#### Div I b'ball

**Sports Reporter** 

Eagles Club and Fleet Club recorded wins in their respechive matches in the Partex First Division basketball league at the Outer Stadium woodenfloor gymnasium yesterday.

Eagles trounced Dhaka Wanderers 113-57 after lead ing 42-24 in the first session. Towfique top-scored with 30 while Nafi scored 27 for Eagles.

Tushar and Rustom scored 23 and 16 respectively for the

In the other match of the day, Fleet Club outplayed Backstroke Club 111-82. The first half ended 50-36.

### Div II cricket

#### Sports Reporter

Cantonian Sporting Club recorded a squeaky 12-run victory over Shantinagar A in yesterday's lone Second Division cricket league fixture at the Mirpur Pallabi ground.

Batting first, Cantonian made 194 runs for six wickets in the stipulated 40 overs. with Shafiq making an unbeaten 49-ball 50, the highest individual collection of the innings. Bulbul missed a half century

by five runs while Sukhoon and Himel, who made 26 and 22 respectively, were also among

Babu and Suman claimed two wickets each.

Chasing 195 for victory, the Shantinagar batsmen scored 184 runs in 38.4 overs before being all out. Some 40 extras topped the

tally while Aamir with 32 was the topscorer among the batsmen. Ripu and Ripon contributed 24 and 23 respectively.

Liton dismissed three Shantinagar A batsmen for 26 runs while Bulbul picked two for 37.

#### BTC beat American Express

▲ Bangladesh Tobacco Company (BTC) beat American Express by three wickets in a friendly cricket match at the BTC ground yesterday, reports

American Express scored 156 for eight in 30 overs with Mahfuz making the highest 52. BTC's Kabir and Zahid took two wickets for 28 and 29 runs respectively.

In reply, BTC scored 158 for seven in 28.1 overs. Habib hammered 44 followed by Zahid 24. Shahriar 21 and Azam 12 not out.

### Mahbub, Julekha Druti TT champs

Sports Reporter

Mahbub and Julekha became champions in boys' singles and women's singles respectively in the Druti Paribahan sixth mariner youngs tennis tournament at the Dhanmondi wooden floor gymnasium yesterday.

In boys' final Mahbub beat Rubel 3-2 while Julekha beat Shamima 3-0 in the women's singles final.

Most-romantic Englishman

LONDON, Feb 11: A football fan who proposed to his girlfriend by popping the question on a scoreboard at a soccer match was named Britain's most romantic man on Friday. reports Reuter.

Anthony Abbott, 29, won a holiday for two in Hong Kong and Bali in a competition organised by British chocolate manufacturers Cadbury's and She magazine.

"I just wanted to make a grand romantic gesture something we would always remembers," he said. "About arranged for the message 'will you marry me'?" To be flashed on the scoreboard at the Plymouth Argyle ground in Devon, southwest England.

His girlfriend Karrie, 31 accepted at half-time and the couple were married last

# Samaranch pledges reforms

some power inn the world of

sport," he said. "We need

strong people coming from

national Olympic committees.

we need all powerful and

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said. "I think the congress in

