

State gets \$37 million to ready for bioterrorism

by Anna Trivette
Staff Writer

The nation took another stride toward protecting itself from terrorism last Tuesday when the federal government granted \$1.4 billion to be spread over all 50 states in an effort to improve bioterrorism preparedness.

Virginia has been allotted \$37 million, which will benefit its 35 health districts by enhancing the state's Division of Consolidated Laboratory Services and communication systems, improving leadership and planning and hiring more epidemiologists and public information officers. Some of the money will also go toward the training and further education of health care providers who will be administering vaccines.

Another portion of the money will be used to help the state comply with the Strategic National Stockpile initiative, a mandate put into place in March calling for the storage of substances such as antibiotics, chemical antidotes and antitoxins in case of a health emergency.

"The funding is critical for the continuation of our ongoing work to improve our readiness for rapid and effective response to any public health emergency," State Health Commissioner Robert Stroube told The Associated Press.

Some of the grant will also be allotted to local municipalities in the state, including Blacksburg and Christiansburg. Even though the Virginia Tech Police Department will not receive a share of the funds because it is a state agency, Debra Duncan, Tech police chief, is confident Tech will be able to handle any crisis related to bioterrorism that may occur in Blacksburg.

"Realistically, if anything occurred here it would take the pooling of all resources because one agency could not handle it alone," Duncan said. "We have mutual aid agreements with Blacksburg, Christiansburg and Montgomery County where if something happens we all work together."

Although Tech was not directly involved in Virginia receiving this grant, our history of research on biological attack agents in the past suggests we will be involved with future breakthroughs on this matter.

"We will be competing for funds with other scientists for research to be done because this is so important," said Gerald Jubb, assistant director of Virginia Agricultural Experiment Station.

Many people are worried they should be personally prepared, but the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention states in a public health emergency, local and state governments will inform the public of what precautions to take.

On Oct. 26, the Virginia Department of Health plans to circulate an insert in 14 daily newspapers educating readers about what to expect and how to respond if a bioterrorism attack was to occur.

In addition, a statewide chemical attack drill will take place in late October. The drill will include dispensing medication to mock patients in clinics over six regions of the state.

Virginia's funding came from organizations including the CDC, U.S. Health Resources and Services Administration and the U.S. Department of Homeland Security.

Study: Students lack history IQ

by Bryan Davis
Staff Writer

A survey in a report of classroom curriculum cited 81 percent of seniors at the nation's 55 most elite colleges and universities scored an "F" or "D" on a test of 32 high school level American history questions.

"Though I have seen increasing SAT scores and nominally better and healthier students entering and graduating from Virginia Tech, there has been a steady and significant decline in overall political knowledge and awareness

of students in general," said Richard Rich, a political science professor and department chair.

The nation's students are learning less and are less interested in America's history, democracy and the origins of their values and freedoms, cites the report by the Albert Shanker Institute.

The Institute, a nonpartisan and nonprofit group of thinkers and influential leaders, recently published "Education for Democracy," an in-depth look at classroom curriculums and especially younger Americans' inadequate

understanding of their government and history.

"How do we instill in our youngsters an understanding of and an appreciation for their stunning political heritage?" said the authors. "How do we educate citizens?"

"Education for Democracy" gives several examples of the situation facing America's youth.

Memorial Day, for instance, originated on May 30, 1868, when the nation remembered

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Isabel could blow game off course

■ If the hurricane keeps its current course, it should not affect weather enough to cancel or postpone the game

by Eric Beidel
Sports Editor

While the Aggies come in from the West, another possible opponent will be rolling in from the East for Thursday night's game against Texas A&M.

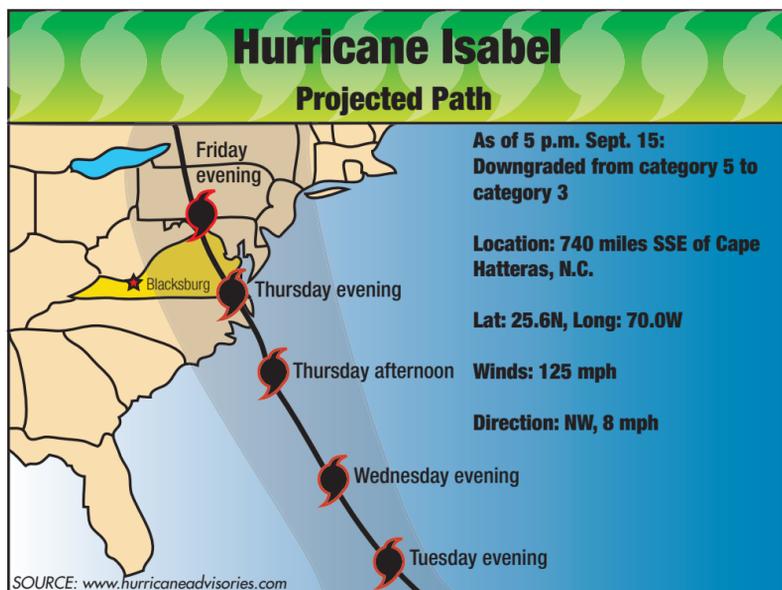
Hurricane Isabel, which is causing mandatory evacuations in North Carolina, will be closest to Blacksburg come Thursday, but should not muster up enough strong winds and rain in the area to change any game plans, said Robin Reed, chief meteorologist for WDBJ Channel 7 in Roanoke.

Currently for Thursday, the center of the storm will move north from the Outer Banks of North Carolina to Richmond, Reed said.

"This would minimize impact to Blacksburg to simply cloudy skies and perhaps periods of rain," he said.

Reed said if the storm holds to this track, winds would only be around 20-25 mph, compared to 40-50 mph around Appomattox and places east of Blacksburg.

"This would be no reason to cancel the game," Reed said. "However, if the storm moves farther west, it would pass right over central Virginia and cause more severe conditions."



JONATHAN DE GUZMAN

Discussions have taken place in regards to a possible cancellation should Isabel follow a more western route, said David Chambers, senior associate director of athletics.

"Right now, the game's a go," he said. "But if a decision had to be made, that decision would have to come down early Wednesday."

Any decision will be solely in Virginia Tech's hands, Chambers said.

"It's our game, so we have the responsibility to make those decisions," he said.

A combination of people and groups converge to make decisions about canceling

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Tech ROTC cadets set sights on gun training

■ The students used M-16 A2 rifles and practiced positioning, trigger-squeezing, breathing and proper sight techniques

by Aaron Blackwell
Associate News Editor

Members of the Virginia Tech ROTC convened at the rifle range in the Thomas Jefferson National Forest last weekend to practice basic rifle marksmanship.

The cadets focused on four fundamental areas — having steady positioning, proper trigger-squeezing, a good sight picture, and proper breathing, said Cadet Lt. Col. Jerwin Ruazol, a senior economics major.

The basic skills will be needed once each member enters the army.

"All these people will be entering the army and it's an invaluable skill," said cadet and S-5 in charge of public affairs, Travis Batty, a senior political science major.

Seniors oversaw the training which was held primarily to instruct freshmen and sophomores, Batty said.

The group used M-16 A2 rifles and practiced the four fundamentals by doing various exercises. One such exercise consisted of balancing a dime on the rifle while shooting—each cadet attempted to shoot five times in a row without the dime falling off, Ruazol said.

Many precautions were taken to assure safety for those involved.

They cleared the range of all civilians, guards stood by every gate, and the cadets took special training labs, Ruazol said. A Tech rescue squad was also on sight.

Ruazol said he was pleased with how well the training went, and looks forward to the remainder of the year.

"We had a great training weekend," he said. "I think this will be a pretty successful year."

This weekend the cadets will have field training exercises at Kentland Farms to practice basic soldiering skills, Ruazol said.

Israel: Assassination of Arafat not planned

by Gavin Rabinowitz
Associated Press

JERUSALEM — Israel has not adopted a formal decision to kill Yasser Arafat, Israel's foreign minister said Monday, in an apparent attempt to soften remarks by the vice premier who said assassination was an option.

