

# Fleming frustrates Pakistan

**NAPIER, New Zealand, Feb 7:** Stephen Fleming scored an unbeaten century in the final two sessions Monday as a New Zealand Emerging Players' XI held on for a draw in their three-day cricket match against Pakistan at McLean Park, reports AP.

Left-hander Fleming was 109 not out — his third first-class century — as the New Zealand XI moved to 290 for four in their second innings after being skittled out for 93 on Saturday.

The New Zealanders needed to bat all day to avoid defeat and did so comfortably.

Pakistan made a formidable 485-8 declared in their first innings, but had their victory bid thwarted by Fleming, New Zealand Test opener Bryan Young — who made a composed 49 — and allrounder Shane Thomson, who contributed 77 before being stumped.

The match was Pakistan's final warm-up before the first Test against New Zealand, which begins Thursday at Eden Park in Auckland.

The innings of Young and Thomson provided an important pre-Test confidence-boost for the Kiwis.

Young batted through all but five minutes of the morning session before edging a ball from fast bowler Waqar Younis onto his stumps.

Young hit six boundaries, mostly off the back foot, in his 114-ball innings.

Opener Darrin Murray, who faced 67 balls for a return of eight runs before being caught at slip by Younis off left-arm spinner Aamir Sohail, was the other batsman to fall in the opening session at the tourists' scented victory.

Paceman Wasim Akram then got his first wicket of the innings shortly after lunch, when he yorked Simon Wilson for 12.

Fleming, who survived a loud appeal for leg before wicket off the previous ball, then shared a 138-run fourth-wicket stand with the aggressive Thomson, taking the score from 83 to 221 at a run-a-minute and putting victory out of Pakistan's reach.

Thomson fell shortly after tea, stumped off the bowling of Salim Malik, while Fleming went on to complete his century.

Fleming batted 214 minutes, faced 164 balls and hit 18 fours. He got to his 100 with a five, thanks to a sharp single and four overthrows.

He had a slice of luck at 98, when 12th man Atif Rauf dropped a straightforward chance at second slip off the bowling of Akram.

Thomson got his runs off 128 balls, with 10 boundaries and a six.

Gavin Larsen was unbeaten on 18 when the stumps were pulled early.

## SCOREBOARD

Scoreboard on the final day of the three-day match between Pakistan and a New Zealand XI today.

**NEW ZEALAND XI: First innings** 93.

**PAKISTAN: First innings** 485 for 8 declared.

**NEW ZEALAND XI: Second innings**

Young b Younis	49
Murray c Younis b Sohail	8
Wilson b Akram	12
Fleming not out	109
Thomson st Latif b Malik	77
Larsen not out	18
Extra: (lb-4, w-1, nb-8, b-4)	17
Total: (for four wickets)	290
Fall of wickets: 1-42; 2-66; 3-83; 4-221.	
Did not bat: A Parore, D Nash, M Goodson, C Lee.	
<b>Bowling:</b>	<b>O M R W</b>
Wasim Akram	19 5 39 1
Waqar Younis	19 4 63 1
Aamir Nazir	14 3 59 0
Ashfaq Ahmed	11 2 38 0
Aamir Sohail	6 1 9 1
Salim Malik	19 3 71 1
Basit Ali	3 2 3 0
Inzamam-ul-Haq	1 0 0 0

**Result: Match drawn.**

# Mushtaq faces fitness test

**NAPIER, New Zealand, Feb 7:** Pakistan leg-spinner Mushtaq Ahmed will undergo a fitness examination on Tuesday and could miss the first cricket Test against New Zealand, reports AP.

Mushtaq has bowled only four overs so far on tour and is fighting to recover from a lower back strain in time for the test, which starts Thursday at Eden Park in Auckland.

Pakistan coach Intikhab Alam said Monday that Mushtaq will be given a rigorous fitness test during the team's practice session on Tuesday.

"The situation is very bright," former Pakistan captain Intikhab said.