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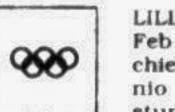
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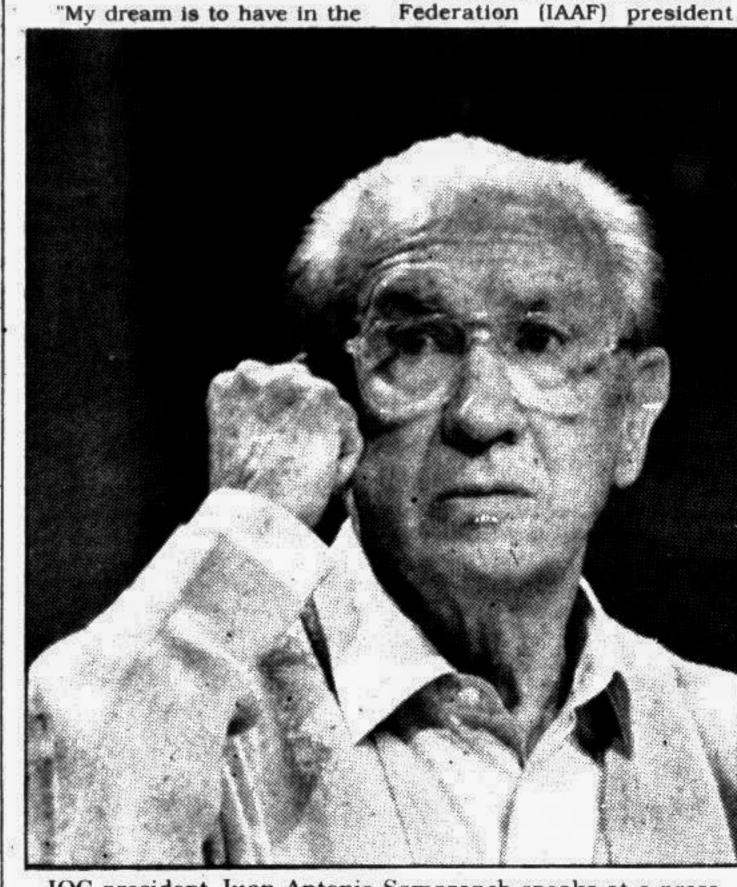
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LILLEHAMMER. Feb 11: Olympic chief Juan Antonio Samaranch stung by persistent Norwegian

criticism of lack of democracy in his organisation, said today reforms of the International Olympic Committee would go ahead this year, reports Reuter.

The IOC president said he wanted to strengthen the body by bringing in all major world sports leaders in what would be a major shake-up of the way the IOC is made up.



IOC president Juan Antonio Samaranch speaks at a press conference in Lillehammer yesterday. He said that he is prepared to rule on whether US skater Tonya Harding should compete at the Games. - AFP photo

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Feb 11: The Inte-

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Committee came

under attack on

two fronts here

Thursday as the president of

the Lillehammer Organizing

Committee (LOC) joined ski

hero Vergard Ulvang in calling

the organisation undemocratic,

in an interview with a

Norwegian business paper,

Gerhard Heiberg described the

IOC as "undemocratic" and

"unworthy" of the Olympic

movement. He recommended

limited terms of office for IOC

weeks earlier, were published

in the wake of Tuesday's re-

marks by Ulyang criticising

both the lack of democracy in

the IOC and IOC president

Juan Antonio Samaranch's past

as a minister for the late Spa-

left senior IOC officials furious.

But calls for Ulvang to be pre-

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The Norwegian onslaught

nish dictator General Franco.

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IOC all the people that have Primo Nebiolo, one of sport's strongmen, into the organisation after getting a rule passed authorising the IOC leader to appoint two members himself.

> IOC sources said Samaranch was thought to favour slimming down the present membership of 89 to allow room to bring in presidents of the 31 international federations attached to the Olympics body.

Samaranch admitted he was upset by Norwegian criticism of him. "I am not happy," he replied when asked what he felt about the personal attacks on him.

But he was at pains to say how well the Norwegian organisers had prepared the Games and paid a special tribute to local organising committee president Gerhard Heiberg, hinting he could soon join the

Heiberg and Norway's top sportsman, Nordic skier Vegard Ulvang, were both quoted in Norwegian newspapers this week as saving the IOC should be more democratic and Ulvang personally attacked Samaranch in state ments that seemed to jeopardise relations between the IOC and local organisers.

Samaranch said Heiberg was a personal friend and added: "Mr Heiberg is an excellent sports leader. We will study new members in Paris and maybe, maybe, there will be a second member for Norway."

Heiberg, who was sitting next to him, said he had not criticised the IOC or its leader in the interview and that he shared Samaranch's views on changes within the organisa-

Samaranch said of Ulvang: "He is one of the biggest athletes in Olympic history. I like this boy. I was very pleased he invited me to have dinner with him and the team in the Olympic village and I will go there.

said he did not mean to per-

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democratic. Everything is be-

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of appointing IOC members is

not democratic; but claimed

the process had allowed the

IOC to maintain its indepen-

dence from political pressures.

down any conflict between the

IOC and LOC, saying the

Norwegian media had made a

mountain out of a molehill

Carrard also tried to play

He admitted the procedure

the IOC were unfounded.

