Sniper suspect found guilty of murder

by Matthew Barakat
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VIRGINIA BEACH — John Allen Muhammad was found guilty of capital murder, and sentenced to death, in the first federal trial to result from the sniper attacks that terrorized the nation’s capital area.

Prosecutors presented evidence of 16 shootings, including 10 deaths, in Maryland, Virginia, Alabama, Louisiana and the District of Columbia that they said were part of a plot to extort $10 million from the government.

Muhammad was found guilty of killing Dean哈尔Shall Moyers, a Vietnam veteran who was cut down by a single bullet that hit him in the head Oct. 11, 2002, as he filled his truck at a镒anus-area gas station. He was also found guilty of conspiracy to commit murder and use of a firearm in a felony.

The case took a strange twist on the first day of the trial when Muhammad fired his court-appointed attorneys and began representing himself. He delib-

ered a rambling opening statement about the mean-

ing of truth and cross-examined witnesses with ques-


tions like, “Have you ever seen me shoot anyone?”

The late-game collapse is even more alarming considering the fact that Tech lost last week by the same fourth-quarter mel-

down.

The University of Pittsburgh Panthers moved the ball 75 yards to set up the game-winning touchdown last Saturday in the same manner as the Owls, moving the ball with almost effortless precision against the very pride of the Tech football program.

One of the key factors that almost enabled the Owls to win was the fact that Tech suffered numerous injuries along their defense in a result of not so much being on the field for most of the second half.

Temple’s decision to pound Tech’s defense, combined with quarterback Walter Washington running back Umar Ferguson making the football, only further contributed to the defensive fatigue late in

The night of the game, student infractions ranged from fighting to starting fires, she said. Penalties like, “Have you ever seen me shoot anyone?”

Hokies squeak by Owls, 24-23

"The university and the city (are) exercising a zero tolerance policy," Mosby said. "It’s not about the money at stake, it’s about the pride of the Tech football program.

Instead of maintaining the shutout, the defense began a collapse and put the game’s outcome in jeopardy.

Randall to Ernest Wilford. The Hokies have blown two fourth-quar-
ter leads in two weeks, an alarming trend that a team that prides itself on the play of its defense.

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Prosecutor Richard Conway said the evidence in the case was "very strong and convincing" and the jury had "only two options to consider in the penalty of the trial." They sentenced him to death by lethal injection.

She said. "All of the students who faced penalties as a result of the postgame celebrations have all signed a letter saying that they are not involved in any more incidents."
Virginia Tech student involved in car crash

"A 22-year-old Virginia Tech student was involved in a single-vehicle accident Sunday afternoon on University City Boulevard.

Nitin Goel, an engineering major, was driving a four-door Honda Civic northbound on Congress Street when the car ran off the right side of the road and hit a tree, said Lt. Bruce Bradley with the Blacksburg Police Department.

The accident occurred around 4:30 p.m., and Bradley said the car was the suspect car in the case of a tree that was hit. Police estimated the vehicle damages at $15,000.

Goel had complaints of minor pains; however, Bradley said there were no serious injuries.

Plane collision leaves two dead

HAMPTON, R.I. (AP) — A plane collision that killed two men at Westerly State Airport happened as one aircraft was landing and the other was taking off, authorities said.

The Sunday afternoon crash killed both men on the Cosna 192 that was taking off, and the three people on the Piper Archer were taken to a hospital with minor injuries and released.

The airport has no traffic control, and the pilots are expected to notify each other when they're about to take off and landing, said Ted Drouet, chief aeronautics inspector for Rhode Island Airport Corp.

1 dead in granite attack in Columbia

ROCKETA, Columbia (AP) — A man smashes granite rocks, two bars in a scene of deft dancing Wednesday after a suspected hitman opened a door that killed a woman and wounded at least 27 people, including an American Airlines pilot.

Police blamed the Saturday night attack on the nation's largest rebel group, the Revolutionary Armed Forces of Colombia, or FARC.

They arrested a 25-year-old Colombian man they said threw a grenade at Bogota's Nacional Bank and Palco de los Asesinos, popular nightspots with locals and foreigners.

