Medical School makes strides to help poor families

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The College of Medicine will open next fall with an unprecedented effort to improve the health of 40 low income families.

The program, called the NeighborhoodHELP (Health Education Learning Program), involves 40 low income families. Each family will be monitored and tracked throughout the four years, the students will work with a team that includes the families’ health care advisors, who will oversee the development of a health care plan best suited for the family.

“[FIU alumni] were responsible for designing and building it, therefore it is unique,” said Armenta, who works for Oderbrecht Construction Inc., a Coral Gables based construction company that has built or renovated major buildings in South Florida including the Miami International Airport and the Miami Performing Arts Center.

“Each person behind the next is tall enough to see the game,” Armenta said. “So the view is more 360 degrees, it’s not just the medical aspect of health care, but patients care as well,” Asad said.

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The new stadium has grown only about 1,000 seats in the first stage but further expansion will culminate to a stadium of about 45,000 seats in the next two years. "The stadium was modified from 18,000 square feet to 17,000 square feet to accommodate a new field house," Armenta said. "Everything is built to support further growth."

However, before the future 45,000-seat stadium, Phase Two will be in full swing by the middle of next year. It will consist of a new field house, which will overlook the stadium, allowing teams to see both the score board and field, according to Armenta. During Phase Three, the northern side of the field will undergo an extreme makeover made specifically for the FIU student body.

"The lower bowl will become a new Student Center that will include an admissions office, housing office, financial aid office, study hall, and conference auditoriums," Armenta said.

Thus far, the expansion of the stadium has been made possible through bonds and loans. The projected $29.7 million budget for Phase One was not completely used, said Armenta.

The remaining money will go back to FIU, while the loans are paid back through events, tickets and corporate sales. The budget for Phase Two has not been set yet.

As an FIU alumni who graduated twelve years ago from FIU, Armenta feels a personal attachment to the stadium renovation. "If FIU alumni can give back and become a part of something that will bring a lot of good to the University," Armenta said. "It is a way to give back to the University for them giving us an education."

Panel stresses comprehensive sex-ed

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The pre-marital sex controversy took center stage in the 2008 Video Music Awards when host Russell Brand teased the Jonas Brothers for wearing promise rings. Sparks responded, "It's not bad to wear a promise ring, but it is for guys." Brand teased the Jonas Brothers for wearing promise rings. Sparks retorted, "I'm always looking for talented and reliable individuals to join the staff. If you have an interest in writing, photography or even grammar, don't be shy. Stop by one of our offices located in GC 210 and WUC 124.
Students help hurricane victims

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Haitians and Cubans, whose belongings were damaged by hurricanes with strong winds and flooding waters, will get help from students at the Biscayne Bay Campus.

Hannah-Grace Oxar, a sophomore in physical education and member of InterVarsity, a religious group with a chapter at BCC, organized the Food and Clothing Drive for the Victims of Haiti and Cuba to collect non-perishable food, clothing or just about anything for those in need in these islands.

Collection boxes are located in front of the information desk at the Wolfe University Center, and everyone is encouraged to donate.

The boxes will be there until Sept. 26, and the goods will be sent to Cuba and Haiti by Food For The Poor, an international relief organization with distribution offices in both islands.

“As a student body, we can come together to help people,” Oxar said. “If every student (from BCC) donated one can, we would have 30,000 cans of food for those people who need it.”

Another student from BCC also took action to help the victims of this season’s hurricanes. Vanessa Ruiz, a senior majoring in broadcast journalism, is one of the organizers of the Haiti Hurricane Relief Drive Party at The Vagabond, a club located on N.E. 14 St.

The relief drive will take place Sept. 19 and will feature musical performance by A Frobeta, a local band. Everyone that brings donations, including but not restricted to canned goods, hygiene supplies, clothing and blankets, will get free admission before midnight, and reduced admission after.

“We decided to do this because the images and information after the hurricanes were just too powerful, and disturbing to ignore,” Ruiz said. “We felt that something needed to be done. We often forget, between classes and partying, how close to home this really hits us. So we said, ‘Why don’t we mix that partying with a good cause?’ I mean, now it’s them, but it could be us.”

For more information on the Food and Clothing Drive for the Victims of Haiti and Cuba, please contact Oxar at (305) 788-1379. For information about the event at The Vagabond, call (305) 379-0508.

Nearby student have received vouchers at BCC for the first home game, which is a lot more than was previously expected,” Vera said.

For more information on the shuttle schedule and events call (305) 919-5804.