In the West Bank, meanwhile, Palestinian Prime Minister-designate Ahmed Qureia asked Arafat's ruling Fatah movement to choose candidates for up to 16 of 24 Cabinet posts — a decision that appears to grant Arafat significant control over the composition of the new Cabinet. One of the legislators said the Fatah list would be chosen in consultations with Arafat.

Also Monday, Israel's ambassador to the United Nations, Dan Gillerman, accused the Security Council of "hypocrisy" for considering a Palestinian resolution demanding Israel refrain from taking any action against Arafat. The council was to meet later in the day. Gillerman complained the council has not convened to discuss Palestinian suicide bombings and shootings.

Last week, Israel's security cabinet decided in principle to "remove" Arafat, but did not say what, or when, action would be taken. The Israeli decision came in response to twin Hamas suicide bombings that killed 15 people last week.

On Sunday, Vice Premier Ehud Olmert said killing Arafat is a possibility, along with expulsion and isolation.

However, Israeli Foreign Minister Silvan Shalom appeared to play

down Olmert's statement.

"(Killing Arafat) is not the official policy of the Israeli government," Shalom told reporters Monday. "It was never before, and we don't speak about it before, and we don't speak about it today."

Olmert's comments have alarmed world leaders and set off a storm of international protest.

Secretary of State Colin Powell said the United States does not support either Arafat's exile or his elimination.

"I think you can anticipate that there would be rage throughout the Arab world, the Muslim world and in many other parts of the world," Powell said during a visit Sunday to Iraq.

In London, the government of Prime Minister Tony Blair said Olmert's comments were unacceptable, adding it had lodged a

protest with the Israeli ambassador to Britain.

Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak said he has asked the Bush administration to pressure Israel into leaving the Palestinian leader alone.

"We told them (the Americans) that removing Yasser Arafat would be extremely dangerous," Mubarak said following talks with French President Jacques Chirac in Paris.

Chirac agreed expelling or otherwise eliminating Arafat would be futile, according to presidential spokeswoman Catherine Colonna.

The Russian deputy foreign minister, Yuri Fedotov, said an attempt to kill Arafat could lead to "an immense and wide-scale growth in the threat of terrorism."

Medieval doers



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Nick Pachis and Jimmy Byrd participate in a Society for Creative Anachronism medieval demonstration on the Drillfield on Sunday.

News in Brief

Swedish police find DNA of minister killer

STOCKHOLM, Sweden (AP) — Investigators collected DNA from a baseball cap apparently left behind by the man who killed Sweden's foreign minister but found no match in a national criminal database, police said Monday.

The investigators also evaluated tips after releasing photos of a man who they said matched witness descriptions of the person who attacked Foreign Minister Anna Lindh in an upscale department store.

"We had hoped for more tips after the publication, but maybe people will start calling us after having read today's papers," police spokesman Mats Nylen told The Associated Press.

Saudi prison blaze kills 67

RIYADH, Saudi Arabia (AP) — A fire broke out in a prison in the Saudi capital Monday, killing 67 inmates, said a prison official.

The official Saudi Press Agency, quoting the head of the Interior Ministry's prisons department, said 20 inmates and three prison guards suffered smoke inhalation.

The fire broke out at al-Haer prison at about midday Monday and was brought under control after about three hours.

Sweden rejects adopting euro

STOCKHOLM, Sweden (AP) — After Swedes voted against adopting the euro by a wide margin, supporters of the currency said they would respect the results and examine why they failed to sway a skeptical electorate.

Prime Minister Goeran Persson, who said he wouldn't resign because of the results, has ruled out any new vote on joining the European Monetary Union before 2010.

After preliminary results were counted Sunday, he said the country's government accepted the vote, but added "in the long term this means worse possibilities for Sweden."

Ga. gator hunting season opens

ALBANY, Ga. (AP) — Georgia's first-ever alligator hunt is under way, with 180 people picked by lottery to kill the giant reptiles that pose a nuisance by crawling into carports and sliding into swimming pools.

Georgia is allowing the hunt in 13 counties and a wildlife management area near Valdosta. The hunt began Saturday and ends Sept. 28.

Melissa Cummings, a spokeswoman for the state Department of Natural Resources' Wildlife Management Division, said there were no reports by Monday of any alligator kills, but hunters have until Oct. 15 to register the 'gators they take either for hide or meat — or both.

Explosion rocks Russian security building

MAGAS, Russia (AP) — A truck filled with explosives blew up Monday outside a government security building in a southern Russian region bordering Chechnya, killing at least two people and wounding at least 25, an official said.

The explosion shattered all the windows in the Ingushetia regional headquarters of the Federal Security Service, or FSB, ripping part of the roof open and leaving the three-story building severely damaged but still standing.

Overtaken cars lay crumpled in a pile near the charred FSB building in Ingushetia's capital, Magas. An Associated Press reporter saw at least one dead body inside one of the cars.

The force of the blast was so great, said Muslim Dudarov, who works in a nearby building, that he was thrown out of his office and into the building's lobby. He said that numerous people were hit by flying glass.

The ITAR-Tass news agency reported that there were as many as 100 people in the building at the time of the blast. Accounts differed as to whether the truck had been driven by a suicide bomber or parked outside the building.

Officials also gave varying casualty tolls. Yuri Miroshnichenko, a duty officer at the Emergency Situations Ministry's headquarters for southern Russia, said two people were killed and 32 were wounded,

including four people in intensive care. Sergei Ignatchenko, a spokesman for the FSB in Moscow, said two people were killed and 25 injured.

Yakhiya Khadziyev, a spokesman for the Ingush Interior Ministry, said that three people were killed.

No group immediately claimed responsibility for the bombing, but the Federal Security Service had been leading the Russian campaign against Chechen rebels. It recently handed control over to the Interior Ministry.

Russia has been wracked in recent months by bombings, most of which the government has blamed on Chechens.

Isabel: Decision left up to Tech officials

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an athletic event — including several people from the university's central administration.

"It's very much a university decision," Chambers said. "It goes beyond athletics."

Officials canceled Tech's August 2000 Black Coaches Association Football Classic game against Georgia Tech just prior to kickoff due to severe thunderstorms and lightning.

Tech filed suit against the promoters of the game following the cancellation to recover expenses it was entitled to for hosting the game.

Chambers said Thursday night will most likely not be a repeat of the Georgia Tech

game, but there is no guarantee given the hurricane's unpredictable movement.

"It's going to be a tough decision, but there are people monitoring the weather situation," Chambers said.

While it looks as though Isabel will stick to her charted course, leaving Blacksburg and the Texas A&M game minimally affected, Reed said the storm's path could change at any time.

"A hurricane tends to go wherever it wants to go, not where we want it to go," he said.

In the unlikely event that the game will have to be postponed, Chambers said it would most likely mean a Saturday kickoff against Texas A&M.

Warner declares state of emergency

RICHMOND (AP) — Gov. Mark R. Warner declared a state of emergency across Virginia on Monday to brace the state for Hurricane Isabel, a storm that officials said could be the worst the state has faced since the mid-1980s. The declaration places the National Guard, the State Police and the Virginia Department of Transportation on full alert. By its expected late Thursday landfall, Isabel could cause substantial wind damage and flooding across already waterlogged Virginia, Warner said.

The hurricane, 350 miles wide on Monday, was forecast to pack 130 mph winds by the time it hits land, most likely from the Carolinas to New Jersey.

"We could have significant storm impact almost anywhere in the state, and until it gets

very close in, you don't really know where it's going," state Department of Emergency Management coordinator Michael Cline said at a news conference with Warner.

"This has the potential for putting the strongest winds we've seen in Virginia since perhaps '85," the year Hurricane Gloria lashed Virginia with winds up to 100 mph, Cline said.

The governor said his emergency order immediately put about 500 National Guard troops on duty, with about 200 more subject to activation by Tuesday. Warner called on Virginians statewide to be prepared to move to higher ground, tie down or take indoors garbage cans and lawn furniture that could become missiles in fierce winds.

