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'We are back here for a different reason'

Gen. Keane speaks to Marne soldiers

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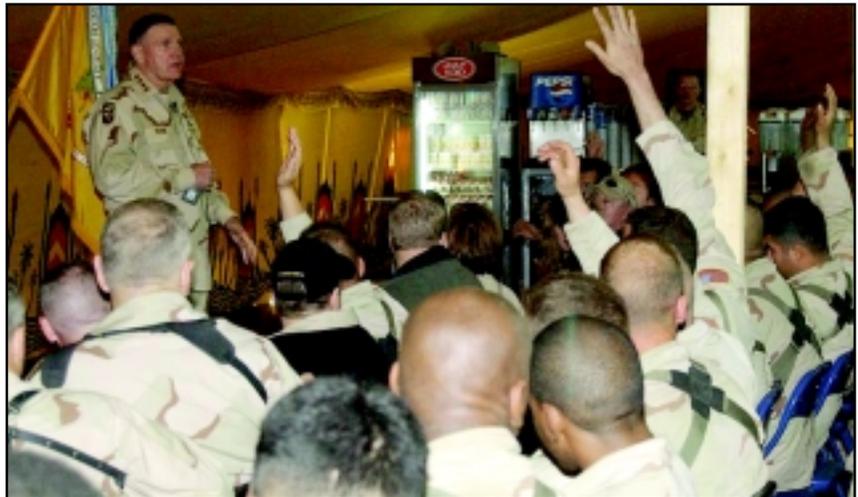
The 2nd Brigade Combat Team got special visitors Jan. 2 who brought with them words of inspiration, truth and guidance.

Gen. John M. Keane, Vice Chief of Staff of the Army, came to Camps New York and Pennsylvania to discuss possible future operations and to thank the soldiers for their hard work. Keane brought with him five professional racers who also thanked the soldiers for their efforts.

"I am here for one reason and one reason only – to thank you for being here," said Keane.

The main topic of discussion between Keane and the soldiers was the war against terrorism and the possible war with Iraq.

"We didn't start this war on terrorism," he said. "Like any other war in the 20th Century, it came to us. We're going to do what's right for the Ameri-



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Gen. John M. Keane, Vice Chief of Staff of the Army, answers questions from soldiers of the 1st Battalion, 64th Armor at Camp Pennsylvania.

can people," he added. "We have never failed them, and we aren't going to fail them now. And by God, we are going to finish it on our terms."

Keane also let the soldiers know what it means to go to war and told them to have faith in themselves and their leaders.

"Some of you in this room have never been to combat. It is natural to ask yourself 'How am I going to do this?' It is natural to be afraid," Keane reassured. "You sit here in this room as part of the best Army that has ever been

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Camp NY gets festive for New Year's

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The flames from a bonfire flickered in the night sky while cheers rang out and car horns filled the night to welcome the New Year on Camp New York.

But before the clock struck midnight, soldiers screamed, shouted and cheered on their favorite performers during a talent show held at the Morale, Welfare and Recreation tent.

"This gives us a chance to let our hair down," said Pfc.



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Soldiers on Camp New York celebrate the New Year in front of a bonfire.

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15th ASOS brings help from the skies

Sgt. Akilah C. Clarke
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A bone chilling desert wind blows relentlessly across the rain-spattered sands of the Udairi Range. The evening light slowly diminishes as the sun struggles to shine its last few rays through the thick cluster of clouds hanging heavily in the sky.

On the ground below, two airmen huddle around a map, studying it closely. Suddenly the shrill scream of a large aircraft in the distance breaks their concentration – “Here he comes!” one airman yells as a British GR1 Toronado flies overhead with an ear-splitting shriek.

Visual episodes such as this represent just another day on the job for members of the Air Forces’ 15th Air Support Operations Squadron.

As an element that provides close air support to the 3rd Infantry Division (Mech.), the airmen are tasked to ensure Air Force airpower assets are properly employed into the overall scheme of maneuvers, according to Air Force Tech. Sgt. Craig Janke, an enlisted terminal attack controller.

“The 15th ASOS has air liaison officers and enlisted terminal attack control-



A British GR1 Toronado streaks across the evening sky above the Udairi Range.

lers that provide airpower expertise to the Army. We provide ETACs from the battalion all the way up to the division level,” he said. “But we basically serve two roles – liaison and control.”

