

BARCELONA, July 28: Magic Johnson is doubtful for the rest of the Olympics basketball qualification campaign after injuring ligaments in his right knee, reports AFP.
Johnson, who is already a concern to American team doctors because he has the HIV virus which leads to AIDS, came off only eight minutes into the US 'Dream Team' victory over Croatia on Monday night.
The former Los Angeles Lakers guard was taken to hospital for tests, but a US Olympic official said: "I saw him at his hotel afterwards, and it still looks painful," he added.
"It is doubtful he will play before Friday," he said. The men's qualification matches end at the weekend.
US head coach Chuck Daly said Johnson might miss the next game or some other games.

Bush's sense of humour

WASHINGTON, July 28: President Bush on Tuesday praised the courage of the Spanish archer who lit the torch at the dramatic opening ceremonies of the Olympic Games but passed along a joking remark about the feat, reports AP.
"You talk about courage," Bush said at a Rose Garden ceremony honouring Hispanic business leaders.
Then he quoted his national security adviser, Brent Scowcroft, as saying, "I think somebody was up there with a cigarette lighter just in case it missed."
The archer, Antonio Rebollo of Madrid, fired a flaming arrow aloft Saturday night over the 12-foot wide cauldron atop the Olympic stadium in Barcelona, igniting a gusher of natural gas.

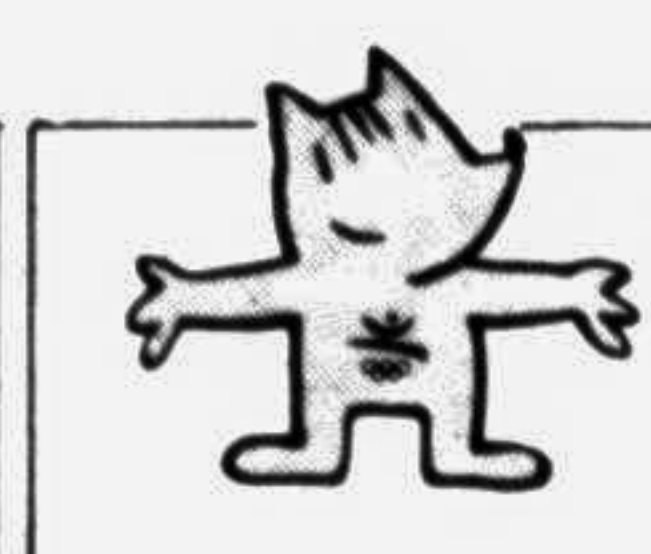
Milns stakes Test claim

LONDON, July 28: Ex-miner David Milns bowed himself nearer a first England cap with a three-over burst of three for 10 as Leicestershire sent leaders Essex crashing to a 68-run defeat in the English county championship on Monday, reports Reuters.
Pace bowler Milns took five for 67 as Essex, chasing a victory target of 349, were all out for 280, despite a century from Paul Prichard.
Essex's defeat reduced their lead over their second-placed conquerors to 31 points.
England will decide in the next few days on their squad for the fifth and last Test against Pakistan at the Oval next month. A series decider after England's six-wicket victory in the fourth Test at Headingley on Sunday put the sides level 1-1.
Milns, watched by England manager Micky Stewart, did his chances a power of good with match figures of eight for 90, taking his tally during the last two county games to 18 at a cost of 177 runs.
Prichard hit his third century of the season for Essex, making 106 in 253 minutes with 13 John Stephenson.
Former England spinner John Emburey took three wickets for three runs in 14 deliveries as Middlesex crushed Durham by 175 runs at Lords.
Emburey claimed five for 43 and Phil Tufnell, who could win his place back for England at the Oval, grabbed three for 26 as Durham were shot out for 118 after being set a target of 294.
Former England opener Bill Athey's first championship century of the summer was enough to give Gloucestershire an improbable four-wicket win with five balls to spare over Sussex at Cheltenham.
He made 181, his highest for the county, after Gloucestershire had been set 346 off 81 overs. He batted for just under five hours, hitting 25 fours off 282 deliveries, and with discarded England wicketkeeper Jack Russell (57) put on 180 for the fourth wicket.

