

# Mujtaba, Shakeel lift Pak spirit

**ST GEORGE'S, Grenada, Apr 11:** Asif Mujtaba and Shakeel Ahmed shrugged off the drugs row surrounding the Pakistan team to slam centuries on the opening day of a three-day match against a West Indies Under-23 XI on Saturday, reports Reuter.

Opener Shakeel hit an unbeaten 132 and Mujtaba 102 as Pakistan made 284 for two declared after winning the toss. The young West Indies side had scored 22 without



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loss by the close. The score, however, was of less significance than the fact that the match had actually got underway after the whole tour looked in jeopardy following the arrest of captain Wasim Akram and three other players on a drugs charge.

Akram and fellow fast bowlers Waqar Younis and Aaqib Javed plus spinner Mushtaq Ahmed were all released on ball after being ar-

rested late on Thursday charged with possession of marijuana. They are due to appear in court on Tuesday, two days before the start of the first of three Tests against West Indies.

Although cricket officials in Pakistan said Saturday's match had been called off, it began on time and only Aaqib of the four accused was not included in the line-up.

The four bowlers are a vital part of the Pakistan squad for a Test series regarded as deciding which is the best cricket team in the world. Team manager Khalid Mahmood said before the game he was worried the quality of Pakistan's cricket could drop because of the incident. But he must have had his spirits lifted as Mujtaba and Shakeel put on 213 for the second wicket as they both scored their first centuries of the tour.

They came together after opener Aamir Sohail was caught in the slips with the score on 10 and were separated only after tea as Mujtaba mistimed a hook and offered an easy catch to wicketkeeper Courtney Browne.

Mujtaba batted for 264 minutes, faced 170 balls and struck 15 fours. Ahmed was at the crease for 335 minutes, faced 178 balls and hit 17 fours.

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### SCOREBOARD

Scoreboard on the opening day of the three-day cricket match between a West Indies Under-23 side and Pakistan on Saturday:

**PAKISTAN:** First innings  
Aamir Sohail c Eugene b Rose 10  
Shakeel Ahmed not out 132  
Asif Mujtaba c Browne b Anthony 102  
Javed M'andad not out 32  
Extras: (lb-1, w-2, nb-5) 8  
Total: (2 wkts declared) 284  
Fall of wickets: 1-10, 2-223  
Did not bat: Zahid Fazal, Wasim Akram, Waqar Younis, Rashid Latif, Mushtaq Ahmed, Nadeem Khan, Aatur Rehman

**Bowling:** O M R W  
Rose 12 5 46 1  
Cully 13 3 43 0  
Drakes 10 0 46 0  
Anthony 15 5 41 1  
Chanderpaul 18 2 73 0



SHAKEEL AHMED...132 n.o.

**WEST INDIES UNDER-23 XI:** First innings  
P Wallace not out 14  
R Samuels not out 7  
Extras: (nb-1) 1  
Total: (for no wicket) 22  
Still to bat: H Waldron, J Eugene, S Chanderpaul, C Browne, A Griffith, H Anthony, V Drakes, C Cully, F Rose

**Bowling:** O M R W  
Wasim Akram 3 1 8 0  
Waqar Younis 2 0 14 0

# Ali arrives in SA

**JOHANNESBURG, Apr 11:** Boxing legend Muhammad Ali arrived here Saturday for an 11-day visit of trouble-torn South Africa, reports AFP.

The former world heavy-weight champion will be seeing some of South Africa's most deprived black townships on the fundraising tour.

Organised by the Muslim Boxing Development Network, the Ali tour is to promote boxing in South Africa, to meet the half-million strong Muslim community and to promote peace in a land where almost 300 people a month die in political violence.

Ali arrived just after the assassination of South African Communist Party leader Chris Ham.

Ali's schedule will take him to Durban, centre of the Indian community which constitutes most of South Africa's Muslims, where he will receive a ticket-tape parade.

The 50-year-old former boxer, who suffers from Parkinson's Disease, looked weary and had to be helped while walking towards his seat in the airport's VIP lounge, he still proved his renowned wit has not deserted him.