"The way he has been going, having treatment and doing some bowling, is a very healthy sign. He's an excellent competitor. I have a lot of time for Mushy."

He's a very gutsy bowler and he never gives up. We're very optimistic he'll be able to play."

Mushtaq, with 26 wickets in 12 Tests, is an important ingredient in Pakistan's Test plans.

The backup for star new ball pair Wasim Akram and Waqar Younis — fast-medium trio Amir Nazir, Aamir Rehman and Ashfaq Ahmed — is steady, but so far has lacked a cutting edge.

Mushtaq offers much-needed variety and, if passed fit, seems certain to be named in the test lineup.

# Sampdoria sink Udinese



**MILAN, Feb 7:** Dutch star Ruud Gullit inspired Sampdoria to a fine 6-2 home win over Udinese on Sunday to move his team within two points of Italian League leaders AC Milan, reports Reuters.

High-scoring Sampdoria to AS Roma on Sunday night.

Parma maintained their sparkling form with an exciting 2-1 away victory over Torino and moved into joint third spot with Juventus.

Just behind them, Lazio snatched a last minute winner against the inconsistent Internazionale after having trailed for much of the game.

The 31-year-old Gullit, revitalised since his move from Milan, had a hand in Sampdoria's first three goals.

England captain David Platt scored the first after seven minutes when the Dutchman rose above the Udinese defence to head a cross down into Platt's path.

Vladimir Jugovic scored the second from a penalty 10 minutes later after Gullit had been brought down in the area, while a back-heel from the Dutchman set up the Serbian's second and Sampdoria's third in the 30th minute.

Italian international Roberto Mancini made it 4-0 five minutes after the break and although Fausto Pizzi and Stefano Desideri halved Sampdoria's lead with two goals in a five-minute spells, Udinese hopes were quickly dashed.

Two minutes after Desideri's 57th minute strike made it 4-2, Lorenzo Amoroso put Sampdoria 5-2 ahead and Mancini completed the scoring with Sampdoria's sixth from the spot in the 68th minute.

In Milan, Inter had gone ahead against Lazio with a spectacular effort from stocky Uruguayan striker, Sosa, who volleyed home in the 26th minute.

With three minutes to go that was how the score remained, but Lazio, playing without suspended England midfielder Paul Gascoigne, scored twice in the closing minutes to win.

The first came after Croat striker Alen Boksic was brought down in the area and Lazio's top scorer Giuseppe Signori sent goalkeeper Walter Zenga the wrong way with his spot kick.

With the referee looking at his watch Fabrizio Di Mauro made it 2-1 with a fiercely struck shot in injury time.

Juventus, who have only won once away from home this season, were lucky to escape with a goalless draw from lowly Reggina.

The best chance fell to Reggina striker Christian Lantignotti whose fiercely-struck shot skimmed the crossbar in the 64th minute.

# Gustafsson wins Dubai Open

**DUBAI, Feb 7:** Magnus Gustafsson of Sweden scored an upset victory over top seed Sergi Bruguera of Spain to win the 1 million dollars Dubai Open Tennis Tournament in straight sets on Sunday, reports Reuters.

Gustafsson, seeded four, swept aside the strangely out of sorts Spaniard 6-4, 6-2 to pick up the 144,000 dollars winner's cheque.

And afterwards he revealed that his recent run of improved play could be the result of the transcendental meditation which he practices for 20 minutes, twice a day.

"I don't know if it is that," he said. "But these days I am certainly feeling full of energy and very relaxed."

Bruguera must have known it was not going to be his day after a lacklustre start which saw him quickly fall 4-1 behind in the opening set.

Gustafsson, who has started 1994 in excellent form winning in Auckland and reaching the quarter-finals of the Australian Open, executed an array of tremendous forehands which the French Open champion could not answer. In one period of four games he won only one point.

Although Bruguera responded after Gustafsson let some points slip with double faults and a few clumsy returns, the Swede never lost the initiative.

The second set continued in much the same vein with Gustafsson cutting loose to win four straight games after the opening four games were evenly shared.