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The Oval agog with expectations

LEEDS, England, July 28: Tempers are frayed and nerves a little ragged, but England and Pakistan have everything to play for in the final cricket Test at the Oval next week, reports Reuters.
The home side levelled the series with a six-wicket win a day early at Headingley on Sunday in a match of low scores but high tension.
"It was certainly tense out there," said England batsman David Gower, veteran of 115 test matches. "As tense a situation as I've known in my career."
It was Gower's cool head that kept England alive as they struggled against Pakistan's formidable attack to make the 99 runs they needed to win the match.
after warnings for dangerous bowling and dissent during the third Test, were upset over several umpiring decisions on Sunday and had many appeals turned down. England captain Graham Gooch survived a run out scare while on 13 and went on to score 37 vital runs.
"I don't want to start a new controversy, but we have been fighting for neutral umpires for a very long time," Pakistan manager Intikhab Alam said.
"If Gooch had been given run out it might have made a big difference because the pressure was mounting on England all the time," he added.
"For cricket's sake we have to take some kind of action." But Intikhab was philosophical. "If we had won this match the Oval would have been very boring," he said.
The Oval will pose new



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Meyer urged to quit Olympic Village

JOHANNESBURG, July 28: South Africa's best hope for an athletics gold medal, Elana Meyer, has been urged by her coach to quit the Olympic Village if she wants to do well, reports Reuters.



ELANA MEYER

"I have told the athletics bosses that the Olympic Village is a disaster, and over-populated and if top athletes want to do well they can't really stay there," coach Pieter Labuschagne said in an interview.
Meyer, preparing for the 10,000 metres, has told journalists she found the Village too noisy and was considering moving to a flat elsewhere. Labuschagne will join her in Barcelona this week ahead of her heats.
"She is peaking at the right moment, and I'm very satisfied with the way her training programme is going," he said.
"Elana is a versatile athlete. Although she likes being a front-runner she has also won races coming from the back."
Labuschagne said the Meyer camp had been watching videos of British world champion Liz McColgan as well as the Chinese duo of Zhong Huandi and Wang Xuting. Lynn Jennings of the United States and Ethiopian Deratu Tulu.

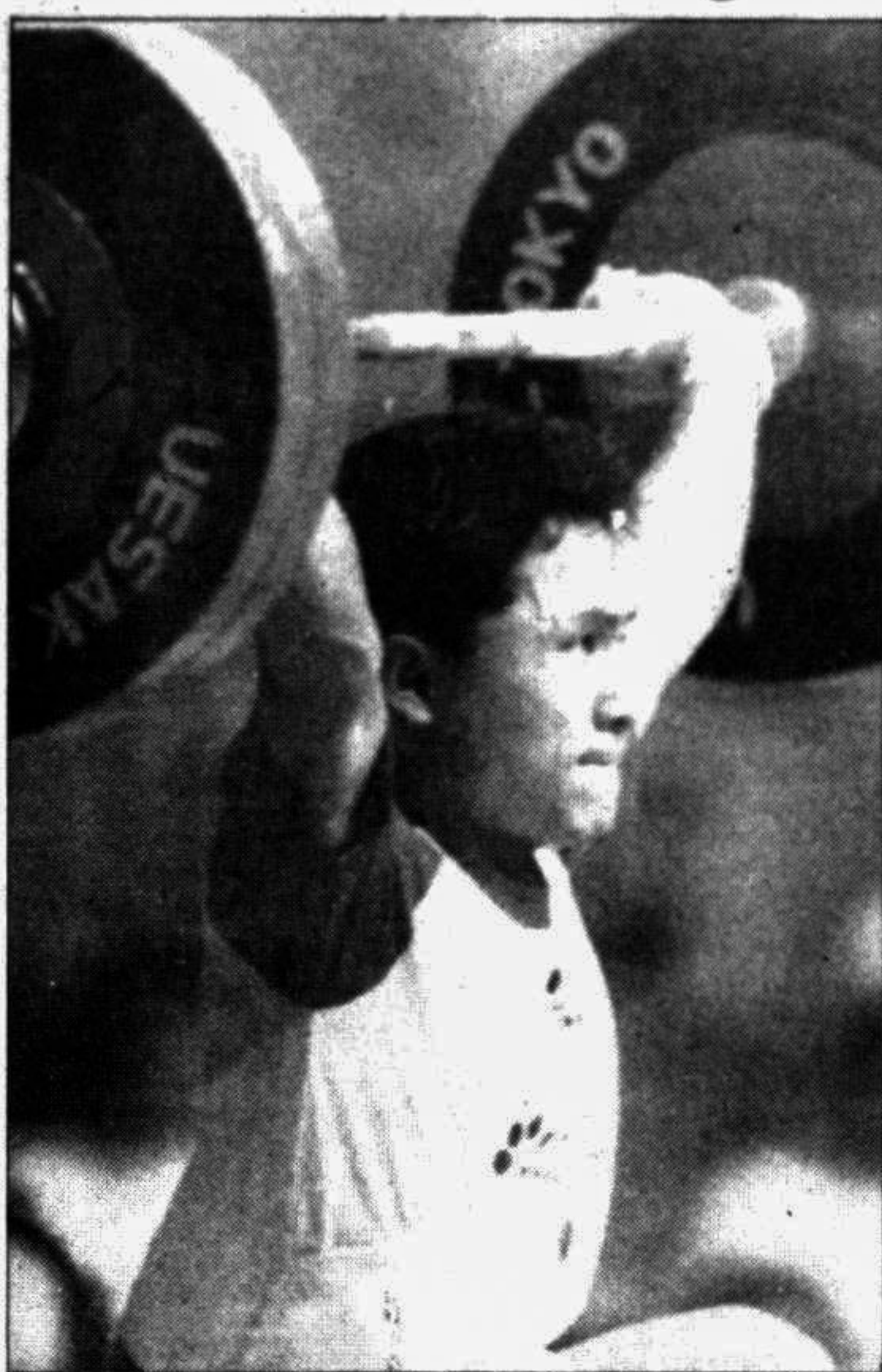
Nothing same except name
BARCELONA, July 28: Hafiz Selcymanoglu Turkish name-sake of world record holder Naim, crashed out of the Olympic weight-lifting tournament when he failed to lift any of his three snatch attempts in the bantamweight (56 kg) competition, reports AFP.
Selcymanoglu, 24, born in Azerbaijan and unrelated to Naim, failed twice with attempts at 127.5 kg.
Then had the bars weight increased to 130 kg in order to obtain a few minutes rest, but still dropped it.
China's Liu Shoubin failed in an attempt to set a new snatch world record of 135.5 kg half a kilogram above his own previous world best.

