

Maradona won't return to Italy

MILAN, Mar 31: Three months from the expiration of his international suspension, Argentine soccer star Diego Maradona said he would never play in Italy again, reports AP.

"It's a closed issue, I won't return to Italy," the 31-year-old forward of Italian major league Napoli and of the Argentine national team was quoted as saying Tuesday in a brief interview with Milan's sports daily Gazzetta dello Sport.

Maradona, whose contract with his Italian club expires in 1993, is serving a 15-month suspension given his by the Italian soccer tribunal for testing positive of cocaine use prior to a league game.

One of the most popular and highest paid international players, Maradona also had drug-related problems on his return to Argentina last year.

The player, whose suspension expires on June 30 this year, has been offered by Napoli to resume action in Italy.

Maradona talked briefly with a reporter of La Gazzetta in Buenos Aires this week.

The player's manager, Marco Franchi, emphasized Maradona did not plan to re-join Napoli and play in Italy.

"Perhaps he can return to Italy on vacation, but will never play again in a country where he would be faced with a lot of pressure. There are many other countries in the world an agreement with Napoli can

be negotiated, Franchi told Gazzetta dello Sport.

Maradona, who is trying to keep in form by performing in five-player indoor soccer, must be released by Napoli before joining another club.

However, in a recent telecast Maradona said he was uncertain about a comeback into the soccer world.



DIEGO MARADONA...never again to Italy

Policeman killed

ACCRA, Mar 31: A Ghanaian policeman was killed when he was hit in the chest by a bullet fired by his colleagues trying to control an angry crowd during a football match at Tamale, press reports said here Tuesday, reports AFP.

The reports said three spectators were injured in the riots which broke out Sunday during a First Division league match between Kumasi Asante Kotoko and Real Tamale United.

The riots started when Kotoko scored in the 76th minute to level up 1-1.

ETA threatens Summer Games

BARCELONA, Spain, Mar 31: Officials in charge of security at this Summer's Olympic Games said

on Monday they would not relax their vigilance despite the arrest in France of key leaders of the Basques separatist movement ETA, reports Reuter.

ETA (Basque homeland and freedom) has vowed that the Barcelona Games will be a major target in their guerrilla campaign for separate statehood for the northern Spanish Basque region.

(The arrests) are an important success but those responsible for the security of the Games should not drop their guard" civil governor Ferran

Cardenal, the government official responsible for Olympic security, told reporters.

There was no official comment from the Barcelona Olympic Organising Committee COOB '92 although the guerrilla leadership had been broken.

ETA commander Francisco Garmendia, Alias Artapalo, and two senior Frenchmen were arrested on Sunday in a police swoop on a house in the French Basque town of Bidart.

Underlining their threat to the Olympics, ETA have killed five people in Barcelona this year in gun and bomb attacks.

Despite arrests made during a police raid on a guerrilla hideout south of the Catalan capital last week, police be-

lieve a mobile ETA cell is still at large.

Spanish authorities are taking no chances in security preparations for the Olympics. In addition to the resident police contingent, 15,000 reinforcements are being drafted in from other parts of Spain to police Barcelona.

Thousands of soldiers will also help to keep the city, its airspace and coastline secure, although organisers have pledged that Olympic visitors and participants will hardly notice the stringent measures.

Heightened security is already a fact of life in the Olympic city. Police armed with automatic rifles patrol the flower markets and bird stalls of the city's elegant central districts.

Vancouver denies tardiness

VANCOUVER, British Columbia, Mar 31: Construction of sports facilities for the 1994 Commonwealth Games in Victoria was on schedule, a leading Canadian official said on Monday, reports Reuter.

Games chief local organizer George Heller dismissed as laughable suggestions from Australia that there was not enough time to finish the 45 million dollar building programme.

He insisted Canada would not allow Victoria, a city of 250,000 people with one of the country's mildest climates, to suffer the humiliation of losing the event set for August 18-28, 1994.

He said the British Columbia capital, an important tourist and retirement centre for the US Pacific northwest and western Canada, is not the backwoods city foreign news media have portrayed.

"This is not small-time. This is a truly loyal Commonwealth city. There is national pride and honour at

stake," the president of the Victoria Commonwealth Games Society said.

Heller said a statement by South Australian Sports Minister Kym Mayse published on Monday that the Games might be moved to Adelaide was simply part of a "trial balloon" being floated by the organisers of that city's bid to host the 1998 Commonwealth Games.