Bruguera had a chance to come back in the sixth game but frittered away two break points and instead of levelling at 3-3 he was trailing 2-4 and staring inevitable defeat in the face.

"I can't believe I played so well on a hard court," said Gustafsson afterwards. "It was a memorable performance for me — especially during the period when I won four games and only dropped one point."

# Morale booster for England

**ST JOHN'S, Antigua, Feb 7:** England duly beat Leeward Islands by seven wickets on Sunday but their celebrations were dampened by an injury to paceman Andy Caddick which could threaten his place in the Test side, reports Reuters.

Caddick, who starred with the bat as well as the ball, was taken to hospital after bowling just five overs complaining of sore shins. He was due to have X-rays amid fears he may be suffering from a stress fracture.

With Caddick taking three wickets in each innings of the match, and also hitting 36 in a 70-run partnership with Jack Russell that turned the game England's way, his injury could be a bad blow for the visitors with the first Test less than two weeks away.

Requiring only 43 to win after dismissing Leeward Islands for 173 in their second innings, England lost three wickets before reaching the target.

**SCORES**

Scores on the last of the four-day match between England and the Leeward Islands Sunday:

**LEEWARD ISLANDS: 1st innings** 181.

**England: 1st innings** 312.

**LEEWARD ISLANDS: 2nd innings** (resumed at 129 for eight wickets)

Phillip not out	31
Walsh lbw b Caddick	5
Maynard lbw b Lewis	14
Extras: (legbyes 2, no balls 13) 15.	
Total: 173 all out.	
Wickets fell at: 9-139; 10-173.	
<b>Bowling:</b>	<b>O M R W</b>
Caddick	19 6 32 3
Watkin	12 2 30 1
Lewis	4.4 0 29 1
Salisbury	28 7 59 4
Hick	5 0 20 1

**ENGLAND: 2nd innings**

M A Atherton b Walsh	9
G Thorpe c b Walsh	4
Rampersad c Phillip b Maynard	4
G A Hick not out	11
N Hussain not out	15
Extras:	1
Total: 44 for three wickets.	
Wickets fell at: 12, 16, 20.	
<b>Bowling:</b>	<b>O M R W</b>
Walsh	5 0 23 2
Maynard	4 0 16 1
Phillip	0.4 0 4 0

# Maradona needs psychiatric help?

**BUENOS AIRES, Feb 7:** Diego Maradona needs urgent psychiatric help, Argentine experts said on Sunday, reports Reuters.

"He's losing one of the mainstays of his identity, and visibly he's not carrying that very well. And this could become dangerous," Oscar Mangione, a psychologist who spent five years treating players at Boca Juniors Club, told the Daily Clarin.

Mauricio Abadi, Argentina's best-known psychiatrist, said extreme stress was what made the Argentine soccer star start firing an air gun at reporters last week.

"This aggressive attitude can stem from fantasies of persecution," Abadi told the weekly news magazine Noticias.

"Someone must make Maradona get therapeutic assistance," social psychologist Justo Bobeck told Clarin. "If (that friend) is a mental health professional, much the better. It's the only thing that can save him."

After being sacked by his club Newell's Old Boys for repeatedly missing practice, Maradona began firing an air rifle at journalists outside his sprawling country home.

He went into hiding with his wife and two daughters the day after police raided the house and fingerprinted him. He is scheduled to appear in court in the town of Moreno, 40 km from Buenos Aires, on Tuesday.

# Barcelona go down again

**MADRID, Feb 7:** Barcelona lost at home for the second time in four days on Sunday, crashing 3-2 to Athletic Bilbao in the Spanish League and failing to take advantage of Real Madrid's victory over leaders Deportivo Coruna, reports Reuters.

The defending champions, knocked out of the Spanish Cup by Second Division Real Betis on Thursday, remain in second place four points behind Deportivo, who are still on 32 points after their 2-0 defeat at Real on Saturday.

Real narrowed the gap behind the leaders to five points and pulled level with third placed Sporting Gijon on 27 points, although behind them on goal difference, Athletic Bilbao are fifth on 26.

