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Invisible, silent, lethal

3-15 snipers stalk city streets

Spc. Jacob Boyer
HHC 3ID (M) PAO

Invisible. The soldier moves quickly across the street, mindful of the eyes looking for him. Whether they belong to an enemy or a friend, they can ruin the mission with just a glance. He finds shelter and sneaks in.

Silent. He creeps around the building's dimly-lit halls, careful not to bump into anything and draw attention. One creaking floorboard can make the difference between success and failure.

Cautious. He uses his training to find a crack in the wall. He does not need much, just enough space to fire a round from his M-24 rifle.

Lethal. He lines up the shot, taking

into account the wind, elevation and humidity. He breathes evenly, remembering all of the marksmanship basics every soldier learns in basic combat training. He squeezes the trigger ...

"Bang!" he shouts, ending yet another stalk through the Udairi Range Complex's Military Operations in Urban Terrain site.

The sniper squad from 3rd Battalion, 15th Infantry Regiment worked on their stalking skills at the MOUT site Jan. 9 in conjunction with the rest of the battalion's MOUT training.

"Stalking is the main training objective for snipers," said Cpl. Joseph Shannon, 3-15 Inf. Sniper squad leader.



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Spc. Michael Wade, a sniper with 3-15 Inf. from Columbus, Ohio, lines up a shot from one of the buildings at the Udairi Range Complex's MOUT site.

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Pfc. Adam Jones, Leesburg, Va., prepares to fire during the reflexive fire portion of training at the MOUT site.

'Can do' dismounts leave Bradleys behind at MOUT site

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Although infantry soldiers in a mechanized division may spend large portions of an exercise in the back of a Bradley, there is more to their job than riding along. The soldiers' value becomes apparent when the ramps drop and they move out to handle any obstacle that stands in their way. If enemy-filled bunkers and trenches slow down progress, infantry soldiers need to be prepared to handle things in their own unique way.

The soldiers of 3rd Battalion, 15th Infantry Regiment are getting back to basics in January. Each of the battalion's companies is working at three different sites on clearing bunkers, trenches and buildings, from the individual to the company level, said Maj. Roger Shuck, 3-15 Inf. battalion operations officer.

"We've got the companies going through (Military Operations in Urban Terrain) training, knocking out bunkers, clearing trenches, and conducting MOUT

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PMCS or walk ...

Maintenance troubles can be remedied early

Spc. Adam Nuelken
HHC 3ID (M) PAO

"If you've got a vehicle, you've got to take care of it, or you're gonna' walk," said Sgt. Paul Davis. "I had a friend of mine at (Fort) Bragg who said, 'if you ride your vehicle hard to the battle, it's gonna' break when you need it most.'"

Davis is a Bradley System Mechanic with Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 3rd Battalion, 15th Infantry, and like many other mechanics on Camp New York, he has been performing maintenance and services day after day since being back from the brigade live-fire.

"(We're) doing services on all the vehicles for whatever mission comes next," said Staff Sgt. Joseph Hawn Sr., shop foreman for B Company, 3-15 Inf. "Services are important to keep the vehicles up."

A major concern for the mechanics is soldiers not performing proper preventive maintenance checks and services. When soldiers do PMCS, most future problems can be resolved early, which cuts down the amount of services needed, according to the mechanics.

"Services are important because some crews don't (PMCS) like they're supposed to," said Davis. "Some of them are doing it correctly by taking their time."

Davis went on to say that it takes a trained mechanic about an hour to prop-



Spc. Adam Nuelken

Staff Sgt. Joseph Hawn Sr., a Letrose, Pa., native and shop foreman for B Company, 3rd Battalion, 15th Infantry lifts a newly refitted humvee tire during vehicle services.

erly PMCS a humvee, while some crews will only take about 15 minutes to do it.

"Mechanics are doing what they can, but there aren't enough to do (technical manual) checks on all the vehicles," Davis added.

When performing the PMCS, Davis and Hawn agree about taking your time, using the technical manual and making sure all faults are reported to the mechanics. When deficiencies are reported, the vehicles can be repaired, which may

mean the difference in life or death in a wartime situation.