"Adelaide and Kuala Lumpur are competing to host the 1998 Games. I guess it might strengthen Adelaide's position if they can say they will be ready earlier."

Heller said more than two years of building time remained for the Games which should attract 3,200 athletes from 66 Commonwealth members.

He said work would start this summer to convert the stadium at the University of Victoria, with a current capacity of 25,000 into one that provided permanent and temporary seating for 32,000.

Work on other facilities was well in hand.

Victoria faces a final decision at an assembly in Barcelona in July after a Commonwealth Games Federation visit to British Columbia in May. The same assembly will also vote on the 1998 hosts.

Heller said the Games were in no danger of collapsing because of scheduling conflicts with the European athletics championships to be held 10 days earlier in Helsinki.

Fears have been voiced that, after Helsinki, the leading athletes from Britain and Kenya would choose to remain on the money-winning European circuit rather than seek Commonwealth medals of little commercial value.

But Heller said the scheduling squeeze affected only a small group of athletes. "There is no overlap in schedule and realistically there is no reason why the best Commonwealth athletes can't compete both in Europe and Victoria."

Running to improve their lot

HARARE, Zimbabwe, Mar 31: Maxwell Bangani finished second in a recent half-marathon race and seven times more money than he earns in a week as an apprentice weaver, reports AP.

Herbert Masocha also competed that day, barefoot because he cannot afford track shoes, and failed to place in the field of 700 runners.

They are two of a growing number of young Zimbabweans trying to make money, and maybe more, in sponsored road races in this impoverished country.

With unemployment soaring and cash scarce, an increasing number of companies are offering prize money to encourage young people to take up sports, said running coach Ontas Chikoma.

Zimbabwe sports officials say distance running has gained in popularity since the nation gained independence from Britain in 1980. Soccer remains the first love of most of the 10 million population.

The biggest single prize among Zimbabwe's dozen road races is \$100, four times the monthly earnings of a semi-skilled worker.

Another lure of running is the chance to travel abroad and maybe get a sports scholarship at a US college.

Sponsors sent unemployed 23-year-old Julia Sakala to various championships in Africa and Europe. She finished 13th in a 15,000-meter women's World Championship event in Dublin, Ireland.

On March 15, Zimbabwean Tendai Shumuzaza won the prestigious Lisbon half-marathon in 1 hour, 1 minute and 16 seconds, two seconds ahead of favorite Said El Elmiri of Morocco.

But most young Zimbabweans lack the backing of sponsors, leaving them behind the world champions of Ethiopia and Kenya and their high altitude training.

Masocha, 21, has been unemployed since leaving high school three years ago. He said he made "a few dollars" racing this year.

A finish near the top may earn the race sponsor's t-shirt, which he can sell for the equivalent of half a week's wages.

"We don't have money for cigarettes or beer," Masocha said of his friends. "We go training when we're not out looking for work."

More donations of money and training equipment would encourage young people to choose athletics or other sports over drugs and crime, said Chikoma, the running coach.

But there's a catch. "We can't give really deprived kids shoes and equipment before they win a race because we've found the temptation to sell the stuff is too great," he said.

Other problems occur without proper equipment. Running barefoot, like Masocha, can initially enhance speed but cause long-term leg injuries, said race organizer Kevin King.

Some runners intentionally discard their shoes, he said.

Bobby Charlton voted best

LONDON, Mar 31: Bobby Charlton was hailed on Monday as the outstanding player of the last eight European championship finals in a poll of 135 soccer journalists from 25 European countries, reports Reuter.

The former England forward received more votes than any other player, 97 per cent, when he was included in the all-star team of the 1968 finals in Italy.

Of the 488 players in the ballot, Germany's Franz Beckenbauer led the votes for the 1972 and 1976 selections. Germany had a total of 16 players among the eight teams.

The all-time top team will be announced at this year's finals in Sweden in June.

Police chief fined

STOCKHOLM, Mar 31: "A Swedish court has fined a police chief for ordering the mass detention and expulsion of rioting English soccer fans in a ruling which could affect crowd control during the European Championship in June, reports Reuter.

Stockholm, district court ruled on Monday that the measures taken against 101 unruly fans before and after a World Cup qualifier between Sweden and England in September 1989 were against Swedish law.

Olof Gustavsson, the officer in charge at the time, was fined 10,000 crowns (1,600 dollar) for negligent exercise of authority.

The court, confirming a ruling by Sweden's Justice Ombudsman last July, said each case should have been investigated individually to establish whether a crime had been committed.

