Clinton watches

Super Bowl

millions of other Americans,

President Clinton watched the

Super Bowl on Sunday, but he

would not say which team he

was rooting for, reports

nal Football League cham-

pionship game between the

Dallas Cowboys and Buffalo Bills

in the White House Family

Theatre with governor Zell

Miller, a Georgia Democrat,

Miller's wife Shirley, and a

number of other administra-

tion officials and White House

"It looks like a good game.

If both teams play as well today

as they did last week, it's going

to be the best Super Bowl in

20 years," the President told

reporters who were allowed to

when asked who he was root-

ing for, although the question

was asked four times by differ-

Brown retains

WBC title

LAS VEGAS, Jan 31: Troy

Waters summed it up perfectly

when he said "good fight" as he

and Simon Brown hugged in

centre ring after 12 tough

rounds Saturday night at the

two and retained the WBC su-

per welterweight champi-

onship with a majority deci-

Brown was the better of the

MGM Grand, reports AP.

But Clinton did not reply

stop in briefly.

ent reporters.

Clinton watched the Natio-

Reuter.

WASHINGTON, Jan 31: Like



Indian all rounder Kapil Dev (C) sprays champagne after equalling Sir Richard Hadlee's Test wicket haul of 431 scalps in - AFP photo the second Test between India and Shri Lanka at Bangalore on Jan 30.

"I had asked my wife to fly

over to Bangalore and I des-

perately wanted to reach the

mark with her watching.

Thank God I did it here," said

Kapil whose family suffered a

tragedy last year when his wife

underwent a miscarriage with

the eves of the old warhorse. "I

don't' know what tears these

are - of joy or what - they

have just come. I just want to

go home and meet my mother

third Test in Ahmedabad to

make the record his own. But

on Friday, he broke a record

that stood in Hadlee's name -

of dismissing the most number

66th unfortunate batsman to

get out to Kapil without scor-

Dulip Samaraweera was the

Kapil is also the only crick-

eter to have performed the

unique Test double of 4,000

runs and 400 wickets. He has

5,226 runs under his belt with

eight centuries at an average of

him 29.62 runs a piece, with

nine for 83 against the West

Indies at Ahmedabad in 1983

being his best figures. His tally

includes two 10-wicket hauls

- against the West Indies and

lamp crashed just a few yards

from where she was limbering

took her anger out on team-

mate Cheng to in a one-sided

match, which the top seed

ing the women's final their

own were dashed when second

seed Jing Jun Hong of

Singapore ousted Chan Tan Lui

world, easily won the first

game 21-18, but then faced a

bitter challenge from the Hong

second game before coming

back to win at 22-20 for a 2-0

Chan, however, led from

lead after Chan failed to pro-

start to finish in the third

game, winning it at 21-17. But

Jing raised her game to take

pair easily disposed of

Singapore's Jing Jun Hong

and Gao Dong Ping in straight

vide the finishing touches.

women's doubles title.

Jing trailed 13-18 in the

Jing, ranked 11th in the

in the other semifinal.

Kong girl.

it the match.

Hong Kong's hopes of mak-

won 21-10, 21-19, 21-13.

Chai escaped unhurt, but

His 431 wiekets have cost

of batsmen for a duck.

Kapil has to wait until the

Tears flowed freely from

their first child.

now."

31.29.

Pakistan.

Indians toast Kapil's feat

NEW DELHI, Jan 31: Indians toasted Kapil Dev's achievement on Sunday after the untiring all-rounder tied with Sir Richard Hadlee of New Zealand as Test ericket's top wicket-taker, reports AFP.

From President Shankar Dayal Sharma to the man on the street, the cricket-crazy nation applauded the gentleman cricketer after he made Shri Lankan Don Anurasiri his 429th Test scalp in Bangalore. "By his deeds on the field

and behaviour off it, Kapil Dev has set an example worthy of emulation by the youth of the . country," the President said in a message of congratulations. Cabinet ministers, sports-

men and fans phoned Kapil in Bangalore after he bowled India to an innings win over Shri Lanka in the second Test, the triumph entirely forgotten in the euphoria generated by his feat.

"Every Indian shares his pride and joy in this superlative feat of becoming the joint highest wickef-taker in the world." said Madhav Rao Seindia, a politician who for several years was president of the cricket boards.

