimes we win, sometimes we lose. With “Resident Evil: Apocalypse,” we all lose.

The film is a by-the-numbers sequel to the successful “Resident Evil,” which is based on the popular video game of the same name, where the objective is to fight hordes of the undead, created by the evil Umbrella Corporation.

This time around the gates to The Hive, the underground facility below Racoon City, and the place where the action took place in the first film, have been opened and a zombie plague has reached the city.

As Raccoon City is sealed, a group of survivors try to make their way to safety. Along the way, they have to fight zombies, mutant dogs and the Umbrella’s latest creation: an 8-foot indestructible creature known as the “Nemesis.” They are joined by Alice (Milla Jovovich), who this time around is a cross between Robocop and the Terminator, thanks to the mutation that the Umbrella Corporation has given her without her consent.

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Golden Panthers looking to equal last year’s win total of two

BY ANDRES CORDERO  Staff Writer

The come-from-behind overtime vic-
tory at Youngstown State got the road-
win monkey off the Golden Panther’s back.

Next, the team looks to equal last year’s win total against a tough Western Kentucky side in the belated Sept. 25 home opener.

Thrown in for good measure (and to drive average attendance upward) is a free post-game concert featuring Method

Drivin’ N’ Vibin’. The concert shouldn’t be half bad either.

The past, however, is just that. The bye week that the team had last week gave Coach Don Strock some additional time to prepare his team for the upcoming match up.

Bye weeks mean extra time to game-
plan and work on fundamentals, key ingredients to playing mistake-free football. Western Kentucky will serve as a progress report on how much has changed since the inaugural year, and will show, win or lose, what this team’s made.

**OFFENSIVE IMPROVEMENT**

At first, it may sound odd to call for improvement out of an offense that put up 616 yards and three touchdowns in its season opener.

Nevertheless, as impressive as the come-back win was, the Golden Panthers produced a mere three points before quarterback David Tabor came into the game for Josh Padrick, down 13-3 in the fourth quarter.

FIU will find overcoming a fourth quarter deficit much more difficult against Western Kentucky, should it find itself in that position.

The key will be making the Hilltop-
ers’ defense respect the run so that the passing game can be effective. Rashod Smith fumbled twice in his return from injury, giving up great field position and eventually points on both instances.

The running game doesn’t have to be spectacular, but it must protect the foot-
ball, and it needs to be successful enough to take pressure away from Padrick.

Western Kentucky features four let-
termen line-backers in its 3-4 defense, all with decent size and experience.

The team registered a combined 293 tackles last season, including 110 by senior inside line-backer Charles Thomp-
son and 83 from outside line-backer Brandon Smith, who tallied 17 for loss yardage with sacks.

FIU will count on its passing game as its biggest weapon, but this means the offensive line will have to give Padrick at least as much time to throw the ball as he had against Youngstown State. Wide receivers Harold Leah, Cory McKinney, Chandler Williams and tight end Sam Smith all possess good hands and the ability to get open if Padrick has sufficient time to throw.

Padrick will have to be more accu-
rate than he was in the season opener.

He struggled against YSU but should rebound if the run-game can take some pressure off his arm.

**WKU TEST FOR TIGER CLARK’S DEFENSE**

The FIU defense played well in Youngstown, OH. They battled with a short field throughout most of the game and forced the Penguins to settle for field goals.

Yet, run-stopping remains a concern. FIU gave up 173 yards on the ground while allowing Monquanta Gibson 5.5 yards per carry.

This week they’ll have to contain run-
ning back Lerron Moore, who averaged over a hundred yards per game last season en route to 1,490 yards for the season. The Golden Panthers will also need to take advantage of opportunities.

FIU dropped several interceptions in the previous game and those opportunities need to be converted into turn-over against a team like West-
ern Kentucky.

This could be a big win for either team. FIU has a chance to prove that the program is progressing.

The game will rest on the performance of the defense and the extent to which FIU is able to run the ball. The post-game concert shouldn’t be half bad either.
Women win home opener

By ANA SANCHEZ
Staff Writer

After starting the season with a losing record of one win and four losses on the road, the Golden Panthers bounced back and picked up a victory in the season home opener.

FIU defeated the University of South Florida 2-1 this past Sept. 16 and picked up a victory in the five losses on the road, the team has a losing record of one win and four losses.

The game was a make up for the game cancelled that was set for Sept. 12.

