

Effects of 9/11 attacks still linger

▪ Airline passengers are under much tighter scrutiny, and the war on terrorism is at the forefront of American foreign policy

by **Tiffany Hoffman**
Managing Editor

On Sept. 11, 2001, Amanda DeHaven was sitting in her office at the Roanoke Regional Airport. She was working on an e-mail about the ground breaking ceremony for the new air traffic control tower. In minutes, her morning agenda changed.

"Everybody just couldn't believe what was going on and that our whole world had changed in an instant," said DeHaven, marketing and communication coordinator for the Roanoke Regional Airport Commission.

Within a few hours of the World Trade Center attacks, all airplanes were grounded and the airports were shut down.

"We didn't have any way to know if there were other planes out there getting ready to do the same thing," she said.

Immediately following the Sept. 11 attacks, President George Bush declared war on terrorism and the hunt for the Taliban and Osama bin Laden began. The following year, Operation Iraqi Freedom followed suit and the search for Saddam Hussein made top headlines.

Now, two years have passed and Iraq and Afghanistan are linked in the news as Bush continues to discuss war in those countries as a way to deter international terrorism.

"Bush's speech (Sunday night) helped (the public) think only in terms of the war on terrorism," said Scott Nelson, acting director of international studies, "But there is danger in broadening the scope to include conflicts like Iraq which, arguably, we should be dealing with (following) other foreign policy protocols."

Nelson said there have been significant gains in America in terms of how the nation views itself as a people.

"Prior to 9/11, it was difficult for many Americans to imagine how a national consciousness can be affected by these terrible events," he said. "But now they are developing that understanding."

Internationally, however, Nelson said there is a very negative outlook on America because of the way the nation has handled its foreign policy in Iraq.

"This very broad war on terror involves the conflation of two very different conflicts that, in the public eye has been perceived as one," Nelson said. "Our international reputation has declined dramatically and the reason for this is because we have a very arrogant, unilateralist and parochial foreign policy



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Hundreds of students gathered at War Memorial Chapel on Sept. 12, 2001 to reflect on the attacks of the previous day.

(in Iraq)."

"We went to war with Iraq circumventing the U.N. and any attempt to develop a truly broad international coalition," Nelson said.

Nelson said these international problems also have domestic implications even though patriotism has

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9/11 vigils planned nationwide

by **Sara Kugler**
Associated Press

NEW YORK — The thousands killed on Sept. 11 will be honored where they died and across the nation on the second anniversary of the terrorist attacks Thursday, with cities falling silent, names read aloud, wreaths laid and bells tolling for the dead.

Two years to the minute after hijackers crashed American Flight 11 into the World Trade Center's north tower, victims' relatives and dignitaries will pause in silence at ground zero. In Washington, President Bush will observe the 8:46 a.m. moment on the South Lawn of the White House.

At the trade center, on a stage near where the north tower once stood, 200 children will take turns reading the 2,792 names of people lost in the attack.

"I thought it would be a good way to honor my dad, and to honor the other people," said 11-year-old Madilynn Morris, who will recite 14 names, ending with her father, Seth Allan Morris.

The reading will pause at three other moments — the crash of United Flight 175 into the south tower, the skyscraper's collapse an hour later, and the collapse of the north tower about 30 minutes after that.

At the Pentagon, officials and families

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September 11 Events

Cadets will conduct formal retreat in Upper Quad at 5 p.m.

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Band will play national anthem with all cadets in uniform

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Midnight vigil with moment of silence for all victims

SOURCE: Daniel Richardson, regimental commander, corps of cadets



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Warrant issued in hit and run

by **Eric Beidel**
News Assistant

A warrant has been issued for a Virginia Tech student who, while riding a bicycle, struck a pedestrian in a crosswalk Tuesday and left the scene, offering no aid.

The incident occurred at the intersection of West Campus Drive and Drillfield Drive.

The pedestrian was treated and released from Montgomery County Regional Hospital for a head injury, said Debra Duncan, Tech police chief.

Lt. Wendell Flinchum said the victim suffered the injury after falling to the pavement as a result of being hit by the bicyclist.

The bicyclist left a note containing his name and contact information with someone at the scene and then left, Duncan said.

The bicyclist is being charged with failure to yield in a crosswalk and for a hit and run — a felony, Duncan said.

"When a bicyclist is on the street, they have to obey traffic laws just like cars," Duncan said. "We are going to charge people that don't yield to people in crosswalks."

While the bicyclist did leave his contact information, Flinchum said he is being charged with hit and run because he did not stay and offer aid to the pedestrian, a requirement by law.

"The code section says that you have to stay and render aid if there's an injury," Flinchum said.

Campus police will continue their strict monitoring of crosswalks that began last year because of incidents like the one Tuesday, Duncan said.

"We're enforcing crosswalk safety just like last year," she said. "This incident is a good reason we're out there."

Celebration highlights cultural differences

▪ Many participants agreed that diversity was a problem at Tech, and communication and understanding was needed

by **Christina Pena**
Staff Writer

With tears flowing from both the speaker and audience members, a representative from the Iranian Student Society told her personal experience about bombings in the Middle-East.

She was only one of many speakers at the sixth annual Celebration of Diversity, held last night in Burruss Hall.

"I couldn't imagine how she must have felt, but it was so real that I related to her," said Emily Trout, a freshman interior design major.

The Celebration of Diversity involved volunteers from various cultural, ethnic, and political groups hoping to improve awareness about their own groups.

"(This event) is important because it reflects different cultures and practices. Diversity is something that we struggle with at Virginia Tech, and this helps increase diversity awareness and build a deeper appreciation about it," said Laurie Brogdon, a program director for the Celebration of Diversity and a senior communication major.

From cloggers to African style chants and songs, the event had a variety of performances and speeches.

At times, the ceremony was light, but there were also serious moments that reflected on the status of diver-



TED MARTELLO/SPPS

Members of the Filipino American Student Association performed traditional and modern versions of Tinikling, the national dance of the Philippines, last night at the Celebration of Diversity.

sity awareness at Tech and personal experiences of discrimination from other students.

"There is a lack of diversity at Tech. I mean it's wonderful here, but is it the real world? It doesn't represent the real world, so we need to educate and support each other," said Nikkie Eley, publicity chair of Theta Nu Xi Multicultural Sorority, Inc and a sophomore communication major.