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DJIA	9448.81	▼ -22.74	☀️	☾	☀️ Mostly sunny Highs: 73° - 78°	☾ Mostly clear Lows: 52° - 57°	☀️ Mostly sunny, clouds later in afternoon Highs: 70° - 76°	☁️ Partly cloudy with chance of showers Lows: 50° - 55°	☁️ Mostly cloudy, windy 55°/75°	☁️ Mostly cloudy, breezy 60°/70°
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U.S. troops arrest suspected Saddam loyalist

by Patrick Quinn
Associated Press

TIKRIT, Iraq — Guerrillas killed a U.S. soldier in a rocket-propelled grenade attack in central Baghdad on Monday, and American forces arrested five men suspected of helping finance insurgents during raids on homes in Saddam Hussein's home town of Tikrit.

Also Monday, three masked gunmen assassinated the police chief of the Sunni Triangle town Khaldiya, his driver said. Col. Khedair Mekhalef Ali, 48, was shot at least 25 times.

The 1st Armored Division soldier died of his wounds early Monday in a military field hospital, the military reported. He was the 156th U.S. soldier to die in Iraq since President Bush declared an end to major combat on May 1. In heavy fighting before that date 138 soldiers were killed.

In Tikrit, the pre-dawn raids targeted three homes next to a highway which has seen 20 rocket-propelled grenade attacks on the U.S. military in the past two weeks. In the most recent attack Saturday, a guerrilla in a taxi fired a rocket-propelled grenade at an American convoy in downtown Tikrit, killing an Iraqi bystander and injuring two people.

"These individuals are involved in financing Fedayeen activity and organizing cells of resistance against U.S. forces," said Maj. Bryan Luke of the Army's 4th Infantry Division. No shots were fired in the early

morning raid.

The 3 a.m. raid also captured assault rifles, pieces of an RPG and ammunition.

Ali's driver, Rabi'a a Kamash, was wounded in the car ambush outside Fallujah along with the police chief's bodyguard. The three attackers opened fire with a machine gun, shot one of the tires of the chief's car and then approached the vehicle and shot him, said his driver, 47-year-old Rabi'a a Kamash. He spoke to The Associated Press at the Fallujah General Hospital where he was being treated for wounds to his head and shoulder.

Bodyguard Fouad Issa, 40, wounded in the shoulder and back was also being treated at the hospital. He said police have frequently come under attack because they are seen as being associated with the American occupation force. American forces withdrew from Khaldiya two months ago, leaving local police to provide security.

"Lately the colonel had been actively pursuing a gang of car thieves who had repeatedly threatened to kill him," said Khaldiya police officer Ahmed Joma'a.

Secretary of State Colin Powell visited a mass grave in Halabja to highlight perhaps the single biggest human-rights abuse of

Saddam Hussein's regime — the chemical weapons murder of some 5,000 people in March 1988. The city is on the border with Iran 150 miles northeast of Baghdad.

The Halabja massacre has been cited repeatedly by President Bush as an example of Saddam's brutality. It was in this Kurdish-dominated town that Saddam took revenge on the population for its perceived backing of Iran during the Iran-Iraq war, bombing them with deadly gas.

Many of those attending the ceremony lost seven to 10 family members in the slaughter. Powell stood before long rows of simple headstones where the remains of more than 1,000 victims of the conquered regime lie.

"I can't tell you that Saddam Hussein was a murderous tyrant — you know that. What I can tell you is that what happened here in 1988 is never going to happen again," Powell said to enthusiastic cheers.

On Sunday, insurgents killed a U.S. soldier and wounded three outside the troubled city of Fallujah, a day after angry protesters fired weapons and called for violence against the American occupation to protest one of the most serious friendly fire incidents of the Iraq war.

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Gen. Colin Powell
U.S. Secretary of State

Law allows courts to force divorced parents to pay college tuition

by David Crary
Associated Press

MANCHESTER, N.H. (AP) — Alexander Durand was delighted when his daughter earned admission to two of New England's top private colleges. He was furious when a judge ordered him to help pay tuition at the school offering far less financial aid.

A married parent would never be subjected to such an order. But New Hampshire, where both Durand and his ex-wife live, is one of a growing minority of states allowing courts to force divorced parents to pay for their children's college costs.

"It's not so much the money — it's having no input in the decision," said Durand, 48, whose daughter and ex-wife preferred Brown University despite a better aid offer from Brandeis. Durand said the court order means he must pay more than \$6,000 per year for college expenses instead of \$3,000.

The issue is generating debate nationwide as lawyers, legislators and parents argue over whether the children of divorce — in an era of skyrocketing tuition — deserve legal protections different from the

children of intact marriages.

Last year, Connecticut — through a law passed by the Legislature — became the 17th state to allow such court orders, according to family law specialist Laura Morgan of Charlottesville, Va.

This year, due partly to impassioned lobbying by divorced, noncustodial fathers like Durand, New Hampshire lawmakers took a step in the opposite direction. The House of Representatives voted to prohibit courts from ordering a divorced parent to pay college expenses of a child 18 or older; the bill is expected to be considered by the state Senate next year.

Kate Haakonsen, an attorney who helped draft Connecticut's year-old law, said a majority of her state's lawmakers felt it was appropriate to treat divorced parents differently from married couples when it came to college support.

"Children of divorced parents are less likely to go to college, less likely to go to prestigious schools, and generally are less economically successful than their parents," she said. "As a matter of public policy, we have to decide if that's what we want."

Court postpones California recall election

by Beth Fouhy
Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — A federal appeals court postponed the Oct. 7 recall election Monday in a decision that threw what has already been a chaotic campaign into utter turmoil.

The 9th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals ruled the historic vote cannot proceed as scheduled because some votes would be cast using outmoded punch-card ballot machines. The decision applies to all the recall questions on the ballot, as well as two propositions.

The court withheld ordering the immediate implementation of its decision by one week to allow time for an appeal to the U.S. Supreme Court.

"Give us 24 hours," said Ted Costa, head of the Sacramento-based Peoples' Advocate, one of the groups that put the recall on the ballot, who said an appeal is certain.

A spokesman for Gov. Gray Davis said the governor will continue his campaign "until the issue is resolved in the courts," but supported the appeals court's ruling.

"Anything that leads to greater enfranchisement in California is something we support," said spokesman Peter Ragone.

Neither Davis nor Arnold Schwarzenegger, the leading Republican among the 135 replacement candidates, had an

immediate reaction to the three-judge panel's ruling, which could force the U.S. Supreme Court to rule on another highly partisan political issue — one Democrats have said echoes the 2000 election in which the high court declared Republican George Bush the winner.

The ruling is likely to benefit Davis if the election is delayed to the next regularly scheduled primary, March 2.

The March presidential primary is expected to draw large numbers of Democratic voters, and the months until then would give Davis more time to address the state's problems and force Schwarzenegger into a longer campaign.

The decision came as the race's top names were enlisting big national stars in their campaigns.

Trying to soften his image with women voters, Schwarzenegger assured talk show host Oprah Winfrey on Monday that reports of a salacious, party-hard past were more tall tale than truth and do not bear on his run for California governor.

Davis was in Southern

California with former President Clinton to dedicate the William Jefferson Clinton elementary school in the impoverished suburb of Compton, and the two had planned to later attend a fundraiser.

In the ruling Monday, the judges of the 9th Circuit, the nation's largest and most liberal federal appeals court, agreed with the American Civil Liberties Union that the punch-card voting machines still used in six California counties are prone to error.

The counties — Los Angeles, in addition to Mendocino, Sacramento, San Diego, Santa Clara and Solano — were already under a separate court order to replace them by the March primary, but the machines wouldn't be replaced in time for an Oct. 7 special election.

"In sum, in assessing the public interest, the balance falls heavily in favor of postponing the election for a few months," the court said.