Carrard said charges of lack

"The IOC is much more

a statement.

But Ulvang refused to re-

"I have in no way intended

### SA to play in Indira Gandhi hockey tourney

NEW DELHI, Feb 11: South Africa's hockey team are to visit India for the first time to play in the Indira Gandhi Gold Cup men's tournament, an Indian Hockey Federation (IHF) official said on Thursday, reports Reuter.

South Africa are among the five foreign teams competing in India's only international hockey tournament for men which is being staged in Lucknow from February 27-March 5.

South Korea, Egypt, Kenya, Japan and hosts India complete the line-up in the roundrobin event.

Last year's tournament was postponed in January because of Hindu-Muslim violence, then rescheduled for Bombay in October, and finally scrapped after the region was rocked by a massive earthquake which killed several thousand people.

#### Bobin no more

PARIS, Feb 11: Robert Bobin, France's member of the International Amateur Athletic Federation executive council, died on Friday aged 73, the French Athletics Federation announced, reports AFP.

Bobin died at his home in the Paris region after a long illness, an FAF statement said. Bobin was a former French

triple jump champion and represented France at the London Olympics in 1948. He was national athletics coach from 1958 to 1973 and president of the FAF from 1987 to 1993.

### Parreira won't use 3 strikers

RIO DE JANEIRO, Feb 11: The manager of the Brazilian national soccer squad said he will not start three strikers on the teams front line because he believes it is an outdated strategy, a newspaper reported Thursday, reports AP.

Carlos Alberto Parreira, quoted in the Folha de Sao Paulo newspaper, said he would not be influenced by "lobbying" efforts by Barcelona striker Romario and by FIFA president Joao Havelange, a Brazilian, to start Romario with La Coruna's Bebeto and Palmeiras striker Edmundo.

During World Cup qualifying matches, Parreira preferred Palmeiras midfielder Zinho, chosen by sports writers as the most valuable player in 1993, to shore up the left side of the offense. Palmeiras was able to feed the ball to Spanish League strikes Romario and Bebeto.

Parreira made the comments in southern Brazil where he was watching Russia's reserves play against local teams. Russia are Brazil's first opponent in the 1994 World

## Huber in Linz Indoor qtrs

LINZ, Austria, Feb 11: Topseeded Anke Huber advanced Thursday to the quarterfinals of the Linz Indoor women's tennis tournament with a 6-3, 6-2 defeat of fellow German Christina Singer, reports AP.

Jelena Makarova of Russia crushed the tournament organizers' dream of an all-Austrian quarterfinal match by defeating Beate Reinstadler, 6-4, 6-3. "I just couldn't get into the

game," said Reinstadler. "I was out of sync."

Makarova will face Barbara Schett of Austria in the quarterfinal.

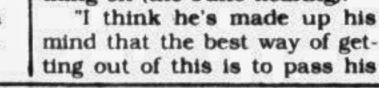
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Kids play with a mock polar bear in Lillehammer's main street as the host city of the XVII Winter Olympic Games prepares for the opening ceremony today. — AFP photo

# Courier cruises to qtrs



MEMPHIS, Tennessee, Feb 11: Top seed and defending champion Jim Courier on Thursday rolled into the

quarter-finals of the 675,000 dollars St Jude International indoor tennis tournament on a day that saw three high seeds fall, reports Reuter.

Courier defeated hometown favourite Dave Randall 6-3. 6-3. while second-seeded fellow American Todd Martin, the Australian open runner-up, needed six match points to squeak past Jakob Hlasek of Switzerland 7-5, 7-5.

But the third, fourth and fifth seeds were all sent packing in third round action.