Students get together to show their panther pride

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Panther Power, a Biscayne Bay Campus organization, kicked off its three-day pep rally event Thursday, in anticipation of Saturday’s first home game of the 2008-2009 football season.

Students who attend the events will participate in several spirit-related activities, which included Thursday’s football movie night and related activities, which included the Pimp your Pride car event for the very first time.

“Considering that it’s the first major event for this year, we expect a huge turnout,” said Natalie Vera, Panther Power president. “All of the Panther Power summer events have been successful, and we couldn’t be more excited for our first fall event.”

The event commenced on Thursday behind Panther Square, where students came together for a barbecue.

A tandees witnessed Thursday’s main event and walked away with a return of a long-forgotten funry.

Friday’s events will continue with football movie matinees and the jewel event of the three-day pep rally, the “Pimp your Pride” car decoration event.

“We are hosting the Pimp your Pride car event for the very first time this year. We are going to decorate everyone’s car so that we can take our pride from the parking lot to the streets,” said Michelle Souza, Panther Power vice president.

The Panther Power organization has reportedly already signed up over 170 students for the shuttle service, and think about more students from BCC to FIU Stadium at University Park.

The buses are scheduled to leave BCC at 2 p.m. on Saturday and will arrive at UP at approximately 3 p.m., giving students ample time to tailgate before the opening kickoff at 5 p.m.

The tailgating event is set to take place underneath the tent in Gate 6, starting at 2:30 p.m., and it will be open to all FIU students with Panther IDs and vouchers.

Various UP organizations, including Panther Rage and the Athletics department, have collaborated to bring food, drinks and music to the tailgating event. They also took cautionary security measures to ensure an organized and safe atmosphere for those attending the football game.

The Golden Panthers will take on the South Florida Bulls in FIU’s home and new stadium opener.

Football season offers chance to score on new dishes

NATHAN VALENTINE/THE BEACON

Food season has officially started - and thank goodness.

Last season, I started a tradition of where I would watch the New England Patriots games on my couch each week.

When the Pats’ lost, I right there on the couch. Some traditional.

While there, be sure to try the Bar-B-Que Beach, located at 12599 Biscayne Blvd.

I got to watch the Redbeaks beat the Saints while Arash finished watching the Giants kill the Rams.

On Saturday if you wear a college jersey you give half for your first drink; and on Sunday, if you wear a Miami Dolphins jersey.

While there, be sure to try the fried pickles, which are amazing. And for the less daring, make sure to get the s’mores. The staff brings out a light up Sternos, chocolate and fruits to your table, so you can roast your own marshmallows.

The Bar-B-Que Beach has a tailgate party on Saturdays and Sundays and a football buffet on Sundays. From the drinks that are served in mason jars to the 12 flat-screen TV’s, this is the ideal spot to watch a game.

Of course, watching the game on Sunday is not enough. Any good sports fan owns random items plastered with their team’s logo.

Head over to BC Sports Collectibles in Aventura Mall, Trust me, they have anything you could ever want with your team’s logo on it.

I had a lot of fun going out to watch the games, but I did come home in time to watch the Pats play, right there on the couch. Some traditions are just too hard to let go.

So relax and think about more important things, like if Chad Ocho Cinco is going to buy out all of his old jerseys.

Weeks with Paradise is a column that runs every other Friday that covers North Miami night life. Any suggestions for places I should visit, please send me an e-mail at paradise.afshar@fi usm.com.

UNUSUAL SNACK:
( below) Bar-B-Que Beach.
(right) Build your own s’mores while watching the game.

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Some phrases really scare me as we near closer to the general election. One of these is “voter eligibility.” This term reminds me of a time in the past when one factor to being able to vote is what the person voting is who male to cast a vote for president. A nether term is “vote suppression,” which is the complete opposite of what should be happening. More and more Americans are facing personal crises driving them to the polls. Unfortunately, both of these phrases have been rearing their ugly heads in a recent news item out of Michigan.

The state’s Republican party is planning on using lists of foreclosed homes to prevent citizens from these houses from casting their vote.

They are challenging the “eligibility” of these voters by claiming that, due to the foreclosure of their homes, they are not actually residents of the municipality in which they are voting.

According to a Sept. 10 article published in The Michigan Messenger, state rules allow political parties to assign people to observe poll activities and to challenge the eligibility of any voter. Now, I appreciate such guidelines in place to prevent voter fraud, but the way in which it is being enacted by the GOP is simply skewed, if not malicious.