Coach Everton Edwards was pleased with the efforts of the team during the first half where FIU scored its two goals.

"First half we played pretty well, we jumped on top of them which showed character because we had not done that for a long time," said Edwards.

The Golden Panthers dominated the first half with defender Kristen Hurst knocking in the first goal of the game and the first goal of her college career at minute 5:34. The goal was special for Hurst who scored unassisted.

"It was very important, because we really needed this win. We want to show everyone that we were here to win and set a good tone for everyone else," commented Hurst on goal.

Then she added, "Being a freshman it feels great. It added enthusiasm to the whole crowd. I feel that we are bringing women's soccer back."

Six minutes later Midfielder Janessa Taddei kicked in an unassisted goal to give FIU a 2-0 lead. The goal was the fifth of the season for Taddei.

During the second half as the Golden Panthers put pressure on the Golden Panthers, "Focus on the ball," Gannon exclaimed she kept saying to herself throughout the game.

"It wasn't too bad, I didn't have to dive a whole lot, and the victory felt great. The win was good. It was a little dirty, but it's a win and we'll take it," Gannon said.

Despite being outplayed in the second half and unable to put the game away, Edwards was content with the victory of the Golden Panthers.

"We wanted to make one more goal. If we would have made another goal we would have assured the win, however, we led them back into it. But you know what? I'll take it."

The ball rarely left the FIU defensive side. We dogged the ball on the second half," said Edwards.

Gannon kept a close eye on the ball as the Bulls put pressure on the Golden Panthers.

"You know what? I'll take it."

Their offensive set the return.

FIU scored its two goals.

"We are a lot older. That team two years ago is nowhere near where we are now. The improvement and age is there. We've got so much more talent and it's going to be a new team," said safety John Haritan, who recorded 21 tackles last game against Youngstown.

Head Coach Don Stock will have his hands full on offense against a Western Kentucky defense that held down the Golden Panthers' offense to 72 yards of total offense including minus seven yards rushing.

The Hilltoppers ran a 3-4 defense that gave trouble to the offense.

"They run the 3-4, and we've played it before. We've been working on the 3-4, and we also worked on it during camp, because other teams use a bit of it too. It's a little bit of a different protection for us so we have had three or four days to work on it, and we'll be prepared," said Stock.

Despite the fact that backup quarterback David Tabor came off the bench last week to drive FIU to three touchdowns towards the victory, Josh Patrick will remain the starter.

"I'm ready. Dave did a good job, but I just have to keep working harder and get better," said Patrick who had a solid year last season where he finished with 2,493 yards passing and 12 touchdowns.

Offensive players will have their hands full against the 3-4 defense. In 2002, the offense had as many turnovers (five) as first downs (seven).

"A 3-4 defense is kind of tricky. They [opposing teams] have more reads, but we have been working on it at practice," said running back Rashod Smith.

Added Patrick, "It's a little bit different than the 4-3 because they have an extra linebacker that can shift around a lot and give us different looks."

On defense, FIU players are expecting Western Kentucky to pound the ball on the ground the way they did two seasons ago. The Hilltoppers ran on FIU 86 times for 409 yards. To compare the rushing attempts to FIU, the Golden Panthers only ran 26 times, less than half of what Western Kentucky did.

Linebacker Antwan Barnes expects FIU to stop the Hilltoppers this time around.

"Two years ago against us, we had as many turnovers (five) as first downs (seven). The offense had as many turnovers as first downs. Now we have more reads, but we have been working on it at practice," said running back Rashod Smith.

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FIU: It’s in the game

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FIU is down by six points with nine seconds to go against the University of Miami. The Hurricanes are ready to punt the ball to FIU with Greg Moss ready to set the return.

The punt is up, Moss dodges one defender, a second, passes the five yard line and dives into the end zone—FIU wins.

These are the type of things fans and players can do with EA Sports NCAA 2004, the best selling college football game in the country.

Golden Panther players Antwan Barnes and Moss are two of the biggest fans of the game. Both enjoy playing it during their off time.

"It makes me laugh, I never imagined this," said Barnes on being able to use himself in the game.

For Moss, being in the game has always been a dream of his.

"I've always wanted to be in a video game since I was a kid," said Moss as he scored a touchdown on Barnes in the game.

On this day, Barnes used the FAU owls to take on Smith who went with his heart and picked the blue and gold.

As Barnes drove the Owls towards a touchdown drive he shouted, "It ain't