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ACROSS	1 One of three squares	2 Spider's handiwork	3 One of Edison's 1000+	4 Perry's creator	5 Chopping tool	6 Flat shaver	7 Manitoba tribe	8 Bandminton need	9 Director May	10 Creeping weed	11 Apothecary's weight	12 Even if, for short	13 Commercial alliances	14 Wilson of the Beach Boys	15 Web-toed mammal	16 Iraq or Qatari	17 Tarzan's movie son	18 Ruling threesome	19 Part of some spares	20 Harry Connick, Jr., for one	21 Film festival site	22 Lanka	23 Fill with cargo	24 Send to the capital	25 Aiming aid	26 Moses of filmdom	27 Untouchables, e.g.	28 Pull an all-nighter, perhaps	29 Ary of the Ramones	30 Emissary of the pope										
	62 AFL's partner	63 Tart taste	64 Merle of Wuthering Heights	65 Zeta follower	66 Football legend	67 Acted the valet	68 Sun Yat	69 Jay's home																																
DOWN	1 Hajji's destination	2 Flynn of film	3 Sitka dweller	4 Parasitic word	5 Person processing pioneer	6 Backbreaking effort	7 Electron stream	8 Weight-room exercise	9 "You've got mail" co.	10 Inedible mushroom	11 Middleast bigwig	12 Actress Foch	13 Abound	14 Goblin starter	21 Catch some rays	22 Spanish zodiac animal	23 Grand-slam foursome	30 Rock singer Turner	31 Supplemental, with "out"	32 Seidom seen	33 Suffix with utter or suffer	34 100 dinars	35 One of the Brontës	36 Standard of excellence	38 Send sprawling	40 Our Gang dog	41 Rather's predecessor	43 Candle holders	46 Early Beatie Sutcliffe	47 Environmentalist's prefix	49 Pay out	51 Follow, as advice	52 Do figure eights	53 Circus setups	54 Grain bane	55 Filly's footfall	56 McEntire of country	57 Antiquing agent	59 Mottled horse	61 Wingtip tip

Answer to previous puzzle

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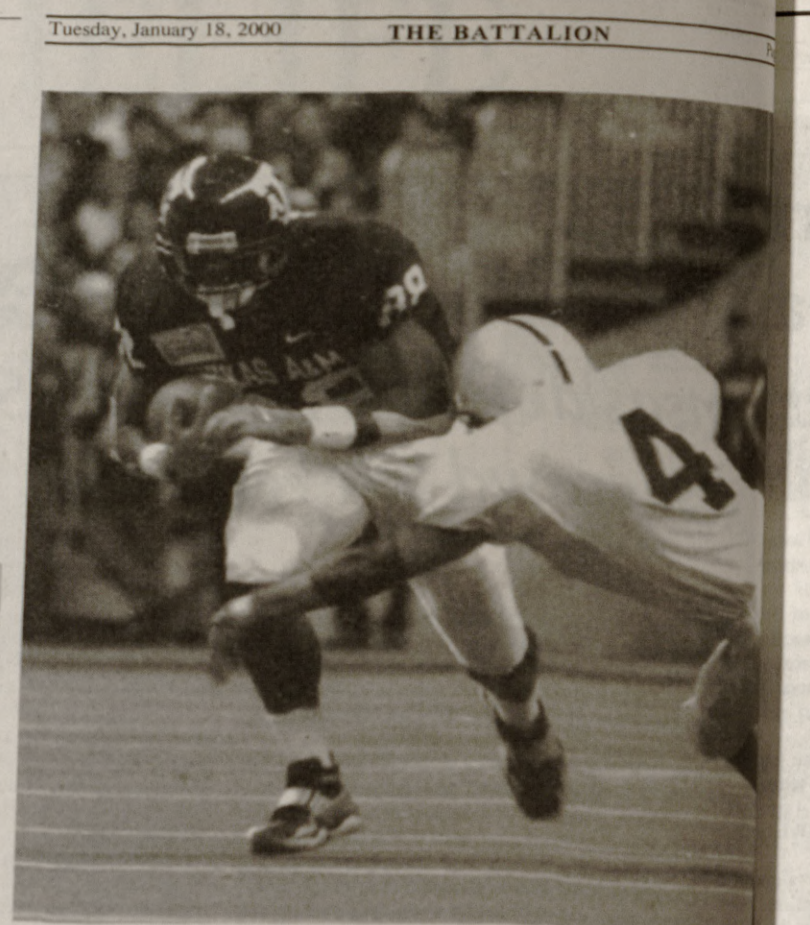
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Freshman running back Joe Weber eludes the tackle of Penn State linebacker Derek Fox in the fourth quarter of the Alamo Bowl.

