

Griffith new WIBC chief

REUTERS, London
Teddy Griffith was elected president of the West Indies Cricket Board (WIBC) on Tuesday.
Griffith beat the only other candidate, former vice-president Clarvis Joseph, by nine votes to four in a meeting of the WIBC at the Jolly Beach Resort, Antigua.
Businessman Griffith played for Barbados and Jamaica and also served as the chairman of the WIBC marketing committee.
He replaces former West Indies fast bowler Wes Hall who stood down through ill health.

Australia recall Damien, Glenn

AFP, Sydney
Australia recalled batsman Damien Martyn to the Test cricket side Wednesday for the team's opening match against Zimbabwe next week in Perth, selectors announced Wednesday.
Martyn has been sidelined for the past three months due to a fractured right index finger suffered in the World Cup in South Africa.
His return pushed Martin Love from the squad even though he had performed well during Australia's tour of the West Indies and a series against Bangladesh in August.
"I guess it's a sense of relief really because such is the depth in Australian cricket that as soon as you relinquish your position for injury or whatever reason, another player can just as easily take your spot," Martyn said of his selection.
The 31-year-old right-hander celebrated his return to international ranks by slamming 30 runs (three sixes, three fours) from a single over by Sean Ervine as Zimbabwe opened their major Australian programme with a one-day clash against a Cricket Australia Chairman's XI Wednesday.

AUSTRALIA
Stephen Waugh (captain), Ricky Ponting, Andrew Bichel, Adam Gilchrist, Jason Gillespie, Matthew Hayden, Justin Langer, Brett Lee, Darren Lehmann, Stuart MacGill, Damien Martyn, Glenn McGrath (subject to fitness), Brad Williams

It's more

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promised to try to shake off the tag through performances on the pitch.
"We played decent cricket in England (a 2-2 Test series draw). We have come here to win and grow as a team," he said.
"They (Pakistan) are obviously pumped up as they are playing a big series at home after a long time. They have the home advantage but it is going to be a tough one."
Pakistan go into the one-day series starting on Friday after a clean sweep over Bangladesh in both the Test and one-day series just ended, but historically South Africa have the clear edge with 25 wins in one-dayers against Pakistan out of 36.
When the two teams met in South Africa last winter, Shaun Pollock was captain and led his side to a crushing 4-1 victory.
Inzamam is not unduly put out.
"For the first time since the World Cup, we are fielding our strongest side with everyone available," he said.
Pakistan have also included Rashid Latif, who resigned as captain recently after serving a five-match ban for claiming a questionable catch against Bangladesh in September.
Paceman Shoaib Akhtar is also available and "spin twins" Mushtaq Ahmed and Saqlain are back together for the first time since last bowling together in a Test against New Zealand at Auckland in February 2001.
The one-day series is followed by a curtailed two-Test rubber during the latter half of October.



PHOTO: AFP
Zimbabwe's Heath Streak (3rd from R) celebrates bowling Cricket Australia Chairman's XI opener Adam Gilchrist with teammates during their one-day practice match near Perth yesterday.

Zim zap CA selection



AFP, Perth

Stuart Carlisle and Craig Wishart steered Zimbabwe to a morale-boosting seven-wicket win over a Cricket Australia Chairman's XI in a one-day clash near here Wednesday.
In the first major match of the tourists' schedule, Zimbabwe whipped a side including Australian Test stars Adam Gilchrist, Justin Langer and Damien Martyn.

After limiting the Chairman's XI to 240 all out from 49.5 overs, Zimbabwe hammered 241 for the loss of only three wickets from 41.2 overs.
It was just the fillip the visitors needed eight days before they take on world champions Australia in Perth in the first of two Tests.
Carlisle (89 not out) and Wishart (63 not out) powered Zimbabwe home with an unbroken fourth-wicket stand of 137.
They came together after number three Mark Vermeulen (61) boosted the side following a shaky start of 26 for two wickets in the seventh over.
Zimbabwe captain Heath Streak was delighted with the win.
"Hopefully, we can continue to improve, because it is going to be

hard work against the Aussies," he said.
In the Chairman's XI innings, recalled Australian Test batsman Damien Martyn launched a savage attack on young Zimbabwe all-rounder Sean Ervine, smashing 30 runs off his first over.
Martyn crunched three sixes and three fours but he was removed by paceman Andy Bagnaut to finish with 31 from his eight-ball knock.
Despite that assault, the tourists recovered to limit the invitation team to a moderate total as hard-hitting Ryan Campbell top-scored with 65.
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Bowler	O	M	R	W
Streak	9.5	0	32	4
Ervine	6	0	59	0
Bagnaut	10	0	47	3
Mawhrie	4	0	19	1
Price	10	1	21	0
Gripper	10	0	60	0