Karsten Braasch of Germany, seeded 13th, ousted ailing third seed Michael Chang 6-4, 6-3 14th-seeded Thomas Enqvist of Sweden toppled fourth-seeded American Malivai Washington 6-7, 7-6, 6-1, Enroe dumped fifth-seeded Russian Andrei Chesnokov 6-3.

and 11th seed Patrick Mc-

Chang, winner in Jakarta and finalist last week in San Jose, debatted whether or not to even take the court due to various aches and pains. The usually speedy Ameri-

can, who beat Braasch last week, was hampered by leg and shoulder problems. "I figured that I had a better

chance on the faster surface here," said the bespectacled German. "I had heard the rumours about his shoulder problems

and tonight the speed on his

first serve especially was a lot

slower," admitted the German. Enqvist survived a match point at 5-6 on his serve in the second set before pulling out the second set tie-break 7-3 and dominating the third set.

"When I won the second set I felt very comfortable because it is also harder for him to go out and play after the match point," said the 19-year-old Enqvist "In the third set, I got the

early break and served very good. I also took the ball early and made him run.' McEnroe, whose ranking is

up to 47th from 71st at the end of 1993, recorded his first career win over Chesnokov with aggressive baseline play. "Two years ago I was work-

ing very hard on my physical training and put aside what tennis is about," said McEnroe. "Last year I relearned that it's about competing hard in every match. So far, it has been

In today's quarter-finals, Courier will play seventh seed Brad Gilbert, Enqvist faces McEnroe, unseeded American Alex O'Brien takes on Braasch and Martin faces Dutchman Paul Haarhuis.

# Tyson loses faith in lawyers



INDIANAPOLIS. Feb 11: Former heavyweight cha-

mp Mike Tyson has lost faith in the legal system and now spends his prison

time reading and studying in hopes that an education will win him early release, reports Two years after he was con-

victed of raping a beauty pageant contestant in a hotel room in Indiana in 1991. Tyson attorney Alan Dershowitz has won a round in court. Dershowitz will get a chance to argue at a June hearing that prosecutors knew Tyson's accuser planned to sue and make money from the case.

Even if Judge Patricia Gifford of Marion County Superior Court sides with the defence and a new trial is ordered. Tyson will be just 11 months short of his May 1995 release from the Indiana Youth Centre.

"He's been very discouraged about what has gone on," said the Rev. Charles Williams, one of Tyson's close friends. "I don't think he's staking anything on (the June hearing).

mind that the best way of getting out of this is to pass his test)," Williams said. If Tyson receives his GED

next month, the 27-year-old will have three months deducted from his six-year sentence, said Phil Slavens, assistant superintendent of operations at the Youth Centre. That means he could get out as early as next February. Tyson still thinks about box-

ing and probably will get back in the ring once he is released, his friends said. The former champ has kept

his weight around 220 pounds (100 kgs) and trains at least twice a day. He runs in the prison gymnasium for 45 minutes and does another 30-45 minutes of calisthenics in his 8-by-10 foot (2.5 by-3 metre) cell each day, Williams said. Friends say Tyson spends

most of his day at the prison west of Indianapolis either in class or studying. His nights are his own, and he spends them studying, working out or making collect calls to friends. Williams said Tyson is very

interested in history, and reads works by W E B DuBois. Frederick Doughlass and Malcolm X. He also has become interested in philosophy, and has read Socrates and Plato. said another friend, Muhammad Siddeeg.

working out well."

Tyson also is fascinated with China, and a tutor comes to the prison to teach the former boxer Chinese, Siddeeq

Slavens said Tyson isn't looking for special treatmented. "We're trying to treat him like any other offender, and he's trying to be like any other offender," Slavens said.

Tyson doesn't talk much about his case, said Williams. president of the Indiana Black Expo festival and the one who invited Tyson to Indiana for the Miss Black America pageant. Nor does he talk about Desiree Washington, the woman he was convicted of

raping, Williams said. Tyson's appeal hinges on a claim that jurors should have been told that Washington had hired an attorney to file a civil lawsuit against the boxer. A jury that knew Washington planned a large financial gain from the case might have found Tyson innocent. Dersho-

Dershowitz has declined further comment since an order this week from Gifford forbidding him and prosecutors from talking about the

witz said.