Of course there are requirements for eligibility to vote, including age and citizenship and steps should be taken to ensure that a voter may be rejected if they say they are. However, being able to say that a registered voter who cannot prove their identity is not “eligible” is insane. It harks back to prehistoric days where voters had to pass intelligence tests or show proof of property ownership in order to vote, especially the latter. Voting in a precinct other than the one you are assigned is one thing, but what is one to do when they are essentially homeless?

Does losing your home equal to losing your vote? The answer is yes, if you ask a member of the Michigan GOP, but not if you ask anyone with morals.

“Voter suppression” is a subheadline in the Michigan Messenger article, and it too, is a phrase that sends a shiver down my spine. Whether or not it is being presented under the guise of election integrity, there is really no other way to bill this except as the suppression of the voice of American voters.

Citizens with foreclosed homes are challenged in Michigan, due to residency status concerns, and there is nowhere else for them to go. According to the Michigan article, many of the residents are still living inside of their houses, and they are able to finance their home. They have been stripped of their votes.

Voters in Florida also have their own concerns as they head to the polls. On Sept. 16, Common Cause—a watchdog group—released a report ranking Florida as “one of the worst” states in terms of being prepared to fairly run an election.

According to news service Florida News Connection, the report cites Florida’s voter verification system, which could delay the process for many voters due to Florida being the only state that requires an exact match on voter identity.

While this may seem like a common sense good idea at first, but what this means is that a voter may be rejected by a machine initial appearing on their driver’s license, but not on their voter registration card. The Florida News Connection article also says that state laws make it “too easy to challenge a person’s right to vote.”

This is a downright scary in a time when every citizen’s right to vote should be being affirmed, not inhibited, by those in power.

If you’re an American student, you get to voice your opinion on any issue—women’s rights, freedom of religion and freedom of expression. Much of this is taken for granted on a daily basis. However, if you’re an Afghan student, expressing what you think might cost you your life.

This is what happened to Afghan student and reporter Sayed Parwiz Kambakhsh. He now faces a death sentence for downloading and distributing an article on women’s role in Islam.

In an era where freedom of expression is something students in America take for granted, oppression and censorship continues to occur throughout the world.

Kambakhsh’s story proves that people are still being punished for voicing their beliefs.

Kambakhsh, 23, is both a journalism major at Balkh University in northern Afghanistan and a reporter for a daily publisher called Jahan-e-Raw.

While Kambakhsh’s only crime might have been Internet file download and distribution, on January 7, 2007, he was found guilty of blasphemy. Kambakhsh was accused of mocking Islam, the Koran and of distributing an article that said Prophet Muhammad was ignorant of women’s rights.

In a trial that lasted four minutes and in which Kambakhsh claims he was tortured, he was sentenced to death.

For many, this was considered a call to action. There have been several attempts to save Kambakhsh and fight the oppression that is taking place in Afghanistan.

According to a Jan. 25 Reuters story, State Department spokesman Tom Casey told reporters, “We’re concerned about this sentence that was handed down to a reporter for basically practicing his profession and we wouldn’t want it to be printed out and spread throughout America and across the world has already made a difference.

Right now, U.S. ambassador in Kabul, William Braucher Wood, plans to raise the matter with Afghan authorities. Also, since Kambakhsh’s case was appealed, the United Nations contacted Afghanistan, asking the country to reconsider the case.

I don’t think we can do much to save Kambakhsh,” said junior Mariana Carrascal, a human resources major. “It’s true that we have freedom of expression and we can bring awareness to others, but there’s not much more we can do to protect someone who lives in a country with a completely different set of rules and beliefs.”

It may seem unlikely, but Afghanistan is currently undergoing a wave of press freedom. New publications and newspapers have been founded since the dismissal of the Taliban regime in 2001.

Despite this, Kambakhsh’s is the third case involving the death sentence of an alleged blasphemer, as Afghanistan’s opposing factions clamor for middle ground.

In the case he is executed as an blasphemer, he will not be the only one to die.

If Sayed Parwiz Kambakhsh is put to death, it will be alongside freedom of expression, which would also leave Afghanistan that same day.

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The FIU football home opener, as well as the unveiling of the new FIU stadium, wouldn’t feel the same without some pre-game tailgating.

With that notion in mind, Panther Rage is hoping to lead the roars of students into FIU stadium this Saturday with their two-day event: Follow the Roar.

“It’s the kickoff to the home football season. We have a big game on ESPNU against a top-25 team... [we’re] setting the tone for FIU football,” Campus Events Chair for Panther Rage Anthony Barbato said.