Schwarzenegger and his wife, television journalist Maria Shriver, were in Chicago on Monday morning taping the season premiere of "The Oprah

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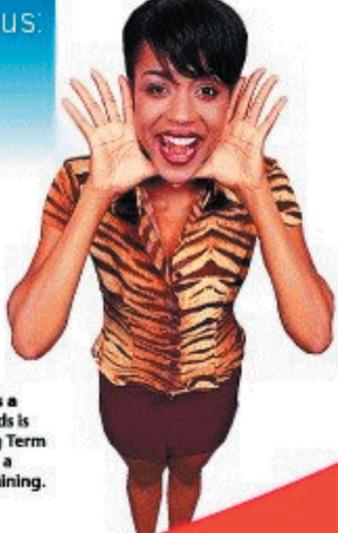
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 Sept 9 (6:00-7:45) pm Football on Dietrick Lawn
 Sept 18 (8:15-10:00) pm at the house

ΑΓΡ Alpha Gamma Rho
 Sept 9 (6:00-7:45) pm at Litton Reaves Study
 Sept 10 (6:00-7:45) pm on Dietrick Lawn
 Sept 16 (6:00-7:45) Litton Reaves Study

ΑΣΦ Alpha Sigma Phi
 Sept 8 (8:15-10:00) pm Pritchard 6th Floor Lounge
 Sept 10 (8:15-10:00) pm at Oak Lane House
 Sept 15 (8:15-10:00) pm Pritchard 4th Floor Lounge

ΑΤΩ Alpha Tau Omega
 Sept 8 (8:15-10:00)pm Pritchard 3rd Floor Lounge
 Sept 12 (6:00-7:45) pm Pritchard 4th Floor Lounge
 Sept 17 (8:15-10:00) pm Pritchard 3rd Floor Lounge

ΔΣΦ Delta Sigma Phi
 Sept 9 (6:00-7:45) pm AJ 5th Floor cross over lounge
 Sept 15 (6:00-7:45) pm Pritchard 6th Floor Lounge
 Sept 19 (3:00) pm at Cox's Driving Range

ΔΚΕ Delta Kappa Epsilon
 Sept 17 (6pm) Open house and BBQ

ΔΧ Delta Chi
 Sept 9 (8:15-10:00) pm Pritchard 6th Floor Lounge
 Sept 12 (6:00-7:45)pm 3rd Floor AJ Cross Over Lounge
 Sept 14 (1:00) pm BBQ at the house

ΦΚΤ Phi Kappa Tau
 Sept 8 (6:00-7:45) Pritchard 6th Floor Lounge
 Sept 10 (6:00-7:45)pm 3rd Floor AJ Cross Over Lounge
 Sept 14 (1:00)pm at Champs

ΠΚΑ Pi Kappa Alpha
 Sept 10 (6:00-7:45)pm Pritchard 3rd Floor Lounge
 Sept 13 (1:00)pm at the Oak Lane House

ΠΚΦ Pi Kappa Phi
 Sept 8 (8:15-10:00) pm Pritchard 4th Floor Lounge
 Sept 15 (6:00-7:45) pm Pritchard 3rd Floor Lounge
 Sept 17 (6:00-7:45) pm Pritchard 4th Floor Lounge

ΠΛΦ Pi Lambda Phi
 Sept 8 (8:15-10:00)pm 3rd Floor Crossover Lounge AJ
 Sept 10 (8:15-10:00)pm 3rd Floor Crossover Lounge AJ
 Sept 17 (8:15-10:00)pm 6th Floor Pritchard

ΣΑΕ Sigma Alpha Epsilon
 Sept 10 (6:00-7:45) pm Pritchard 6th Floor Lounge
 Sept 12 (6:00-7:45)pm 5th Floor AJ Cross Over Lounge
 Sept 16 (6:00-7:45) pm Pritchard 4th Floor Lounge

ΣΧ Sigma Chi
 Sept 10 (8:15-10:00)pm Oak Lane House
 Sept 16 (8:15-10:00)pm Oak Lane House
 Sept 19 (6:00-7:45) pm Oak Lane House

ΣΝ Sigma Nu
 Sept 10 (8:15-10:00) pm Pritchard 3rd Floor Lounge
 Sept 15 (8:15-10:00) pm Pritchard 3rd Floor Lounge
 Sept 17 (6:00-7:45) pm at the House

ΤΚΕ Tau Kappa Epsilon
 Sept 16 (8:15-10:00) pm 3rd Floor AJ Cross Over lounge

ΛΧΑ Lambda Chi Alpha
 Sept 13 (5pm) at the house
 Sept 15 (8:15-10:00)pm 5th Floor AJ Cross Over lounge
 Sept 17 (8:15-10:00) pm 5th Floor AJ Cross Over Lounge

ΔΤΔ Delta Tau Delta
 Sept 8 (6:00-7:45) pm Pritchard 4th Floor Lounge
 Sept 10 (8:15-10:00) pm Pritchard 4th Floor Lounge
 Sept 16 (8:15-10:00)pm Pritchard 6th Floor Lounge

ΚΑ Kappa Alpha
 Sept 13 (2pm) at the house
 Sept 14 (3pm) at Hooters
 Sept 18 (5pm) cookout at the house

ΚΣ Kappa Sigma
 Sept 10 (6:00-8:00)pm at the House
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 Sept 19 (5:00-7:00) pm at the House

ΦΔΘ Phi Delta Theta
 Sept 8 (6:00-7:45) pm Pritchard 3rd Floor Lounge
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 Sept 18 (6:00-7:45) pm Pritchard 6th Floor Lounge

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 Sept 19 (7:00) pm BBQ at House

ΘΧ Theta Chi
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 Sept 13 (noon) Yard games at House
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ΘΔΧ Theta Delta Chi
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 Sept 16 (8:15-10:00)pm Pritchard 4th Floor Lounge

ΘΞ Theta Xi
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 Sept 17 (6:00-7:45)pm Pritchard 3rd Floor Lounge

ZΨ Zeta Psi
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 Sept 16 (6:00-7:45)pm Pritchard 3rd Floor Lounge
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Typhoon causes \$1 billion damage

SEOUL, South Korea (AP) — South Korea's worst-ever typhoon caused \$1.3 billion in damage, battering the nation's main port and industrial southeastern coast and leaving 121 people dead or missing, the government said Monday.

Business giants Hyundai and LG were preparing for disruptions to their exports in the aftermath of Maemi, which carried winds up to 135 mph before dissipating in the Sea of Japan on Sunday.

A government statement said the typhoon killed at least 96 people, while 25 others were missing and 8,938 were homeless.

Maemi blew into the country with such intensity Friday that it tossed shipping containers into the air and toppled eight giant cargo cranes and

damaged three others in Busan, South Korea's largest port. Government officials said it would take at least 15 months to restore the cranes.

The government estimated the property damage at \$1.3 billion, with 5,000 houses destroyed or damaged and 20 major companies shut down on the southeastern coast.

Losses from export slowdowns, disruptions and lost business opportunities were expected to amount to millions of dollars more. Busan normally handles 80 percent of the country's container shipping.

The government may now struggle to achieve even 3 percent growth this year and is unlikely to meet its target of 3.5 percent because of the typhoon, the Korea Times newspaper said.

History: Many positive events left out of history books, study says

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the soldiers killed in the Civil War. Children laid flowers on the graves of the soldiers, thousands marched to cemeteries to honor the fallen Americans, parades and ceremonies were held; citizens from the smallest towns to the largest cities joined together to commemorate the soldiers and the sacrifices everyone had made.

But today, when children touring Washington D.C. are asked what Memorial Day means, they say "that's the day the pools open."

This lack of history is not only seen in younger children. Over the past 30 years, the voting percentage of the 18-25 age group has dropped 15 percent, and in a 2000 poll, only 5 percent of the young voters said they follow political affairs regularly.

The report also found a significant number of young Americans "showed little interest in people outside their immediate circle of friends and relatives" (aside from pop stars and sports figures). They showed "little awareness of current events, and virtually no expressions of social concern, political opinion, civic duty, patriotic emotion or sense of citizenship in any form," the report said.

"When you think about it, its pretty typical of our generation — the 'smells like teen spirit' age," said John Polyson, a junior communication major.

"Our parents are always telling us how politically involved they were, like during Vietnam. You see protests every now and then, and you see some people our age voting, but honestly I think the majority of people our age really don't care."