When South Africa's current boxing hero, Dingaan Thobela, went to shake his hand, he was treated to a miniature sparring match, with Ali's enormous forearms jabbing at 'the rose of Sowto' guard.

And when touring German-based pop group The Bad Boys — comprising two black musicians and one white — went to pose for a picture with him, he quipped: "Himm, three chocolate and one vanilla."

# Olsen, Rouse going strong

**EDINBURGH, Apr 11:** Jon Olsen sped to four wins in three days and fellow-American Jeff Rouse completed a backstroke treble on the last day of an international long-course swimming meeting on Saturday, reports Reuter.

Olsen, double relay gold medalist at the 1992 Barcelona Olympics, won twice on Saturday, clocking 50.24 seconds to take the 100 metres freestyle by nearly two seconds from Germany's Axel Hickmann and clinching the 100 metres butterfly in 56.38 ahead of Spain's Sergio Lopez (56.70).

Olsen won the 50 metres freestyle on Thursday and the 50 metres butterfly on Friday, each time relegating to second place Britain's Mark Foster, who holds the fastest short-course times in the world for both events.

Rouse, 100 metres backstroke long-course world record holder, was in a class of his own in the backstroke, winning Saturday's 200 in 2:01.07 after comfortable victories at 50 and 100 metres on Thursday and Friday.

Britain's Sarah Hardcastle, who returned to competition last December after six years out of the sport, completed a distance freestyle double.

Hardcastle, who won the 800 metres on her 24th birthday on Friday, took the 400 metres in 4:17.05 in the pool in which she won both events at the 1986 Commonwealth Games.

# Matz is fantastic

**GOTEBORG, Sweden, Apr 11:** Michael Matz of the United States performed a fast, faultless jump-off aboard Rhum IV to win the second round of the World Cup show jumping competition Saturday in Goteborg, Sweden.

Ludger Beerbaum from Germany, who finished second Saturday with Almox Ratina Z, leads the overall competition with one round remaining. The Olympic gold medalist was also perfect in Saturday's jump-off, but was slower than the American by 26 hundredths of a second.

Matz was one of thirteen riders to jump clear the first time around the course on Saturday. Six of the 13 also scored a perfect circuit in the timed jump-off, but Rhum IV's time of 36.38 seconds gave the American the victory and moved him up to third in the overall standings. The final round is set for Monday.

# Rupali Bank sports

The 17th annual sports competition of Rupali Bank Ltd. was held on Friday April 9 at the Motijheel Govt. Boys' High School playground in the city under the auspices of the Rupali Bank Kirta-o-Sanskritik Sangshad, Central Committee, says a press release.

Azizul Haq, MP and Chairman, Rupali Bank Ltd. inaugurated the meet while Mohammed Muslim, General Manager, distributed prizes among the winners. General Manager AH Majumder was also present.

Ameer Hossain won the men's individual championship while Mrs Nilufar Yeasamin won the women's individual title.

Md Ansar Ali and Mrs. Zubunnesa and Mrs. Ulfatun Ara Khanam finished as runners-up, the two ladies sharing the second spot.

# Testing trial for Pakistan

**LONDON, Apr 10:** Pakistan's latest bid to wrest the unofficial title of world cricket champions from the West Indies could founder in the improbable surroundings of a court room in St George's, Grenada next week, reports Reuter.

Skipper Wasim Akram, vice-captain Waqar Younis, Aaqib Javed and Mushtaq Ahmed were arrested on Thursday and charged with possession of marijuana. They were released on bail and will appear in court on Tuesday.

Although none of the four was found in possession of the drug they were arrested and charged after police said the Pakistanis had been sitting on the beach outside their hotel "in the vicinity of some who smoked drugs."

The tourists three-day match against a West Indies under-23 side started as

scheduled on Saturday with Akram leading the Pakistanis although a report from Islamabad said the game had been cancelled.

Shahid Rafi, the secretary for the Board of Control for Cricket in Pakistan (BCCP), said the match had been called off.