Most people agreed on the lack of diversity at Tech and the need for continuous awareness and understanding of other cultures.

"There needs to be more than one event a year, but this is a good

step," said Dave Moran, National Residents Hall honorary president and junior communication major.

In addition to students who volunteered to watch the event, there were also organizations that required their students to attend, such as parts of the Residential Leadership Community.

Some students, such as those from the RLC, came without expecting a significant impact, but many were pleasantly surprised.

"I had to come for the RLC and I was only mildly interested, but I enjoyed the performances and everyone had something to offer,"

said Steve Krieger, freshman university studies major.

Each year, the Celebration of Diversity gains more volunteer participants, which enables it to reach farther into the community and affect more people, Brogden said.

It also opens the eyes of many students to the diverse culture here at Tech and what each group has to offer to the campus community, Eley said.

With thousands in attendance, the Celebration of Diversity extended its reach this year to students through a variety of performances and personal narratives from various people.

News in Brief

Fatality leads VDOT to examine exit ramp

NEWPORT NEWS (AP) — The Virginia Department of Transportation may examine the safety features of an Interstate 664 exit ramp where four motorists have been killed in crashes since 1992, a VDOT official said.

The most recent fatality occurred Monday when a truck driven by Leroy Banks Jr., 43, crashed through a barrier and fell about 35 feet to a concrete abutment.

Drivers who get off at the exit have to decide to go left or right at a fork in the ramp. The barrier that Banks struck is at that fork. A state police investigation is continuing.

Depending on what the police report reveals, VDOT may do an investigation of its own.

Swedish foreign minister stabbed

Lindh, one of the country's most popular politicians, was stabbed repeatedly Wednesday while shopping at an exclusive department store in downtown Stockholm.

Police said they did not believe the attack was politically motivated and were searching for a man wearing a camouflage jacket who fled the store. Lindh was undergoing surgery at the Karolinska Hospital and her wounds were serious but not life-threatening, a Foreign Ministry spokesman said.

Lindh, 46, was inside the

Nordiska Kompaniet department store blocks away from the parliament building when she was stabbed just before 4 p.m., witnesses told The Associated Press.

FDA warns against some herbal teas

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Food and Drug Administration is warning consumers not to drink teas brewed from the herb star anise, as it investigates reports of people, including 15 infants, suffering seizures after ingesting them.

There are two types of star anise. Chinese star anise, a popular spice, is known to be safe to consume. Japanese star anise, a well-known poison, is supposed to be used for decorative purposes only.

Senate bars new overtime pay rules

WASHINGTON — The Senate voted Wednesday to bar the Bush administration from issuing new overtime pay rules that Democrats and organized labor said would take money from the pockets of millions of workers.

The vote was 54-45, and left the fate of the controversial new regulations uncertain. The House blessed the administration's proposal earlier this year, and congressional negotiators will have to untangle the disagreement. In addition, the White House has raised the possibility of a veto if Congress tries to block the rules.

Effects: Costs of war, security run high

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been at the forefront of the minds of many Americans.

"Here we have increasing costs for a war we can't afford and, in many cases, a war we shouldn't have provoked in the first place."

Since the international wars began, there has been less money available for education, health care and social welfare programs and, with the \$87 billion increase in expenses that Bush is asking to have for Iraq, the price of war is continuing to rise. Even domestically, expenses of national security will continue to be higher than they were on Sept. 10, 2001.

One domestic federal expense

is the change in security procedures at all national commercial airports.

For three days after Sept. 11, DeHaven said the Roanoke Regional Airport was closed. The Transportation Security Administration overtook all screening procedures and explosive detection systems were installed.

"People understand we have to go through this process so something like (Sept. 11) doesn't happen again," DeHaven said.

Every day, law enforcement officers monitor the screening process and, based on the ratio of passengers, some luggage is fully searched. DeHaven said all current procedures are permanent.



ROBERT DRAKE/SPPS

On the evening of Sept. 11, 2001, a line formed to donate blood. Two years later, a sign hung on the New River Valley Donor Center declares a blood emergency.

Students vulnerable to stress-related illnesses

by Chris Huang
Staff Writer

With the start of a new school year comes more work and pressure on students. As a result, they can become more susceptible to various medical ailments such as mononucleosis and chronic fatigue syndrome.

Mono causes flu-like symptoms to its victims, including mild fever, headache and lethargy, followed by mild swelling. Those who are affected will start to recover after two to three weeks though fatigue will generally last for a month.

Chronic fatigue syndrome is a similar ailment, but characterized more specifically by prolonged tiredness and

fatigue. These symptoms do not go away with rest and tend to worsen with physical and mental activities. Both are caused by contractible viruses and can be contagious after a brief developing stage.

Mono is also known as "the kissing disease," because it is contracted through contact with infected saliva, said Jeannie Baker, a registered nurse at Schiffert Health Center. She advises people not to share drinks or cigarettes with people who have, or may potentially have, the condition.

She also advised those who are infected not to consume alcohol and to refrain from contact sports and strenuous activities, as these actions may cause irritation and damage

to internal organs. However, one cannot catch mono simply by being in the vicinity of an infected person.

Chronic fatigue syndrome has similar properties, as it is also transmittable through infected saliva.

Once dubbed the "yuppie virus," today chronic fatigue syndrome affects over half a million people in the United States. Though there is not a single effective method for treatment, most rely on anti-inflammatory medication and anti-depressants to alleviate their symptoms. Patients who test positive are usually between the ages of 25 to 45. Women are about twice as likely as men to show signs of the virus.

"I'd imagine (susceptibility to sicknesses) would be common at Tech," said Keith Trosi, a freshman engineering major. "People are adjusting to new schedules, more classes and harder work. They are not getting enough sleep."

There has yet to be a serious case of these maladies at Virginia Tech, though steps for prevention are available.

"Get plenty of rest, drink plenty of water, maintain a healthy diet and decrease your level of stress," Baker said. "Stress is one of the contributing factors for disease."

Baker said students can visit the wellness gallery on the second floor lobby of McComas Hall to find out strategies to decrease stress.

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New bin Laden tape aired on Al-Jazeera

by Sam Ghattas
Associated Press

BEIRUT, Lebanon — The Arabic satellite channel Al-Jazeera aired video and audio tapes of al-Qaida leader Osama bin Laden and his deputy on Wednesday. The footage — the first video image of bin Laden in nearly two years — was aired on the eve of the second anniversary of the Sept. 11 attacks.