"Quicker ain't always better. For a lot of these people, like the people on the Bradley's, it's their lifeline," Davis said. "These folks, some of them realize their life is on the line."

"Instead of learning the tricks of the trade, learn the trade," he added. "PMCS by the book, with the book. You've got to treat it like it was your car back home, and we've got some guys that do treat (their vehicle) like it's their Cadillac."

Apart from reading the technical manual for your vehicle, the mechanics also recommended Preventive Services Magazine as another resource.

"PS Magazine is good," according to Hawn. "It helps a lot because they put a lot of updates in it that aren't in the technical manual."

"The best thing soldiers can do is read their (technical manual), look through the PS Magazines and notify their mechanics when something goes wrong."

"People come in and say there is nothing wrong, then two days later it's dead-lined," Davis explained. "Over half the time, what we see come in are dumb mistakes like overlooking stuff. If it's broke, say it's broke."

The mechanics of 3-15 Inf. will be working on services and vehicle maintenance throughout the next few weeks as part of the preparations for gunnery.

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With water all is well

Important facts about staying hydrated

Spc. Katherine Robinson
50th PAD

Drinking water may be one of the most important parts of daily life, and also one of the most overlooked. According to www.mac2fitness.com, many people don't realize the importance of drinking water, and instead try to quench their thirst with sodas and caffeinated drinks, which actually dehydrate the body. The following are some of the top reasons to drink more water:

- ✓ Drinking water helps fight fatigue.
- ✓ Drinking water helps control weight. When a body receives enough water, it doesn't retain as much, and it can speed up the metabolism.
- ✓ Drinking water can increase a person's stamina and mental awareness and alertness.
- ✓ Water also aids digestion and carries nutrients to all body cells.
- ✓ Staying hydrated can also reduce the risk of kidney stones.
- ✓ It protects against heat exhaustion.
- ✓ It flushes out body waste.
- ✓ Water carries nutrients through the body.

According to www.travelhealthzone.com, dehydration can be very severe if the body fluids are not regularly replaced. If the weather is hot, symptoms of dehydration can begin to appear quickly (although dehydration can occur easily in cold weather as well) because the body tries to cool itself down by sweating.



Photo illustration by Spc. Katherine Robinson



The Dehydration Chart

**0.5-2.5 litres lost
(1-5 percent dehydrated)**

Symptoms include: Thirst, lethargy, irritability, loss of appetite, flushing of skin, increasing pulse, nausea and weakness.

**3-5 litres lost
(6-10 percent dehydrated)**

Symptoms include: Headaches, dizziness, dry mouth, tingling limbs, blue shading of skin, slurred speech, difficulty breathing, stumbling and blurred vision.

**3.5 - 7.5 litres lost
(severely dehydrated)**

Symptoms include: Delirium, swelling of the tongue, twitching, deafness, dimming of vision, numbness, shrivelling of skin, difficulty swallowing and death.

From www.travelhealthzone.com

Dina Preston rocks Pennsylvania

Spc. Mason T. Lowery
50th PAD

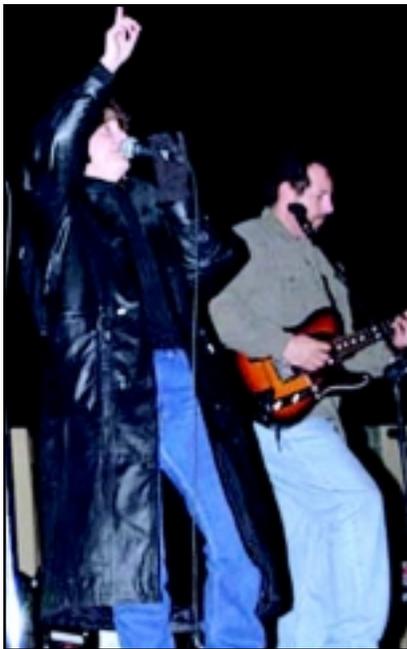
Soldiers took a break from training and maintaining to let loose and blow off some steam with the Dina Preston Band Jan. 10.

