



Army's Golam Ambia, the luckless fellow of the Sixth SAF Games, breasts the tap to secure the gold in men's 200 metre event on the inaugural day of the 22nd national athletics meet at the Mirpur Stadium yesterday. — Star photo

Eltingh ends Sampras' run

PHILADELPHIA, Feb 16: Pete Sampras, bedeviled by his opponents charges to the net, lost to Jacco Eltingh on Tuesday night in the first round of the US Indoor tournament, reports AP.

Eltingh eliminated the top seed 7-6(10-8), 6-4, marking the second time the Dutchman has defeated Sampras. The other time came last year in the Atlanta semifinals, a tournament Eltingh won.

Sampras, last year's Wimbledon and US Open champion, was playing his first match in 16 days since winning the Australian Open. The defeat ended a streak of 12 match victories.

Sampras said his game was a little flat, but acknowledged Eltingh was playing well. Eltingh won when Sampras netted a return of service, and the Dutchman ended the match with a service ace down center.

He was a hard man to beat with his constant net charges, Sampras said.

In other first-round play, Paul Haarhuis of the Netherlands recovered to defeat Jimmy Connors 6-4, 2-6, 7-6(7-3). No 2 Jim Courier eased by former Notre Dame player David Delucia 6-3, 6-0. In the second set, Delucia stood no chance against Courier's strong service.

Connors, 41, who won the US Indoor four times between 1976 and 1980, won seven straight points to hold match point at 6-5, 40-0. He then lost three match points as Haarhuis took five straight and set up a tiebreaker at 6-6.

After Haarhuis went ahead 6-1 in the tiebreaker, Connors fought off two match points, then lost with a running cross court shot out of court.

I can't complain about the way I was hitting the ball tonight, Connors said. I moved well and I hit well. He took a few chances late in the match and his balls fell in. Jim Grabb, sidelined the past nine months with a shoulder injury, beat Louis Gloria 7-5, 6-2.

Gloria, a left-handed American, led by 5-3 in the

first set. But compatriot Grabb took the set after fighting off three set points in the ninth game.

Gloria's threat subsided in the second set and Grabb hit him from the baseline and the net. Grabb limited Gloria to three points in taking a 4-0 second-set lead. Grabb won with a passing shot on his second match point.

Also, Greg Rusedski of Canada edged Jared Palmer, a wild-card entry from the United States, 7-6(7-5), 7-6(7-3). Rusedski, winner of the 1993 Newport Tournament lost a 4-0 lead and the first-set tiebreaker but came back to dominate play from 4-4. He took a 6-0 lead in the second tiebreaker and won on the third match point.

Alex O'Brien of the United States, used 13 aces to overpower Byron Black of Zimbabwe 7-5, 7-6(8-6). Jonathan Stark of the United States, downed Stefano Pescosolido of Rome 7-6(7-2), 7-6(7-3).

The tournament is sponsored by Comcast.

Jansher's schedule

ISLAMABAD, Feb 16: Squash wizard Jansher Khan said Tuesday he was in super form and determined to win all major squash tournaments during the current year, reports APP.

Jansher, who leaves Wednesday for London, said he would participate in the Wales Classic which is to start on February 20. Before that, he would play two exhibition matches in Portugal.

"My main target is to win the British Open," where he will be defending his title for the third consecutive time, he said.

"Inshallah (God willing) I will win it again this time and keep the trophy with Pakistan."

Following the Wales Classic, he will participate in the Portuguese Open scheduled for March 8 to 12 and in Swiss invitation tournament from March 17 to 21. He also intends to take part in the Austrian tournament to be held from March 30 to April 3.

He will also participate in the US Open from April 15 to 21, Jansher said.

Jansher said he would be decorated with Pakistan's top civil award Sitara-e-Imtiaz by president Ghulam Ishaque Khan on the National Day on March 23.

China crisis

BEIJING, Feb 16: Top-seeded Shi-Ting Wang of Taiwan pulled out of China's first professional women's tennis tournament on Tuesday because of tendinitis, one day after the start of play failed to attract a single paying spectator.

Wang, the world's number 28th-ranked woman player, withdrew from the 100,000 dollar China Women's Open after complaining of pain in her right elbow during morning practice, match organisers said in a statement.

"I will still consider coming back to Beijing next year if the tournament is held," Wang was quoted as saying, adding that she would return home to rest up for the Japan Open in April.