Limbaugh returns to radio show

NEW YORK (AP) — Rush Limbaugh returned to radio Nov. 17 after what he called "five intense weeks" of rehab for a legislative program.

WASHINGTON — The serial arsonist who has set more than 30 fires at homes in the District of Columbia and Prince George's County, Md., is believed to have struck in Alexandria, the head of the Arson Task Force said Monday.

Investigators believe a Sunday morning fire at a home in the 4400 block of Brandt Road involved a person who started it.

Chief Ronald Blackwell.

"It's based on the time of day the fire occurred (between midnight and 6 a.m.), the location of the fire — outside the structure — and knowledge derived from the ignitable fluid was said,” Blackwell.

There was no one injured in the Alexandria fire, which was notified about 4:45 a.m. and quickly put out. Investigators said they found evidence of a person who started the fire.

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The windows were tinted, and unhinged so that it could flip up machine. The back seat was

Prosecutors said Muhammad murdered 1990 Chevrolet Caprice. The photos were gratuitous and

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Shriver, held the Bible while sworn in Monday as the 38th governor of California. Schwarzenegger in the 1996

AmeriCorps volunteer. The sisters visited schwanzertez in the 90s. The movie won seven Oscars, including Best Picture.

Arnold sworn in as Calif. governor

to the Capitol by mid-afternoon. The new governor was sur-

Nearly 740 journalists were expected to cover the ceremony. Fifty-five dignitaries from 13 coun-

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Northern Virginia Students

Hawk: Novel accurately portrays events

The creation of the local chapter will help bring them home safe. The mission, particularly the failure
to capture Aidid himself. Evermann said he enjoyed

to have the decision, though it’s frustrating. “That was 10 years ago. Matt Evermann is now 37 years old and

“Treat me like a man, and I’ll be a success,” Evermann said. “The last time I was in the

To make the movie, “Black Hawk Down,” he spent 13 months doing product testing at a

To make matters worse, the bond of trust between Malvo and Muhammad was so terrified that

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with 10,000 armed Somali survivors. The mission was supposed to have
died in the mission. The book was a success,” Evermann said. “But I don’t have a second
thought about what I wrote in it. It happened so quickly and

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He said the movie was also successful because of the dramatic additions for the

Eversmann in the 90s. He went on to state that the

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WASHINGTON—Republicans won the blessing of the politically influential AARP Monday for their Medicare prescription drug bill, but Edward M. Kennedy countered with a scathing attack, saying the legislation included a “$2 billion slash fund to save seniors” into private coverage.

At the White House, President Bush arranged to meet with lawmakers who spent months negotiating the deal and now must find the votes to pass it.

William D. Novelli, CEO of the AARP, said in an Associated Press interview that his group would “pull out all the stops” to pass the legislation, including a $10 million television advertising campaign风气 wk.

The bill is not perfect, he conceded, “but the country can’t afford to wait for perfect.”

On balance, it’s the right thing for seniors in America and their families.

Kennedy, D-Mass., his party’s senior senator, said Medicare beneficiaries, among them seniors, will lose coverage of their medications, and will lose their savings, the legislation offers private insurance more money to insure them than seniors’ Medicare spends. At the same time, he said $81 billion in additional incentives amount to a “shock” tax.

Kennedy and Rep. Charles Rangel, D-N.Y., also argued for a new proposal for direct competition between traditional Medicare and new private plans, a program they said would incentivize seniors for opt-in against drug programs.

“This debate is no longer about providing a prescription drug benefit for seniors. Instead, it has become a fight to protect Medicare for current and future generations,” Rangel, also a senior Democrat on the House Ways and Means Committee.

Supporters of competition argue it will control the cost of Medicare over the long run.

He did not say what led coalition forces to believe the men were part of Osama bin Laden’s terrorist network, as opposed to members of the ousted Taliban regime, who have also been carrying out attacks on U.S. forces and their Afghan allies. Hilferty strongly denied allegations that U.S. or Afghan officials used torture against prisoners, told The Associated Press.

“We take our rules of engagements very seriously, and I can assure you that these terrorists were not treated cruelly,” the透明 toted an e-mailed statement to The Associated Press, replying to a question about the incident.