Follow the Roar kicks off tonight at 10 p.m. at Gracie’s Grill with a pre-tailgate, blue and gold party. The party will be nothing out of the ordinary; it will offer free food and a deejay playing music, but students are being encouraged to show up sporting blue and gold attire to show support for their team.

“It’s like a mini pep rally,” Panther Rage Secretary Betsy Guevara said.

After the party, students will surely proceed to sleep in on Saturday morning.

For those that will wake up too late in the morning for breakfast, yet too early for lunch, Panther Rage has you covered with brunch on Saturday morning. It will be served at Lakeview North between noon and 2 p.m.

Following the complementary meal, Panther Rage will lead participating students to the Housing Quad, where they will be greeted by a giant, inflatable Roary. Students will remain at the Housing Quads tailgating with the giant Roary until game time at 3 p.m.

At that time, Panther Rage will lead, and students will “Follow the Roar” into FIU stadium for the first time to cheer on the Golden Panthers as they take on the University of South Florida. During the game, the club will be painting faces and conducting undisclosed competitions during half-time.

“The [reason for [producing] Follow the Roar is to get everyone to come out to the game. Our job is to support athletics,” President of Panther Rage Michael Halpert said.

The other officers of Panther Rage agree with Halpert, but believe Panther Rage encompasses more than just its members.

“It’s not only Panther Rage going to the football game, it’s FIU students,” Barbato said.

“The whole student body is Panther Rage,” Guevara said.

The club hopes that response for Follow the Roar will be positive, because they aspire to make it a continuing event.

“We’re trying to start a [new FIU] tradition,” Barbato said.

Panther Rage hypes students for home game
Coen brothers’ latest film doesn’t burn after viewing

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The Coen brothers have a flair for the ridiculous. History has revealed their pattern of leaving people clueless as to what is going on, so the public has come to expect what they are ready to unveil. Following their Oscar-winning Fargo, they threw everyone for a loop with the brilliant quick buck. They take it to the Russian embassy and then all hell breaks loose in the form of quick shots, axe murders, confused spics and spics and spics and spics.

With a wide shot of the Earth and slowly works its way into CIA headquarters, tailing the heavy and quick steps of analyst Osborne Cox (played by a malevolent John Malkovitch) and his subsequent job loss for what was labeled a “drinking problem.” Following a tirade, catching everyone from his bosses to Mormons, Cox storms off and sets about to writing a memoir as one last spit in the eye to his former employers.

The Coen brothers have done what they do best: Give a surprisingly violent, always pleasant and always witty send-up of the very lives we lead. This film keeps what the Coens hold dear – terrible haircuts, profanity laced outrage and the always pleasant murder – and lets us see ourselves on the movie screen.

As people sit in the aisles of their local theatres, one can only hope that they come to see themselves on the screen, and at the very least laugh at what we have all become or just see the film and continue on the all-American practice of misunderstanding.

Lakeview Terrace

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What if the best police officer on the LAPD turns out to be a bad neighbor? In Lakeview Terrace, Abel Turner (Samuel L. Jackson) is a respected LAPD officer who roams the streets with his partner (Jay Hernandez) to learn what the word on the street is according to his informant (Keith Loneker). While Turner is a respected individual on the force, he also demands respect from his kids. He even demands that his son wear a Shaquille O’ Neil jersey instead of a Kobe Bryant jersey.

The screenplay is very revealing as soon as Turner is introduced, so the public has come to expect what they are ready to unveil. Determined to have the new neighbors move out quickly, Turner relies on annoying tactics such as security lights aimed at Chris and Lisa’s bedroom. When that fails to help, he carries out his mission, he uses scare tactics. Due to Turner’s constant harassment, the couple decides to fight fire with fire. Will cooler heads prevail or will this end in tragedy?

While the movie contains strong performances from Wilson and Washington as the terrified couple, the highlight is Samuel L. Jackson’s performance. When Jackson is present in any scene, he commands attention with his facial expressions and his unpredictably. Jackson’s performance is the highlight of the movie. He commands respect from his kids. He even demands that his son wear a Shaquille O’ Neil jersey instead of a Kobe Bryant jersey.

Chris and Lisa M atton (Patrick Wilson and Kerry Washington) are an interracial couple who move next door to Turner. Turner becomes a target for Turner, who disapproves of their relationship. Determined to have the new neighbors move out quickly, Turner relies on annoying tactics such as security lights aimed at Chris and Lisa’s bedroom. When that fails to help carry out his mission, he uses scare tactics. Due to Turner’s constant harassment, the couple decides to fight fire with fire. Will cooler heads prevail or will this end in tragedy?