But the 15th isn’t just limited to providing close air support to U.S. Army forces, Janke said. And training in the vast desert lands of Kuwait is giving the airmen an opportunity to stretch their wings with other military forces.

“All the ETACs in the 15th ASOS can support any Army unit and work with any branch of the service – Navy, Marines, Air Force and even foreign aircraft, because all the formats and terminology we use is standard. It provides us the proficiency to work in a joint environment,” he explained.

On the evening of Jan. 31, the airmen got an opportunity to test their skills out with British forces during a training event at the Udairi Range.

“We’ve got three British Toranados out here who are doing some target training,” explained Air Force Staff Sgt. James Rigney, who is also an enlisted terminal attack controller with the 15th ASOS. “This is good training for some of our younger soldiers, because back in the states we don’t get a lot of CAS training opportunities.”

During the exercise, the 15th’s responsibility was to inform the British



Photos by Sgt. Akilah C. Clarke

Air Force Sr. A Eric Jones, right, and Air Force Staff Sgt. Michael Cmelik of the 15th Air Support Operation Squadron study a map in preparation for a training exercise later on in the evening.

aircraft where simulated enemy and friendly positions were located.

“There were some simulated surface-to-air threats and armor out there,” Janke said. Once the aircraft located its target, a small explosive charge was dropped, replicating a bombing.

Rigney went on to explain the significance of the 15th ASOS’ mission.

“I think we’re very important, because we’re trying to take out the immediate threat to our forces. We’re trying to get to the bad guys before they get to you,” he said. “(Because of our mission) we’re one of the biggest combat multipliers on the battlefield.”

And if called, Janke and Rigney both agree that the 15th ASOS would be prepared to go to war.

“We’re ready to go – we’ve been out here now for two months training, coming to the range and practicing, if we’re called, we’re all ready to go,” he said.

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Tuskers touch up after training

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A soldier's gear can take a lot of punishment while he is out in the field. From torn uniforms to cracked axles, the multitude of equipment used in the exercises that dot Army life can break down, fall apart or malfunction under the stresses imposed by usage. Even when it does not completely fail, it is important to keep it clean and well maintained to help offset any breakdowns in the future. Because of that, it is just as important for a soldier to know how to take care of his equipment as it is for him to understand how to use it.

The soldiers of 4th Battalion, 64th Armor Regiment spent the days surrounding Christmas conducting maintenance on their gear in the wake of 2nd Brigade's recent exercise. Track pads needed to be changed, faulty boots needed to be replaced, and everything needed to be cleaned in preparation for further training.

"You conduct maintenance to make sure you're combat ready," said Pvt. Josh Schenck, an A Co. driver from Dalton, Ga. "If they call us tomorrow, we've got to be ready to go."

When a unit gets back from a field exercise, the first thing the soldiers need to do is identify any faults that occurred during the operation, said Staff Sgt. Shawn Gibson, an A Co. tank commander from Hopewell, Va. This is just the beginning of the after-operations maintenance that takes five days to conduct.

"Each day is geared towards a specific thing, from the maintenance of the vehicles to taking care of personal equipment," Gibson said. "We do clothing inventories. We make sure the soldiers' equipment is serviceable. We make sure that anything that's falling apart is taken care of."

Each tank crew has a number of things to check out when the time comes to conduct maintenance on the tanks, he said. First, they check to make sure the track suspension is correct. They also check all of the tracks' pads for wear and tear and replace any that are unserviceable.

After all of that is checked out, they inspect the Nuclear, Biological and Chemical warfare equipment to make sure it is clean and operational, Gibson said.

"Then we move on to the turret," he said. "We check the tube, drop the breach and clean it, and make sure it's all serviceable."

During the last operation, Gibson's tank fired off about 300 rounds of .50 caliber ammunition, so cleaning the machine guns is very important, he said. There are also many instruments inside the tank that need to be checked before a crew can be satisfied that everything is ready to go for the next exercise. Once all this is done, they do general cleaning on the vehicle.

