Spectacular

welcome for

Gullit, Platt

GENOA, Italy, July 21: The

The Dutchman and the

attraction at the Genoa Club

Bogliasco ground just down the

tailback 12 kilometers (7.5

miles) long. The cars even de-

layed the arrival of Gullit, 31,

who has joined after six seasons

"I am delighted to be here

Platt added: "This was a

and I am sure we are going to

achieve great things with this

spectacular welcome today and

I just want to thank everyone. I

am not an out and out attacker

but I think I will still score a lot

of goals. I must first get used to

Blatter denies

FIFA nexus

21: FIFA Secretary General Sepp Blatter today denied hav-

ing threatened Marseille with an

immediate international ban if

bribery allegations were proved.

The senior official of world

soccer's governing body said it

was up to the French soccer

authorities to take disciplinary

Marscille daily Le Provencal,

Blatter said an interview he

gave to the Swiss newspaper

"The possible suspension of

Sonntagsblick about the Mar-

In an interview with the

MARSEILLE, France, July

team," said the Dutch star.

at AC Milan.

the atmosphere."

reports Reuter. .

action first.

Their presence caused one

First time ever

in Romania

will host its first ever ATP Tour

The Romanian Open Tennis

event in September, reports AP.

Championships will be held

LONDON, July 21: Romania

# Lewis looks at it differently



HOUSTON, July 21: World 100 metres record holder Carl Lewis said he would use a July 30 showdown with

Olympic champion Linford Christie at Gateshead, England, as a stepping stone towards a double sprint victory at next month's World Championships, reports Reuter.

"I'd like to run well at Gateshead, run better at Zurich and at least as well in Monte Carlo because that would set me up for the World Championships," Lewis told Reuters in a telephone interview on Tuesday.

Lewis said that after the Christie race he would run 100 metres and a 4x100-metre relay at Zurich on August 4 and 200 metres at Monte Carlo on

August 7 before the Worlds. Lewis for the first time will be seeking victories in both the 100 and 200 metres at the World Championships, which begin on August 14 in Stuttgart. He previously has concentrated on the 100 metres and long jump at the Championships.

Lewis said he was looking forward to racing against Christie but was disappointed it had taken so long to arrange.

"I think it's good for the sport that we are able to compete," Lewis said about their duel at an invitation athletics meeting in Gateshead near Newcastle. "(But) there is no reason to have gone this long.

LONDON, July

21: After months

of on-again, off-

again negotiati-

ons, WBC heavy-

weight champion

Lennox Lewis has agreed to

fight fellow-Briton Frank Bruno

A news conference was

scheduled Wednesday afternoon

to announce details of the fight

that Britain boxing fans have

probably take place at Cardiff

Arms Park in Wales. Wembley

Stadium has also been men

tioned as a possible venue.

Bruno said the bout will

The bout, which had been

called off several times, became

reality after Lewis' scheduled

defence against American Tom-

Brune was also involved in

talks for a possible fight against

IBF and WBA champion Riddick

my Morrison, was put off until

in October, reports AP.

been longing to see.

"I guess he caved in to the pressure."

A British newspaper report said each runner would be paid 100,000 pounds sterling (150,000 dollars) each.

The clash will be the first meeting between the pair since the 1991 Tokyo World Championship where Lewis won the gold in a world record 9.86



**CARL LEWIS** 

After Lewis defeated Tony

Tucker to retain his crown in

May, his manager Frank

Maloney said the next defence

would be against Bruno on Sept

25 in Cardiff, Wales. But the

bout was called off after a dis-

pute over how the total purse

that Lewis was "signed, sealed

and delivered" to meet Morrison

this fall to kick off a two-fight.

able to reach agreement with

Caesars Palace in Las Vegas for

a possible Nov 5 date, and a

proposal from the newly -built

"They gave us a Dec 30 date

MGM Grand was turned down.

for Lewis and Morrison, but

that wasn't acceptable," Malo-

ney said. But their offer of the

last week in February and first

week in March was OK for

But the Lewis camp was un-

Maloney then announced

preferred opponent

would be split.