The band brought their mix of blues, country and rock 'n' roll to the soldiers at Camp Pennsylvania for a USO concert.

Rather than just sing to the soldiers, Dina Preston and company invited soldiers on stage to sing along and compete in the worst dancer competition. About 10 soldiers contorted, do-si-doed and twisted as bad as they could as the crowd cheered and jeered. Preston let the crowd's applause determine the winner.

Spc. Jeremy Mckee, 3rd Battalion, 15th Infantry, from Dora, Miss., and Spc. Tony Lyman, 1st Battalion, 64th Armor, from Eugene, Ore., tied for the honor of worst dancer.

"It's pretty cool – it's better than being the best," said Mckee about ty-



Spc. Mason T. Lowery

Dina Preston and Don Ortiz entertain the crowd at Camp Pennsylvania.



Spc. Mason T. Lowery

Lt. Col. Eric Schwartz, 1-64 AR commander, Maj. Michael Donovan, 1-64 AR S-3, and Capt. Warren Sponsler, 1-64 AR S-4, sing Shania Twain's "I Feel Like a Woman" with singer Dina Preston and guitarist Don Ortiz during a USO concert Jan. 10 at Camp Pennsylvania.

ing as the worst dancer.

The band, which hails from Phoenix, covered songs by Hank Williams Jr., Stevie Ray Vaughan and Lynyrd Skynrd. They let soldiers sing along to Shania Twain's "I Feel Like a Woman," Ritchie Valenz's "La Bamba," and Garth Brooks' "Friends in Low Places."

Lyman said he really appreciated the concert. "I play guitar. I'm in a band and I love watching this."

Everyone seemed to enjoy the concert, according to Chap. (Capt.) Ron Cooper, Task Force 1-64 chaplain from Saginaw, Mich. "It's something different – something to break up the monotony. It's a morale boost for everyone, especially when they get our guys up there," he said. "I think it's as good for (the band) as it is for us. It lets them contribute to the cause."

This was the first concert at Camp Pennsylvania. The Dina Preston Band has been supporting troops since the Gulf War. They started their current USO

tour one month ago in Afghanistan and got a taste of the seriousness of the situation troops face when the C-130 they were flying in came under enemy attack and had to make an emergency landing, according to Preston. But that didn't daunt them, she said.

"We keep coming because the troops are the best audience in the world, and it's our way of giving something back. Our job is not just to play for them, but to let them blow off some steam."

The band tries to time their USO tours during the holidays when troops need them most, Preston said. "God bless you all, we're so proud of you and respect what you do. We're so glad to be able to perform for you," she said to the troops.

To end the concert, Don Ortiz handed his guitar to Pfc. Carlos Santos, 3-15 Inf., from Livermore, Calif., who played a stirring rendition of "The Star Spangled Banner."

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“We do a lot of it, because it helps with movement, especially in the desert.”

The snipers have to adjust the way they do things in Kuwait, said Shannon, a Montgomery, Texas native. At Fort Stewart, all of their training is based in a woodland environment.

“There aren’t as many places to hide out here,” he said. “So we need the practice in open areas.”

Operating in two-man teams, the snipers moved forward from the back end of China Town, the shanty city erected at the site. Their target: another squad’s members sitting on top of a Humvee 500 meters outside of the town.

The goal of the stalk is to line up a shot at the observer before he sees the team.

Although they have spent most of the deployment attached to the battalion’s scout platoon, the six-man sniper squad consists exclusively of infantry soldiers, Shannon said. A soldier who wants to be a sniper has to hit 40 out of 40 targets at two consecutive M-16 ranges before being considered.

“Getting into the squad can be a long process,” he said. “It took me two years. There’s a lot of demand to get these jobs, but it isn’t that hard.”

The squad leader receives a list of all the soldiers who qualified and are interested, Shannon said. It is up to him

to evaluate candidates and decide who will make the cut.