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The screenplay is very revealing as soon as the movie begins. While race is one of the reasons for doing what he does. The neighbor on a warpath theme is something that has been torn from the headlines, most recently where a man killed his neighbor over a strip of grass in Lauderdale Lakes.

Film director, screenwriter and playwright Neil LaBute does a great job in making a movie that contains dramatic themes set up like a thriller. In one amazing scene, LaBute uses his direction to frame Abel and Chris face during a showdown in a bar where Abel ultimately reveals his motivation.

Lakeview Terrace is a movie that contains a great villainous turn for Samuel L. Jackson.
First-year student masters balance act

It’s really hard to balance school with the immense social life available at FIU as a freshman. We first-years come into college expecting it to be similar to high school. We think we can show up to class, do a bit of work, go party on the weekend and still manage to pull off an A.

I’m finding out the hard way that this is not so.

This past weekend, I decided to attend two parties, one of them being a toga party hosted by the very well advertised Sigma Alpha Mu, otherwise known as Sammy. Mind you, I had a college algebra and an honors seminar test on the upcoming Tuesday, a sociology test on Wednesday, a paper for public speaking and a worksheet for first year experience due on Thursday.

But, I had survived three weeks of college and passed two tests already. I deserved a break, right?

Friday was the toga party. I arrived at my friend’s house around 8 p.m. After she told her mom we were going to the movies, we headed out to my other friend’s house to make the togas. One good thing about college parties is that they teach you how to put together outfits you will never use later in life, like togas.

About an hour and two instructional YouTube videos later, we were finally able to properly make the togas without having them fall off.

When we finally arrived at the party, it was dead. It started at 9 p.m. and, being the punctual freshman that we are, my friends and I got there at 10 p.m. Everybody knows the party really gets going at eleven anyway - and it did.

Everybody was having a blast dancing and mingling with the crowd. We lost track of time and left pretty late at night or early in the morning, depending on how you look at it.

The next night we had been invited to a masquerade party. I didn’t have a mask, or the time to get started on my homework. I had overslept and still had to buy my mask and get ready for the night’s debauchery.

This time, the party started a little later - 10 p.m. I had learned not to arrive at these parties until about 11 p.m. but I arrived at midnight just to ensure that the party was already in full swing.

I woke up at 3 p.m. on Sunday. It looked like I would be pulling my first college all-nighter. Not good.

Monday morning, after having slept nothing at all the night before, I got to school feeling like I was about to pass out. It turned out the quiz that should have been on Wednesday had been moved up, thanks to Miami’s wonderful weather conditions. I bombed it.

A word to my fellow freshmen: if you are going to party, make sure you get your homework done first. Trust me, I learned this the hard way.

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Quarterback Pennington and offense yet to find consistency

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AP Wire

For Miami Dolphins quarterback Chad Pennington, this season is like being stuck in big-city traffic at rush hour: He figures progress will eventually come.

"I'm patient," he said Wednesday. "Being in New York for eight years, you've got to be patient or you won't last very long."

Two games into the season, Pennington and the Dolphins are still waiting for their first win. They'll try again Sunday against two-touchdown underdogs at New England.

Pennington was touted as an upgrade at quarterback when he signed as a free agent Aug. 8 after being released by the New York Jets. But so far the offense has sputtered, and the Dolphins have allowed little evidence they're better than last year's 1-15 team.

Despite a passer rating of 77.7, which is better than the rating for any of the three quarterbacks who started for the Miami last year, he has led Miami to only two touchdowns while averaging under 6 yards per attempt, and the longest of his 36 completions was 24 yards, reinforcing doubts about his arm strength.

In Sunday's 31-10 loss at Arizona, Pennington was the Dolphins' second-best quarterback. Rookie Chad Henne came off the bench in the fourth quarter to direct their lone touchdown drive.

The latter category, he said, is becoming more comfortable with the timing of his receivers' routes. That will be a season-long process, he said.

"I don't expect it just to one day click, and everything to start working perfectly," he said. "I've been here six weeks. It's going to take time."

Not too much time, coach Tony Sparano said.

"It might be a season-long process," Sparano said. "But we don't have all season to wait for it."

It's reasonable to wonder about Pennington, who was benched at midseason last year by the Jets and has lost his past eight starts. He is most recent win as a starter came against the woeful Dolphins, and he won't be playing them again anytime soon.