The tank crews fix whatever they are able to themselves, Gibson said. If they need help with other repairs, they go to



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Sgt. Renato Abenojar, Seattle, checks the sights in the turret of an M1A1 Abrams tank.

maintenance for assistance.

However, maintenance does not stop in the rear, Schenck said. Even during an exercise there is work to be done.

"Every time we stop, I have to get out and check the track for faults," he said. "We top off all of the oils every day. All our stuff's been pretty much squared away."

Many problems can arise when a unit draws equipment that is not its own, said Sgt. Renato Abenojar, an A Co. gunner from Seattle. Previous units may do whatever is necessary to make sure they can turn the equipment in on their way home.

"Just like in the rest of the Army, everything can be fixed with bubble gum and duct tape," he said. "Sometimes, when you're drawing equipment, that's obvious, because you find yourself fixing problems that would not have been there if the previous owners had fixed them properly. People gerry-rig all kinds of stuff when they're turning gear in."

All the maintenance helps ensure that if the soldiers are called to fight, they can do so at their optimum potential, Gibson said.

"If you don't take care of your equipment, it won't take care of you," he said.

Engineers take Camp New York title

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The holiday season is synonymous with many things. Being with loved ones, snow and Christmas carolers are but a few. But for some people, the holidays are also associated with a particular sport: football.

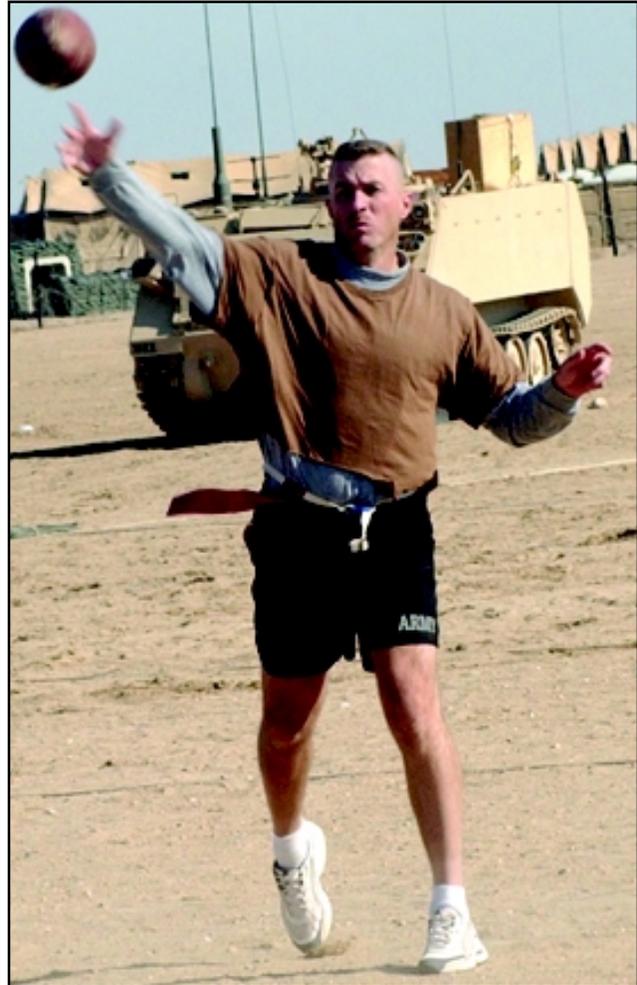
The soldiers at Camp New York missed many of the typical holiday traditions this year, but gridiron action could be found if one knew where to go Christmas morning. There were not any tackles. The players and coaches tended not to argue with the official's calls, because the games were called by the brigade sergeant major. But nevertheless, the Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 10th Engineer Battalion won over three other teams to take the Camp New York intramural football championship.

The engineers beat B Company, 123rd Signal Battalion 6-0 in the final for the championship.

"On Christmas Day, when we had a chance to just sit around, it feels awful good to play and win," said 1st Sgt. Gary Yeatts, the engineers' captain and quarterback from Reidsville, N.C. "I'm very proud of my team."

B Co., 123rd Signal won 6-0 against Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 2nd Brigade in the semifinals, which were played before the championship game. HHC, 10th Engineers beat 103rd Military Intelligence Battalion's team 12-6 to get to the championship.