Bishen Singh Bedi, India's second most successful bowler, who was Kapil's first Test captain when the latter made his debut in 1978, called

HYDERABAD, Jan

31: Se-cond-seed

Alan Cooke won a

five-game cliff-

Canada's Joe Gi-

deon Monday to enter the

men's singles final of the 11th

Commonwealth table tennis

championships here, reports

points before winning the de-

cisive fifth game at 24-22 in a

thrilling 344-minute semifinal

at the Lal Bahadur Indoor

· Cooke's opponent in Tues-

day's final will be top seed and

defending champion Johnny

Huang of Canada, who drubbed

Matthew Syed of England in

straight games 21-11, 22-20.

The women's final will be

contested by favourite Chai Po

Wa of Hong Kong and second-

seed Jing Jun , Hong of

Singapore, the two best play-

Some 1.500 awe-struck

spectators sat on the edge of

their seats as Cooke and

Cideon waged a see-saw battle

fluctuated each passing

r supremacy, where fortunes

Cooke took the first game at

ers in the competition.

Stadium here.

21-10.

minute.

Cooke survived three match

hanger against

it a "fantastic achievement". "I think this is an outstanding case of sheer perseverance backed by a single-minded

wanted. My hats off to Kapil, the former bowling great said. And Kapil's coach Desh Prem Azad said in a telegram to his ward: "God bless you. But this is not the end. The sky is

determination to get what he

Kapil equalled the record of his famed Kiwi rival at age 35 in his 129th Test, taking 43 Tests more than Sir Richard, but without enjoying the benefit of bowling on home pitches assisting pacemen.

the limit. Keep going."

Hours later Sunday, Kapil was still trying to get used to the fact that he had finally got to 431, off the 27,506th ball he bowled in Tests.

Kapil told reporters in Bangalore that the Shri Lankan tailenders he bowled to at the Chinnaswamy Stadium had seemed the most difficult batsmen to dismiss. Amid mounting tension in

the stands, he served up a few ill-directed deliveries before Anurasiri fended a short pitched ball to Mohammad Advanded in safe hands in the

"It takes a lot of pressure off me." he said as the champagne followed in the team dressing room. "I wish to thank my fellow players I dedicate the record to my parents and my

Gideon makes Cooke sweat

But the Canadian, ranked

159 in the world as compared

to Cooke's 54. fought back to

win the next two games 21-16.

Gideon led 16-19 in the

decider, but the experienced

Englishman drew level at 20-

all, surviving the first match

point with a powerful forehand

smash which was netted by his

match points at 21-20 and 22-

21, but both times wasted the

advantage as Cooke smashed

point at 23-22 to wrap up the

match as Gideon hit a return

ranked 14th in the world, had

an easier time against the de-

fensive play of third-seeded

peared to be in the match was

in the second game, which he

lost at 20-22. Huang gave away

only 11 points in the first

game and 10 in the third to

before the women's singles

Chai Po Wa survived a scare

assert his supremacy.

The only time Syed ap-

out after a ten-stroke rally.

Cooke used his first match

Gideon's teammate Huang,

his way out of trouble.

Matthew Syed.

Gideon had two more

24-22 and take a 2-1 lead.

from Gideon, who wasted 11

game points.

opponent.

Gavaskar, Lillee greet Kapil

BELGAUM, Jan 31: Renowned cricketer Sunil Gavaskar today congratulated all rounder Kapil Dev for equalling Sir Richard Hadlee's record of 431 Test wickets in the match against Shri Lanka at the Chinnaswamy Stadium at Bangalore yesterday, reports PTI.

Inaugurating a turf wicket at the cost of Rs 1.5 lakh at Belgaum, he said all first class matches were being played on turf wicket and added Ranji Trophy matches could now be played at Belgaum.

He would bring a team of cricketers, including Test players, during April to play a match at Belgaum, he said.

He was welcomed by the president of Belgaum Sports Club, Avinash Potdar. Meanwhile, from Madras,

PTI adds: It's a great achievement by a great cricketer said former Australian Test cricketer, Dennis Lillee, reacting to Kapil Dev's achievement of equalling Sir Richard Hadlee's world record of highest number-of wickets in Test cricket.

Kapil Dev has performed so well for several years for his country and it would take a long time for anyone to break his record. Lillee told PTI in Madras.

He said it was Kapil who should decide whether to continue to play or hang his boots. "He knows about it, the decision should be taken by himself," Lillee, who is here in connection with the MRF Pace Foundation Training, said.

Veiled identity

MOSCOW, Jan 31: Sixteen Russian sportswomen have failed sex tests over the last 20 years, a Russian doctor said in an interview published on Monday, reports Reuter.