The tapes were produced in late April or early May, the broadcaster said.

In the audiotape, a voice said to be that of bin Laden praises the Sept. 11 attacks on the United States two years ago for causing "great damage to the enemy" and mentions five of the hijackers by name. A religious song could be heard in the background of the tape.

Another voice on the tape, attributed to bin Laden top aide Ayman al-Zawahri, calls on Iraqi guerrillas to "bury" American troops in Iraq.

It appeared to be the first video image of bin Laden since he was shown at a dinner with associates on Nov. 9, 2001 in Afghanistan. That tape was made public a month later.

U.S. intelligence officials will review the video and audio voiceover to try to determine if

they are authentic and when and where they were made, officials in Washington said. In the past, CIA analyses of such messages have taken a day or two to complete.

Press reports from the Mideast over the last week had suggested a new bin Laden video was set to air Wednesday, one official said, speaking on the condition of anonymity.

Messages from al-Qaida leaders are sometimes viewed as pre-saging an attack. The Department of Homeland Security previously said it did not plan to raise the national terror threat level above its current position at yellow, signifying an elevated threat of attack.

Bin Laden was last heard from on April 7, exhorting Muslims in a tape obtained by The Associated Press to rise up against Kuwait, Saudi Arabia and other governments he claimed were "agents of America."

That audiotape, which CIA analysts said appeared to be authentic, made a vague reference to the Iraq conflict, although

it was not specific enough to determine whether it had been recorded before or after the Iraqi war began on March 20.

The videotape broadcast Wednesday shows bin Laden and al-Zawahri, dressed in Afghan clothing, walking up and down a rocky hill dotted with green plants. In one shot, bin Laden is assisted by a walking stick in his right hand and wears a blanket over his left shoulder. In another, he holds a Soviet-made assault rifle in his left hand.

The two climb to the hilltop and sit resting, looking out over the trees and rocky outcroppings, the camera behind them. The backdrop in the video resembles the border regions between Afghanistan and Pakistan, where U.S. officials believe bin Laden is hiding out.

There was nothing in the video itself to indicate when it was made. Al-Jazeera did not say how or when it obtained the tape.

Neither bin Laden nor his aide spoke on the video.

The videotape appeared to

be shot during the course of one day. The light in each segment was the same and bin Laden's clothing was the same. He appeared to be cooperating with the cameraman, allowing him time to move ahead in order to get a series of shots of the al-Qaida leader walking toward the camera. Bin Laden several times looks over his shoulder, giving the impression he is being followed.

In one scene a small cluster of wildflowers can be seen, suggesting — given the apparent high altitude at which the video was shot — that the videotape was made in early summer. At such an altitude wild flowers would not be blooming in early September.

In the audiotape attributed to al-Zawahri, the speaker refers to U.S. troops in Iraq — an indication that it was made after American troops entered Iraq last March.

"We salute the mujahedeen brothers in Iraq and press on their hands and ask Allah to bless their sacrifices and valor in fighting the Crusaders," the speaker says. "We tell you that Allah is with you and the (Islamic) nation supports you. Depend on Allah. Devour the Americans just like the lions devour their prey. Bury them in the Iraqi graveyard."

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Speaker on audiotape

Israeli air strike targets Hamas head

by Ibrahim Barzak
Associated Press

GAZA CITY, Gaza Strip — Israeli warplanes flattened the home of senior Hamas leader Mahmoud Zahar with a half-ton bomb Wednesday, wounding him and killing his eldest son and a bodyguard, in retaliation for twin suicide bombings that killed 15 Israelis a day earlier.

The strike marked the first time a Hamas leader was attacked in his home, an escalation of Israel's campaign against the Islamic militant group. Several Hamas leaders went underground, and Hamas threatened to widen its bombing spree by bringing down Israeli high-rises and homes.

Hamas' military wing claimed responsibility for Tuesday's bombings in a statement faxed to The Associated Press.

"These two operations came as the beginning of our retaliation for the enemy's crimes against our people," the statement said.

In the West Bank, Palestinian parliament speaker Ahmed Qureia accepted the job of prime minister after several days of wavering, his decision apparently rushed by fears that a continued power vacuum will tempt Israel to intensify military strikes. Qureia said he would form a crisis Cabinet of no more than eight ministers and seek parliament's approval Thursday.

Israeli Prime Minister Ariel Sharon cut short a visit to India, and was to hold secu-

rity consultations upon landing early Thursday. Two strategic decisions — whether to expel Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat or order a large-scale invasion of the Gaza Strip — are on the agenda, a security official said on condition of anonymity.

Tuesday's suicide bombings occurred five hours apart. The first killed eight soldiers at a crowded bus stop near Tel Aviv, and the second killed seven patrons at a popular Jerusalem coffee house. Dozens of bystanders were wounded.

The Israeli military said after the bombings it will press ahead with its "all-out war" on Hamas since the group claimed a suicide bombing last month that killed 22 people on a Jerusalem bus. In the three weeks leading up to Wednesday's strike, Israel had killed 12 Hamas members and five bystanders in targeted attacks.

In the statement faxed to the AP, Hamas' military wing, Izzedine al Qassam, identified Tuesday's bombers as members Ramez Abu Isleem, 24, and Ihab Abdel Kader Abu Isleem, 20.

In the West Bank village of Rantisi, 20 relatives of two local Hamas activists were arrested earlier by Israeli troops.

Later Wednesday, troops arrested Raed Barghouti, a Hamas operative, in the West Bank town of Ramallah. Palestinian security officials said Barghouti apparently had a role in the bombings.

Israeli troops also entered the West Bank town of Qalqiliya and imposed a curfew.

Rare footage of attacks locked in limbo

▪ A video shot by an immigrant construction worker was made on a sightseeing trip to New York

by David Bauder
Associated Press

NEW YORK — The only known video footage of both planes hitting the World Trade Center is the subject of a dispute that stopped it from being shown nationally on ABC News Sunday, and may prevent it from surfacing at all.

Yet to be determined in this convoluted story is the market value of a rare historical document that may nonetheless have limited appeal for broadcasters.

The videotape was shot by an immigrant construction worker who had been making a sightseeing tape for a friend, and its existence was not widely known until reported in The New York Times on Sunday. The cameraman, Pavel Hlava, was riding in an SUV from Brooklyn to Manhattan

on Sept. 11, 2001.