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Sledge and get banned



REUTERS/AFP, Melbourne

Cricket Australia (CA) said Wednesday it would come down hard on Australia's cricketers, threatening them with a life ban for sledging under a code of behaviour policy.
Steve Waugh's top-ranked team have been heavily criticised in recent years for their persistent on-field sledging and CA is determined that Australian players clean up their act.
Under the new policy, players could receive a ban of between five matches and life for assault and offences of a racial or religious vilification nature, the CA said on its website.
Players could also be fined or given suspended sentences for dissent towards an umpire or excessive appealing.
"We have given our players a clear definition of what is required," CA operations manager Michael Brown said.
"We are limited to Test and domestic players, but ultimately you would like to think that local teams will adopt our guidelines."
Brown added that the tough penalties would be enforced during the 2003-04 season. Australia's two-Test series against Zimbabwe starts in Perth on October 9.
In May this year, the outgoing International Cricket Council (ICC) president Malcolm Gray ordered a review into the behaviour of Australia's cricketers during their away Test series with West Indies.
Gray was especially concerned with an on-field row between Australia fast bowler Glenn McGrath and West Indies batsman

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AB Bank TT

UNB, Dhaka

Nine matches of the AB Bank Metropolis Table Tennis League were decided on the fourth day at the Wooden Floor Gymnasium yesterday.
In the day's matches, Barna TT Club beat ORCA by 3-1 sets, Dhaka TT Club defeated Young Pegasus by a 3-2 win over Khaza Printing, Swamibagh outplayed Bangladesh Boys by 3-0, Durbar KSS beat New Colony by 3-0, Purbachal Parishad beat Combined SS by 3-0, Madumita KS beat Management Net by 3-0, Ghop KC beat Cynthia Sporting Club by 3-1 sets and Mohammadpur Boys managed a 3-2 victory over Management Net.

Inter-district kabadi

UNB, Dhaka

Four teams -- Dhaka, Khulna, Sathkira and Tangail DSAs - moved into the semifinals of the second Inter-District Kabadi tournament at the outer stadium court yesterday.
Dhaka will meet Khulna at 8 am while Sathkira will play Tangail at 9 am in the semifinals. The final match will also be held on the same day at 4pm at the same venue.
In the day's matches, Dhaka DSA eliminated Comilla by 89-39 points with six Ions (first half 57-13). Khulna beat Patuakhali by 75-32, also with six Ions (first half 50-6). Sathkira defeated Bogra by 76-35 with five Ions (first half 50-12) while Tangail outplayed Jessore 89-37 with six Ions (first half 29-28).

A cricket match

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MCC honours Andy, Henry

AFP, London

Andy Flower and Henry Olunga have been made honorary life members of Marylebone Cricket Club (MCC) in recognition of their World Cup protest against Zimbabwe President Robert Mugabe.
The Zimbabwe duo wore black armbands during their country's opening World Cup match in February, against Namibia in Harare, and issued a statement mourning the 'death of democracy' in Zimbabwe under Mugabe.

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destroy us. England have also some good spinners, so we should be careful before making a final decision," he said adding that he would prefer a batting-friendly wicket.
"Actually we do not have a strong point in any department. But I still believe that batting is our main strength."

Kiwis ready

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and we'd like to get as much practice here as possible. Even if we don't, we are well prepared to take on India in the Test series."
New Zealand will rely more on pace than spin to put pressure on the strong Indian Test line-up that includes Sachin Tendulkar, captain Saurav Ganguly and Rahul Dravid.
"If fast bowlers can make inroads into the top order, there is need for only one spinner. We've high hopes on (Daniel) Vettori on this tour," he said.
The India 'A' team will be led by Test aspirant Mohammad Kaif and includes rookie opener Akash Chopra, who scored a century in the tour opener.

Army athletics

PRESS RELEASE
Lance Corporal M Rafiqul Islam of Rangpur Area and Lance Corporal M Farid Uddin of Chittagong area won the 5000 metres run and long jump golds respectively in the Bangladesh Army Athletics competition that began at the Sher-e-Bangla National Stadium in Mirpur yesterday.
Around 400 athletes from ten teams of different formations of Bangladesh Army are taking part in the week-long event.
Brigadier General Golam Mohammad, Commander 46 Independent Infantry Brigade, declared the meet open as chief guest.

Gang-Rape case

Detectives to seek DNA



AFP/SUN, London

Detectives investigating football gang rape claims were reported Wednesday to be set to request DNA samples from the accused soccer stars.
The move came as details emerged of how the men who allegedly raped a 17-year-old girl laughed as they took turns to assault her, the London Evening Standard reports.
The alleged victim, a pupil at a Catholic school, has shown family members bruises she says were inflicted in the attack at the Grosvenor House hotel in Park Lane.
She claims she was willingly having sex with one of the players when seven others walked in. She claims several then raped her.
A police source described the girl's story as "credible".
Many items, including sheets, towels, drinking glasses and refuse, were removed from the room for forensic testing.
It is believed the Premiership player who booked the room has proved he did not stay there and is denying any involvement.
At least four of the seven others play for Premiership clubs.
The Sun adds that the girl admitted to relatives that she went to London's Grosvenor House Hotel last Friday night and agreed to go to bed with a footballer.
She told her family she recognised only one of the seven