"The possibility of calling off the (rest of the) tour cannot be ruled out if the West Indies authorities did not withdraw the false cases against our four cricketers, Rafi told a news conference.

If the charges are not dropped, it is unlikely the tour would go ahead.

And even if the quartet are discharged the distractions could hardly have come at a worse time for the World Cup one-day champions as they endeavour to become the first team to beat the West Indies in a series since New Zealand won a desperately tight contest 13 years ago.

In a bizarre twist, the players in court comprise the front-line Pakistan attack with Akram and Younis ranked as one of the deadliest opening duos in the history of the game.

They come up against a West Indian team who have rebounded remarkably swiftly after losing a clutch of key players, including the redoubtable Viv Richards.

Under the relaxed and occasionally inspired leadership of Richie Richardson, West Indies defeated Australia 2-1, and drew the recent one-day series against Pakistan 2-2 after the fifth and final match was declared a tie.

The three-Test series starting in Port of Spain, Trinidad in five days time promised to be one of the great cricket classics between the world's two best sides.

But in the end it may be a court, not an umpire, who gives the final verdict.

# Sanchez, Sabatini in final

**AMELIA ISLAND, Florida, Apr 11:** Top seeds Arantxa Sanchez-Vicario and Gabriela Sabatini earned their 18th meeting and the final of the 375,000 Bausch and Lomb tennis championships with semifinal wins on Saturday, reports Reuter.

Sanchez-Vicario, seeded first and ranked third in the world, reached her fourth successive final with a 6-4, 6-2 victory over fourth-seeded Manuela Maleeva-Fragniere of Switzerland.

The second-seeded, fifth-ranked Sabatini, has two-time defending champion here, earned her first final of 1993

with a 6-3, 6-2 win over fifth-seeded Amanda Coetzer of South Africa.

In career meetings, Sabatini has a comfortable 11-6 lead over Sanchez-Vicario but the Spaniard won their last three confrontations.

"I know I've played many times against Gay," said Sanchez-Vicario, who successfully defended her Lipton Championships title last month. "I'm in good shape and I'm ready to beat her again."

Maleeva-Fragniere had a busy day on Saturday. Before taking on Sanchez-Vicario, she defeated sixth-seeded Natalia Zvereva of Belarus 6-0, 6-3 in a quarter-final postponed on Friday because of rain.

Sabatini has been in a title drought. The winner of 25 singles titles, the Argentine has played in 14 events since the 1992 Italian Open last May without a championship.

In seven tournaments in 1993, she has been stopped in the semifinals five times — twice by Steffi Graf and once each by Jennifer Capriati, Monica Seles and Conchita Martinez.

"I needed a win like this one today to help me beat a top player and win a tourna-

ment," said Sabatini, who has a 4-1 career advantage over Coetzer.

"In matches against Coetzer you have to be very patient. If you rush, you're not going to win the match."

The diminutive Coetzer, a retriever specialist who has great resilience and pushes points to the limit, served nine times in the one-hour 35-minute match but held just once.

The 15th-ranked Coetzer, who moves up to number 12 on Monday, held serve only in the seventh game of the first set after Sabatini took a 5-1 lead. Coetzer then won the seventh and eighth games before the Argentine scaled the set.

There were six service breaks in the second set, Sabatini winning the last three games.

Gaby played really well on the important points," said Coetzer, who beat third-seeded Capriati in the quarter-finals.

Sanchez-Vicario's one-hour 14-minute win gave her a 3-2 career edge over Maleeva-Fragniere.

The second set saw six service breaks. Sanchez-Vicario held her serve in the fourth and eighth games.

# Zimbabwe again in a mess

**LUSAKA, Apr 11:** Zimbabwe were involved in new soccer chaos in Lusaka on Saturday when their African Nations Cup match against Zambia was stopped for 15 minutes by a crowd invasion, reports AFP.

The match, which eventually finished 0-0, was stopped 20 minutes into the game as police fired tear gas to keep unruly fans off the pitch.