The downtime following the brigade live fire exercise and coinciding with Christmas was an ideal time to hold the camp playoffs, said Command Sgt. Maj. Otis Smith, 2nd Brigade command sergeant major, who officiated all of the games



Photos by Spc. Jacob Boyer

1st Sgt. Gary Yeatts, HHC, 10th Engineer's quarterback from Reidsville, N.C., launches a pass, during the football championships at Camp New York.



Staff Sgt. Chris Doyle, the Woodbridge, Va., quarterback from B Co., runs the ball during the Camp New York intramural football championships.

during the season and in the playoffs.

"When we got back from the field this week, it seemed like the best time for the playoffs," he said. "It kind of helps take their mind away from missing home. It's a difficult time, being away from home this time of year."

The season is not over yet, Smith said. HHC, 10th Engineers won more than bragging rights, as they will now go on to play against the champs from Camp Virginia. The game has not been scheduled.

"We're very fortunate we were able to win today," Yeatts said. "Hopefully, we'll go down to Camp Virginia and represent Camp New York well."

The intramural season started when the first units arrived in Kuwait in September, Smith said. Since all of the units were not here at the time, everybody was not represented. All of the season's games were played on Saturday and Sunday mornings.

Rogues receive well-deserved rest

1-64th soldiers find time to relax during New Year's organizational day

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After working hard every day since they were deployed in September, the soldiers of 1st Battalion, 64th Armor Regiment got some well-deserved time off when the task force held an organizational day Jan. 1 at Camp Pennsylvania.

"We just wanted to give the guys a break," said Command Sgt. Maj. William A. Barnello, 1-64 Armor's battalion command sergeant major, from North Syracuse, N.Y. "We've been here working hard for almost four months without a day off, and it seemed like a good time to give them time to relax. We're right in the middle of our services, which are extensive and take a long time, so now seemed like a good time for a break."

In addition to having the day off, the Desert Rogues had the opportunity to participate in several sports tournaments, Barnello said. The soldiers competed in football, volleyball, 3-on-3 basketball, ultimate Frisbee and horseshoes.

"It's just healthy competition," he said. "It's organized and low threat. Although they are competitive, it's not a win-at-all-costs kind of thing."

The games were a good chance for the soldiers to blow off some steam, said Capt. David Hibner, commander, D Co., 10th Engineer Battalion, from Michigan City, Ind.

"It's a chance not to feel the day-to-day stress of work," Hibner said. "The games help them build camaraderie and teamwork."

The high winds were a major obstacle for many of the sports played, but the competition went on.

"Some of the events are quite challenging because of the wind," Barnello said. "We wish the desert was cooperating, but nobody's complaining."

The winners and runners-up in each

In addition to all the sports competition, the task force's cooks prepared lunch for the soldiers, Barnello said. Steak, chicken and hot dogs were available to everyone instead of the usual Meal, Ready to Eat.

"The cooks like it because it gives them a chance to actually cook instead of just bringing in from somewhere else," Barnello said.

The day was a good chance for the soldiers to get their minds off of their training and its urgency, said Spc. James Browning, a driver with Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 1-64 Armor, from New Albany, Miss. "It's a day to relax," he said. "With the heightened sense of urgency around here, it's a well-deserved rest."

1-64 Armor Organizational Day Winners

Football

1st Place – HHC, 1-64 Armor
Team 1

Runner Up – HHC, 1-64
Armor Team 2

Ultimate Frisbee

Winner - D Co., 10th Engineer
Battalion

Runner Up – C Co., 1-64
Armor

3-on-3 Basketball

Winner – C Co., 1-64 Armor

Runner Up – C Co., 3-15
Infantry

Volleyball

Winner – C Co., 1-64 Armor

Runner Up – HHC, 1-64
Armor

Horse shoes

Winner – D Co., 10th Engineer
Battalion

Runner Up – HHC, 1-64 Armor



Spc. Jacob Boyer
Spc. Jamie Browning, New Albany, Miss., throws into the wind during an ultimate Frisbee game held as part of 1st Battalion, 64th Armor Regiment's Organizational Day.

event were given trophies, Barnello said. Each trophy came with a box so the units could send the awards back to Fort Stewart and display them.