Viktor Geselyevich, who works at a top physical culture research centre, declined to name those who had been caught.

Olympic flame gets royal Danish welcome

COPENHAGEN, Jan 31: The Olympic flame, on its way from Athens to next month's Winter Games in Lillehammer, Norway, attracted large crowds and a royal welcome when it stopped off in Denmark on Saturday, reports Reuter.

the fourth game at 14 and with Arriving at midday at Copenhagen's central train sta-There was consolation for tion, the flame was carried Chan when she teamed up around Copenhagen's streets with Chai Po Wa to take the and picturesque canals by prominent Danish runners. The top seeded Hong Kong cyclists, canoeists and riders.

Danish Crown prince Frederik Ran with the torch the last stretch to the Town Hall square where Queen Margrethe Il and an estimated 10,000 Danes were waiting.

The Olympic flame, in Copenhagen for the first time since 1952 when it was on its way to the Winter Games in Oslo, stays in Denmark until Monday when it travels to Finland

TV crazy Norwegians

OSLO, Jan 31: Norwegians expect to be glued to the television during the Winter Olympics, even when they are supposed to be working, a survey showed on Monday, reports Reuter.

The poll carried out for the Daily Verdens Gang indicated that 2.5 million work days would be lost because of the, Lillehammer Games.

The poll showed the average Norwegian expected to spend some 7.6 work hours cheering in front of a television during the two weeks of the Games from February 12.

The polls, which comprised 1.047 people, showed that men planned to watch an average two hours more than

Leko, youngest GM in history

WIJK AAN ZEE. The Netherlands. Jan 31: Fourteenyear-old Peter Leko of Hungary

youngest chess Grandmaster in history on Sunday by finishing third in the elite Wijk Aan Zee Grandmasters tournament, reports Reuter.

Leko, born in September 1979, broke the record set in 1991 by another Hungarian, Judit Polgar, by 14 months. Only Polgar and former world champion Bobby Fischer of the United States have become Grandmasters at the age of 15.

Leko's performance in the Dutch coastal town of Wijk Aan Zee was the third world class result he needed to be awarded the Grandmaster title by the world chess federation. His earlier Grandmaster-level results had been in Budapest and Leons, Spain, in 1993.

The modest 14-year-old, who lives in the town of Szeged on the Hungarian-Yugoslav border with his mother, grandmother and brother, admitted that he was extremely nervous before his key final round draw against the tournament winner, Bosnian number one Predrag Nikolic.

"I only slept for six hours last night," Leko said after his early draw offer had been accepted by Nikolic. "I was certainly not calm." Leko was generally pleased

with his play in Wijk Aan Zee. "In the second round I had some real luck but overall I

just took my chances."

ment invitations.

Leko has played and studied chess full time for more than three years, competing in tournaments around Europe and in Australia. He has enjoyed the services of various trainers over the past three years, including Grandmasters Andras Adjorjan of Hungary and Genna Sosonko of the Netherlands, and has managers in both Hungary and Germany to organise tourna-

In Wijk Aan Zee, Leko was the only non-Grandmaster participant in the field of 10 but he lost only one game, winning two and drawing six.

The title of Grandmaster is the highest awarded by the world chess federation with the exception of world champion. There are about 300 Grandmasters in the world. Almost half were born in the old Soviet Union.

ELIMINATION DRAW

Meanwhile, the International Chess Federation (FIDE) on Sunday announced the draw for elimination matches to decide who will play titleholder Anatoly Karpov of Russia for the World Championship.

At a ceremony in the Dutch coastal resort of Wijk Aan Zee FIDE announced the following line-up of matches to be played Viswanathan Anand (In-

dia) v Gata Kamsky (US) - Valery Salov (Russia) v

Jan Timman (The Nether-- Vladimir Kramnik (Ru-

ssia) v Boris Gelfand (Belarus) Kramnik, aged 18 and already number six in the world,

is favourite to beat Gelfand, 25, whose nerves have been suspect in past matches. Before the draw, Gelfand said: "There is no player I definitely don't wish to play

against ... Kramnik and I are

very close friends." Anand, world number three, was satisfied with his pairing. "Kamsky is a good fighter." Anand said of his 19year-old opponent. Experts rated Anand 24, the stronger of the two.

Jan Timman, who challenged unsuccessfully for the world title last year, is given only a 50 percent chance of beating world number eight Salov. Timman, 41, has dropped to number 30 in the world and is meeting an opponent in peak form.