Liverpool beaten

PARIS, July 28: Liverpool were beaten for the second time in two days when they lost 3-2 to Germany's Borussia Dortmund in a play-off for third place in the four-club pre-season tournament here, reports AFP.
In their first match on Sunday, Liverpool went down 2-1 to Monaco.

ROK lifter Chun snatches gold, Scherbo sets CIS on course

BARCELONA, July 28: World champion Chun Byung-Kwaan of South Korea fought off two Chinese to win the Olympic bantamweight (56 kg) weightlifting crown on Monday, reports Reuters.
Chun needed only one lift in the clean and jerk to defeat Liu Shoubin and Luo Jianming.
His jerk of 155 kg, for a total lift of 287.5 followed a dramatic snatch contest in which he took turns with Liu to break the Olympic record.
Liu and Luo both lifted a total of 277.5 Liu took the silver on lighter bodyweight.
Chun, a 22-year-old student who won the world title last year, added his gold to the silver medal he won in Seoul four years ago in the lower fly-weight (52 kg) category.
But he failed in two attempts to clean and jerk 170 kg, which would have broken Bulgarian-born Naim Sulcymanoglu's eight-year-old world record for total lift of 300 kg.
Earlier, in a tense snatch contest, he watched the baby-faced Liu set an Olympic record of 130 kg but equalled the mark himself with the following lift.
Chun went on to break the record a second time, comfortably hoisting 132.5 kg while Liu filed with his two last snatch attempts.
Liu, the snatch world record holder, improved with his silver medal on the bronze he won in Seoul.
After two days of the weightlifting competition, China has two silver medals and a bronze while South Korea and Bulgaria have one gold each.
The lifters of the former Soviet Union who excel in the higher weight divisions, have



South Korean weightlifter Chun Byung Kwan sets a new world record with snatch of 132.5kg to claim the gold in the 56kg category in Barcelona Monday.

yet to compete in Barcelona.
Chun, who enters a state of almost trance-like concentration before each lift, was announcing plans to move up to the 60kg class almost as soon as he stepped down from the winner's rostrum.
"I am very happy to be the first gold medalist in weightlifting from Korea and I'm very happy to live through these very joyful moments," he said solemnly.
The victory gave the United States a 2-0 record as they joined Germany in Group A, and Lithuania and the CIS in Group B as they only unbeaten teams in the tournament.
A current of excitement ran through the entire Dream Team but was most apparent in the dynamic duo from the Chicago Bulls, Michael Jordan and Scottie Pippen.
Kukoc, the 2.08 metre (6-ft, 9-in) forward with great ball handling skills and court sense, was once pursued by Chicago.