Lennox.

dlrs 20 million deal.

seconds with Christie fourth in European record 9.92 seconds.

The 32-year-old Americans, arrival of Ruud Gullit and David Olympic champion in 1984 and Platt at Sampdoria on Tuesday 1988, did not qualify for last drew 12,000 fans who caused year's Barcelona Olympic spritraffic jams around the club's nt events after suffering a training ground, reports AFP. viral infection at the US trials, and in his absence Christie took England captain was the star

Christie, 33, has been unbeaten in seven 100 metres finals this year, while Lewis has raced four times over 100 metres and has yet to win although his form has steadily

the gold medal.

improved. Still, Lewis downplayed the importance of the showdown.

"Everybody's going to make it a big deal but it's just a race," Lewis said. "I needed a race in Europe and it worked out well.

"I think it is important to realise that just because you win or lose at Gateshead doesn't mean you are going to win or lose at the World

Championships. The important thing for me is to put in a solid mechanical

His 200 metres victory over world champion Michael Johnson at Lausanne this month was the first time "I was able to get a little aggressive and run the race like I should have been running it," he said. "Before I just wasn't as aggressive and as confident."

"I feel confident now that am capable of running as fast as my personal best."

Lewis-Bruno bout in October trated on making deal with the

November, a deal that pro-

mised dlrs 11 million for Lewis.

lion for Bowe and a 50-50 split

if the final purse went above

dirs 32 million," Maloney said.

"We declined that, and the

Lewis was awarded the WBC

title last year after Bowe was

stripped for failing to make his

first defence against the British

fighter. Bowe retained the

International Boxing Federation

and World Boxing Association

bouts to Tim Witherspoon and

Mike Tyson, announced his re-

tirement in 1989, but is 4-0

since returning to the ring in

Bruno, who has lost title

Howe fight won't happen until

the summer of 1994.

The deal was dirs 21 mil-

scille- Valenciennes bribery Bruno camp for an all-British affair had been misinterpreted. Meanwhile, Maloney said Marseille from the European he's turned down an offer from Cup does not depend on us. We the Bowe camp for the two champions to get together in suspend a club only if it is suspended by its own federation,

> Blatter told the French paper. "FIFA cannot act against a club. It is just a superviser, an overseer of world soccer which has to keep an eye on everything that happens.

"For the moment, Marseille can be reassured about their future...FIFA will not put the cart before the horses.

He had been quoted on Sunday as saying that if it turned out Marseille general secretary Jean-Pierre Bernes had been involved in the bribery of Valenciennes players to rig a key league match in May, the European champions would be banned internationally and immediately.

He said a FIFA decision on the bribery affair might be taken as early as today when an examining magistrate confronts Bernes with Marseille and Valenciennes players who have named him as the instigator of the 250,000 franc (44,000 dollar bribe).

That prompted French Football Federation (FFF) chief Jean Fournet-Fayrd to warn FIFA against jumping the gun before the French judicial investigation was completed.

Asked about reports he had eriticised the FFF for acting too slowly on the Marseille affair Blatter told Le Provencal: 714 simply said the Polish Federation had acted faster."

The European Football Union (UEFA) decided to keep Marseille in the draw for next season's Cup but has given the FFF until August 30 to nominate another club if the champions are found guilty of cheating and withdrawn.

## ACOG names 6 US cities to host soccer qualifiers

ATLANTA, July 21: The Atlanta Committee for the Olympic Games (ACOG) on Tuesday named six US cities as potential sites for preliminary matches in the Olympic soccer competition in 1996, reports Reuter.

The committee said the finalists were: Birmingham, Alabama, Boston, Dallas, Miami, Orlando, Florida, and Washin gton. They were chosen from a total of 14 proposed sites. Next month the cities will be

visited by Atlanta Committee staff and officials from FIFA and USA Soccer. Up to four sites are expected to be selected to stage preliminary matches.

Each city chosen will host four to eight Olympic teams and between eight and 16 matches during the 1996 Centennial Olympic Games, Atlanta Committee officials said.