Azizul Haq, MP, Chairman of Rupali Bank Ltd. (with microphone) seen inaugurating the bank's 17th annual sports competitor on April 9 at the Motijheel Govt Boys High School playground. — Star photo



Boxing legend Muhammed Ali greets traditional dancers upon his arrival in the South African city of Johannesburg on Saturday. Ali met the nation's black and Moslem leaders. — AFP photo

# Sampras leaves Gilbert stunned

**TOKYO, Apr 11:** Pete Sampras enjoying his overnight celebrity for securing the world number one spot, disposed of Brad Gilbert in the final to wrap up the 1.19 million dollar Japan Open tennis tournament here today, reports AFP.

The 1990 US Open champion, who earned enough points to overtake current number one Jim Courier in the rankings when he advanced to the semifinals Friday, scored a lopsided 6-2, 6-2, 6-2, win over the fellow-American in the best-of-five-set final.

Right now, I'm serving extremely well and my ground strokes are very clean and very deep. Each match I started playing a lot better and better and my best match this week is today," said Sampras.

Gilbert said: "He was playing unbelievably well, he was serving really big. Anytime I got ahead in a game, he hit a couple of aces and then he was holding his serve easily. He was certainly playing like he is number one in the world."

"I think I lost in the semifinals five times in Japan (in his nine appearances in the Japan Open) and finally I broke through and made a final."

"I felt good and I'd like to win but lost to a better player today. Hopefully, it gives me confidence to play well over the next few months," added Gilbert.

The first break chance came to Gilbert when he attacked Sampras' second serve and charged to the net to lead 30-40, but Sampras calmly erased it with an easy forehand winner at the net and then took five games in a row before winning the set.

Sampras, who fired a total of 58 aces in his previous four matches, started to serve better and gave Gilbert only one point in his service games to make it two sets to love.

Gilbert had another three break chances in the fourth game of the third set, but he

simply saw Sampras unleash his 11th and 12th aces after a deuce to jump ahead 4-0.

Although most of the spec-



PETE SAMPRAS

tators at the Ariake Coliseum supported Gilbert in the end, he managed to hold only two more games. And Sampras finished off the 94-minute match

# Satellite tennis

**KUALA LUMPUR, Apr 11:** Paul Wekesa of Kenya and Brian Ayetko of Canada beat the Slovak pair of Filip Kascak and Galik Banislav 7-5, 6-0 Sunday for the doubles title of the first leg of the ITF Malaysia Satellite Circuit tennis championships, reports AP.

Heavy rain forced a halt to the singles final between Axel Finberg of Australia and Clement N'goran of Germany after Finberg won the first set 7-6 and the two were tied 6-6 in the second. The match, started in Kuala Trengganu, was to be resumed in Kuala Lumpur Monday.

Sixteen pairs from 11 countries entered the doubles portion of the championships in Kuala Trengganu, 300 kilometers (180 miles) northeast of Kuala Lumpur.

# Medvedev's title

**BARCELONA, Apr 11:** Eighteen-year-old Andrei Medvedev of Ukraine beat Spain's Sergi Bruguera in four sets Sunday to win the singles final of the \$75,000 Trofeo Conde de Godo ATP men's tennis tournament, reports AP.

After losing the opening set 6-7 (7-9), Medvedev pulled back with energy to sweep the following three sets 6-3, 7-5, 6-4.

It was Medvedev's fifth title and his second this year after his victory two weeks ago in Estoril, Portugal.

Ranked 19th in the world and seeded ninth in the tournament, Medvedev is considered one of the top clay-court players on the circuit.

As the tournament's singles winner, he earned \$126,000.

It was Bruguera's second loss in a Conde de Godo final. In 1991, he lost to fellow Spaniard Emilio Sanchez.

Medvedev made it to the final beating the world's No. 15, Thomas Muster of Austria, in the semifinal and American veteran Ivan Lendl in the quarterfinal.

Bruguera, 22, defeated Sweden's Magnus Gustafsson in the semifinal and tournament favourite Andre Agassi of the United States in the quarterfinal.