The first impact was caught on tape as the vehicle was approaching the Brooklyn-Battery Tunnel. Upon emerging from the tunnel, Hlava pointed the camera at the burning north tower and caught the second plane hitting the World Trade Center.

Only one other tape, by French filmmakers who had been making a documentary on firefighters, exists that shows the first plane hitting the tower. No known video shows both impacts. Federal officials are said to have interest in the video because it could help determine the speed of the first plane as it approached the World Trade Center.

ABC News was given a copy of the video last week by Mike Cohen, said Jeffrey Schneider, network spokesman. He's described in the Times as the man who drove the SUV that day, Hlava's boss, who believes the tape should not be sold for profit.

The network made plans to air it Sunday morning on "This Week." It was shown in New York City, where the Sunday political show airs earlier than

in the rest of the country, and host George Stephanopoulos made a point of saying the network hadn't paid for it.

ABC immediately heard from Walter Karling, a freelance photographer acting as an agent for Hlava, who called into question ABC's right to air the video. ABC quickly rearranged the broadcast so the footage was not shown in the rest of the country, Schneider said.

ABC remains "in a dialogue" with Hlava's representatives about future airings, Schneider said.

Karling said that ABC was made aware on Friday that it did not have the right to show the video for free. Schneider said that ABC believed it was dealing "in good faith" with the person responsible for the video.

Neither man would not comment on how much is being asked for the video. Karling said he's working to get the video released and to protect Hlava's rights to the material.

"Any financial remuneration is of last and least importance," he said. Karling referred further questions to a lawyer,

Bob Reicher, who did not immediately return a call for comment.

Rights to air the video were offered to both CBS and NBC News over the weekend, according to executives at both networks who spoke on condition of anonymity. At one network, the figure of \$40,000 was mentioned. At another, talk of a six-figure fee was banded about.

Both networks rejected the overtures.

Although the Hlava video is unique, all the networks have compelling footage of the second plane hitting the towers, the buildings burning and eventually collapsing. Because that video is upsetting to many viewers, the networks have used it very judiciously since after the first few days following the Sept. 11 attacks.

For that reason — despite the curiosity value — it's questionable whether the networks would place great monetary value on Hlava's tape because of limited opportunities to show it.

"I don't know if we would want to air it again or not," Schneider said.

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Where great minds go to work

Bush will tout progress against terrorism

■ In memorials for the attacks of Sept. 11, the president will speak on the current status of homeland security

by Jennifer Loven
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — On the eve of the second anniversary of the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks, President Bush is embarking on two days of events in which he will claim progress bolstering America against future attacks.

Traveling by helicopter Wednesday afternoon to the FBI Academy in Quantico, Bush was giving local emergency workers as well as officials from the federal law enforcement agency and the Homeland Security department an update on efforts to improve homeland security.

Bush's remarks come three days after he delivered a progress report on his administration's efforts against terrorism abroad in which he focused on the war in Iraq and

described it as the central battleground of the global war on terror.

Before departing the White House for Quantico, the president was to meet with the prime minister of Kuwait, a key Persian Gulf ally where thousands of American troops are deployed as part of the ongoing Iraq campaign.

All told, 40,000 U.S. troops are based in countries such as Kuwait that are close to Iraq.

Sheik Sabah Al Ahmed Al Sabah was appointed prime minister of Kuwait in July by his brother, Kuwait's emir, Sheik Jaber Al Ahmed Al Sabah, in a move that raised hopes for reform in the fledgling democracy.

Bush's homeland security speech also comes amid questions about whether the nation is better prepared now than on the day two years ago when terrorists killed 3,016 people in New York, Washington and Pennsylvania with four hijacked airplanes.

"The president will talk about what we've done to make the homeland more secure," White House spokes-

woman Claire Buchan said. "He'll also talk about how we need to do more."

Among the changes Bush was to tout is the creation of the new Homeland Security Department, which combined elements of scores of other federal agencies to improve law enforcement, intelligence, emergency management agencies, and air and other transportation safety.

And the president was expected to talk about changes at the FBI, which shifted its focus from prosecuting crimes to trying to prevent terrorist attacks. To help highlight that shift and improved performance at the FBI, Bush was to tour a new FBI crime lab housed at the Quantico training facility.

The nearly five-month-old lab employs state-of-the-art technology for forensic work

ranging from analyzing fingerprints to the latest DNA matching.

Wednesday evening, Bush was playing host to a private dinner and screening of the Academy Award-winning documentary "Twin Towers."

The next day, the president takes part in a series of sober appearances: a prayer service at a nearby church, a moment of silence on the White House's South Lawn at the hour of the first plane's crash into the World Trade Center towers in New York, and a visit with U.S. soldiers recovering at Walter Reed Army Medical Hospital from wounds suffered in Iraq.

The president also scheduled a White House meeting with lawmakers attempting to negotiate a final, compromise energy bill.

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Claire Buchan
White House spokeswoman

Ex-Enron exec. sentenced to prison

by Kristen Hays
Associated Press

HOUSTON — A former Enron Corp. treasurer pleaded guilty Wednesday to a federal conspiracy charge and became the first executive sentenced to prison in the scandal that toppled the energy company.

U.S. District Judge Kenneth Hoyt sentenced Ben Glisan to five years in prison on a conspiracy charge, the maximum term allowed.

Prosecutors said there was no deal to implicate higher-ranking executives such as Enron's former chairman Kenneth Lay and former chief executive Jeffrey Skilling.

Glisan, 37, will be under supervised release for three years after completing his prison term.

He also agreed to forfeit nearly \$1 million in profits from a partnership investment related to Enron and agreed to not seek a refund of \$412,000 in income taxes he paid on that profit.

"I think I would simply like to say I take full responsibility for my actions," Glisan told the judge.

Twenty-three other counts against Glisan were dismissed. Glisan was taken into custody immediately.

Glisan earlier had pleaded innocent to charges of money laundering, wire fraud and conspiracy as part of a 109-count indictment against his one-time boss, former Enron finance chief Andrew Fastow.

Glisan, a managing director, was the second former Enron executive to plead guilty in the scandal. Another managing director, Michael Kopper, who was once one of Fastow's top lieutenants, pleaded guilty in August 2002 to money laundering and conspiracy and remains free while cooperating with investigators.

Prosecutors said Glisan wasn't working with them. But they said other targeted executives should take note of his prison term.