Monday's opening day saw fewer than 100 spectators in Beijing's 6,000-seat National Olympic Sports Centre, almost all of whom were either invited guests or reporters, according to the official Xinhua news agency.

"No single ticket has been sold today," an official admitted to Xinhua. "People in China have not had much interest in the sport."

Wang's departure leaves several overseas players still competing from the original 32-strong field.

Garrison on course

OKLAHOMA CITY, Feb 16: Two-time defending champion Zina Garrison Jackson had an easy time in the first round of the IGA tennis Classic on Tuesday night, beating Romania's Catalina Cristea 6-0, 6-4, reports AP.

Garrison Jackson has won 11 straight matches in this tournament and is trying to become the first three-time singles champion in the tournament's nine-year history.

She will play former US Open champion Tracy Austin on Wednesday night. The two have met just once, at a tournament last fall in Oakland, Calif., where Garrison won in straight sets.

"It was kind of scary during the first set tonight. Everything was dropping for me," Garrison Jackson said. "I think it's great to have a chance to play Tracy tomorrow."

All eight seeds advanced through the first round. The other seeded players who won Tuesday were No. 4 Lori McNeil, No. 5 Ann Grossman, No. 6 Brenda Schultz and No. 8 Linda Harvey Wild.

The tournament runs through Sunday.

Tapie has to go

VALENCIENNES (France), Feb 16: A French judge on Tuesday rejected Bernard Tapie's appeal against an order to quit European soccer champions Marseille in a probe into a bribery scam, justice sources said, reports Reuter.

Investigating magistrate Bernard Befly upheld his own ruling ordering Tapie to quit as Marseille chairman by April 20, saying there could be new bribery attempts if he remained as head of the club.

The former cabinet minister, who has defiantly said he would decide himself when to quit, had appealed against the ruling as infringing his status as a Member of Parliament.

Befly also upheld his order to Tapie to pay bail of 250,000 francs (42,000 dollar) and banning him from meeting five other people under judicial investigation for their alleged involvement in the scandal.

Befly, probing accusations that Marseille bribed Valenciennes players to lose a key league match, has placed Tapie under investigation on suspicion of bribery and interfering with witnesses.

Brassard, Hattestad sparkle

LILLEHAMMER, Norway, Feb 16: To an Italian luger and freestyle skiers from Norway and Canada, triumph meant gold medals at the Lillehammer

Games Wednesday. To Tonya Harding, it meant the mere act of landing in Norway to compete in the Olympics, reports AP.

Gerda Weissensteiner, a farmer's daughter from the Tyrolean Alps, captured Italy's second gold medal of the Games, dominating all four runs of the women's luge.

Canada's Jean-Luc Brassard and Norway's Stine Lise Hattestad unseated the reigning Olympic champions to win the men's and women's freestyle-skiing moguls events.

And Johann Olav Koss was on the verge of winning his second gold medal in speed-skating after breaking his second world record in four days.

Harding, under a cloud since last month's clubbing attack on her rival Nancy Kerrigan, arrived in Oslo mid-morning. She climbed into a blue van and headed for Hamar, where women's figure skating competition begins in one week.

"I'm very excited to be here," the 23-year-old US champion said upon landing at Oslo airport. "I'm very excited to have the opportunity to compete in the Olympic Games once more."

At the Albertville Games two years ago, she placed fourth. Olympians competing in the 17th Winter Games.

"No," she replied when asked aboard the flight if she were concerned about the intense glare of publicity. "I mean, I'm going to Norway."

Hattestad, 27, who has concentrated on improving her jumps since winning a moguls bronze at Albertville in 1992, edged Liz McIntyre of the United States, with a faster time down the bumpy Kanthaugen course and the best points total 25.97. McIntyre, who finished first in Tuesday's qualifying round, won silver, and Russia's Elizaveta Kojevnikova, the 1992 silver medalist, had to settle for the bronze.