Penn State continues Aggies' bowl trouble

BY JASON LINCOLN
The Battalion

The 1999 Sylvania Alamo Bowl was billed as a defensive battle featuring Texas A&M and Penn State. Texas A&M's Wrecking Crew looked to redeem itself as the heart of a struggling Aggie football team. While the Wrecking Crew performed well, the Nittany Lion's defense would dominate the game, blanking Texas A&M, 24-0.

The Wrecking Crew started off strong, but the A&M offense was no match for Penn State's "Linebacker U." Junior outside linebacker LaVar Arrington led the Penn State charge, forcing three interceptions and adding an Alamo Bowl record 14 tackles and a sack for good measure.

The Aggies started the game with a vaunted offensive front after Chris Valletta suffered a high ankle sprain in practice. That forced A&M to start two freshmen on the left side against a seasoned Nittany Lion defense. It was just the opening Penn State needed.

"I knew that if we got in a situation where they could use their athletic ability to come after us, we'd have a hard time," Texas A&M coach R.C. Slocum said.

On A&M's first offensive play, Arrington broke through chasing down Aggie quarterback Randy McCown. The All-American linebacker made contact with McCown during his pass release, causing the ball to float into cornerback David Macklin's hands for the first interception.

The Aggie defense was able to minimize the effects of the first turnover as the drive ended in a missed field goal by Penn State kicker Travis Forney.

A&M's second possession lasted a little longer. On first down, Toombs was held for no gain. That brought up a pass attempt by McCown, who was chased down by defensive end Justin Kurpeikis for a sack.

On third-and-20, backed up against his own 10-yard line, McCown took aim for wide receiver Leroy Hodge. However, Penn State's Derek Fox stepped in front of the ball for the interception and returned it 34 yards for the

Former A&M coach to be hired as Packers head coach

GREEN BAY, Wis. (AP) — Mike Sherman, the Seattle Seahawks' offensive coordinator and a former Green Bay assistant, will be hired as the new coach of the Packers, a team source told The Associated Press on Monday.

Sherman likely will be introduced at a news conference on Tuesday, the source told the AP, speaking on condition of anonymity.

A longtime college assistant coach with just three years of NFL experience, Sherman suddenly emerged as general manager Ron Wolf's choice when the GM's early favorites — former Chiefs coach Marty Schottenheimer and Rams offensive coordinator Mike Martz — took themselves out of the running.

The Post-Crescent of Appleton and ESPN first reported Sherman's hiring.

Sherman and his agent were on their way to Green Bay on Monday night, the source said. Wolf was returning to Green Bay from Mobile, Ala., where he was scouting at the Senior Bowl.

Sherman, who has no head coaching experience, spent two years as Mike Holmgren's tight ends coach in Green Bay before moving to Seattle with Holmgren last January, where he doubled as offensive coordinator and tight ends coach.

Sherman apparently made a strong impression when Wolf interviewed him in Green Bay on Saturday. Wolf said the search for Rhodes' replacement would be "a lengthy process," yet he settled on Sherman just two weeks after firing Rhodes.

Wolf and team president Bob Harlan, who was traveling, did not return phone calls Monday night.

Like Holmgren in 1992, Sherman comes to the Packers with no head coaching experience, but a background in disciplined, hard-nosed style of football favored by Wolf.

Wolf apparently chose a coach who would keep the West Coast offense that brought the Packers their recent success and which three-time MVP quarterback Brett Favre is most comfortable running.

Sherman was popular with Green Bay's players, including tight end Mike Chmura, who made the Pro Bowl during each of Sherman's two seasons with the Packers. Chmura missed all but two games of the 1999 season with a knee injury, but expects to return next season.

Before joining Holmgren in Green Bay, Sherman was an offensive line coach at Texas A&M and UCLA from 1989-96.

He was hired as Texas A&M's offensive coordinator in 1997, but left for the Packers before the season began. Sherman also was an assistant at Holy Cross from 1985-88, in Seattle, he coordinated the team's offense but Holmgren called the plays just as Holmgren did with offensive coordinator Sherman Lewis during his seven seasons in Green Bay.

Sherman was one of eight assistant coaches Holmgren took with him from Green Bay to Seattle.