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Eli Terrill, a Bradley gunner for A Company, 3rd Battalion, 15th Infantry. “Honestly, the holidays have been good around here. They make it the best they can.”

Before the talent show kicked off, participants were able to don festive hats and grab some noisemakers to help keep the festivities rolling along.

“If I could turn back the hands about 30 minutes, you wouldn’t have those noisemakers,” a light-hearted Command Sgt. Maj. Otis Brown, 2nd Brigade Combat Team’s command sergeant major, said. “But I know we have professional soldiers here who will show respect to the performers.”

More than 10 soldiers rapped, sung and danced the crowd into a frenzy of applause and cheers. While most of the performers sang their own songs, others covered popular songs. And one pair performed a Puerto Rican dance.

“I liked each and every performance,” said Spc. Quante Eggleston, a combat engineer for B Company, 10th Engineer Battalion. “I love music, and I can’t ask for anything more.”

The soldiers who participated and performed in the event were overly excited about the chance to celebrate and welcome the new year with the talent show, Eggleston said.

“I really appreciate what the Army has done over here. There are just so



Spc. Adam Nuelken

Soldiers on Camp New York cheer on performers of the talent show. Contestants showcased skills ranging from singing, rapping and even dancing.

many things they have done to make us feel at home,” he added. “They do such a good job it makes me forget I’m out here.”

After the talent show, the soldiers danced and drank bottles of sparkling grape juice and near-beer until the bonfire was lit and the countdown to the new year began.

Brown said all efforts were made to ensure the soldiers had a good time.

“I think it gives them a taste of home, and takes their mind away from the day in, day out kind of stuff the soldiers do out here,” he said. “They didn’t have the

same things available (as home), but we took what we had and made the best of it.”

Events like the new year celebration are for the younger soldiers more than those who have been in the Army for a period of time, according to Brown.

“Soldiers who have been around a long time get used to being away, but these young soldiers aren’t used to it,” he said.

As the fire burned into the night, the soldiers returned to the MWR tent where they continued to sing, dance and celebrate the New Year.

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established. We will kill when we have to kill, and we will stop when the fighting is over. We’ve got the standards, we’ve got the training, we’ve got the leaders and we’ve got the will. You can’t take anything for granted. You have to trust your instincts.”

Keane went on to say that the soldiers “have to have trust in your leadership, but do not let them do something stupid. You have to trust your gut instinct. And if your gut tells you your leadership is about to do something stupid, tell them.”

He also assured the soldiers they would not be alone and will have back up from all the services if they go to war.

“If anybody’s in trouble, everybody is coming to get you,” Keane said. “These Apache pilots will fly through anything to come get you.”

Race car drivers Jerry Nadeau, Geoffrey Bodine, Gary Lewis and Tony Schumacher as well as Power Boat racer Nigel Hook accompanied Keane in visiting the soldiers.

“You guys are the superstars, we are not the superstars,” said Nadeau, NASCAR driver for the Army. “I just want to say our hearts and prayers go out to you.”

The visit helped soldiers put their minds to rest and reassure them on their purpose as well as let them know people do think of them.

“It puts our mind at ease,” said Pfc. Jeremy Menerey, a driver for C Company 1st Battalion, 64th Armor. “From what he said, it gives us a little bit of motivation and helps us know what’s gonna’ happen in the coming months. It also makes us feel that we do matter here in the desert.”

Spiritual Fitness

Fill what is empty, empty what is full

Chaplain (Lt. Col.) Roger Heath
Division Chaplain

Bill thinks “out of the box.” For example, he believes the military has it all wrong. Instead of inventing a laser ray that can shoot down an artillery shell in mid-air, a missile in flight, or an aircraft on a bombing mission, invent a pleasure ray.

That’s right, instead of shooting your enemy with deadly fire, blast them with this pleasure ray. They will enjoy the experience so much they will love you instead of wanting to fight. Thus instead of fighting on a battlefield we make friends of the opposing army and soon we all go home and sing songs of love and romance. Might work.

Bill had another idea (as you might expect). He says life is composed of “filling what is empty, and emptying what is full” – what a concept.