The Basques lost no time in making their mark in Sunday's match, scoring their first goal after only three minutes when Javier Etxebarria crossed to Ernesto Valverde who slotted the ball past veteran goalkeeper Andoni Zubizarreta.

The visitors' celebrations were short lived. A minute later, Barcelona's Hristo Stoichkov equalised, deflecting a pass from Jose Baquero past Juan Valencia.

But Athletic continued to press forward and in the 21st minute they went ahead again. Jose Ziganda took a long pass from Etxebarria, raced past Juan Goicoechea and slipped the ball past Zubizarreta.

Three minutes into the second half Etxebarria set up Athletic's third goal, crossing to international Julen Guerrero who slammed the ball into the left corner of the goal.

Barcelona fought back and in the 72nd minute were rewarded when a Stoichkov free-kick glanced off a defender and was scrambled into the net by Baquero.

Three minutes later Stoichkov received his marching orders after a dispute with the referee earned him his second yellow card.

Despite being down to 10 men Barcelona battled fiercely for an equaliser but without success. It was Athletic's first victory in Barcelona's Nou Camp stadium in five seasons.

Third-placed Sporting Gijon conceded a precious point when they managed only a scoreless draw in the Asturian derby against Real Oviedo, who have now been unbeaten in 10 matches.

Real Madrid massaged their battered reputation with a 2-0 win over a lacklustre Deportivo on Saturday, giving their long-suffering fans something to cheer about and beleaguered trainer Benito Floro some badly-needed breathing space.

# S Arabia hold Colombia

**JEDDAH, Feb 7:** Saudi Arabia and Colombia tied 1-1 in a friendly match Sunday between two teams gearing up for the World Cup finals in the United States later this year, reports AP.

Colombia's Ivan-Rene Valencia scored his team's first and only goal in the 6th minute. But Saeed Al Owairan, the recent recipient of FIFA's award for top scorer in Asia, netted the equalizer with a long-range shot in the 55th minute. The first half score was 1-0.

With both teams taking a cautious approach and spending time setting up positions at midfield, there were few offensive drives toward the goals.

Colombia held the ascendancy in the first half, and Valencia left clear in the middle, ran in to smash the ball into the near side of the post. The goal spurred the Saudis and their attacks steadily increased.

But it was after the half-time break that they gained control of the midfield, and in the 10th minute of the session, Owairan struck.

# An appeal for solidarity

**LILLEHAMMER, Feb 7:** Lillehammer plans a day of solidarity with the people of the besieged Bosnian capital of Sarajevo on Tuesday to mark the 10th anniversary of the opening of the Winter Olympics there, reports Reuters.

Mayor Audun Tron, whose town hosts the 1994 Games, will sign a special book for messages to Sarajevo and invite others to add their names to the peace appeal in the main square, Lillehammer Olympic Aid spokeswoman Nita Kapoor said today.

The Lillehammer Olympic Aid organisation is collecting money for Sarajevo to mark the 10th anniversary and also for young people in Guatemala, Eritrea, Lebanon and Afghanistan.

On Saturday, 68 people were killed in a mortar attack on a Sarajevo market and nearly 200 were wounded in the worst single incident in Bosnia's 22-month civil war.

Kapoor said the solidarity day had been arranged on Friday.

"What happened at the weekend makes it all the more necessary," she said. "I think that such an appeal is very appropriate."

Organisers plan to light candles in the shape of the five interlocking Olympic rings and to keep them burning until Tuesday evening.

The book will be handed to the mayor of Sarajevo when he arrives to attend the Lillehammer Games, which open on Saturday.

"It will be very simple and a very symbolic act," Kapoor said.

**Milla on target**

**YAOUNDE, Feb 7:** Cameroon football veteran Roger Milla, hoping to make a World Cup comeback at the age of 42, scored his second goal in a row since his club comeback, reports AP.

