

Sport



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

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 cricket's top wicket-taker, reports AFP. ... Kapil Dev has set an example worthy of emulation by the youth of the country, the President said in a message of congratulations.

Gideon makes Cooke sweat

HYDERABAD, Jan 31: Se-cond-seed Alan Cooke won a five-game cliff-hanger against Canada's Joe Gideon Monday to enter the men's singles final of the 11th Commonwealth table tennis championships here, reports AFP. ... Cooke survived three match points before winning the decisive fifth game at 24-22 in a thrilling 344-minute semifinal at the Lal Bahadur Indoor Stadium here.



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

Leko, youngest GM in history

WIJK AAN ZEE, The Netherlands, Jan 31: Fourteen-year-old Peter Leko of Hungary became the youngest chess Grandmaster in history on Sunday by finishing third in the elite Wijk Aan Zee Grandmasters tournament, reports Reuter. ... Leko has played and studied chess full time for more than three years, competing in tournaments around Europe and in Australia.

Clinton watches Super Bowl

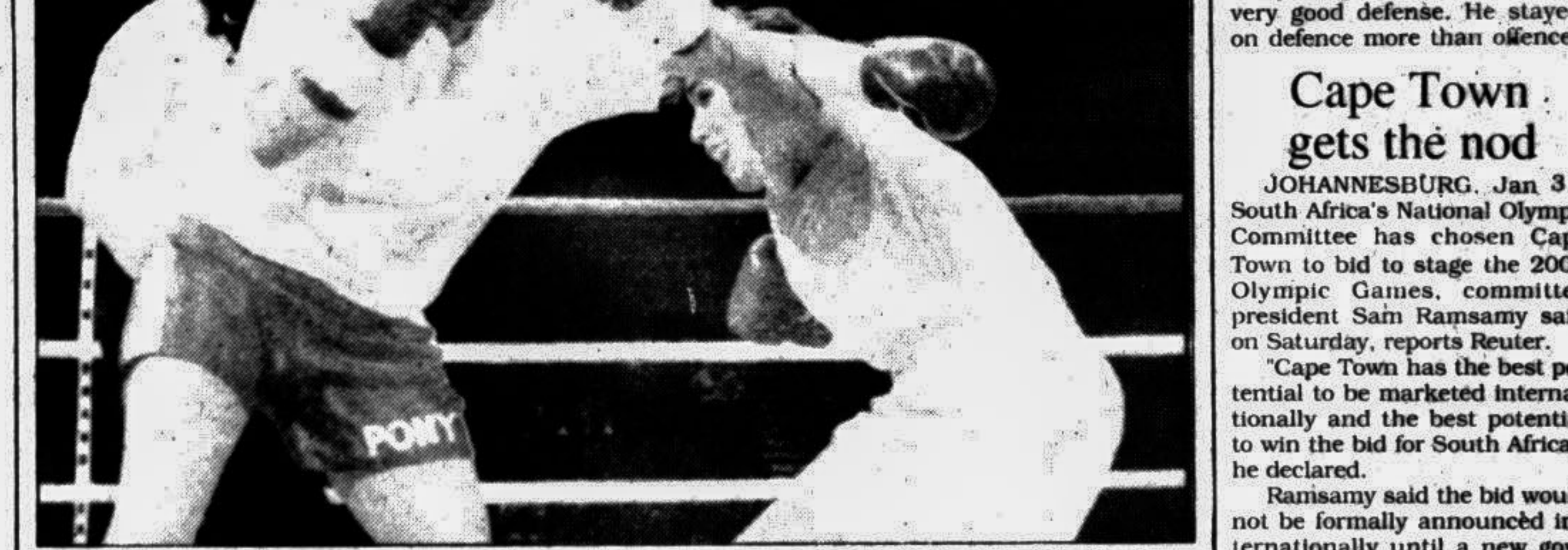
WASHINGTON, Jan 31: Like millions of other Americans, President Clinton watched the Super Bowl on Sunday, but he would not say which team he was rooting for, reports Reuter. ... Clinton watched the National Football League championship game between the Dallas Cowboys and Buffalo Bills in the White House Family Theatre with governor Zell Miller.

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 MGM Grand, reports AP. ... Brown was the better of the two and retained the WBC super welterweight championship with a majority decision over the tough Australian, the fifth-ranked contender.

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. ... 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.



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 29. Martin defeated Melton. — AFP photo

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

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. ... Arriving at midday at Copenhagen's central train station, the flame was carried around Copenhagen's streets and picturesque canals by prominent Danish runners, cyclists, canoeists and riders.

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.

CROSSWORD By Eugene Sheffer

A crossword puzzle grid with clues listed to the left. Clues include: Across 1 Harry's missus, 5 Unruly bunch, 8 Prolonged stupor, 12 Rue the run, 13 Pitching stat, 14 Former ovum, 15 Biggers' sleuth, 16 Swift steeds, 18 Mahout's saddle, 20 Dignified dowager, 21 Character actor Jack, 23 Witticism, 24 English philosopher/journalist, 1850-1928, 28 Sartorial woes, 31 Abby's twin, 32 1931 film, 'The Madelon Claudet', 34 Swab, 35 Small plateau, 37 Polite behavior, 39 Dam proj. of 1933, 41 Genealogical chart, 42 Wallers, 45 A discriminating sort?, 49 17th-century dance, 51 'Zip-- Doo-Dah', 52 Holds the deed to, 53 Wet wriggler, 54 Rather's offering, 55 Carry on, 56 Sprite breaking session, 57 Back talk, 10 Spanish painter, 11 Org., 17 Aries, 19 Hts., 22 Follower for forget part, 24 Rotating part, 25 Inseparable, 26 Nervously upset, 27 'Let--Go' ('36 song), 29 Neg's opp., 30 Mole, e.g., 33 Gratis, 36 Opposed, 38 LBJ et al., 40 Literary collection, 42 Garbage barge, 43 'Music Man' locale, 44 Snick's mate, 46 Thought, 47 Emulates Ross, 48 Hardy heroine, 50 -- Aviv

CRYPTOQUIP

THE DAILY STAR A E L Z I Q Q A A C J L U N I Z A H O J T O I Q N K U K K J U Q Q E N U C J T O I U L. Saturday's Cryptquip: SOME CHUNKY GARDENING BOOKS AREN'T WELL WRITTEN, BUT YOU CAN WEED THEM OUT. Today's Cryptquip clue: Q equals L. The Cryptquip 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.