# First casualty of Games

IOC undemocratic, inept?

pic oath at Saturday's opening

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but if someone wants to start

stirring things up they should

be ready to face the conse-

Carrard later denied the

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Ulvang was dropped in the way

world football body FIFA forced

Pele out of the World Cup draw

over the rift by arranging a

meeting between Ulvang and

Samaranch, at which the skier

Heiberg tried to smooth

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A senior IOC official had

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LILLEHAMMER Feb 11: Lillehammer made its peace with the IOC on Thursday but wa-

tched aghast as ski jumper Ole Gunnar Fidjestoel tumbled out of Saturday's Winter Olympics opening ceremony, reports Reuter.

Fidjestoel went cartwheeling out of the spectacular when he landed off- balance and fell during a practice leap at the Lysgardsbakhene skt jump stadium just 48 hours before the big event and the start of the 16day Games.

The Olympics flew in to a fresh flurry of controversy with Lillehammer Games chief Gerhard Heiberg criticising the

IOC. but by the end of the day the world body and the organisers were vying to outdo each

other with compliments. Vegard Ulvang, the Norwegian Nordic skilking star who had made his own controversial remarks about the IOC, met president Juan Antonio Sam-

aranch to discuss his views. Ulvang, Norway's top crosscountry racer, apologised for saying it was unworthy of sport that Samaranch headed the IOC, but he said he still thought the IOC was undemocratic.

IOC director-general Francois Carrard said Samaranch had accepted the apology "very graciously and easily". Relations with Lillehammer were perfect,

The organisers, grappling with a second embarrassment said the show would go on despite Fidjestoel's fall which amply demonstrated the perils of the ski jump stunt.

"The lack of democracy and the way people are elected (to the IOC) is unworthy," Heiberg told the Norwegian financial daily Dagens Naerinsgliv. He said he had told the IOC

about the interview. "They said, 'Fine, we still love you very much'," Heiberg said. "So that was all right." As part of the re-conciliation,

Samaranch accepted an invitation from Ulvaing to dinner in the athletes's village to get to know their views. Ulvang will still swear the Olympic oath on behalf of

opening ceremony. Two other sports stars involved in a separate row, figure skaters Tonya Harding and Nancy Kerrigan of the United States, will not be at that ceremony, team officials said.

nearly 2,000 athletes at the

The Harding saga rumbled on with the US Olympic Committee saying it would defend itself against the figure skater's attempt to obtain a judicial order to help her secure her place at the Games.

Harding, who has denied being involved in a knee-clubbing attack last month on her rival and teammate Kerrigan. sued the USOC on Wednesday in her home state of Oregon. Kerrigan arrived in Norway

but did not speak to reporters.

Her coach, Evisc Otvold, said

she was in fine fettle and ready

to have some fun in the Olympic Village with the other athletes Up in the mountains, Austrian Hannes Trinki also looked in good shape as he whistled down the Kvitfjell track