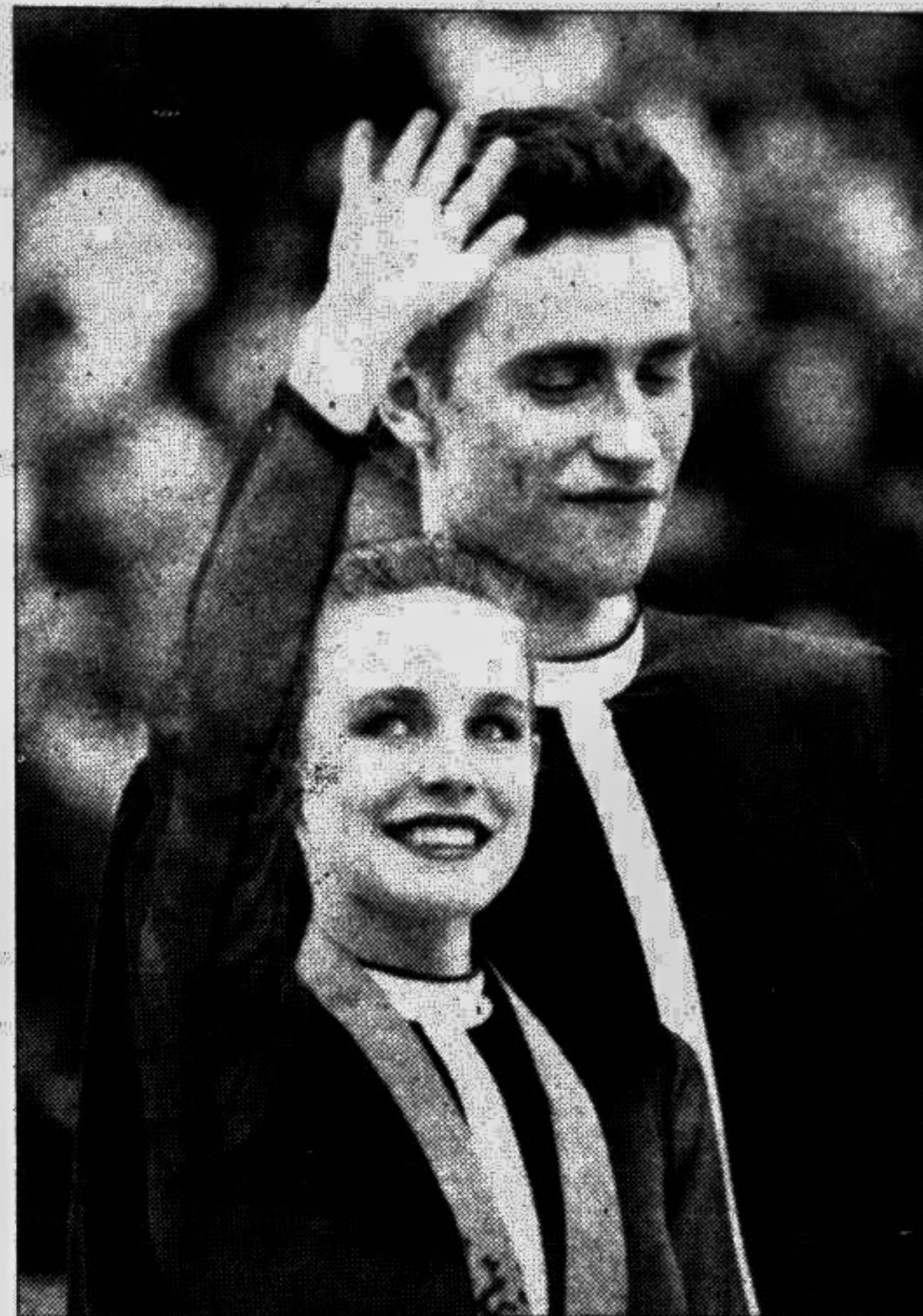
Defending champion Donna Weinbrecht of the United States finished only seventh.

In earning Canada's first gold medal of the Games, Brassard mixed speed and twists with two amazing jumps, to defeat Sergei Shoupletsov of Russia. Edgar Grosprion of France, the 1992 gold medalist, Shoupletsov won silver and Grosprion bronze.

Hattestad's gold moved host Norway — with a total of six — back into second place in the Lillehammer medals race behind Russia.

The 25-year-old Weissensteiner's victory on the Hunderfossen luge chute strengthened Italy's third-place position to five medals overall.

Russia surged into first place Tuesday with a one-two finish in the pairs figure skating, a cross-country gold and a surprise silver in Alpine skiing. Thanks to Wednesday's silver and bronze in moguls, the Russians built up their medals total to 10, including three golds and five silvers, on the



Yekaterina Gordeyeva waves to cheering supporters after she and her partner Sergei Grinkov (R) won the gold in the Winter Games ice skating pairs event on Feb 15. — AFP photo

5th day of the Games.