Striker Milla, 42, the hero of Cameroon's last World Cup campaign who has been persuaded to come out of retirement again, scored the only goal of the game in Tonnerre Yaounde's 1-0 win over Ocean. He scored in the 2-2 draw with Canon Yaounde last week.



Irrigation Secretary M Asafuddin distributing trophies among the winners on the concluding day of two-day annual inter-office athletics meet of the Bangladesh Water Development Board at the Rajarbagh Police Lines ground on Monday. — Star photo

# Botham's challenge

**LONDON, Feb 7:** England's cricketing legend Ian Botham is set for a new career this summer — presenting his own show on radio, reports AP.

The former England all-rounder is to present a BBC phone-in programme for sports fans.

"Playing radio presenter is something I have wanted to do for some time — it's a new challenge and I never run away from a challenge," Botham said.

# School sports

**Sports Reporter**

The annual sports competition of the Holy Child Public School and College was held on Saturday in Uttara.

President of Bangladesh Olympic Association Gias Kamal Chowdhury attended the prize-giving ceremony as chief guest.

# BWDB athletics meet ends

**Sports Reporter**

The two-day annual inter-office athletics meet of the Bangladesh Water Development Board (BWDB) concluded at the Rajarbagh Police Lines ground yesterday.

Dredger and Accounts directorates, with 78 and 57 points, became team champions and runners-up respectively.

Masud Hafiz and Sohrab Hossain jointly bagged the individual men's crown while Kohinor Begum took the women's.

Eight hundred and fifty-three athletes of different offices of the board took part in thirty-four events during the competition.

Later, Irrigation Secretary M Asafuddin distributed prizes among the winners as chief guest.