The Institute's 44-page report blames a large portion of this on the school curriculums, saying textbooks leave out the positives in America's history and turn the nation's misdeeds into the main

story instead of just part of it.

"Vietnam, Watergate, impeachment hearings, the rottenness of campaign finance, rising cynicism about politicians in general — we've gone excessively in our society . . . toward cynicism," said Larry Diamond, one signatory of the "Education for Democracy" and a senior fellow at the Hoover Institution.

Rich said he has witnessed a much more positive outlook on American history and politics. He said he believes the negative trend in politics and history in students has more to do with the trend to depoliticize and also commercialize society, losing grasp of national symbols and emotions.

The report said "an honest rendering of the American history would not ignore its serious flaws, past or present," but the numerous advances in civil rights, the fight for freedom and the establishment of democracy, racism, medical, scientific, political and all such positive attributes of history should not be left out.

In a study of the historical textbooks, Diane Ravitch, also a signatory of the report, said the books sugarcoat and spin their own view of the history of the world, praising foreign cultures while condemning American and western European countries unfairly.

Authors of the report said they hope to encourage debate over this topic and to urge educators across the country to teach students the full account of history.

"Education for Democracy" strongly suggests curriculums include more history and civics beginning at much earlier grades, and also to compare the United States to "non-free" and non-democratic countries, hoping students will find an appreciation for the freedoms they have as American citizens.

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Editorial NATIONAL ISSUE

Tuition law needs modification

A recent court decision requires divorced parents to take on unusual responsibility of their children.

When Alexander Duran's daughter earned admission to Brown University, he was ecstatic. The party was over, however, when he found out that he was ordered by a New Hampshire judge to pay half of his daughter's tuition.

New Hampshire is one of the states that has recently passed laws ordering both parents in a divorce to finance their children's college education. This has been the trend in recent state houses, and has led to countless groups actively voicing support and opposition.

Many believe that it is important to treat divorced parents differently through the law because of the staggeringly high numbers of children of divorced families who forgo the pursuit of a college education. They also note the increasing hard time college students have finding the funds from a father or mother who they have not lived with for years.

Given this, the legislation makes perfect sense and is important to young adults at colleges across the country.

Though a good idea in theory, the state should not have the right to simply pass and enforce a law that requires divorced parents to finance college education.

To begin, college education is a privilege — not a right — for those in society. The state should not attempt to subsidize this commodity by enforcing parents to foot the bill. Such a law restricts the input of the divorced parent who does not include the child as a dependent.

In order to justify this law, a certain number of criteria should be met before a parent has to reach for the checkbook for a child's education. Such criteria should revolve around the type of institution that will be attended (private or public), parents' income, financial aid and parents' background.

If one of the parents is only making \$50,000 a year and has a new family to support, it is unlikely that he or she would be able to afford \$8,000 a year toward an Ivy League education.

Also, being a parent means having a say in the decision-making process of choosing a college. If one parent is left out of that process, it is unfair to force that parent to pay for something he or she does not agree with.

Financial aid is another concern. Students that need to apply for financial aid, despite having both parents helping to pay for tuition, could be hurt by the fact that the amount of financial aid they receive is based upon income.

If both parents are forced to pay, then both parents' incomes will be considered when the application for financial aid is considered. Students may be given minimal funds, based on a total income that is not actually at their disposal.

Fairness doctrine a threat to conservative voices

Paul Richards

Rush Limbaugh is the undisputed king of talk radio, with over 12 million listeners a day and 20 million listeners per week.

He has single-handedly created a conservative majority in the U.S. House of Representatives and Senate and was a major factor in the election of George W. Bush. In fact, in 1994 when the Republicans took back the House for the first time in 40 years, the Republican freshman class dubbed Rush the "majority maker."

Because of his success he has become a target of liberals, which caused them to try to find ways to deal with him. There are countless anti-Rush books and a laundry list of failed liberal talk radio hosts who have tried to do what Rush has done on the liberal side.

All of their previous attempts to stop him have failed. However, their new strategy, to reintroduce the "fairness doctrine," is simply an attempt to silence him.

For those of you not familiar with the "fairness doctrine," here is a brief explanation: The doctrine would require radio stations to give equal time to liberals and conservatives on the airwaves.

It was in effect up until 1987, when the Reagan administration got rid of the regulation. In 1980 there were a mere 75 talk radio stations, but thanks to the end of the doctrine there are over 1,300 talk radio stations today.

If the "fairness doctrine" is enforced

and radio stations are required to offer equal time, radio stations will shy away from putting controversial people on the radio so they don't have to worry about people complaining about equal time to both sides.

This will lead to the current diversity of over 1,300 talk radio shows — many of which are liberal — to shrink back down to the pre-1987 number of fewer than 100 shows nationwide.

Many, if not all, of these shows will be non-controversial and will attract such a small audience the AM side of the radio will probably become extinct.

Most of the liberals I hear on campus are always lecturing about free speech and ensuring diversity of thought, so if they truly believe that, they should oppose the "fairness doctrine" and give people a true choice of who they want to listen to.

Controversial people should not be silenced, and liberals should know this more than anyone, since I've been hearing it from them since I've been at Virginia Tech.

The liberals have NBC, CBS, ABC, CNN, MSNBC, MTV and a long list of other cable networks.

Conservatives have only Rush, Fox News and a few Web sites to keep us informed.

Congress shouldn't try to silence successful talk radio personalities just because they don't like the choices people happen to be making.

Paul Richards is a senior mathematics major.

Statue contrary to American values

Laura Jones

I would like to respond to the letter to the editor "Removal of Ten Commandments restricts freedoms" (CT, Sept. 12).

The issue of removing the Ten Commandments — a summary of religious dogma — from the Alabama state judicial building is certainly a debatable issue.

I propose this topic be approached without false pretenses of neutrality — which could be seen in the letter published Friday — but rather with facts and nationally-recognized principles.

The issue is not whether the presence of these Commandments forced people to obey them, but whether or not their presence violates the separation of church and state — and if the separation of church and state is established law.

Clearly, the Ten Commandments are part of a religious doctrine — several refer specifically to God and other religious topics — therefore their presence in a state building violates the separation of church and state.

But the First Amendment does not specifically say you cannot post the Ten Commandments in a state building, nor does it specifically mention the separation of church and state, at least in those words.

However, by guaranteeing the government will not attempt to incite the "establishment of religion," as stated in the First Amendment, the Constitution sets forth that religion is not something to be decided by the state.

Further, the Supreme Court's precedence is an established part of our country's law.

In *Everson vs. Board of Education* (1947), the majority decision states: "(The state) cannot pass laws which ... prefer one religion over another ... (or) influence a per-

son to ... profess a belief or disbelief in any religion."

By favoring one religion's dogma over all others — why not place excerpts from the Tao-te-Ching or the Quran on the monument as well — the state is in effect condoning one religion above others. This violates the First Amendment's establishment clause.

The state, by displaying its preference for one religion, also violates the Supreme Court's ruling that the state should not attempt to influence a person's beliefs, in that displaying a preference, the department influences those who see the monument.

What amuses me further is some people have tried to claim the monument is protected by the very amendment it violates. They claim placing their doctrine in a courtroom is simply an expression of religious freedom — after all, they are the majority.

Other complaints include: "Why should they 'conform' to the minority?" and "The country was based on our doctrine."

The facts: the First Amendment states the state shall not "prohibit the free exercise (of religion)."

Note that Christianity may be exercised completely and fully without posting its dogma in state courthouses, and because every Christian may practice the Ten Commandments, whether or not they are in the Alabama state judicial building, no one is "conforming" by removing the monument.

Also, kindly note this amendment does not indicate the entire populace should be subjugated by the doctrine in the majority.

The precedent in the Supreme Court clearly indicates to the contrary.

The Ten Commandments are partial to one faith and thus should not be displayed in a state institution, regardless of the religion in majority. Commandments 1-4 are

“ Even if the majority of the Constitution was written with Christian principles in mind, it would be a mistake to refer to America as a 'Christian' nation.”

perhaps the most striking example, calling for a monotheistic framework and other religious edicts that cannot be considered simply a moral code.