BARCELONA, July 28: Vitaly Scherbo set the CIS on a virtually sure course for gold in the Olympic men's team gymnastics on Monday, reports Reuters.
Scherbo, winner of two golds and a silver at this year's World Championships, was leading — alone or jointly — in five of the six apparatus after the compulsory exercises.
The CIS were already ahead of China after the second of the day's three sessions but Scherbo stretched that lead to 2.625 points — a big gap in gymnastics — with polished performances in the evening.
He had three marks of 9.90, on the parallel bars, the floor and the rings — an apparatus he professes to dislike.
Scherbo, who helped the old Soviet Union to win team gold at last year's World Championships in Indianapolis, also led the individual standings which decide the qualifiers for Friday's all-round event.
Just behind was teammate Valery Belenky who shared the high bar lead with China's Li Jing, world silver medalist.
Like their Soviet forerunners, the CIS have almost an embarrassment of talent in the men's team, five of whom are present or past world champions.
The team's coaches will have their work cut out decid-

ing which two men go through to each apparatus final after Wednesday's team optional exercises.
Li Xiaoshuang contributed to China's dream of winning only their second Olympic team medal in history with 9.90 on the rings, a mark shared by veteran German Andreas Wecker.
Japan, bronze medalists at the Seoul Olympics four years ago when the Soviet Union won gold, were lying third at the end of the day.
Their top performer was Daisuke Nishikawa, a veteran of the last Games, who was seventh in the individual standings with a consistent all-round performance.
SUPERB SCHERBO
AP adds: So good is 19-year-old Vitaly Scherbo and the Unified Team that world champion Valeri Misutin is now the No. 3 athlete on the squad competing as one in the Olympics for the last time.
Scherbo owned the Olympic leaderboard after Monday's competition and the team from what once was the Soviet Union dictates the pace in men's gymnastics.
He had the high score in five of the six events, including 9.90s in the floor, rings and parallel bars.
Beaten by Misutin for the all-around title at last year's World Championships in Indianapolis, Ind. Scherbo began the final session of com-

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Cubans romp as Americans struggle

team was not having an easy time during the debut of their national pastime as an Olympic medal sport, reports AP.
The Cubans and Americans meet on Wednesday, and US coach Ron Fraser said, "We're still trying to find ourselves. We just need more time."
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Dream Team crushes Croats

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Even before the Games, when a rare "Can you top this," dunking drill flowed during the US warm-up, it was clear the millionaire superstars from the NBA were psyched to be their best against the Croats, many of whom had won silver with the

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Moreno bags first gold for the hosts

