

Tailgating not for weak: hot game, cold beer stuff of dreams

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rain, sleet and snow to enjoy ice-cold beer and lukewarm burgers.

Tailgating is as American as apple pie and just as predictable. How many ways can you grill up burgers and hot dogs? What else can you stick in the old wash pot?

Fear not. With a little ingenuity and creativity, plain old burgers and dogs can take on new life.

Instead of dishing up hamburger, serve veal or spicy meatball subs.

Instead of beer, serve up a few pitchers of tangy, spicy Bloody Marys.

Still not convinced? Here are a few of recipes to get you started.

The only limit is your imagination.

Interested in going? The Carolinas Football Classic Weekend begins with a welcome party, Oct. 21 at the Adam's Mark Hotel. The festivities begin at 9 p.m. and tickets are \$5 in advance and \$10 at the door.

The fun continues Saturday.

Many homeless are vets

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WASHINGTON — A third of homeless men seeking shelter are veterans, mostly combat veterans from the Korean, Vietnam or the Persian Gulf conflicts, according to a Veterans Day survey released Saturday.

"War is something that breaks people," said Phil Rydman, spokesman for the International Union of Gospel Missions, a network of rescue missions that conducted the survey.

"Some people are not able to get back into civilian life because of what they have experienced in the conflict setting."

Rydman said that what used to be called "shell shock" and is now referred to as post-traumatic stress syndrome sets in at different times, accounting for the continuing flow of Vietnam veterans into missions 20 years after the war.

The survey of 11,000 men seeking shelter in 58 missions in late October showed 32 percent were veterans. By comparison, Veterans Administration figures show about 19 percent of the male population are former members of the armed forces.

In the missions' survey for Veterans Day 1996, the percentage of veterans among the homeless was slightly higher, 34 percent.

Of the homeless veterans surveyed this year, 42 percent were Vietnam veterans. Vietnam vets represent only about 10 percent of the overall veteran population, according to figures from Vietnam Veterans of America and the VA.

Stephen Burger, executive director of the missions, said Vietnam veterans continue to fall through the cracks, often after multiple divorces and struggles with alcohol and drug addiction.

"We're still getting new Vietnam veterans. They're still falling out of the system," Burger said. "That should be a little shocking to us."

"They didn't come back and become homeless. They came back and became part of the community, and then things happened that made them become homeless," he said. "Many of these people are struggling with identity. They are struggling with guilt."

Rydman noted that 10 percent of the veterans surveyed by the shelters had served in the Korean War in the early 1950s and another 10 percent in the Gulf War in 1991.

Before kickoff, uptown will be filled the sounds with local drummers and bands for the McDonald's Rhythm Parade. The event begins at 10 a.m. Immediately following the 1 p.m. game is a step show at Charlotte

Convention Center. At 9 p.m. the Ohio Players take the stage at the Adam's Mark Hotel. Tickets are \$20 and available through TicketMaster.

Classic weekend concludes Sunday with the African American Cultural Expo Gospel

concert, 12-2 p.m. Charlotte Convention Center. For more information, contact 100 Black Men of Greater Charlotte at 375-9509 or (888) 321-1386.

Bloody Marys
1 quart tomato juice

1 cup vodka or gin
1 tablespoon fresh lime or lemon juice
1 tablespoon Worcestershire sauce
1 teaspoon salt
1/4 teaspoon pepper sauce

Combine all ingredients in a 2 quart pitcher. Stir well and refrigerate until chilled.

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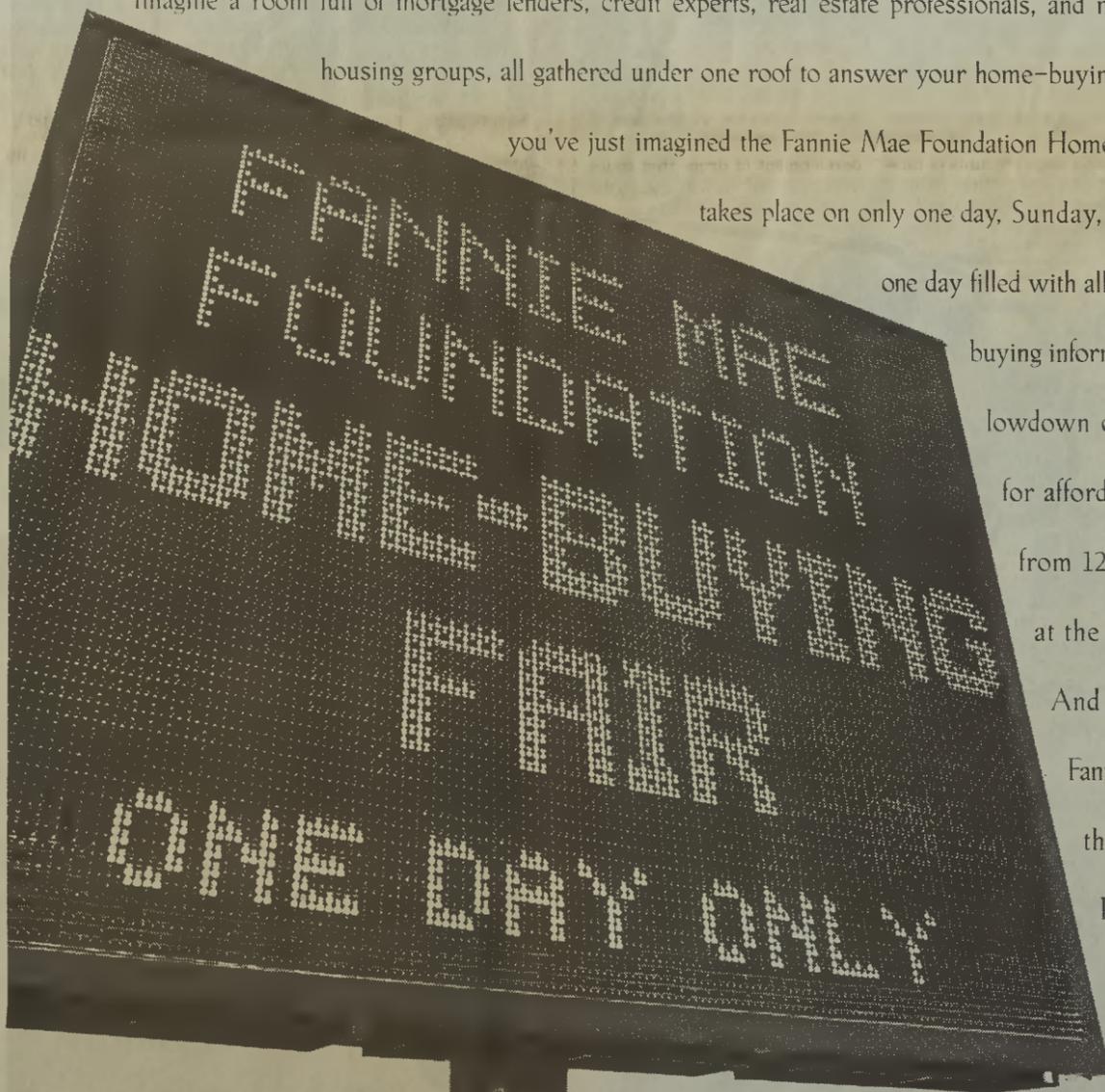
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