Once they are assigned to the squad, snipers learn the basics of the job from the other members, said Pfc. Jace Mounce, a new sniper from Greendale, Ind. When the time comes, they attend the sniper school at Fort Benning, Ga.

At the school, would-be snipers constantly work on their shooting skills, Shannon said. They also learn formulas that allow them to adjust for wind, humidity and elevation. Target estimation is another important task. But the most important skill is stalking.

“It’s pretty important because we are the battalion’s forward eyes-on,” he said. “We typically go in front of everybody. We get out there and let higher know what’s ahead.”

“You’ve got to try to be the best you can be without being seen,” Mounce said. “We do it as if it were a real-world situation.”

Even though there are a lot of long hours and some of the skills are hard to master, 3-15 Infantry’s snipers enjoy and take pride in their jobs.

“I love (being a sniper),” Shannon said. “It’s a challenge. I wouldn’t do any other job.”



Spc. Jacob Boyer

Pvt. Michael Brown, Glendale, Ga., low crawls toward the MOUT site during a stalk. The snipers from 3-15 Inf. conducted training at Udairi Range Jan. 9.

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operations in an old rock quarry,” he said. “We don’t get to do all of this (training) often at Fort Stewart. It’s some of the best you’re going to find.”

The soldiers spend a week training at the MOUT site in the Udairi Range Complex, said Shuck, a Cape Girardeau, Mo., native. They start by honing their reflexive fire skills, which involves targets that come up close and quick. After that, they work on clearing buildings at the team, squad and platoon level. The training culminates in a company-level live-fire exercise at the site.

“The soldiers have been doing well,” said Sgt. 1st Class David Childers, a B Co. platoon sergeant from Orlando, Fla. “They’ve had a lot of new stuff thrown at them really quickly. They are learning to keep the flow going in an urban environment.”

“(MOUT) continues to improve as we add things to the village,” Shuck said. “The soldiers can’t grow accustomed

because we change the conditions and add things. It causes them to react and think. It’s a thinking man’s game out here.”

One of the biggest tasks the soldiers have to master is identifying threats in an urban environment, said Command Sgt. Maj. Bob Gallagher, battalion command sergeant major.

“They have to decide whether what they’re seeing is a threat or not,” he said. “If they can’t see the target’s hands, then they can’t identify it as a threat – there’s a potential it’s a noncombatant.”

The training is an extension of everything the battalion has worked on since it came to Kuwait three months ago, Shuck said.

“This unit is peaking at a 10,” he said. “This is the culmination of their training – where they put it all together. It brings the focus back to the dismounted soldiers. You see a huge difference between where the soldiers were and where they are after they finish this training.”

Spiritual Fitness

He found his heart through his son

Chaplain (Lt. Col.) Roger Heath
Division Chaplain

Some folks are ashamed of the military. They love the freedoms the military provides this wonderful country, but seldom connect-the-dots on just how those freedoms were won or maintained.

*Mr. Frank Schaeffer is a writer from Boston. He describes his awakening to the military through the service of his son.

Mr. Schaeffer's two older children went to a private high school and then on to upper-class universities in the northeast. However, his younger son, John, was well, different. Instead of following his older siblings to elite universities, John chose to join the Marines after high school.

Mr. Schaeffer's friends and acquaintances were aghast at John's unwise choice of military service. One family friend commented, "What a waste, he was such a good student." Military service was for the lower class, right? Here are some of Mr. Schaeffer's comments when he attended John's graduation from boot camp at Parris Island with more than 3,000 other parents.

"We in the audience were white and Native American. We were Hispanic, Arab, African and Asian. We were former Marines wearing battle scars, or at least baseball caps with battle names on it. We were Southerners, skinheads, ex-cons, city kids... from all over." This was not like the well-educated, rich crowd at John's high school graduation just six months earlier.

After the ceremony one new Marine told John, "Before I was a Marine, if I had ever seen you I would've probably killed you just because you were standing there." This was from an inner city former gang member from Detroit. Now

he would fight and die for his new brother-in-arms.