The Norwegians appeared ready to cut the deficit as speedskater Koss, already the gold medalist at 5,000 metres, set a world record of one minute, 51.29 seconds in the men's 1,500 at Hamar's Viking Hall. He broke the 1:51.60 mark set last month on the

same Hamar track by rival Rintje Ritsma of the Netherlands.

Weissensteiner, who set a luge track record on her first run Tuesday, finished the fourth run on Wednesday with a combined time of 3 minutes, 15.517 seconds. Germany's Susi Erdmann took silver



Norway's Stine Lise Hattestad jubilates as she wins the gold in the women's moguls of the XVII Winter Olympic Games in Lillehammer yesterday. — AFP photo

three-quarters of a second off the pace. Andrea Tagwerker of Austria won bronze.

"Super," is how Edmann described the winner's runs.

"I was a little bit scared going down the fourth run because the ice was so treacherous," Weissensteiner said. "Anything could have happened."

In six years, she has gone from 14th at Calgary to fourth at Albertville and finally to a place on the victory stand at Lillehammer. Waving a bouquet of flowers, Weissensteiner bounced for joy on the top step of the podium.

In Hamar, site of the figure skating amphitheater, Harding has been assigned to the same dormitory as Kerrigan, though on opposite ends of different floors. They are set to practice at the same times.

On arrival in Oslo, Harding refused to discuss the troubles that still await her back home in Oregon. Her ex-husband, Jeff Gillooly has pleaded guilty to racketeering in the Jan 6 clubbing of Kerrigan and said Harding was involved in planning the attack. Harding has denied the allegation while admitting that she learned of the assault afterward and did not immediately inform authorities.

To get to the Olympics, Harding filed a \$25 million suit to block a US Olympic Committee disciplinary hearing that could have barred her. Under a deal worked out on Saturday, the USOC canceled the pre-Games hearing and Harding dropped the lawsuit.

MEDALS TABLE

Medals table after the fifth day of competition at the Winter Olympics on Wednesday (tabulate under gold, silver, bronze):

Norway	4	3	0
Russia	3	5	2
Italy	2	1	2
United States	2	1	0
Germany	1	1	0
Canada	1	0	2
Netherlands	0	1	2
Austria	0	1	1
Finland	0	0	2
France	0	0	1
Japan	0	0	1

Gilford moves up

VIRGINIA WATER, England, Feb 16: England's David Gilford moved into the top 10 on the European PGA Tour money list with his first victory of the season, a 2-stroke win Sunday at the Tenerife Open in the Canary Islands, reports AP.

Gilford took the top prize of 41,660 pounds (dls 62,490) to give him 46,308 pounds (dls 69,462) for the year, fifth on the list. The victory also moved the Englishman past the one million-pound mark in career earnings.

There were no changes in the top three. South African Ernie Els tops the list after five tour events with 83,100 pounds (dls 124,650). Anders Forsbrand of Sweden has 66,760 pounds (dls 100,140) and Howard Clark of England is third with 57,520 pounds (dls 86,280).

The leading North American on the tour, Jay Townsend of the United States, is 44th with 10,375 pounds (dls 15,562).

Globe-trotter stuck in Dhaka

By Staff Correspondent

After travelling through more than half-way around the world on a motorbike, John Pamplin, an Australian globe-trotter from Darwin, is now stuck here in Bangladesh, unable to complete his nearly year-long journey.

Entering Bangladesh from India through Benapole on February 1, he learnt that he would not be allowed to ride through Myanmar and, so far, he has failed to arrange a ship which could take him to Singapore, Thailand or to any other Southeast Asian port.

"My objective is to try to complete the trip without getting on an airplane, thus I would be grateful if anyone can help me board a ship for Singapore or nearby," Pamplin said about his dilemma while talking to The Daily Star yesterday.

After having already covered large parts of Africa, Europe and Asia, his next route-plan is to travel through Thailand, Malaysia, Indonesia and then return home to Australia.

What led him to take up this journey?

"I really don't know. I just thought that I would look at the world before settling down," said the 28-year-old Pamplin, an electrician by profession.

He started his solo journey from his hometown in northeast Australia, in March last year and rode his motorbike all the way south to Perth. From there he boarded a ship for Durban, South Africa.

He then went along the east coast of Africa, by bike to Zimbabwe, Mozambique, Malawi, Tanzania, Kenya, Uganda, Zaire and then came back to Kenya again. Next he boarded a ship from Mombassa en route to England.