It rejected Gustavsson's defence that he was acting in accordance with special legislation which allows the expulsion of foreigners who are likely to commit crimes in Sweden.

All those detained were released after the match and put on trains out of the country. No charges were brought against them.

The ruling could pose problems for Swedish authorities during the European Soccer championship finals, played in four Swedish cities between June 10-26.

Police had described the 1989 operation as a successful dress rehearsal for the European finals, and Lennart Johansson, Swedish president of the European Football Union (UEFA), has said he favours the mass arrest tactics to prevent rioting.

Ranbanales wins WBC title

LOS ANGELES, Mar 31: Mexico's Victor Ranbanales won the vacant World Boxing Council (WBC) bantamweight title on Monday after his fight with South Korea's Yong-Hoon Lee was stopped in the ninth round by the ringside doctor, reports Reuter.

Doctor Robert Karns stepped in after one minute and 21 seconds of the round because of a bad cut over the Mexican's eye caused by an unintentional head butt.

Under WBC rules the win went to Ranbanales, who was ahead on the judges' scorecards 87-84 and 85-85.

The fight was marked by a number of unintentional head butts that gave both fighters deep cuts.

Both Ranbanales, 29 and Lee, 24, were fighting at 53.6 kg. The win brings Ranbanales' record to 30 wins, 10 losses and two draws. Lee had been previously unbeaten in 20 fights.

The title was vacated when Japan's Joichiro Tatsuyoshi retired due to a retinal injury shortly after winning the title in November from American Gred Richardson.

Samoan boxers won't be going to Barcelona

APIA, Mar 31: Western Samoa has decided against sending a boxing team to Barcelona, although it qualified for the Olympics in last week's Oceania tournament, officials said Monday, reports AFP.

"We have much to learn in terms of fitness, conditioning and skills before we can compete at the Olympic level," said Setuli Paul Wallwork, president of the Western Samoa Sports Federation.

"It may be dangerous for boxers who are out of condition to compete at Olympic level. It's a risk we cannot take."

Australia dominated the Oceania meet, winning seven of the 11 gold medals, while Western Samoa took six silvers.

Tyson faces disciplinary action in jail

INDIANAPOLIS, Mar 31: Mike Tyson has refused to eat in prison, and he faces disciplinary action for giving other inmates his autograph, Indiana correctional officials said Monday, reports AP.

The former heavyweight champion also declined Monday to take part in an assessment of his educational background, officials said. The assessment is used to help determine where Tyson should be sent to complete his six-year prison sentence.

Tyson, 25, was sent to prison Thursday for rape and criminal deviate conduct. He was convicted of assaulting Desiree Washington, a Miss Black America beauty pageant contestant, in his Indianapolis hotel room last July.

His attorneys filed a partial transcript of Tyson's trial Monday with the Indiana Court of Appeals, which is considering the attorneys' request to set Tyson free on bond pending the appeal. No action was taken on the request Monday.

Kevin Moore, a Department of Correction spokesman, said Tyson has taken fluids but declined to eat solid food during his five days at the Reception and Diagnostic Center in Plainfield, about 15 miles (24 kilometers) west of Indianapolis.

"He's not eaten since he's been at the facility," Moore said. "He's told the staff he wants to lose weight. He goes to the dining room with the other people assigned to his group and he interacts with people very well. He just doesn't want to eat."

Moore said counselors have talked to Tyson about the ramifications of failing to eat over a long period. Tyson told his attorney during his February trial that he was about

30 pounds (13.5 kilograms) heavier than his normal 220-pound (100-kilogram) fighting weight.

"Not eating is not atypical of

considered valuable, Moore said.

"Mr Tyson was specifically counseled that included his autograph and we found a couple

be assigned permanently, Moore said.

Corrections officials will now contact Tyson's former schools to complete the education assessment.

"He just didn't want to take it," Moore said. "He wasn't belligerent, and afterwards he went back to his cell."

Tyson remains in a single cell at the center where most of the 380 inmates are awaiting assignment to other institutions. Although only 5 per cent of the cells at the Plainfield facility are singles, Tyson was assigned one because of "media reports of his temperament and mood swings," Moore said.