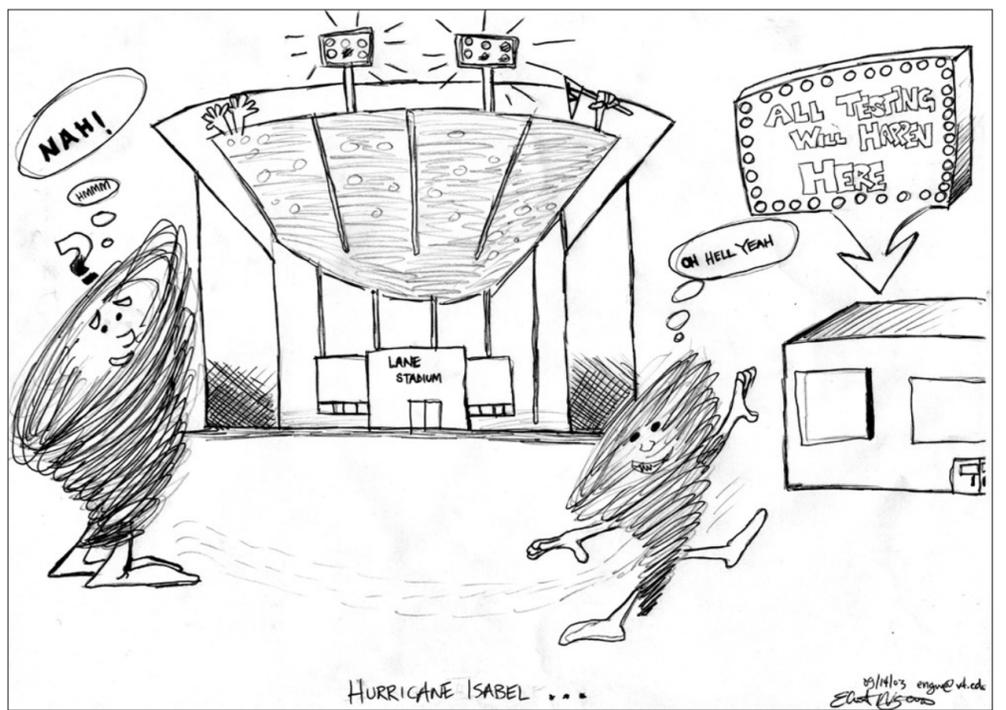
Finally, I fail to see how the original doctrine upon which the Constitution was based influences the decision to remove the Ten Commandments from the courthouse.

Even if the majority of the Constitution was written with Christian principles in mind, it would be a mistake to refer to America as a "Christian" nation. One of the greatest strengths of our nation is its ability to mature ideologically as the American people become wiser to the values of diversity and non-exclusionary practices.

To call the United States a "Christian" nation — and, indeed, to act as if Christianity were the state-instituted religion by actively condoning it in state buildings — would run counter to the entire process of developing an open-minded society that the founding fathers hoped to obtain.

I therefore encourage all who — for one bad reason or another — desire to see their faith actively favored by the state to consider not only that it is against this country's laws, but also contrary to the very principles making this nation great — the right to religious freedom.

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Features

RHF members dive in to new year

■ The Residence Hall Federation showed 'Lilo and Stitch' at their annual dive-in movie

by Lindsey Lowder
Staff Writer

On Saturday Sept. 13 members of the Residence Hall Federation watched the Disney movie "Lilo and Stitch" while enjoying a swim in the War Memorial swimming pool. "Lilo and Stitch" just seemed like a fun movie to watch and it's a good movie for everyone," said Kelly Williams, president of RHF and a senior management major. With 250 newly elected members of RHF, the annual dive-in movie allowed the new members to linger with older members and socialize in an unusual way. "I was hoping the first

program with the new hall councils would be a good get-to-know-you event," Williams said.

Not only did new members attend the program, but also former resident advisors and members of hall councils attended.

Because of other competing activities going on that night, approximately 25 members were able to attend the dive-in movie.

Even though they were small in number, the present members still managed to have a lot of fun watching the movie while playing volleyball with an enormous beach ball.

"Because of the way the movie was set up, you could watch and listen to the movie while playing volleyball or just floating around in tubes."

Lauren Pigott
Hall council advisor

"Because of the way the movie was set up, you could watch and listen to the movie while playing volleyball or just floating around in tubes," said Lauren Pigott, advisor of East Ambler-Johnston hall council and a graduate student.

With the various activities available during the dive-in



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Approximately 25 members of the RHF attended the film. The next RHF event will be a leadership conference in Harrisonburg.

movie, meeting people and getting to know them was successful.

"The program was a lot of fun," said Jeremy Davis, president of Vawter Hall and a junior aerospace engineering

major. "It gave everyone a good opportunity to meet people and hang out."

RHF's next program will be a leadership conference in Harrisonburg at Camp Horizon Sept. 19-21.

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

Johnny Cash dies but leaves a legacy of music in his wake

Joseph Pierro

"Hello, I'm Johnny Cash." It was one of the most recognizable entrance lines in all of show business, and probably the most redundant. There was the presence. No one could mistake him: the black outfits, the low-slung guitar, the grizzly bear physique, the uneven rumble of his baritone voice, the deep-set, mournful eyes that gave a glimpse of the toll hard living extracted. No one else looked or sounded the way he did, and all found themselves wanting in the balance. "Every man knows he is a sissy compared to Johnny Cash," wrote U2 vocalist Bono. That was part of the appeal. There was the danger. Cash radiated danger. His music told of cocaine binges and bar fights, cold-blooded murders and afternoons spent in the beds of other men's wives — all this

when the parents of Generation Y were still in diapers.

Devotees of today's "gangsta" culture owe no small debt to the man who rocketed up the music charts of Eisenhower's America telling his listeners, "I shot a man in Reno, just to watch him die."

Much of Cash's music emanated from the darkest pathologies in man, and allowed the nation to taste of their allure from the safety of the record player and the radio.

Listen to the prisoners' reactions on his live albums recorded at Folsom and San Quentin prisons; a fraternity of the damned are cheering one of their own. That was part of the appeal.

There was redemption. The lawlessness of his songs was matched by his inability to cope with the pressures of fame and the spirit-killing grind of 300 tour dates a year. Alcohol and amphetamines became his constant companions, and, released from within him, the destruc-

tive passions of which he sang.

He demolished cars and trashed hotels — on one famous occasion crashing the former into the latter — with the regularity of a Midwest tornado. During a sound check one evening in 1965, he destroyed the footlights of country music's holiest shrine, the Grand Ole Opry, in a pharmacological rage.

The same year, Cash was arrested in El Paso for attempting to smuggle narcotics from Mexico to feed his 100-pill-a-day habit.

But the downward spiral of self-destruction was arrested in 1968 after his marriage to fellow singer/songwriter June Carter. She helped him control, if never completely abandon, his drug dependence, and she led him to embrace the fundamentalist Christianity that would remain a dominant theme for the rest of his life.

By the end of the decade, he was the biggest-selling musician in the world, outpacing

Elvis, outpacing the Beatles. Nothing draws a crowd like a drowning man saved. That too was part of the appeal.

But above all, there was honesty. That is where the fundamental appeal lay in his music. He sang of what he felt; he sang from his soul. In the more than 1,500 songs he recorded, it is difficult to find a stanza that does not begin in the first-person singular. That is what made the introduction so unnecessary.

With his every note, Cash introduced himself to his audiences, and just like the men of the prisons, they recognized themselves in the sound. He sang of exhaustion and heartache, of resignation and regret,

of paths not followed and damage too far gone — but never with a trace of self-pity.

Most notably, he sang of loneliness, and did so with an intensity that told the most desperate he understood — he had been where they were now, he had endured and they would as well. One can always find his music in the jukeboxes of big cities. College towns too.

Watching his physical deterioration was an object lesson in the remorseless passage of time.

Glaucoma, diabetes, asthma and numerous bouts of pneumonia took their place alongside the ravages of chemical excess. Then came the onset of autonomic neuropathy — a degenerative affliction of the

nervous system — the misdiagnosis of which temporarily rendered Cash an invalid in the late 1990s.

