Olympic stars go Down Under for Goodwill Games

By BEN HOOPER

Last year, Sydney hosted a glittering Summer Olympics spectacle. This year, another city Down Under, Brisbane, plays host to the 2001 Goodwill Games, which begin with the opening celebration Tuesday, Aug. 28, and hurtle into action the next day with swimming, gymnastics, weightlifting and beach volleyball. TNT covers the entire event, which wraps up Sept. 9.

What's more, a lot of Olympic star power returns for the Goodwill Games.

Michael Johnson, he of the five Olympic gold medals, five Goodwill Games gold medals and two golden running shoes, makes his last competitive run here. He will run the baton for the last 400 meters of the 4x400m relay on Sept. 7.

"I'm extremely pleased to be running my last race for Team USA at the 2001 Goodwill Games," says Johnson, who also is the world record holder in the 200m and 400m dashes and a member of the world record-holding 4x400m relay team. "I have competed in three Goodwill Games, and each holds a significant memory for me, so it makes sense to end my career here."

Among the other stars from Sydney competing in the Goodwill Games are the world's fastest woman and man, Marion Jones and Maurice Greene (she won three gold medals and two bronze ones at Sydney; he took home two golds); swimmer Ian Thorpe (three golds, two silvers); gymnast Svetlana Khorkina (gold) and pole-vaulter Stacy Dragila (gold).

Figure skater Michelle Kwan kicks off her Olympic season — and starts her defense of her world championship title. It is the first opportunity for fans to see the routine she will perform next year at the Winter Olympics in Salt Lake City.

This is the third Goodwill Games appearance for Kwan, who took home gold in 1998 and silver in 1994.

Kwan says the games have played an important role in her athletic career.

"Participating in the 1994 games gave me the confidence to compete on an international level, and winning in 1998 capped off an incredible year for me," says the four-time world champion and five-time national champion. "I look forward to being a part of this year's games and defending my title."

The women's skating consists of the typical short program and free skate, with 12 women competing in each event.

Eleven young NBA standouts and a college hoop star make up the 12-man U.S. basketball squad. None of them is older than 22, and all have a promising future in pro basketball, according to Stu Jackson, the NBA's senior vice president of basketball operations.

"With the 12 young players named, we have assembled a team with great athletic ability as well as depth and versatility at every position," Jackson says. "All of the players have a very bright NBA future, and they will benefit from the international basketball experience gained at the Goodwill Games. We are proud to have them represent the NBA and USA Basketball."

Mike Miller of the Orlando Magic, the NBA's 2001 rookie of the year, heads a team that includes Marc Jackson of the Golden State Warriors and Kenyon Martin of the New Jersey Nets, who, along with Miller, were first-team picks for the All-NBA Rookie Team. Duke's Shane Battier, who was named this year's college player of the year, also represents the United States.

The youngsters will take orders from Flip Saunders, the head coach of the Minnesota Timberwolves. He's joined by assistant coaches Glenn "Doc" Rivers, head coach of the Magic; Tom Izzo, head coach at Michigan State; and Oliver Purnell, head coach of the University of Dayton squad in Ohio.

Rivers, who was named MVP of the U.S. team that won silver at the 1982 World Championship of Basketball, says, "I'm excited and honored to be part of the USA Basketball Goodwill Games coaching staff and to once again have the opportunity to represent the United States."

This year's games aren't all about star power, however. Other points of interest include:

The opening gala is headlined by the Irish pop group the Corrs and features a collection of other notable musicians and local talents.

The year's Goodwill Games is the first major international competition to feature a redesigned gymnastics vault that will be used by both men and women.

Surf lifesaving joins the competition, recognizing skills in categories such as mixed board rescue, beach sprint and surf race that previously were showcased only on the syndicated TV series Baywatch.