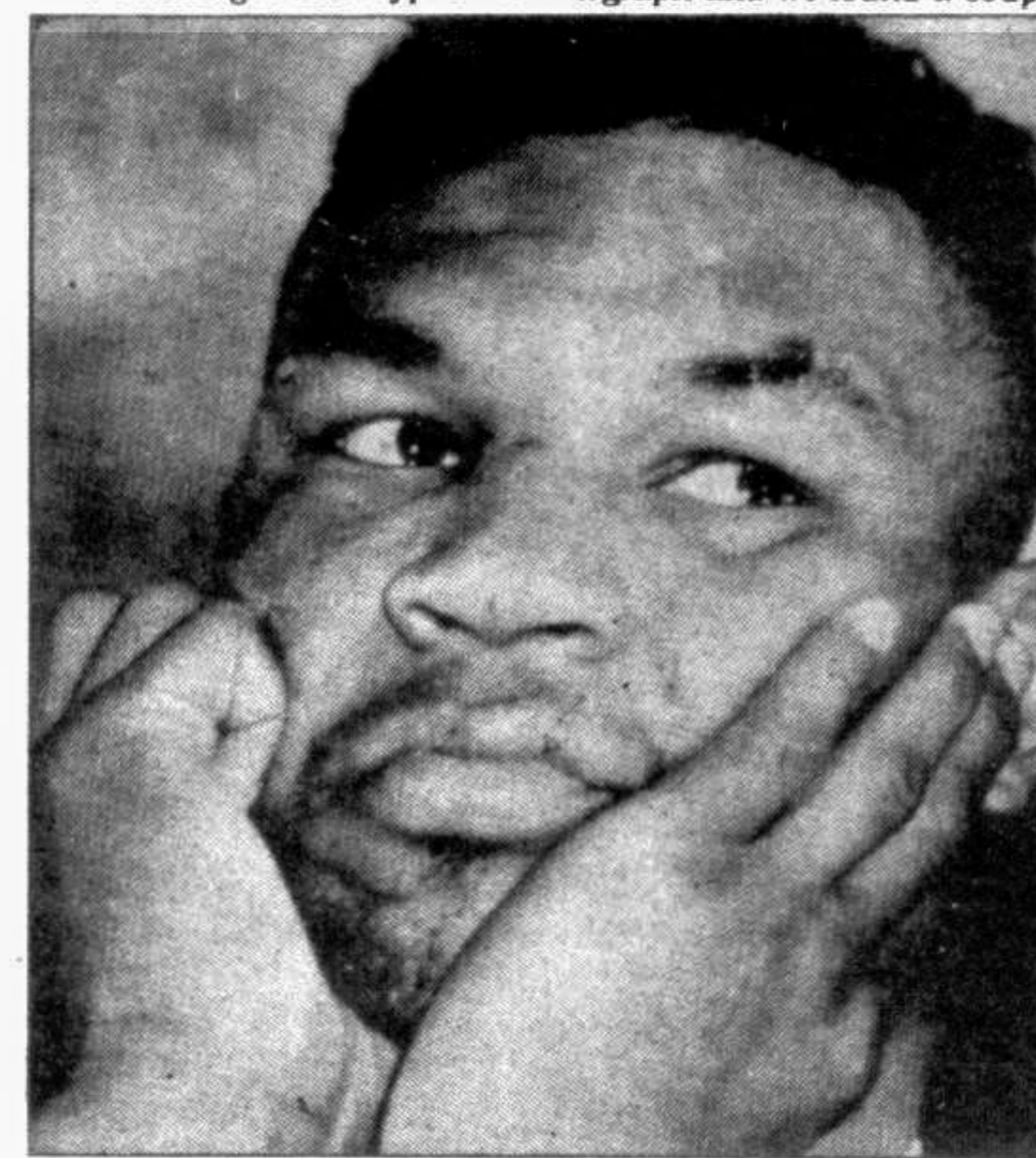
Tyson likely will remain in a single cell until he has had time to adjust to prison, Moore said.

Meanwhile, a crowd of Tyson supporters waited most of the day outside the Indiana Court of Appeals and the court clerk's office for the boxer's attorneys to file the trial transcripts requested by the court.

About 400 pages of trial transcripts were delivered to the court, which was asked last week by Tyson's attorneys to override Marion Superior Court Judge Patricia Gifford's order sending Tyson to prison while he appeals his conviction and sentence.

The three-judge appellate panel said it wanted to read testimony from Tyson and Washington and records of other court proceedings before acting on the bond request. By the time the transcripts arrived Monday, all three judges had left the state capitol building where the court is located.

Carrying signs with slogans "Free Tyson" an wearing buttons saying "Justice and Fairness for Mike Tyson", more than 60 Tyson supporters waited for the transcripts to be filed, then left the building.