But in fairness to Pennington, he's working with perhaps the NFL's most modestly talented receiving corps. Sparano has tried various combinations at wideout and is still waiting for a glimpse of big-play ability.

"I'm hoping to see some of our receivers step up, make a big play, break a tackle, run after the catch, do something like that," the coach said. "That's what I want to see."

Even with opponents geared to stop the run, receivers have struggled to get off the line. Miami's deepest position is geared to stop the run, reinforce woes is a ground game.

"It was his voice and he continued to say "You're not trying to profit off this," said Grasso.

"Nobody puts a (expletive) gun in my face. I stood up for this (expletive) when he was in jail. I stood up for him when he was on trial. I set up his offshore accounts," he yelled.

Testimony came on the first anniversary of Simpson's Las Vegas arrest. He and co-defendant Clarence "C.J.", Stewart, are charged with 12 counts of robbery, kidnapping, assault with a deadly weapon and coercion. They have pleaded not guilty.

Temper in the case boiled as Roger referred to the confrontation as "the robbery," the defense, which claims Simpson was trying to recover stolen personal items, objected on grounds that was a legal conclusion.

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Details emerge in Simpson Trial

LINDA DEUTSCH
AP Wire

A key witness in the O.J. Simpson robbery trial on Tuesday, including his claim that he didn't try to profit from the casino hotel room confrontation that led to charges against the former football star.

Memorabilia dealer Bruce Fromong, who returned to the stand after becoming ill Monday, told defense attorney Gabriel Grasso he didn't have money on his mind when starting the tape excerpt in which Fromong raged against Simpson.

"I wasn't trying to profit from it," said Fromong.

The attorney played a tape recording of the 2007 confrontation in which Fromong, "It's not (expletive) over, I'll have 'Inside Edition' down here for me tomorrow. I told them I want big money."

Fromong acknowledged it was his voice and he con-

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W eek 2 of the NFL featured one of the most exciting slates of games in recent memory. Peyton Manning was shut out in the first half, and still brought his team back to win. Ben Roethlisberger led his team to victory, throwing the ball all over the field with a separated shoulder.

Jay Cutler and the Denver Broncos got a few lucky breaks from the zebras, managing to squeeze by with a victory after head coach M.Ike Shanahan decided, down by one with 20 seconds remaining in the game, to go for the two point conversion and the win instead of kicking the PAT to force overtime.

For fantasy owners, last weekend brought high scoring, close games that went to overtime. Some owners were pleased, some not, making the right decisions, and releasing the ball downfield very quickly.

Jay Cutler is looking like the next Marino sitting in the pocket, making the right decisions, and releasing the ball downfield very quickly.

PLAYERS TO BENCH

Ricky Williams & Ronnie Brown- RB, Miami Dolphins - What was originally thought to be the top back duo in the NFL, this pair of running backs are both averaging under three yards per carry and have not been able to develop any kind of ground attack.

The Dolphins offensive line is suspect, and the team isn’t very good. Stay away from other Dolphin Players, including Ronnie and Ricky.

However, if an owner in your league has both, you should consider offering him a deal to acquire one of them for cheap. Heain is probably able to make a change.

It might not be a bad idea acquiring one of them and benching him until the offense comes around, if it will at all.

Derek Anderson QB, Cleveland Browns - He has not lived up to the hype leading into this year, and with the defense being ridden by injuries, the QB of the future, Brady Quinn, might be starting sooner than you think.

A rodgers hasn’t been able to read zone defenses, or run the two minute drill as well as Head Coach Romeo Crennel would have liked thus far, and it’s because that the B rowns are 0-2.

WR Braylon Edwards and TE Kellen Winslow haven’t been as productive as last year. Even though he’s starting to produce [three goals in the last three games], which is mandatory for him, he’s starting to produce [three goals in the last three games], which is mandatory for him. But he’s starting to produce [three goals in the last three games], which is mandatory for him.

The Bengals Offense - No one could have fathomed how horrendous the Bengals offense has been this year.

The Dolphins are averaging more points a game than the Bengals are. QB Carson Palmer, wide outs Chad Ocho Cinco and T.J. Houshmandzadeh and run ning backs Chris Perry and Kenny Watson haven’t been able to move the ball at all.

Do not start under any circumstances, especially this weekend, when they travel to a rejuvenated Ravens and face a fierce Defense led by Ray Lewis and Ed Reed.

Maybe the Bengals under-estimated the importance of Rudi Johnson after all.
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