# Coggi retains WBA title

**BUENOS AIRES, Argentina, Apr 11:** Argentina's Juan Martin Coggi, 31, retained his World Boxing Association (WBA) junior welterweight crown by stopping Joe Rivera of Puerto Rico in the seventh round of their scheduled 12-round bout on Saturday, reports Reuter.

Venezuelan referee Isidro Rodriguez stopped the fight, held in Amr Del Plata about 250 miles (400 km) south of Buenos Aires, after deciding that the 29-year-old challenger could not continue due to a severe cut on his right eyebrow.

with ace number 14 in a flawless love game.

It was his third title this season, following his triumphs in Sydney Outdoor and Key Biscayne, and the 15th overall.

With the win, Sampras evened his head-to-head record against Gilbert at four — all in major tournaments.

He received the winner's check of 152,000 dollars and 281 points, including 51 bonus points, counting towards the ATP computer rankings.

In the next rankings to be released Monday, Sampras stands atop for the first time in his career with 3,736 points from the best 14 tournaments in the past 12 months.

"Ever since I won the US Open and I've been in the top five or ten in the world for the last couple of years I've been a target and now still very much a target."

"I've got used to it, but I don't feel any difference, any other pressure. That's pretty simple. I just go out and try to win."

Coggi earned only 38 points this week, against the 304 he collected by winning the title here last year, for a total of 3,503 points next week.

Gilbert, still seeking his first victory since winning at Brisbane in September 1990, pocketed the 80,500 dollar runner-up prize and 196 points.

# China finish ahead

**SEOUL, Apr 11:** China won the Seoul International Women's Relay to pick up 200,000 dollars in prize money here Sunday, while Kenya and Russia finished second and third, reports AFP.

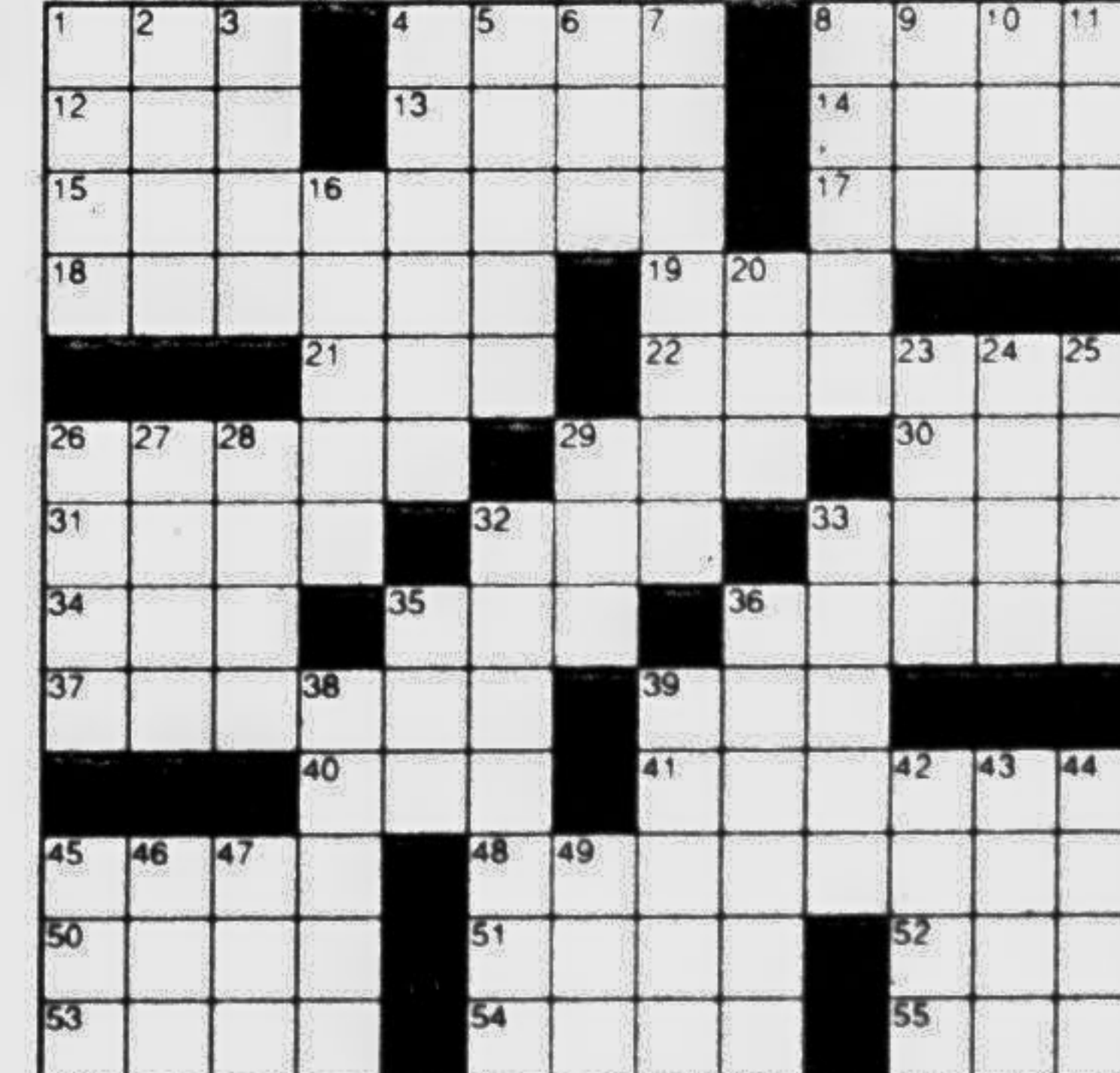
The Chinese runners set a new record on the 42.2 kilometer course at 2:17:08, three minutes and 54 seconds faster than Kenya last year when the relay was held for the first time.