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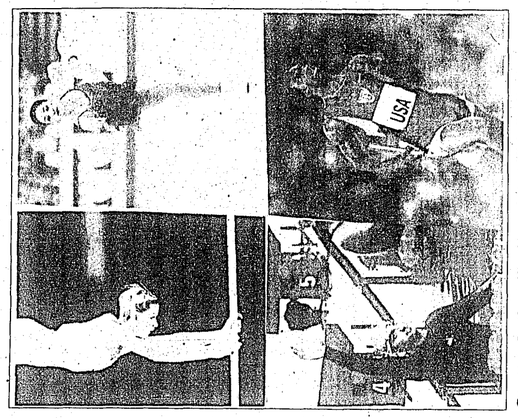

Gymnast Svetlana Khorkina, skater Michelle Kwan, runner Michael Johnson and swimmer Ian Thorpe (clockwise from top left) are among the star athletes expected at the Goodwill Games. Coverage begins Tuesday on TNT.

Moments in time

From THE HISTORY CHANNEL

• On **Aug. 29, 1533**, Atahuallpa, the last emperor of the Incas, dies by strangulation at the hands of Francisco Pizarro's Spanish conquistadors. The execution marked the end of 300 years of Inca civilization.

• On **Aug. 27, 1859**, Edwin Drake strikes oil at 69 feet near Titusville, Pa. — the world's first successful oil well. This source of crude oil, or petroleum, opened up a new inexpensive source of power and quickly replaced whale oil in lamps.

• On **Aug. 31, 1888**, prostitute Mary Ann Nichols, the first victim of London serial killer "Jack the Ripper," is found murdered and mutilated in Whitechapel's Buck's Row. The East End of London saw four more victims of the murderer, but no suspect was ever found.

• On **Aug. 30, 1918**, Soviet leader Vladimir Lenin is shot twice by Fanya Kaplan, a member of the Social Revolutionary party. Lenin was seriously wounded but survived. The assassination attempt set off a wave of reprisals by the Bolsheviks against the Social Revolutionaries and other political opponents.

• On **Sept. 1, 1985**, 73 years after it sunk to the North Atlantic Ocean floor, a joint U.S.-French expedition locates the wreck of the R.M.S. Titanic 400 miles off the coast of Newfoundland, Canada.

• On **Aug. 28, 1996**, Charles, Prince of Wales and heir to the British throne, and his wife, Princess Diana, formally divorce. In the year following the divorce, the popular princess seemed well on her way to achieving her dream of becoming "a queen in people's hearts," but on Aug. 31, 1997, she was killed in a car accident.

• On **Sept. 2, 1998**, a United Nations court finds Jean-Paul Akayesu, the former mayor of a small town in Rwanda, guilty of nine counts of genocide, marking the first time that the 1948 law banning genocide is enforced.

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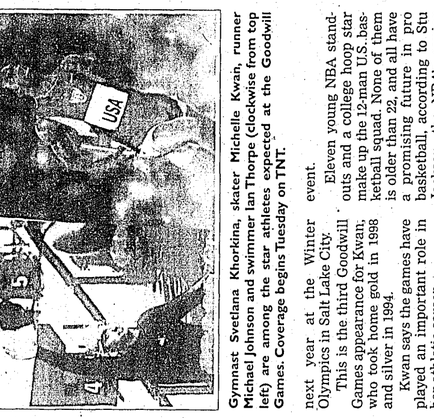
BY HENRY BOLTINOFF



Find at least six differences in details between panels.

Differences: 1. Shuters are added. 2. Golf club is missing. 3. House on left is missing. 4. Mustache is fuller. 5. Small paint can is missing. 6. Window on left is smaller.

Super Crossword — STRIKE ONE!