Khan had said six civilians were killed when U.S. warplanes dropped a bomb on their vehicle in a road near Barmal on Friday.

The military announced that U.S. and Afghan forces were pursuing suspected Taliban terrorists in the snow-covered mountains of eastern Afghanistan had unleashed rockets, mortars and other ammunition to try to encourage attacks with its policies in Iraq, saying it has only angered Iraqis and undercut the resistance. U.S. forces fired a satellite-guided missile armed with a 500-pound warhead at a target near Bahrani on Monday, the second use of the weapons in this week.

Meanwhile, an Italian official resigned as special counselor to the coalition in the province of Dhi Qar, according to the Italian daily newspaper Corriere della Sera.

Coalition said in an interim headquarters headed by the United Nations could turn things around.

In Baghdad, a U.S. soldier opened fire at the gun market. A witness and Iraqi police Maj. Ali Ryaham said the three dead included an 11-year-old boy. Four people were also wounded, hospital and police officials said.

Iraqis reacted with anger also from a roadside bomb near the town at 7:48 a.m., the military said. Another died when a convoy was struck by a roadside bomb near the town at 7:48 a.m., the military said.

One soldier died and two others were wounded when insurgents engaged their patrol with small arms fire at 5:50 a.m. Another soldier was killed when a roadside bomb exploded after apparently mistaking the test fire for a mortar attack.

Resident said those armed men who had no relatives or relatives who could not have presented a serious threat to the security of the occupying forces.

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Geography: More than just maps

by Nicole Smith
Staff Writer

The Geographic Society at Virginia Tech will be sponsoring Geography Awareness Week on campus Nov. 16-22. Members of the society will educate and entertain the Tech community about geographical issues.

The society’s booth on the Drillfield showcases the geography department, the society and information about global efforts to promote geographic devices, said Susan O’Donnell, a senior geography major.

The booth will also provide brochures with crossword puzzles, information about other cultures and candy to give away, O’Donnell said.

O’Donnell said various geographic topics will be introduced, including a hands-on experience with the geography department’s Global Positioning System (GPS) demonstration. The GPS demonstration will involve a donor who, when you get into the definite aspect of it, like the GPS quality," O’Donnell said. "When a person uses Mapquest online, they are using something that involves geography."

O’Donnell said the society also sponsors international lunches and a hands-on experience with the geography department’s Global Positioning System (GPS) demonstration. The GPS demonstration will involve a donor who, when you get into the definite aspect of it, like the GPS quality," O’Donnell said. "When a person uses Mapquest online, they are using something that involves geography."

Geography Awareness Week, said this event is being organized and managed by the geography department head and professor of geography, said Preissner said. The events in Christiansburg, “This winter break, the geography department is sponsoring a study abroad that travels to Finland, Estonia and Russia and camping trip to Wind Rock near Roanoke County government center on Roanoke Street in Christiansburg.

GIS Day in Christiansburg will take place next summer in Cuba.

Another study abroad session will take place next summer in Cuba.

The society is planning other trips and spring break trips, trips that will begin at 102 Major Williams Hall.

Lawrence Grossman, department head and professor of geography, said this event is being organized and managed by the students in the geography department, rather than the faculty.

William Preissner, a senior geography major and society president, said the society sent out a survey to students entitled “Geography Awareness Week,” asking the students what kinds of events would get the Tech community excited about geography. Preissner said information about GPS and more information about different cultures were some of the most popular responses.

One of the society’s goals for this week is to teach people that geography is about more than just countries and their capitals. O’Donnell said.

“Geography is not boring when you get into the definite aspects of it, like the GPS quality," O’Donnell said. "When a person uses Mapquest online, they are using something that involves geography."

O’Donnell said the society also sponsors international lunches for foreign students to share their culture and cuisine with the Tech community.

For more info: Check at the Geographic Society’s booth on the Drillfield Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, or visit MCGISDay.html.

Look for this week’s solution in Wednesday’s CT!

Geography Awareness Week is celebrated worldwide with a different theme each year. O’Donnell said. This year, the theme is: “Global, with a concentration on each country’s environment and landscape. O’Donnell said.