Head Bali bomber will face firing squad

by Chris Brummitt
Associated Press

BALI, Indonesia — The man accused of being the "intellectual mastermind" of last year's Bali nightclub bombings was sentenced Wednesday to face a

firing squad after being found guilty of the attack that killed 202 people, mostly foreign tourists.

Imam Samudra shouted "God is great!" as the verdict was read by Judge Wayan Sugawa in the Indonesian

courtroom, while several people cheered.

"Go to hell, you infidels!" Samudra shouted in English, pumping his fist in the air as he was led out of court.

It was the second death sentence handed out for the Oct. 12 bombings on the resort island of Bali — the single deadliest terrorist strike since the Sept. 11 attacks in the United States.

Samudra, 33, has said he wants to die as a martyr, but the Afghan-trained fighter denied he commanded the group of militants who carried out the twin blasts. Almost half the bombing victims were Australian tourists, while seven were from the United States.

"Imam Samudra has been clearly proven to have planned a terrorist act, and we hand down the sentence of death," said Sugawa, one of the five judges who presided at the trial.

Judge Ifa Sudewi called Samudra "the intellectual mastermind behind the Bali bomb explosions."

Samudra's lawyers said they would appeal the sen-

tence. "There was no justice in this case. He should not have gotten the death sentence," attorney Qadar Faisal said.

Prosecutors said Samudra selected the recruits and helped fund the attacks. His goal, they said, was to avenge the treatment of Muslims at the hands of the United States and Israel.

Samudra is the second of 30 suspects arrested after the Bali attacks to be sentenced to death — coconspirator Amrozi bin Nurhasyim received one last month.

Death sentences in Indonesia are rare, but are allowed under a new anti-terror law adopted after the Bali attack. They are carried out by a firing squad of 15 paramilitary policemen.

In Australia, Foreign Minister Alexander Downer said his government welcomed the verdict and said it showed Indonesia's determination to pursue terrorists.

"The Indonesians are sending out a very strong message that if you become involved in acts of terror, then in those circumstances you risk your life," Downer said.

Vigils: Giuliani to speak at NYC ceremony

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will mark with silence the moment another hijacked jet slammed into the Defense Department headquarters. The 9:37 a.m. crash killed 125 people on the ground and 59 on the plane.

Defense Secretary Donald Rumsfeld will attend a wreath-laying at Arlington National Cemetery in the morning, followed by a flag presentation at the Pentagon.

About 30 minutes after the Pentagon commemoration, bells will toll in rural communities in southeastern Pennsylvania to mark the time that the fourth hijacked plane plunged into a field there, killing all 40 passengers and crew.

Nationwide, Americans will mark the day with reminders of life, death and peace.

Twisted pieces of steel hauled from the trade center ruins and shipped to other states for permanent memorials will serve as reminders of the disaster at remembrances from North Dakota to Florida. In New Mexico, for example, people will gather at a church

where two steel beams from the trade center now form part of the bell tower.

White doves will be released in Toledo, Ohio, after a recitation of victims' names.

Scores of companies, large and small, are encouraging employees to spend the day doing good deeds — raising money, giving blood, and donating food and clothing at events in several cities.

Some hope the tradition will continue for years to come. One Day's Pay, a nonprofit organization, is seeking to establish Sept. 11 as an annual day of volunteer service.

During the ground zero reading in New York, families will descend a ramp into the seven-story pit that was the trade center basement, and place flowers on the bedrock.

The trade center program — similar to last year's three-hour memorial — will include readings by family members, former Mayor Rudolph Giuliani, his successor, Michael Bloomberg, and the governors of New York and New Jersey. Following last year's practice, speeches will be limited.

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Editorial NATIONAL ISSUE

Tax won't slow underage drinking

Underage drinking is, and will always be a problem in the United States. A new study of underage drinking has prompted a society-wide treatment proposal including higher federal and state alcohol taxes, better state identification cards and a more aggressive effort to detect underage drinking at parties.

Other calls to action include the entertainment industry suggesting rating systems and codes be made to ensure young people are not exposed to inappropriate messages about alcohol.

While every effort should be made to deter the estimated \$53 billion underage drinking problem, taxing all types of alcohol seems to be what people are banking on to deter young people from drinking.

This tax is only going to affect the majority of people buying alcohol, which is the population older than 21 years.

To more effectively target the problem age group, this extra money being accumulated should be used for anti-drinking campaigns and more education about the negative effects of drinking.

Simply making alcohol more expensive under the assumption that underage people have limited income is naive. If people want to drink they will find a way to obtain alcohol, regardless of cost.

Enforcing this tax is in hopes of affecting and deterring those people consuming alcohol who are under-aged.

In reality, it is going to irritate people of the appropriate age and make lots of money in the process.

It is every member of society's responsibility to help deter the underage drinking problem in this country; however, only taking their money is not a solution.

More significant efforts need to be used in addition to all these suggestions if the number of underage drinking problems is going to decline.



Letters to the Editor

Lawsuit undermines immigration laws, admission policy

I would like to respond to the article "Tech, Steger, Rocovich named in complaint," (CT, Sept. 10). I firmly believe this lawsuit is frivolous and should be thrown out.

These students do not pay taxes, are not registered voters, do not count in census standards and are not eligible for selective service.

As non-U.S. citizens who are not registered aliens or currently do not have green cards or visas, they are not entitled to Social Security, government jobs and certainly not public higher education.

It does not matter that these students reportedly have worked and lived all their lives in the United States.

What matters is that they are not U.S. citizens, registered aliens or green card-holding students.

If it proves to be true these students are indeed hardworking and have lived in the United States for so long, I ask why, then, are they not citizens, since they have been so productive for such a long time?

It is clear these students already realize the precarious condition of their claim to justice.

Why else would these students wish to remain anonymous?

That is because the very nature of their existence in our country is illegal.

There are hundreds of thousands of students in higher education, even from countries at odds, for one reason or another, with the government of the United States — China and North Korea for example — who have obtained the proper documentation to be

entitled to higher education.

I have some serious questions about John and Jane Doe.

Why do they feel they are above obtaining the proper documentation?

Are they better than other students and not required to register properly?

I think if there are any equality issues here it is why these students feel they are above the very laws they are using to compromise not only the higher education system, but also the very foundation of our legal system.

These students have adopted a "pick the law that works best for you" attitude.