Mr. Schaeffer goes on to say, "Why did the sons and daughters of the most powerful and educated families join the service during World War II, but now won't volunteer for the military? Have we wealthy and educated Americans all become pacifists? Is the world a safe place now or have we just gotten used to having someone else defend us?"

He wonders what is the future of our democratic society. Will the sons and daughters of the janitors of the universities continue to do the hard work of defending our nation while the children of the elite just go to class? Good question.

He began to understand the sacrifices of other parents' sons and daughters. They were responsible for his safety and he had not contributed much at all. He now feels ashamed that he never served in the military.

He sees the storm clouds gathering and understands what other American families are experiencing. He knows his own son may face danger and realizes it could cost him his heart. His son is his heart. When a waiter or a cabbie asks him "How's John?" he knows he means it. He has family in the service too. He discovered his country through his son.

Well, to Mr. Schaeffer and Pvt. Schaeffer, U.S. Marine Corps, I say Semper Paratus and God Bless.

God sent his only Son to be the sacrifice for all. He, who did no wrong, became a sacrifice for us all. Somehow I think God knows what military families are going through.

He sent his heart, his Son that we might be free. He understands what it means to lose his heart, his Son. He didn't consider it a waste.

Perhaps this is something to think on during our stay here. Sacrifice and service is giving the heart.

**Adapted from an article by Frank Schaeffer, WashingtonPost.com, Nov. 26, 2002.*



Hope on the horizon ...

As a magnificent sun sets on the Western horizon, guiding the way home, 3rd Infantry Division (Mech.) soldiers walk east at Camp New York.

Spc. Mason T. Lowery

GLOBAL NEWS



Empty chemical warheads found

BAGHDAD (NBC News Service) – Inspectors discovered 11 empty chemical warheads – components not previously declared by Iraq – during a visit to a storage area 75 miles from Baghdad, a U.N. spokesman said Thursday. Though one U.S. official said the discovery could be a “smoldering gun.”

Iraq dismissed the warheads as old items that were packed away and forgotten, not an indication of an ongoing weapons program.

The components were not reported in Iraq’s declaration meant to account for all banned weapons, the U.N. spokesman said.



Malvo can be tried as adult, judge rules

FAIRFAX, Virginia (CNN) -- A judge ruled Wednesday that 17-year-old sniper suspect John Lee Malvo will be tried as an adult, a decision that will make him eligible for the death penalty if he is convicted.



Navy launches last Vieques mission

WASHINGTON (CNN) — The U.S. Navy has begun its final training of aircraft battle groups on the Puerto Rican Island of Vieques, according to Navy officials. The USS Theodore Roosevelt, the final battle group to use the range, began its bombing and artillery training this week and is expected to finish by the end of the month, wrapping up a stormy relationship between island residents and the U.S. military.

Navy Secretary Gordon England signed a certification letter last week to notify Congress, declaring May 1 as the official closing of Vieques to U.S. military training.

U.S. weighs grim N. Korea options

WASHINGTON (MSNBC) — There is no ignoring North Korea, as the Bush administration is learning the hard way. Since revelations about its nuclear program surfaced in October, Pyongyang’s Stalinist regime has squared off with the conservative White House, answering each move in Washington with new threats and harsh rhetoric.

As if by instinct, the Bush administration took a hard line toward Pyongyang from the beginning of its term. But following through with aggressive economic or military action could trigger a devastating backlash for South Korea and the region. Further complicating the situation, the White House is focused on its building showdown with Iraq and reluctant to pursue two military conflicts at once.

“If we do nothing at all, North Korea emerges as a declared nuclear power in a year or so,” predicts Nicholas Eberstadt, a Korea expert at the American Enterprise Institute. “Then you have a nuclear-armed Korea as a nuclear arms merchant, and the world looks a lot more dangerous.”

Virginia Juvenile Court Judge Charles Maxfield ordered Malvo to be tried as an adult in the October 14 shooting death of FBI analyst Linda Franklin, one of four sniper shootings prosecutors say Malvo carried out.

Based on a substantial amount of circumstantial evidence, Maxfield said, there is probable cause to believe Malvo was involved in the shooting. The suspect will next go before a Fairfax County grand jury February 25, though attorneys on both sides doubted the case would be ready.