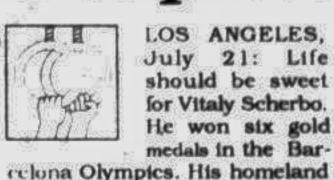
# Germany face uphill task

FRANKFURT, Germany, July 21: Defending champions Germany, put out of the Federation Cup by Australia in the firstround, may have to play in the qualifying tournament to reach next year's finals, reports AFP.

The German injury crists grew Wednesday when Anke Huber, winner at Kitzbuhel at the weekend, dropped out of Wednesday's vital playoff match against Austria because of a

The losers of the play-off matches here have to enter the equalifying compatition next spring.

# The price Scherbo has to pay



daughter at home.

days, reports AP.

take care of them.

medals to prove it.

March.

Yet the 21-year-old gymnast

\*Another side of this coin is

sighs more than he smiles these

a hard life," he said. "All the

time travelling. I have a wife

and daughter, it's very hard to

exhausting pace since his

Olympic domination nearly a

year ago. And he's got lots of

in the all-around in the World

University Games in Buffalo, N

Y. last week. He also won gold

on the vault, silver on the

parallel bars and bronze on the

He won four medals, includ-

ing the all-around gold, in the

World Championships in April.

He was the all-around cham-

pion in the American Cup in

Scherbo has finished no worse

than third in the all-around

portion of every international

ANDORRA, July 21: Mem-

bers of a cycling squad are

expected to put their Tour de

France winnings into a team

pool for all to share. This ranges

from sprint bonu-ses to a dirs

340,000 first prize for an overall

Banesto team earn part of

leader Miguel Indurain's win-

Thus the members of the

victory, reports AP.

In the past three years,

He's coming off a gold medal

Scherbo has maintained an

LOS ANGELES

of Belarus is finally independent

of the former Soviet Union. And

competition he's entered. "I spend time with the baby or travelling to exhibitions or some little competition and had no time to do my routines with the new tricks," he said.

Adding to his frustration is Scherbo's lack of a coach in the United States. He receives some

VITALY SCHERBO ... sighs more than he smiles

Vladimir Novikov, an assistant

But mostly he's on his own.

Scherbo and Shannon

It's the first time teams from

the United States. Belarus and

Ukraine are competing against

each other in gymnastics since

the formation of the new inde-

Scherbo dislikes the inter-

national travel because it

takes him away from his family.

He smiles at the memory of a

brief vacation with his wife in

exhibition - no training, just

have fun. No reporters, no TV.

Sleep on the beach all day, wa-

ter skiing, drink beer, whatever

road. Scherbo can't get away

from the sport. He's' staying

temporarily at a gymnastics

Even when he's not on the

"We had three days before an

Miller, who won five medals in

Barcelona, headline the Hilton

Challenge exhibition Wednes-

day night at the Sports Arena.

coach at Penn State.

pendent states.

Miami Beach.

you want," he said.

"It's very hard," he said.

he has a loving wife and infant help from former teammate

camp in Woodward, Pa. He and his wife, Irina, and daughter, Kristina, 4 months, are living Barbara Isabelle.

with camp owners Ed and "I know only gymnastics in my life and I can do only gym-

nastics, nothing else," he said.

Sept 13-19 in Bucharest, the ATP Tour announced Wednes-Kristina was born in the The tournament will be played on clay at a 6,000capacity stadium. There will be

> a 32-player field and 500,000 in prize money. Bucharest replaces Cologne, Germany, on the calendar. The event was purchased by Rom-

ania Sports Promotion S A. With the addition of Roma-

nia, the men's tour now has events in 37 countries.

## Cooper saves Kiwi blush

VILLANOVA, Pa, July 21: Sapphire Cooper converted a penalty stroke for a goal with one minute left as New Zealand eked out a 1-1 tie with Japan in the Intercontinental Cup Women's field hockey championship, reports AP. In other games Tuesday,

Canada defeated Scotland 1-0 and Russia beat Belgium 4-1.