They have filed a lawsuit on their own behalf, but do not want to follow the laws pertaining to their immigration status.

Since these students would otherwise be deported from this country, being illegal immigrants, this is clearly a blatant attack on and misuse of our system of laws in an attempt to gain an unfair advantage over other students, who have followed protocol and gone through the proper channels to obtain the privilege of higher education in this country.

If anything, properly registered students should sue John and Jane for seeking an unfair advantage.

Edward Barry
senior, material science and engineering

Abortion is not one of America's inalienable rights

I believe the editor who wrote "Abortion rights still apply to incarcerated women" (CT, Sept. 4) got it wrong.

I base this not on religious reasons but on a legal argument.

First, if I remember correctly, "you forfeit most of your rights when you go to prison." Yes, you do have the right to health care, but an abortion is not health care.

It's a voluntary procedure, very rarely necessary for the health of the mother, and it did not appear to be so in this case.

Second, I refer you and everyone else to the Declaration of Independence.

In it, Thomas Jefferson states all men are endowed "with certain unalienable rights; that among these are life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness."

An abortion, in most cases, and it appears so in this one, is a battle between the baby's right to life and the mother's right to the pursuit of happiness.

I believe the baby's right to life should win every time, especially since the baby, in most cases, was created while the mother was pursuing happiness.

Science defines life as beginning at conception. It's a shame this applies to any animal you can name but we are willing to take life away from our own children with the protection of the law.

Curtis Black
junior, aerospace engineering

Immigration laws help to uphold government's control

Having heard of the lawsuit against Tech President Charles Steger, it is disappointing to see yet another frivolous suit designed to chip away at the sovereignty of this nation and its states.

The United States, like every other nation,

has the inherent right to ratify and enforce internal laws governing national policy and action.

This includes controlling movement over our borders.

It is a design, above all else, to protect citizens from malicious intent and also allows the nation to determine its own direction and development in history.

Consequently, the nation and the states have the right to demand certain qualifications of people, including legal residency or immigration.

Therefore, the commonwealth of Virginia has the right to deny services to individuals who cannot demonstrate those qualifications.

It is not discrimination. It is just the rule of the law.

It is no different than obtaining a driver's license.

To do so one must be 16. To enter our schools, one must be a legal resident.

This effort is just one item in a long agenda to demolish our national identification and open the borders to free and unhindered movement.

Yet again, we see a small group of individuals wishing the national policy to be catered to them, serving no greater purpose than the advantage of their specific group.

It is time the federal government, and indeed our judiciary, buckled down and gained control over an already out-of-hand situation.

I do not suggest the end of immigration. I only suggest we demand it be done legally.

But in a time when legality is all too often seen as an inconvenience, I guess it is too much to ask.

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Senate agrees to increase funds for special education

by Ben Feller
 Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Senators agreed Wednesday to boost spending on special education by \$2.2 billion, more than twice the increase they first proposed for the upcoming budget year.

The Senate had planned a \$1 billion increase. The extra \$1.2 billion would bring spending on programs for children with disabilities to nearly \$11.1 billion. That's one of the largest federal investments in education.

"It represents a substantial commitment, and we're thankful for it," said Dan Fuller, president of the Committee for Education Funding, which advocates for greater federal support. But schools also deserve other increases the Senate rejected this week, he said.

On Tuesday, the House approved a \$10 million private-school voucher plan for at least 1,300 poor students in the District of Columbia. The program would be the first federally funded voucher plan, and the Senate is expected to soon consider a similar experiment for the nation's capital.

The House voted 205-203 Friday to include the vouchers in the city's budget proposal; after opponents asked for another vote, it passed again Tuesday by just one vote, 209-208.

Republicans scrambled to get the measure passed in nearly party-line fashion, while opponents criticized GOP leaders for having the vote on the same night the Congressional Black Caucus held a Democratic pres-

idential debate in Baltimore. Two House Democrats running for president — Dick Gephardt of Missouri and Dennis Kucinich of Ohio — missed the vote.

In the Senate, the spending deal was a bipartisan breakthrough in a debate over how much money to earmark for labor, health and education in the budget year starting next month.

Education groups for years have pushed lawmakers to cover 40 percent of the cost of educating disabled children, the amount Congress promised when it passed the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act in 1975. The federal share stands at less than 20 percent, meaning states and schools must make up the difference in serving 6.5 million disabled students.

"It's long past time for the federal government to live up to its commitment of financial partnership with states to meet the needs of children with disabilities," said Sen. Edward Kennedy, D-Mass.

The House has earmarked \$9 billion for special education, a \$1 billion increase.

Senate Democrats failed in other efforts to put more money behind the Bush administration's No Child Left Behind law. The law has raised expecta-

tions for the nation's students, but critics say Congress is not providing the resources to accomplish the goal.

"The jobs of schools and universities to educate the next generation of leaders will be difficult with the minimal increases provided," Fuller said.

President Bush and other Republican leaders say they're investing record levels of federal money in support of No Child Left Behind, which calls for expanded testing, higher teacher quality and greater achievement among students, particularly those in poor districts.

A measure offered by Sen. Robert Byrd, D-W.Va., would spend \$18.5

billion on Title I, which provides aid to poor children and helps more than 90 percent of the nation's school districts. Bush and the Senate have proposed about \$6 billion less — \$12.35 billion for the budget year beginning next month.

Byrd's amendment failed. The Senate also rejected a measure by Kennedy to increase college aid to students by \$2.2 billion, and turned away another by Sen. Christopher Dodd, D-Conn., to add \$350 million for Head Start, the federal preschool program for the poor.

"The jobs of schools and universities to educate the next generation of leaders will be difficult with the minimal increases provided."

Dan Fuller
 president, Committee for Education Funding

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Bryant prosecutor details evidence

by **Jon Sarche**
Associated Press

EAGLE, Colo. — A prosecutor outlined the sexual assault case against Kobe Bryant for the first time Wednesday, saying there are photographs of injuries to the woman and a videotaped statement from her.

In a court brief, Eagle County District Attorney Mark Hurlbert said he planned to present the evidence at the Oct. 9 preliminary hearing that will determine whether the NBA All-Star will stand trial.

Hurlbert also said the main investigator in the case will testify, as will a nurse.

While detailing his evidence, Hurlbert also asked the judge to throw out a defense subpoena calling for the accuser to testify. Hurlbert said testifying at the hearing would subject the 19-year-old woman to needless "anxiety and intimidation."