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6 Lowdown lit
10 Small shot
13 Ellipse
18 Troupe of prompts
19 Book of stamps
19 — League
21 Sand
22 Buenos —
23 Computer image
24 Middle-of-the-night remark
25 Non-stereo
26 Praise for Pavarotti
27 Thomas — (Pulitzer author)
28 Bruins' sch.
30 "Ada" author
33 List entry
34 Start of a remark by Yogi Berra
38 Author LeShan
39 About
40 Very cold
41 Mets' milieu
44 Artist's model
46 Steakhouse order
49 Kasbah cap
52 Beyond matter
53 Hook on a hawk
54 Wall Street spoilers
55 Bridge ploy
56 Code letters
57 Prominent feature
58 Gardener's delight
59 So out it's in
60 Pay
61 Playground game
62 Uncool ones
63 Who stoops to conquer
64 Middle-of-the-night remark
72 Snaky swimmer
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109 Fury's foster father
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41 Scarecrow stuffing
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45 Lilly of pharmaceuticals
46 Mars the bar
47 Mel Allen
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49 Some milk
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51 Bungle
53 Playground feature
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54 Conifer
84 Kerouac's faith
85 "— is said and done"
86 A real butte
88 Expert
89 Tennis great
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93 Prohibition
94 Victorian
95 Subway station
96 Papal name
97 "Superman" star
98 Coup d'— refuges
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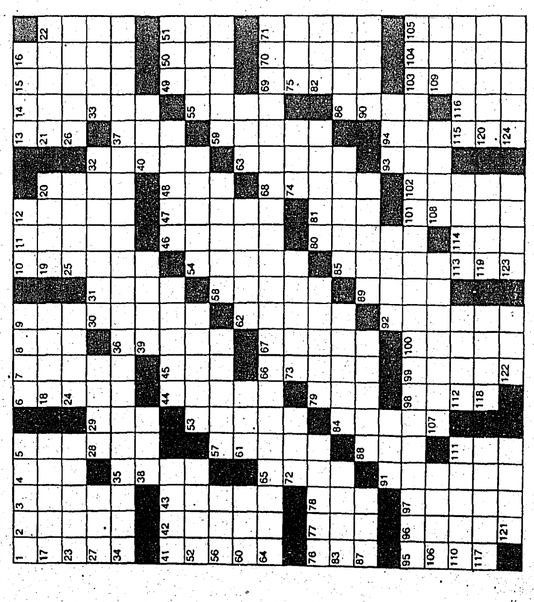

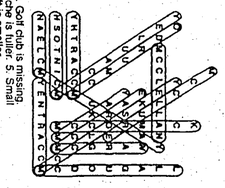

Mooresville's Martin is top restaurateur

Mooresville's Sharon Martin (second from left) receives Red Lobster's prestigious Diamond Club Award as the chain's top general manager for 2001. Martin is general manager of the Red Lobster in Statesville, and was saluted for her restaurant's financial performance and guest satisfaction. Martin's establishment, at 1145 Glenway Drive, ranked in the top 5 precent in company revenue, and in the top 5 percent in guest satisfaction stores when compared to the 650 Red Lobsters across NorthAmerica. Martin also won the Diamond Club Award in 2000. With her are (from left) Joe Lee, president and CEO of Darden Restaurants, the parent company of Red Lobster; Dick Rivera, president of Red Lobster; and Edna Morris, Red Lobster's executive vice president for operations.

Business in brief

New physician

Timothy Barker, MD, has joined the medical staff of Lake Norman Regional Medical Center and Lake Norman Family Medicine Center in Mooresville. Dr. Barker received his medical degree from the Bowman Gray School of Medicine in Winston-Salem. He completed his residency in family practice at the University of Pittsburgh Medical Center; he also completed a fellowship in primary care sports medicine at the University of Pittsburgh Medical Center. He is Board Certified in Family Practice and holds a Certificate of Added Qualification in Sports Medicine.

Rudisill joins UNCC

Mooresville's Pam Rudisill, Director of Nursing for the past five years at Lake Norman Regional Medical Center, has been reappointed to UNC Charlotte's College of Nursing and Health Professionals as adjunct assistant professor. Rudisill has been a member of UNCC's adjunct faculty since 1990. As adjunct assistant professor, Rudisill serves as a guest lecturer, mentor and consultant for the UNCC program.

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Jones' new office

Ben Goins has opened a new Mooresville office of Edward Jones Investments, located at 109 Professional Park Drive, Suite 11, in the Gateway Business Park at I-77/Exit 33. Goins, a deacon and stewardship committee chairman of First Baptist Church in Mooresville, is a member of the Masons, Shriners, Mooresville-South Iredell Chamber of Commerce and Mooresville-Lake Norman Rotary Club.

Beginning in next Wednesday's Tribune, Goins will sponsor an Edward Jones/Mooresville Senior High School Athlete of the Week.

Firms adds CPA

Ivester & Ladd, Certified Public Accountants, has added Lou F. Cloninger to its staff. Cloninger, a CPA, was previously with the Charlotte firm of Cherry, Bekaert & Holland. The Denver resident holds a degree in accounting from UNC Charlotte. Ivester & Ladd has offices in Mooresville and Denver.