BARCELONA, July 28: Cyclist Jose Moreno has already turned the Olympics into a success for Spain, by winning the host country its first gold medal of the Summer Games with an Olympic record in the 1-kilometer race on Monday, reports AP.
"I am very pleased to have won the gold medal for my country," a smiling Moreno said in Spanish. "They all were yelling for me, this beautiful crowd, and now I'm yelling to them: Thank you, thank you everyone. This medal I dedicate to you, to all my country."
Moreno finished in 1 minute, 3.342 seconds to win Spain's fifth summer gold medal ever and Shane Kelly of Australia won a surprise silver in 1:04.288. American Erin Hartwell took bronze, finishing in 1:04.753.
"I've dreamt of this since I was 5 years old," said Hartwell, who edged pre-race favourite Jens Gluecklich of Germany by four-hundredths of a second in the four lap race.
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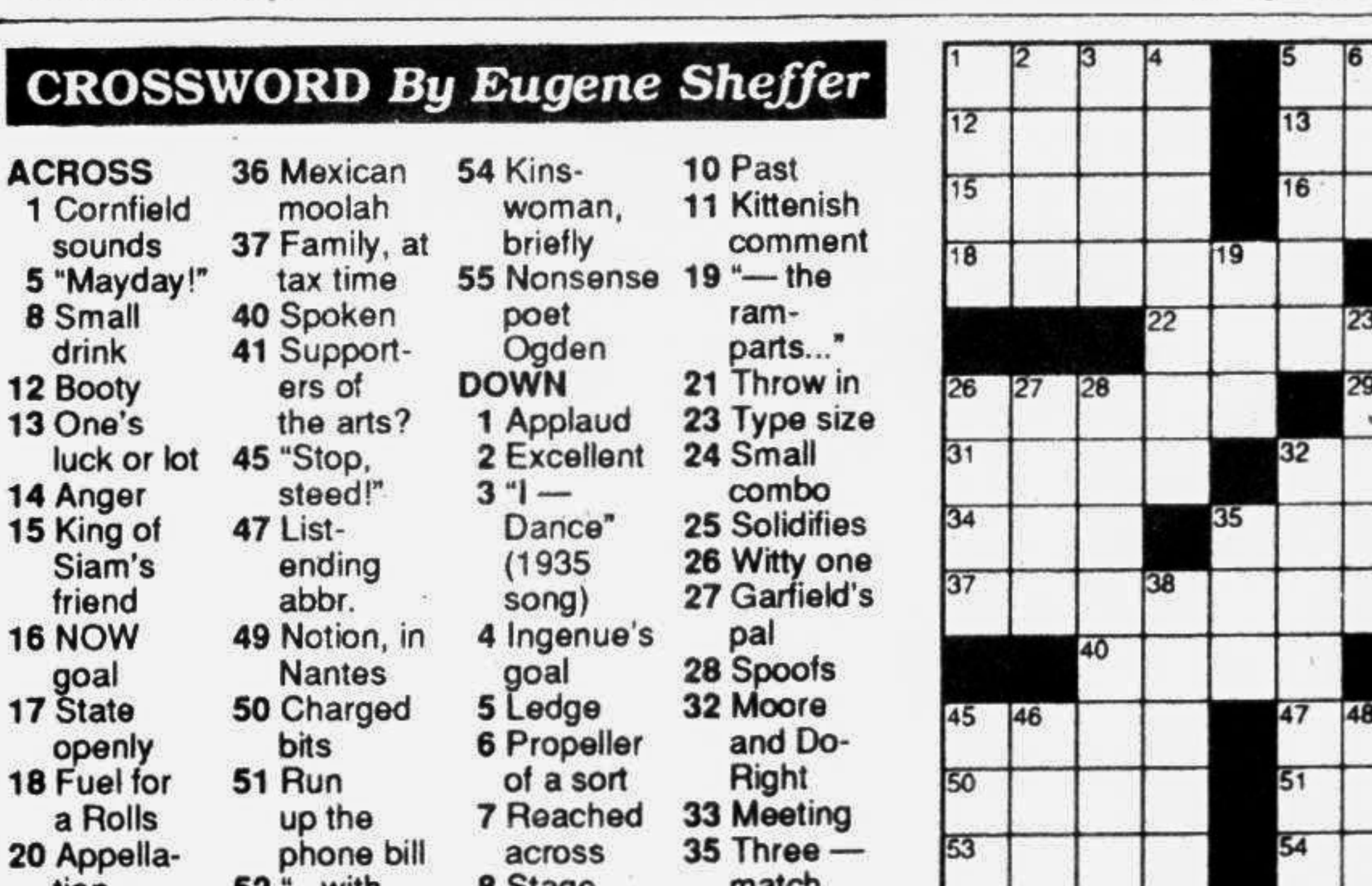
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ACROSS
1 Cornfield sounds
5 "Mayday!"
8 Small drink
12 Booty
13 One's luck or lot
14 Anger
15 King of Siam's friend
16 NOW
17 State openly
18 Fuel for a Rolls
20 Appellation
22 Plaintiffs' opponents
26 "The Purple" (Walker novel)
29 Was winning
30 Mined find
31 Leading man?
32 Accomplished
33 Hearts or spades
34 Edge
35 Away
36 Mexican moolah
37 Family, at tax time
40 Spoken
41 Supporters of the arts?
45 "Stop, steed!"
47 List-ending abbr.
49 Notion, in Nantes
50 Charged bits
51 Run up the phone bill
52 "...with sugar —?"
53 — en-scene
54 Kinswoman, briefly
55 Nonsense
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66 Small combo
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68 Witty one
69 Garfield's pal
70 Spools
71 Moore and Do-Right
72 Meeting
73 Three — match
74 School org.
75 Wipe out
76 Gets amorous
77 Author Ferber
78 Hawaiian souvenirs
79 Cain's brother
80 Film director Wenders
81 Polloi lead-in
82 Mai — (cocktail)

DOWN
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The Unified Team men's 4x200m freestyle relay swimmers with their gold medals in Barcelona Monday.

CROSSWORD By Eugene Sheffer

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CRYPTOQUIP

C I X M G X Z P M X C G Z -
G Z W M C G V S I C F Z I I P A R F X A R F
V S X C X U Z N N U N M X

Today's Cryptoquip clue: R equals W

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.