Malvo’s defense attorneys made heated closing arguments Wednesday, saying none of the evidence presented actually placed Malvo at any of the four crime scenes.

Cargo follows troops to gulf area

SAVANNAH (Fox News) -- Hundreds of military vehicles were being loaded Wednesday onto a special Navy cargo ship, another sign of the Pentagon’s buildup towards a possible war with Iraq. At three football fields long, the USNS Mendonca will shuttle 1,400 vehicles and 1,300 containers of equipment for the Army’s 3rd Infantry Division, much of which is being deployed to Kuwait.

The Mendonca arrived at the port in Savannah, Ga., Tuesday for a loading process expected to take 48 hours.

With a crew of just 29 sailors, the ship and its seven decks look like a massive parking garage. Designed after the 1991 Gulf War to be able to quickly and efficiently move large amounts of equipment, the Mendonca relies on computer software to assign where each piece of equipment is placed.

“Packing the ship is kind like packing the family SUV,” said Col. Pete Lennon, the U.S. Army Shipping Logistics commander. It’s packed so that “the first thing that you need you can get out in a hurry.”

Marne Scoreboard

NFL

Jan. 11

Tennessee 34, Pittsburgh 31
Philadelphia 20, Atlanta 6

Jan. 12

Tampa Bay 31, San Francisco 6
Oakland 30, NY Jets 10

NBA

Jan. 13

Detroit 101, Orlando 86
Chicago 101, New York 94
Portland 118, Cleveland 94
Minnesota 89, Denver 75
Houston 101, Boston 92
Memphis 110, Golden State 108

Jan. 14

Toronto 84, Washington 75
Miami 88, Detroit 85
New York 98, Chicago 86
Milwaukee 97, Atlanta 88
San Antonio 108, Phoenix 100

Jan. 15

Philadelphia 108, New Jersey 107
Boston 86, Atlanta 66
Indiana 104, Miami 81
Milwaukee 99, Toronto 87
LA Lakers 90, New Orleans 82
Houston 102, Phoenix 96
Sacramento 123, Dallas 94
Utah 92, Denver 81
Portland 100, Memphis 92
Minnesota 95, LA Clippers 64
Golden State 108, Cleveland 80

Thursday

Washington 108, Orlando 93

Utah 92, Seattle 85

Friday

Milwaukee 99, Philadelphia 95
Boston 98, Indiana 93
New Jersey 88, Toronto 77
Detroit 99, New York 82
New Orleans 90, Chicago 83
San Antonio 106, Atlanta 93
Denver 97, Cleveland 80
Phoenix 111, Dallas 106
Houston 108, LA Lakers 104
Seattle 103, Memphis 97
Golden State 107, Minnesota 98

NHL

Jan. 13

Atlanta 7, Philadelphia 4
Montreal 4, Calgary 2
Los Angeles 3, San Jose 2
Edmonton 8, Columbus 5
Washington 4, NY Islanders 3
Detroit 5, Chicago 4
NY Rangers 5, Toronto 1
Pittsburgh 2, Boston 1
New Jersey 6, Florida 2

Jan. 14

St. Louis 4, Phoenix 1
Buffalo 1, Minnesota 0
Toronto 3, Calgary 2
Ottawa 7, Tampa Bay 0
Vancouver 4, Nashville 3

Jan. 15

Pittsburgh 2, Carolina 0
NY Rangers 2, Washington 1
Anaheim 4, Columbus 3
Atlanta 1, Montreal 0
New Jersey 5, NY Islanders 0

Florida 3, Boston 0

Chicago 4, Detroit 1

Thursday

Ottawa 3, Anaheim 1
Philadelphia 4, Montreal 1
Minnesota 5, Vancouver 2
NY Islanders 3, St. Louis 2 (OT)
Nashville 2, Calgary 2
Detroit 4, Colorado 2
Edmonton 2, Los Angeles 0
Buffalo 2, San Jose 2 (OT)