because he plays for the club she supports and that he humiliated her verbally as he allegedly forced himself on her.
A source close to the family said yesterday: "She is still in shock and can't stop shaking whenever she talks about it."
"She has admitted that she consented to sex with one of the players, but says she was horrified when the rest came in."
"She claims she was forcibly raped by three or four of them on the bed. One was allegedly holding her down by the arms, calling her a s*g. It left her degraded and utterly humiliated."
Details of the girl's claims emerged yesterday as the allegations continued to be probed by Scotland Yard's Operation Sapphire specialist sex offences unit.
The girl gave a full statement to cops about her alleged ordeal after reporting it at Marylebone Police Station over the weekend.
In conversations with family members, she said she went with a girlfriend to a make-over party in the West End prior to her first meeting with the stars.
She and her chum are said to have looked much older than their years when they went out on the town afterwards.
The alleged victim, a tall, slim part-time model with shoulder-length brown hair met one of the players at the Purple Bar in London's Sanderson Hotel.
The teenager told relatives the athletic star chatted her up before she agreed to go with him to the Grosvenor House.
Witnesses told The Sun football-

ers were seen chatting with two girls in the hotel's Red Bar.
The girl claims she drank only Coke throughout the evening and was sober when she agreed to go to the star's room.
But as the pair had sex, she claims she fell victim to the gang rape.
The source said: "She alleges they were all over her like animals."
"She said she walked out of the room without saying a word when it was over, with the players' laughter ringing in her ears."
"She got the lift down and called herself a taxi home."
According to the source, the girl at first felt unable to tell her mother her shocking story.
But she tearfully poured out details of the alleged attack to her older sister and went to police the following day.
The family source said: "Her dad wanted to kill the players responsible and it was made worse by the fact some of them played for his favourite team."
"His daughter only turned 17 recently. He keeps saying, 'How can they do this to my girl?'"
The girl, who has been tested routinely for HIV and date rape drugs, claims two of the eight players were from one Premiership club, with six from another.
Her pal, who is understood to have stayed with the stars at the hotel bar when the alleged victim went upstairs, could also be crucial to the investigation.
She is said to be a keen football fan who could identify all the players she met.

Paradorn survives a scare



AFP, Tokyo

Asia's best player Paradorn Srichaphan had a scare against Belgium's Dick Norman in his first match of the Japan Open tennis tournament Wednesday before pushing through to reach the third round.
The Thai third seed, who received a first-round bye, stormed back from 3-5 down and 30-30 in the ninth game of the final set, pulling off

a timely break to finish off a 131-minute match 4-6, 7-6 (7/3), 7-6 (7/2).
Earlier in the day, second seed Sebastien Grosjean of France won his first match since losing the US Open first round by fending off an array of sizzling serves to beat Ivo Karlovic of Croatia 6-3, 7-6 (10/8).
Paradorn, who caused a sensation last year by beating then world number one Lleyton Hewitt there, missed a double break chance in the second game of the opener but found another rare chance later.



PHOTO: STAR
Kibria Ayeda of Naogaon Tennis Club plays a forehand return against Sadiya of BKSP in the under-16 girls' singles final of the Phillips National tennis tournament at the National Tennis Complex yesterday.

Bangladesh HC

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"But Osumanu called me today and informed that his passport was returned without any visa being issued. Now you tell me what I should do? Said a visibly disturbed Munna.

Munna said that his club expected a prompt response from the BFF and also sought help from the State Minister for Youth and Sports Fazlur Rahman.
"I have already talked to the BFF general secretary Anwarul Haq Helal and he has assured me that the problem would be solved as soon as possible. This is just one of many incidents of harassment Abahani has been subjected to recently as they try to form a strong football squad," said Munna adding that his team might even boycott all local competitions if Osumanu wasn't granted visa.
Interestingly, this was the second such major incidence of Abahani being victimised by the Deputy High Commission in Kolkata. Last month Indian hockey superstar Dhanaraj Pillay, who was due to play in the Premier League's title deciding match for Abahani against Mohammedan Sporting Club, was denied visa under mysterious circumstances.

School b'ball

SPORTS REPORTER

South Breeze School reached the girls' final of the Inter-School Basketball Championship with a 48-32 win over Maple Leaf at the Dhanmondi Gymnasium yesterday.
The winners led the first half 28-13.
Turfa caged 20 points for South Breeze followed by Purna and Irina who added 10 points each.
South Breeze will take on Sunbeams in the final on October 4.
The boys' final, also scheduled on October 4, will be played between St. Gregory's High School and Green Herald School.

CROSSWORD By Eugene Sheffer

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16 Furniture wood	52 Stud fee?	29 Meadow's creator
18 Spectrum component	53 Spell-down	8 Selleck
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Saturday's Cryptquip: IT'S SAFE TO SAY THAT MANY EDITORS ARE WELL-KNOWN FOR MAKING A LONG STORY SHORT.
Today's Cryptquip Clue: L equals M
The Cryptquip is a substitution cipher in which one letter stands for another. If you think that X equals O, it will equal O throughout the puzzle. Single letters, short words and words using an apostrophe give you clues to locating vowels. Solution is by trial and error.