ALDI to open

ALDI Foods, a chain of discount food stores based in Chicago, will open its Mooresville store on Sept. 13, officials announced. The store, which will feature ALDI brands and touts lowers prices, is under construction at 132 E. Plaza Dr.

Slow trucks, fast cars: Volatile mix at Exit 42

By JONATHAN WEAVER

One man, 51-year-old Cecil Hardin, died Aug. 5. One woman, 49-year-old Imogene Eckliff, has been in a coma. Both were victims of virtually identical accidents.

On separate days, their cars ran underneath transfer trucks in front of Wilco Travel Plaza off Exit 42 near Troutman. In both instances, the victims were traveling south on U.S. 21 and the trucks were pulling out of the Wilco.

That stretch of road is becoming one of the most dangerous in Iredell County. And the problem is getting worse.

"One (truck) just pulled out in front of me (last) week," said Debbie Freeze, who was inside the truck stop when Hardin's accident occurred. "The trucks used to clear that intersection fine, but now they're going so slow. It seems to have gotten worse in the past year."

Fast-exiting cars coming off Interstate 77 and traveling north on Hwy. 21 and 75-foot long trucks leaving the Wilco Travel Plaza parking lot combine for a dangerous mix.

One state trooper likens the intersection to a melting pot.

The 55 mph speed limit, always-busy truck stop, five-lane road and slow-exiting trucks all combine to make the problem, said Sgt. C.D. Berry. Also, "a stoplight would solve a lot of this," he added.

Those crashes and near misses have caused motorists and the families of wreck victims to wonder why nothing has been done. "They (the state) ought to be held accountable for these deaths," Freeze said.

Susan Hardin, widow of Cecil Hardin, has vowed to make the intersection safer. Tim Eckliff, Irene's husband, met with Hardin while she was at Carolinas Medical Center with Cecil, Hardin said.

"He told me he wanted me to help him in the fight to get a light put in," Hardin said. "Cecil is gone. Something good has to come from this."

And state officials are listening.

Highway engineers recently began a signal study at the intersection to determine if a $35,000 stoplight is warranted, said Mark Stafford, highway district engineer.

In the study, workers collect data such as turning movement counts in and out of the truck stop. Once the numbers are gathered and analyzed, engineers decide if there is evidence that the intersection meets the requirements, said Sam Nichols, division traffic engineer.

If the conditions are met and approved by both the local office and the area traffic engineer's office in Asheville, the request goes to Raleigh, where a committee determines the need compared with other requests.

Nichols assures motorists the state is doing all they can. "Safety is our first concern," he said.

Also, Wilco officials have conferred with N.C. Board of Transportation member Frank Johnson about a plan to make the area safer.

"They're going to erect signs to keep trucks from coming in and out of that first driveway, and have another exit closer to the mobile home lot," Johnson said.

Johnson also said that while not yet approved, a potential development moving in near the truck stop could help. If approved and built, at least two stoplights will be put up at the builder's expense, he said.

Until the problem is fixed, Berry advises that motorists should be aware of exiting trucks, show courtesy to others and reduce their speed. "Even though the speed limit is 55, they could still reduce their speed some when they get near that intersection," he said.

Jonathan Weaver is a reporter with the Tribune's sister paper in Statesville, the Record & Landmark.

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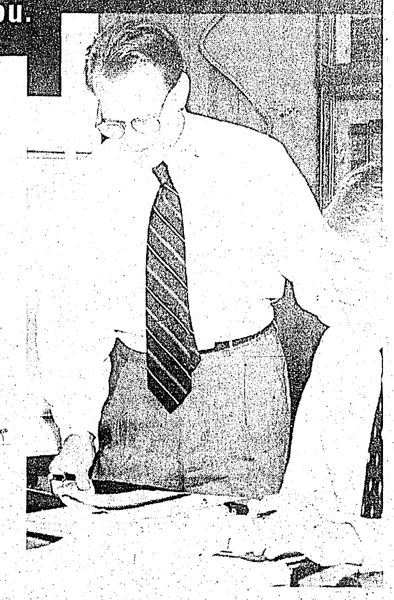

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