Friday

New Jersey 2, Carolina 1
Toronto 4, Washington 1
Atlanta 3, Boston 1
Pittsburgh 3, Tampa Bay 2
Vancouver 4, Chicago 2

NCAA Basketball

Men

ESPN/USA Today Top 25

Jan. 13

Syracuse 76, (11) Missouri 69
(24) Okla. St. 48, (5) Oklahoma 46

Jan. 14

(6) UConn 83, Virginia Tech 65
(3) Pitt 80, West Virginia 61
(9) Notre Dame 68, Rutgers 57
(21) Marquette 85, Tulane 73
(16) Kentucky 74, Vanderbilt 52
(23) Xavier 80, La Salle 47

Jan. 15

(1) Duke 104, Virginia 93
(7) Florida 77, Tennessee 64
(14) Creighton 93, Evansville 66
(17) Indiana 71, Northwestern 57
(4) Texas 82, Baylor 71

Iowa 68, (8) Illinois 61

(12) Kansas 98, Wyoming 70
(20) Wake Forest 81, (15) Md. 72
(19) Oregon 69, Portland State 63
(10) Alabama 68, (13) Miss. St. 62

Thursday

(18) Louisville 87, East Carolina 70
(2) Arizona 81, USC 72

Women

ESPN/USA Today Top 25

Jan. 13

(1) Duke 79, Georgia Tech 59

Jan. 14

(5) Tennessee 76, (24) DePaul 57
(20) Notre Dame 71, St. John's 42

Jan. 15

(2) UConn 53, Seton Hall 48
(22) Boston College 79, Miami 61
Rutgers 58, (25) Villanova 57
(7) Texas Tech 80, (23) Okla. 71
(4) Kansas St. 68, Iowa St. 60
(17) Wisc. GB 95, Youngstown 53
(18) Texas 74, Texas A&M 47

Thursday

(8) Purdue 73, (15) Penn St. 66
(13) S.Caro. 66, (16) Vanderbilt 57
(1) Duke 71, Wake Forest 61
(10) UNC 77, Clemson 55
(3) LSU 82, Kentucky 39
(9) Arkansas 84, Florida 45
(21) Arizona 79, USC 76
(12) La. Tech 83, Nevada 54
(5) Tennessee 88, Alabama 45
(4) Stanford 85, Washington St. 56

Friday

(25) Cincinnati 68, TCU 61

Canadian Hall considers Rose

Pete Rose, who played part of the 1984 season with the Montreal Expos, has been nominated for induction into the Canadian shrine.

A 16-member committee will begin evaluating the nominations of Rose and 45 others starting next week. Inductees will be announced Feb. 24.

Lowe has surgery

Red Sox pitcher Derek Lowe had surgery for skin cancer on his nose two weeks ago, but is expected to make a full recovery and be ready for spring training next month.

Because of the procedure, Lowe was unable to attend the annual dinner of the Boston Baseball Writers' Association of America.

All-Star change passed

Baseball owners decided unanimously Thursday to give the All-Star game winner home-field advantage in the World Series. Now it's up to players whether to put the change in place.

Home field has rotated between the American and National leagues since the World Series began in 1903, and the team hosting Games 1, 2, 6 and 7 has won 15 of the last 17 titles and the last eight Series that went a full seven games.

Carter may miss game

Vince Carter, the leading vote-getter for the Eastern Conference All-Stars, may not play in the game Feb. 9 in Atlanta due to a knee injury.

He has missed 19 straight games for the Toronto Raptors with a strained right knee.

USOC officer quits

The U.S. Olympic Committee's ethics compliance officer has resigned to protest the lack of action against chief executive Lloyd Ward.

Pat Rodgers told The Gazette of Colorado Springs that he turned in his resignation late Wednesday because he could no longer be "promoting (an ethics) code that's not lived up to by the leadership."

Phelan retires

Mount St. Mary's basketball coach Jim Phelan, who has coached more college basketball games (1,339) over more seasons than anyone else, will retire after this season.

Phelan, whose 824 career victories ranks fourth all time, said he made the decision to retire before the season.