# CROSSWORD By Eugene Sheffer

- ACROSS**
- 1 Snitch
  - 4 TV oldie, "— 12"
  - 8 Radar screen noise
  - 12 Census datum
  - 13 Alaskan city
  - 14 Post-wedding loss
  - 15 American Benjamin
  - 17 Tournament type
  - 18 Mexican munch
  - 19 Pair
  - 21 Garden plot
  - 22 Respect
  - 26 Under way
  - 29 Madhouse
  - 30 Tour group's carrier
  - 31 Rooster's crown
  - 32 Chum
  - 33 Seek air
  - 34 Before
  - 35 Kennel cry
  - 36 Veronica's rival
  - 37 Recipient's opposite
  - 39 Vat
- DOWN**
- 1 Late-show "baddie"
  - 2 Taj Mahal
  - 3 Squad
  - 4 Short sock
  - 5 Distributed, with "out"
  - 6 "What Kind of Fool—?"
  - 7 Cough-drop additive
  - 8 Witch's transport
  - 9 Backtalk
  - 10 Diamonds, in slang
  - 11 Writer
  - 16 Millionaire
  - 20 Court
  - 23 Blind as —
  - 24 Sudden blast of wind
  - 25 Catch sight of
  - 26 Trick takers, usually
  - 27 Links warning
  - 28 Portent
  - 29 Comic-book sound
  - 32 Apparent contradiction
  - 33 Columbus' home
  - 35 Undoubtedly
  - 36 Grand Canyon pack animals
  - 38 Fisticuffs arsenal
  - 39 Physicist Nikola
  - 42 Secretary, e.g.
  - 43 Author Wiesel
  - 44 The bell song?
  - 45 Run for exercise
  - 46 White House moniker
  - 47 Barracks furniture
  - 49 Belief

**Solution time: 28 mins.**

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# CRYPTOQUIP

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P E U N W M T Y U F B I J N O U  
R E X M W M X . " V E T ' A I M P P E X ! "  
Yesterday's Cryptoquip: ARE THE CHIEF SHEPHERD'S HELPERS CALLED HIS STAFF?  
Today's Cryptoquip clue: I equals B

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.