Yet the music still called to him, and he found the strength to answer. In November 2002, he released what would be his final studio album, "American IV: The Man Comes Around;" in May of this year it went gold, something Cash had not seen happen in 32 years.

The title track, the only new song on the disc, holds up against anything else he ever penned, but the real magic is in the covers.

One in particular, Trent Reznor's existential anthem "Hurt," will leave you speechless. The video will leave you in tears.

What else on MTV has ever done that?

If you cannot think of an answer, you might understand the magnitude of the talent that left the world last week.

Goodbye, Johnny Cash.

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Funeral held for the man in black

by **Jim Patterson**
Associated Press

HENDERSONVILLE, Tenn. — Family, friends and musicians gathered at Johnny Cash's funeral Monday to pay tribute to a giant in American music.

"He represented the best of America; we're not going to see his like again," said singer-songwriter Kris Kristofferson, who wrote Cash's 1970 hit "Sunday Morning Coming Down."

More than 1,000 people attended the private two-and-a-half-hour service at First Baptist Church of Hendersonville, about 15 miles north of Nashville — the same church where Cash mourned the death of his wife, June Carter Cash, in May.

Cash, 71, died Friday of respiratory failure caused by complications from diabetes. He had been in declining health for years. "I can almost live in a world without Johnny Cash because he will always be with us," said Cash's daughter, singer Rosanne Cash. "I cannot begin to imagine a world without Daddy."

Among the celebrities attending were country singers Vince Gill, Hank Williams Jr. and Travis Tritt.

Other celebrities in attendance included rock-rapper Kid Rock, actress Jane Seymour and former Vice President Al Gore, a native of Tennessee.

Kristofferson called Cash "Abraham Lincoln with a wild side" — a man always willing to champion the voiceless and downtrodden, "whose work in life has been an inspiration and salvation to so many people around the world."

J-Lo's diva glamour a sparkling asset

by **Anthony Breznican**
Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — No matter what Jennifer Lopez does, she's followed by a hurricane of hype.

Sure, she's a major movie star with hits like "Maid in Manhattan." Yeah, she got a ring from Ben Affleck, the heartthrob star of "Pearl Harbor," "Daredevil" and "Armageddon."

And yes, she's frequently ranked as one of the most beautiful people in the world.

"Jennifer Lopez is one of these celebrities that no matter what she does, whether her movies are good or bad, or whether critics like her album, her level of celebrity remains very, very high," said Ken Baker, West Coast executive editor of

Us Weekly.

The key to the Bronx-raised star's appeal is a mix of working-class grit and temperamental diva glamour, he added.

"People, especially women, feel they can identify with her even though she's extremely wealthy," Baker said. "There's an authenticity to her, despite all the bling-bling. They think, 'I'd do the same thing.'"

Her Puerto Rican heritage makes her exotic, a cross-cultural commodity, Baker said, setting her apart from Hollywood's array of "cookie cutter" skinny, blond actresses. After breaking into showbiz as a dancer on the TV sketch comedy show "In Living Color," she became a boldface name by appearing in movies like "Money Train," "Selena" and "Out of Sight."

Pop queen Madonna writes children's book

by **Joseph Coleman**
Associated Press

PARIS — Material Girl no more? Madonna says writing children's books is more fulfilling than being a pop chart queen or a movie star.

Her book, "The English Roses," went on sale Monday, appearing in 100 countries and in 30 languages as the first in her series of five tales for children.

The pop diva, whose only book until now was the racy 1992 photo essay titled "Sex," said she wrote the books to teach children some of the life lessons she's learned over the years.

"The most fun that I've had of all the things I've done creatively has been to write these books," she told reporters in Paris, where the book's 32 publishers were gathered.

"A lot of it has to do with the

fact I'm not doing it to become more famous, and I'm not doing it to become richer," Madonna said, "I'm not doing it because I think it's cool. I'm doing it because I want to share something I know with children."

Hours after its release, the 48-page book was already No. 8 on Amazon.com's sales list. The initial print run is 1 million copies worldwide, with more than 750,000 in the United States, said publisher Callaway Editions. Proceeds will go to charity.

"The English Roses" is about a friendship shared by four girls and their mutual envy of a beautiful classmate, with illustrations by fashion artist Jeffrey Fulvimari.

The inspiration for the five books — coming editions will focus on sharing, accepting mistakes and other themes — came from her study of Kabbalah, or Jewish mysticism, she said.

'The Raven' writer appears in art

by **Julie Halenar**
Associated Press

BALTIMORE — The darkness and terror of Edgar Allan Poe's writing is captured by renowned French artists in illustrations on display at The Baltimore Museum of Art.

With ravens and black cats coming out of the shadows, the artists illustrate the eerie poems and stories by Poe, who died in Baltimore at the age of 40 after collapsing in the street.

There are also portraits of the famous writer, known for his disturbing and thrilling words, and a few first-edition illustrated books from the 1800s in the one-gallery exhibit opening Wednesday.

The 20-print exhibit has Edouard Manet's etchings for Poe's poem "The Raven," including the narrator standing next to an open shutter watching the raven in "Open here I Flung the Shutter (The Window)" (1875). Other illustrations show the

narrator at his desk over "many a quaint and curious volume of forgotten lore," the raven "perched upon a bust of Pallas" and the "shadow that lies floating on the floor."

Manet used the image of French poet Stephane Mallarme, to draw the narrator for the etchings. The French appreciated Poe's writing before Americans, with Mallarme and Charles Baudelaire translating his works, said Jay Fisher, the museum's senior curator of prints, drawings and photographs.

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Sports

Clowney looks to make big impact

by Nick Vranas and Chris Bayne
Staff Writers

It didn't take long for David Clowney to make his presence felt at Virginia Tech. In the fourth quarter of his first collegiate game, he caught a 27-yard touchdown pass from quarterback Marcus Vick to seal the victory against University of Central Florida.

"That catch felt good, that catch felt real good," said Clowney, who is the only true freshman playing this year. "My first collegiate touchdown, that's a real memorable moment for me."

With limited playing time because of the logjam at the wide receiver position, Clowney has to take full advantage of every opportunity he gets to play.

"Coach (Frank) Beamer gave me the chance to get on the field and prove myself," Clowney said. "I had to take advantage."

Taking advantage of small opportunities is something Clowney is very familiar with. Coming out of Atlantic High School in Delray Beach, Fla., Clowney was rated a two-star prospect by Rivals, a Web site that controls a major database of high school athletes.

He wasn't even on Tech's radar until about two and a half weeks

before national signing day when his high school coach contacted Tech coach Charley Wiles, who is in charge of Florida recruiting, and sent him Clowney's highlight reel. Wiles and the other coaches were immediately impressed and set up a visit for Clowney. When Tech offered a scholarship the day before signing day, Clowney accepted.

During his recruiting, Clowney said he was completely disrespected by some schools, and that's something he will not soon forget.