The defense can instead question investigators about the accuser, the prosecutor said.

Bryant's attorneys, Pamela Mackey and Hal Haddon, did not return a telephone message seeking comment.

Bryant is charged with sexually assaulting the woman June 30 in his suite at a nearby mountain resort. She worked there, and Bryant was staying there while in Colorado for knee surgery.

Bryant has said they had consensual sex.

The Los Angeles Lakers' star is free on \$25,000 bond pending

the October hearing.

The brief marked the first time Hurlbert offered a glimpse of the evidence in the case, including the photos, the video and what he called an "electronically enhanced" version of Bryant's interview with investigators.

Bryant's statement will corroborate the accuser's statement and "provide direct evidence to many of the elements of the offense charged," Hurlbert said.

A nurse will be called to discuss injuries shown in the photographs taken during a medical examination of the accuser, Hurlbert said. Eagle County sheriff's Detective Doug Winters, the key investigator, also will testify.

Denver defense attorney Craig Silverman, a former prosecutor, said the evidence mentioned in the brief appears to be enough to convince a judge to order a trial.

However, Silverman also said Eagle County Judge Frederick Gannett may want to hear from the accuser in court.

"He can't decide the case in a vacuum," Silverman said. "The defense will argue that sex occurred. The whole issue is consent, and the only person who can meaningfully talk about this is the accuser."

Hurlbert also told the judge the accuser has moved away from Eagle. He said she would have to travel half a day to return for the hearing and it would require her to miss one-to-two days of work.

Holdsworth kicks senior year into gear

■ The Sarasota, Fla. native looks to lead the Hokies to victory in the 2003 season

by **Shawn Davis and Naeemah McDuffy**
Staff Writers

Kathy Holdsworth seems like a laid-back, ordinary woman. She even describes herself as "just a regular student."

However, when Holdsworth puts on the No. 15 jersey for the Virginia Tech women's soccer team, the senior midfielder transforms into a tenacious competitor who works hard to win every ball.

Growing up in Sarasota, Fla., Holdsworth started her soccer career at age four when she played on an all-boy's team.

Starting out with the guys may be what created Holdsworth's tough attitude that later won her many awards playing for Kellam High School's women's soccer team in Sarasota.

In 1996, she was named the team's best offensive player, and in 1999, she was honored with the most valuable player award.

Holdsworth continues to achieve success on the field as a Hokie. She started in 49 of the 51 games she played in and has scored 13 goals, including two this season.

In 2002, she was recognized as a Big East Academic All-Star for her hard work in the class-

room. She was also honored with Tech's coach's award in 2001.

A strong work ethic and great understanding of the game has led the sociology major to be one of three captains on this year's Hokie squad.

Despite all Holdsworth's individual success, Tech hasn't been completely successful on the field. Multiple coaching and stadium changes have characterized her years here.

This season, however, things are really looking up, she said. Holdsworth said she is really excited about new head coach, Kelly Cagle.

"The whole team loves (Cagle)," she said. "She brings a really positive attitude and is great for the program."

Having a brand new stadium to play on also gives Holdsworth an enthusiastic outlook for the 2003 season.

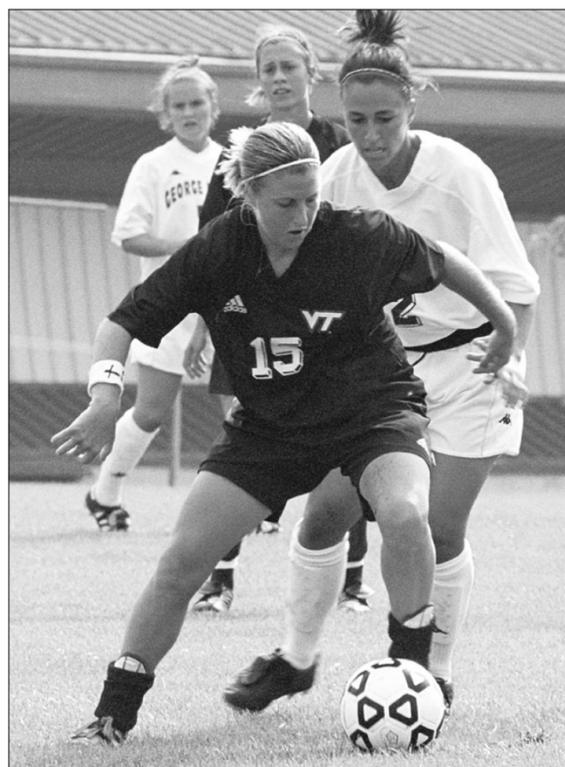
"The field is awesome," she said. "To go through all the different fields for the four years I've been here and now to have this place is incredible. It really gives us a good home field advantage."

When asked about the team's goals for this year, Holdsworth said she wants the team to win and compete in every game.

The Hokies also hope to qualify for the Big East tournament at the end of the season.

As for the future, Holdsworth is looking toward graduate school to study elementary education and, one day, teach third grade.

Unlike other collegiate ath-



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Holdsworth has started 49 of the 51 games she has played in and has contributed 13 goals, including two this season.

letes, she is not striving toward a professional soccer career, but said she hopes to stay with the game as a coach.

In her spare time, Holdsworth enjoys watching movies and playing tennis. She is also a fan of the television show "JAG."

With all her success dur-

ing her long soccer career, Holdsworth said she has had many great moments. So many, in fact, she couldn't name a favorite.

"This season, I'm pretty sure we will have some pretty special moments," she said.

"And I think maybe even a favorite."

White Sox release Paniagua after gesture

CHICAGO (AP) — The Chicago White Sox released Jose Paniagua on Wednesday, a day after he made an obscene gesture at the plate umpire as he left the field.

"It was a decision we felt we had to make," White Sox general manager Kenny Williams said before Chicago's game against Minnesota.

"You have to excuse a certain amount of failures out there when you haven't pitched in a year," Williams added. "What's inexcusable are the actions that happened afterward. That's not what we stand for."

With the White Sox leading the Twins 8-2 on Tuesday night, Paniagua came in to relieve in the ninth, his first appearance in the major leagues in a year.

He gave up four runs, three hits and a walk in just one-third of an inning,

and was apparently upset with some of the calls made by plate umpire Mark Carlson.

Paniagua was still arguing as he walked back to the dugout, and was seen making an obscene gesture in Carlson's direction.