MIKE TYSON...again in trouble

people who are into the (prison) system for the first time," Moore said. "They lose their appetite because of the uncertainty."

Lee McTurman, an attorney helping to represent Tyson in his appeal, said he knew nothing about his client's refusal to eat.

"No comment. I have no information on that," he said.

Moore said Tyson will go to a disciplinary hearing with the prison officer assigned to him on Tuesday. Like all prisoners, Tyson was warned that it is a violation of prison rules to give anything of value to another inmate, and his autograph is

of offenders who had autographs," Moore said. "He said, 'Yeah, I have them. That's what I always do.'"

As a result, Tyson received his first disciplinary write-up for what Moore called a minor offense. At the disciplinary hearing, Tyson could face sanctions ranging from a reprimand to loss of his good-time credit for days served so far.

Also Monday, Tyson declined to help prison staffers doing an assessment of his education. He can't be forced to take part in the assessment but doing so would speed up the evaluation process that will determine where Tyson should

Tyson's appeal rests on disallowed witnesses

INDIANAPOLIS, Mar 31: Mike Tyson's best chance at an appeal of his rape conviction may rest with three people who never made it to the witness stand in Marion Superior Court, say some legal experts not associated with the case, reports AP.

"I think appellate lawyers throughout the state, would salivate for the opportunity to represent Tyson on appeal," said Indianapolis attorney Monica Foster, who handles criminal appellate cases.

"It's not because the former heavyweight boxing champion is rich or famous, but because his case before the Indiana Court of Appeals could be successful," she said.

The appeal, which is being handled by Harvard Law Professor Alan Dershowitz, likely will center on Judge Patricia Gifford's refusal during the trial to allow testimony by the three Indianapolis women.

Defense attorneys said the excluded witnesses would corroborate Tyson's account of what happened between him and Desiree Washington, an 18-year-old contestant in the Miss Black America Pageant.

The former heavyweight

champion was convicted Feb. 10 of raping Washington, and was sentenced Thursday to a 10-year prison sentence for rape and two counts of criminal deviate conduct. Four years were suspended by Gifford, meaning Tyson could be free in three years with good behavior.

Tyson, 25, has been imprisoned at the Reception-Diagnostic Center in Plainfield since the sentencing.

Gifford denied Tyson an appeal bond — an issue the Court of Appeals delayed considering Friday until it receives additional information about the trial court proceedings.

Her decision to deny testimony by the three defense witnesses was "a very questionable ruling" said Thomas Schornhurst, an Indiana University School of Law Professor at Bloomington.

"The exclusion of the testimony of witnesses who purported to see Tyson and Washington embracing in the limousine would seem to be a pretty significant point," he said.

During his testimony, Tyson claimed he and Washington kissed and embraced in the limousine before going to his Indianapolis hotel room.

But Washington testified that there was no physical

closeness between the two of them. She said she rebuked Tyson when he tried to kiss her in the limousine outside her hotel.

John Tranberg, a retired Marion Superior Court judge, also said the exclusion of the three witnesses was the strongest grounds for appeal.

"It has to be serious enough to have affected the outcome of the trial," Tranberg said of the witnesses, potential testimony. Nobody can get a perfect trial. They should get a fair trial," he said.

David Dreyer, chief counsel for Marion County Prosecutor Jeffrey Modisett, said the exclusion of the three witnesses was legally proper, because the defense delayed notifying prosecutors about them.

Three days elapsed before defense attorneys told prosecutors they had found the new witnesses. The time was needed, defense attorneys claimed, to make sure the women were credible.

"In the middle of trial, if you had new evidence, they should have told us right away," Dreyer said.

"We respect the judges opinion to interpret the law over that issue," said Dreyer, who is handling the appeal for the prosecutor's office along with the state attorney gen-

eral's office.

Still, Dershowitz was optimistic about his client's chance for a successful appeal.

"Tyson's appeal will raise a number of important and novel legal issues with a substantial likelihood of success," Dershowitz said in an 18-page affidavit presented to the Court of Appeals. He outlined 11 possible grounds for Tyson's appeal.

In oral arguments Friday before the appeals court, Dershowitz stressed the exclusion of the witnesses as well as the denial of a jury instruction saying the prosecution must prove Tyson knew the victim was withholding her consent. He also contended what he believes were improper statements in final arguments by J Gregory Garrison that a defense attorney's job is to mislead.

Meanwhile, Tyson's promoter, Don King, used an Indianapolis radio show to urge blacks to oust Modisett from office.