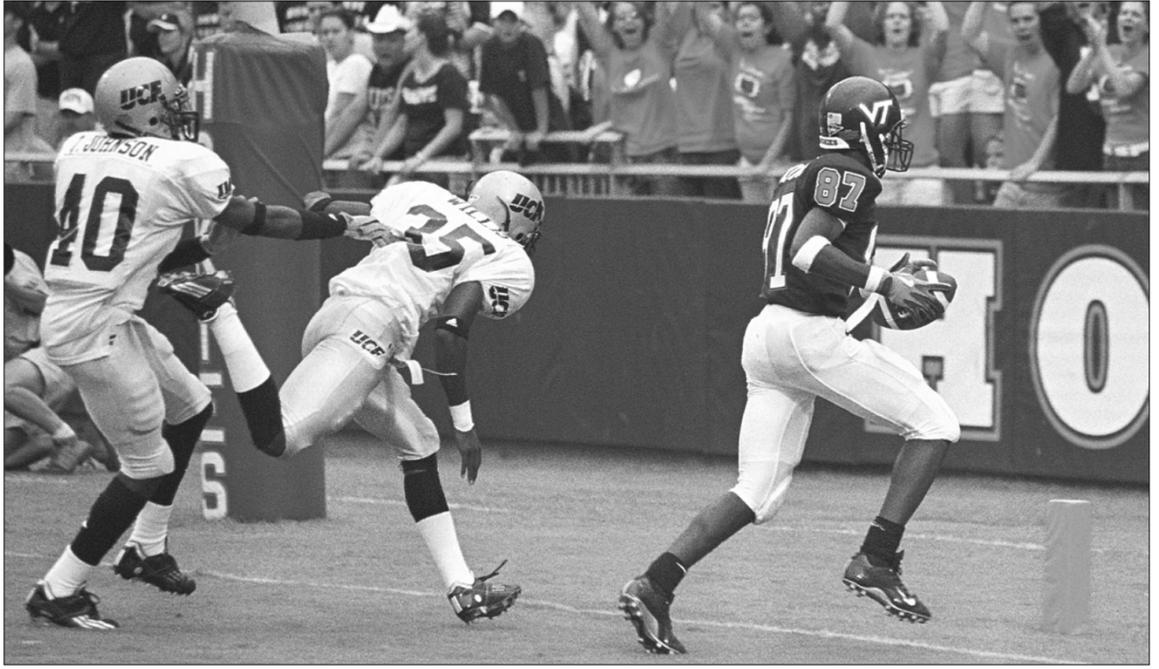
"I can't even wait to play (the University of North Carolina) and all those other schools who cancelled my visits so they can realize what they could have had," Clowney said.

Clowney will try to show other schools his ability to make big plays, he said.

"I probably have about 30 catches on my whole highlight tape," he said. "I'd say three of them aren't touchdowns, maybe two."

With three catches for 46 yards and a touchdown so far this year, he's already started showing his tremendous knack for big plays and scoring.

Part of Clowney's ability on the field comes from his tremendous speed. He runs a 4.4 40-meter dash and was a track star



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Clowney proved to be too fast for the UCF defense, breezing past two defenders for a 27-yard touchdown in his first collegiate game. Through the first two games of the season, Clowney has three catches for 46 yards and one touchdown.

in high school, becoming a state finalist in the 200-meter dash. He said he plans to run track here at Tech as well.

His exceptional performance on the track in high school landed Clowney an offer from the University of Miami to go there on a full track scholarship.

Clowney said he feels comfortable with the way things are going right now, but he knows a lot is expected of him.

"I'm trying to come out and be the next Larry Fitzgerald," he said. "I can live up to anyone's expectations, and my own expectations are the toughest to live up to."

A general engineering major, Clowney has his work cut out for him off the field as well. He said Tech's highly-esteemed engineering department is one of the main reasons he chose to come to Blacksburg.

Women's soccer league suspends operations

by Kristen Wyatt
Associated Press

ATLANTA — The cash-strapped WUSA called it quits Monday just five days before the Women's World Cup, bringing an abrupt end to a soccer league built on the success of the 1999 tournament.

The decision was made by the league's board of governors at a meeting in New York.

The eight-team WUSA was filled with the world's best female players, including

U.S. stars Mia Hamm, Brandi Chastain and Julie Foudy. Chastain provided the signature moment in the '99 tournament when she ripped off her shirt after scoring the championship-winning goal against China.

But the attention the Women's World Cup received faded over the years, leaving the WUSA foundering. TV ratings were almost nonexistent and the league had trouble finding fans who weren't under 18 and play on a soccer team. Average attendance slipped from more than

8,000 the first season to about 6,700 a game last season.

The WUSA hoped another World Cup this fall would bring last-minute corporate sponsorships to save the league, but that hasn't happened, said John Hendricks, chairman of the WUSA board of governors.

Hendricks blamed weak corporate support for the league's failure.

"I was intoxicated by what I witnessed in 1999, and I mistakenly believed that level of support would flow over into the

league," Hendricks said.

The WUSA's owners have invested more than \$100 million to fund the league, and some of the top players took pay cuts this season to help keep it afloat. Even after cutting costs, the league was about \$16 million in the red.

Hendricks said the league needed eight sponsors to spend \$2.5 million each per year. The WUSA recruited only two sponsors willing to spend that much, Hyundai and Johnson & Johnson.

Sports Notes

Women's soccer: Hokies drop to 4-2 after loss to No. 21 Villanova

The Virginia Tech women's soccer team lost to the Villanova Wildcats Sunday in a close 2-1 match. The Wildcats are ranked 21st in the nation.

The loss leaves the Hokies with a 4-2 record on the season. Kathy Holdsworth scored the only goal for Tech in the 37th minute of the first half.

The goal tied the score at one apiece, but Villanova later answered with a goal at the beginning of the second half to pull ahead for the victory.

Hokie keeper Malloy Soldner had a strong outing, finishing with a career high 10 saves.

This career high came after she recorded her second career shutout Thursday against James Madison University.

These numbers earned Soldner Big East Goalkeeper of the Week honors.

The Hokie women's next game will be Thursday when they travel to Philadelphia to take on LaSalle.

Football: Athletic Department to honor retired NFL alumni

The Hokie's Athletics Department will begin recognizing former Virginia Tech alumni who are retired from the National Football League at all home football games.

The NFL Flashback recognition will begin at Thursday's game against Texas A&M as the Hokies honor former defensive standout George Preas.

Preas, of Roanoke, spent 11 seasons with the Baltimore Colts from 1955-1965. An award is given in his honor every year to the most valuable performer of the spring for the Tech football team.

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Hokies host first tourney in new soccer stadium

by Brent Anderson and Susun Studdarth
Staff Writers

men's soccer

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two defenders, passed the ball to Jonmaire who pounded it past GSU's goalkeeper and into the back of the net.

The Virginia Tech men's soccer team added a victory and a tie game to its season after competing in the Virginia Tech Classic last weekend.

It was the first time Tech hosted a soccer tournament, and the Hokies were named co-champions of the event.

In Tech's first game of the tournament Friday night, the team played Appalachian State University before a packed crowd at Moseley Field.

The Mountaineers proved to be a tough opponent, and the game was a physical match with no goals until the second half.

Freshman Scott Spangler posted the first score of the game. Spangler headed the ball past the Appalachian State goalkeeper after an assist from junior Ken Jonmaire.

Tech's other goal came with three seconds left in the game, when Eric Vickers slipped a shot past the Mountaineer keeper off a Ben Nason assist.

Seniors Lasse Mertins and Harold Russell led the strong defensive effort to keep the Mountaineers from scoring. Hokie keeper Chase Harrison racked up his third shutout of the season as well.

Mertins said he gives credit to the spectators for lifting the team to victory.

"The new stadium brings so much energy to the game, and it's so much fun to see all the fans out here," he said.

In the second game of the Tech Classic, the Hokies faced Georgia State University on Sunday afternoon to close out the tournament.

The Panthers were undefeated going into the match, and jumped to an early lead eight minutes into the game. Panther's Jamie Hargather headed the ball into the goal off of a throw in by Tommy Boynton.

The Hokies answered back 10 minutes later when Jonmaire hit the back left corner of the net with an assist from Bailey Allman.

Tech was able to get ahead later in the game with a little help from Harrison.

Harrison came up with a big save and punted it down the field to an open Bobby O'Brien. O'Brien, covered by

The Panthers had a chance to tie the game with three minutes left, and capitalized when Chris Mahaffey sneaked the ball by Harrison for the goal.

The game went into overtime and golden goal format, where the first team to score wins.

Both goalkeepers came up with big saves throughout the game, but GSU's J.B. Wood was ejected during the first overtime after receiving a red card. Wood kicked Spangler in the back after the two went up for a ball and fell.

Despite GSU playing a man down after Wood's ejection, Tech was unable to score, and the game ended in a tie after the second overtime.

The Panthers (5-0-1) were co-champions of the classic, and Tech improved its overall record to 4-1-1 over the two-day tournament.

The Hokies travel to Ohio for the Dayton Nike Classic this weekend before returning home Sept. 28 to play Rutgers University.

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