Cooper's penalty stroke was set up when Kate Trolove, the New Zealand captain, had tried United States while Scherbo for a goal blocked just at the goal mouth. Japan took a 1-0 lead in the

> first half, 12 minutes into the game, on a shot by its captain. Akemi Kato, deflected by the New Zealand goal tender into her own net. New Zealand outshot Japan

by 8-4 and also had more penalty corners, 12-6. New Zealand made one save and Japan two. Canada's Deb Covey's penalty-shot goal in the second half

lifted Canada over Scotland

Anastasia Pogrebnaya in the

fifth minute and by Natalia

before halftime on a drive by

Stephanie Depaepe, Russia in

creased its lead in the second

half on goals by Natalia Sedova

Peczak in for

and Natalia Krovchenko.

Belgium scored its goal just

Dobrokhotova.

Canada outshot Scotland 6-4 and had eight penalty corners to Scotland's four. Russia got off to a 2-0 lead in the first-half on goals by

That won't happen before the 1996 Olympics, however.

gold medals," he said.

golds. Just to make some gymnastics record."

was competing in the American Scherbo would never en-

courage his daughter to pursue

gymnastics because it's "enou-

gh to have one gymnast in the Like most American parents, Scherbo is torn between a job - in his case, being the

world's best male gymnastand parental responsibilities. "When I go into exhibitions and competition my wife stays with the baby. When I come home I want to help her," he

said. Scherbo eventually wants to settle his family somewhere permanently and become a

"I have every title and I have

only just one dream, little dream -to take more Olympic "Just two to add to my six

Entering the final 6-mile (9.6

kilometre) climb, Rue finally

tired and left Indurain alone.

Others, such as Tony Rominger

and Alvaro Mejia, were ready to

Delgado came up suddenly,

taking over the pacemaking

great way," said Rue, who

ended up more than eight min-

utes behind, but did his job.

"That Banesto, it's a great team"

said Eric Boyer of France, a

member of the rival GAN team.

They did their work from start

Rominger spent most of the

day near Indurain, waiting for

his chance to attack. However

Rominger lacked the resources

"All the team worked in a

Then team member Pedro

possible," Rue said.

make their move.

to finish."

### big trouble WARSAW, July 21: Poland's

top woman swimmer Alicja Peczak faces a two-year doping ban this week for taking a performance-enhancing drug, reports Reuter.

Peczak, a breast stroke and was to accompany him as far as individual medley exponent, tested positive for the male hormone testosterone after an event in the Polish town of Oswiechim on June 5.

She requested a second test but Polish officials said it had failed to clear the 23- year-old.

Janusz Tracewski, secretary of the Commission for Drugs Control in Sport, told the newspaper Gazeta Wyborcza that a

new test had shown normal icvels of testosterone but the sudden fall in the level was unnatural. These results can only show

that the competitor took some kind of doping substance," Trackwski said, "Such a sudden risc and fall in the testosterone level in the body shows that it came about in an unnatural

A disciplinary board meets on Saturday and officials said Peczak, who is already suspended from competition, could

be banned for two years.

#### postponed, Maloney concen-Bowe. But Lewis was always his 'The Olympics—China's Dream'

With the Morrison fight



BEIJING, July 21: Chinese grandmothers and young children joined tens of thousands

of screaming rock fans for two nights this week when they turned out at sitckly run concerts in support of Beijing's Olympic bid, reports

More than 10,000 people filled the capital stadtum Sunday and Monday to hear six of Beijing's hippest rock bands perform with the latest equipment and lighting systems at "The Olympics - China's

Dream' concerts. Sunday's concert was the kind of family affairs the authorities had banked on when permitting two entertainment companies to organise such an unpredictable event under the banner of its bid to host the 2000 Games

Young Chinese danced and - in the absence of the promotional T-shirts sold at most western gigs - waved concert publicity posters alongside small children who covered their ears when the bass accompanying heavy metal singer Wang Di got too much.

Lighters flickered and the whole stadium broke into song when Zhang Chu, a young rockand-roller, broke into his popular ballad "Sister." Banners declaring "Luo Qi, I love you" appeared as the female lead singer of compass appeared, bringing the male-dominated

erowd's excitement to a high.
In a fairly low-key security operation, officers dotted around the stadium seemed more interested in tapping their feet to the music than keeping a close eye on the crowd.