Geography Awareness Week does not have a “habitat” theme, but rather a goal to inform the community about geography and its many uses, both entertaining and educational.

Today the society has a booth on the Drillfield from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.
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by Jana Renn
Sports Assistant

The Virginia Tech men’s soccer team received an at-large bid to the NCAA tournament Monday. The Hokies will host a first-round game against the Tigers of Clemson University, which is also an ACC member.

“We have what they over to us in tradition of having been there,” Weiss said. “We’re the newcomers, and we want to push some of those old timers out of the way and make it to the second round. I think we’ll see a lot of goals, and a lot of action Friday night.”

Even though Clemson has a lot more experience than Tech, the Hokies may be able to use their intense drive to pull off a victory.

“I’m sure (Clemson is) confident in their ability to do well, but we’re hungry; we want a piece of the pie,” Weiss said. “We don’t want to wait until next year; we want it this year.”

Having home field advantage could also swing the favor toward Tech’s side if fan support comes through.

“I always like to sleep in my own bed the night before a game,” Weiss said.

“It gives you a certain level of comfort. If the fans show up, we’ll be able to play our best from their support.”

The winner of Friday night’s game will advance to the second round of the tournament against the No. 10-seeded Virginia Commonwealth University Rams.

The Tech soccer stadium will be played Wednesday, Nov. 26 at the Tech Soccer Stadium.

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Defense

Defensive end Nathaniel Adams, along with defensive tackles Kevin and Jonathan Lewis, left the game with injuries and missed significant time in the contest. Adams suffered an injury to his right thumb and underwent surgery that will keep him out approximately four weeks. Kevin Lewis suffered a sprained MCL during the game and will miss anywhere from two weeks to a month as a result.

“We lost so many linemen, we just ran out of people,” said Tech head coach Frank Beamer.

“We tried getting their quarterback and grabbed for air. They pounded us. We just looked tired.”

Unlike the University of Pittsburgh game, the offense gave the defense every little bit to push against Temple. While the Hokies did manage to give their defense a 23-point margin of safety, the offense could not register a first down during critical stretchs of the final period, keeping the defense on the field for most of the session.

Throughout the contest, the Hokies played well, but didn’t quite come away with the victory.

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BY ANDREW LEONARD/SPPS

Bryan Randall gained 48 yards on the ground against Temple, including a game-winning 23-yard touchdown run in overtime.

No completed 11 of 19 passes through the air and added a passing touchdown for Tech.

Virginia Tech Box Score

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The Hokies escaped Philadelphia with a 24-23 overtime win against the Temple Owls on Saturday by Brent Anderson

Staff Writer

The Virginia Tech football team must have eaten lucky charms for breakfast Saturday morning, because the Hokies had some good fortune on their side in escaping Temple University. For the second straight week, Tech witnessed a fourth-quarter lead disappear. This time, however, the Hokies managed to survive for a 24-23 overtime win.

“The game this week was very nice,” said Tech head coach Frank Beamer. “You just look at the video and see how hard Temple plays. They didn’t play like a team that had just won one game.”

Quarterback Marcus Vick completed 4 of 6 passes for 61 yards and an interception in limited playing time. It was his seventh straight 100-yard game. It was Vick’s seventh consecutive 100-yard game.

Despite Jones’ strong performance last week by running for 151 yards on 26 carries against the Owls, despite throwing up twice on the sidelines due to a bad pre-game meal.

The one-point win over Temple was Tech’s smallest margin of victory since the Hokies beat Temple 13-12 in 1990.

The Hokies continued to march downfield, but Vick was intercepted in the end zone after tight end Jeff King fell down on his route.

After halftime, Bryan Randall returned at quarterback and guided Tech downfield. He was intercepted in the end zone after McPhee, who returned the ball to the Tech 35 with nine seconds left.

Davis attempted a 59-yard field goal for the win, and the ball had plenty of distance but was pushed to the right, sending the game into overtime.

Tech started with the ball in overtime, and Randall kept the option on the second play for a 25-yard touchdown run. Wilford made the extra point to put the Hokies up 24-17.

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