The White Sox went on to win 8-6, extending their lead over Minnesota in the AL Central.

"We obviously don't need things like that portraying an image that's really not the Chicago White Sox," manager Jerry Manuel said.

"We're just trying to do the right thing."

Though the White Sox didn't announce Paniagua's release until Wednesday, his fate was sealed Tuesday night.

Shortly after the game ended,

White Sox owner Jerry Reinsdorf told an intern to remove Paniagua's picture from the wall of team photos.

"The loss of composure at a crucial time," Williams said. "We just can't tolerate that."

After making his debut with the Montreal Expos in 1996, Paniagua spent seven seasons with the Expos, Seattle and Detroit.

Before signing with the White Sox as a free agent Aug. 27, he'd last pitched in the majors with the Tigers in the 2002 season.

He tried out with the Boston Red Sox this spring, then signed a minor league deal with the Tampa Bay Devil Rays, but didn't make their organization.



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Martz decision not to pull Warner shows lack of football IQ



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While watching the Rams lose disgracefully to the Giants — a massively overrated football team, I might add — one thing was painfully clear: Mike Martz has no business being an NFL coach. I don't care if he's taken his team to the playoffs and the Super Bowl, he's still not a great coach.

Barry Switzer won a Super Bowl less than ten years ago — are you trying to tell me he was a great coach? Great players took him to a Super Bowl victory, and whatever success Martz had was

of the same reason. Martz, quite simply, cannot effectively coach an NFL team.

Example one: For those of you who don't know, Rams quarterback Kurt Warner allegedly sustained a concussion sometime in the first half of last Sunday's contest. Martz comes out after the game, in which his quarterback fumbled the ball a ghastly six times and could not recognize most of the play calls, and says that if he had to do it all over again, he would have pulled Warner.

Wow Coach, did you think of that one all by yourself?

If your quarterback is struggling with calling the play, much less executing it, isn't it time for a switch? Shouldn't it be pretty freakin' obvious that if your quarterback is dropping the ball on the ground like a hot potato,

you take him out, especially when most of the nation and the quarterback's own teammates believe the No. 2 quarterback is better than Warner?

Oh, but Martz didn't know that Warner had a concussion until the third quarter of the game, so we should excuse him and Warner for Warner's play in the first half.

Excuse me? You mean to tell me that your quarterback suffered a concussion in the previous two hours of the game and you continue to let him play, in a game where the defense was teasing off on your main signal caller like a tackling dummy, risking a career-threatening head injury or perhaps even a coma? That's not illogical, that's sickening. I don't care what the doctors say — where is the common sense?

What about the fact that Martz

has at his disposal arguably the most lethal weapon in the NFL, namely a running back named Marshall Faulk, and has continued to under-use this weapon less than a jock strap in a women's soccer game.

Faulk got 15 touches of the ball on Sunday, only nine being running plays. If the Rams were down by a large margin, I would keep my mouth shut, but they were in the game for the first three quarters. It is absolutely inexcusable for Martz to feed his own ego of being able to pass the ball while forsaking

Faulk. For comparison sake, think about this: the Kansas City Chiefs

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wanted to limit the amount of touches that their star running back Priest Holmes would get this weekend, since he is still recovering from a nasty hip injury, and still handed the ball to Holmes twice as many times as Faulk got carries, along with throwing him

seven passes. Faulk led the Rams with 28 yards rushing; Holmes got almost that many yards on his first touchdown carry alone. Does Mike Martz scheme a good offense? He sure does. I bet you that on paper, it's flawless. Well, communism was also perfect on paper, and we all know how well that went over in Russia. Isn't it funny that Martz and Marx sound so similar?

Within the next two weeks, we're going to find out whether or not Martz has grapefruits to keep Bulger in as the starter, or return to his prodigal son Warner. When the Rams played last season with Bulger at the helm, the offense ran like a Ferrari. When Warner at the helm of the same offense? I've seen Pinto's with more explosiveness.

Martz is going to alienate his team if he goes back to Warner — I guarantee it. Players quickly realize which signal caller gives them the best chance to win. Do you think Butch Davis wanted to go with Holcomb over Couch in Cleveland? No way. But Davis knew that he'd lose all credibility and team support if he stuck with the under-performing Couch, and I foresee similar circumstances when Warner returns from his concussion.

Look at the contrast: Davis went with Holcomb, and Martz goes with Warner into this season. I don't care how great he looked running the offense against a vastly overrated Rams defense in practices. Warner threw eleven interceptions versus three touchdowns last season, compared to Bulger's 14 touchdowns and six picks in two less games.

There are a lot of great offensive minds in the NFL, but they've all shown the ability to adapt their game plan and use a successful formula when leading his team.

Jon Gruden in Tampa Bay used a conservative offense while relying on his defense to help his team win the Super Bowl. Ditto Brian Billick when the Ravens won the Super Bowl. Even Steve Spurrier has learned how to run the ball.

Martz has no business being mentioned among this group of head coaches, and quite frankly, he has no business being mentioned as an NFL coach period.

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Anderson signs on to kick for Titans

by Teresa M. Walker
Associated Press

NASHVILLE, Tenn. — The Tennessee Titans wanted an experienced kicker, and they got one Wednesday night by agreeing to terms with Gary Anderson, the NFL's career scoring leader and once again the league's oldest active player.

The Titans lost kicker Joe Nedney for the season to a torn ligament in his right, non-kicking leg during their 25-20 victory Sunday over the Oakland Raiders. Nedney and punter Craig Hentrich combined to kick four field goals in the game.

“It was important to find a veteran kicker who has made all the big kicks and been in all of the situations,” general manager Floyd Reese said. “We feel like Gary is the best available kicker and that we couldn't afford to take a chance with a younger player with the number of games in this league that come down to a final kick.”

The 44-year-old Anderson had been looking for work since the end of last season when he finished up with Minnesota. The Vikings had tried to find a replacement for Anderson, but brought him back when his replacement missed a field goal and two extra points in the second week.

Anderson has 2,233 points in his career. He was 18-of-23 last season, and made a 53-yard field goal to beat Miami in December. But Anderson was just 3-of-8 between 40 and 49 yards.

He was the last of three kickers to audition for the Titans during the past two days, starting with Brett Conway on Tuesday followed by Neil Rackers on Wednesday morning. Anderson took his turn Wednesday afternoon following practice.

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