With the head of the world chess federation, Florencio Campomanés, absent because of illness, the draw was carried out in the Heliomare Sports Centre by Dutch Chess Federation president Dick Tommel in front of an audience of more than 400.

Tommel praised the players in indirect criticism of the rebel Professional Chess Association which will announce the pairings for its unofficial World Championship Candidates' matches on Tuesday.

Three of the players in the official finals, Anand, Kamsky and Kramnik, have also chosen to compete in the lucrative PCA competition.

sion over the tough Australian, the fifth-ranked contender. The 30-year-old Brown had just too many boxing skills for the MGM Grand Hotel.

Waters, but never came close to putting the Australian down in what was his first title defense since he won the championship on a shocking fourthround knockout of Terry Noris on Dec. 18. Judge Jerry Roth of Las Vegas scored it 116-112 and

judge Vince Delgado of Los Angeles saw it 118-111, both for Brown. Judge Chung Dae-Eun of Korea had it 114-114. The AP scored it 116-112

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Brown kept Waters on the de-

fensive for the bigger portions

fought," Brown said. He took

everything I threw. He had a

very good defense. He stayed on defence more than offence."

"He's as tough a guy as I've

The 28-year-old challenger

Waters wondered.

of many rounds.

for Brown. Brown, scoring with stiff left jabs and jarring combina-

tions and good body punches. controlled the tempo of the "Yes, I'm very shocked. The fight, but Waters hung tough and cut Brown over the right eye in the final round. "Why couldn't I have cut him in the third or fourther

Richard Steele.

Randall ends Chavez's reign



LAS VEGAS, Jan 31: Julio Cesar Chavez lost Saturday night, and this time it was official, reports AP.

Frankie Randall knocked down Chavez in the 11th round and won the WBC super lightweight championship on a split decision. It was the first defeat in the illustrious career of the 31-year-old Chavez, although many thought he had lost to Pernell Whitaker on Sept. 10 in a fight judged a majority draw.

Right after the fight ended, promoter Don King said to Chavez: "Not this time," and Chavez brushed him away.

Judge Chuck Giampa of Las Vegas scored it 116-111 and judge Angel Guzman of Puerto Rico saw it 114-113, both for Randall, who got the victory on the strength of two penalty point assessed Chavez by referee Richard Steele. Judge Abraham Chavarria of

Mexico scored it 114-113 for Chavez. The Associated Press.

scored it 114-111 for Randall. "I'm out of here, I'm still the champ," Chavez snapped afterward. Then he added: "I want a mandatory rematch." The victory by Randall; a

15-1 underdog despite entering the fight with a 48-2-1 record with 39 knockouts, was the feature match of a championship tripleheader before an estimated crowd of 12,500 at

Felix Trinidad defended the IBF welterweight title with a one-sided decision over fellow Puerto Rican Hector Camacho.

Simon Brown defended the

WBC super welterweight title

with a majority decision over

Australian Troy Waters. One judge scored it even but the other two had Brown far ahead. Chavez, of Mexico, complained bitterly about the de-

cision. "He never hurt me. How could be have won the fight?"

knockdown surprised me but you can't judge a fight by one "I'm very upset with

Women's lightweight world champion Christy Martin (R) from Orlando, Florida, lands a vicious left to Suzie Melton from North Carolina, during a special bout in Las Vegas on Jan - AFP photo 29. Martin defeated Melton.

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Cape Town gets the nod JOHANNESBURG, Jan 31:

South Africa's National Olympic Committee has chosen Cape Town to bid to stage the 2004 Olympic Games, committee president Sam Ramsamy said on Saturday, reports Reuter. "Cape Town has the best po-

tential to be marketed internationally and the best potential to win the bid for South Africa," he declared.

Ramsamy said the bid would not be formally announced internationally until a new government was in place following the country's first all-race elec-

tions on April 27.

29-27, helped by erratic play games 21-10, 21-19. semifinal when an overhead

A Bosnian soldier passes a stand in a market with a banner declaring Welcome to Sarajevo - Olympic City . It was an honour to stay in Sarajevo, on January 29. February marks the 10th anniversary of the 1984 Winter Olympics in the Serb-besieged Bosnian capital. - AFP photo

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> DENING BOOKS AREN'T WELL WRITTEN, BUT YOU CAN WEED THEM OUT.

Today's Cryptoquip clue: Q equals L

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.