But on Monday extra security guards appeared as a more hard-core crowd threatened to upset the good- natured atmosphere the organisers had promised in return for permission to stage the concert.

Small groups of people were dragged from the stadium as the paper aeroplanes thrown the previous night were put aside in favour of more harmful rrdssiles - half-full plastic water bottles.

In some cases it was, ironically, overzealous support for the Olympic bid that attracted the unwelcome attention of sccurity guards.

One officer rushed to pursuit of young man from northwestern Shandong province, who teetered on a narrow ledge way above the crowd waving a banner reading 'Olympte Dream ---

Chinese Dream. Shandong people look forward to the Olympic

After months of exposure to official eampaigning, he and many others appeared wellversed in their praise of the bid "Olympics - it's my dream. one man confided in his best

concert's organisers, acknowledged however that supporting the Olympie bid was little more than a cover.

"From my own point of view, would be good for China, but an opportunity for all these

in comparison to the usual intrusiveness of the govern-

English after the concert. Zhao Xiaopeng, one of the

think hosting the Olympics really we were just looking for bands to perform together," said

ment's Olympic campaign, ref-

crences to the Games were lowkcy. Scattered "Beijing 2000" signboards, a specially written finale song and occasional references by the evening's compure sufficed to highlight the official reason for the concert. But, if China's Olympic com-

mittee was expecting windfall from this week's concerts, their organisers seem to have little intention of handing over any

Zhao was at pains to stress that despite the capacity crowd on both nights, he and his collengues had taken a large loss on their 600,000 yuan (104,000 dollars) investment.

fle said plans for a nationwide tour had to be cut back to just two venues - the northwestern city of Dalian and southwestern Chengdu in August because of lack of funds.



Luc Qi, the lead singer of Chinese rock band Compass, performs during a concert styled 'The Olympics - China's Dream' on July 19. Some 10,000 people turned out for the show organised in support for Beijing's bid for Olympics 2000. The price of tickets ranged from 20 to 150 yuan although many were distributed for free. - AFP photo

Sharing, Tour de France style race, Gerard Rue was still lead formed a protective cushion around Indurain and did the ing Indurators was accommon pacing for the whole pack. The "Miguel prefers a high tempo and continuous pace. My role other top riders hung around

waiting like vultures to attack. The chance to attack never came because Indurain never ran out of helpful teammates. After the majority of the Banesto team faded late in the

#### Fulton Stadium ATLANTA, July 21: Fire erupted at Atlanta Fulton County Stadium, home of the Atlanta Braves baseball team, just as fans were filling in for a

Tuesday evening game with the St Louis Cardinals, reports Reuter. The fire erupted in a luxury box immediately adjacent to the

press box. Witnesses who were in the stadium at about 6 pm when the fire started said it was preceded by an explosion that

there were no immediate reports of casualties.

he had in the Alps and only sounded like a cannon. Fans were evacuated and

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for one

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made one final burst to move to second as Indurain let up, content to stay close.

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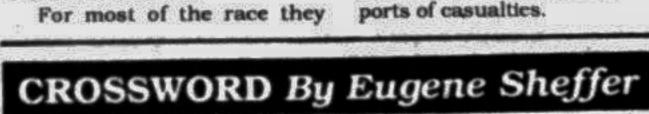
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Yesterday's Cryptoquip: POPULAR RESTAURANT, FAMOUS FOR ITS POTATO DISHES, NEEDED A MASHER.

Today's Cryptoquip clue: A equals P

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.



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Fire at Atlanta nings as he rides toward a possible third consecutive vic-Indurain held the leaders yellow jersey as the tour took an off day Tuesday before it begins three stages in the Pyrenees. He has a lead of 3 minutes, 23 seconds over Alvaro Mejia of Colombia, 4:31 over Zenon Jaskula

of Poland and 5:44 over Tony Rominger of Switzerland. Throughout the Tour de France, Indurain's teammates have always been around him, protecting him, providing a draft, pacing him back to the

pack when he falters. In Monday's 15th stage, over nine climbs form Perpignan to Andorra, the Banesto team carned their share.

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