King spoke for a little more than an hour Saturday on WTLG's Operation Breadbasket, which is broadcast from the Ebenezer Baptist Church.

"We have a young man who now has become a symbol because he has been incarcerated without just cause," King said of Tyson.

CROSSWORD By Eugene Sheffer

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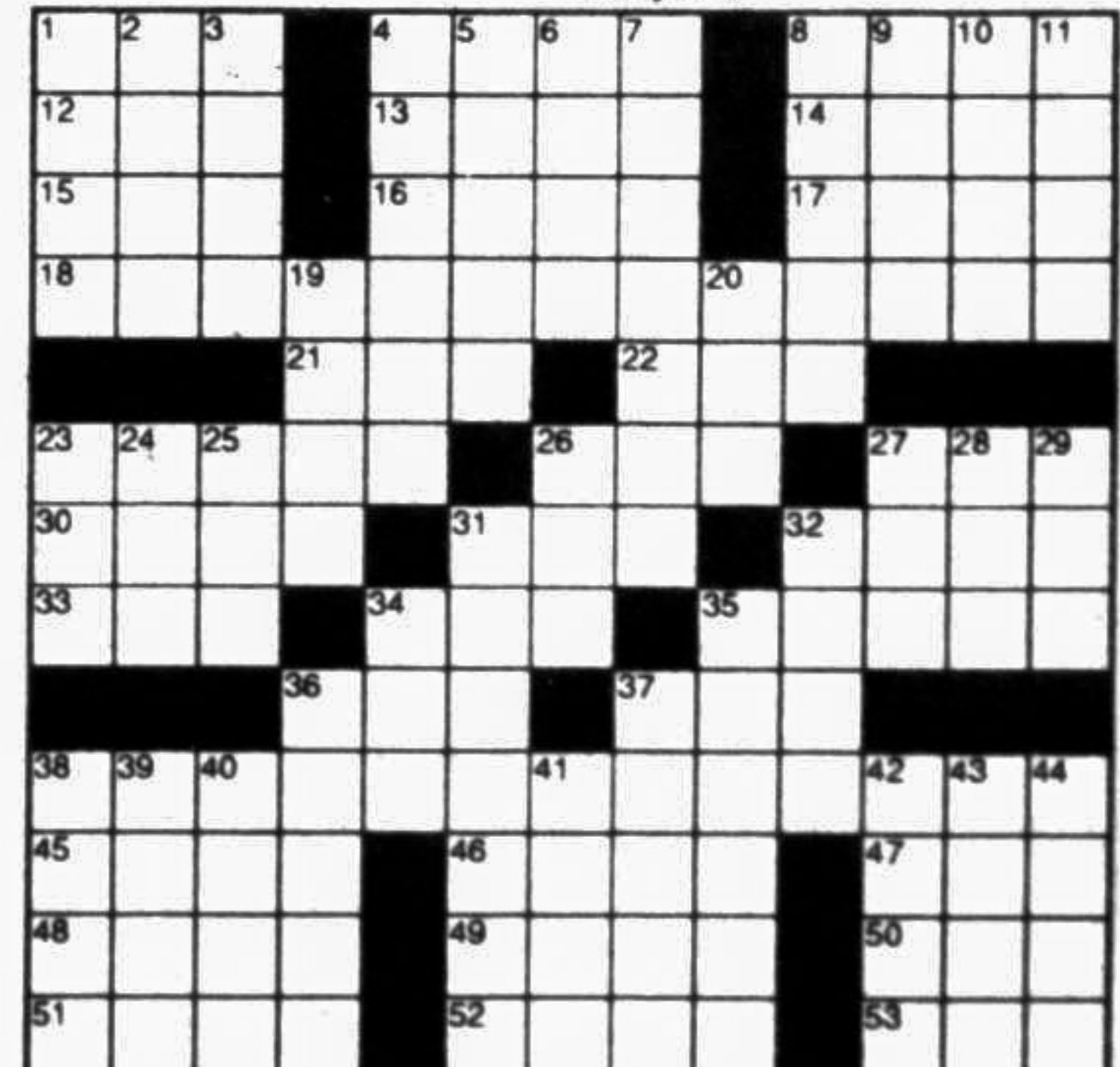
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Yesterday's Cryptoquip: OLD TV SHOW LOVED BY CURIOUS ACCOUNTANTS: "WHAT'S MY BOTTOM LINE?"

Today's Cryptoquip clue: S equals N

The Cryptoquip 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.

Yesterday's answer 9-28