to set the early pace in training

for Sunday's men's downhill

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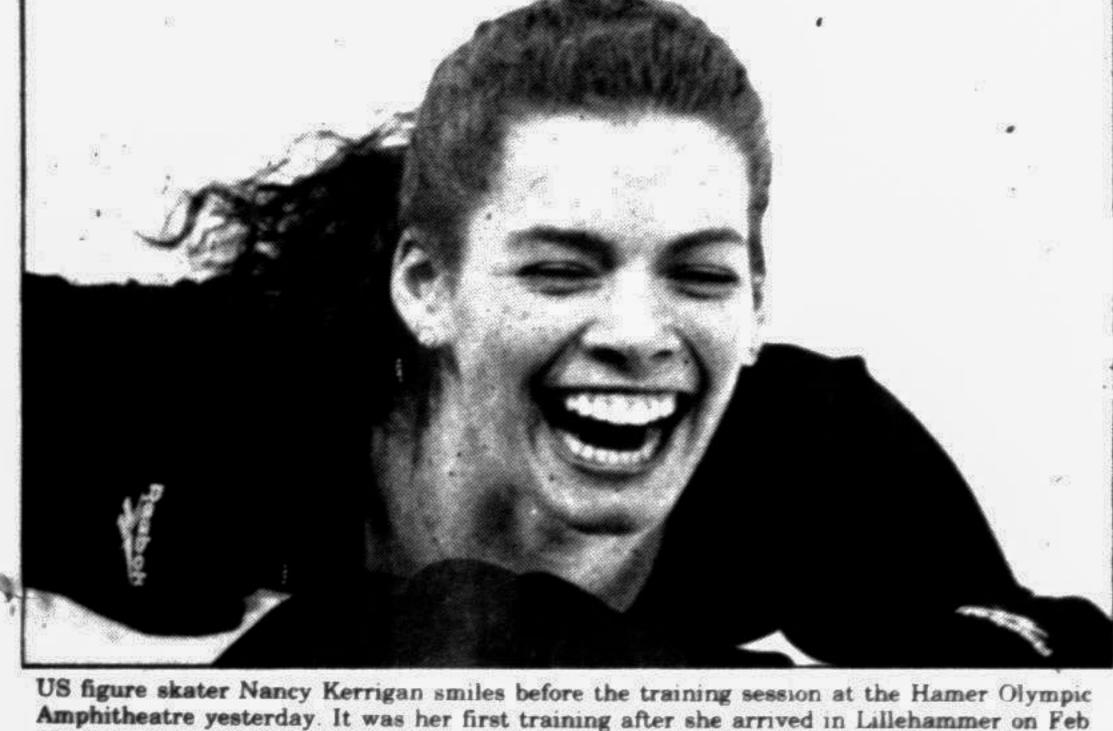
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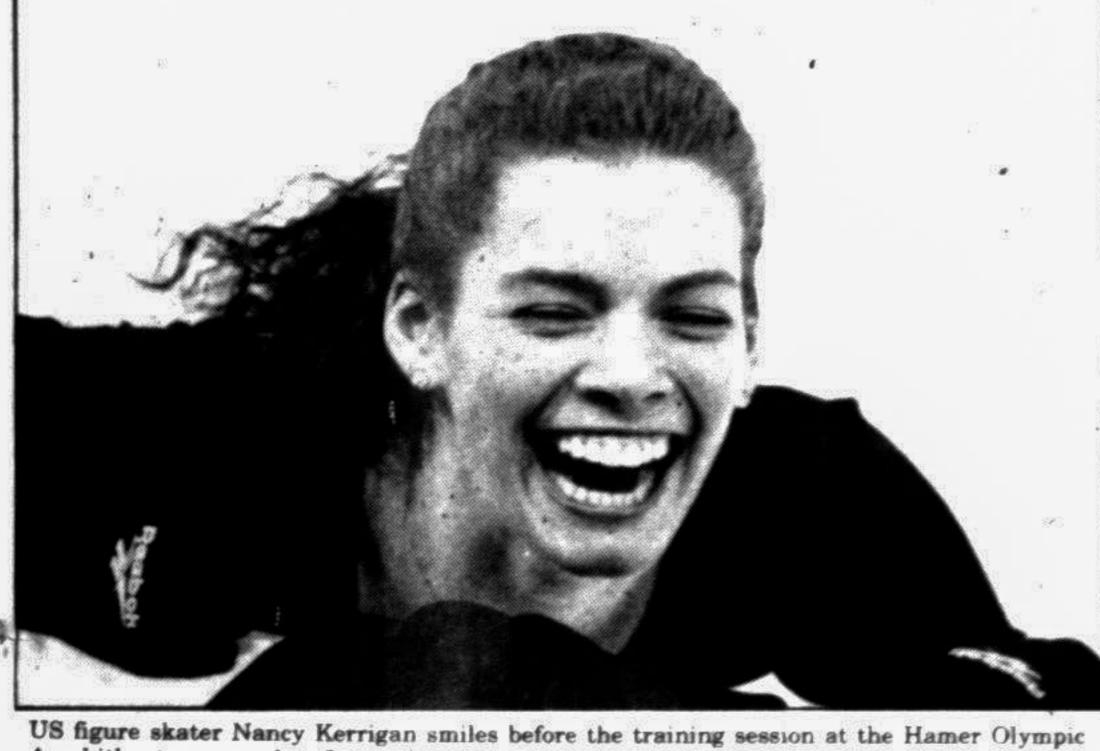
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Today's Cryptoquip clue: L equals K

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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