From the United Kingdom he went to France and then rode through Belgium, Germany, Austria, Italy, Greece, Turkey, Iran, Pakistan India and into Bangladesh.

"But now I have been stuck here for the last two weeks because there is no passage through Burma," he added ruefully.

How was the trip so far? "Very interesting, so many different experiences it's been incredible."

"But the most interesting part was staying in the little villages along the way, eating native food and trying to converse with the local people despite the language barrier."

Well-built and sporting shoulder-length hair, Pamplin said that he usually looked for a place to stay overnight before dark. "I normally found small hotels or found people willing to put me up for the night. But

in Africa I camped out a lot, which I really enjoyed."

The toughest part of the journey was that the roads from Europe upto Iran were icy, he pointed out. "It is tough to ride when it is below zero and the worst was in Greece when I also got wet and my hands froze."

He only got sick for about three days, mainly with stomach problems, he added. "Considering that I had eaten local food all along the way, it was a big achievement not getting sick."

The best part of the journey, he explained, was experiencing the country, meeting the people and also meeting other fellow travellers. "In fact, I haven't spent much time alone as there were so many other travellers coming through."

But overall he has mixed feelings about travelling, he said, it can be exhilarating one

moment and absolutely opposite the next.

"Travelling is like a bug. I didn't know what it was like but now that I have done it I feel like I want to do more of it."

Asked why he is not going to the American continent to complete the cycle, he said, "I have already run out of funds, there is no more money left for America. Perhaps, I will make it there some other time. It's a big continent."

So, is he going to settle down after returning back home? "I have to settle down because my savings are all gone now."

He requested any shipping line bound for any Southeast Asian port and willing to transport him and his motorbike, to contact him at The Daily Star office. He said that he already visited Chittagong to find such a vessel, but was unable to find one.



John Pamplin, an Australian globe-trotter, now in Dhaka, seen with his motor cycle in front of the Jatiya Press Club yesterday. — Star photo

CROSSWORD By Eugene Sheffer

- ACROSS**
- 1 Nurse
 - 5 Firewood?
 - 8 Urban pall
 - 12 Writer
 - 13 Infinitesimal
 - 14 Laughter fragment
 - 15 1976 Olympics site
 - 17 Golden Rule word
 - 18 It often surrounds a castle
 - 19 Female officer
 - 21 Circle dance
 - 24 Gls' entertainment
 - 25 Host
 - 28 Small
 - 30 Pianist
 - 33 Resume
 - 34 One of California's Santas
 - 35 Author
 - 36 Against
 - 37 Charity
 - 38 Like child's play
- DOWN**
- 1 Owl's perch
 - 2 Lotion additive
 - 3 Talking bird
 - 4 Irregularly distributed
 - 5 Reverence
 - 6 Lindbergh's view
 - 7 Steer
 - 8 Closes
 - 9 Liberia's capital
 - 10 "— be in England..."
 - 11 Thug
 - 16 Greek P
 - 20 Emanation
 - 22 Roster
 - 23 "Get Smart" star
 - 25 Rudiments
 - 26 Carnival city
 - 27 Capulet's rival
 - 29 Roughly distributed
 - 31 "— longa, vita brevis"
 - 32 Yea
 - 34 Chaplin prop
 - 38 Book of the Apocrypha
 - 40 "— we devils?"
 - 42 Apartment: slang
 - 43 Mop
 - 44 "Raising Arizona" star
 - 45 Over-confident
 - 47 FDR's on it
 - 48 Secular
 - 49 Tackles' teammates
 - 52 Bear, in Barcelona
 - 53 Actor
 - Beatty

Solution time: 21 mins.

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EGAN	OFA	CROW
FORKLIFT	RIPE	
LIL	CHASES	
GREED	CHOW	
RAPS	SHOPLIFT	
ARI	CLAUS	LEA
FACELIFT	SIAM	
NAPE	APERS	
SCRIMP	PLO	
ALOG	AIRLIFTS	
MAM	GOL	LIRA
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Yesterday's answer 7-7

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CRYPTOQUIP

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YFXE L WWS, PATFH

UFDPAWHX UNKWB

Yesterday's Cryptoquip: DOESN'T GRANDFATHER POSSESS A KEEN INTEREST IN KNIFE SHARPENING?

Today's Cryptoquip clue: J equals B

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.