

PHOTOS OF THE MONTH: SEPTEMBER 2007 **AFTERIMAGE**



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STRIKING A NERVE

JENA, LA.

Racial tensions in a small town erupted into the national conscience with the charging of the "Jena 6." Here, Myles Townsend participates in a vigil. **PHOTO BY MATTHEW HINTON/AFP**

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GRIZZLED JOY

MINNEAPOLIS, MINN.

Packers QB Brett Favre, 37, blazed past Dan Marino's record number of touchdown passes. **PHOTO BY JIM MONE/AP**

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RESOLVE FOR REFORM YANGON, MYANMAR

Peaceful protests by Burmese monks collapsed into violent mayhem as junta soldiers forcibly broke up protests and reportedly killed dissenters. **PHOTO BY MANDALAY GAZETTE/AP**



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THE SIXTH YEAR

NEW YORK CITY, N.Y.

A lone man, a flag, and a healing city: so broke the morning of Sept. 11, 2007. Pulitzer Prize-winning AP photographer Oded Balilty spoke with Express about capturing this photograph. **INTERVIEW BY CHRIS COMBS**

“ He looked so comfortable.

It was so sad, and I was sure that the guy was sad as well. [But] it seemed to me like thousands of people ... came to pay their respects — not exactly for the country; it was very interesting to see this guy cover himself with his flag.

“I think [memorials are necessary] to put people into perspective. The relatives don't really need the ceremonies; they have, I'm sure, their ceremonies, in a way, in a spiritual way, in every way.

“I find it difficult to shoot very emotional things ... more difficult to shoot than ... when there is shooting or fire.

“And now, what's next? To go on and tell stories: some that people know, and I'll try to tell more stories that people don't know. That's our mission, that's our job — to be storytellers. That's all we do.”