# CROSSWORD By Eugene Sheffer

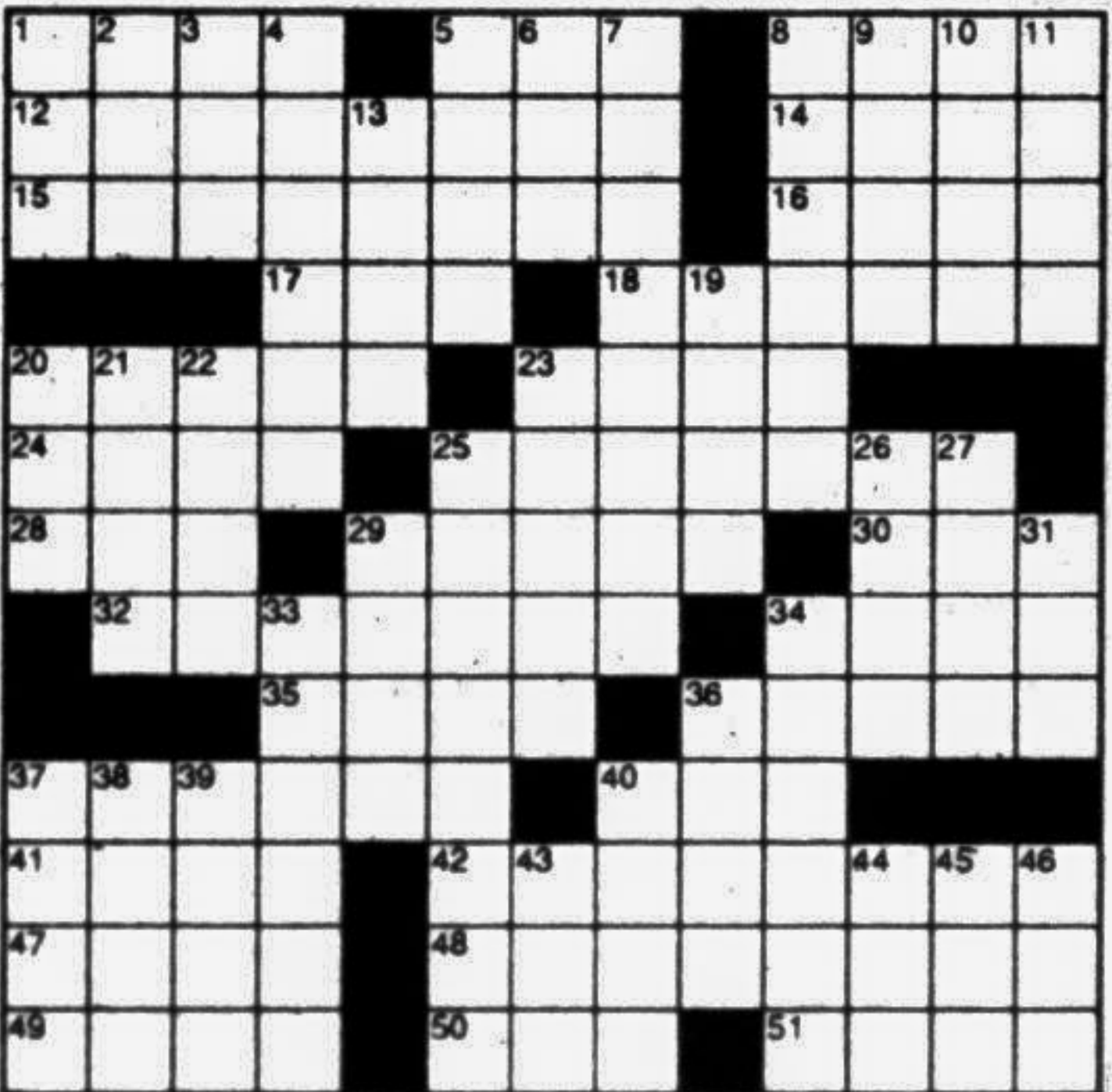
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1 It's a long story	37 Place of beauty and luxury	5 He gave us a lift	lineman for the county...
5 Ball	40 Small gull	6 George's predecessor	23 Lab rats' challenges
8 Coagulate	41 Ancient Dead Sea kingdom	7 One may lead a charmed life	25 Titular Moliere role
12 Phone company employee	42 Bloomed	8 Like worms and spiders	26 — d'oeuvre
14 Split	47 Rectangular pier	9 South American capital	27 Mayberry boy
15 Pasta ingredient	48 Marathon, e.g.	10 Finished	29 Crow's nest cry
16 Hemsley sitcom	49 "— pin and pick it up..."	11 Take care of	31 Morns: abbr.
17 Boom times	50 Future flamingo	13 European peaks	33 Sheepish remark?
18 Chicken	51 Presentation	19 Temple U. team	34 Supplies with juice
20 "Casa-blanca" costar	DOWN	20 "Territ," today	36 Sala-mander
23 Kittenish cry	1 "— your old man!"	21 Mr. Guinness	37 Grand opening day?
24 "When I was — ..."	2 Mimic		38 Top-rated
25 Fox-hunt call	3 Prized possession		39 Cager Archibald
28 Rep.'s rival	4 In the		40 Synthesizer name
29 Lounges about			43 Diary
30 — Locka, Fla.			44 Cheer-leader's shout
32 Oscar winner for Bob Fosse			45 "The Name of the Rose" author
34 Stiffly neat			46 Drops on the lawn
35 Colonists of a sort			
36 We need these like a hole in			

**Solution time: 25 min.**

**SATURDAY'S ANSWER**

POTS	SECT	MAD
ABOU	HARE	IRA
DOWN	ASAN	MID
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SAWYER	NEVADA	
ALIBI	LEGIT	
MANEGE	PIRATE	
SEX	HEW	
JUST	PLO	UCLA
ANO	LION	ROAR
IDO	URGE	SMUG
LOT	MESS	TODD

**Saturday's answer 6-28**



**CRYPTOQUIP**

Q U D O W   W P X Z ,   Z Y P   S D X

T E   G Z P P U ,   G Y T N G

D Z   Z Y P   U T Q D U

G I N P O - S D O W P Z .

**Saturday's Cryptoquip: VERY WISE POPCORN INVENTOR IS CERTAINLY WORTH HIS SALT.**

**Today's Cryptoquip clue: U 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.