For example, when one is hungry or thirsty one consumes food and water, fill what is empty. A few hours later, the body has to rid itself of the depleted food and water, empty what is full. Then the

process starts over. How simple, how practical, how easy to understand. Fill what is empty, empty what is full.

Abraham Maslow compiled a hierarchical needs list; (1) physiological needs, (2) security needs, (3) social needs, (4) ego needs and (5) self-actualization, are all part of meeting basic human needs and desires.

People have needs or voids in their lives that require constant filling. The need for food and water only satisfies the bodily needs.

The mind, soul and spirit are a part of our human make up. Starving one area of our being can affect the other parts of our lives.

People have a need to socialize, fellowship and congregate with others. Men and women enjoy each other’s company (that usually winds up in weddings, bills, children and the circle of life thing).

We build entire cities to accommodate the need for people to be with and around others. Many entrepreneurs spend most of their lives amassing large fortunes, only to give chunks of it away

as they reach old age, for instance -- the Ford Foundation, Rockefeller Center, and the Gates Foundation. Fill what was empty, emptying what is full. What about a person’s soul? Glad you asked!

God made us to fellowship, commune and be in relationship with Him as well. Each of us has a need to feel close to our Divine Maker. We seek to fulfill that need in a number of ways and methods.

We call ourselves different names, Protestants, Catholics, etc... But whatever we call ourselves, we seek to fill that spiritual void.

We attend church, worship services, Bible studies and participate in spiritual development. What happens when we are “filled spiritually?” We have to empty ourselves some way.

How does one empty what is full? By service to others. Scripture invites us to “Come Unto Me.” But it also asks us then to “Go ye therefore.”

Seeking God and then sharing His blessing with others is part of life. Filling what is empty, emptying what is full. Way to go Bill. See you in church.

Champs in the Camps

Matt Clark (red) takes on Javier Johnson (blue) Saturday during the Champs in the Camps boxing match, held Jan. 3 at Camp New York. Twenty-six fighters battled it out for medals and bragging rights during the competition. See the Jan. 15 issue of the Frontline Forward for more on the fight.



Spc. Adam Nuelken

Marne Scoreboard

NFL

Dec. 28

NY Giants 10, Philadelphia 7
Oakland 24, Kansas City 0

Dec. 29

Pittsburgh 34, Baltimore 31
Tennessee 13, Houston 3
Washington 20, Dallas 14
Cleveland 24, Atlanta 16
Buffalo 27, Cincinnati 9

Minnesota 38, Detroit 36
Carolina 10, New Orleans 6
NY Jets 42, Green Bay 17
Seattle 31, San Diego 28
New England 27, Miami 24
Indianapolis 20, Jacksonville 13
Denver 37, Arizona 7
Tampa Bay 15, Chicago 0

Dec. 30

St. Louis 30, San Francisco 21

NBA

Friday

Cleveland 81, Toronto 80
Portland 108, Boston 103
New Jersey 100, Miami 80
New York 98, Indiana 96
Memphis 116, LA Clippers 111
New Orleans 100, Orlando 89
Utah 118, Milwaukee 115
San Antonio 98, Golden State 95
Denver 94, Seattle 82

Saturday

Dallas 102, Philadelphia 83

New Jersey 88, Orlando 83
Detroit 90, Atlanta 86
Washington 107, Indiana 104
Utah 105, Minnesota 97
Chicago 85, Cleveland 79
Golden State 86, Houston 44
Sacramento 87, Denver 76
Phoenix 107, LA Lakers 93

NCAA Basketball

Men's Top 25

Saturday

Dayton 92, (9) Marquette 85
(18) Indiana 70, Charlotte 60
(6) Notre Dame 55, Valparaiso 53
(17) Kansas 100, UMKC 46
(2) Pitt 85, Robert Morris 49
(21) Kentucky 83, Ohio 75
(20) Maryland 79, Wagner 57
(16) Missouri 88, Iowa 82
(23) Wake Forest 68, Richmond 62
(3) Alabama 65, (19) Xavier 58
(12) Illinois 88, Oakland 53
(11) Oklahoma 60, (14) Mich. St. 58
(7) Oregon 94, Arizona St. 73
(4) Arizona 80, Oregon St. 65

