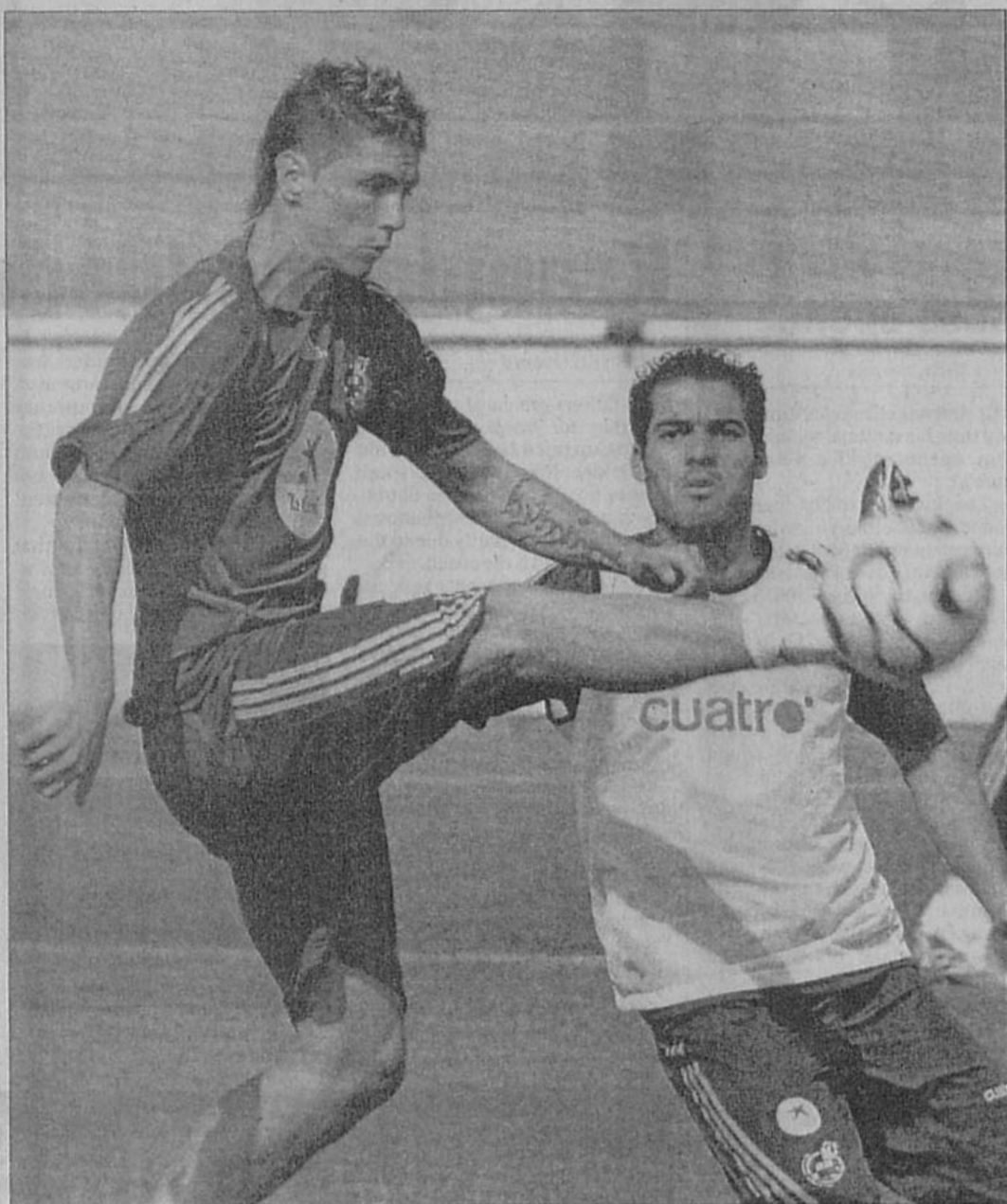


Lampard set to sign new deal

INTERNET, undated

Chelsea's England midfielder Frank Lampard looks set to pledge his future to the Barclays Premier League champions...



Spain's Fernando Torres (L) fights for the ball with teammate Antonio Lopez during a training session at the Sport City in Valencia on Tuesday.

Time running out for Sven



REUTERS, Manchester

England coach Sven-Goran Eriksson has given himself less than a week to find a World Cup winning formula that does not involve Wayne Rooney.

Fake merchandise could be costly



AP, Brussels

The sale of fake World Cup merchandise could cost legitimate business millions of dollars, according to officials at a special seminar on fighting pirated goods.

could be brought sharply into focus in the friendlies against Hungary on Tuesday and Jamaica on Saturday.

vide a real threat going forward. The years spent playing with Owen at Liverpool means the two men already have the rapport needed to deliver.

Real targeting Wenger

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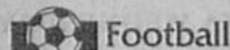
Real Madrid presidential candidate Juan Miguel Villar Mir is attempting to lure Arsenal boss Arsene Wenger to the Bernabeu.

Saviola leaving Sevilla

REUTERS, Madrid

Argentina striker Javier Saviola is not staying at Sevilla after the end of his one-year loan from Barcelona, his agent Alfredo Cabrera Brizuela said.

Sheva explains reasons



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Andriy Shevchenko has attempted to appease his many AC Milan fans by publishing an open letter on his personal website to emphasise how he struggled to reach his decision to leave Italian football.

think about my family and my children as they are the most important thing in my life.



ANDRIY SHEVCHENKO

'Some days ago I explained my feelings to Silvio Berlusconi; he is a special person for me, he is Godfather to my son.

for your life', he told me, and I will always be grateful to him for this and for what he has done for me and my family.

Nakata urges teammates on



AFP, Tokyo

Japan midfielder Hidetoshi Nakata is telling his teammates to get serious ahead of a pre-World Cup friendly with hosts Germany.

Japan will test their first-choice line-up against Germany, expected to be without midfield superstar Michael Ballack and defender Robert Huth through ankle injuries.



Japan's midfielder Hidetoshi Nakata traps a ball during a rainy training session at the North Sport Park in Bonn on Monday.

Asia buzzing with World Cup fever

AFP, Singapore

Asia is buzzing with World Cup fever and nowhere more than in pubs and clubs, which are poised for a bonanza from hordes of football fans watching the games, drink in hand, on big screen TVs.

ucts, has risen sharply in recent years within the 25-nation European Union, senior EU customs official John Pulford said.

Kalou moves to Chelsea

REUTERS, London

English champions Chelsea have reached agreement with Feyenoord for the purchase of striker Salomon Kalou.

CROSSWORD By Eugene Sheffer

A crossword puzzle grid with clues for across and down words. Includes a solution time of 27 mins and a list of words to be placed in the grid.

A grid for a cryptogram puzzle. Below the grid are the letters 'NYV YVMZU UY OWWR' and 'NYVJ FVBPZDXM FHWJDBH YVU YE UZW PYBG HXG'.

CRYPTOQUIP NYV YVMZU UY OWWR NYVJ FVBPZDXM FHWJDBH YVU YE UZW PYBG HXG JHDX EYJ RWHU'L LHOW! Yesterday's Cryptogram: WHEN PROSPECTORS WENT CROSS-COUNTRY DURING THE GOLD RUSH, WERE THEY ON GILT TRIPS? Today's Cryptogram Clue: V equals U