

No curfew for WC parties

REUTERS, Berlin
The German government has given partial permission for fans watching World Cup games on giant screens to continue celebrating - or drowning their sorrows - deep into the night.

Cricket talent hunt

SPORTS REPORTER
5P Events, in association with Cricket Welfare Association of Bangladesh (CWAB), will soon begin a programme called 'In search of cricket talent' across the country.

SA focus

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home series 2-0 earlier this season but South Africans believe the result was skewed by a declaration in the third and final Test in Sydney.

SQUADS
SOUTH AFRICA: Graeme Smith (captain), Mark Boucher, Nicky Boje, AB de Villiers, Boeta Dippenaar, Herschelle Gibbs, Andrew Hall, Jacques Kallis, Garnett Kruger, Andre Nel, Makhaya Ntini, Shaun Pollock, Ashwell Prince, Jacques Rudolph.



Did U Know?

Michael Wenden of Australia currently holds the record for the most Commonwealth Games gold medals won by a male (nine gold at three successive Games - 1966, 70 and 74).



Ronaldo
(Brazilian football superstar)
'I was disappointed with Pele, he's a two-bob opportunist.'



Inter Milan forward Adriano tries to get the better of Ajax defenders Thomas Vermaelen of Belga (L) and Juan Francisco Garcia during their Champions League clash at the San Siro on Tuesday.

Inter home and dry



AFP, Milan
Inter Milan became the third Italian team to reach the quarterfinals of the Champions League after they beat Ajax 1-0 here on Tuesday.

The first leg in Amsterdam, which the Dutch side led 2-0 at half time before drawing 2-2, had left them with too much to do.
'You could say we lost the tie three weeks ago,' he said.

Ponting unsure on bowlers



CRICINFO, undated
Ricky Ponting is unsure who will get the nod as Brett Lee's new-ball partner in the first Test against South Africa starting on Thursday.

form in the nets. The Australians had a full session on Tuesday and will have a top-up training today as they attempt to gain Test focus in the three days after Sunday's dramatic one-day loss.

Gaibandha cricket

OUR CORRESPONDENT
Gaibandha Cricket Coaching Centre defeated Brave Heart Sporting Club comfortably by 64 runs in the Naheed Cotton First Division Cricket League at the Gaibandha Stadium yesterday.

Hingis downs Davenport

Tennis
Martina Hingis toppled Lindsay Davenport to reach the quarterfinals of the Pacific Life Open Tuesday, continuing a comeback that has amazed even her amazing compatriot Roger Federer.

Inter confirm Italy's dominance in Europe

REUTERS, Milan
Inter Milan confirmed the strength of Serie A sides in Europe when they beat Ajax Amsterdam 1-0 to set up a Champions League quarterfinal against Villarreal.

BCCB finally

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Selection Committee: Faruque Ahmed (chairman), Athar Ali Khan (member), GM Nowshar Prince (member).

No interest

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tickets will cost Tk 60, Special enclosure Tk 300, VIP Club-house Tk 750, VIP (Gate-2) Tk 1,500, VIP (Gate 1) Tk 2,000 and hospitality box (non-AC) Tk 1,500 respectively.

King's job

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be made in the running of regional cricket. These changes included the structure of West Indies first-class cricket, which they said needed to undergo considerable change so as to maximise its effectiveness.

East left out in the cold



AFP, Berlin
Just one of the venues and one of the teams in the soccer World Cup in Germany will be based in the former communist east, making the already depressed region a sure loser of the championship.

out potential new mates in the east.
Of the 110 hotels recommended for the teams in the catalogue published by the World Cup organizing committee, just 16 are in the east.

Match-fixing plagues Bundesliga



AFP, Berlin
The jailing of disgraced referee Robert Hoyzer in November was supposed to bring an end to the match-fixing scandal that rocked German football but a report on Wednesday claims Hoyzer was just the tip of the iceberg.

Munich court, told television channel N24.
'We have information that needs to be followed up and more needs to be collected before any action is taken.'

MCG hosts stunning

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Melbourne tram carriage sporting huge white wings soaring above the stadium on an elaborate rigging system, giant koalas in y-front underpants and a performing duck.

Singer Dame Kiri Te Kanawa then performed 'Happy Birthday' in honour of the monarchs impending 80th birthday in April, including a snippet of 'God Save the Queen' in the rendition.

CROSSWORD By Eugene Sheffer

ACROSS 37 2005 58 Lair 20 Ostentatious
1 Prejudice Rosario 59 Green
5 Bake sale Dawson land
8 Call a movie 22 - gin fizz
12 Leave a hall to explorer 1 No. 1 honky-tonk piano
13 One who gives a hoo! 43 Roger and 5 Cauldron number 29 Ford or Lincoln
14 Option for Hamlet 46 Linguine topping 7 Yodelers' mecca 31 See
15 Bottle cap, often 50 Gumbo ingredient 8 Inventory 9 Likely 32 Remnant
17 Mayberry moppet 51 Santa's runaway 10 Stage 34 Soft cheese
18 'Finished at last!' 54 Metropolis 11 Actor 10 Stage statuette 38 Light wind
19 Potpourri pouch 55 Billy of 'Titanic' 11 Actress Amanda 40 Talks like an ass?
21 What-ever's left 57 Piano lineup 16 Itsy-bitsy 42 DHL competitor 43 Make fun of
24 White House nickname 44 Tom Joad, e.g.
25 Bohemian 45 Laan-to
28 Tale-teller 47 Luminary
30 Expert 48 Writer Morrison
33 Pair 49 Tournament type
34 Psychick extra 52 Far rock
35 Forefront 53 Grecian vessel
36 Item in a roadie's burden



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Yesterday's Crypticpuzzle: THE FLEDGLING FARMER HAD A LOT OF FAITH IN HIMSELF HIS CONFIDENCE WAS GROWING.