Women's Top 25

Friday

(4) Kansas St. 84, W. Illinois 40
(7) Stanford 58, (19) Oklahoma 38

Saturday

(3) LSU 80, (14) Penn State 63
(11) Vanderbilt 86, Holy Cross 54
(2) UConn 63, (5) Tennessee 62

(22) Boston Coll. 85, Providence 63
(20) GWU 84, Fairfield 65
Georgia 94, California 61
(20) Arizona 72, Oregon St. 44
(6) Purdue 71, (13) Notre Dame 54
(16) South Carolina 101, Stetson 39
(15) Louisiana Tech 74, SMU 64

NCAA Football

Bowl Scores

Dec. 30

Music City Bowl

Minnesota 29, Arkansas 14

Seattle Bowl

Wake Forest 38, Oregon 17

Dec. 31

Humanitarian Bowl

Boise St. 34, Iowa St. 16

Sun Bowl

Purdue 34, Washington 24

Liberty Bowl

TCU 17, Colorado St. 3

Silicon Valley Football Classic

Fresno St. 30, Georgia Tech 21

Peach Bowl

Maryland 30, Tennessee 3

Diamond Walnut San Fran Bowl

Virginia Tech 20, Air Force 13

Jan. 1

Outback Bowl

Michigan 38, Florida 30

Cotton Bowl

Texas 35, LSU 20

Gator Bowl

N.C. State 28, Notre Dame 6

Capital One Bowl

Auburn 13, Penn State 9

Rose Bowl

Oklahoma 34, Washington St. 14

Sugar Bowl

Georgia 26, Florida St. 13

Thursday

Orange Bowl

USC 38, Iowa 17

Friday

Fiesta Bowl

Ohio State 31, Miami 24

NHL

Friday

Buffalo 6, Carolina 3
NY Islanders 8, Boston 4
Columbus 2, Washington 2
Phoenix 4, Detroit 1
New Jersey 2, Toronto 0
Pittsburgh 4, Atlanta 1
Philadelphia 1, Anaheim 0

Saturday

Carolina 4, Boston 2
Washington 2, NY Rangers 2
Buffalo 2, Ottawa 1
Toronto 2, New Jersey 1
Columbus 2, Phoenix 0
Pittsburgh 3, NY Islanders 2
St. Louis 5, Tampa Bay 1
Chicago 3, Nashville 3
Calgary 3, Minnesota 2
Edmonton 5, Montreal 4
Vancouver 3, Florida 2
Dallas 3, Los Angeles 2
Colorado 6, San Jose 1

BCS to discuss playoffs

The Bowl Championship Series will form a committee to discuss changes that eventually could lead to a college football playoff. They are expected to make a recommendation in 2005.

The BCS is committed to a second rotation of the championship bowls.

The next three title games will be in the Sugar, Orange and Rose bowls before the contract runs out after the 2005 season.

Bryant to play in Athens

Kobe Bryant will play for the United States at the 2004 Summer Olympics in Athens.

The Lakers superstar notified USA Basketball of his intention to accept its invitation to play in the Olympics, as well as next year's qualifying tournament in Puerto Rico.

Gannon wins NFL MVP

Oakland Raiders quarterback Rich Gannon can add another honor to his record-setting season: NFL Most Valuable Player.

Gannon received 19 votes to edge Green Bay's Brett Favre on Wednesday.

Gannon set the NFL mark for completions this season with 418, and connected on 21 straight passes against Denver.

Grossman to go to NFL

University of Florida quarterback Rex Grossman has decided to forego his final season of college eligibility and will formally announce that intention next week.

One of the leading passers in SEC history, Grossman informed coach John Zook of his decision within the past two days.

Bonds ball disagreement

The two men who couldn't agree who owned Barry Bonds' record-breaking 73rd home run ball now can't agree how to sell it. A judge ruled last month that both Alex Popov and Patrick Hayashi have legitimate claims — so neither should get it outright.

Now, the only thing the men can agree on is to postpone a court order that requires them to unload the ball and split the proceeds.

Report: ND player beaten

Officers punched and used pepper spray on Notre Dame player Chad DeBolt after he was arrested and charged with refusing to leave a nightclub, according to a police report.

The account said DeBolt was uncooperative, intoxicated, yelling and cursing when he was taken to jail Dec. 27.